

It is with great sadness that the Australasian Council of Deans of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (DASSH) received the news of the passing yesterday of Professor Graeme Hugo (AO) following a very short battle with cancer.

With a career that spanned four decades, Professor Hugo was considered one of the world's top three in his field and is well known on the international front for his research into demographic trends, especially population mobility and also the impact of ageing on the workforce. A Professor of Geography, he was also the Director of the Australian Population and Migration Research Centre at Adelaide University and an Australian Research Council Australian Professorial Fellow.

Professor Hugo was named an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in 2012 for distinguished service to population research, particularly the study of international migration, population geography and mobility, and for leadership roles with national and international organisations.

He is the author of over four hundred books, articles in scholarly journals and chapters in books, as well as a large number of conference papers and reports. He held an ARC Federation Fellowship between 2002 and 2007 and has held a number of positions with Federal Government Agencies and Committees. He is currently on the Australian Statistical Advisory Committee. He was appointed Deputy Chair of the Aged Care Financing Authority and a member of the National Sustainability Council in 2012.

Vice-Chancellor Warren Bebbington said in a [statement](#):

“We are deeply saddened by the untimely passing of our esteemed colleague, researcher Professor Graeme Hugo.

“A man of enormous intellect and vision, Professor Hugo shared his knowledge so generously — his unique contribution to the way we understand our society, in Australia and internationally, is a remarkable and enduring legacy.

“He will be sadly missed by the University of Adelaide community.”

Professor Hugo was a long-time friend of DASSH and was one of the [keynote speakers at the 2011 DASSH conference](#) on Magnetic Island.

On behalf of DASSH, we wish to extend our condolences to Professor Hugo’s family, friends and colleagues.

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