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## Talking Heads Seminar Series



*A New Partnership, William Roe, 1994*

### Arriving and departing, but never quite leaving: Kimberley research narratives over times, persons, places

**Professor Sandy Toussaint**

**Wednesday 9 August 2017**

**12:30pm to 1:30pm**

The vast Kimberley has been the focus of extensive multi-disciplinary, multi-sited research projects, such as those inspired through ecological, arts, linguistic, heritage, health, historical, and native title inquiry. Indigenous and non-Indigenous persons who live in the Kimberley, visit from time to time, or undertake the research never to return, have done a great deal of this work. Via reflexive attention to arriving, departing but never quite leaving the Kimberley, and in-depth consideration of the cultural, ethical, theoretical and practical need for place-based, human-inspired interactions over time and space, this paper explores what it means to be both 'in' and 'out' of place, and the sometimes invisible value of return.

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