The Australian National University's Centre for Native Title Anthropology & First Nations Legal & Research Services present

# INNOVATION IN NATIVE TITLE ANTHROPOLOGY

CNTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**QUEEN'S COLLEGE** 

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# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

#### DAY 1 THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2018

| 8:30 AM  | Registration and arrival tea & coffee  |
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| 9:00 AM  | Welcome to Country by <b>Aunty Di Kerr</b> , Wurundjeri Elder, Chairperson First Nations Legal and Research Services   |
| 9:10 AM  | Introduction  Nicolas Peterson (Director, Centre for Native Title Anthropology, Australian National University)  |
| 9:25 AM  | Housekeeping <b>Dr Julie Finlayson</b> (Research Fellow, Centre for Native Title Anthropology,  Australian National University)  |
| 9:30 AM  | SESSION 1 — Systemic innovation in native title: Opportunity or dead-end?  |
|          | <b>Key Note Speaker: Michael Dillon</b> (Visiting Fellow at the ANU Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research [CAEPR])  |
| 10:00 AM | SESSION 2 — Dr John Morton: Identifying elementary structures of connection in Australia as a whole  |
|          | Chair: Petronella Vaarzon-Morel  |
|          | In this presentation, I revisit a paper written with support from NTCA and published in 2017's first issue of <i>Oceania</i> (Vol. 87, pp. 58-77) – "Mother's Blood, Father's Land": Native Title and Comparative Land Tenure Modelling for Claims in "Settled" Australia'.  |
|          | I summarise the paper's key points and reconsider them with a view to offering a broad anthropological template for the presentation of connection reports, particularly those relating to regions that are, in Peter Sutton's terms, 'post-classical' in character. The discussion essentially revolves around the idea of 'descent' as the coordination of body, land and spirit, and as the source from which post-classical forms of association with country arise. |
| 10:30 AM | MORNING TEA  |
| 11:00 AM | SESSION 3 — Group discussion on issues raised in papers by Mike Dillon and John Morton for practice in your jurisdiction   |
|          | Chair: Petronella Vaarzon-Morel  |
| 12:30AM  | LUNCH  |
| 1:30PM   | SESSION 4 — Innovation in native title anthropological research  |
|          | Chair: Dr Tim Pilbrow  |
|          | Beyond Native Title? Research Services and Enterprise Development  |
|          | Panelists: Janine Coombs (Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations; On Country Heritage and Consulting)  |
|          | Scott Chisholm (Terra Rosa Consulting; On Country Heritage and Consulting)   |
|          | <b>Dr Tim Pilbrow</b> (First Nations Legal and Research Services; On Country Heritage and Consulting)  |
|          | Dr Anna Kenny / Kara Dunn / Trinity Handley / Luke May /Hana McDonald (Presentation from <i>Native Title Anthropology in Transition</i> - a working group of five anthropologists working in native title)   |
|          | The institutional context of native title anthropology in a post-determination world   |

| 3:00PM | AFTERNOON TEA  |
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| 3:30PM | SESSION 5 — What innovations are happening / needed in your operational space?                 |
|        | Chair: Dr. Belinda Burbidge (AIATSIS)  |
|        | Small group discussion and reportage (2 key points in reporting)                               |
| 5:00PM | END OF DAY 1   |
| 9:00PM | CONFERENCE DINNER  |
|        | Naughton's Hotel (Back Bar) 43 Royal Parade, Parkville Ph 03 9347 2255 Set menu with 2 choices |

#### DAY 2 FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2018

| 9:00 AM  | SESSION 6 — Treaty time? Challenges and opportunities in the new treaty conversations   |
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|          | Chair: Dr Cameo Dalley  Key Note Speaker: Dr Sarah Maddison (Associate Professor in the School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne)   |
| 9:45 AM  | SESSION 7 — Reactions in your state? State attitudes to treaty?   |
|          | Chair: Dr Cameo Dalley Small Group discussion   |
| 10:30 AM | MORNING TEA   |
| 11:00AM  | SESSION 8 — Case closed, records open: New approaches to the use and management of sensitive research assets  |
|          | Chair: Dr Pam McGrath  Discussant: Dr Maya Haviland (Lecturer in Museum Anthropology at the Centre for Heritage and Museum Studies at The Australian National University)  Treading a fine line - Managing access to sensitive records and writing ethnohistories  Speaker: Kathy Frankland (Manager of the Community and Personal Histories Unit located within the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships [DATSIP]) |
|          | This presentation explores the issues of facilitating access to records create about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples during the Protection era in Queensland for the purposes of native title research.   |
|          | Parallel provenance or simultaneous multiple provenances?  Speaker: Fiona Blackburn (Print Archivist at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies [AIATSIS])  |

Conventional archiving focuses on a single authoritative provenance for groups of records and on managing those records primarily for corporate purposes. Archivists have been debating ways of incorporating multiple perspectives and differing concepts of ownership and management into record-keeping and archive management. This includes notions of parallel provenance or multiple simultaneous provenances; these notions have consequences for management, including of rights and permissions. This presentation will outline how these concepts might apply for management of native title claim records.

