Seminar Series 1
September – October 2012.

School for Indigenous Health
Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences
Yarrawonga Building 58, Clayton campus
Mondays 12.30pm start lunch
1–2pm seminar

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In the first Seminar Series from the **School for Indigenous Health** in the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, 5 Aboriginal speakers from across Victoria will present their views on culture, country health and wellbeing. A key aspect of the health and wellbeing of Indigenous peoples is the relationship between land and wellbeing; not just the physical well being of the individual but the social, emotional and cultural wellbeing of the whole community. This whole of life view is increasingly being described in the context of country.

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**A Barkindji Woman** born and raised on the Darling River in North Western NSW, Rebecca Crawford is currently the coordinator of the Wadja Aboriginal Family Place at the Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne. She is part of a dedicated Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Program that meets the needs of Aboriginal children and their families who attend hospital. This presentation brings ‘country and culture’ into an institutional setting in ways that promote and protect Aboriginal peoples’ health and wellbeing.

Michael Gilby is a Barkindji man from Far Western NSW (Bourke) who’s role within the **Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries Victoria)** is to advise on the Victorian Aboriginal Fishing Strategy, and application of the Victorian Native Title Settlement Framework to addressing Native Title, customary fishing, economic development opportunities and increasing Aboriginal participation in fisheries management. This presentation looks at the use of waterways in Victoria to reconnect people with country, culture health and wellbeing.

Jill Gallagher is a Gunditjmara woman from Western Victoria who has worked within, led and advocated for the Victorian Aboriginal Community all her life. Employed with the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) since 1998 Jill Gallagher has been instrumental in achieving health gain for Aboriginal people across Victoria. This presentation looks at the importance of country and culture in the delivery of urban based health services for Aboriginal people.

**A Gunditjmara man** from Framlingham, Rueben Berg has been appointed as an Emerging Leader by the Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership (2012). Completing an Architectural degree at the University of Queensland, he has also established not-for-profit organisations and a private consulting business. He believes a key aspect to the continuation of the culture is to ensure that all Victorians understand and embrace Indigenous culture. In this presentation he looks at Aboriginal concepts of architecture and how we can embrace the values of Indigenous culture to guide our everyday decisions.

Rooney Grambeau is from the Wotjobaluk and Jardwadjali Clans in north west Victoria. Born and raised in Horsham, his first job was an education cultural officer at Brambuk at the age of 13 where he remains today, taking visitors on tours to the oldest rock art in Australia, through bush tucker gardens and provides hands on training with artifacts. He is a dancer and performer, and does smoking ceremonies. He has dedicated his life to being strong and passionate about culture, building on the role modeling provided by his uncles and grandfather. A strong family man with strong family values, he wants to help break the cycle some young people are trapped in and is working with young people in inspirational ways.

**This seminar series focuses on re-affirming Aboriginal peoples’ connection to country.** Simply being on country, actively managing country, and performing cultural activities promotes both health benefits for people and benefits to our landscape. This reciprocal health and wellbeing between country and people derives from maintaining or re-establishing cultural connections to country.

“If people care for country, then country cares for people.”

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