Biography

Dr Charles Livingstone is an Associate Professor in the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Monash University. He teaches health policy, sociology and politics into the Bachelor of Health Sciences degree. He is also head of the Gambling and Social Determinants unit within SPHPM. He has research degrees in economics and social theory. Charles's current principal research interest is critical gambling studies, including in particular gambling policy reform and the politics, regulation and social impacts of electronic gambling machine (EGM) gambling. Charles is a co-convenor of the annual Dangerous Consumption colloquia, which he inaugurated in 2001. Charles is a regular contributor to public debate via popular media, in particular around issues such as the social impact of EGMs, their structural characteristics, and appropriate policy responses to address gambling harms. He was a member of the Australian Government’s Ministerial Expert Advisory Group on Gambling 2010-2012. Charles is available for media contact on +61 (0)400395889.

Employment

Associate Professor
Teaching & Learning
MONASH UNIVERSITY
14 Aug 2006 → present

Research output

Gambling’s community contributions: does the community benefit?

Defining the commercial determinants of health: A systematic review

Measuring influence: an analysis of Australian gambling industry political donations and policy decisions

Moving on from responsible gambling: a new discourse is needed to prevent and minimise harm from gambling

Harm prevention and reduction efforts in gambling disorder: an international perspective

A system dynamic perspective of stop-start prevention interventions in Australia

Correction to: Evaluating changes in electronic gambling machine policy on user losses in an Australian jurisdiction (BMC public health (2019) 19 1 (517))

Together stronger: boundary work within an Australian systems based prevention initiative
Identifying effective policy interventions to prevent gambling-related harm

Evaluating changes in electronic gambling machine policy on user losses in an Australian jurisdiction

Promoting environmental sustainability, equity and health in Victorian Primary Care Partnerships

A blueprint for preventing and minimising harm from electronic gambling machines in the ACT

Health Capability Deprivations in a Rural Swazi Community: Understanding Complexity With Theoretically Informed, Qualitatively Driven, Mixed-Method Design, Participatory Action Research

A case for clean conferences in gambling research

Surviving neoliberalism, maintaining values: Community health mergers in Victoria, Australia

Estimating the revenue share of the Farrell Group and other gambling industry participants from gambling operations in Tasmania

On gambling research, social science and the consequences of commercial gambling

Hooked on gambling: a problem of human or machine design?

Setting Limits: Gambling, Science and Public Policy

Gambling policy studies: a field that is growing in size and complexity

How electronic gambling machines work

Neuroscience in gambling policy and treatment: An interdisciplinary perspective
Community benefits claimed by licensed clubs operating in the ACT

Analysis of EGM licensing decisions by the gambling regulator, Victoria, Australia

Commentary on INEBRIA's position statement on the alcohol industry

Response to commentaries - clear principles for gambling research

Clear principles are needed for integrity in gambling research

Addiction surplus: the add-on margin that makes addictive consumptions difficult to contain

Organisational factors affecting policy and programme decision making in a public health policy environment

Service planning in the Victorian community health sector

Report into the effects of recent amendments to Queensland gambling legislation and regulation

External factors affecting decision-making and use of evidence in an Australian public health policy environment

Games of chance or masters of illusion: multiline slots design may promote cognitive distortions

What is the evidence for harm minimisation measures in gambling venues?

General practitioners and consultation drift: the effects of supply-side changes and reforms on service delivery patterns

House edge: hold percentage and the cost of EGM gambling

Modelling vulnerability to gambling related harm: How disadvantage predicts gambling losses
Gambling harms can be reduced: Public health meets politics

Assessment of poker machine expenditure and community benefit claims in selected Commonwealth Electoral Divisions

Support for breaking the nexus between alcohol and community sports settings: Findings from the VicHealth Community Attitudes Survey in Australia

A review of public opinion towards alcohol controls in Australia

Advocating for public health: does the real world matter?

