Interviewing sensitive populations – stories from a researcher

This session in the public health seminar series explores, with attendees, the experiences, challenges and benefits of working with vulnerable populations. The seminar will identify the guest speakers’ lived experience in working with victims of crime, people living with complex mental health needs and in the justice health space. Attendees will also explore skills and techniques used to manage interviews whilst looking after their own wellbeing in the process.

About Dr Sarah Wayland

Dr Sarah Wayland, BSW, PhD (Health) is a qualitative research methodologist. She has extensive experience in examining traumatic loss and mental ill-health within vulnerable populations. Her previous career as a Social Work practitioner, in the area of missing persons, has created a capacity to work sensitively with individuals who participate in research studies. As a Postdoctoral Research Fellow for the Faculty of Health, UTS Dr Wayland works on projects with a particular focus on justice health and qualitative analysis relating to health factors involving prisoners. She is also a freelance writer and clinical supervisor, assisting people working on the frontline with the impacts of the important work they do.