#### Returning Research: Issues and Considerations

**Speakers: Diana Romano, Hayley Young and Sanna Nalder** (Research Officers for Queensland South Native Title Services [QSNTS])

The native title process produces unique collections of material for each native title claim. This material is collated from various sources over a relatively long period of time, and much of it is generated during the native title research process. Although collected for a very specific purpose, this collection is a valuable resource for the communities concerned. This presentation explores some topics for consideration which are necessary when commencing a return process. These include: authority to make decisions, community consultation, managing access, need for general guidelines and utilising online platforms.

| 2:30 PM | LUNCH  |
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| 1:30 PM | SESSION 9 — Defining identity through science: DNA testing in native title |

Chair: Dr Michael O'Kane (First Nations Legal and Research Services)

What DNA can and can't be used for and its potential applications in family reconnection, membership, and provenancing remains.

**Speaker: Emma Kowal** (Professor of Anthropology in the Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation at Deakin University)

#### What do we know so far?

**Speaker: Dr Elizabeth Watts**, of Research Fellow at Alfred Deakin Institute for Globalisation and Citizenship within Deakin University

Based on findings from an ARC project this presentation discusses the effects of genomic technology on Indigenous identification. Direct-to-consumer ancestry testing, currently being marketed aggressively in Australia, is beginning to be used for information on Indigenous ancestry by people who identify as Indigenous and those who do not yet identify. We have interviewed people who begin to identify as Indigenous after finding their Indigenous ancestry, as well as those who decide not to identify. We speculate on the implications of this development for native title.

| 3:00 PM | AFTERNOON TEA   |
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| 3:30 PM | SESSION 10 — Handling Sticky Questions in Court (role play) with Rob Blowes SC and David Trigger (UQ and UWA)   |
|         | Chair: Dr Kingsley Palmer   |
|         | <b>Discussant: John Southalan</b> (Barrister in the Western Australian Bar Association and adjunct academic at the Universities of Western Australia[Law School] and Dundee [Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy]). |
| 4:45 PM | Open Discussion   |
| 5:00 PM | END OF DAY 2  |

# SPEAKERS & SESSION CHAIRS

#### **FIONA BLACKBURN**

ARCHIVIST, AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES

Speaker — Session 8

#### **ROBERT BLOWES SC**

BARRISTER

Speaker — Session 10

Fiona Blackburn has worked in the information management sector for ten years, beginning as Special Collections Manager at Alice Springs Public Library where she managed Indigenous knowledge collections. Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people has been a feature of her work. However, she has also worked in heritage and prison libraries and is now a print archivist at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies.

Robert Blowes SC is a barrister who for 35 years has represented Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders in the preparation, litigation, negotiation and mediation of claims to have their traditional rights in land and waters recognised and protected in many parts of Australia. In particular, he has worked on many contested Aboriginal land rights and native title claims with many eminent anthropologists: including the Cox River land claim with Bob Layton; the Katherine Gorge claim, with Francesca Merlan and Alan Rumsey; the Nicholson River Claim with David Trigger and Myrna Tonkinson; the Upper Daley land claim with Athol Chase and Betty Meehan; the Robinson River land claim with David Trigger and Jeanie Devitt; the Wik native title claim with Peter Sutton, David Martin, John von Sturmer and others; the Wanjina-Wunggurr native title claim in the Kimberley with Tony Redmond, Alan Rumsey and Valda Blundell; the Bardi and Jawi appeal, with Geoff Bagshaw and Katie Glaskin; the Larrakia native title claim with Robert Graham; the Torres Strait Seas claim, with Jeremy Becket, Kevin Murphy, Colin Scot and Garrick Hitchcock; the Gunditimara claim in south western Victoria with Ray Madden and Geoff Bagshaw; the Yilka native title claim in the northern Goldfields, with Lee Sackett and Scott Cane; the Bularnu, Waluwarra and Wangkayujuru native title claim in north west Queensland, with Dr Kingsley Palmer, and the Mid Dampier Peninsula native title claims with Jimmy Weiner and Geoff Bagshaw.

