

Contributing Authors

Tom Calma



Dr Tom Calma is an Aboriginal elder from the Kungarakan tribal group and a member of the Iwaidja tribal group in the Northern Territory. He has been involved in Aboriginal affairs at a local, community, state, national and international level focusing on rural and remote Australia, health, education and economic development. Dr Calma was appointed National Coordinator, Tackling Indigenous Smoking in March 2010 to lead the fight against tobacco use in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Past positions include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner and Race

Discrimination Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission, and senior Australian diplomat in India and Vietnam. Through his 2005 Social Justice Report, Dr Calma called for the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to be closed within a generation and laid the groundwork for the *Close the Gap* campaign. He chaired the *Close the Gap* Campaign Steering Committee for Indigenous Health Equality since its inception in March 2006 that has effectively brought national attention to achieving health equality for Indigenous peoples by 2030. He is a strong advocate for Indigenous rights and empowerment, and has spearheaded initiatives including the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, development of the inaugural Indigenous suicide prevention strategy and justice reinvestment. In 2007, Dr Calma was named by the Bulletin Magazine as the Most Influential Indigenous Person in Australia and in 2008 was named GQ Magazine's 2008 Man of Inspiration for his work in Indigenous Affairs. In 2010, he was awarded an honorary doctor of letters from Charles Darwin University and named by Australian Doctor Magazine as one of the 50 Most Influential People in medicine in Australia. In 2011 he was awarded an honorary doctor of science from Curtin University and, in 2012, was awarded an Order of Australia: Officer (AO) in the General Division and is the ACT Australian of the Year 2013.

Dr Michael Adams



Dr Michael Adams is a respected Elder within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. He is an Adjunct Professor with the School of Public Health, Queensland University of Technology working as the National Indigenous Coordinator with the Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation. His PhD examines the prevalence and correlates of sexual dysfunction among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander males, the first and largest study of its kind. His extensive involvement in key policy and program developments has enabled him to translate research into action. His efforts at knowledge translation have directly impacted

on health system responses and led to better informed approaches to address the needs of Indigenous peoples who are socially excluded and often have poor access to services.

Yolonda Adams



Yolonda Adams is an Aboriginal psychologist and a Larrakia woman based in Darwin, Northern Territory. She graduated from Charles Darwin University in 1999 and is a member of the Australian Indigenous Psychologists Association (AIPA). She is undertaking PhD studies and has extensive experience working in the public and private sectors. She has worked with the Department of Justice and in mental health, providing a service to clients with mental illness and complex needs in a community setting. She has worked in management, overseeing programs and service delivery, and has significant experience working with Aboriginal clients from urban, rural and remote communities. She has been a consultant with Indigenous Psychological Services (Dr Tracy Westerman) for several years.

Jenny Adermann

Jenny Adermann has worked for Education Queensland for 25 years as a teacher, teacher–librarian, media production officer and guidance officer with Year 1 to Year 12 students in a range of urban, rural and remote settings. Spanning a 20-year period, she has returned several times to work in Cape York and Torres Strait communities and has more than 10 years' experience working with Indigenous students and their families. Jenny holds a Graduate Diploma in Education and a Master of Education degree. She is currently a Guidance Officer based at Trinity Beach near Cairns and is undertaking PhD studies at Queensland University of Technology, focusing on anxiety and Indigenous youth.

Kimina Andersen



Kimina Andersen is Aboriginal (Cowburn) and Torres Strait Islander (Guivarra). Her maternal heritage is Wuthathi from Cape York and Darnley Island and her paternal heritage is Wakka Wakka outside Brisbane. She is a social worker with over 20 years' experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social and emotional wellbeing and mental health. She has worked in community controlled and public sectors and is the State-wide coordinator for Indigenous Forensic Mental Health Queensland. She was a co-investigator on Australia's largest study of the mental health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Custody,

Inside Out. She has a social justice focus and is keen to ensure that community members who come into contact with mental health and criminal justice systems receive appropriate and culturally sensitive care.

Dr Caroline Atkinson



Dr Caroline Atkinson is of Jiman—Bundjalung heritage and currently lives in New Guinea, undertaking community development work with a focus on trauma and violence. She achieved first class honours from the University of South Australia with a thesis focusing on violence against Aboriginal women. Her PhD in Community Psychology examined Aboriginal male violence and its relationship to generational post-traumatic stress disorder underpinned by a research framework that honours Aboriginal knowledge, epistemology and philosophy. She formed a consultancy service, specialising in mixed-method research. She has a background

in teaching Master level Indigenous Studies (Wellbeing) and Community Recovery. She is currently focusing on curriculum development within We Al-li. Caroline sits on the Research Advisory Committee for the National Healing Foundation and is involved in a reference group embedding Aboriginal content within social work degrees nationally.

Professor Judy Atkinson



Professor Judy Atkinson is a Jiman and Bundjalung woman, whose academic work focused on understanding and responding to trauma issues stemming from the violence of colonisation and working towards healing and recovery. Judy is a member of the Harvard Global Mental Health Scientific Research Alliance; serves on the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Scientific Advisory Committee; the Board of Directors of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation and is the Patron of the We Al-li Trust. Her academic contributions around trauma and healing of Aboriginal peoples has won her the Carrick Neville Bonner Award in 2006 and the Fritz Redlick Memorial Award for Human Rights and Mental Health from Harvard University 2011. Her book *Trauma Trails - Recreating Songlines: The transgenerational effects of trauma in Indigenous Australia*, provides context to the life stories of Indigenous people who have been moved from their country.

Dr Sivasankaran Balaratnasingam



Dr Siva Bala undertook his post graduate degree in medicine at UWA. He undertook psychiatric training in Western Australia, half of which was completed in the North West of Australia. He has been the regional psychiatrist in the Kimberley since 2007, working mainly with Aboriginal people and as a consultant psychiatrist at *Headspace* in Broome, providing assessment and treatment of adolescents and youths. He is an adjunct Associate Professor with the School of Psychiatry and Clinical Neurosciences, UWA. Since September 2011, he has been an advisor to the Federal Mental Health Minister, Hon. Mark Butler, as a member of the Australian Suicide Prevention Advisory Council. His clinical and research interests include Aboriginal Mental Health, Intellectual Disability, Telepsychiatry, Safety and Quality in Health Care and Medico-legal Psychiatry.