Gambling and Sport: gambling dependency of Victorian sporting clubs, and review of relevant literature: A report for VicHealth - the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation

Harm promotion: Observations on the symbiosis between government and private industries in Australasia for the development of highly accessible gambling markets

With political will, problem gambling can be tackled

Commentary on Dixon et al (2010): unscrambling the egg

Decline with a capital D: Long-term changes in general practice consultation patterns across Australia

Gambling machines, player safety and institutional transformation

Observations on the symbiosis between government and private industries in Australasia for the development of highly accessible gambling markets

Comparing Australian and International Systems to Address Consumer Financial Stress

Gambling research: Politics, magma and the public interest

Into the zone: innovating in the Australian poker machine industry
The private sector and health insurance

Comparing Australian and international approaches to financial counselling service models

Societal and economic burden of chronic non-communicable and communicable diseases in Victoria

The relevance and role of gaming machine games and game features on the play of problem gamblers

Factors in ambulance demand: options for funding and forecasting

Risky business: a few provocations on the regulation of electronic gaming machines

The sociology of risk and gambling reader (Book Review)

The changing electronic gaming machine (EGM) industry and technology

Desire and the consumption of danger: electronic gaming machines and the commodification of interiority

Pubs, clubs, pokies and other suburban spaces

Dealing with class: orthodox public discourse and Australian trade unionism

The social economy of poker machines gambling in Victoria

Activities
W.H.O. expert group on gambling & gambling disorder
Charles Livingstone (Fellow)
2 Dec 2019 → 1 Dec 2025

Policy & Internet (Journal)
Charles Livingstone (Peer reviewer)
12 Dec 2017 → …

PLoS ONE (Journal)
Charles Livingstone (Peer reviewer)
30 Nov 2017 → …

**Addiction Research & Theory (Journal)**
Charles Livingstone (Associate editor)
2016 → …

**Drug and Alcohol Review (Journal)**
Charles Livingstone (Peer reviewer)
2016 → …

**BMC Public Health (Journal)**
Charles Livingstone (Peer reviewer)
2013 → …

**Addiction (Journal)**
Charles Livingstone (Peer reviewer)
2010 → …

**Dangerous Consumptions**
Charles Livingstone (Organiser)
5 Dec 2002 → …

**International Gambling Studies (Journal)**
Charles Livingstone (Editorial board member)
2001 → …

**Prizes**

**PHAA Sax Oration**
Livingstone, Charles (Recipient), 23 Nov 2017

**Press / Media**

*Flawed* pokies scheme overestimates money going to ACT community groups
Charles Livingstone
18/05/17
1 Media contribution

*No pokies*’ Xenophon goes for ‘some pokies’, but does his policy go far enough?
Charles Livingstone
20/02/18
1 Media contribution

A $1 maximum bet on pokies would reduce gambling harm
Charles Livingstone
25/06/14
1 Media contribution

A pretty crappy bet
Charles Livingstone
28/09/17
1 item of Media coverage
**ABC news breakfast tv interview - political donations**
Charles Livingstone
7/12/16
1 Media contribution

**ABC news with Ashlynne McGhee**
Charles Livingstone
7/12/16
1 Media contribution

**Academic gambling expert Charles Livingstone to front inquiry**
Charles Livingstone
23/02/17
1 Media contribution

**Advantage gambling, but corruption risk surely isn't worth it for tennis**
Charles Livingstone
21/01/16
1 Media contribution

**Against the odds**
Charles Livingstone
8/01/17
1 Media contribution

**Analysis reveals donations and payments tops $1 billion**
Charles Livingstone
7/12/16
1 Media contribution

**Bright lights, big losses: how poker machines create addicts and rob them blind**
Charles Livingstone
20/10/15
1 Media contribution

**Casino Wars: Packer, Echo, and the battle for the grind**
Charles Livingstone
16/07/13
1 Media contribution

**Coalition 'problem gambling' policy: putting the fox in charge of the henhouse?**
Charles Livingstone
26/08/13
1 Media contribution

**Coles wants $1 maximum bets for pokies - so why won't the pokie-makers play ball?**
Charles Livingstone
19/12/16
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**Crown Casino excluded from gambling review**
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Crown casino excluded from Victoria's problem gambling review
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Crown employees arrested in China
Charles Livingstone
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Donations and payments to political parties
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Donations top $1 billion
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Effective gambling regulation is not just 'red tape'
Charles Livingstone
17/10/14
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Expert on gambling addiction talks to gambling inquiry
Charles Livingstone
28/02/17
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Expert to front gambling inquiry
Charles Livingstone
24/02/17
1 Media contribution

Explosive allegations about Crown Casino
Charles Livingstone
18/10/17
1 Item of Media coverage

FARE report says not enough being done about gambling harm
Charles Livingstone
18/05/17
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FARE study finds 160,000 Canberrans harmed by gambling
Charles Livingstone
18/05/17
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For those about to bring back rock, we salute you
Charles Livingstone
10/06/17
1 Media contribution

Gambling gallops on, stats reveal – but what can be done to curb its harms?
Charles Livingstone
24/08/16
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Gambling industry finds plenty of political guns for hire to defend the status quo
Charles Livingstone
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Gambling industry finds political guns for hire
Charles Livingstone
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Gambling lobby gives big to political parties, and names names
Charles Henry Livingstone & Maggie Catherine Johnson
23/02/17
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Government ignores elephant in the room in response to online gambling review
Charles Livingstone
29/04/16
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He who pays the piper calls the tune: gambling with research
Charles Livingstone, Francis Markham & Martin Young
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Health experts support moves to reduce sports betting ads
Charles Livingstone
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Hidden pokies ‘damage’
Charles Livingstone
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Hooked: how pokies are designed to be addictive
Charles Livingstone
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How flashing lights and catchy tunes make gamblers take more risks
Charles Livingstone
30/10/18
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How real are claims of poker machine community benefits
Charles Livingstone, Louise Janine Francis & Taylah Emily Wynen
15/10/15
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How to buy a party's policies
Charles Livingstone
3/11/17
1 Item of Media coverage

Inquiry resuming to hear ills of pokies
Charles Livingstone
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Interview with dr Charles Livingstone SPHPM
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Is Gambling Reform possible?
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Is there a way for AFL clubs to abandon pokies?
Charles Livingstone
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Is there any hope for gambling reform in a new parliament?
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Jackpot ... casino gets 200 poker machines
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James Packer's casino expands
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Labor Party in Tasmania proposes removing pokies from pubs and clubs
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Machine men
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Monash University political donation expert Charles Livingstone estimates the total of money given to political parties
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NSW hospitals accept $1.3 million in donations tied to poker machine increases
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New research finds clubs donate revenue to themselves
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Online gambling review should not ignore problems in our own backyard
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Paying the piper and calling the tune? Following ClubsNSW's political donations
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Player deserves a second chance
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Playing the pokies
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Pleas for key 'addictive' feature to be banned
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Poker Faces
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Pokie losses mounting up
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Pokie pain impacts society
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Pokies in Victoria: Joan Kirner's difficult legacy
Charles Livingstone
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Pokies, sport and racing harm 41% of monthly gamblers: survey
Charles Livingstone
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Politicians for a price: how donations can rewrite policy
Charles Livingstone
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Pro athletes get mixed messages on sports betting, says Monash Uni's Charles Livingstone
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Promotion of gambling short changes Australian sport ... and its fans
Charles Livingstone
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Punters are losing $8,000 a minute just in Qld
Charles Livingstone
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Punters dropping record bundles
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Queenslanders punt $360 million in July
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Queenslands problem gambling hotspots revealed
Charles Livingstone
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RSL Club under fire for ‘parasitic’ scheme
Charles Livingstone
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Relieve burden of pokies harm
Charles Livingstone
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Removing pokies from Tasmania's clubs and pubs would help gamblers without hurting the economy
Charles Livingstone
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Responsible gambling and the spectacle of the ‘problem gambler’
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South Australia’s gambling tax highlights the regulatory mess of online betting
Charles Livingstone
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Sport, Tom Waterhouse, and the ‘gamblification’ of everyday life
Charles Livingstone
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State punts $360 m in one month
Charles Livingstone
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Tasmania’s pokie problem: stress and disadvantage exploited more than anywhere else in Australia
Charles Livingstone
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The House always wins
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The biggest losers
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The gambling zone
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The problem with gambling research
Rebecca Cassidy & Charles Livingstone
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Time for NSW pokies barons to reveal their profits
Charles Livingstone
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Tom Waterhouse takes the money: what now for gambling in Australia
Charles Livingstone
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Charles Livingstone
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Vested interest the safest bet as online gambling review's release looms
Charles Livingstone
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Wesfarmers blocked on $1 pokies
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Whatever the truth of Garrett's story, it's about gambling industry politics and influence
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Why does Coles want to introduce a limit on its pokies?
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Why tax reform can help reduce problem gambling
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With sports betting on the rise, can we avoid a tsunami of gambling harm?
Charles Livingstone
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Woolies Pokie Punt
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Woolies' pokie punt faces pressure as gambling row heats up
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Projects
Alcohol, tobacco and gambling expenditure and socioeconomic inequalities
Jiang, H., Room, R., Livingstone, C. & Borland, R.
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Community attitudes towards gambling in the City of Maribyrnong
Livingstone, C. & de Lacy-Vawdon, C.
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Community attitudes towards gambling in the City of Maribyrnong
Livingstone, C. & de Lacy-Vawdon, C.
Maribyrnong City Council
1/06/17 → 30/09/17