#### **DR BELINDA BURBIDGE**

RESEARCH FELLOW, AIATSIS

Chair — Session 5

Dr Belinda Burbidge joined AIATSIS in 2015 as a Research Fellow in the Native Title Research Unit. Belinda has over ten years' experience in the academic and applied research sectors, including native title work in Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia. Additionally, she has worked as a lecturer in anthropology at The University of Sydney and as a research consultant for Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) in central Australia.

Belinda joined the AIATSIS Research team to continue working with Indigenous Australian communities in producing constructive and collaborative research that bridges the academic and applied sectors. Her research interests include native title, compensation and Treaty, governance, decision-making and conflict management, and contemporary cultural identities and systems of land tenure. She is currently (Acting) Director, Native Title Research Unit.

#### **SCOTT CHISHOLM**

FOUNDER /MANAGING DIRECTOR, TERRA ROSA CONSULTING

Panellist — Session 4

Scott Chisholm is the Founder and Managing Director of *Terra Rosa Consulting*, having established the business in 2010 to be one of the larger cultural resource management firms in WA. This business has grown through its three existing Joint Ventures, *Wilypa* in the Pilbara, *Widji* in Queensland and *On Country* in Victoria. *Terra Rosa* has become a consultancy of choice for many Traditional Owner groups in Australia, underpinned by a holistic approach to heritage and land management. They are extremely excited about the new partnership with the Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations.

#### **JANINE COOMBS**

MANAGING DIRECTOR, ON COUNTRY HERITAGE & CONSULTING

Speaker — Session 8

Janine Coombs is a Wotjoboluk woman, Chair of the Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations and Managing Director of On Country Heritage & Consulting. Janine is a committed member of the National Trust Aboriginal Advisory Committee and has worked closely with the Right People for Country Program.

#### **DR CAMEO DALLEY**

ANTHROPOLOGIST AND MCARTHUR FELLOW, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Chair — Session 6 & 7

Dr Cameo Dalley is an anthropologist and current McArthur Fellow in the School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne. Her current research project is based in the remote East Kimberley region of Western Australia examining contemporary forms of belonging in light of changing economic and demographic conditions. She has published on issues of identity, indigeneity, race relations and mobility. Cameo has undertaken native title and cultural heritage consultancy work with Aboriginal people in South East Queensland, Cape York and the Northern Territory and from 2012 to 2015 she was a Research Fellow at the Centre for Native Title Anthropology (CNTA) at the Australian National University (ANU).

#### MICHAEL DILLON

VISITING FELLOW, ANU CENTRE FOR ABORIGINAL ECONOMIC POLICY RESEARCH

Keynote Speaker — Session 1

#### **KARA DUNN**

STAFF ANTHROPOLOGIST, NORTH QUEENSLAND LAND COUNCIL

Panellist — Session 4

#### **DR JULIE FINLAYSON**

RESEARCH FELLOW, CNTA

Conference Convenor

#### **KATHY FRANKLAND**

MANAGER OF COMMUNITY AND PERSONAL HISTORIES UNIT, DATSIP

Speaker — Session 8

Michael Dillon is a Visiting Fellow at the ANU Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR). He has been a ministerial adviser to a number of Federal Ministers for Indigenous Affairs, and a senior public servant in both the Northern Territory and Commonwealth public services. He has worked for Indigenous organisations in the East Kimberley, Central Australia, and the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC). He has published in the areas of Indigenous public policy including land rights and remote Indigenous housing policy. Most recently, he was a panel member of the Western Australian *Service Priority Review* which examined the challenges facing the WA public sector.

Kara Dunn completed her Honours degree in anthropology at McMaster University in Ontario, Canada. Since moving to Australia in 2006 she has worked at two NTRBs. Currently she is employed as a staff anthropologist with North Queensland Land Council. Prior to this she was a staff anthropologist at The Kimberley Land Council. She also has a Graduate Certificate in Applied Anthropology of Native Title from University of Western Australia (UWA).

Dr Julie Finlayson is Research Fellow at CNTA. She has had a varied career as an anthropologist. Her doctoral research concerned welfare-dependent Aboriginal households in Kuranda, North Queensland which informed much of her subsequent research and work. She was a lecturer at La Trobe University, then a researcher at the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research at the ANU. She turned to independent consulting for several years, before taking the plunge and working in various Australian government bureaucracies on Indigenous affairs. More recently before taking up her position with CNTA, Julie worked for an Aboriginal-owned organisation in central-western NSW on an innovative housing project in Bourke, and managed an Aboriginal-controlled radio station in Wilcannia for a year, bringing to it a focus on community development and inclusiveness.

Kathy Frankland is the Manager of the Community and Personal Histories Unit located within the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP). Kathy has a BA (Hons) in Australian Archaeology from the University of Queensland and a postgraduate diploma in Archives Administration from the University of New South Wales. Between 1989 and 1994 Kathy worked as an archivist and coordinator of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Resource Unit at the John Oxley Library.

