

**Title: They come from the land down under: Australian Mesozoic dinosaurs.**

As a fellow Canadian, Nic grew up thinking that dinosaurs were only found in the Badlands. These areas represent large water-weathered, canyon-like expanses of relatively inhospitable lands but are treasure troves for palaeontologists seeking discoveries. Badlands are the reason Canada, and the Western Interior of North America in general, are among the best places in the world to find dinosaurs and have been for over 150 years. In comparison, the Australian dinosaur record may seem rather sparse. The palaeontological research in Australia is much younger, and unfortunately, no Badlands. In his presentation, Dr Campione will reveal how a lack of Badlands does not necessarily mean a lack of dinosaurs. He will introduce the Australian dinosaur fossil record, and particularly the unique landscapes and approaches in which dinosaurs are found. From beaches, farmlands, and mines, the Australian record may well be the answer to some of the largest gaps in our global understanding of Mesozoic vertebrates.

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