Associate Professor Dawn Bessarab



Associate Professor Dawn Bessarab is of Bardi and Yindjibarndi descent. She lived and worked in remote, regional and urban settings before settling in Perth. She has extensive experience in Aboriginal child protection, family violence, drug and alcohol misuse, justice and health. Dawn supports the role of social work in the interdisciplinary field to ensure the values, ethics and focus on advocacy and self-empowerment enhance the health sector. Dawn leads the Aboriginal Health Education and Research Unit at the Curtin University Health Innovation Research Institute and is a Chief Investigator on the Centre for Research Excellence in Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing in collaboration with the Telethon Institute, applying a psycho-social/social determinants model in understanding the complex needs of Aboriginal people and developing de-colonising strategies and approaches to improving health outcomes for Aboriginal people and their communities.

Tom Brideson



Tom Brideson is an Aboriginal man who has been actively involved in Aboriginal mental health since 1993 and has published a number of journal articles on issues facing the Aboriginal mental health workforce. He chairs the Aboriginal Advisory Committee of the NSW Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health and is currently the Chair of the Management Committee of The Mental Health Services Conference (TheMHS). Tom has had a number of appointments to state and national Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Committees. In 2012, he was appointed to the Board of Indigenous Allied Health Australia and in 2013 he was appointed to the Community Advisory Council of the NSW Mental Health Commission.

Dr Robert Brooks



Dr Robert Brooks was Research Director of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation conducting research into healing approaches to facilitate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' wellbeing and empowerment. The research focussed on traumatised populations including Aboriginal people, postconflict and refugee populations. Strong statistical skills, including psychometric skills and structural equation modelling, support his work in collaborative research teams. His applied work history developed skills in psychological counselling and group work with a variety of populations, adult education and University teaching. He has developed a program of research based on community level approaches to suicide prevention in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Dr Marilyn Campbell



Dr Marilyn Campbell is a Professor in the school of Learning and Professional Studies, Faculty of Education at Queensland University of Technology. She lectures in the Masters of Education and Educational and Developmental Psychology programs preparing teachers for school counselling and psychologists to work in a range of educational and developmental positions. Marilyn has worked as a teacher and psychologist in early childhood, primary and secondary schools. She has also been a teacher-librarian, school counsellor and supervisor of school counsellors. Her research interests are in behavioural and emotional problems in children and

adolescents. Her recent work has included research into anxiety prevention and intervention as well as the effects of bullying and especially cyber-bullying in schools. She is the author of the Worrybusters series of books for anxious children.

Maureen Carter



Maureen is a Chief Investigator on the Lililwan Project and Chief Executive Officer of Nindilingarri Cultural Health Services, an Aboriginal community-controlled health organisation in Fitzroy Crossing. She is a Kija and Gooniandi woman from the Kimberley region of Western Australia. Maureen is a founding member of the 'Marulu' Strategy Leadership Team of the Fitzroy Valley. This strategy was developed to address the need for diagnosis and prevention of FASD and to support the parents and carers of affected children. Maureen is Chair of the Fitzroy Valley Futures Forum Health sub-committee and sits on the WA Government's

Northern and Remote Health Governing Council. She leads a team of health professionals responsible for delivering health promotion and education throughout remote communities of the Fitzroy Valley.

Wendy Casey



Wendy Casey belongs to the Karajarri and Yawuru people and her extended family reside in the West Kimberley region of Western Australia. She is the Manager of the Aboriginal Alcohol and other Drug Program of the WA Drug and Alcohol Office. For the last 20 years she has specialised in the drug and alcohol field. She has worked within the community-controlled and government sectors, in metropolitan and remote area regions and in a variety of roles that include managing clinical services, policy, workforce development, resource development, community development and research. Wendy is a member of the National Indigenous Drug

and Alcohol Committee.

Adele Cox



Adele Cox is a Bunuba and Gija woman from the Kimberley region of Western Australia. She spent her early life in the Kimberley working in media and in suicide prevention. She has worked at the Telethon Institute on Indigenous Suicide Prevention and Maternal and Child Health Research, the WA Aboriginal Child Health Survey and the Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health at UWA. She is a private consultant in the areas of Aboriginal mental health and medical education. She is a member of the: WA Ministerial Council for Suicide Prevention, Australian Suicide Prevention Advisory Council, Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Advisory Group, and provides strategic and policy support for the Department of Health and Ageing's (now Department of Health) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Advisory Group.

Kathleen Cox



Kathleen Cox is a local business woman whose ancestry connects her to the East and West Kimberley regions of Western Australia. She is a Bard, Gija, Nygkina, Nimanburr and Baiol woman who is passionate about cultural tourism and advocates strongly for the homelands movement of her people (going back to country). She is passionate about working with her people specifically with women and youth. She is always looking for new opportunities on ways her people can become empowered to take control of their own destiny, lead their people towards their own autonomy and develop viable and sustainable communities in

which they live. She contributed to *hear our voices* Community Consultations for the Development of an Empowerment, Healing and Leadership Program for Aboriginal people living in the Kimberley, Western Australia.

Dr Kylie Cripps



Dr Kylie Cripps is a senior lecturer at the Indigenous Law Centre, Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, researching Aboriginal family violence, sexual assault and child abuse including policy development and program/service delivery. She is leading an ARC project called 'Building and supporting community led partnerships to respond to Indigenous family violence in Victoria'. Her PhD thesis was entitled 'Enough Family Fighting: Indigenous Community Responses to Addressing Family Violence in Australia and the United States'. She has taught Aboriginal Health to nursing students and regularly provides policy advice to the

Australian and state governments and training and support to professional bodies and organisations dealing with the aftermath of violence.

