

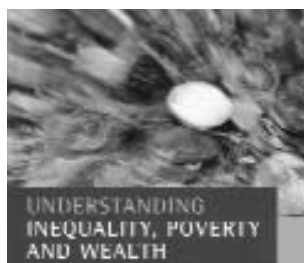
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The following selection of books on family-related topics are recent additions to the Institute's Library. They are available through libraries, through the Institute's Library via the inter-library loan system, or for purchase from good book shops. Prices are given as and when supplied.



***On the outside: Pathways in and out of homelessness.* (2008). Guy Johnson, Hellene Gronda and Sally Coultts. Kew: Australian Scholarly Publishing. Price: \$34.95.**

This Australian book reports on research conducted with approximately 100 homeless households and follow-up interviews with approximately 80 households one year later. The book is structured into three sections, the period leading to homelessness, the lived experience of being homeless, and exiting homelessness. The authors describe five typical paths into homelessness: domestic violence, the housing crisis, mental health, substance use, and people who have their first experience of homelessness before they reach 18. Exiting homelessness is seen to be conditional on a number of factors, one being the ability to secure affordable housing, and others including the quality of the housing and its social accessibility. Quotes from (composite) cases of the households interviewed are used to illustrate the text. This book would make valuable reading for all concerned with homelessness in Australia.



***Understanding inequality, poverty and wealth: Policies and prospects.* (2008). Edited by Tess Ridge and Sharon Wright. Bristol: Policy Press. Price: £19.99.**

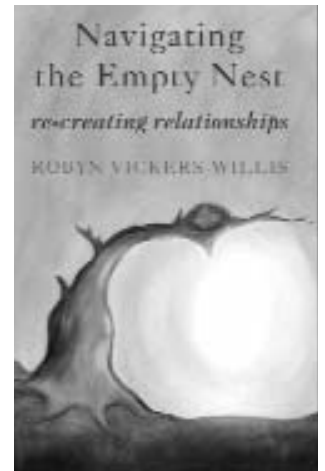
This UK textbook is divided into four sections. Part one looks at key concepts used in the study of

poverty, inequality and wealth. Part two examines the divisions in the experience of inequalities in poverty and wealth. The role of the state is the focus of part three, and it examines how the state mediates inequalities in poverty, income and wealth. The final section draws together key themes as well as discussing issues for the future. Aimed at the undergraduate level, each chapter contains questions for discussion, a bibliography and suggestions for further reading.



***Australian social trends 2008.* (2008.) Canberra: Australian Bureau of Statistics. Price: Hard copies \$60.00, online copies gratis. Available from: <http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/mf/4102.0>**

This annual publication from the Australian Bureau of Statistics presents statistics and commentary on social issues. Chapters cover the following topics: population, family and community, health, education and training, work, economic resources, and housing. Each chapter follows the same format, beginning with a statistical summary giving both national and state figures and a glossary of the terms used. This is followed by detailed articles on particular themes. The articles in the "Family and Community" chapter cover the following topics: families with a young child with a disability, voluntary work, and the social participation of migrants. A final chapter gives international comparison statistics for population, health, education and work. *Australian Social Trends* is an attractive and accessible publication and would make valuable reading for all concerned with social issues in Australia.



***Navigating the empty nest: Re-creating relationships.* (2008). Robyn Vickers-Willis. Cottesloe Bridge: Wayfinder Publishing. Price: \$29.95.**

Written from her own experiences as both a psychologist and mother of adult children and from the experiences of others, the author examines the concept of the "empty nest" and the impact it has on parents and young adults. Topics covered include: the parenting journey, grieving, and re-creating relationships. The impact on young people of leaving home is also discussed, with young people reflecting on how and why they left home. The author also offers suggestions for practical tools and exercises for increasing self-awareness and self-navigation at this stage of life.



