Bio Sketch

Trish Luker is a socio-legal scholar with an interest in interdisciplinary approaches to law, drawing on the humanities and social sciences. She obtained a PhD from La Trobe University in 2007. Her thesis was entitled 'The Rhetoric of Reconciliation: Evidence and Judicial Subjectivity in Cubillo v Commonwealth'. Using an interdisciplinary framework, the thesis is a textual analysis of the transcript of trial and decision in the landmark action taken by members of the Stolen Generations against the Australian government. Previously, she has worked as an author, editor and communications professional at the Victorian Law Reform Commission, Federal Court of Australia and the Legal Information Access Centre.

Areas of Expertise

critical race and whiteness studies
feminist theory
critical legal theory
socio-legal studies
law and language

Current Research Activities

Trish is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Law School at the University of Queensland during 2010–12. Her postdoctoral research project is entitled 'The Burden of Proof: Critical Approaches to Evidence in Human Rights Law'. The project focuses on the reception of testimonial evidence given by asylum seeker applicants at the Refugee Review Tribunal.


Two Key Publications

T Luker, 'Reading the Evidentiary Void: The Body at the Scene of Writing' (2009) 18 (2) Griffith Law Review 298-313