

## BIOGRAPHY: Gavin Mooney

**Gavin Mooney** is based in Western Australia. He is an internationally recognised health economist and in 2009 was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Cape Town as 'one of the founding fathers of health economics'. In addition to his UNSW position, he holds professorial positions at the University of Sydney, the University of Cape Town and Aarhus University (Denmark) and the University of Southern Denmark.

Gavin has worked as a health economist for nearly 40 years, first in the UK, then Denmark and now Australia. He has well over 200 publications in health economics, including more than 20 books and has lectured in over 30 countries. In 2009 he published *Challenging Health Economics* with OUP which argues for a more community based paradigm for health economics. Last year he wrote an e-book on Citizens' Juries ([www.gavinmooney.com](http://www.gavinmooney.com)). He is currently writing for Zed Books a book on the political economy of health.

Gavin has been an adviser for WHO and OECD and for various governments and health departments. He is a regular commentator in the media on health care issues and is a frequent keynote speaker at health conferences. His main interests within health economics are political economy, equity and ethics.

Current research interests include equity in health care and especially Aboriginal health; the social determinants of health, especially poverty and inequality; neoliberalism and health; the political economy of health; and a new communitarian paradigm for health economics.

### Other Activities

Gavin has facilitated 10 citizens' juries in health care in Australia and is an advocate for bringing the informed voice of the citizen to bear on health care values.

He is a regular visitor to the University of Cape Town where he mentors staff and students particularly in writing and publishing.

He has recently edited a mini series on 'public health 10 years on from 9/11'.

### Recent Publications

#### Books

*The Economics of Health Equity* (edited with Di McIntyre) Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, October 2007.

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