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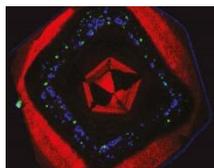
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## RESEARCH NEWS

### 2016 National Research Infrastructure Roadmap



Last week the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science issued a joint [media release](#) and released the 2016 Infrastructure Roadmap. Further information is available [here](#)

Do you know what this image? Check out the Roadmap to find out!

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## Faculty Impact & Engagement

Did you catch the following item in [CSU News](#)?

Education policy must embrace ‘the rural’ – newly graduated Dr Phil Roberts talks about much needed changes to education policy. [CSU News](#)

**Remember!** The bulletin is only as interesting as its contributors so thank you to everyone who sends items for inclusion – but we want more! If you are creating, writing, presenting or finding something you want to share, the bulletin is the perfect place to do so. Send your item to [FOAE-RGS@csu.edu.au](mailto:FOAE-RGS@csu.edu.au) to be included.

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## Pitching Research

The *Pitching Research* workshop will give an overview of Professor Faff’s **Pitching Research framework** [Faff (2015, 2017)]. Specifically, he has developed a simple and methodical template tool to clarify thinking and sharpen up the drafting of initial proposals for research projects, well before any major effort has taken place to execute the research.

This “pitching research” template is of particular relevance to **beginning PhD students** and to **early career researchers** facing the common challenge of starting a new piece of research, that they can be confident is worthwhile. But, even for researchers beyond the initial proposal stage of their project, there is likely to be considerable merit in rethinking the project at regular intervals to keep it on track. The notion of “pitching” the project anew can benefit the project in many ways, not least of which is retention of focus, trimming tangential matter, recalibrating the scope and refining the method to match the type and amount of data that turns out to be available.



### About Professor Robert Faff

Research Director, UQ Business School. Robert has an international reputation in finance research: securing 13 Australian Research Council grants (> \$4 million); >300 refereed journal publications; career citations >9,800; h-index of 50 (Google Scholar). His particular passion is nurturing and developing the career trajectories of early career researchers. Robert has supervised more than 30 PhD students to successful completion and examined 50 PhD dissertations. Building on a 35-year academic career, his latest passion is “Pitching Research”, now gaining great traction domestically and worldwide as exemplified by: >9,400 SSRN downloads; >160 pitching talks/events; at 36 Australian universities; and spanning 37 countries.

See the [flyer](#) for more information.

### When / To Register:

This session is being run face to face on **Wagga Campus on May 25th, 3pm-4.30pm** to a live/limited audience plus will be available to watch live, via adobe connect. [Register via adobe connect](#) or to attend in person please email [researchpd@csu.edu.au](mailto:researchpd@csu.edu.au)

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## Faculty Happenings

Dr Sam Bowker - Hamad bin Khalifa Fellowship



Dr **Sam Bowker** in the School of Communication & Creative Industries has been awarded a Hamad bin Khalifa Fellowship.

This prestigious and competitive award includes an all-expenses-paid journey to Richmond, Virginia (USA) to attend a major conference on contemporary Islamic art, hosted by Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and sponsored by the Royal Family of Qatar in Doha. This takes place in the first week of November 2017, coinciding with the break between Session 2 and 3. Many of the speakers are prominent figures in CSU's unique 'Islamic Art & Design' subject (ART240). These include the Moroccan photographers Hassan Hajjaj and Lalla Essaydi, art commentator Sultan Sooud al-Qassemi, art historians Jonathan Bloom and Sheila Blair, and the curators Stefano Carboni and Venetia Porter. Check the overview [here](#) for more information.

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### The role of conscience and conscientious objection in healthcare

Charles Sturt University **School of Humanities and Social Sciences** in association with the Macquarie University Research Centre for Agency, Values, and Ethics (CAVE) will host a conference on the role of conscience and conscientious objection in healthcare.

