

# Weaving the therapeutic fabric:

integration of psychodynamic psychotherapy with  
contemporary therapeutic approaches for treatment of trauma

23-25 October 2025 | Perth, WA

## Faculty of Psychotherapy 2025 Conference Program

Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025		
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch and registration	
13:00 – 15:00	Psychotherapy Written Case for supervisors A/Prof Loyola Mclean and A/Prof Davinder Hans	Psychotherapy Written Case for trainees Dr John Robertson
15:00 – 15:30	Afternoon tea	
15:30 – 17:00	Psychotherapy Written Case for supervisors A/Prof Loyola Mclean and A/Prof Davinder Hans	Psychotherapy Written Case for trainees Dr John Robertson
17:00 – 19:00	Welcome reception	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025		
08:00 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 – 09:15	Conference opening and Welcome to Country	
09:15 – 10:30	Keynote presentation Weaving and following the layered threads together: Integrating bodymind experience in a relational neuroscience and both-ways conversation on growth, trauma and restor(y)ation A/Professor Loyola Mclean	
10:30 – 11:00	Morning tea	
11:00 – 11:45	Refugee trauma is more than post-traumatic stress disorder Dr Susan Lutton	
11:45 – 12:30	Invited presentation Dr Karen Williams	
12:30 – 12:45	Q&A panel	
12:45 -13:45	Lunch	
13:45 – 14:15	Grieving and healing: Impact of patient suicide on psychiatrists using psychodynamic, existential and moral perspectives Dr Mojdeh Bassiri	Navigating the edge: Balancing safety, family inclusion, and emotional pain in adolescent suicide risk management Dr Giulia Pace
14:15 – 14:45	Mind as the key thread: Weaving the therapeutic fabric Dr Robin Chester	Lacan and trauma Dr David Westcombe
14:45 – 15:15	Addiction Goodbye Letter Therapy (AGLT)- Journey to acceptance Associate Professor Wole Akosile	Pathological dissociation symptoms and coping strategies in adolescents attending Touchstone CAMHS: A qualitative study Dr Bronwyn Milkins
15:15 – 15:45	Afternoon tea	
15:45 – 17:00	Deep brain reorienting, the healing of trauma and the concept of the unconscious Dr Frank Corrigan	
19:00 – 22:00	Optional cocktail function	

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Saturday 25th October 2025		
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 – 10:15	<b>Keynote presentation</b> Professor Helen Milroy	
10:15 – 10:45	Morning tea	
10:45 – 11:15	<b>Strength through treatment - Healing for PTSD</b> Dr Mathew Samuel	<b>Safety and stabilisation as prerequisite for Trauma Informed Psychodynamic Psychotherapy</b> Associate Professor Andrew Leggett
11:15 – 11:45	<b>Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing (EMDR) trauma therapy in the acute inpatient setting: A pilot study</b> Dr Francesca Turner	<b>Effectiveness of a CBT-Insomnia group intervention in a mental health inpatient setting</b> Dr Madhavan Seshadri
11:45 – 12:15	<b>Psychiatrists' experience with contemporary trauma focused psychotherapy techniques</b> Dr Elizabeth Desovska	<b>Psychodynamic model and intervention for de-escalation of suicidal patients with BPD in the ED</b> Dr Shanthi Saha
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch	
13:15 – 14:00	<b>Threat, danger and PTSD: A timeline from a body psychotherapy perspective</b> Dr Andy Harkin	
14:00 – 14:45	<b>Journeying inwards towards profound healing: Integration of psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy with psychodynamic psychotherapy</b> Dr Annette Mackereth	
14:45 – 15:15	Afternoon tea	
15:15 – 15:45	Q&A panel	
15:45 – 16:15	<b>55 years of psychotherapy</b> Associate Professor Carolyn Quadrio	
16:15 – 16:30	Conference close	