Bio Sketch
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Area(s) of Research Interest
Indigenous studies - Psychology and Social Work disciplines: Development of cultural competencies
Child Protection – South Australia
Critical race and whiteness studies

Current Research Activities
Masters by Research – Title: Articulating Cultural Competence: what’s needed in preparing human service practitioners to work effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in South Australia

Community Engagement Project – Title: Elders and traditional teaching: Healing through connection to culture and traditional teaching - recognising and honouring our Ngatji (totems) – Ngarrindjeri SA

Key Publication