



## 2009 Australian Laureate Fellow

### Professor Richard Bryant

#### *An Empirical Model of Aboriginal Mental health*

Current Organisation: The University of New South Wales  
Administering Organisation: The University of New South Wales  
Primary research field: Psychiatry  
National Research Priority: Promoting and Maintaining Good Health

Professor Richard Bryant is a current Australian Research Council Australian Professorial Fellow in the Department of Psychology at The University of New South Wales. He is internationally recognised as the leading authority on early psychological responses after trauma.

The poor health, academic, and mental health functioning of Aboriginal children is one of Australia's major public health problems. This project aims to determine the social and emotional well-being of Indigenous children and their families in remote Australia. This project will identify the specific factors that lead to these problems and provide an evidence base to shape future empirically-informed interventions to reduce violence and mental health problems in Aboriginal communities.

Professor Bryant was awarded his PhD from Macquarie University in Psychology. He is currently on the Board of Directors of the International Society of Traumatic Stress Society and was Chair of the 2006 World Congress Committee for the International Society of Traumatic Stress Society. He is an advisor to the Trauma-Related Disorders Work Group for the American Psychiatric Association's revision of international classification of psychological disorders and a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia.

Professor Bryant has been the recipient of many distinguished awards. These include the Australian Society for Psychiatric Research Founders Medal, the Australian Association for Cognitive Behaviour Therapy Lifetime Achievement Award, the Eureka Prize for Science, and the Academy Medal of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia.