

Keynote Speakers

LIME Connection VII



Richard Frankland, The University of Melbourne

Associate Professor Richard Frankland is Associate Dean Inclusion and Diversity and Head of Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development at the University of Melbourne's Victorian College of the Arts and the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music. A proud Gunditjmara man, Richard lives on Country in south-west Victoria. His roles include as an investigator for the Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Royal Commission, fisherman, musician, author, writer for theatre, screenwriter, director of stage and screen, theatrical producer, CEO, keynote speaker for theatrical institutions, workshop facilitator and keynote speaker on Indigenous issues (including lateral violence, cultural safety and community capacity building), associate dean and, most importantly, family man. Richard's lifelong work has been to facilitate the voice of Indigenous Australians via his many public personas. Richard constantly reminds people that: 'We are not a problem people, we are people with a problem and that problem was colonisation.'



Juli Coffin, The University of Notre Dame Australia

Julianne (Juli) is an Aboriginal Western Australian who has traditional ties to her grandparents' Country in the Pilbara region (Nyangumarta). Born in Ngala, WA, she has lived the majority of her life in the Pilbara. Juli is the proud mother of three children and a graduate of Edith Cowan and James Cook Universities. A prominent Aboriginal researcher with expertise in cultural security, education and research across a diverse range of chronic diseases, nutrition, contextualising bullying, and health promotion, Juli holds a Bachelor of Education, a Master of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and a PhD. With a keen interest in Aboriginal languages and ways of learning, Juli is highly regarded by her peers as being creative and innovative around some of the particularly controversial and complex areas in Aboriginal health and education.



Evan Adams, First Nations Health Authority, Canada

Evan is of Sliammon First Nation ancestry and is Chief Medical Officer for the First Nations Health Authority. In this role he provides leadership representing the FNHA, working closely with government partners on population and public health matters that affect First Nations and all British Columbians. Evan leads a team of physicians who focus on First Nations health and wellness with the aim of creating a unique health care model that will be the first of its kind in Canada. He contributes to the continued transformation of health care and responds to the wellness directives provided by First Nations communities. Evan is also notable for his acting career; he truly enjoys the arts.



Rhys Jones, The University of Auckland

Rhys (Ngāti Kahungunu) is a Public Health Medicine Specialist. He is also Senior Lecturer and Director of Teaching at the University of Auckland's Te Kupenga Hauora Māori, where he oversees Māori Health teaching, learning and assessment in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences. His research interests include ethnic inequalities in and environmental influences on health, and Indigenous health in health professional education. Rhys is the International Lead Investigator of the Educating for Equity project, a research project examining how health professional education can reduce inequities and improve health outcomes for Indigenous populations.