

# PROFESSOR W. MURRAY THOMSON

## AJ HERMAN FELLOWSHIP LECTURE

“Poor oral health casts a long shadow: findings from the Dunedin Study”

Wednesday 20 November 2019 6.00pm  
Kenneth JG Sutherland Lecture Theatre  
UWA Dental School  
17 Monash Avenue, Nedlands



The UWA Dental School is delighted to host Professor W. Murray Thomson as the 2019 AJ Herman Fellowship Lecturer.

Professor Thomson is an experienced dental researcher and specialist in dental public health. He is Editor-in-Chief of *Community Dentistry and Oral Epidemiology*, and Associate Editor for the *European Journal of Oral Sciences*. Professor Thomson conducts research in the broad fields of dental epidemiology, dental public health and dental health services. His work over the years has had considerable impact in socio-dental epidemiology, health services research and understanding of the oral health of older people. His influential life-course work in the renowned Dunedin Study has been complemented by his pivotal role in the development and testing of a number of important self-report measures now in wide use in oral health care. His contribution to new knowledge is best evidenced by his inclusion as one of the top contributors to dental public health research in the last half century in a published bibliometric analysis (doi: 10.1111/cdoe.12249).

To date, Professor Thomson has published 351 research papers and 5 book chapters in the scientific literature; his Scopus h index is 48, and his Google Scholar h index is 70. Professor Thomson was a co-recipient of the Prime Minister's Science Prize in 2016 and has been honoured with two IADR Distinguished Scientist Awards (the 2010 H. Trendley Dean Memorial Award and the 2014 Geriatric Oral Research Award).

Professor Thomson will be speaking on the topic:

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Overview of the topic:

Imagine what we could find out about oral health if we followed an entire birth cohort from the cradle to the grave. The Dunedin Multidisciplinary Health and Development Study is one such study, having followed 1037 individuals born in Dunedin in 1972-3, with the most recent assessments undertaken at age 45. It has produced unprecedented and important information on the natural history of oral health and disease through the life course. In this presentation, Professor Thomson will share some findings from that study.

**Please register your attendance with the event coordinator:**

**Jane Burnell, RSVP mandatory at [events-dent-ohcwa@uwa.edu.au](mailto:events-dent-ohcwa@uwa.edu.au) by 5.00pm Tuesday 12 November 2019.**

Light refreshments will be served from 6.00pm with the lecture to commence at 6.30pm.

This is an excellent, complimentary continuing education event brought to you by the UWA Dental School.



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