Tania Dalton (Jones)



Tania Dalton (Jones) is a registered psychologist with a Masters in Health Science and Behavioural Science from Victoria. She has led the development and implementation of the AIPA's Cultural Competence workshop. She works with Aboriginal Communities in the Barwon Southwest region as an Indigenous Family Violence Regional Coordinator. She adapted James MacGuire's Cognitive Skills program for Koorie male and female offenders in prison and further adapted it for Koorie community corrections offenders.

Dr Lawrence Dadd



Dr Lawrence Dadd studied medicine at Sydney University and had training experiences with Aboriginal communities on Groote Eylandt, the Royal Darwin Hospital and in northwestern NSW. He trained as a psychiatrist in the Northern Territory and New South Wales, including a role as senior registrar and staff specialist with the 'Remote Team', covering Aboriginal communities of the 'Top End'. From 2010, he worked in a specialised Dual Diagnosis Service. In the Hunter region, he trains doctors in Aboriginal mental health, works on a mentor program for Aboriginal medical students and consults with the Awabakal Aboriginal

Medical Service. He is the current Chair of the RANZCP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Committee.

Divina D'Anna



Divina D'Anna is a community consultant, born and raised in Broome and has always lived in the Kimberley and worked with Kimberley Aboriginal people at Notre Dame, Broome and Kimberley Land Council. She is passionate about her people feeling empowered to enrich their own lives in their own ways. She was a consultant and contributed to *hear our voices* Community Consultations for the Development of an Empowerment, Healing and Leadership Program for Aboriginal people living in the Kimberley, Western Australia.

Heather D'Antoine



Heather D'Antoine is a Bardi woman from the West Kimberley. She is Associate Director of Indigenous Programs for the Menzies School of Health Research and has over 35 years of experience in the health sector. Her research interest is in maternal and child health with a focus on fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) and other birth defects. Heather has worked on a number of projects, including describing what health professionals and women know and do about alcohol and pregnancy and FASD. She has been involved with developing and evaluating resources for health professionals and developing a model of care for FASD in

WA. In 2007, Heather received the 'Award for Excellence and Commitment in Research' and the Public Health Association of Western Australia Branch Indigenous Health Award in 2009.

Dr James F. Donnelly



Dr James Donnelly trained in the US as a clinical and neuropsychologist assessing and treating people who were coping with mental illness, brain injuries or the stress associated with being from disadvantaged environments. He moved to Armidale, NSW in 2001 and worked in the university and community setting with Aboriginal families and children. He was Head of Psychology and Neuropsychology at Sydney Children's Hospital. He is a Lecturer in the School of Health and Human Sciences at Southern Cross University teaching psychology. He presents information about the existence of the *Red Dust Healing* program in his teachings and promotes the

delivery of the program in the university setting.

Professor Neil Drew



Professor Neil Drew is Deputy Head of the University of Notre Dame, Broome. He is a social psychologist with over 25 years' experience working with a diverse range of communities. He has worked with Aboriginal communities since beginning his career as a volunteer at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Medical Service in North Queensland. He was psychologist for the Department of Family Services in Queensland working in far northern and remote Cape York communities. He was Director of the UWA Institute for Regional Development. He is the program head and co-founder of the Aboriginal Youth and Community

Wellbeing Program in the East Kimberley, promoting wellness and suicide prevention with young people in communities. The program has received national awards for excellence. He is co-author of *Social Psychology and Everyday Life*.

Cheryl Dunkley



Cheryl Dunkley is a Program Development and Delivery Consultant for the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council in Broome. Cheryl has been involved with the empowerment of Aboriginal people since the first research consultation back in 2011 where the findings were published in the *hear our voices* report. She then went on to develop the Empowerment, Healing and Leadership program with a number of expert developers across Australia. Since then she has been delivering the empowerment program to Aboriginal communities in the Kimberley since 2012. She contributed to *hear our voices* Community

Consultations for the Development of an Empowerment, Healing and Leadership Program for Aboriginal people living in the Kimberley, Western Australia.

Sue Ferguson-Hill



Sue Ferguson-Hill is currently an Educator with One21seventy (Menzies School of Health Research, Brisbane) training health care workers in the application of researched and evidence-based processes for auditing and service development for care given in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care settings. Sue has been a trainer in the use of the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale and has extensive experience in the field of perinatal mental health. Specialising in the management of postnatal stress and depression has been a component of Sue's work in management roles and clinical practice including community-based

roles, nursing and midwifery education programs, and health-related programs for Aboriginal Health Workers in communities in New South Wales and Queensland.

Darren Garvey



Darren Garvey was born and raised in Cairns, North Queensland, and his heritage extends to, and reflects, the diversity of the Torres Strait. Darren has a degree in Psychology from James Cook University and postgraduate qualifications in Health Promotion and Education from Curtin University. He is currently enrolled in a PhD in psychology, examining the contested arena of Aboriginal mental health. Darren has spoken both domestically and internationally, and written about 'the need to consider the mental health of Aboriginal health workers', 'Aboriginal youth suicide', 'the role of psychology with Aboriginal people' and 'ethics in psychological

research'. In 2000 he contributed to a handbook for psychologists working with Indigenous Australians, and recently published the book *Indigenous identity in contemporary psychology: Dilemmas, developments, directions* (2007) which was shortlisted for the AIATSIS Stanner Award.

Graham Gee



Graham Gee is an Aboriginal man, also with Celtic heritage. His father's family is originally from the Barkly Tablelands, however Graham was born and raised in Darwin. He trained as a school teacher in 1993, teaching in primary and secondary schools before working as a remote community lecturer with the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Education. In 2002 he began studies in psychology at Melbourne University while also working at Native Title Services Victoria. Since 2008 he has worked as a counsellor at the Victorian Aboriginal Health Services and is undertaking a Masters/PhD in clinical psychology at Melbourne University. The focus of his PhD research is resilience and trauma recovery in urban Koori communities.

