



NURA GILI RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

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**All seminars take place from 10.30 am to 12 noon on Mondays,
room 309, Morven Brown, UNSW Kensington Campus.**

19 March **Gawaian Bodkin-Andrews and Shannon Foster**
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Wella bugrabula mariwari bugra (When power and hate collide): Decolonising Racism and Bullying from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Standpoints

There is a substantial base of national and international research literature exploring the prevalence and impact of racism and bullying across a wide diversity of locations and contexts (e.g., schools, workplace). Whilst there is a research consensus of the need to mitigate the existence of racism and bullying - and to also acknowledge the negative impact of racism and bullying on social, emotional, economic, and physical wellbeing outcomes - there is a critical danger that prevailing essentialism and Eurocentrism has tainted much pre-existing theory and method attempting to understand both the nature and impact of racism and bullying. This may be argued to be particularly evident when considering research and media purporting to represent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities. It is the purpose of this presentation to explore the nature, prevalence, impact, and interrelated understandings of bullying and racism from the *lived experiences* of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Drawing from the foundations of national and international Indigenous Standpoint Theories and research, a synergy of Indigenous Research Methodologies are engaged with to explore the complexities and distinctiveness of racism and bullying today. More specifically, this presentation weaved together D'harawal Storytelling (Maridyulu Gagamari – the Four Clever Men), Indigenous Yarning, and an Indigenous Quantitative Research Methodology (utilizing the Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children) to reveal how the complexities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives on bullying and racism should neither be ignored, nor homogenized within broader Western theoretical and research contexts.

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