Bio Sketch
Maggie Walter (PhD) is a trawlwoolway woman of the pymmerrairrener nation of north east Tasmania and a senior lecturer with the School of Sociology at the University of Tasmania, Australia. Her research is driven by her passion for social policy issues, especially as they relate to Indigenous peoples, inequality and families and she teaches and publishes across these areas. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts (Social Welfare) from Charles Sturt University in 1994, a Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) from the University of Tasmania in 1998 and was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Tasmania in 2003.

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Indigenous Related Social Policy
Inequality
Social Research Methods

Current Research Activities
Maggie has recently published, with Daphne Habibis, Social Inequality in Australia: Discourses, Realities and Futures (2008 Oxford University Press) and the 2nd edition of her edited text, Social Research Methods: an Australian Perspective (Oxford University Press) is due for release in October 2009. Maggie’s research practice is broad but she has particular skills in survey research and statistical analysis and has translated these into an Indigenous quantitative methodology: nayri kati. Maggie is also working on a number of funded research projects. These include: a DEEWR funded scoping study for an Indigenous Centre for Research Development (completed May 2009) and an examination of non-Indigenous place within the terrain of Australian race relations. She is a member of the AIATSIS Research Committee; secretary of the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) and a long-term steering committee member for the Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children being conducted by FaHCSIA. Her current activities include embedding Indigenous research methodologies (working with Professor Aileen Moreton-Robinson) within Australian research practice and building Indigenous research capacity.

Two Key Publications