Professor Dennis Gray



Professor Dennis Gray is a Deputy Director at the National Drug Research Institute at Curtin University, and a leader of the Aboriginal Research Program. He is an eminent researcher and has a long history of conducting collaborative research with Aboriginal community-controlled organisations. He has published extensively and presented at national and international forums on substance misuse. His recent work focuses on the provision of services and on enhancing options for the management of alcohol and cannabis-related problems. He is a member of the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee, his research team was awarded the 2006 National Alcohol and

Drug Award for Excellence in Research, and in 2010—in recognition of his significant contribution to the alcohol and other drugs field—he was named on the National Drug and Alcohol Honour Roll.

Heather Gridley



Heather Gridley specialises in community, counselling and feminist psychology, professional ethics, and critical history of psychology. Her engagement with community psychology followed her awareness of the limitations of interventions directed solely at individuals. In her 20 years at Victoria University in Melbourne, Heather coordinated one of Australia's two postgraduate programs in community psychology. She held national positions in the APS College of Community Psychologists and Women and Psychology Interest Group, and was a founding member of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and Psychology

Interest Group. She is currently APS Manager of Public Interest, where she has oversight of psychology's contribution to public debate and policy in the interests of community wellbeing and social justice, including carriage of the APS Reconciliation Action Plan.

Shaan Hamann



Shaan Hamann is a Weilwan and Bidjera woman and her involvement in Aboriginal affairs spans more than two decades. She has worked in government, private and community-controlled sectors in the areas of Native Title, tertiary and community education, and social and emotional wellbeing. Shaan has been involved in the development and implementation of the Marumali Program since it began in 2000. Shaan has a degree in Adult Education and her involvement has included co-facilitation of many Marumali workshops. Shaan is a second generation survivor of forcible removal policies and is currently undertaking an

evaluation of the Marumali Program.

Katherine Hams



Katherine Hams is an Aboriginal mental health professional and has worked as a teacher, counsellor and trainer. With more than eight years of management experience in mental health services, she has extensive clinical experience, particularly in Aboriginal communities. Her interests include developing strong recognition and positive promotion of mental health, establishing a stronger link to holistic health, advising on providing culturally specific mental health service and supporting stronger linkages between state mental health services and community based and primary health care providers.

Amanda Hart



Amanda Hart is a Bagala woman from the Jawoyn people of the Katherine region in the Northern Territory. Amanda has an honours degree in psychology and is a registered psychologist. Amanda has extensive experience in working with remote and regional communities across the Northern Territory and South Australia, and has been a School Counsellor with the Northern Territory Department of Education and Children's Services since 2006. Amanda is also a founding member of the AIPA and served as a Steering Committee Member from 2008 to 2012. From 2011 to 2013, Amanda has overseen the development and delivery of AIPA's Cultural Competence workshops.

Jane Havelka



Jane Havelka is a Wiradjuri woman. She is the Clinical Coordinator/Lecturer for the Djirruwang (Mental Health) Program in the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Indigenous Health at Charles Sturt University. She holds Certificates in Aboriginal Teaching and Learning and Wirrudirri Language (TAFE), a Diploma in Aboriginal Health and Community Development (University of Sydney), a Bachelor in Community and Public Health (Charles Sturt University), a Post graduate Certificate in Indigenous Health (University of Wollongong), and a Master of Health Science (Charles Sturt University). In addition, she is a qualified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health First Aid Instructor and is studying for her Doctor of Health Science and is a newly appointed Director on the Board of Indigenous Allied Health of Australia.

Lorian Hayes



Lorian Hayes is a descendant of the Bidjerra and Wadja peoples of central Western Queensland. Lorian holds degrees in Applied Health Science from the University of Queensland and a Masters in Epidemiology from the Australian National University. Her doctoral research focuses on FASD, Aboriginal family violence, substance misuse, and, being an exponent of Friere's theories, the transfer of knowledge to the underprivileged. Lorian has been actively researching and initiating community-based education programs about FASD in Queensland's Cape York Peninsula and nationally has created an awareness of the plight of children exposed to alcohol in the womb. Lorian co-ordinated a Federal Government initiative, Stronger Families and Community strategy, and is working on developing resources for Rio Tinto's Aboriginal Child Health Partnership Project to address FASD.

Dr Edward Heffernan



Dr Ed Heffernan is the Director of Queensland Forensic Mental Health Services and a Senior Lecturer in Psychiatry at the University of Queensland. He has been involved in the provision of mental health care for people in contact with the criminal justice system for over a decade. He was the founding Director of Queensland's Prison Mental Health Service and helped establish a mental health court liaison service and major watch houses across the state of Queensland. He was the Principal Investigator for Australia's largest study focusing specifically on the mental health status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in custody. He has helped ensure Forensic Mental Health Services in Queensland assume responsibility for providing culturally sensitive services to individuals, their families and community members.

Darrell Henry



Darrell Henry has worked for 20 years as a psychologist working with Aboriginal people involved in harmful drug and alcohol use, family violence and child sexual abuse. He works with Aboriginal men, women and children in their families and communities, with a focus on healing. Darrell was co-founder of the Yorgum Aboriginal Family Counselling Service in Perth and was one of three panel members tasked with the 2002 Inquiry into Response by Government Agencies to Complaints of Family Violence and Child Abuse in Aboriginal Communities. He was an inaugural member of Western Australia's first Child Death Review committee. He continues to train lay Aboriginal community people in working clinically with chronic trauma and in old and modern ways of healing.

Chris Holland



Chris Holland worked for three years as a dedicated solicitor on *Trevorrow v South Australia*, the first successful claim for damages by a member of the Stolen Generations. From 2002, under the direction of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, he worked to develop the human rights framework that underpins the *Close the Gap* Campaign for Aboriginal Health Equality, and managed the Campaign Secretariat from 2006 to 2012 and the Secretariat for the National Health Leadership Forum of the National Congress for Australia's First Peoples in its first year of operation. He now works as a consultant and has written extensively on health and mental health policy.

