

HTLV-1 in Central Australia: An ethnography of the lived experience of Aboriginal women

PhD Confirmation Seminar

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Recognising that the neglect of HTLV-1 relates to the long-standing exclusion of marginalised populations from health services and health knowledge production, Fiona's PhD is an ethnographic endeavour exploring the lived experience of HTLV-1 among Aboriginal women in Central Australia. Knowledge co-production will be central to this exercise, through which culturally safe responses to the sexual and breastmilk transmission of HTLV-1 will be explored.

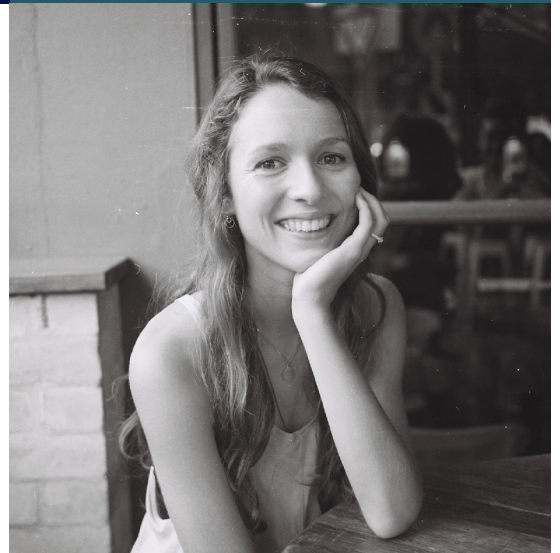
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