Community attitudes towards gambling in the City of Whittlesea
Livingstone, C. & de Lacy-Vawdon, C.
City of Whittlesea
14/06/16 → 22/12/16

Corporate political activity of tobacco, alcohol and gambling companies in Australia
Australian Research Council (ARC)
1/11/13 → 30/10/16

Development of an online training tool for health and welfare professionals - Problem Gambling Issues, how to identify and work with clients with gambling issues
Livingstone, C., Illiesinghe, J. & Klein, R.
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Discussion Paper: Structural Characteristics of EGMs
Livingstone, C.
12/05/16 → 12/10/16

EGM ACT: EGM gambling harm prevention and minimisation interventions for the ACT
Livingstone, C.
10/05/18 → 30/06/18

Effects of recent amendments to Queensland gambling legislation and regulation
Livingstone, C.
Anglicare Southern Queensland
30/06/14 → 31/12/14

Evaluation of the health information exchange 24 hour access project
Fry, C., Batras, D., Keleher, H., Livingstone, C. & Smith, B.
1/11/07 → 31/10/08

Extent of, and young people's exposure to, gambling advertising and sponsorship messages in sport and non-sport TV
O'Brien, K., Rintoul, A., Livingstone, C., Iqbal, M., Carter, A. & Verdejo-Garcia, A.
19/04/17 → 30/12/18

Financial Counselling: Comparing the Australian model internationally
Livingstone, C., Abdulwadud, O. A. & Batras, D.
16/11/07 → 16/02/08

FID: Food industry donations to Australian political parties
Livingstone, C. & de Lacy-Vawdon, C.
2/10/17 → 28/02/18
Gambling and Sport
Livingstone, C. & Woolley, R.
16/05/11 → 29/07/11

Gambling and homelessness among older people in Victoria
Vandenberg, B., O’Brien, K. & Livingstone, C.
1/01/18 → 30/09/19

Identifying effective policy interventions to prevent gambling-related harm
Livingstone, C.
30/06/16 → 30/09/17

Investigating influence: an analysis of Australian ‘dangerous consumption’ research funding and outcomes
Livingstone, C., Johnson, M. & de Lacy-Vawdon, C.
4/10/19 → 31/07/20

Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre (OPGRC) Research Collaboration
Livingstone, C.
Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre (OPGRC) Research Collaboration, Canada
23/07/12 → 31/12/12

Population Health Approaches to Planning for the Victorian Healthcare System
Keleher, H., Livingstone, C., Tsindos, T., Thomacos, N. & Zazryn, T.
1/06/09 → 30/04/10

Preparation of report for Small Rural Health Services population health project
Livingstone, C.
8/02/07 → 30/06/07

Problem Gambling Project Evaluation
Livingstone, C. & Bruce, E.
6/02/10 → 30/06/12

Reducing harms from electronic gambling machines: what is the evidence base for in-venue harm minimisation measures?
Livingstone, C. & Rintoul, A.
Australia and New Zealand School of Government
24/04/13 → 1/11/13

Research on EGM gambling regulatory and administrative reform
Livingstone, C. & Francis, L.
Municipal Association of Victoria
28/08/13 → 31/10/13

Research on poker machine revenue and community benefit
Livingstone, C.
3/01/12 → 17/02/12

Societal and Economic Burden of chronic Non-Communicable and Communicable Diseases in Victoria
Livingstone, C., Abdulwadud, O. A., Taylor, M., Zazryn, T. & Swerissen, H.
1/07/07 → 30/06/08

Support for strategic service planning, North West mental health service
Livingstone, C. & Whelan, C.