

## **“Teaching from Country International Seminar”**

From July 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 2009, the School of Australian Indigenous Knowledge Systems, Charles Darwin University, will host a three day extended seminar at the SAIKS Seminar Room, on the Casuarina Campus, to report on the ‘Teaching from Country’ Program, and to explore issues around the engagement of Indigenous knowledge authorities in university teaching and research.

The seminar will form part of the Australian Learning and Teaching Council National Fellowship Program, entitled “Teaching From Country: ICTs for Remote Indigenous Knowledge Authorities as Tertiary Educators” held by A/Prof Michael Christie.

Detailed information about the Fellowship Program can be found at

[www.cdu.edu.au/tfc](http://www.cdu.edu.au/tfc)

Speakers will include:

- Yiŋiya Guyula, Djambarrpuyŋu elder and lecturer in Yolŋu Studies, CDU,
- Guthadjaka, Warramiri elder, Gäwa community, Elcho Island.
- Dhangal Gurruwiwi, Gälpu elder, Gikal Community.
- Prof Wendy Brady, Head of The School of Australian Indigenous Knowledge Systems, CDU
- A/Prof Helen Verran, History and Philosophy of Science, University of Melbourne
- Prof Geoff Bowker, Centre for Science, Technology and Society, University of Santa Clara
- Prof Leigh Star, Centre for Science, Technology and Society, University of Santa Clara
- Prof Paul Dourish, University of California, Irvine,
- Keith Warner, Centre for Science, Technology and Society, University of Santa Clara
- Robynne Quiggin, Australian Indigenous Intellectual Property lawyer
- Charles Darwin University Teaching from Country team:
  - A/Prof Michael Christie, National ALTC Fellow
  - John Greatorex, Coordinator Yolngu studies
  - Trevor van Weeren, Multimedia and web designer.

Other specially invited people will include:

- The Australian advisers to the Teaching from Country Program,
  - Prof Yvonne Cadet-James, Chair of Indigenous Australian Studies and Head of School of Indigenous Australian Studies at James Cook University
  - Jeannie Bell, Head of The School of Education, Arts and Social Science, Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education.
- Yolŋu Studies students currently in the Teaching from Country program, and postgraduate research students in related areas.
- Yolŋu advisers to CDU, Yolŋu consultants, and other Yolŋu knowledge holders in the program.
- United Nations University, Traditional Knowledge Initiative.
- CSIRO: Collaborative water planning in northern Australia

Tentative Program:

	Monday 27th	Tuesday 28th	Wednesday 29th
10am – 12 noon	<p><b>Teaching from Country: a report to the community</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Christie</li> <li>• Yinjiya</li> <li>• Guthadjaka</li> <li>• Dhāṅgal</li> <li>• John Greatorex</li> <li>• Trevor van Weeren</li> </ul>	<p>Starting 9am:</p> <p><b>Wendy Brady (SAIKS CDU):</b> Toxic debt: the Indigenous knowledge economy and the academy.</p> <p><b>Terry Dunbar:</b> Experiences of Indigenous knowledge holders in the academy.</p> <p><b>Student forum:</b></p>	<p>Starting 9am:</p> <p><b>Ian Nigh (UNU-TII):</b> Formal recognition of traditional knowledge in the academy.</p> <p><b>Keith Warner:</b> Patterns of Partnerships between scientists and religious conservation initiatives</p> <p><b>Sandy O’Sullivan:</b> Multimedia and intermedia in Indigenous Research</p>
12 noon	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1pm – 3pm	<p><b>Teaching from Country Multimedia salon</b> Displays of the digital resources, informal discussions, group meetings. Yolŋu advisers, knowledge authorities and lecturers available to discuss their work. <b>Yolŋu Researchers panel</b> ???</p>	<p><b>Robynne Quiggin:</b> Australian and Indigenous Intellectual Property laws, the internet, and the academy.</p> <p><b>Geoff Bowker:</b> Topic TBC</p>	<p><b>Margaret Ayre (CSIRO):</b> Indigenous knowledge and water planning in the Northern Territory.</p> <p><b>Paul Dourish:</b> Topic TBC</p>
3pm	<p><b>Helen Verran:</b> Performing People-Place: Story-Screens</p>	<p><b>Susan Leigh Star:</b> Topic TBC</p>	<p><b>Final Forum:</b> ???</p>
4pm	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>
5pm		<b>Yolŋu Studies Class</b>	
7:30pm			<b>Susan Leigh Star:</b> International seminar

**Registration:**

Everyone is welcome, but numbers are limited to 50, so please register early:

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If you would like to present a paper, please contact Michael Christie.