

Flagship Session: Truth Telling

This flagship session will be presented in the format of casual conversation, or yarn, in a semi-formal atmosphere with guests who have been invited to join Dr Kellie Pollard about truth-telling under the Australian Archaeology Association conference theme of 'Reconciliation'. Dr Pollard will open with a short presentation about the notion of truth-telling at the global level before tracking back to its development and currency in Australia. Led by Dr Pollard the invited guests will then have a general discussion about different aspects of truth-telling in Australia. The conversation will then transition to the relevance of truth-telling for archaeology in the areas of theory, method and practice and teaching.

Speakers:

Dr Kellie Pollard is a Wiradjuri archaeologist from New South Wales who gained a PhD in archaeology from Flinders University. Dr Pollard works for Charles Darwin University where she specialises in teaching Indigenous philosophies of knowledge making and Indigenous methodologies for doing research with Indigenous people. Dr Pollard's interests extend to emancipatory approaches in research.

Dr Christopher Wilson is a Ngarrindjeri archaeologist from South Australia, and lecturer in archaeology at Flinders University where he specialises in repatriation, ancient history of the Lower Murray River and Coorong regions in south-eastern Australia and broader archaeological perspectives of the First Australians. Chris's interests extend to critical race studies and the empowerment of Indigenous people in archaeology, heritage and social justice.

Professor Claire Smith of Flinders University is an archaeologist with more than thirty years specialisation in working with Indigenous people in Australia and internationally specialising in the decolonisation of archaeological theory, method and practice. Professor Smith is former twice-elected President of the World Archaeological Congress (WAC). A prolific author whose works appear in several international languages, Professor Smith is current Editor of *Encyclopedia of Global Archaeology*.

Professor Henry Reynolds, an eminent academic of Australian European invasion and colonisation history and dispossession of Aboriginal people in Australia, is recognised for his contributions of distinction to the Australian community with the award of 'National Living Treasure' in Australia. Author of several seminal works of European and Aboriginal history, Professor Reynolds is honorary research professor at University of Tasmania.

Associate Professor Lynley Wallis is an archaeologist with more than twenty years specialisation in heritage consultancy in Australia and palaeoenvironmental analysis for the reconstruction of ancient habitat through the study of phytoliths. Professor Wallis is a former Editor of *Australian Archaeology* and is on the current Editorial board of *Queensland Archaeological Research*. Professor Wallis's interests extend to collaborative research in community practice.

Dr Curtis Roman is a Larrakia scholar with a PhD from Charles Darwin University. Curtis is currently manager at the Aboriginal Interpreter Service in Darwin which is a service that provides interpreters to assist Indigenous people whose first language is not English who are before a Magistrate to understand their matter at Court. Curtis is recognised among Larrakia people and academic colleagues with whom he has worked at Charles Darwin University for his leadership and expertise in policies that affect Indigenous people in the Northern Territory.

Dr Keryn Walshe's archaeology background includes working as a consultant cultural heritage manager for a range of private and government entities; full time lecturer with Flinders University; Senior Collections Manager, Aboriginal Collections and Principal Archaeologist with the South Australia Museum. Keryn continues to do archaeological research across a range of themes relating to Indigenous occupation of this continent.