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Jacqueline is interested in how we can respond to racism, both as individuals and by challenging cultures and practices that reproduce racism and inequality. In previous work she has examined local or place-based responses to racism and discourses of denial. Her postdoctoral research uses ideas of performativity to look at how people respond to racism within their own families. Jacqueline has also published on the topics of bystander responses to racism, and ethnic discrimination in housing and employment. She holds a Bachelor of Liberal Studies (Hons I Psychology) from the University of Sydney, an MSc (Applied Social Research) from Trinity College in Ireland, and a PhD from the University of Western Sydney.

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### Local Responses to 'Everywhere But Different' Racism

For some time geographers have asserted that space matters to racism, that racism cannot be treated as a spatially homogeneous phenomenon. This paper asks whether local anti-racism is a meritorious means of advancing anti-racism. Our aims are twofold: to report on what we see as the merits of local anti-racism, and to deliver a frank assessment of the challenges faced when developing local responses to racism. Local anti-racism initiatives undertaken by local government and community organisations are analysed in the context of contemporary neoliberal modes of governance, under which 'communities' become governance objects, where attempts are made to deracialise and depoliticise interethnic community relations, and responsibilities are localised.