

Editorial

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I am very pleased to present the first issue of *The Australian Community Psychologist* for 2013, our 25th year of production!¹ Achieving our silver anniversary is a remarkable achievement given the at times tumultuous events that have shaped Australian community psychology and its journal over the years (see, for example, Cohen et al., 2012; Gridley & Breen, 2007).

This issue features a special section on community critical psychology approaches to poverty reduction guest edited by David Fryer and Cathy McCormack. The special section is part of a larger initiative on poverty reduction, comprising special sections and issues of journals on an international basis with the aim of collectively constituting a Global Special Issue on Psychology and Poverty Reduction. Further information on the global issue can be found at http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/departments/school-of-psychology/research/poverty/other-projects.cfm#global_issue. I'd like to acknowledge and thank David for bringing to my attention this opportunity for *The Australian Community Psychologist* to contribute to the global issue. I'll leave it to David and Cathy to introduce the section and its papers.

Following the special section are two research papers and two book reviews. Damien Riggs, Clemence Due, and Kathleen Connellan describe their preliminary ethnographic work on the relationship between architecture and mental health and show that the design of mental health wards may act to hinder psychological wellbeing through the promotion of surveillance and the reinforcement of power differentials between clients and staff. Harriet Rademacher and Paul Duckett provide an international analysis of ageing research in community psychology. Their data showed a dearth of ageing-related research in community psychology and, most worryingly, that such research peaked in the 1980s. They conclude

that community psychology, with its focus on social justice, appears to have neglected the possibilities of contributing to age-related research, policy, and practice. Finally, Brian Bishop reviews Leonard Jason's *Principles of Social Change* and Leonard Jason and David Glenwick's *Methodological Approaches to Community-based Research*.

Note

¹ Prior to being launched as *The Australian Community Psychologist* in 2006, the journal was known as *Network*.

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