

# ASID 2019 CONFERENCE

## Keynote Researchers

### NATIONAL

#### **Alanna Julian**

Alanna Julian is the first permanent employee with an intellectual disability at Council for Intellectual Disability (CID), where she works as an Inclusion Projects Officer.

She joined CID after graduating from the project My Choice Matters Become A Leader program.

She currently sits on the CRPD Shadow Report Working Group, helping to review how Australia is implementing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

One of Alanna's roles is co-facilitating inclusive practice training workshops where she teaches interpersonal communication skills.

She proudly represents CID at many different conferences and events including the 2019 United Nations Conference of State Parties to the CRPD in New York.

In her recent work, Alanna spoke at the VALiD Having a Say Conference in Geelong, and at the Department of Social Services in Canberra to share the CID report "A Pathway Through Complexity".



#### **Jim Simpson**

Jim Simpson is a lawyer and advocate who has worked in the disability field for 35 years. He took a central role in establishing the Intellectual Disability Rights Service in Sydney. He is a Senior Member on the Guardianship Division of the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal and does systemic advocacy work for the Council for Intellectual Disability. He is a member of the Intellectual Disability Reference Group of the National Disability Insurance Agency.



Jim has had a leading role in many areas of service system and legislative reform including well supported alternatives to gaol for offenders with intellectual disability and legislation covering guardianship, disability services and independent complaints and monitoring bodies. In recent years, Jim's work has particularly focused on improved health care for people with intellectual disability and the development and implementation of the NDIS.

Jim is a recipient of the Justice Medal of the NSW Law and Justice Foundation.

### **Scott Avery**

*Research and Policy Director, First Peoples Disability Network*

Scott Avery is descendant from the Worimi people and is the Research and Policy Director at the First Peoples Disability Network (Australia), a non-Government Organisation constituted by and for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples with disability. He has eight years experience of advocacy and applied policy research in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations which has informed national policies including the National Disability Strategy and Closing the Gap. He is currently undertaking a PhD at UTS on social inclusion and disability in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities which is nearing completion, and has recently published the book 'Culture is Inclusion: A narrative of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability' based on this research. He has been awarded a research scholarship by the Lowitja Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research, and is an Ambassador for the Mayi Kuwayu study on the value of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures to health and wellbeing.



## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Dr Jennifer Clegg**

Dr Jennifer Clegg is Adjunct Professor, La Trobe University, Australia, & Honorary Associate Professor, University of Nottingham UK. She has been a long-term member and sometime office-holder of both the BPS History and Philosophy of Psychology Section, and of IASSIDD's Ethics SIRG which she currently co-chairs. Until 2015 she also worked as a Consultant Clinical Psychologist supporting adults with ID who were acutely distressed or disturbed. Publications include empirical research into child-adult transition, and conceptual research concerning attachment, history, and ethics of practice. She



is Editor of the Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability.

### **Dr Nick Gore**

Nick is a clinical psychologist, senior lecturer and researcher at Tizard Centre University of Kent. His work focuses on supporting children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, together with their families and staff teams. Nick has a special interest in early intervention, behavior that challenges and development of a Positive Behavioral Support Framework. He has produced a range of research, conceptual and practical publications in these areas, helped to develop and maintain stakeholder networks and the implementation of PBS in the UK and Norway through workforce development and policy initiatives. Nick is the lead developer for the Early Positive Approaches to Support programme for family caregivers, co-founding member of the PBS Academy and a member of the Sharland Foundation Developmental Disabilities Research and Impact Network.



### **Stacy Clifford Simpican**

Stacy Clifford Simpican is a Senior Lecturer in Women's and Gender Studies. She received her PhD in Political Science from Vanderbilt University in 2011. Her book, *The Capacity Contract: Intellectual Disability and the Question of Citizenship* (2015), analyzes the role of intellectual disability in political theory, American history, and the political strategies of self-advocates with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As a postdoctoral research fellow at Michigan State University and the National University of Ireland Galway, Stacy developed an interdisciplinary research agenda on the social inclusion of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and her work in this area appears in *Research in Developmental Disabilities*, *Disability & Society*, and *Research and Practice in Intellectual Disability*. Overall, Stacy's work uses insights from democratic and feminist theory to rethink key concepts in the field of intellectual disabilities, while also using the experiences of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to revise ideas and norms around democratic citizenship.

