Bios of Lawrence T Lam

Lawrence is a qualified Epidemiologist and Biostatistician appointed as a Fellow of the American College of Epidemiology and a registered Statistician with the Statistical Society Australia. With a Psychology background and having been researching Behavioural Addiction, he is passionate about promoting mental health across the lifespan through evidence-based strategies with his skills in Epidemiology and Statistics.

Lawrence has received training in many disciplines including Medical Sciences specialising in Pharmacology, Applied Psychology, Public Health, Epidemiology, and Medical Statistics. As an academic and a practitioner of Epidemiology and a qualified Medical Statistician with a psychological background, he worked as a Hospital Epidemiologist and a Statistician at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, Sydney (Children's Hospital at Westmead), Australia for 15 years. His work covered a range of research areas including Paediatric and Adolescent Mental Health, Risky Health Behaviours among young people, Psychometrics, and Behavioural Addiction.

Lawrence has developed very strong working relationships with many clinical colleagues as well as other researchers throughout the years. In the area of chronic disease, he provided Epidemiological and Biostatistical consultations to the Cunningham Centre of Palliative Care at the St. Vincent Hospice, as well as an invited member of the Management Advisory Committee, The Collaborative Group for Improving Palliative Care through Clinical Trial (ImPaCCT) NSW. He was also an epidemiological and statistical consultant to the Nursing Research Institute, St. Vincents & Mater Health Sydney, and Australian Catholic University. He has also developed international research collaborations in the areas of Behavioural and Social Epidemiology and Child and Adolescent Mental Health. He was a founding member of the Hong Kong Society of Behavioural Health and was appointed the society's first Vice President in 2014-15. His collaborators include Public Health and Mental Health professionals in China, Korea, Australia, Canada, the US, and Singapore.

In terms of research outputs, he has produced about 200 peer-reviewed and invited scientific publications, 8 book chapters, and a book volume. Many of these publications were in journals with considerably high ISI Impact factors. Many of his research findings have received media attention and have, on many occasions, been presented in TV and Radio interviews, and printed and online local and international news media. These research activities have received funding support from competitive grants amounting to more than AUD 5.2 million in Australia as well as overseas. Grant bodies include the National Health and Medical Research Council; the former Commonwealth Department of Health of Australia; the NSW Health Department; The Motor Accident Authority; Perpetual Trust Funds in Australia. He has also received funding support from the Australian and Chinese governments for collaborative projects conducted in China as well as competitive grants from the Medical and Health Research Fund of the Hong Kong Government. He has been listed as one of Stanford University's top-2 per cent most-cited scientists in three consecutive years (2020, 2021, 2022).

His research interest areas include: Public Mental Health/ Child and Adolescent Mental Health/ DHealth/ Digital Behavioural Addiction/ Clinical Epidemiology/ Clinical Trial Methodology/ Psychometrics