

# Anger and Indigenous Men

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## Contributor Biographies

### **Graham Atkinson, Atkinson Kerr & Associates (AKA)**

Graham Atkinson is a senior member of the Victorian Indigenous community, and a clan member of the Yorta Yorta and Dja Dja Wurrung tribes. He successfully obtained his Bachelor of Social Work and Bachelor of Arts from Melbourne University in 1977 and 1981 respectively, and graduated with an MBA from RMIT in 1994.

Since establishing his own consulting business in 1986, he worked extensively in Indigenous affairs throughout Victoria with Government and community-based organisations. In 2003, Graham joined his business, Yuruga Enterprises, with Stephen Kerr and Associates as a social research and consulting service trading as Atkinson Kerr and Associates. AKA has completed extensive evaluation work for the Government, community and Indigenous service sectors. It recently completed an evaluation of the Aboriginal Women's Mentoring Pilot for Corrections Victoria (2004) and a statewide evaluation of the Aboriginal Justice Agreement for the Department of Justice (2005).

Graham is also chairperson of Native Title Services (Victoria), Dja Dja Wurrung Native Title Claimant Group and Dulin Incorporated Indigenous Youth Mentoring Program.

### **Chris Cunneen**

In February 2006, Professor Chris Cunneen took up the NewSouth Global Chair in Criminology at the University of New South Wales, Sydney.

Previously, Professor Cunneen taught criminology at the University of Sydney Law School from 1990-2005. He was Director of the Institute of Criminology, University of Sydney from 1999-2005. He has worked with a number of Australian Royal Commissions and Inquiries (including the Stolen Generations Inquiry and the National Inquiry into Racist Violence), Aboriginal organisations such as ATSIC, and the federal Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission.

He was also Chairperson of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Council 2001-2007, and a member of the New South Wales Taskforce on Child Sexual Assault in Aboriginal Communities 2003-2006.

He has published widely in the area of juvenile justice, policing, and Indigenous issues including a number of books (*Juvenile Justice. Youth and Crime in Australia*, Oxford University Press, 2007; *Indigenous People and the Law in Australia*, Butterworths, 1995; *Faces of Hate – hate crime in Australia*, Federation Press, 1997; and *Conflict, Politics and Crime*, Allen & Unwin, 2001).

### **Linda Davey**

Linda Davey is a Senior Psychologist with the Department of Correctional Services in South Australia.

### **Andrew Day**

Associate Research Professor Andrew Day is a clinical and forensic psychologist who has worked in correctional and forensic mental health services in the UK and Australia. He has led the Forensic Psychology Research Group for the Centre of Applied Psychological Research at the University of South Australia since 2004.

Dr Day obtained his Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at the University of Birmingham in 1994 and Masters in Science in Applied Criminological Psychology at the University of London in 1991 which included work as a Prison Psychologist with the UK Home Office. He has published many research publications on offender risk needs, co-edited textbooks for pre-university Psychology curriculums, and presented conference papers at the Australian Institute of Criminology, Correctional Agencies and academies in Australia. He focuses mainly in anger

management programmes and is developing therapeutic approaches in handling indigenous, young and violent offenders in offender rehabilitation in Australia.

### **Jason De Santolo**

Jason De Santolo is a Research Fellow at the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at University of Technology, Sydney.

### **Kevin Howells**

Kevin Howells is Professor of Forensic Clinical Psychology at Nottingham University in the UK and Head of the Peaks Academic and Research Unit and a member of the Institute of Mental Health. He is also a visiting member of the Centre for Applied Psychological Research at the University of South Australia.

He has worked professionally and as a researcher in forensic mental health and criminal justice services in Australia and the UK. He has a long term interest in therapeutic approaches with offenders, in anger and its consequences and in cognitive behavioural treatments. He worked full-time in Australia from 1994 to 2004.

### **Paige Johnston**

Paige Johnston is a postgraduate student in the Masters of Psychology Program (Forensic Specialisation) at the University of South Australia. She obtained her Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) in 2006, while working as a Children's Counsellor in Elizabeth, South Australia with a large NGO.

Paige is currently working with youth and families in an Early Intervention Program, and her research interests include Indigenous Issues, the development of culturally appropriate rehabilitation programs for community and correctional settings, and the criminal justice system.

### **Robin Jones, University of Melbourne**

Robin is a registered Clinical Psychologist and a Fellow of the Department of Political Science, Criminology and Sociology, University of Melbourne. She has 15 years' experience developing, implementing and evaluating criminal justice and offender rehabilitation programs, and has a specialised interest in cross-cultural research and practice. She has worked with number of different communities and ethnic groups, including Maori and Pacific Island peoples in New Zealand, African American and Hispanic youth and families in the USA, and more recently, Koori communities in Victoria. She has undertaken this work in both government and community-based settings.

In Australia since 2000, Robin has provided consultation, training and technical assistance to a range of criminal justice service providers, principally through Corrections Victoria and the Indigenous Issues Unit of the Department of Justice. This work has included significant contributions to Victoria's Sex Offender Treatment Programs, the Aboriginal Adult Residential Diversionary Program, the Aboriginal Cultural Immersion Program, the 2004 Koori Justice Network Conference, the Aboriginal Justice Agreement Review, and the Young Indigenous Men's SHED (family violence) Program in Gippsland. Cross-cultural and Indigenous work remain her strongest areas of interest, especially social justice initiatives addressing Indigenous over-representation in Victoria's criminal justice system.

### **Ruth McAusland**

Ruth McAusland is a Research Fellow at the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at University of Technology, Sydney.

**Martin Nakata**

Prof N Martin Nakata is Chair of Australian Indigenous Education and Director of Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at University of Technology, Sydney. His primary research interest is in the area of methodological approaches to Indigenous people in colonial situations.

His current research projects include the treatment and preparation of Australian Indigenous materials for the digital domain, and the academic preparation of students for higher education studies. He has written widely on Indigenous matters in various Australian and international publications. His latest publication, *Disciplining the savages – Savaging the disciplines*, has just been released by Aboriginal Studies Press (2008).

**Vicky Nakata**

Vicky Nakata is a researcher at Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning. Vicky Nakata has taught for many years in remote and urban schools where Indigenous students have held her primary interests.

Since the 1990s she has ventured into the tertiary sector variously as an Assistant and Associate to research projects, provided editorial support and advice where needed, and undertaken co-authoring roles in academic papers. Since the early emergence of new information technologies, she has developed a keen interest in the Online learning issues, particularly in areas of developing Information Literacies and the changing role of Information managers.

**Rosemary Wanganeen**

Rosemary Kudnarto Wanganeen is a well known and respected educator and counsellor. She spent two-and-a-half years on the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, this in turn enabled her to see a major gap in the Aboriginal services – there was no culturally appropriate counselling in loss and grief. She went on to become the founding Director of the Australian Institute for Healing Loss and Grief (2006) trading as the Sacred Site Within Healing Centre (1993).

She is an Adjunct Research Fellow with the University of South Australia – School of Psychology and has presented at conferences nationally and internationally. She is a mother of four and grandmother of five.