Victoria Hovane



Vickie Hovane has family links to the Yinjibarndi in the Pilbara and the Kitja and Goondiyandi in the Kimberley. She holds a First Class Honours Degree in Psychology and is completing a PhD (Forensic Psychology) to develop an Aboriginal psychological theory of child sexual abuse. She is a member of the Advisory Panel to the WA FDV Death Review Committee, the Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault (ACSSA) Reference Group, and the APIA. She provides lectures to post-graduate psychology students on Aboriginal cultural values, principles and working effectively with people in relation to mental health issues. She has conducted training on suicide prevention in Aboriginal communities and training for non-Aboriginal mental health professionals on working respectfully with Aboriginal people.

Dr James Huntley



Dr James Huntley is Senior Psychologist at the Southern Area Brain Injury Service based in Goulburn, NSW. James undertook studies in Canada and postgraduate work at University of New England, NSW. He completed his PhD through The Bouverie Centre, La Trobe University, focusing on rural and remote families contending with the challenges of brain trauma. He is Clinical Lecturer, the Research School of Psychology, at the ANU in Canberra teaching the postgraduate course *Introduction to Clinical Neuropsychology* and lectures at the NSW Police Academy. This work is referred to and published in the text *Policing Vulnerability*, in the chapter *Acquired Brain Injury and Vulnerability to the Criminal Justice System*. He is visiting Psychologist to the Rehabilitation Department at Royal Darwin Hospital, with an interest in assessment of cognitive abilities and rehabilitation needs for Aboriginal people.

Len Kanowski



Len Kanowski is a Registered Nurse with qualifications in rural and international mental health. Len was a Harvard University/University of Melbourne International Mental Health Leadership Fellow and a Rowan Nicks Russell Drysdale Fellow. He is currently a Senior Advisor with the NSW Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health and a Visiting Fellow at the Australian National University National Centre for Indigenous Studies. Len has many years of experience in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health and wellbeing as a clinician, educator and health service coordinator. He worked with Aboriginal educators and community leaders to develop the Djirruwang Aboriginal Mental Health Worker Education and Training Program and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health First Aid Training and Research Program.

Kerrie Kelly



Kerrie Kelly has worked with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colleagues in the area of social and emotional wellbeing (SEWB) for nearly 20 years. Projects include documenting an Aboriginal SEWB counselling process and developing and delivering accredited training. She coordinated the Bush Crisis Line and developed a telephone co-counselling model and resources to support remote Aboriginal health practitioners with job-related stress and trauma. She coordinated a national project to encourage help-seeking in Aboriginal communities, including developing a national database of SEWB services. Kerrie supported the Steering Committee to establish the AIPA and to develop and roll out cultural competence training for the mental health workforce. She worked with the Marumali *Journey of Healing* program to improve the quality of support to survivors of forcible removal policies—the Stolen Generations.

Darryl Kickett



Darryl Kickett was an advisor to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Canberra. He worked in policy positions in the National Aboriginal Conference (NAC), the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody and Foster Care Strategy, and led the Kimberley Land Council in Derby, Centre for Aboriginal Studies at Curtin University and the WA Aboriginal Health Council, was the CEO of Aboriginal Medical Services and a Council Member of the WA Ministerial Council for Suicide Prevention. Currently he is a consultant with Anglicare WA, implementing their Reconciliation Action Plan and assisting to roll out the *Red Dust Healing* Program, as a trained facilitator. He is on the Board of the Gnalla Marmun Moort Boodja Mens Association bringing cultural healing opportunities to men in Nyungar country, aiming to reduce imprisonment rates and the incidence of single parent families. He is Chairperson of the Halo Leadership Development Agency, coaching young Aboriginal men using cultural leadership as a tool for building capacity.

Associate Professor Stuart Kinner



Associate Professor Stuart Kinner is the Principal Research Fellow for Justice Health in the Centre for Health Policy, Programs and Economics (CHPPE), School of Population Health, University of Melbourne. He holds honorary positions at University of Queensland, Monash University and Murdoch Children's Research Institute. He has a PhD in forensic psychology, his research having focused on the health of prisoners and ex-prisoners. He is currently Chief Investigator for NHMRC studies of justice-involved populations in Australia, and for a study of HIV risk among prisoners and ex-prisoners in Fiji. He is lead author of a global systematic review of

health-related re-entry programs for prisoners; Co-Convenor of the Justice Health Special Interest Group in the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) and serves on the National Prisoner Health Information Committee (NPHIC), guiding development of a world-first national minimum dataset for prisoner health.

Bernard Leckning



Bernard Leckning is the Coordinator of the Suicide Prevention Research Program at the Centre for Child Development and Education in Darwin. He has a background in sociological research. He has worked on a child and youth suicide study in the NT and on the development of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy. He is currently involved in a study of deliberate self-harm hospitalisations in the NT which focuses specifically on remote Indigenous populations and on the design, development and piloting of an Indigenous life skills intervention for remote Indigenous communities.

Dr Jane MacLeod



Dr Jane MacLeod is a general practitioner who has worked in Aboriginal communities in Arnhem Land, Central Australia and Gulf Queensland and in rural and urban Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services in NT and QLD. She has worked as an academic for Griffith University School of Medicine assisting with Aboriginal health curriculums. She is passionate about working alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health care providers, academics, Elders and community members to provide culturally appropriate and culturally safe health care. She is completing her Masters of Health Professional Education with her thesis exploring

use of simulated patients for cultural competency education for health students.

Annette Mageean



Annette Mageean is a maternal descendant of the Pitta Pitta people from Cloncurry region. After serving 22 years in the Australian Defence Force, she commenced study in 2002, graduating at Charles Darwin University with a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) in 2007 and was awarded "The Centacare NT Award" for Highest Academic Achievement for the BSW program. Her role for the past five years at Amity Community Services Inc., a not for profit Alcohol and Drug Organisation, has been coordinator for a Department and Health and Substance Misuse Delivery Grants funded project 'the Aboriginal and Indigenous Communities Project'. The project applies a harm

minimisation approach to develop strategies with the community and stakeholders to reduce harms associated with inhalants, alcohol and other drugs in nominated Aboriginal town communities in Darwin.