***Building resilience in rural communities: Toolkit.* (2008). Toowoomba: Centre for Rural and Remote Area Health, University of Southern Queensland. Price: \$35.00. Further information available from: <http://www.usq.edu.au/crrah/default.htm>**

This toolkit is the practical outcome of a three-year research project

that examined resilience in the Queensland rural community of Stanthorpe. The toolkit aims to provide ideas and information that could be included in programs in rural communities to enhance resilience. Information is included on the following topics: social networks and support, positive outlook, learning, early experience, environment and lifestyle, infrastructure and support services, sense of purpose, diverse and innovative economy, embracing difference, beliefs, and leadership. Each topic contains a brief literature review and overview, examples from the Stanthorpe community and other case studies. It also gives practical suggestions on how individual, community and group resilience can be enhanced. This toolkit would be an excellent resource for community development workers.



Grandparents raising grandchildren: An information resource for relative caregivers. (2007). Adelaide: Government of South Australia and Grandparents for Grandchildren SA Inc. Price: Gratis. Available from: <http://www.familiesandcommunities.sa.gov.au/Default.aspx?tabid=1345>

This kit is designed to provide information to South Australian grandparents who are raising or providing significant care to their grandchildren. The kit consists of four booklets. Booklet one, "General Information", gives emergency contact numbers, information on non-government services and the availability of Australian government payments. Booklet two, "Support for Families", looks at the range of South Australian government services that are available, including: housing, child safety, assistance for children with disabilities, and financial assistance.

Education, parenting and health is the focus of the third booklet, which outlines education and child care services. Issues surrounding parenting and health are also covered; for example, immunisation and health services, as well as parenting advice. Legal issues are covered in the final booklet. This looks at the Australian family law system, where to go for legal advice, the court system, and laws relating to being a carer. Advice is also given on how to obtain a child's birth certificate and apply for a passport. As well as information, each booklet contains the contact details of relevant organisations. The information in the kit is written in a clear and easy to understand manner and would be essential reading for all South Australian grandparents who are providing significant amounts of care for their grandchildren.



Researching the margins: Strategies for ethical and rigorous research with marginalised communities. (2007). Edited by Marian Pitts and Anthony Smith. Houndmills: Palgrave Macmillan. Price: \$ 144.00.

This collection of papers focuses on working with communities that are either neglected in terms of research, or thought of as being hard to reach or problematic to work with. Individual chapters (case studies) focus on research with: drug users, lesbians, people with intellectual disabilities, Aborigines, young people, older people, and HIV-positive people. The aim of the book is not to be a "how to" guide but to share the experiences of researchers who have worked with these marginalised groups. Authors discuss the challenges and obstacles to working with these groups, as well as models of engagement and the processes that underlie the formation of long-term research partnerships with communities

***It all starts at home: Male adolescent violence to mothers.* (2008). Jo Howard; and *Adolescent violence to parents: A resource booklet for parents and carers.* (2008).**

Denise Friend, Jo Howard and Trish Parker. South Melbourne: Inner Southern Community Health Service. Price: Gratis. Available from: <http://www.ischs.org.au/Publications/tabid/262/Default.aspx>



These two publications look at the issue of adolescent family violence. *It All Starts at Home* examines male adolescent violence towards their mothers. Ten mothers were interviewed for the project. With the ages of their children ranging from 13 to 19 years old. Overall findings included that there were existing intragenerational and intergenerational family violence issues and the adolescents involved experienced developmental, learning and behavioural problems. The violence also had a significant and lasting impact on the mothers that

affected their mental and physical wellbeing. While many mothers had sought varying types of assistance, most had found it unhelpful. The companion booklet, *Adolescent Violence Towards Parents*, is a practical resource for parents and carers. It suggests strategies for dealing with violent adolescents and provides a contact list of services and agencies that can help parents. These two publications make a valuable addition to an area that is under-researched and under-served.

and community organisations. Issues surrounding confidentiality and anonymity are also discussed, as are legal matters, data/knowledge ownership, ethics and the research process, non-participants, and researcher and participant safety. The majority of chapters are written within an Australian context, with many authors coming from the Australian

Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society at La Trobe University. This book would make essential reading for students undertaking subjects in research methodology, as well as for researchers working in the field.

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