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- **Joint Faculty of Arts/Education HDR Forum – Arts/Education DocFest15**

Great news! Save the date for the joint Faculty of Arts/Faculty of Education HDR Forum – which we're calling "Arts/Education DocFest15"

All HDR candidates and supervisors are invited to attend either in person at the Convention Centre in Wagga, or online via Adobe Connect.

Please save the date and register through this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KR6R5WC>

More details and program coming soon.

Please note that you MUST register your attendance via the link above.

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- **Are Your Research Students Non-Native English Speakers?**

On the Wagga campus, the NESB HDR group meets regularly for research candidates in any faculty whose first language is not English. The next meeting is Tuesday the 12th of May.

The purpose of this group is to provide regular access to writing & language support, information from invited speakers, practice in giving presentations and maintaining community and peer learning between research candidates.

Please pass the word on to colleagues and students, especially any new HDRs on the Wagga campus.

The group is facilitated by Cassily Charles, Academic Writing Coordinator (HDR) / ALLAN Coordinator (Postgrad). Email for a calendar invitation or any questions - ccharles@csu.edu.au

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- **Peer feedback writing group for HDR candidates**

Are you or your research students interested in joining a peer-feedback writing group with other research candidates?

The members of current writing groups have found this enormously helpful in getting feedback on drafts of chapters, papers & presentations; picking up writing & editing tricks; improving their writing and building a strong sense of community.

The existing writing groups are full, so we are starting a new peer feedback writing group in Wagga. If you are interested, please contact Cassily as soon as possible, to register your interest - ccharles@csu.edu.au.

People whose first language is not English are warmly welcome and greatly encouraged!

Not in Wagga? Email Cassily anyway. We can also set up an online writing group if we have enough takers.

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- **Three minute thesis competition**

CSU will be entering the Three Minute Thesis Competition again this year! The Trans-Tasman finals will be held at the University of Queensland in early October and over the next few months we'll be searching for someone to represent CSU at the competition.

What have others said about being part of the 3MT?

I found the whole 3MT exercise very beneficial and actually a lot of fun. Having to condense your work down to 3 minutes of plain speaking is a real challenge and really helped me understand the essence of my own thesis. The process of putting my presentation together has also helped me organise parts of my thesis into more a natural and connected narrative.

Interested?

The Trans-Tasman Competition page <http://threeminutethesis.org/about-3mt>

CSU 3MT page, including eligibility and videos of last year's Grand Finalists: <http://www.csu.edu.au/research/home/3-minute-thesis>

If you'd like to register your interest in the competition, please do so at this link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/W598WV5> . Registrations close 15 May 2015.

CSU's past winners were Lindy Cavanagh from the Faculty of Education in 2013 and Tessa Daffern, also from the Faculty of Education in 2014. You can see their presentations at the CSU link above.

We'll also be running workshops and by registering you'll be put on the email list to keep up to date with 3MT activities.

It's important to note that active PhD and Professional Doctorate (Research) candidates who have **successfully passed their confirmation milestone** (including candidates whose thesis is under submission) by the date of their first presentation are eligible to participate in 3MT competition.

So start thinking about your research and getting it down to three minutes!

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- **Upcoming seminars**

- **School of Information Studies**

Chinese Whispers: The Nature of Information and the Future of Libraries- BY Dr Barbara Combes

Monday 13 May @12pm, School of Information Studies Seminar Room, and via Adobe Connect: <http://connect.csu.edu.au/infostudies-seminar/>

Dr. Barbara Combes lectures for the School of Information Studies at Charles Sturt University, specialising in the area of Teacher Librarianship.

Her major research interest areas include the role of teacher librarians in education, information seeking behaviour, online learning and the online experience in distance education particularly for first time users, information literacy, policy and planning.

Barbara completed her PhD on the information-seeking behaviour of the Net Generation. Previously Barbara lectured in the School of Computer and Security Science, Edith Cowan University.

