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**Ebe KARTUS**, School of Information Studies, working with Philip Hider and Mary Anne Kennan

**Belinda FRIEZER**, School of Teacher Education, working with Linda Harrison, Ben Bradley and Robyn Dolby

- [HDR candidate welcome and induction](#)

All candidates, as part of their probation conditions, are required to attend the HDR Candidate Welcome and Induction online workshop held by the Research Office. This workshop provides important information around processes and resources that all candidates need to know.

The next workshop is April 6<sup>th</sup> and you can register via the [Professional Development Calendar](#).

- [Congratulations](#)

Congratulations to Wade Kelly, a PhD Candidate (supervised by Lisa Given & Mary Anne Kennan) in the School of Information Studies and the Research Institute for Professional Practice, Learning & Education (RIPPLE) on winning the ResearchMaster Quality in Postgraduate Research (QPR) Conference Sponsorship. The award includes full conference registration, accommodation, and flight costs, to attend the QPR conference in Adelaide in April 2016. QPR is the world's largest & longest-standing conference

on doctoral education. Wade received the award from a field of 130 postgraduate students from across Australia; his application detailed his research focus, which examines university-community engagement activities and research impact.

QPR is a fantastic conference and Wade will be among a few CSU folks there.

### **SOCIETY, ECONOMY & COMMUNITIES: 21st CENTURY INNOVATIONS IN DOCTORAL EDUCATION.**

Quality in Postgraduate Research (QPR) is the world's biggest & longest-standing conference on doctoral education.

Held every two years in Adelaide, South Australia, QPR brings together educational researchers, policy makers, university leaders, research students & research degree supervisors for the purpose of better understanding the processes, practices, pedagogies and theoretical frameworks of doctoral education.

The next QPR will take place in APRIL 20-22 2016 again at the National Wine Centre with Registrations now open!

See the [QPR page](#) for more information about the conference.



#### ○ **PhD Cocktail Hour – Developing a Research Proposal**

What a fabulous initial PhD Cocktail hour we experienced in Week 1 of session. It was truly exciting to meet each of you as we shared introductions and discussed students' research foci. Thank you to all the participants who so graciously and generously shared tips and hints regarding software and other resources for engaging in the PhD journey. These meetings assist in building capacity and creating a community of scholars.

As promised our next online meeting for both new and continuing PhD students is scheduled for **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April** from **6.00-7.00pm AEDST**

The focus of this meeting will be on **“Developing a Research Proposal”**.

Please log on to AdobeConnect through this link <https://connect.csu.edu.au/phd-hour/> and enter the room as a 'guest' making sure you include your full name on the front page (this will make sense when you're there).

If you're unfamiliar with AdobeConnect, please see the guide [here](#) – contact [Lisa McLean](#) with any questions. I will record this meeting for those who are unable to attend at the scheduled time.

Please RSVP to [lmclean@csu.edu.au](mailto:lmclean@csu.edu.au) to indicate your intention to attend.

Thanks to everyone who came to the Cocktail Hours last month – it was wonderful to meet you and we hope you found the events valuable.

#### ○ **Great news! We are expecting to run Docfest again in 2016!**

It's great news that Docfest will be going ahead this year – totally online due to the significant constraints of resources and time owing to the major changes which are happening university-wide. We might be calling it DocFest Lite, but there'll be nothing 'lite' about the content!

**So... what topics or people would you like to see on the program? Have you seen a great presenter lately that we may be able to invite to present? What are the gaps for you?**

DocFest Lite will be held during the last week of June and will include research candidates from all four Faculties.

All research candidates, supervisors and HDR coordinators are invited to send your suggestions and requests for topics or presenters, by Friday the 8th of April to [facedrgso@csu.edu.au](mailto:facedrgso@csu.edu.au)

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➤ **Upcoming seminars**

○ **School of Teacher Education**

**Time to RAP - Dr Tace Vigliante and Dr Lucie Zundans-Fraser**

As part of our commitment to the CSU Indigenous Strategy and active participation in Reconciliation week we are developing school based commitments to Reconciliation. The Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) will be the starting point for developing our vision for reconciliation in SoTE. The development of the RAP will provide us with practical steps to implement and measure our commitment to Reconciliation.

In this professional development session we will look at why the creation of a plan is important for our school, discuss what we see as the SoTE context in this space, provide a brief introduction to collaborative process as a method for joint plan creation and consider the possibilities.

