

Gold Coast Social Workers Practice Group - November

Guest Speaker: Dr Jennifer Boddy Environmental Social Work

Dr Jennifer Boddy is a Senior Lecturer with Griffith University. Jenny is a highly respected and insightful Lecturer, she contributes widely to knowledge and practice of social work both in Australia and internationally.

In particular Jenny has researched and added to social work knowledge in the area of environmental social work.

Jenny will be speaking at our practice group about environmental social work in the current context.

We look forward to hearing from Jenny, and having an opportunity to discuss and connect around these ideas.



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Thursday 21 November 2019
4.30pm—6.00pm

WHERE

Griffith University, Gold Coast Campus
Parklands Drive, Southport
Room – G11_4.28/4.29 (Sky Lounge)

Dr Jennifer Boddy is Deputy Head of School (Learning and Teaching) for the School of Human Services and Social Work at Griffith University. Jennifer's research is focused on environmental justice, feminism, and program evaluation. She has undertaken extensive high-level research in these fields. Coupled with her practice experience as a counsellor and therapeutic caseworker, she has an in-depth understanding of the complexities of people's environments and their impacts on health and wellbeing. Since completing her PhD in 2009, Jennifer has developed a strong scholarly background and publication track record in social work. In that time, she has published over 50 peer-reviewed publications, books chapters, and reports. She has led and been involved in partnerships that have obtained almost one million dollars in competitive funding, consultancies and other government research funding and she has supervised seven PhD students to completion. Jennifer is particularly interested in understanding and addressing the impacts of climate change on marginalised people and advancing feminist research.

Jennifer is a leading international researcher in environmental social work and her work is grounded in a commitment to social and environmental justice. She is thus well positioned to lead Theme 3 on Climate Justice. Jennifer leads the Education Sub-Committee of the Sustainability Initiatives for Griffith Health Working Party. As part of her role on the Australian and New Zealand Social Work, Welfare, Education and Research (ANZSWWER) Association, Jennifer also worked cross-institutionally with academics to embed climate change and sustainability curricula across Australian social work programs. She was an invited expert at the *Theo Murphy High Flyers Think Tank on Climate Change*, which brings together early- and mid-career Australian and New Zealand researchers to propose novel solutions to contemporary critical issues. She has been an invited author in the *Routledge Handbook of Green Social Work*, another on *Greening Social Work Education* in an International Federation of Social Work publication, and others. As evidenced in her leadership, research, teaching and service, Jennifer is passionate about creating fair, equitable and just societies and advancing broader sustainable development goals.