

# TARA SKLAR, JD, MPH

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## CURRENT POSITION

University of Melbourne School of Population and Global Health  
Law and Public Health Group  
Research Fellow in Health Law (2016–)  
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## EDUCATION

Juris Doctor with specialization in Health Law and Policy, University of Houston Law Center (2007)  
Medical ethics summer associate with MD Anderson Cancer Center  
Research assistantship with Food and Drug Administration  
Fellow in health policy with Texas Department of Insurance  
Dean's scholarship recipient

Master of Public Health in Management, Policy and Community Health, University of Texas (2007)  
Policy analyst with Mayor's Office of Health and Environmental Policy in Houston, Texas  
University of Texas Health Sciences Center interdisciplinary health care award recipient  
Thesis: "Pay or Play: Government Initiatives to Expand Access to Employer-Based Health Insurance"

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Tulane University, *magna cum laude* (2002)  
Dunbar Fellowship in Political Science for Academic Excellence  
Dreyfus Award for Bringing Women's Health Issues to the Forefront of Campus

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

University of Melbourne School of Population and Global Health  
Director of Aging Programs (2013-2016)

- Created the first multidisciplinary online Master of Aging degree and Massive Open Online Course, which bridges six schools - law, economics, medicine, architecture, engineering, and the arts.
- Designed the governance structure, including establishing an internal steering committee as well as an industry network, which is comprised of over 350 members.
- Recruited and trained faculty in effective pedagogy for online teaching and curriculum development.
- Master of Aging currently has 105 students and over 15,000 students have registered for the MOOC.
- Teaching excellence award recipient from Melbourne School of Population and Global Health.

Saint Louis University, School of Public Health and Social Justice  
Adjunct Associate Professor in Health Management and Policy (2011 – 2013)

Carondelet Health Network in Tucson, Arizona  
Director of Access and Community Health (2008-2010)

- Managed all aspects of Carondelet's Community Benefit and Social Accountability Department with a 10-person staff and \$2 million annual budget.
- Recognized as a best practice Community Benefit Program by Ascension Health and Catholic Health Association for innovative programs that support Carondelet's tax-exempt status.
- Commitment to excellence mission award recipient from Carondelet Health Network.

## TEACHING

Urban Informatics (Guest Lecture: *Planning for an Aging Urban Population*)  
Melbourne School of Design, Fall 2016

Leadership in Professional Practice (Guest Lecture: *Emotional Intelligence in Health Care Leadership*)  
Melbourne School of Health Sciences, Spring 2015

Rethinking Ageing: Are we prepared to live longer?  
Designed and developed a Massive Open Online Course: <https://www.coursera.org/learn/ageing>  
University of Melbourne and Coursera, 2014-present

Practice in Public Health Leadership (with Rob Moodie)  
Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, 2013-present

Indigenous Health Management & Leadership (Guest Lecture: *Tribal Control Health Care Delivery Models*)  
Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, Spring 2013

Organizational Behavior for Community Benefit and Social Accountability in Health Care  
Saint Louis University, School of Public Health & Social Justice, Spring 2011 and Fall 2012 (online subject)

Health Law (with Christopher Robertson)  
University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Fall 2011

Ethics, Values and Public Health Policy (with Christina Cutshaw)  
University of Arizona, Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, Fall 2011

## GRANTS AND SUPPORT

Aging Research Initiative, \$660,000 (AUD) from University of Melbourne Hallmark in Research, 2015  
Rethinking Aging, \$34,955 (AUD) from University of Melbourne Learning and Teaching Initiatives, 2015

Master of Aging, \$225,000 (AUD) from University of Melbourne Incentives for Online Development, 2014  
Aging in Asia, \$3,000 (AUD) from Asia-Pacific Research Symposium, 2014

Communities Putting Prevention to Work, \$15.8 million (USD) from Centers for Disease Control, 2010

Your Health (tuSalud), \$982,577 (USD) from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 2009  
Southern Arizona Health Village for the Homeless, \$2 million (USD) from private donor, 2009

## PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

Sklar, Tara (2014). Retirement and Ageing: A Reordering of Priorities. In H. Sykes and G. Blashki (Eds.), *Living Life, Loving Life* (pp.136-48). Sydney, Australia.

