

Curriculum Vitae – Victor Siskind, PhD

Born and initially educated in Pretoria, South Africa.
BSc(Agric) from the University of Pretoria (1954).
Subsequent degrees: BSc (1962) and PhD (1969) in Statistics from the University of London.

BRIEF HISTORY

- Lecturer in the Departments of Statistics at University College London (1966-1968)
- University of Copenhagen (1968-1969).
- Statistical Adviser to an epidemiological research centre, now the Slone Epidemiological Unit, Boston University Medical Center, in Massachusetts (1969-1976).
- Reader in Medical Statistics, University of Queensland (1976-1996).
- Adjunct Professor with the Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety - Queensland in February 1997 (part-time).
- Concurrent appointments at the Queensland Institute for Medical Research (part-time).

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Road safety including road safety in rural & remote regions; aspects of statistical methodology; use of routine data in traffic research; outcome evaluation of educational and other interventions in the area of injury prevention, including road safety; epidemiological research in cancer.

PUBLICATIONS SUMMARY)

Journal Articles (2005 – 2010)

Siskind V, Whiteman D, Aitken JF, Martin N, Green AC. An analysis of risk factors for cutaneous melanoma by anatomical site (Australia). *Cancer Causes and Control* (2005) 16:193-199

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Najman, J., Toloo, G. & Siskind, V. 2006. Socioeconomic disadvantage and changes in health risk behaviours in Australia: 1989-90 to 2001. *Bulletin of the World Health Organisation*, 84(12): 921-1000.

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Lennon, A., Siskind, V. & Haworth, N. (2008) Rear seat safer: Seating position, restraint use and injuries in children in traffic crashes in Victoria, Australia. *Accident Analysis and Prevention* (2008) 40 (2). 829-834

Whiteman, D C., Bray, C A., Siskind, V., Green, A C., Hole, D J., MacKie, R M. (2008) Changes in the incidence of cutaneous melanoma in the west of Scotland and Queensland, Australia: hope for health promotion? *European Journal of Cancer Prevention*. (2008) 17 (3), 243-250

Dick M-L B¹, Siskind V², Purdie DM², Green AC² (2009) Incomplete pregnancy and risk of ovarian cancer: results from two Australian case-control studies and systematic review. *Cancer Causes and Control*. (2009) 20 (9), 1571 – 1585

Jordan SJ, Siskind V, Green AC, Whiteman DC, Webb PM. Breastfeeding and epithelial ovarian cancer. *Cancer Causes and Control* 2010; 21:109-116.

Conference papers (2005 – 2010)

Watson B. and Siskind V. "The effectiveness of Licence Restriction for Drink Drivers". 1997
Siskind V & Sheehan M. "Methodological challenges in rural road safety case-control studies." Australasian Road Safety Research Policing Education Conference, Wellington New Zealand, 14-16 November 2005.

Sheehan M & Siskind V. Trip characteristics of rural and remote crashes. Australasian Road Safety Research Policing Education Conference, Wellington New Zealand, 14-16 November 2005.

Turner, R., Veitch, C., Sheehan, M., Siskind, V., Hatfield, F., Preston, R., de la Rue, S. & Marshall, L. "Epidemiological aspects of road trauma in rural and remote north Queensland: A 12-month snapshot." Paper presented at the *North Queensland Surgeons Conference*, Townsville, November 2005.

Siskind V, Haworth N, Lennon A, McKenzie K. "An in-depth examination of serious injuries in Queensland Children aged under 5 years." 9th National Injury Prevention Conference, Melbourne, July 2009.

Letters

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REPORTS

Lennon, A.J., Haworth, N., Titchener, K., Siskind, V., McKenzie, K., Fitzgerald, G., Clark, M., Sheehan, M. and Edmonston, C. (2009). *Injury prevention in Queensland : Report to Queensland Injury Prevention Council*. <http://eprints.qut.edu.au/25899/>

Sheehan, M., Siskind, V., Turner, R., Veitch, C., O'Connor, T., Steinhardt, D., Blackman, R., Edmonston, C., & Sticher, G. (2008). *Rural and Remote Road Safety Research Project: Final Report* (Monograph 4). CARRS-Q: Brisbane. <http://eprints.qut.edu.au/26539/>

CHIEF INVESTIGATOR ON:

- Research and intervention to reduce economic, medical and social costs of road crashes in North Queensland
- The influence of visible traffic enforcement on the incidence of other crime: Implications for intelligence-driven crime prevention
- Alcohol Ignition Interlock Devices as an intervention to Reduce Drink Driving Recidivism in Australia (ARC SPIRT with MAIC and Drager as industry partners)
- NHMRC Injury Research Overall Studies Stage 2 - intervention design, implementation and evaluation
- Speeding Recidivism in Australia: Evaluating the Effectiveness of Current Penalties and Sanctions (Grant to write ARC linkage application)
- Identify and review relevant literature to inform the content and methodology for the Youth and Risk Taking Intervention
- Evaluation of the National Injury Prevention Plan
- Evaluation of Fleet Safety Interventions for IAG: A Trial of Two Driver Training and Education Programs
- Improving road safety with ubiquitous data mining
- A longitudinal study of speed offenders including those detected by speed cameras
- A brief intervention trial to reduce rural and remote road crashes arising from five fatal lifestyle behaviours and attitudes (Strategic Links for Rural and Remote Road Safety Study - NRMA)
- Evaluation of the early childhood road safety education program
- Interactions between Young People and the Police: Developing Strategies for 'Best Practice'