

Race, Culture, Indigeneity and the Politics of Public Health

A three-day short course presented by the McCaughey Centre and the Onemda Koori Health Unit, Melbourne School of Population Health, University of Melbourne

February 17th - 19th and April 12th - 14th 2010

- Are you interested in the political context of Indigenous health?
- Are you ever confused or frustrated by the complexity of Indigenous health problems?
- Would you benefit from a range of theoretical tools that would help you negotiate complex issues?

While the historical, social and political context of Indigenous health poses particular challenges for public health practitioners, few have access to the body of scholarship that addresses issues of cultural diversity, power relations, and identity politics. This workshop aims to use interactive exercises, case studies and small group work to:

- introduce key concepts from anthropology, social psychology, sociology and critical Indigenous studies to assist public health practitioners;
- illustrate theories and debates using public health texts, including journal articles, videos, newspaper articles, web resources and policy documents; and
- enhance the ability of public health practitioners to critically analyse texts and apply social science theory to practical public health problems.

Who should attend

This course has been designed as a professional development activity for those in research, policy or service delivery roles within Indigenous health, social work, education and related areas.

- Date:** Two courses are running in 2010:
February 17th - 19th and April 12th - 14th
- Venue:** Trinity College, University of Melbourne
- Cost:** \$825 (including GST)
- Presenters:** Dr Yin Paradies, NHMRC Research Fellow, Menzies School of Health Research & University of Melbourne. BSc NTU, MMedStats Newcastle, MPH UC Berkeley, PhD Melb
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Maximum of 24 places - early bookings essential

"A very well thought out course; an event that enables reflection and reassessment. Sometimes confronting, but done in a non-threatening way. Will contribute to the quality and thoughtfulness of research in Indigenous health."

"The course was recommended to me and I will further recommend to others. It would be useful for all non-Indigenous health professionals intending to assist in Indigenous health."

(Comments from course participants)