In 1994 Kathy went on secondment to Community and Personal Histories to prepare a series of guides to the records of the Department relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. She left the library in 1995 to take up the position of Senior Policy Officer with Community and Personal Histories and to pursue her passion for helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples find their family history. In 2013 Kathy was awarded a Queensland Public Service medal for services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

#### TRINITY HANDLEY

STAFF ANTHROPOLOGIST,
CDNTS

Panellist — Session 4

Trinity Handley graduated from UWA in 2015 with honours in anthropology and political science and has since worked as a staff anthropologist at Central Desert Native Title Services. He wonders whether a PhD on 'Balancing fieldwork in the desert, a young family in the city, and a passion for creative writing' is too much navel gazing or just needs a subtitle.

#### DR MAYA HAVILAND

LECTURER,
MUSEUM ANTHROPOLOGY,
CENTRE FOR HERITAGE
AND MUSEUM STUDIES,
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Discussant — Session 8

Dr Maya Haviland is Lecturer in Museum Anthropology at the Centre for Heritage and Museum Studies at The Australian National University. Her current research focuses on co-creativity and the dynamics of collaboration in the cultural sector, creative practices in collaborative anthropology, and practices of remix and creative reuse of traditional knowledges and archives. She has undertaken collaborative research and facilitated a variety of collaborative photography, video, writing and visual art projects in the Kimberley region of North Western Australia, in the USA, Mexico and most recently in Vanuatu. She and her partner Brad Riley have recently completed a documentary about the Vanuatu Cultural Centres Fieldworker Network – examining its role in cultural documentation and cultural revival. Her recent book *Side by Side? Community Art and the Challenge of Co-Creativity* (Routledge) was published in 2017.

#### DR ANNA KENNY

CONSULTANT ANTHROPOLOGIST, NATIVE TITLE

Panellist — Session 4

Dr Anna Kenny is a consultant anthropologist who has worked for nearly 25 years in Native Title in the NT, WA and QLD. She holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology from the University of Sydney and between 2012 and 2016 she was an Australian Research Council Postdoctoral Fellow in the School of Archaeology and Anthropology at the ANU. She has written 12 Connections Reports and in 2013 published a book called *The Aranda's Pepa*, followed in 2017 by a co-edited book on *German Ethnography in Australia* with Nic Peterson.

#### **EMMA KOWAL**

PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY, ALFRED DEAKIN INSTITUTE FOR CITIZENSHIP AND GLOBALISATION, DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Speaker — Session 9

Emma Kowal is Professor of Anthropology in the Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation at Deakin University, and was previously Deputy Director of the National Centre for Indigenous Genomics at the ANU. She is a cultural anthropologist who has worked as a medical doctor and public health researcher in Indigenous health. Much of her work is at the intersection of science and technology studies, postcolonial studies and indigenous studies. Her publications include the monograph *Trapped in the Gap: Doing Good in Indigenous Australia*. Her current book project is entitled *Haunting Biology: Science and Indigeneity in Australia*. Her presentation at the CNTA conference relates her research on the cultural and ethical implications of genomics in Indigenous settings and the effects of genomic technology on Indigenous identification.

#### HANA MCDONALD

NATIVE TITLE ANTHROPOLOGIST, KIMBERLY LAND COUNCIL

Panellist — Session 4

#### **DR PAM MCGRATH**

APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGIST AND HISTORIAN

Chair — Session 8

Hana McDonald is a native title anthropologist working for the Kimberly Land Council. She completed an honours degree in anthropology through La Trobe University and a Master of Applied Anthropology and Participatory Development with ANU. Hana values the opportunity to develop professionally through the sharing of ideas and experiences with other native title anthropologists from around Australia.

Dr Pam McGrath is an applied anthropologist and historian with more than 15 years' research, mediation and policy analysis experience in the native title sector. Pam started her career working in-house for Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) and then Native Title Services Victoria (NTSV), and most recently has been Research and Development Director with the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT). Pam helped establish and manage the ANU Centre for Native Title Anthropology (CNTA) from 2010-2012, and was a Research Fellow with the Native Title Research Unit at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) from 2012-2015. Pam's areas of specialisation include Indigenous cultural heritage law and policy, the management of native title records, PBC governance and livelihoods, and native title claim research methodologies.