Professor Rhonda Marriott



Winthrop Research Professor Rhonda Marriott is a senior researcher with expertise in Aboriginal maternal and child health in the Centre for Child Health Research, UWA. As an Aboriginal woman, registered nurse and midwife, Rhonda is proud to be a member of the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and to have been awarded Indigenous Nurse/Midwife of the Year at the 2008 Western Australian Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards. Rhonda is Patron of a named postgraduate award, sponsored by the Nursing and Midwifery Office, which recognises the achievements and contributions of Aboriginal nurses and midwives and the crucial role that they play in WA Health. Her research and academic interests are in building the capacity of Aboriginal people and communities and increasing their representation in higher education as students, academic staff and researchers.

Elizabeth McEntyre



Elizabeth McEntyre is a Goori woman from the Worimi and Wanaruah Peoples of NSW. An accredited Social Worker and Mental Health Social Worker, she is presently undertaking a PhD in Social Work with the University of NSW, under the supervision of Dr Eileen Baldry, Professor of Criminology. Elizabeth is involved in a national study 'Indigenous Australians with Mental Health Disorders and Cognitive Disabilities in the Criminal Justice System.' This research is directed towards addressing the imprisonment rates of Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander Peoples with mental health disorders and intellectual and other cognitive disability enmeshed in the criminal justice system. Elizabeth's own research, undertaken by, with and for Aboriginal women, focuses on Aboriginal women who are at even greater risk of incarceration due to their vulnerability and lived experiences.

Faye McMillan



Faye McMillan is a Wiradjuri woman from Trangie, NSW. She is the Chairperson of IAHA (Indigenous Allied Health Australia) and Director of the Djirrawang Program (Bachelor of Health Science—Mental Health Program) at Charles Sturt University. Prior to this she worked at University of Wollongong as course coordinator of the Postgraduate Indigenous Health Program. Faye has a Master of Indigenous Health Studies and a Bachelor of Pharmacy. She was the first Aboriginal pharmacist in Australia, graduating in 2001. Her passion is the recruitment and retention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples into health professions and improved teaching of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health in tertiary health courses. Faye has an in depth knowledge of the health and participation needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, particularly in relation to mental health and community pharmacy.

Dr Jeff Nelson



Dr Jeff Nelson is the Director of Research and Research Training at Southern Cross University's Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples. Jeff works as a Research Fellow at James Cook University's School of Indigenous Australian Studies. He gained his undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications from the School of Psychology at UWA. Before commencing his current role, he worked in the health, education and justice sectors in research and community development roles.

Associate Professor Yin Paradies



Associate Professor Yin Paradies is an Aboriginal-Anglo-Asian Australian, raised in Darwin and has lived in Melbourne since 2007. He is a Principal Research Fellow and Co-deputy Director at the Centre for Citizenship and Globalisation, Faculty of Arts and Education, Deakin University. He has qualifications in mathematics and computing (BSc), medical statistics (MMedStats), public health (MPH) and social epidemiology (PhD). His research focusses on the health, social and economic effects of racism as well as anti-racism theory, policy and practice. He has received awards including a

2003-4 Fullbright scholarship at the University of California, Berkeley, the Australia Day Council's 2002 Young Achiever of the Year award for the Northern Territory, Scholar of the Year in the 2007 National NAIDOC Awards and Victorian Young Tall Poppy Science Award in 2011.

Associate Professor Robert Parker



Associate Professor Robert Parker is an Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychiatry at James Cook University and the Northern Territory Clinical School. He initially completed an Arts degree, majoring in Anthropology and Prehistoric Archaeology before working on the Tiwi Islands in the Northern Territory for three years as an Aboriginal art and craft adviser. He then studied medicine and specialised in psychiatry. He has extensive clinical experience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and mental health issues. He is past Chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health committee for the RANZCP and was also

the previous Chair of the Board of Professional and Community Relations for the College. He is the Director of Psychiatry for Top End Mental Health Services in the Northern Territory and is the Consultation-Liaison Psychiatrist for Royal Darwin Hospital.

Lorraine Peeters



Lorraine Peeters (Auntie Lorraine), forcibly removed from family at the age of four is committed to helping others understand the unique experiences of Stolen Generations. She developed and has facilitated the Marumali Program, to support the healing of Stolen Generations since 2000. She was key in the lead-up to the National Apology and presented Kevin Rudd with a glass coolamon, a traditional vessel for carrying children, containing a message thanking the Parliament for the Apology. She was NSW Senior Australian of the Year in 2009, and in 2011 was co-winner of the World Council for Psychotherapy – Sigmund Freud Award and

in 2012 won the Deadly Award for Lifetime Contribution Achievement Award for Healing the Stolen Generations.

Tom Powell



Tom Powell is a proud Warramunga Man from within the Wiradjuri Nation. Tom finished school after year 10 and worked in the family earthmoving/road construction business established by his father in 1973. In 1994, he enrolled in a community welfare course at Dubbo TAFE. He spent 14 years with the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice as an Aboriginal Programs Officer. After leaving the Department, he designed and facilitated *Red Dust Healing*, which was further developed in partnership with Randal Ross whom he met while working with Juvenile Justice. *Red Dust Healing* is a cultural healing program derived from an

Aboriginal perspective that gives people tools to deal with the rejection in their lives. The program has now been delivered nationally to over 5,300 people.