In preparation for this session have a look at a brief overview of the RAP program:

<http://www.reconciliation.org.au/raphub/about/>

and some examples of RAPs for tertiary education:

<http://www.reconciliation.org.au/raphub/category/who-has-a-rap/tertiary-education/>

Come along prepared to provide input and your ideas! (Pre-reading not essential)

Monday 4 April @1.00pm, Creswell Room Bathurst and...

<p>Join from your computer using your <b>Web Browser:</b> (<i>Chrome is recommended</i>)</p> <p><a href="https://conference.csu.edu.au/442786">https://conference.csu.edu.au/442786</a></p>	<p>Join from your computer using <b>Skype for Business:</b> <a href="mailto:442786@video.csu.edu.au">442786@video.csu.edu.au</a></p>	<p>Join using your <b>Phone:</b> Dial <b>37555</b> and input the Conference ID as <b>442786</b>, followed by the hash (#) key. External callers Ph. <b>02 6933 7555</b></p>	<p>Join from outside of CSU using <b>Non-CSU Video Conference System</b></p> <p>External SIP: <a href="mailto:442786@video.csu.edu.au">442786@video.csu.edu.au</a></p> <p>External IP: <a href="http://137.166.4.156">137.166.4.156</a></p> <p>Conference ID - <b>442786</b> followed by the hash (#) key.</p>
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➤ **ResearchMaster – thank you!**



Thank you to everyone who input their 2015 publications into RM before the deadline. Here is a little thank you gift for your efforts.

Thanks [Buzzfeed](#) for the pic.

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## ➤ Australian Consortium for Social and Political Research Incorporated (ACSPRI) Workshops

If you'd like a bit of help with statistics, analysis, survey design or generally improving your social science methodology skills, enrol in one of ACSPRI 2 day courses in Melbourne, or week long intensives in the [Winter Program](#) at the University of Queensland.

### 2 Day courses in Melbourne:

#### [Questionnaire Creation and Survey Management using Free/Open Tools](#) (2 Days)

This workshop runs through setting up your questionnaire in a way that it can be delivered on the web, on paper or via a telephone interview and then managing the survey process using only free and open tools.

#### [Collecting, Managing and Analysing Qualitative INTERVIEW Data](#) (2 Days)

Prof Carol Grbich will address the practicalities of collecting, managing and analysing data from Face to Face and Focus Group interviews.

### 5 day courses in Brisbane:

#### Week 1 - June 27 - July 1

Level 1 - [Fundamentals of Statistics](#)

Level 1 - [Fundamentals of Survey Research](#)

Level 1 - [Introduction to Social Network Research and Network Analysis](#)

Level 2 - [Applied Computer-assisted Qualitative Data Analysis Using Nvivo](#)

Level 2 - [Data Analysis in R](#)

Level 2 - [Fundamentals of Multiple Regression](#)

Level 2 - [Qualitative Research: Design, Analysis and Representation](#)

Level 2 - [The Use of Discrete Choice Experiments & MaxDiff \(best-worst\) Scaling](#)

Level 3 - [Applied Multivariate Statistical Analysis Using Stata](#)

Level 3 - [Fundamentals of Structural Equation Modelling](#)

Level 4 - [Multilevel Analysis Using Mplus](#)

#### Week 2 - July 4-8

Level 1 - [Qualitative Methodologies, Data Collection and Analytic Approaches](#)

Level 2 - [Applied Statistical Procedures](#)

Level 2 - [Practical Biostatistical Analysis Using Stata](#)

Level 2 - [Social Network Analysis: Applications and Extensions](#)

Level 3 - [Big Data Analysis for Social Scientists](#)

Level 3 - [Introduction to Data Management and Information Systems](#) - NEW COURSE

Level 4 - [Applied Structural Equation Modelling Using AMOS](#)

Level 5 - [Advanced Structural Equation Modelling](#)

For more details about ACSPRI courses, visit the Winter program course page on our website: [Winter Programs 2016](#), click on the course links above, or feel free to contact me on 03 8376 6496 or email: [info@acspri.org.au](mailto:info@acspri.org.au)

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## ➤ New software for CRO

You may have already received a request to fill out the survey to help the Library prioritise the requirements for new software for CRO.

If you haven't already, please take two minutes (literally) to fill it out. Here is a link to the survey <https://form.jotform.co/60598398456878>.

It is really valuable if you also add comments at the bottom with any specific issues. It is all great feedback.

Contact Karin Smith [kasmith@csu.edu.au](mailto:kasmith@csu.edu.au) ext 86158 if you have any questions.

