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➤ **HDR Candidate News**

○ **Endorsement of Candidature**

Congratulations to the many candidates who have recently presented their research proposals as part of the endorsement of candidature process. Candidates who haven't yet presented their proposals are strongly encouraged to attend a seminar, either in person or via telephone/adobe connect if available. As always, all staff and candidates are invited to attend these sessions.

Upcoming sessions:

George Scorgie – School of Teacher Education – 10.00am, 30 September 2015

Title to be advised.

George will present his proposal via Adobe Connect <https://connect.csu.edu.au/endorsmentsession/> . The upstairs seminar room in Wagga has been booked and will connect to Adobe Connect.

Helen Blake – School of Teacher Education – 10.00pm, 12 October 2015

Enhancing intelligibility: Improving participation of multilingual university students in Australia

Helen will present her proposal from the Gordon Room in the School of Teacher Education, Bathurst with a VC connection to Wagga (SoE upstairs) and Albury (Barb Sparrow Room). If you wish to join the presentation via telephone/MS Communicator please check <http://csu.edu.au/vcbookings/> for booking information. You will need to be logged into CSU to access this page.

A Bridgit session will also be set up – look for Helen's name in the list of meeting creators.

○ **Scholarships – including fee only scholarships**

The Research Office have now opened the scholarship round for 2016 study. These include Australian Postgraduate Award, CSU Postgraduate Research Scholarships, International Scholarships and Part-Time Tuition Fee Scholarships. Current students can also apply for these scholarships – please check the eligibility and requirements of each scholarship to ensure they are suitable to your circumstances. Unsuccessful applicants may be reviewed for consideration of a Faculty of Education Tuition Fee Scholarship.

Please see the information on the [Research Office Scholarships](#) page.

- **HDR candidate publications**

One of our newest HDR candidates, **Sarah Polkinghorne** in the School of Information Studies has a new peer-reviewed article recently published.

Polkinghorne, S. (September 9, 2015). Unpacking and overcoming "edutainment" in library instruction. *In the Library with the Lead Pipe*. <http://www.inthelibrarywiththeleadpipe.org/2015/edutainment/>

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- **Trans-Tasman Three Minute Thesis Competition**



The finals of the Trans-Tasman Three Minute Thesis Competition will be held on 2 October at the University of Queensland. Luisa Perez-Mujica from the Institute of Land, Water and Society / Faculty of Science will be representing CSU with her presentation *Show me your mental models: using simulation and stakeholder participation for engaging in conversations*. I know everyone in the Faculty of Education is behind you Luisa – good luck!

Follow #3MT on twitter for live updates!

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- **Seeking POETS**

As many of your know, Sue Dockett and Bob Perry along with the rest of the ETC2 Team have been involved in

an international alliance called POET (Pedagogies of Educational Transitions) since 2013. At the next international meeting in Australia early in 2016, the team will build on the POET acronym of the group by seeking poems about starting school.

The POET team would like to invite you to participate in our POETry for POET competition. Entries can be from groups, classes, individuals, children, adults – anyone! There are three monetary prizes on offer, as well as having winning and highly commended entries published in the first Studio edition of 2016, a poetry journal as edited by our very own Paul Grover. The closing date for entries is 30 November 2015.

Information can be found on the POET website: <http://www.csu.edu.au/faculty/educat/edu/transitions/poetry-for-poet-competition>

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➤ **Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia (SEGRA) 2015 conference**

CSU is the Host Region and Platinum Sponsor of the 2015 SEGRA Conference (Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia) which will be held at CSU in Bathurst on 20-22 October 2015 (<http://www.segra.com.au/>).

SEGRA is Australia's premier conference on regional issues, which assists regional, rural and remote Australia to source and identify the techniques, skills and issues they need to address to achieve successful economic growth and development.

With a theme of "Leading and Growing Sustainable Regions", the 2015 SEGRA Conference will include such action agendas as environment, productive landscapes, attracting investment, emerging industries, human capital, export and trade - and the policy settings needed to ensure regional Australia's continuing role in the national agenda.

As part of CSU's sponsorship, a 10% discount for all staff of the University has been negotiated on the registration cost of the Conference.

The easiest way to get this discount is to indicate "Conference Speaker" under Discounts on the online registration form on the conference website.

Please note this discount is available to all CSU staff, regardless of whether they are speaking at the conference or not.

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➤ **Fulbright Specialist Grants for Australian Institutions**

The Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP) supports Australian universities and other educational and research institutions to host U.S. Specialists for visits of 2 to 6 weeks, as guest speakers, lecturers and/or collaborative researchers. The FSP aims at the development of curriculum, the building of research links, and the fostering of ongoing binational collaborations in a wide variety of disciplines.

FSP grants fund an international economy return airfare and a US\$200 per diem honorarium for the visit of a U.S. Specialist accepted into the Fulbright Specialist Roster. Awarded universities assume the cost of accommodation, meals, and in-country travel.

[Apply for an FSP grant.](#)

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➤ **New Journal – Research Ideas & Outcomes (RIO)**

Research Ideas & Outcomes (RIO) is a new scholarly journal created specifically publish the entire research cycle to be including research proposals and ideas, to encourage collaboration, to demonstrate the quality of proposed research, and to help others see what good proposals look like.

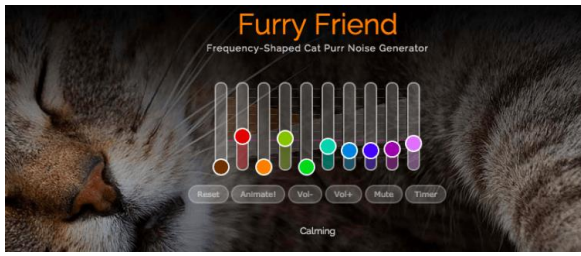
For more information <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2015/09/02/opening-up-the-early-stages-of-research-new-journal-rio/>

This new journal is open access and will start accepting submissions in November.

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➤ **And finally... Furry Friend, A Relaxing Online Purr Generator For Those Lonely Times When a Cat Isn't Around**



Cuddling up with a purring cat is certainly a relaxing experience. Scientific studies have shown that cat owners have lower blood pressure and can live longer than humans who don't own pets! A cat's purr is generally within the range of 40 – 200 Hz. In sound therapy, these frequencies are believed to heal injuries and relieve pain. It is also told that injured cats often purr to help soothe and heal themselves... Whether you're not at home, can't have a pet,

or just need your purr fix right this moment, this soundscape can help you relax and emulate the soothing experience of snuggling up with your furry friend – without the fleas and cat hair!

<http://mynoise.net/NoiseMachines/catPurrNoiseGenerator.php>

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Have a great weekend!

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