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➤ **HDR Candidate News**

○ **Endorsement of Candidature**

**Kathy Hendy-Ekers, School of Teacher Education – 1.00pm, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.**

*How teachers use art galleries to enact curriculum*

Kathy will present her proposal from the Creswell Room in the School of Teacher Education, Bathurst with a VC connection to Wagga and Albury. If you wish to listen to the presentation via telephone/MS Communicator please dial (02) [693] 34758 or join MCU5 and use 500# as the conference ID. A Bridgit session will also be set up – look for Kathy's name in the list of meeting creators.

**George Variyan, School of Education/RIPPLE – 2.00pm, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March.**

*Teacher agency in neoliberal spaces: The elite private school teacher in the 21st century*

George will present his proposal from the upstairs seminar room in the School of Education, Wagga with a VC connection to Bathurst (Gordon Room). If you wish to listen to the presentation via telephone/MS Communicator please dial (02) [693] 34758 or join MCU5 and use 524# as the conference ID. A Bridgit session will also be set up – look for George’s name in the list of meeting creators.

All candidates who haven’t yet presented their proposal at an ‘Endorsement of Candidature’ seminar are strongly encouraged to attend one or both of these sessions – either by telephone, video conference or in person. Kathy is presenting on Monday and has just let me know that she found attending these to be extremely helpful in preparing her own seminar. If you need help in working out how to attend, please contact Lisa McLean.

- **A message from your HDR representative**

If I haven’t meet you already, I’m Wade Kelly and I’m doing my PhD with Lisa Given in the School of Information Studies. I’m the HDR rep for the Faculty of Education Research & Graduate Studies Committee (FERGSC), and one of the questions that has come forward is regarding HDR students’ desire to teach as part of their PhD experience at CSU.

I’ve moved from Canada where gaining teaching experience is an important part of a candidate’s PhD experience and development, particularly for those interested in pursuing a career in academia. HDR teaching experience was discussed at the Faculty of Education Research and Graduate Studies Management committee meeting and I am interested in canvassing the views of the Faculty’s HDR candidates around this issue. Do you want to gain teaching experience during candidature, and why?

Please email me ([wkelly@csu.edu.au](mailto:wkelly@csu.edu.au)) and let me know if getting university level teaching experience is an important part of your PhD experience. If it’s not, I’d like to hear from you too as that’s valid and important to know as well. So basically, if you’re an HDR student I look forward to your email.

Thanks kindly,

Wade

- **A Special Bootcamp With The Thesis Whisperer**

Applications are now open for a special hard-core Thesis-writing Bootcamp for research students.

It will take place from the afternoon of Friday, the 1st of May to the evening of Sunday, the 3rd of May. Participants can join either online, via Adobe Connect, or in person in Canberra.

This is a pilot in collaboration with the Faculty of Arts, the Office for Students and ANU Research Training. Applications are open to everyone enrolled in a higher degree by research, and there is no fee. However, places are very limited and participants will be selected on the basis of their application.

**\*Word count\*** is the focus of this bootcamp. It will only be suitable for people who are at an intensive writing stage, including anyone who may be at risk of not completing on time, or who wants to boost the speed and quantity of their thesis writing.

The bootcamp facilitators will be Inger Mewburn, Director of Research Training at ANU and the Thesis Whisperer, and Cassily Charles, Academic Writing Coordinator (HDR)/ALLAN Coordinator (PG). ANU and CSU research students will be taking part together.

The application form is here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CanberraOnlineBootcamp>

Applications close on **Friday, the 27th of March**. Applicants will be contacted with the results by Thursday, the 2nd of April.

Questions are welcome: Cassily Charles - [ccharles@csu.edu.au](mailto:ccharles@csu.edu.au)

- **More Bootcamp!**

People can't get enough bootcamp! So we are having a 1-Day April Bootcamp for research writers on Thursday the 16th of April.

This bootcamp is in hybrid mode, so you can participate either online via Adobe Connect or face-to-face in Wagga.

Registrations are not necessary. If you would like an Outlook calendar invitation with the schedule, the link to join online, the location in Wagga and the link to the document for your bootcamp goals, please email Cassily Charles - [ccharles@csu.edu.au](mailto:ccharles@csu.edu.au)

- **Three minute thesis competition**

An early 'heads up' that 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 shortly there'll be an announcement on how to register your interest to compete in this fantastic event.

**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.*

There's a bunch of stuff online to help.... a quick google will find them and there's also....

Official 3MT 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>

The Thesis Whisperer – How to win the 3MT – Google doc/slide show:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1rKvDNTq8V0tMEVTVRyXTtO1pZFzarH27Fhet5GmQUwg/edit?pli=1#slide=id.g14b61fae\\_1\\_26](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1rKvDNTq8V0tMEVTVRyXTtO1pZFzarH27Fhet5GmQUwg/edit?pli=1#slide=id.g14b61fae_1_26)

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

- **Supervision opportunities**

We've received applications/enquiries seeking supervision from two potential HDR candidates seeking appropriate supervisors.

