Centre for Educational Research
Black Lives Matter and Education:
Pathways to Action

DATE: TUESDAY 7 JULY
TIME: 1PM – 3PM
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The Black Lives Matters protests of 2020 have sparked widespread interest and support in the long-running movement both in Australia and overseas. The protests have been a catalyst for critical conversations around racial justice and the need to address systemic and institutional racism in all spaces. Western Sydney University’s Centre for Educational Research is uniquely placed to discuss the implications for all sectors of Education. This online symposium features research from Higher Education, Initial Teacher Education, Schools, Early Learning and community education. This event includes the following presentations as well as an opportunity for questions and discussion.

**Michelle Trudgett**

**Presentation title:** The rightful place of Indigenous Australians in the academy

Michelle Trudgett is an Indigenous scholar from the Wiradjuri Nation in NSW and Western Sydney University's Pro Vice-Chancellor Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education, Strategy and Consultation. Michelle has been a Chief Investigator on four Australian Research Council grants, three as the lead CI. She has been awarded the highly prestigious National NAIDOC Scholar of the Year Award, the national Neville Bonner Award for Teaching Excellence and the University of New England Distinguished Alumni Award in 2019.

**Stacey Kim Coates**

**Presentation title:** Educate the Educators

Stacey Kim Coates is a proud Wiradjuri woman and PhD Candidate at Western Sydney University, examining synergies between the governance structures within Australian universities, Indigenous leadership and outcomes in relation to Indigenous Higher Education.

**Virginia O’Rourke**

**Presentation Title:** The 3 R’s of Indigenous Education as a Pathway to Action: Recognize, Respect, Respond

Virginia O’Rourke epitomises the resilience of her D'harawal ancestors and is completing a PHD on the role of culturally responsive education for Indigenous primary students. Currently living under lockdown in the USA, Virginia is drawing on the local context to inform her social and political activism.
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Michelle Locke
Presentation title: Why Black Lives Matter in Early Childhood Education
Michelle Locke is a proud Dharug woman and WSU Alumni, with over twenty years’ experience in Early Childhood Education. Michelle has a Masters of Indigenous Education and her PhD, Yanna Jannawi. (Walk with Me). Centering Indigenous Ways of Knowing in Early Education and Care Settings is currently under examination.

Loshini Naidoo
Presentation title: Citizen Other: Longing for Belonging
Associate Professor Loshini Naidoo teaches and researches in social justice education at Western Sydney University. She has an established reputation in the area of refugee education having completed studies on forced migration at Oxford University.

Alfred Mupenzi
Presentation title: How can I honour my identity as an African and keep a blind eye to history?
Dr Alfred Mupenzi is a researcher in social justice in education, working in Western Sydney University’s Office of Widening Participation. His recently concluded PhD thesis focused on narratives of displacement, resilience and education: experiences of African students with a refugee background in Australian tertiary education.

Rachael Jacobs
Presentation title: Critiquing the Arts: The Need for Explicit Anti-Racist Approaches in the Classroom
Dr Rachael Jacobs is an Indian-Australian lecturer and researcher in Creative Arts education at Western Sydney University, a community artist, freelance writer and activist.

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