Professor Debra Rickwood



Professor Debra Rickwood is Professor of Psychology at the University of Canberra where she teaches research methods, developmental and social psychology. She researches factors affecting youth mental health and promotion, prevention and early intervention for mental health. Debra is currently seconded to *HeadSpace* National Youth Mental Health Foundation as the Head of Research and Evaluation. She is a Fellow of the Australian Psychological Society and member of the APS College of Community Psychologists. She has been involved in mental health and health policy for the Australian Government for over 15 years, and is a member of NHMRC principal committees—the Australian Health Ethics and Health Care Committees. She has a strong commitment to ensuring that research, policy and practice better support the social, emotional, spiritual and cultural wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Associate Professor Gary Robinson



Associate Professor Gary Robinson is the Deputy Director of the Centre for Child Health and Education at Menzies in Darwin. He is an anthropologist who studied Aboriginal suicide when working on the Tiwi Islands in the 1980s. He has been Program Leader, Social-Emotional Wellbeing in the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health; has participated in a number of national advisory forums on Aboriginal health and wellbeing; and been published on suicide and social-emotional wellbeing. He leads the Let's Start Parent-Child Program which has been successfully implemented in the Top End of the Northern Territory. With Sven Silburn, he led a team undertaking national consultations to inform the development of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy on behalf of the Australian Government.

Dr Monique Robinson



Dr Monique Robinson completed her PhD and MPsych (Clinical) degrees at UWA in 2010. Monique is currently Associate Principal Investigator and NHMRC Early Career Fellow at the Telethon Institute and a registered psychologist working in the field of perinatal, child and adolescent mental health. Monique's primary research focus has been on the maternal lifestyle factors during pregnancy that influence mental health throughout childhood and adolescence, including stress, maternal obesity, vitamin D, hypertension, alcohol and cigarette smoking. She has over 30 publications in this area, including peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters and government reports and has received 21 early career researcher grants and awards to date. She is passionate about early intervention in mental health and is active in translation as an Ambassador for the Telethon Institute.

Randal Ross



Randal Ross has three traditional descendant backgrounds. His Aboriginality is the Bindol and Juru from the Burdekin region, his Torres Strait Island family is from Erub (Darnley Island) and is an Australian South Sea Islander with connections in the communities from Ayr and Bowen. Randal has had a strong background working with government at local, state and federal levels in both Queensland and New South Wales. Much of his work has been related to working with Aboriginal youth and families. He further developed *Red Dust Healing* with Tom Powell and his vision is to restore a vital cultural connection within the family by continuing to work with men such as with the *Red Dust Healing* program.

Dr Meera Roy



Dr Meera Roy lives in the UK and is a consultant psychiatrist for people with intellectual disabilities at Birmingham Community Healthcare, where one-third of the population are from minority communities. She is a Clinical Senior Lecturer in Psychiatry at the University of Birmingham. Her interest in providing culturally sensitive psychiatric services led her on sabbatical to work at Kimberley Mental Health Services in Broome. She became interested in the diagnosis and management of intellectual disability and comorbid conditions in Aboriginal people and has since collaborated with Dr Bala to write papers in Australian and International psychiatry journals on this issue. She has also worked on the impact of Developmental Disorders—Autism and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity and the reproductive rights of women with an intellectual disability.

Kelleigh Ryan



Kelleigh Ryan is a descendant of the Kabi Kabi people of southeast Queensland and the South Sea and Loyalty Islands. She is a registered psychologist, a member of the AIPA, sits on the AIPA steering committee, co-chairs the Australian Psychological Society Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and Psychology Interest Group, is a director on the Indigenous Allied Health Australia Board and holds a position as a Project Officer in the Research team of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation, focusing on the Intergenerational Trauma projects, the Stolen Generations and the complex evaluation of Healing Programs. Her clinical work involves providing counselling, therapeutic intervention, critical response work and psychoeducation delivery in response to trauma, crisis and mental health. She also currently runs a Social Consultancy practice in Queensland providing supervision for Indigenous workers.

Clinton Schultz



Clinton Schultz is a Gamilaroi man and a registered psychologist, currently employed by Griffith University School of Public Health as Lecturer of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. His PhD focusses on researching the risk and protective factors of SEWB for the Aboriginal health workforce. He is a member of the AIPA Steering Committee and director of Marumali Consultations, providing cultural competence auditing and training, cross cultural psychological and business management services and mentoring and supervision. He is author and facilitator of Forming Culturally Responsive Practice, a RACGP accredited cultural competence training package and a lead facilitator and developer of AIPA's cultural competence training for mental health practitioners. His areas of research include SEWB, institutional discrimination, and cultural and interdisciplinary education in tertiary settings.

Dr Clair Scrine



Dr Clair Scrine is a Senior Research Officer at the Telethon Institute, working on a number of project teams involving research and evaluation with Aboriginal communities, including the WA Aboriginal Child Health Survey, Rio Tinto Child Health Partnership, BHP-sponsored Substance Use Reduction project in Hedland and Newman areas of the Pilbara, reviews of the St John of God Health Care *Strong Women, Strong Babies, Strong Culture* program in the Pilbara, the Michael Leslie Pilbara Performing Arts Program, and the Wheatbelt Aboriginal Health Service. She is a member of the research team of 'hear our voices: Community Consultations for the development of an Empowerment, Healing and Leadership Program for Aboriginal people living in the Kimberley in Western Australia' and 'Kicked to the Curb: An examination of the critical factors in Aboriginal non-smoking'.

Dr Carrington Shepherd



Dr Carrington Shepherd is a senior analyst at the Telethon Institute, with qualifications in economics and statistics (BEC) and health sciences (PhD). His research focuses on the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, and the use of population-level datasets to examine the social determinants of child and youth health. His research interests include Indigenous identification in linked administrative datasets, and the use of these data to investigate intergenerational determinants of health. He was previously the manager of the National Children and Youth Statistics Unit at the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and has undertaken a range of statistical consultancy projects prior to commencing a role in research.

Professor Sven Silburn



Professor Sven Silburn leads the program of developmental health, education and wellbeing research at the Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin. He co-directed Curtin University's Centre for Developmental Health at Telethon Institute. He practiced as a clinical psychologist for 15 years with the WA Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service and became involved in Aboriginal mental health when he chaired the WA Ministerial Council for Suicide Prevention's working group on Aboriginal suicide prevention. He was a chief investigator on the WA Aboriginal Child Health Survey, a report on the measurement of mental health problems in Aboriginal children and young people and the first independently verified population data documenting the nature and extent of the intergenerational effects of forced separation in WA. During 2012, he co-led the national consultation process undertaken jointly by Menzies and the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (NACCHO) for the drafting of the 2013–2018 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Strategy.