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#### **SARAH MADDISON**

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES & ASSISTANT DEAN (RESEARCH), FACULTY OF ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Keynote Speaker — Session 6

#### **LUKE MAY**

CONSULTANT ANTHROPOLOGIST,
TERRA ROSA CONSULTING

Panellist — Session 4

#### **DR JOHN MORTON**

ANTHROPOLOGIST, ABORIGINAL STUDIES & CONSULTANT, NATIVE TITLE

Discussant — Session 10

#### **SANNA NALDER**

RESEARCH OFFICER, QUEENSLAND SOUTH NATIVE TITLE SERVICES

Speaker — Session 8

#### DR. MICHAEL O'KANE

SENIOR ANTHROPOLOGIST, NTSV

Chair — Session 9

Sarah Maddison is Associate Professor in the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Melbourne where she is also Assistant Dean (Research) in the Faculty of Arts and Co-Convenor of the Indigenous-Settler Relations Collaboration. Her areas of research expertise include reconciliation and conflict transformation, Indigenous political culture, gender and politics, and social movements. Sarah's recent books include The Limits of Settler Colonial Reconciliation (Springer 2016) and Conflict Transformation and Reconciliation (Routledge 2015) based on research in South Africa, Northern Ireland, Australia, and Guatemala. Her other books include Black Politics (2009), Beyond White Guilt (2011), Unsettling the Settler State (co-edited with Morgan Brigg, 2011), and The Women's Movement in Protest, Institutions and the Internet, (co-edited with Marian Sawer 2014). Sarah is Vice President of the Australian Political Studies Association and chaired the Board of GetUp! for several years until 2016.

Luke May is a consultant anthropologist working in the Pilbara, Western Australia. Currently employed with *Terra Rosa Consulting* he assists Aboriginal businesses, foundations and prescribed body corporates with their heritage, environmental and community needs. Luke is also engaged in research projects requiring management plans and protocols policies for Aboriginal organisations working with the National

Dr John Morton has worked in Aboriginal studies for almost 40 years. He taught anthropology at La Trobe University for over 20 years and remains a Research Associate in the University's Department of Social Inquiry. He currently works as an independent consultant in native title and has undertaken associated research in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia and the Northern Territory. He has published a number of papers on land rights and native title, the most recent being in 2017 - "Mother's Blood, Father's Land': Native Title and Comparative Land Tenure Modelling for Claims in "Settled" Australia', Oceania 87:58-77 – about which he will speak at the conference.

Sanna Nalder has conducted native title research and heritage surveys in the Pilbara and Mid-West regions of WA, and more recently in QLD, since 2007. Currently a Research Officer at Queensland South Native Title Services (QSNTS), Sanna has also held positions of Senior Anthropologist, Research and Heritage Archivist, Local Heritage Librarian and Museum Manager. One of her interests is the preservation and utilisation of traditional cultural knowledge in the modern day. She holds a Master's Degree in Cultural Anthropology.

Dr. Michael O'Kane has been employed at First Nations Legal and Research Services (formerly NTSV) since 2011 where he holds the position of Senior Anthropologist. Michael has worked with remote area Aboriginal communities throughout northern and central Australia and on Native Title and Traditional Owner Settlement Agreement (TOSA) claims in eastern, central, western and north-western Victoria. He has also worked as a consulting anthropologist in Native Title in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. He has had extensive field experience in Australia and in the Republic of Ireland. Michael has worked as a tutor, lecturer and research fellow at La Trobe University, Monash University, The University of Melbourne and Victoria University. In February 2018 Mick will take up a position with the NNTT for 12 months.

#### **DR KINGSLEY PALMER**

CONSULTANT ANTHROPOLOGIST,
NATIVE TITLE

Chair — Session 10

Dr Kingsley Palmer is a consultant anthropologist specialising in the field of native title in Australia. Having worked in this field for more than 20 years he has conducted extensive research in numerous areas of rural and remote Australia, prepared many expert reports and been called as an expert witness for cases brought before the Federal Court. He has published widely on the practice of anthropology within the native title context and on the anthropologist as expert. He was author of *Noongar People*, *Noongar Land*, published 2016 (AIATSIS, Canberra, in conjunction with the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, Perth). This was an edited version of the expert report he wrote for the Single Noongar Claim. His next book, *Australian native title anthropology: strategic practice*, the law and the state will be published by ANU Press in the first quarter of 2018.