**Enquiry**

To investigate the campus's capacity to cope with the cheating problems, its strengths and weaknesses, which approach is a weak point, which approach is not consistent to the situation. To provide suitable short and long term deterrence to manage the undergraduate student cheating on examination behaviors

**Application**

The effects of teacher quality on students' performance: the case of the cape coast metropolis of Ghana.

If you would like further information please contact Lisa McLean ([lmclean@csu.edu.au](mailto:lmclean@csu.edu.au)).

- **Research Expertise webpage**

This is a timely reminder to make sure you are:

a) listed on the Faculty's research expertise webpage or

b) the information about you is up to date

Please check your entry <http://www.csu.edu.au/faculty/educat/research/research-areas> and contact Lisa to have your information included or updated. This page plays an important role in the 'pre application' process for potential candidates so it's important to keep this up to date.

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## ➤ Upcoming seminars

### ○ School of Teacher Education

#### Visiting scholar – Professor Melanie Walker

Professor Melanie Walker from the University of the Free State, South Africa will be on the Bathurst campus 20 – 21 April 2015. Professor Walker's expertise and passion resides in a capabilities framework for higher education that services to improve social justice in society.

Professor Melanie Walker is keynote speaker at EFPI's practice based education summit in April 2015 the details of which can be found here <http://www.csu.edu.au/efpi/news-and-events/pbe-summit/2015>. See more information about her on <http://checar.ufs.ac.za/content.aspx?uid=1>

**Monday 20 April at 2:00 – 3:30 pm**

**Creswell Room, School of Teacher Education (Bldg 1431, Rm 131), Bathurst**

EFPI is proud to co-host with the School of Teacher Education a participatory seminar with Professor Melanie Walker *Exploring a capabilities-friendly approach to pedagogies for 21<sup>st</sup> century professional practice*.

**Monday 20 April at 6:30 pm**

**Orange**

You are invited to join us for dinner in Orange, venue TBA

**Tuesday 21 April at 10:00 am – 12:00 noon**

**The POD DSL Bldg 1297 / Printery, Bathurst**

EFPI is proud to partner up with Dr Barbara Hill, the Indigenous Curriculum and Pedagogy Coordinator, in co-hosting a sharing and collaborative colloquium with Professor Melanie Walker titled *Higher Education and Social Justice*.

RSVP by Thursday 16 April to Frances Colquhoun [fcollquhoun@csu.edu.au](mailto:fcollquhoun@csu.edu.au)

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## ➤ Research Infrastructure Block Grants (RIBG) Guidelines to Applicants

### Aim

Research Infrastructure Block Grants (RIBG) is a Research Block Grant scheme that provides funds to eligible higher education institutions to maintain and strengthen Australia's knowledge base and research capabilities by developing an effective research and research training system.

The objectives of RIBG are to:

- Remedy deficiencies in current research infrastructure;
- Enhance support for areas of research strength; and

- Ensure that areas of recognised research potential, in which institutions have taken steps to initiate high quality research activity, have access to the support necessary for development.

<http://www.csu.edu.au/research/support/researchers/funding/internal/ribg>

### **Applications closing to Faculty Office 22 April 2015**

If an application is strongly aligned with a Research Centre, comments and confirmation of any financial support from the Research Centre Director should be obtained before submission to the Faculty Office.

Faculties to return complete, ranked applications to the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) by **6 May 2015**.

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### ➤ **ARCHER Study – collaboration opportunity**

This is a call for expressions of interest from relevant researchers interested in attending a meeting/forum, run by Kate and Gayle Smythe (Faculty of Science) on Tuesday 21 April. It will be on the CSU Orange campus, with videoconference for those on other campuses. By registering your interest you will receive email updates and an invitation to attend the meeting, and follow up information after the meeting. Should you be interested but not be able to attend the meeting, please also let Gayle know to put you on the mailing list.

There are significant research and student co-supervision collaborative opportunities between CSU and Sydney University, with Professor Kate Steinbeck at Sydney University. She runs the ARCHER Study ([www.archerstudy.org.au](http://www.archerstudy.org.au)) and we would like to open discussions to network our respective researchers into programs focussing on rural and regional adolescent health.

Please contact me on [gsmythe@csu.edu.au](mailto:gsmythe@csu.edu.au) to register your interest in this collaborative discussion.

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### ➤ **'Building Bridges' Regional Early Years Conference**

The 'Building Bridges' Regional Early Years Conference is on again in 2015, and this year's theme is 'Resilience, Risk-Taking and Responsibilities'. We have some excellent speakers lined up this year, including:

- Megan Mitchell, National Children's Commissioner
- Bruce McLachlan, Principal of Swanson Primary School, Auckland - the school that "threw out the rule book"
- Andrew Fuller, renown clinical psychologist

NEW TWO-DAY FORMAT: Thursday 30th April and Friday 1st May 2015 NEW VENUE: Huon Hill Conference Centre, Wodonga

Full registration is \$200 (day rate \$120). For details of how to register, please see the conference website will be updated as it gets closer to the conference, so make sure you regularly check it out at [buildingbridgesconference.com.au](http://buildingbridgesconference.com.au)

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### ➤ **Refereeing Opportunity**

A British friend of Tara Brabazon's – Professor Rach McLean – wanted some non-British expertise deployed through the refereeing process for the ICIS conference.