**11-12th September, 2017**

The conference aims to analyse the role of 'conscience' in the healthcare profession and the restrictions, if any, that should be placed on conscientious objection. Conscientious objection by health professionals has become one of the most pressing problems in healthcare ethics. Health professionals are often required to perform activities, such as abortion, that conflict with their own moral or religious beliefs. Their refusal can make it difficult for patients to have access to services they have a right to and can, more generally, create conflicts in the doctor-patient relationship. The widening of the medical options available today or in the near future is likely to increase and sharpen these conflicts. The conference will see the participation of experts in bioethics, philosophy, law and medicine, who will explore the topic of conscientious objection from secular, religious and feminist perspectives, and try to suggest solutions.

Participation is free and registration will open later in the year. Contact Doug McConnell for more information at [dmconnell@csu.edu.au](mailto:dmconnell@csu.edu.au)

Organizers: Doug McConnell (Charles Sturt University), Jeanette Kennett (Macquarie University), and Steve Clarke (Charles Sturt University).

The conference is supported by Charles Sturt University, the Australian Research Council Discovery Grant, 'Conscience and conscientious objection in healthcare' (DP150102068), and CAVE. Dunmore Lang College, 130 Herring Rd, Macquarie University, Macquarie Park, NSW 2113

#### **International speakers**

Piers Benn (Heythrop College, University of London)  
Carolyn McLeod (Western University, Ontario, Canada)  
Julian Savulescu (University of Oxford)

#### **Domestic speakers**

Steve Clarke (Charles Sturt University)  
Tony Coady (University of Melbourne)  
Dan Cohen (Charles Sturt University)  
Jim Franklin (UNSW)  
Jeanette Kennett (Macquarie University)  
Doug McConnell (Charles Sturt University)  
Bernadette Tobin (ACU)

## Vulnerable Communities in the Digital Age (VCDA) Workshop

Ying-Hsang Liu, [School of Information Studies](#) was one of the co-organisers of *Vulnerable Communities in the Digital Age (VCDA) Workshop* at [iConference 2017](#) in Wuhan, China, 22 March, 2017. ( )

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## Funding opportunities

### COMING SOON: Museum partnerships programme

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, AU

This opportunity will be available soon. The next call is expected to be announced in 2017. The following information is subject to change. This programme enables partnerships between Australian cultural organisations and counterpart organisations in the Asia-Pacific region to exchange skills in heritage preservation and documentation. Grants are worth between AUD 2,500 and AUD 30,000. \*\*\*

[International Council of Museums](#)

### Alison Lee theory in educational research scholarships

Australian Association for Research in Education, AU

These assist postgraduate students and early career researchers to attend the theory workshop, to be held on 16 and 17 June 2017 in Southport. Two scholarships worth AUD 1,500 each are available.

Maximum award: AUD 1,500

Closing date: 22 May 17 **Closing soon**

[AARE](#)

AARE have a number of awards and fellowships available, go to the [AARE](#) site for more information.

### Joan Edgecumbe continuing professional development scholarship

Health Informatics Society of Australia, AU

This enables an emerging health informatics leader to attend the health informatics conference, network and share experiences, gain educational opportunities, raise awareness of the range of activities and career opportunities in health informatics, and translate evidence into practice. The scholarship is worth up to AUD 1,500.

Maximum award: AUD 1,500

Closing date: 20 Jun 17

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### Sharman award

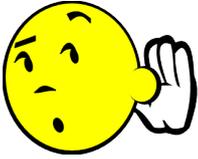
Australian Society of Archivists, AU

This enables members of the society to attend the ASA annual conference. The award is worth up to AUD 2,000 towards conference registration and travel.

Maximum award: AUD 2,000

Closing date: 30 Jun 17 (recurring)

[ASA](#)



All these and more can be found on [ResearchProfessional](#) – but don't listen to us, check it out for yourself!

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### Upcoming School Seminars

School of Communication and Creative Industries

A/Prof Peter Simmons will be presenting a seminar on 31 May 2017 @ 3-4pm, G7, 1435, Bathurst (SCCI) or if you wish to connect online please contact [Lucia](#)

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### HDR NEWS

#### Congratulations Tessa Daffern, Australian Literacy Educators' Association Doctoral Thesis Award

**Dr Tessa Daffern** has been awarded the **2017 Australian Literacy Educators' Association's Doctoral Thesis Award**. This Award recognises an individual's outstanding doctoral dissertation (either PhD or EdD) that has had impact or has potential impact within the field of English Curriculum or Literacy Teaching and Learning in an area in the birth – Year 12 settings, teacher education or teacher professional learning contexts in Australia.

