

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** IMP0296

## Davey, Constance Muriel

(1882 - 1963)

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<b>Born</b>	18821204, Nuriootpa South Australia Australia
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<b>Died</b>	19631204
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<b>Occupation</b>	Educator, Psychologist
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### Summary

Constance Muriel Davey, psychologist, was appointed as an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (Civil) on 1 January 1955 for education. Davey's special interest was 'mental efficiency and deficiency' in children, on which she completed a doctorate at the University of London in 1924. Davey was the first psychologist in the South Australian Education Department, with responsibility for all services for special needs children. Davey also taught at the University of Adelaide and helped establish the social work course at that institution. She was a member of the League of Women Voters, president from 1943-1947, and was elected a Fellow of the British Psychological Society in 1950. Her study, *Children and their law-makers*, was published in 1956.

### Published resources

#### Resource Section

Davey, Constance Muriel (1882-1963), Edgar, Suzanne, 2006,  
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A080239b.htm>

Davey, Constance (1882 - 1963), Biographical Entry, 2002,  
<http://www.asap.unimelb.edu.au/bsparcs/biogs/P001014b.htm>

#### Edited Book

S.A.'s greats: the men and women of the North Terrace plaques, Healey, John, 2001

200 Australian Women: A Redress Anthology, Radi, Heather, 1988

#### Book

Children and their law-makers : a social-historical survey of the growth and development from 1836 to 1950 of South Australian laws relating to children, Davey, Constance M., 1956

#### Resource

Where are the Women in Australian science?, Australian Science and Technology Heritage Centre, 2003,  
<http://www.austehc.unimelb.edu.au/wisa/wisa.html>

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Site Exhibition

Faith, Hope and Charity Australian Women and Imperial Honours: 1901-1989, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2003,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/honours/honours.html>

## Archival resources

### **National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection**

[Papers of Ruby Rich, 1906-1984 \[manuscript\]](#)

[Papers of Ruby Rich, 1943-1948 \[manuscript\]](#)

### **State Library of South Australia**

[Constance M. Davey : SUMMARY RECORD](#)

### **National Library of Australia**

[\[Biographical cuttings on Dr Constance Muriel Davey, psychologist, containing one or more cuttings from newspapers or journals\]](#)

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