Technology has altered the way information 'behaves' and the way we interact with and use it. We now have an extremely complex information landscape that is constantly evolving, contains multiple delivery modes and formats, is overloaded, often decontextualised and layered. We produce more information than ever before and public perception is that technology makes access to this information easy. However, the complexity and evolving nature of the information landscape means this is not the case.

This presentation examines the changing nature of information, the influence of technology and what this means for education and the future of libraries.

Additional information about Dr. Barbara Combes is available at: <https://csu-au.academia.edu/BarbaraCombes>

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➤ **The Office of Learning and Teaching Grant applications**

The Office of Learning and Teaching are calling for expressions of interest for grant applications. Seed grant applications are due by **5pm on 22nd June 2015**. Visit <http://www.olt.gov.au/grants-and-projects/seed-projects> for further information, guidelines and past examples.

Anyone considering applying should contact either Prof Jennifer Sumsion (RIPPLE members) or Prf Lisa Given (Faculty)

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➤ **'Mainstreaming Sustainability Model: to facilitate education for sustainability in pre-service teacher education'**

CER is pleased to sponsor an upcoming OLT project workshop which will be presented by **Prof. Robert Stevenson** (James Cook University, QLD) and **Dr Neus Evans** (James Cook University, QLD)

'Mainstreaming Sustainability Model: to facilitate education for sustainability in pre-service teacher education'

In 2012, Dr Jo-Anne Ferreira (Griffith University, Qld), Prof. Robert Stevenson (James Cook University, QLD), Assoc. Prof. Julie Davis (QUT, QLD) and Dr Neus Evans (James Cook University, QLD) conducted an OLT project investigating a systems approach to embedding the learning and teaching of sustainability in teacher education.

The aim of this workshop is to disseminate the findings of the initial project and build a national network of participants with an interest in embedding the learning and teaching of sustainability across Australian teacher education systems.

The workshop will run for 3 hours and involve:

- An overview of the systems model for mainstreaming sustainability in teacher education developed in the initial project.

- A systems mapping exercise for participants to apply the model to their own network.
- A discussion and networking exercise to expand and connect participants within the national network of the learning and teaching of sustainability across Australian teacher education systems.

DETAILS

WHEN: Tuesday 5 May 2015, 10 – 1 pm, lunch included

WHERE: UWS Hawkesbury Campus, NORTHSIDE ROOM L2

RSVP: Tracy Buckridge t.buckridge@uws.edu.au by COB 1 May 2015

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➤ Research Writing Workshops

○ **Overcoming procrastination**

Online via Adobe Connect

Monday, 18th May, 9am-11am

Description and registration: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ProcrastinationMay2015>

○ **Critical Writing**

Online via Adobe Connect

Part 1 – Monday 18th May, 12:30-1:30pm

Part 2 – Tuesday 19th May, 12:30-1:30pm

Part 3 – Wednesday 20th May, 12:30-1:30pm

Description & registration: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CriticalWritingMay2015>

○ **Non-native English speakers: Better English research writing using corpus tools *NEW***

F2F in Wagga

Thursday, 21st May, 2pm-4pm

Description & registration: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CorpusMay2015>

○ **Writing more clearly**

Online via Adobe Connect

Part 1 – Monday 25th May, 12:30-1:30pm

Part 2 – Tuesday 26th May, 12:30-1:30pm

Part 1 – Wednesday 27th May, 12:30-1:30pm

Description & registration: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WritingMoreClearlyMay15>

○ **How to write more analytically**

F2F in Wagga

Thursday, 28th May, 2pm-4pm

Description & registration: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AnalyticalMay2015>

To keep up to date with writing workshops and other important announcements, please join the Research Writing Interact2 site.

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➤ Endeavour Scholarships And Fellowships

Internal Deadline, due to Research Office research@csu.edu.au: 16 June 2015 at 5pm

External closing date for applications: 30 June 2015 at 11:59 AEST.

Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships are internationally competitive, merit-based scholarships provided by the Australian Government that support citizens around the world to undertake study, research and professional development in Australia and for Australians to do the same overseas.

The Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships build Australia's reputation for excellence in the provision of education and research, support the internationalisation of the Australian higher education and research sectors and offer high-achieving Australians opportunities to increase their knowledge and expertise in their field.

The 2016 round of the Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships are now open. Please see the applications page for further information (link attached).

As a scholarship or fellowship recipient, you will gain invaluable international experience in study, research or professional development.

The department has engaged a contractor to provide post-selection support services to all recipients including: a dedicated case manager, pre-departure briefings, advice on health, travel insurance, accommodation, security; payment of allowances, and reporting to the department on the recipient's progress.

<https://internationaleducation.gov.au/Endeavour%20program/Scholarships-and-Fellowships/Applications/Pages/Applications.aspx>

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➤ **Early-career researcher award - Australian Association for Research in Education**

This enables early-career researchers to present their research at the annual Australian Association for Research in Education conference and to become actively involved in the association. The award is worth AU\$800.

Award amount max: \$800 Closing date: 18 May 15

<http://www.aare.edu.au/pages/early-career-re-criteria-nomination-process-166.html>

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➤ **Research Collaborations in Germany – Universities Australia DAAD Funding**

CSU researchers can this year, for the first time, access The Australia-Germany Joint Research Co-operation Scheme of Universities Australia and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Germany's national agency to support international academic co-operation. The scheme will support exchanges for Australian researchers to spend time at partner institutions in Germany and for collaborating German researchers to spend time at Australian universities. The support of early career researchers and junior scholars is a significant focus of this scheme, and researchers in the Humanities and Social Sciences are strongly encouraged to apply.

CSU has committed to support up to two grants for CSU researchers under this scheme, of up to \$12,500 each.

All enquiries should be directed to the CSU Contact Officer for this scheme, Dr Mary Kelly, Director Major Grants and External Links markelly@csu.edu.au

Applications must be submitted to the CSU Research Office research@csu.edu.au by midnight on 30 June 2015 and be accompanied by the required supporting documentation including a completed NTS form. Each Australian university will undertake an internal, transparent review process and provide Universities Australia

with a ranked list of proposals. In parallel, the German collaborator must submit a separate application, of the same title, to the DAAD by 30 June 2015. Both the Australian and the German proposal must be selected as competitive. Details of the assessment process are available on the Universities Australia website.

Full details of the scheme, including an Information Pack and Frequently Asked Questions Document can be downloaded from [here](#)

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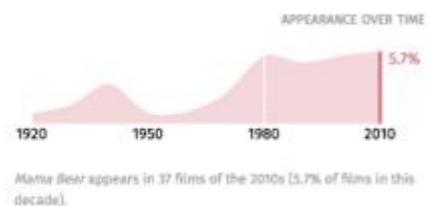
➤ **And finally...Mama Bear and other cinematic tropes**



Mama Bear

Bears usually won't attack humans — but get between a mother bear and her cub, and she'll tear straight through you. Threaten her children, and you are in for a world of hurt. Righteous awesomeness will ensue, and the heroine reclaims her child with a tearful embrace. Oftentimes, when a previously perceived meek mother (or My Beloved...

[Read more on tvtropes.org >>](#)



TEXT

“[Stereotropes, made by the Bocoup Data Visualization Team, explores the many tropes in films](#) and the adjective used to describe them. Some are unique to a trope and some words span multiple tropes and genders.

Some of the greatest reflections on society take place in film, through complex characters, often falling into familiar patterns called "Tropes". Tropes are devices and conventions that a writer can rely on as being present in the audience's minds. *Stereotropes* is an interactive experiment, exploring a set of tropes authored by the community on [tvtropes.org](#) that are categorized as being always female or always male.

You can poke at the data from various angles — by adjective, by film, and by gender — but the most interesting views are when you look at individual tropes by themselves. You get general information about the trope, movies that use it, and the adjectives used to describe it.

What a way to spend the weekend!

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Have a great weekend!

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