The award will be presented on Friday 7 July in Hobart at the AATE/ALEA National Conference.

Tessa's PhD thesis was titled *An examination of spelling acquisition in Years 3 to 6*.

Tessa's supervisory team were Dr Noella Mackenzie (principal supervisor) and Dr Brian Hemmings.

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#### Let me introduce myself – Rachael Jefferson-Buchanan (HDR candidate)

##### What School/Centre do you belong to?

School of Education, Faculty of Arts and Education.

##### How did you come to being a PhD student at CSU?

When a teaching-research lecturing position came up in Albury I applied for it and commenced employment here in 2013, transferring my existing PhD studentship from the University of Birmingham.

##### What were you doing prior to starting at CSU?

I was head of physical education at the International School of Geneva for fourteen years. Subsequently, I changed roles and countries to become a senior lecturer in physical education, dance, education studies and primary professional practice at Bath Spa University for nine years. I was also an educational consultant for Cambridge International Examinations during this latter time, working on



projects in central Asia and Egypt. In addition, I began studying for a PhD part-time with the University of Birmingham whilst lecturing.

### **What is the focus of your PhD?**

My research comprises a Foucauldian genealogical approach in which I am looking across a 120 year timeline in UK physical education pedagogy and practice to find continuities and discontinuities therein. I am investigating power struggles that have affected both pedagogy and practice, and illuminating how this school subject has been gender-constructed and class-constructed throughout its existence. I am analysing physical education curriculum documents and government Acts in relation to physical activity and health within the various epochs that emerge.

### **Who is funding your research?**

Faculty of Arts and Education.

### **Why does this research interest you and why is it important?**

It is only when the present is problematised through a genealogical approach that the past can be exposed along with its power struggles; conversations about the nature of 'traditional' physical education and what it might look like in the 21st century can then be formulated. In ascertaining 'gaps', transformations, shifts and ruptures in physical education pedagogy and practice across time, I will be exposing new 'truths' about contemporary physical education which will inform it on the level of class and gender constructions of the body. Accordingly, I will be able to problematise contemporary physical education and suggest ways forward to enhance and enrich the delivery and content of this school subject for all students.

### **What's your favourite meal?**

A good British roast, with masses of roast parsnips. Some homemade apple pie for dessert would also be wonderful.



### **If you could invite anyone to a dinner party who would you invite and why?**

Martha Graham and Merce Cunningham, two pioneering modern dance choreographers who forever changed the way dance has been performed in Western artistic contexts. I would love to talk with them about their choreographic ideas in some of my favourite pieces of theirs, and also learn more about how their dance techniques evolved and were influenced during their lifetimes.

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### **PhD endorsement seminar - Steve Murphy**

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May @ 12.30-2.30 in the Chris Gordon Room, Bathurst Campus, and Building 763 Room 118 in Albury. If you wish to connect remotely please contact [Leanne](#)

**Title:** *Practices contributing to high STEM performance in rural Victorian secondary schools*

**Abstract:** This proposal outlines a project that will map the STEM performance of secondary schools across Victoria, before investigating the practices of selected high STEM performing rural schools. The literature review explores STEM as a social imperative, as a set of capabilities, and as a set of educational practices, before considering the opportunity the STEM movement presents educators and school leaders. Australian STEM education policies advocate for a range of school practices to improve STEM education, including integration, Inquiry learning, aspiration building, and partnerships, despite limited and mixed evidence about the impact of these practices on student engagement and achievement. There is a need for Australian research into school STEM practices that are effective in various contexts, to guide the provision of advice, resourcing and support to teachers in our schools. Effective STEM in rural schools is one area where there is limited evidence and urgent need. This proposal describes research that aims to address this deficit. The project first adopts a

pragmatic definition of successful STEM, not common in the literature, around school performance. Using this definition it will build and apply a metric of STEM performance to search for high STEM performing secondary schools across Victoria, identifying a pool of potential sites for STEM education research. Case studies of approximately five of these schools from rural areas will then be carried out, building the evidence base for successful STEM in rural schools.