#### **NICOLAS PETERSON**

DIRECTOR, CNTA &
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Day 1 — Introduction

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**DR TIM PILBROW** 

Chair — Session 4

# School of Archaeology and Anthropology at the ANU. He has been Director of the Centre for Native Title Anthropology (CNTA) since its inception in 2010. His initial engagement with land rights issues was working as the Research Officer for the Royal Commission in to Aboriginal Land Rights (the Woodward Commission) which subsequently led to him to prepare a number of major land claim reports, and post-Mabo the test case for native title rights in the sea (Yarmirr case) with Jeannie Devitt. Most recently he has completed the Mt Doreen native title claim and a Northern Territory short form connection report, both with Dr Anna Kenny. Email: Nicolas.peterson@anu.edu.au

Nicolas Peterson is Director of CNTA and Professor of Anthropology in the

Dr Tim Pilbrow is Research Manager at First Nations Legal & Research Services (formerly Native Title Services Victoria). Tim has a research background in the ethnography of collective identities and the socially integrative dimensions of conflict and dispute, including ethnographic research on the negotiation of cultural identities under rapid social change in Bulgaria, and has over ten years' experience in native title research. Tim holds a PhD in socio-cultural anthropology (New York University), a BA (Honours) in Slavic languages and linguistics (Monash University), and is an accredited mediator.

#### **DIANA ROMANO**

RESEARCH OFFICER, QUEENSLAND SOUTH NATIVE TITLE SERVICES

Speaker — Session 8

# (QSNTS) and a PhD candidate in anthropology at the University of Queensland. Through her work at QSNTS since 2010, Diana has worked on a number of native title claims in south central and south west QLD, three of which have been determined by consent. Her PhD work focuses on the economic and socio-cultural

effects of land claims in Cape York Peninsula.

Diana Romano is a Research Officer for Queensland South Native Title Services

#### JOHN SOUTHALAN

BARRISTER,
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
BAR ASSOCIATION
& ADJUNCT ACADEMIC,
UNIVERSITIES OF WESTERN
AUSTRALIA AND DUNDEE

Speaker — Session 8

John Southalan is a barrister in the Western Australian Bar Association and adjunct academic at the Universities of Western Australia (Law School) and Dundee (Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy). He worked for many years with the Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Land Council (Pilbara & Perth, Australia) and authored four chapters of the LexisNexis publication Native Title Service, on applications, compensation, PBCs and NTRBs. He holds a law degree from the University of Western Australia and MBA in Mineral Resource Management from the University of Dundee. He previously worked with the Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy (Dundee, Scotland), Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (Sydney, Australia) and Corrs Chambers Westgarth (Perth, Australia).

#### **DAVID TRIGGER**

PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY,
UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND &
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR,
UNIVERSITY OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.
PRINCIPAL PARTNER,
DAVID S TRIGGER
& ASSOCIATES

Speaker — Session 10

# PETRONELLA VAARZON-MOREL

SOCIO-CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGIST & RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Chair — Session 2 & 3

#### **HAYLEY YOUNG**

RESEARCH OFFICER, QUEENSLAND SOUTH NATIVE TITLE SERVICES

Speaker — Session 8

#### DR ELIZABETH WATTS

RESEARCH FELLOW, ALFRED DEAKIN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBALISATION AND CITIZENSHIP, DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Speaker — Session 9

David Trigger is Professor of Anthropology at The University of Queensland and Adjunct Professor at The University of Western Australia. He is the Principal Partner in David S Trigger & Associates consulting anthropologists. His research interests encompass the different meanings attributed to land and nature across diverse sectors of society. His research on Australian society includes projects focused on a comparison of pro-development, environmentalist and Aboriginal perspectives on land and nature. His most recent works address senses of historical place that both overlap and diverge for people of diverse ancestries in northern Australia. In Australian Aboriginal Studies, Professor Trigger has carried out more than 35 years of anthropological study on Indigenous systems of land tenure, including applied research on resource development negotiations and native title. He is the author of more than 60 major applied research reports and has acted as an expert witness in multiple native title claims and associated criminal matters involving Aboriginal customary law. He is the author of Whitefella coming': Aboriginal responses to colonialism in northern Australia (Cambridge University Press) and a wide range of scholarly articles. See: http://www.socialscience.uq.edu.au/david-trigger

Petronella Vaarzon-Morel is a socio-cultural anthropologist with over 30 years' experience working with Indigenous people in Central Australia. She has been involved in numerous Aboriginal land claim and native title matters in the Northern Territory, Western Australia and Queensland. In addition to authoring expert reports she has given evidence in the Federal Court, the Supreme Court Northern Territory and, most recently, The Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory. For the past five years she has lectured in anthropology at New York University, Sydney and is also currently a Research Associate at the University of Sydney on the ARC Linkage project 'Re-integrating Central Australian community cultural collections'. Her recent publications include 'Alien relations: Ecological and Ontological Dilemmas Posed for Indigenous Australians in the Management of "Feral" Camels on their Lands' In Françoise Dussart and Sylvie Poirier (Eds.) Entangled Territorialities: Negotiating Indigenous Lands in Australia and Canada. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2017.

Hayley Young is a Research Officer for Queensland South Native Title Services (QSNTS) working on regional research and native title claims in south east and south west Queensland. Hayley also holds a Masters in Museum Studies from the University of Queensland and is interested in Indigenous knowledge systems and information management.