Sklar, Tara and Donna Zazworsky. "Donor Rewards Sustainable Plan for Homeless," Catholic Health Association, *Health Progress*, March/April 2010.

"Characteristics of lawyers who are subject to complaints and misconduct findings: Evidence from a legal regulator in Victoria, Australia" (with D. Studdert, M. Bismark and Y. Taouk)

"Public health leadership webcasts: Lessons from Harvard's Voices in Leadership Series, 2010-2016" (with R. Moodie, C. Vaughn and G. Dashti)

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES AND MEDIA ACTIVITY**

2017

Legal Professions Research Network, University of Melbourne Faculty of Law, *Hotspots of risk in the legal workforce: Evidence from a legal regulator in Victoria, Australia* (co-presenter)

2016

Council on Academics Public Health Institutions Australia Annual Conference, *Unexpected Benefits of Making a Massive Open Online Course* (co-presenter)

Victorian Legal Service Board and Commissioner, *Harnessing the Potential of Regulatory Data to Improve the Regulation of Lawyers* (co-presenter)

2014

Municipal Association of Victoria Annual Conference on Age Friendly Communities, *Future of the Aging Workforce*, (presenter)

University of Melbourne, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences E-Learning Colloquium, *Building a Pathway from a MOOC to an Online Graduate Course* (presenter)

2013

University of Melbourne, Teaching & Learning Masterclass, *eLearning in Indigenous Health* (presenter)

University of Melbourne Teaching & Learning Seminar, *Blended Learning* (presenter)

2010

Catholic Health Association Annual Assembly, *Telehealth Diabetes for Rural Communities* (co-presenter)

Communities Joined in Action Annual Conference, *Health Village for the Homeless* (presenter)

Congressman Grijalva's Town Hall, US Health Care Reform (Master of Ceremonies)

Robert Wood Johnson and Federation of American Hospitals, *Cover the Uninsured Model* (presenter)

University of Arizona College of Management, *Valuation of Community Benefit* (presenter)

University of Arizona College of Nursing, *Health Care Legislation* (presenter)

## **MEDIA**

"University Pioneers Online Courses to Produce Leaders in Field of Ageing" (*ONECOTA*, June-July 2015)

"Aged Care Partners Drive Leadership Development" (*ACSA National Report Issue*, 30 April 2015)

"New Interdisciplinary MOOC on Ageing to be Launched" (*Australian Ageing Agenda*, 18 March 2015)

"New University Course on Ageing" (*COTA Victoria*, 12 March 2015)

"Evidence-Based Community Benefit Programs" (*Healthcare Executive*, 1 July 2010)

"Health Care in Motion" (*Arizona Daily Star*, 13 September 2010)

"Health Care Providers Join Forces" (KOLD News Channel 13, 29 April 2010)

## **SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY**

PwC Consulting, Mapping Australia's Infrastructure Needs in Aging Advisory Group, Advisor (2016-)

University of Melbourne, Master of Ageing Steering Committee, Director (2013-2015)

University of Melbourne, Teaching and Learning Committee, Member (2013-2015)

University of Arizona, Student Health Law Organization, Advisor (2011)

Catholic Health Association, National Community Benefit Committee, Member (2010-2011)

Child and Family Resources, Governance Committee, Chair (2009 to 2011)

Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association, Legislative Affairs Committee, Member (2008-2010)

Carondelet Health Network, Access to Healthcare Council, Founder and Chair (2008-2010)

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Melbourne School of Population and Global Health Teaching Excellence Award (2016)  
Carondelet Health Network Mission Award for Commitment to Excellence (2010)  
University of Texas Health Sciences Center Interdisciplinary Health Care Award (2006)  
University of Houston Law Center Dean's Scholarship Recipient (2004)  
Tulane University Dunbar Fellowship in Political Science for Academic Excellence (2002)  
Tulane University Dreyfus Award for Bringing Women's Health Issues to the Forefront (2002)

## REFERENCES

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