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### 3MT @ CSU – Heats Announced



The Research Office is very excited to be holding the 3 Minute Thesis Competition at CSU this year.

CSU will be holding two heats as part of the competition, one for candidates on the Wagga

Wagga campus, and one for online candidates and candidates on the Albury and Bathurst campuses. The top four competitors from each heat will go on to compete in the 3MT @ CSU Final on **Wednesday 12 July**. The winner of the 3MT @ CSU Final will go on to represent the university at the 2017 Asia-Pacific 3MT Competition being held in Brisbane in September.

The details for the two heats are:

Combined heat for Albury, Bathurst and Online competitors: Tuesday, 13th of June, 10am-12pm - in Albury in Room 113-678 (DIT Building) and in Bathurst in Creswell meeting room in Allen House. Online competitors and audience members, see the connection details below.

Heat for Wagga Wagga competitors: Wednesday, 14th June, 1pm-3pm - Meeting Room 278-281, Building 13 (William Merrylees Library).

If you plan on participating please confirm your participation by emailing Leanne Phillips as soon as possible: [CSU3MT@csu.edu.au](mailto:CSU3MT@csu.edu.au)

**And if not competing please come along to support your CSU Participants in the heats!**

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### Endeavour Scholarships & Fellowships



The 2018 round of the Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships has now opened. The program provides opportunities for Australian postgraduate students, and postdoctoral researchers to undertake international research and professional development in an eligible country overseas. It also supports University staff, including general and administrative university staff to undertake professional development overseas under an Endeavour Executive Fellowship.

International applicants are supported to undertake a full Masters or PhD qualification, as well short-term research at your university. The program is an excellent opportunity for research schools to develop international research linkages.

Applicants are encouraged to read the Application Guidelines and the FAQs section of the [Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships website](#). Should an applicant have further questions they may email the Endeavour inbox directly on [endeavour@education.gov.au](mailto:endeavour@education.gov.au).

Applications close at 11:59pm (AEST) **30 June 2017**.

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### State Library of NSW Fellowships

The Library is calling for applications for a range of prestigious research fellowships totalling \$160,000. Applications open 8 May 2017 and close 17 July 2017.

Information about each fellowship can be found below. Before applying, please read the [guidelines](#) and [FAQs](#) to assist with the application process.

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### Faculty of Arts and Education Research and Graduate Studies Committee

The next meeting of the Faculty of Arts & Education Research and Graduate Studies Committee will be held on **20 July**, with the agenda closing on **4 July**. School Research Chairs should send the minutes of their school's research committee to Leanne Phillips by **4 July**. Agenda and papers will be distributed by **11 July**.

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### Faculty of Arts and Education Ethics Committee

The next meeting of the Faculty of Arts & Education Ethics Committee will be held on **13 June**, with the agenda closing on **5 June**. Please send your applications, and all correspondence to [FOAE-FHEC@csu.edu.au](mailto:FOAE-FHEC@csu.edu.au)

Information on the application process, templates and committee dates can be found on the [Faculty Ethics Webpage](#).

The Faculty Human Ethics Committee considers Low Risk Ethics Applications. If your ethics application is not low risk, you must submit it to the [University Human Research Ethics Committee](#).

The next available meeting of the University Human Research Ethics Committee will be held on **5 June**, with the agenda closing today **19 May**. Please send your applications which are NOT low risk to [ethics@csu.edu.au](mailto:ethics@csu.edu.au)

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### Engineers living dangerously



Spotted in the Engineering building on Bathurst campus, those engineers live dangerously.

And finally...Ibis? Bin Chicken? Tip Duck?

Ibis or Bin Chicken? A [David Attenborough style documentary](#) on Australia's most loved/hated bird.



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Have a great weekend!

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