Dr Elizabeth (Lizzie) Watts completed her PhD in anthropology at the Australian National University in 2016. Her doctoral thesis explores recent shifts in Aboriginal welfare policy in relation to broader themes of race, class and Indigeneity, based on ethnographic research conducted in the town of Hope Vale on the south east of Cape York. She has been developing these interests since taking up the role of Research Fellow at Alfred Deakin Institute for Globalisation and Citizenship within Deakin University, by working with Professor Emma Kowal to explore the current and potential impact of genetic ancestry testing on Aboriginal identification and recognition.

# SPEAKERS & SESSION CHAIRS

# INFORMATION

## CONFERENCE

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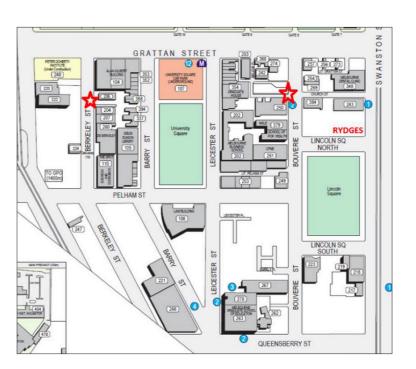
#### **CATERING**

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided free of charge. Vegetarian, gluten free and other dietary options will be available.

#### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Catch any tram (routes 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 16, 64, 67 or 72) heading north up Swanston St. Get off at Melbourne Uni and continue to walk up Swanston St. Queen's College is at the top of Swanston St, after St Mary's College and Newman College. to the University of Melbourne run regularly along Swanston Street. Trams #55 and #59 can be taken along Elizabeth Street to reach the University. More information can be found on the Public Transport Victoria website: http://ptv.vic.gov.au/

#### **PARKING**



There are loading zones and 15/30 minutes parks on Barry & Leicester Street which are on either side of the Law Building. There are also 15/30 minute parks on the east side of Pelham Street. There are coined parking meters on the streets surrounding the Law Building. There is public car parking available in the University Square car park, with entrances on Berkeley Street and Bouverie Street (indicated on adjacent map). The flat rate is \$15 per day. More information can be found on the University of Melbourne Transport and parking website: <a href="http://pcs.unimelb.edu.au/services/parking/car\_parking">http://pcs.unimelb.edu.au/services/parking/car\_parking</a>

There is also a Royal Parade car park available on Royal Parade opposite the Royal Melbourne Hospital for a flat rate \$15 per day. There is public parking at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and a small car park at the end of Leicester Street near the Victoria market.

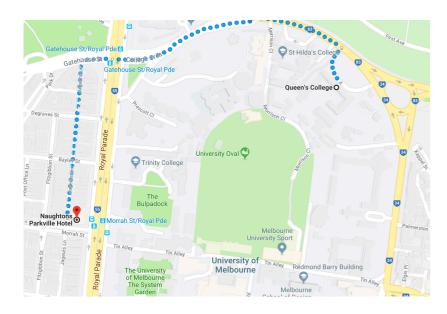
### CONFERENCE DINNER

#### 7PM, THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

A conference dinner will be held at a modern Australian restaurant on Royal Parade, 11 minutes' walk from the conference venue:

#### NAUGHTON'S PARKVILLE HOTEL — BACK BAR

43 Royal Parade, Parkville VIC 3052 Australia
P: (03) 9347 2255 parkvillehotel.com.au



The cost is \$40 per head for a set menu, including your choice of a starter and main meal (NB: vegetarian, vegan or gluten free options available). Drinks and dessert can also be purchased at the restaurant.

# CONFERENCE PARTNERS

### CENTRE FOR NATIVE TITLE ANTHROPOLOGY, AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

The Centre for Native Title Anthropology (CNTA) aims to enhance the practice of native title anthropology in Australia through a series of innovative programs and workshops for applied anthropologists. A unique collaboration between ANU and the Australian Government Attorney-General's Department, the CNTA's activities are delivered with the support of the School of Archaeology and Anthropology. The programs include an annual conference, workshops run in-house for NTRB/NTSP staff, research placements at the ANU, student fieldwork placements and a travel grant scheme. We also deliver a post-graduate course in native title anthropology which can also be taken for professional development and will be offered again in April 2015. The CNTA's programs address an identified need to provide greater opportunities for anthropologists working in native title to build the kinds of skills, academic confidence and professional networks that support quality native title research. Our core mission is to support career pathways by initiating and growing linkages between academic and applied practice and supporting the development of a community of practice. The CNTA is funded until 2019.