Here are the details of the conference <http://icis2015.aisnet.org/en/>

If you would like to referee papers, this is your chance. This request is also directed to good doctoral students – that is all our doctoral candidates ;) – and colleagues. Register at <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/icis2015>.

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#### ➤ **MyResearch – information sessions**

Please find below the link to the online information session held earlier in the week.

<https://connect.csu.edu.au/p997acw430a/>

Below are the links to the two sessions that were targeted at academics – both sessions are essentially the same so you could provide either link (although session 2 does give a little more of a demonstration for book chapters):

Session 1: <https://connect.csu.edu.au/p3mg16q5h35/>

Session 2: <https://connect.csu.edu.au/p1ixyc7t95l/>

The links to support web pages are below:

MyResearch login page: <https://myresearch.csu.edu.au/RMENET/>

MyResearch support page (contains webcasts and contact details):

<http://www.csu.edu.au/research/myresearch/support>

HERDC/CRO information pages: <http://www.csu.edu.au/research/performance/about>

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#### ➤ **Jean Arnot memorial fellowship**

The State Library of New South Wales invites applications for the Jean Arnot memorial fellowship. This recognises an original paper of no more than 5,000 words on any aspect of librarianship. The library encourages papers focusing on innovative solutions to contemporary library issues and services.

Female librarians or students of librarianship are eligible to apply.

The paper should have been written within the last 12 months and should not have been previously published, but may have been presented at a conference or seminar.

The award is worth AU\$1,000.

Closing date: 6 April 2015

<http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/about/awards/arnot.html>



#### ➤ **Channel 7 Children’s Research Foundation – early career grants**

The Channel 7 Children’s Research Foundation invites applications for its early-career grants. These support research into conditions that may affect the health, education and welfare of children. Research should be related to the fields of medicine, education, dentistry, nursing, social sciences, environment, mental health and allied health professions.

Research must be undertaken in South Australia or the Northern Territory and applicants may be associated with a university, research institute, health service or other organisation in one of these regions. Each applicant must be a medical student undertaking a PhD or MD, a non-medical student undertaking a PhD or have held a PhD for no more than five years. Where special skills are not available in South Australia or the Northern Territory, national or international collaboration may be allowed.

Grants are worth up to AU\$35,000 over one or two years.

Closing Date: 23 Mar 15

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➤ **Endeavour Foundation Endowment Challenge Fund**

The [Endeavour Foundation Endowment Challenge Fund](#) aims to benefit Australians with a disability, especially people with an intellectual or developmental disability.

The Fund seeks to encourage quality and innovation in the disability services sector. Grants are available for researchers and postgraduate students to undertake research into issues of key importance for the Australian disability sector.

The Fund also seeks to support people with a disability to participate in the world in which we live. Grants are available for non-profit organisations who wish to expand their current activities to include people with a disability, or deliver innovative projects that enhance social inclusion for people with a disability.

The 2015 Grants Round will open on Monday 16 March 2015. Applications across three award categories are invited:

RESEARCH AWARD: \$40,000 (for research conducted by appropriately qualified researchers)

STUDENT AWARD: two awards of \$5,000 each (for research conducted by higher degree students)

NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION AWARD: total grant pool of \$20,000 (for projects developed and delivered by non-profit organisations located in Queensland, New South Wales or Victoria only)

[Visit the Endowment Challenge Fund Website](#) for more information about application guidelines, the assessment process, past award winners, and to download the appropriate application form.

**All applications to the 2015 Grants Round must be emailed to: [endowment@endeavour.com.au](mailto:endowment@endeavour.com.au) by Friday 24 April 2015, 5pm (EST).**

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➤ **International Specialised Skills Institute - George Alexander foundation international fellowship**

The International Specialised Skills Institute invites applications for the George Alexander Foundation international fellowship. This promotes the acquisition of higher-level skills through overseas travel and an appreciation of international best practice in the areas of environment and sustainability, alternative energy and education. Applications in the areas of manufacturing, food, automotive, engineering trades, marine, furniture, building and construction, heritage, primary industries and specialist trades will also be considered.

Applicants must be Australian residents and between the ages of 18 and 35. This includes employees from either the private or public sectors or applicants who are self-employed.

Three fellowships of AU\$10,000 each are available. The duration of the overseas component is generally two to three weeks.

Closing Date: 20 Apr 15

[Visit funder's web page for this opportunity](#)

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➤ **Want your research to influence policy?**



Want your research to influence policy?: [j.mp/1B9sRFz](http://j.mp/1B9sRFz)

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➤ And finally...existential cooking with Simone De Beauvoir

<http://www.critical-theory.com/existential-cooking-with-simone-de-beauvoir-comic/>



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Have a great weekend – happy baking.

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