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Forensic Psychiatrist



<b>SPECIAL INTERESTS</b>	Forensic Psychiatry Forensic Psychiatry History of Medicine and Psychiatry Lecturer and Speaker
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<b>PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS</b>	Australian Society for the History of Medicine Association of South African Professional Archaeologists. Faculty of Forensic Psychiatry, RANZCP Faculty of Adult Psychiatry, RANZCP
<b>CURRENT</b>	CLINICAL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, Graduate School of Medicine Faculty of Health & Behavioural Sciences Wollongong University  CLINICAL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, School of Medicine University of Western Sydney  CONJOINT LECTURER, Department of Psychiatry, University of New South Wales  PSYCHIATRY REPRESENTATIVE, Professional Advisory Panel, Victims' Services  RESEARCH FELLOW, Department of History, Stellenbosch University  FOUNDATION MEMBER, Faculty of Forensic Psychiatry, Royal Australasian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists.  FOUNDATION MEMBER, Faculty of Adult Psychiatry, Royal Australasian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists.  CHAIR Binational Section of History, Philosophy & Ethics, RANZCP. Pending: Professorial Fellow, Sydney Jewish Museum. FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIST Wollongong, and Sydney



## SPEAKER

to doctors, allied health professional and the public on medical, forensic, historical topics.

## BOOKS

Dark Tales of Illness, Medicine and Madness: The King Who Strangled his Psychiatrist; In Search of Mary Barkas (in press). Cambridge Scholars. The Prophet of Psychiatry: In Search of Reginald Ellery; The Exceptional Brain and How it Changed the World (Allen & Unwin); Medical Murder: Disturbing Tales of Doctors who Kill (Allen & Unwin).

Medical Republic; Psychiatric Times (USA)

## STUDY/RESEARCH

Medical murder; role of doctors in human rights abuse and genocide; history of psychiatry; medical biography; shamanism and prehistory

## CAREER

Psychiatrist 2003-current  
Wollongong, and Sydney. Lectures, talks, writing and teaching at the Illawarra Area Hospital Campus and four regional hospitals; supervision of registrars training in liaison psychiatry

Forensic Psychiatrist 2000-2003  
The Liaison Clinic, Wollongong, and Sydney. Authorised Medical Examiner, WorkCover Commission of NSW. Medical Assessor, Motor Accidents Authority of NSW. Visiting Medical Officer in Psychiatry (Forensic), South Eastern Area Health Service

Visiting Medical Officer In Liaison Psychiatry  
Illawarra Area Health Service; working in liaison psychiatry Keelong Juvenile Detention Centre, Unanderra

Consultant Psychiatrist in Private Practice  
Grosvenor Medical Centre, Bondi Junction, Sydney.

Establishment of the Liaison Clinic  
A private psychiatric office practice offering a multi-disciplinary approach with psychiatrists, psychologists and nurse counsellors.

Consultant Psychiatrist  
Sexual Dysfunction Clinic, RPAH  
Sydney Pain Management Centre  
Illawarra Rehabilitation Centre

Consulting on:

- Pain Management
- Sexual Disorders
- Impulse Control Disorders
- Medico-legal Psychiatry
- Sleep Disorders,
- Concerns of Health Care Professionals.

Medical Journalism

Lectures and Talks to Doctors, Medical Students and Medical Staff

Staff Specialist and Deputy Director 1986-1987  
Psychiatric Unit, the Sutherland Hospital  
Caringbah, Sydney.

Staff Specialist Psychiatrist, 1985-1986  
Wollongong Hospital and the Neuropsychiatric Institute,  
Prince Henry Hospital, Little Bay, Sydney.

Establishment of Liaison Psychiatry Service at IAHS hospitals. Work with neuropsychiatry patients and lithium clinic research, Prince Henry Hospital. Work in Somatizing Disorders and Pain Management.



Senior Registrar in Psychiatry, The Wollongong and Prince Henry Hospitals Establishment of Liaison Psychiatry Service at WollongongHospital.	1984-1984
Registrar and Senior Registrar in Psychiatry The Prince Henry and Prince of Wales Hospital. Training course for psychiatrists at NSW Institute of Psychiatry.	1979-1983
Honorary Fellow Department of Psychology Faculty of Health & Behavioural Sciences Wollongong University	
Registrar in Anatomical Pathology, The Royal North Shore Hospital Sydney. Training course for pathologists	1977-1979
Locum Medical Officer various London Hospitals	1976-1977
Medical Officer South African Medical and Dental Corps	1975
Intern, University of Orange Free State Teaching Hospitals, Bloemfontein, South Africa	1974
Medical School  University of Cape Town, Cape Town South Africa.	1968-1973

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

Medical Murder: Disturbing Tales of Doctors Who Kill. Allen & Unwin, June 2009.

The Exceptional Brain and How It Changed History. Allen & Unwin, September 2011.

The Prophet of Psychiatry: In Search of Reg Ellery. January 2015.

Dark Tales of Illness, Medicine and Madness: The King Who Strangled his Psychiatrist. Cambridge Scholars, 2019.

Mary Barkas: Pioneering New Zealand Psychiatrist, and Psychoanalyst – in press. Cambridge Scholars.

### ARTICLES AND PUBLICATIONS IN SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS

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12. Kaplan R. Letter from Australia: The rush for compo gold. South African Medical Journal 1998, 88:4;426.
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- 1999; 7:5, 267-8.
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