Peter Smith



Peter Smith is a registered psychologist and member of AIPA who has worked within forensic settings for the past 13 years. For 14 years he worked in child protection. Most recently he worked within the New South Wales Department of Juvenile Justice as clinical supervisor of the Newcastle Multisystemic Therapy team, which was responsible for an in-home family therapy program designed to support and empower the parents and primary carers of serious repeat young offenders. At the present time he lives in the northwest of New South Wales—Kamilaroi country—from where he traces his cultural origins, and works in private practice in Gunnedah.

Associate Professor Christopher Sonn



Associate Professor Christopher Sonn teaches community and intercultural psychology and qualitative methodologies at the College of Arts at Victoria University, Melbourne. His work aims to contribute to theory, research and practice that make visible practices of racialisation and other forms of exclusion as well as identifying resistant and resilient community responses, central to promoting social change. He explores the sense of community and social identity negotiation from the perspectives of immigrant and Aboriginal people, examines the dynamics of oppression and liberation in the context of intergroup relations and develops critical pedagogy for anti-racism. His work has been published in the *Journal of Community Psychology*, *Race, Ethnicity and Education* and the *American Journal of Community Psychology*. He co-edited the books *Psychological sense of community: Research, applications and implications* and *Psychology and Liberation: Theory and applications*.

Annalee Stearne



Anna Stearne is a Nyungar woman from Western Australia with a background in education and public health, and has been involved in researching Aboriginal substance misuse since 2001. She has been involved in a number of projects at national, state and local level, the evaluation of local community-based interventions and conducting national studies—such as the identification of the areas of greatest need in Aboriginal substance misuse (2010). In Alice Springs, she worked closely with Tangentyere Council's Research Hub and was a member of the research team that won the National Drug and Alcohol Award for Excellence in Research, and a Curtin University Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence. She sits on the board of Palmerston Association. She was awarded the 2012 First People's Award for Excellence in Science and Research by the Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs.

Karen Ugle



Karen Ugle is an Aboriginal psychologist from southwest Western Australia (Balladong and Bibbulmun). Karen moved to Perth to study psychology as a mature-age student and graduated with a Bachelor of Psychology. Karen gained full registration as a psychologist in 2007. She is an Associate Member of the Australian Psychological Society and a member of the AIPA. She has a passion for psychology and counselling for Aboriginal and underprivileged people. Karen has worked in various departments and organisations as a therapist and cultural consultant. She currently delivers psychological counselling, both in full-time employment and in private practice.

Professor Iain Walker



Professor Iain Walker is a senior scientist with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), where he leads a group of social and behavioural scientists working on sustainability issues. Prior to joining CSIRO, he was a professor of psychology at Murdoch University where he worked since coming to Perth in 1986. He has been researching prejudice and intergroup relations for nearly three decades. He is co-author of *Social Cognition: An integrated introduction* (a third edition of which will soon be available) and co-editor of *Social representations and Identity: Content, process and power and of Relative Deprivation Theory: Specification, development and integration*.

Rosemary Wanganen



Rosemary Wanganen describes herself as a Griefologist—one who studies and applies holistic approaches to loss and grief counselling and educational models. Rosemary has been an educator and counsellor for 16 years in addition to the five years she endured healing her own personal suppressed unresolved grief. Her study and research in weaving holistic approaches into a standard mainstream loss and grief model has led to the School of Psychology at University of South Australia awarding her the title of Adjunct Research Fellow. Her passion and commitment to lessen the pain of loss and grief had her involved in a number of research projects. She has presented her work to a range of audiences, both nationally and internationally.

Associate Professor Edward Wilkes



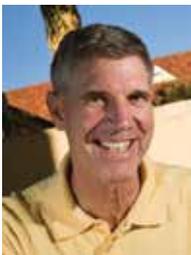
Associate Professor Edward Wilkes is working for the National Drug Research Institute at Curtin University. He has a wide and extensive knowledge of aboriginal health. He was a member of the Working Party that produced the National Aboriginal Health Strategy 1989 and he chaired the working group that produced the Complementary Action Plan for the National Drug Strategy 2003–2009. His work with the Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service (1986–2002) as Director allowed him to advocate for change to bring about necessary gains in health and quality of life for Aboriginal Australians. Ted continues to advocate as an Aboriginal health leader and is particularly focused on alcohol and other drugs and research. He is a member of the Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) and Chairperson of the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC).

Dr Michael Wright



Dr Michael Wright is a Yuat Nyoongar man from Western Australia. He has extensive experience in the area of Aboriginal health and mental health. He has worked as a social worker in an inner-city hospital and was the manager of the first Aboriginal community-controlled service to provide a psycho-social and emotional inreach service to Aboriginal families living with a serious mental illness in the Perth area. His PhD thesis explored the experiences of caregiving for Aboriginal people living with a serious mental illness. He is a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at Telethon Institute where he is leading the *Looking Forward* Aboriginal Mental Health project, which aims to improve the access and responsiveness of mental health services provided to Nyoongar Aboriginal people.

Professor Stephen Zubrick



Professor Stephen Zubrick is a Winthrop Professor in the Centre for Child Health Research at UWA. He was trained in the USA at the University of Michigan where he completed Masters degrees in speech pathology and audiology, followed by doctoral and postdoctoral work in psychology. Steve worked in Western Australian hospital and outpatient health and mental health settings for many years before commencing his career in research. His research interests include the study of the social determinants of health and mental health in children, language growth and development in infants and young children, and large-scale psychosocial survey work in non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal populations. He chairs the Consortium Advisory Group implementing the Longitudinal Study of Australian Children and is a member of the Steering Committee for the Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children. He is interested in the translation of psychological and social research findings into relevant and timely policies and actions on the part of governments and private agencies.