#### FIRST NATIONS LEGAL & RESEARCH SERVICES

FNLRS is the peak legal service representing native title claimants in Victoria. With inhouse research expertise in anthropology, history and archaeology providing the crucial foundations for legal negotiations, FLNRS also assists Traditional Owners to realise their economic and natural resource management aspirations. FLNRS' achievements prevail against the common view that native title as a doctrine would have little application in Southern Australia. Victoria now has four successful determinations of native title covering much of the crown land of the State and one settlement under the Traditional Owner Settlement Act.

## ACCOMMODATION ON CAMPUS

On-campus college accommodation (bed and breakfast) is available at very affordable prices from Wednesday 7th until Saturday 10 February 2018.

Twenty (20) rooms have been reserved at Queen's College and twenty (20) rooms next door at St Hilda's College.

#### QUEEN'S COLLEGE

Student style single bedroom accommodation is available with shared bathrooms Includes continental breakfast, wifi, linens and towel

3 nights @ \$80 per night (normally \$85.00)

REFERENCE: Centre for Native Title Anthropology Conference 2018

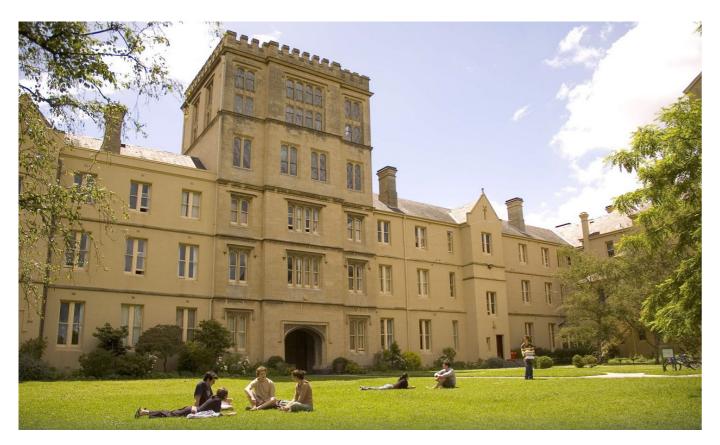
There are also limited rooms available with en suite, however these are usually taken up fairly quickly (same cost).

For accommodation at Queen's College please book directly through Ms Kristen Fletcher (not through their website). If you book directly with Kristen, she can offer you a discount of \$80 per night instead of \$85; but when booking please advise her of your participation in the CNTA conference.

Queen's College is a residential College affiliated with the University of Melbourne, Australia providing accommodation to 250 undergraduate and graduate students who are attending the University of Melbourne, Victorian College of the Arts, RMIT University and Monash University's Victorian College of Pharmacy.

queens.unimelb.edu.au





QUEEN'S COLLEGE EXTERIOR

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#### QUEEN'S COLLEGE MAP

# ACCOMMODATION ON CAMPUS

#### ST HILDA'S COLLEGE

Twenty (20) accommodation rooms are available for 2 nights only, Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8, departing after breakfast on Friday 9 February 2018. Checkout time is strictly 8.30am.

The rate for accommodation and continental breakfast is \$79 per person per night; there are no discounts available. The rooms are all single rooms with a shared, central common bathroom. All linen, bedding and towels are provided.

Bookings can be made either by phone or email, details listed below:

Phone: (03) 9248 8412

Email: conference@hildas.unimelb.edu.au

When booking with the St Hilda's please inform them that you are part of the CNTA conference. They will need details of your name and address. Payment for accommodation and breakfast will be taken in full in advance. No advance payment, no bookings.

All bookings must be made by Monday 29 January 2018.

hildas.unimelb.edu.au

### ACCOMMODATION OFF CAMPUS

#### **NAUGHTON'S PARKVILLE HOTEL**

Naughton's Parkville is situated directly opposite Melbourne University on Royal Parade and within a short walk to Carlton.

In the 70s-80s it was the "student pub". This is a heritage listed hotel which recently underwent refurbishment. It has a limited number of rooms (11) which are bright, spacious and comfortable.

The **No. 19 tram** stops opposite their doorstep providing easy access to the CBD (2.5km).

Breakfast, lunch and coffee is available at the Parkville Store in nearby Morah Street. Naughton's serve dinner in the evening.

Bookings can be made direct to Naughton's via info@parkvillehotel.com.au or through discount hotel booking sites.

Naughton's Parkville Hotel 43 Royal Parade, Parkville VIC 3052 Australia +61 3 9347 2255

parkvillehotel.com.au

#### **CBD & CARLTON**

Please consult Google and other Internet accommodation sites for hotels and serviced apartment accommodation in Swanston Street and in the Carlton area.

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Different price points are available to suit every budget.

booking.com trivago.com.au airbnb.com.au wotif.com expedia.com.au

