

## **Dr. Bronwyn Carlson**

Dr. Bronwyn Carlson is a senior lecturer in the Indigenous Studies Unit, Faculty of Law, Humanities and the Arts at the University of Wollongong, NSW Australia. Her research interests include:

The politics of Indigenous identity – with particular interest in what it means to identify as an Aboriginal person today focussing on what constitutes and is constitutive of Aboriginal identity in contemporary times.

Aboriginal identity and community and social networking sites - Given the popularity of online social networking sites she is particularly interested in how Aboriginal people represent and negotiate identity issues in the online space, more specifically in *Facebook*. She is interested in how questions of Aboriginal identity on social network sites are posed or counterposed.

Bronwyn is the first Indigenous person at UOW to receive an Australian Research Council, Indigenous Discovery Grant for her research work with Indigenous people and their use of social network sites. In addition, Bronwyn's dissertation titled: *The politics of identity: who counts as Aboriginal today?* an examination of the complexities surrounding Aboriginal identity as it has been discursively produced in the everyday was awarded the prestigious 2013 Stanner Award presented by the Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).

Bronwyn is one of the founding members of the *Working Group on Emergent Indigenous Identities*, a collaborative research group with Northern Arizona University. This group of scholars focuses on Indigenous identities and the way in which Indigenous Studies practitioners negotiate teaching Indigenous Studies in global context. The Working Group recently published an edited volume in which Bronwyn contributed the following chapter:

Carlson, B. 2013 'The 'new frontier': Emergent Indigenous identities and social media' in Harris, M., Nakata, M. & Carlson, B. *The Politics of Identity: Emerging Indigeneity*, University of Technology Sydney E-Press, Sydney. Available at, <http://purl.library.usyd.edu.au/uts/9780987236920>

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