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David Trigger is Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at The University of Queensland and Adjunct Professor at The University of Western Australia. He is the principal partner in David S Trigger & Associates consulting anthropologists. His research interests encompass the different meanings attributed to land and nature across diverse sectors of society. His research on Australian society includes projects focused on a comparison of pro-development, environmentalist and Aboriginal perspectives on land and nature. His most recent works address senses of historical place that both overlap and diverge for people of diverse ancestries in northern Australia.

In Australian Aboriginal Studies, Professor Trigger has carried out more than 40 years of anthropological research on Indigenous systems of land tenure, including applied research on resource development negotiations and native title. He is the author of more than 70 major applied research reports and has acted as an expert witness in multiple native title claims and associated legal cases involving Aboriginal customary law. Professor Trigger is the author of *Whitefella comin': Aboriginal responses to colonialism in northern Australia* (Cambridge University Press) and a wide range of scholarly articles.

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Throughout his career David has had a deep involvement in applied anthropological research from Aboriginal land and native title claims, to cultural heritage surveys, and resource development negotiations, as well as appearing in a range of court cases as an expert witness. He has also been a powerful advocate for the theoretical and ethnographic significance of applied work leading to the establishment of an innovative Graduate Certificate/Diploma in Applied Anthropology (Native Title & Cultural Heritage) at the University of Western Australia which was taught largely on line to cater for students working in this area.

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