

## 'OUTING' UNCONSCIOUS BIAS

### *Strategies to reconfigure harmful response modes in Indigenous health care*

Evidence of the damaging physiological, as well as psychological, health impacts of overtly racist and discriminatory practices are slowly forcing change in Indigenous health policy and health professional training. Less-discernible and, unsurprisingly, less-addressed are the range of ways in which 'business as usual' in healthcare translates into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians receiving fewer interventions in hospital than their presenting diagnoses call for: just one aspect of 'institutional' or 'structural racism'.

Of all such issues that require a rethink of health care practice and health practitioner education, a particular 'sleepers' issue is the harm arising from 'unconscious', or 'implicit', bias. Stereotypical beliefs can override good clinical decision-making, with resultant poor treatment outcomes, avoidable injury, even death. Yet, how do you change practices that clinicians may not even be fully aware of? And how do you assist students to work through material that can profoundly challenge them?

This Poche Key Thinkers Forum will feature a panel of three, noted, Pan-Indigenous scholars working in this area: Dr Barry Lavallee (University of Manitoba, Canada), Dr Ricci Harris (University of Otago, Wellington, Aotearoa/New Zealand), and Dr Chelsea Bond (University of Queensland). Professor Tom Calma, Chancellor of the University of Canberra and Patron of the Poche Indigenous Health Network, will moderate.



Hosted by The Poche Centres for Indigenous Health and Well-Being, Flinders University



### When

Friday 24 August 2018  
12 midday – 3pm

### Where

Flinders University  
Victoria Square  
Level 1, Room 1  
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Adelaide SA 5000

### To Register/RSVP

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Light lunch provided.

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