

Brief biography

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Helen Herrman is Director of Research at Orygen: The National Centre of Excellence in Youth Mental Health, and Professor of Psychiatry in the Centre for Youth Mental Health, The University of Melbourne, Australia. She is Director of the World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre for mental health in Melbourne.

She is President Elect of the World Psychiatric Association (WPA), President of the Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists, and Vice President of the International Association of Women's Mental Health.

From 1992 to 2005, she was Professor and Director of Psychiatry in St. Vincent's Health Melbourne during development of an integrated hospital and community area mental health service under Australia's national reform of mental health care. In 2001-2002 she was acting regional adviser in mental health for the WHO's Western Pacific Region.

She is dually qualified in public health and psychiatry and has special interests in community mental health care and mental health promotion. She is a research practitioner fellow of the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council. She has conducted research in the mental health of marginalised groups, including homeless people, prisoners and young people in out of home care, as well as psychosis, depression and psychosocial aspects of care.