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### ➤ Australian Bicentennial Scholarships and Fellowships

Applications for this year's Australian Bicentennial Scholarships and Fellowships, offered by the Menzies Centre for Australian Studies at King's College London are now open. The Scholarships and Fellowships are one-off awards of up to £4,000 to enable UK postgraduate students or academic staff to undertake a period of research/study in Australia.

These schemes are also open to Australian postgraduate students and academic staff wishing to come to the UK.

An applicant for a Scholarship must be registered as a post-graduate student at an Australian or UK tertiary institution. He/she should normally have at least an upper second class honours degree.

An applicant for a Fellowship should have a good post-graduate degree or equivalent experience, and should be seeking to further his/her education or professional experience but not through taking a further degree.

Further information for applicants and application forms can be found at <http://www.kcl.ac.uk/artshums/ahri/centres/menzies/scholarships/absf/index.aspx>. Applications are now being accepted and the final date for submission is **Friday 29 April 2016**.

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### ➤ Data Management Planning (DMP) Tools – ANDS (Australian National Data Service) Webinar

Data Management Planning (DMP) Tools provide a means for researchers to create, review, and share data management plans. They assist researchers to improve management of research data and can help meet institutional and funder requirements. There are a wide range of DMP tools to choose from, each varying in technical requirements as well as content, form and structure. A panel of three speakers will discuss the DMP tools available to researchers at their institution reflecting on uptake, incentives, technical requirements and plans for the future. This webinar is the first in a new data infrastructure series designed to explore and exchange information about the technical infrastructure used to manage data at Australian research institutions.

Speakers:

- [Matthias Liffers](#) - Coordinator, Research Services, Curtin University Library
- Katrina McAlpine - Research Data Manager, University of Sydney Library
- Maude Frances - Manager, Library Repository Services, University of New South Wales Library

To register please follow the link at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/853951246111608580>

This webinar is co-sponsored by the Australasian Research Management Society, the Council of Australian University Librarians, and the Australian National Data Service

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➤ **Loris Williams memorial scholarship for indigenous students**

Australian Society of Archivists, AU

These support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to study at a university from bachelor's to PhD level or in a vocational education and training institutions from certificate III onwards. Each scholarship will provide up to AU\$3,000 to cover fees, books and computing costs. The scholarship is available for one year of study.

**Maximum award:** \$3,000

**Closing date:** 15 Apr 16

[https://www.researchprofessional.com/funding/opportunity/1746411?\\_\\_mhid=82826637](https://www.researchprofessional.com/funding/opportunity/1746411?__mhid=82826637)

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➤ **Faculty of Education Ethics Committee**

The next meeting of the Faculty of Education Ethics Committee will be held on 12 April, with the agenda closing on 5 April. Please send any correspondence or applications to [FHEC\\_Education@csu.edu.au](mailto:FHEC_Education@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](#).

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➤ **Education Research and Graduate Studies Committee**

Summary of the first meeting of 2016.

Representatives from the School Research Committees, the Associate Dean (Research), the Sub-Dean (Graduate Studies), the Chair of the Ethics Committee and the HDR representative attended. Minutes can be accessed [here](#)

The focus of discussion was on Compacts funding, opportunities for staff and HDR students in 2016. The Faculty of Education's current Compacts funding strategy focuses, primarily, on obtaining external income. Two funding schemes will be available to academic staff with emerging or established track records in research. The **Grant development funding scheme** provides funds to support the preparation of an external grant submission, including competitive tenders and contract research. See [the Faculty Research page](#) for further details (LINK WILL BE LIVE SHORTLY!).

The **Research Income and Initiatives Scheme** is a new funding opportunity for supporting research-industry partnerships, research commercialisation and collaborations between industry partners and researchers in the Faculty. Further details will be provided in the next Bulletin.

Funding for HDR students' research or conference travel is also available for students who do not receive resource funding through their scholarship – more details can be found [here](#)

HDR candidates are reminded that [James Purkis](#) and [Wade Kelly](#) are the current HDR representatives on the Education Faculty Board and Research & Graduate Studies Committee respectively. If you have any issues or topics you'd like raised in these fora, please contact them.

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- And finally...how to tell if you're in a Viking saga (if it isn't already obvious)



Everyone around you is named Thorolf, except for Thorstein Cod-Biter, who lives over in the next valley. Many say he is part-troll. But they have learnt not to say it to his face.

<http://the-toast.net/2016/03/03/how-to-tell-if-youre-in-a-viking-saga/>

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Have a great weekend!

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