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WHAT'S NEW

2016 has seen some great outcomes for UC CIRI.

- Peter Radoll, inaugural Dean of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Leadership & Strategy at the University of Canberra, has joined the [UC CIRI Executive Committee as co-chair](#)
- The [successful projects](#) from the first round of the grants under the UC CIRI Research Grant Scheme have commenced
 - Researching and Designing the Gateway to the Bundian Way, South Coast Region, NSW ([Bundian Way](#))
 - Knowing the Mountain: Cullunghutti as memory, place and soundscape ([Cullunghutti](#))
 - The prevalence of deficit metrics in Indigenous education and their impact on public discourse, policy and educational practice ([Deficit Metrics](#))
 - Tea tree oil for the management of scabies in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children: A pilot randomised controlled trial ([Scabies Project](#))
- In May UC CIRI commenced its next round under the [UC CIRI Research Grant Scheme](#) with a call for applications. The closing date for applications is 1:00pm on Friday, 22nd July 2016
- We hosted seminars from:
 - Dr Sandy O'Sullivan, Director of the Centre for First Nations' Research at Batchelor Institute spoke about '[Fear and Assuagement: Representations and engagements of First Nations' Peoples across national museum spaces](#)'
 - Prof Jeff Berglund, Professor of English and Director of Liberal Studies at Northern Arizona University, USA, spoke about how the American Indian comedy troupe, 'The 1491s' use [humour against injustice and misrepresentations of Indigenous communities](#)

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'Why not Secession?'

Seminar presented by
Vincent Redhouse, Anne
Wexler Fulbright Scholar

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'Yarn over Lunch' with Vincent

Come and join us for a light
lunch and a chance to have an
informal chat with Vincent
Redhouse

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Bundian Way

An expert team of Indigenous and non-Indigenous researchers in ethnography and design, is investigating how the nationally-significant Bundian Way Aboriginal trade route can be represented in design installations as part of a proposed arts precinct at the Moneroo Bubberer Gudu Keeping Place near Pambula, New South Wales. This Keeping Place is managed by the Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council.

The project recently advertised an Indigenous PhD scholarship opportunity at the University of Canberra, which has thus far attracted several high quality applications from Indigenous scholars across Australia. The call for applications will close shortly, and the winner of the scholarship will be announced in the coming weeks.

In other developments, the Twofold Aboriginal Corporation has invited the project team and their landscape architecture students to camp at Jigamy for five days in mid-August, and to learn about the Bundian Way from local knowledge holders.

The research team and the students have been asked to prepare design concepts for the Jigamy campground and lodging site along the Pambula River. The community has asked that the design of the grounds be inspired and connected to the Bundian Way trail system. The team will present the design concepts to the Twofold Aboriginal Corporation and other members of the community in early November.

To find out more about this project contact scott.heyese@canberra.edu.au

Or go to <http://www.canberra.edu.au/research/collaborations/ciri/research-grant-scheme-2016-2018/uc-ciri-projects/bundian-way>

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Cullunghutti

Through a focus on one particular site, Cullunghutti Mountain, this project aims to pilot a new combination of Indigenous memory, place and landscape methods in order to understand and communicate the entanglement of Indigenous people's lives with the Mountain. The research project is designed to broaden the toolkit of Indigenous methodologies with a focus on how best to collect, understand and archive the relational entanglements of human and nonhuman memories and resonances linked to places/landscapes.

To find out more about this project contact bethaney.turner@canberra.edu.au or wendy.somerville@canberra.edu.au

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Deficit Metrics

This project will be the first to systematically analyse the prevalence of Indigenous Education 'deficit metrics' and their discussion in public debate. It complements but does not overlap with the work being done in IN150100007 and builds on McCallum's body of research about the relationships between policy and mediated discussion of Indigenous affairs. In doing so it builds Indigenous research capacity and brings together an exciting new partnership between Education and Communication researchers at UC.

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Scabies Project

In previous projects (scabies, skin sores), participants, Indigenous reference groups and other Indigenous community members have reinforced to researchers the importance they place on the healthy start to life of children, and a conviction of the concept that health outcomes in adulthood have their origins throughout the lifespan including childhood. The work proposed here will build on a substantial body of Aboriginal child health research by the team, which has had as its focus the identification of readily implementable treatment and preventive strategies, mostly in childhood infection. The research team has previously quantified the antimicrobial and scabicial effects of TTO and its potential usefulness in the management of scabies infestation in this population. Earlier work has demonstrated that scabies underlies up to 70% of secondary bacterial skin infections (streptococcal; pyoderma) and disease rates of Aboriginal Australians are among the highest in the world. The team's earlier work revealed the future uncertainty (resulting from drug resistance leading to treatment failures) of currently available scabicial preparations in Australia. This calls for a newer treatment approach with an agent (e.g. TTO) which has general (scabicial) and non-specific (antibacterial, anti-inflammatory and wound healing) effects for the management of scabies infestation and associated secondary bacterial infections, to reduce the residual disease burden in the Indigenous community.

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