

# Making a start in research with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples



## Session program

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| 12.50 -1.00pm | <b>Registration</b>  |
| 1.00 – 1.15pm | Acknowledgement of Country<br>Session welcome, Professor Paul Hodges   |
|               | <b>Presentations</b>   |
| 1.15 – 2.00pm | UQ vision for engagement with community<br>Associate Professor Thelma Parker, Associate Dean (Indigenous Engagement), Faculty of Medicine  |
| 2.00 –2.30pm  | Case study in working with community: Collaboration in Cherbourg<br>Associate Professor Gary Osmond, School of Human Movement and Nutrition Sciences   |
| 2.30 –3.30pm  | Short talks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethics; Dr Marc Kamke, Director of Research Ethics and Integrity, Research Ethics and Integrity</li> <li>• CARE principles; Susan Wilson, Senior Advisor, Research Data Management Research Data and Open Research Services, UQ Library</li> <li>• Data Sovereignty; Mr Stephen Harfield, Senior Research Fellow UQ Poche Centre for Indigenous Health</li> </ul> |
| 3:30 – 3:45pm | Brief introduction of Early- and Mid-Career Researchers for network session  |
| 3.45 – 4.30pm | <b>Afternoon tea and network session</b>   |
| 4.30 – 5.00pm | Accelerating health equity among First Nations communities<br>Professor James Ward, Director UQ Poche Centre for Indigenous Health   |
| 5.00 – 5.15pm | <b>Closing Address</b>   |

## Keynote Speakers

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**Associate Professor Thelma Parker**, Associate Dean (Indigenous Engagement), Faculty of Medicine

**Associate Professor Thelma Parker** is an accomplished executive leader and proud Waluwarra Wangkayujuru Wangkaymunha woman raised on Kalkadoon Country. Thelma brings 25 years of experience in education, employment and training, along with a strong local knowledge and understanding of State and National priorities. Furthermore, Thelma has undertaken consulting work with the Government and NGOs and has been serving on several State and Territory committees.



**Professor James Ward**, Director, UQ Poche Centre for

Indigenous Health

**Professor James Ward** is a proud Pitjantjatjara and Nukunu man, an infectious diseases epidemiologist and a national leader in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research, with over 25 years of experience in Aboriginal public health policy and research. In his current role as Director of the UQ Poche Centre for Indigenous Health he leads research aimed at impacting health and wellbeing outcomes for First Nations peoples, including a program of research to reduce incidence and prevalence of infectious diseases in Indigenous communities; a program of urban Indigenous health research and a global Indigenous health research program.

## Speakers



**Associate Professor Gary Osmond**, School of Human Movement and Nutrition Sciences

**Associate Professor Gary Osmond** is a sport historian with extensive experience collaborating with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. He is the lead CI on the ARC Discovery project 'Torres Strait Islander History: Sport, Culture and Identity' and is collaborating with the Yarrabah community on a history project. He co-authored the book, *Black and Proud* (2013), about Aussie Rules player Nicky Winmar's gesture against racism in 1993 and the book *Marching with a Mission: Cherbourg's Marching Girls* (2022).

## Network Session

This informal network session during afternoon tea will be a fantastic opportunity for students, early- and mid-career academics and the broader research community to come together and talk about making a start in research with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This event aims to create an opportunity for students and early- and mid-career academics to connect with ECRs who have some experience in working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

## ECR profiles



**Dr Penny Haora**, Research Fellow, UQ Poche Centre for Indigenous Health

Dr Penny Haora is a Māori midwife researcher bringing strengths-focused, inter-Indigenous approaches to her work with First Nations Communities and community organisations working for First Nations family health and wellbeing. Penny has more than 25 years' experience in public health and maternity care research, evaluation and maternity care innovations. She has worked with system innovations developed and implemented in knowledge-rich Communities including rural and urban Community Controlled Health Organisations, one of the UK's largest National Health Service (NHS) Trusts, and in remote Communities of South and Central Asia. Her priorities include enabling Indigenous knowledges in academic spaces, anti-racist praxis, and relational, participatory, community- and policy-relevant approaches.



**Dr Tahmina Begum**, Research Fellow, UQ Poche Centre for Indigenous Health

Dr Tahmina Begum is a medical doctor with a Master's in Public Health, has a PhD from the University of Queensland, and has over 14 years of public health experience. Her research focuses on maternal and child health care and non-communicable disease prevention. She is skilled in meta-analysis, group-based trajectory modelling, and longitudinal data management with published papers in peer-reviewed journals.

Her research fellow position at UQ Poche Centre for Indigenous Health (July 2022-current), provided her with the opportunity to learn and collaborate with multiple Indigenous-led organisations across Australia. She was one of the contributing authors for the "Queensland First Nations Peoples Burden of Disease Report 2018", led by QLD Health. Dr Tahmina is currently leading a collaborative research project with the Menzies School of Health Research in the Northern Territories to understand the intergenerational transmission of diabetes during pregnancy and its impact on Indigenous children's health.



**Dr Kiara Minto**, Research Fellow, UQ Poche Centre for Indigenous Health  
Dr Kiara Minto is a social psychology research fellow at the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health at The University of Queensland. Prior to joining Poche she completed her PhD on non-physical partner violence identification and response and a post-doctoral research fellowship on sexual consent in Australia.

As a non-Indigenous researcher at the Poche Centre, Kiara has had the privilege to learn from her Indigenous colleagues about strength based Indigenous research practice and methodologies whilst working on a range of projects exploring Sexual Health and Relationships and Sexuality Education among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



**Dr Natasha Reid**, Senior Research Fellow, Child Health Research Centre

Dr Natasha Reid is a clinical psychologist and Group Leader of the Perinatal and Early Life Exposures Research Group, which is part of the Children's Health and Environment Program. Natasha's research is focused on improving approaches to prevention, assessment and diagnosis and holistic supports for individuals who have experienced prenatal substance exposure and early life adversity. Natasha has had the privilege of collaborating with different First Nations communities and organisations through several current and previous research projects. Including supporting the expansion of assessment and diagnostic services for fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) and developing new national clinical practice guidelines for the assessment and diagnosis of FASD.

## Resources

- AIATSIS [Code of Ethics for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research](#)
- NHMRC [Ethical conduct in research with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities](#): Guidelines for researchers and stakeholders 2018
- NHMRC [Keeping research on track II 2018](#)
- [Lowitja Institute: Discussion paper - Ethics in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research](#)
- [AH&MRC: NSW Aboriginal Health Ethics Guidelines: Key Principles](#) (has broader application - not only NSW)

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