



Charles Sturt University presents a Public Lecture

***Unemployment from a Community Critical Psychology  
Standpoint: Misery, Mental Ill-Health and Marienthal***

What is the relationship between unemployment, misery, mental health and community life? The first research into this topic commenced in the 1930's and focussed on Marienthal, a small town near Vienna, which was blighted by mass unemployment. However, the question has seldom been more internationally relevant, nor answers more needed, than since the global financial crisis, which led to mass unemployment, under-employment and insecure employment in many of the world's major economies.

Social scientists agree that unemployment leads to mental health, social and community problems, not only amongst those directly affected but also in the wider community. This lecture will look at these problems from a community critical standpoint and discuss their international and local relevance.

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**Lecture Theatre, Teaching Facility Building (S15, Room 2.05)  
Charles Sturt University, Bathurst  
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*Charles Sturt University wines and cheeses will be served following the lecture*

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David Fryer was appointed Professor of Community Critical Psychology at Charles Sturt University in 2009. He is also Professor Extraordinarius at the University of South Africa, Honorary Senior Research Fellow at the University of Stirling, Scotland and President of the European Community Psychology Association.

David began his research into unemployment and mental health a quarter of a century ago as a Medical Research Council Post Doctoral Research Fellow at the Social and Applied Psychology Unit of Sheffield University, England. He learned his most useful lessons about unemployment from Marie Jahoda and unemployed people and community activists with whom he has had the privilege of working.

David has published widely on unemployment and community critical psychology, written a submission to the British House of Commons Select Committee on Employment for the British Psychological Society, and has edited the Journal of Community and Applied Social Psychology.

Professor Fryer was recently appointed as a Key Researcher in the Centre for Inland Health at Charles Sturt University.