‘Aboriginal Discourse @ UOW’ is a new and exciting set of seminars that have been developed as part of the new UOW Aboriginal Cultural Appreciation Model. The project will work with internal and external Academics, Researchers and networks to deliver engaging two-way seminars on a variety of topics specific to Australian Aboriginal peoples and communities.

**Date:** 4 February 2015  
**Time:** 1:30pm – 3:00pm (Inclusive of 1/2hr Discussion)  
**Venue:** Building 20, Lecture Theatre 2

**Associate Professor Ted Wilkes**  
National Drug Research Institute (NDRI), Curtin University WA

Wilkes is a Nyungar man from Western Australia. He is currently Associate Professor of Aboriginal Research Programs at the National Drug Research Institute (NDRI) Faculty of Health Sciences at Curtin University where he is active in Aboriginal capacity building and research and its application. Previously Associate Professor Wilkes worked as the CEO of the Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service (DYHS), and as Associate Professor, Centre for Developmental Health, at the Telethon Institute of Child Health (TICHR). Associate Professor Wilkes is a Prime Ministerial appointed member of the Australian National Advisory Council on Alcohol & Drugs (ANACAD) and for nine years was the Chairperson of the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC *recently abolished*). He furthermore provides advice and expertise to a wide range of other committees at state/territory, national and international levels and is involved in many research initiatives. As an Aboriginal leader, he has endeavoured to facilitate positive health and social outcomes, for the Aboriginal community, as well as for the Australian community generally.

**Professor Dennis Gray**  
National Drug Research Institute (NDRI), Curtin University WA

Professor Dennis Gray is a Deputy Director at the National Drug Research Institute (NDRI) at Curtin University, and a leader of the Institute’s Aboriginal Research Program. He is an eminent researcher in this area and has a long history of conducting collaborative research with Aboriginal community-controlled organisations. Professor Gray has published extensively on Aboriginal substance misuse issues and has been invited to give presentations on his research in various national and international forums. His most recent work has focused upon the provision of alcohol and other drug services and on enhancing options for the management of alcohol- and cannabis-related problems in Aboriginal community-controlled health services. His research has had demonstrable outcomes at the national, state/territory and regional/local levels. For nine years he was a member of the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC *recently abolished*), his research team was awarded the 2006 National Alcohol and Drug Award for Excellence in Research, and in 2010 – in recognition of his significant contribution to the alcohol and other drugs field – he was named on the National Drug and Alcohol Honour Roll.

For more information or to RSVP your attendance to this event by Friday 30, please email:  
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