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Bio Sketch

Pat Dudgeon is from Bardi people of the Kimberley. She is a psychologist and is known for her role in Indigenous higher education. She is well known in her role as Head of the Centre for Aboriginal Studies at Curtin University, having worked there from 1990 and led the organization through significant growth and change. Amongst many projects, grants and awards achieved during her time as Head, of significance was the Curtin Indigenous Research Centre (CIRC), established in 1997. Her doctorate was entitled *Mothers of Sin: Indigenous Women's Perceptions of their Identity and Sexuality*.

As well as leadership in Indigenous higher education, Pat Dudgeon has also had significant involvement in psychology and Indigenous issues for many years. She was the first convener of the Australian Psychological Society Interest Group: Aboriginal Issues, Aboriginal People and Psychology and has been instrumental in convening many conferences and discussion groups at National levels to ensure that Indigenous issues are part of the agenda in the discipline. She has many publications in this area and is considered one of the 'founding' people in Indigenous people and psychology. Currently she is the Chair of the Indigenous Australian Psychologists Association and in 2008, was the first Aboriginal psychologist to be awarded the grade of Fellow in the Australian Psychological Society.

Pat Dudgeon is actively involved with the Aboriginal community and has a commitment to social justice for Indigenous people. Pat has participated in numerous community service activities and projects of significance. She has publications in the areas of psychology, education and women's issues. Currently, she is a research fellow and an associate professor at the University of Western Australia.

Area(s) of Expertise

Psychology and Indigenous people
Indigenous Women
Indigenous People and Social Justice

Current Research Activities

- 1) Researcher: *Contemporary Roles of Aboriginal Women: Strategies for Developing, Maintaining and Sustaining Leadership*. The University of Western Australia.
- 2) Coordinator for the inaugural national *Roundtable on Research About Racism Towards Indigenous Australians*. Hosted by the school of Indigenous Studies, University of Western Australia, the Telethon Institute of Child Health Research. The Australian Indigenous Psychologists Association, the Australian Psychological Society, the University of Notre Dame, the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission and the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association.
- 3) Co-editor and contributor: Textbook about Australian Indigenous women entitled: *Australian Indigenous Women's Intellectual Traditions and Gendered Writings*. The University of Western Australia and Batchelor Institute for Indigenous Tertiary Education.
- 4) Co-editor and chapter(s) contributor to *The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Text*. ACER and Kulunga, Telethon Institute for Indigenous Child Health Research.

Two Key Publications

- 1) Dudgeon, P. (2008). The sinking of the Enid. In S. Morgan, T. Mia & B. Kwymullina (Eds). *Heartsick for Country*. Perth: Fremantle Press.
- 2) Chief editor and major contributor of Dudgeon, P., Garvey, D and Pickett, H. (2000). *Working With Indigenous Australians: A Handbook for Psychologists*, Perth: Gunada Press.