

# ICS SEMINAR SERIES 2024

## Negotiating Forms of Aboriginality

13 June 2024 | 11:30am - 1:00pm

Room: EZ.G.22 Parramatta South Campus

### Abstract

This seminar explores the negotiation of Aboriginality according to the lived experiences of Aboriginal people in the context of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal organisations and services in western Sydney. The seminar will unpack two vignettes from the research to discuss the complexity of Aboriginality, informed by Indigenous standpoint theory. It will also discuss issues arising from the methods and technologies used for data collection.

### Biographies

Jack Gibson, a Wiradjuri man, is a Doctor of Cultural Research (DCR) student in the Institute for Culture and Society. He has worked in the Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO) sector for more than three decades, as chairperson, executive officer, frontline worker, and consultant. Jack's longstanding in the ACCO sector and his knowledge and experience fits well with the DCR and is complementary to his research interests.

Professor Gawaian Bodkin-Andrews is a D'harawal man raised on Bidjigal (bitter water) and Nattaimattagal (sweet water) Country. Prof Bodkin-Andrews' research encapsulates and promotes Aboriginal Australian standpoints and perspectives across a diversity of disciplines, most notably education and psychology. He is currently a member of Maianayri Wingara Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Data Sovereignty Group, the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, the D'harawal Traditional Descendants and Knowledge Holders Circle, and Pak Hok Pai (White Crane Kung Fu) Australia Incorporated.

**Panelists: Jack Gibson and  
Gawaian Bodkin-Andrews**  
**Chair: Louise Crabtree-Hayes**

**NEXT SEMINAR:  
20 JUNE**