



CREEW'S News

Centre for Research in Education, Equity and Work

(a research concentration within HRISS)

October - December 2007

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CREEW Seminar Program

Thanks to all who attended the following seminars:

- 12th October
Glenna Lear, PhD Student
Autobiography in research of lived experience

Steven Hodge, PhD Student
Transformative Dimensions of VET

- 26th October
Halia Senu
Early field work results investigating the treatment of commitment as any other project risk

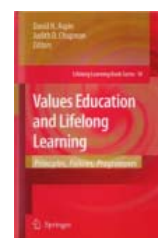
Lisa Davies
Depression as an "undiscussable" in eight Information Technology Organisations

- 9th November
Michael O'Donoghue, Heather Foster, Tony Densley/Michael Vial
Method in study of religion
- 16th November
Sue Gelade
Responsive respondents? The implications of recruitment mode on qualitative research
- 16th November
Brenton Prosser
Weaving a whole cloth: metaphor as a response to representational challenges in critical narrative research
- 30th November
Dr Aidan Davison, Lecturer in Human Geography in the School of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Tasmania.
Sustaining learning: Productive confusion and the coherence of ambivalence

A key role of the CREEW seminars is to provide a safe, supportive and rigorous (although not too critical) venue for PhD students to present their work. If you would like to be added to the seminar mailing list, please contact Miriam.mclean@unisa.edu.au

Publications

- Raduntz, Helen (2007). The Role of Education in Capital Crisis Resolution. In Anthony Green, Glenn Rikowski & Helen Raduntz (Eds.) *Renewing dialogues in Marxism and education: openings*. Palgrave Macmillan: New York.
- The final and formatted manuscript for the edited collection: *Pedagogies of the imagination: Mythopoetic curriculum in Education Practice* is about to be submitted to Springer for publication early in 2008. This collection, edited by Tim Leonard from Chicago and Peter Willis, contains chapters by three UNISA staff: Tom Stehlik, Peter Willis (CREEW) and Peter Bishop.
- Willis, Peter (2007). Lifelong learning, adult education and democratic values: Evoking and shaping an inclusive imagination. In Aspin, David N., Chapman, Judith D. (Eds.) *Values education and lifelong learning principles, policies and progress*. Springer: New York.
- McCallum, Faye & Burrows, L (2007). Wellbeing: a core principle on which to base teacher pre-service program development and delivery. *Education Connect*, 8, 9-11.
- Davies, Lisa (2007). Review of 'Building professional pride in literacy: a dialogical guide to professional development' by B Allan Quigley. *Australian Journal of Adult Learning*, 47(2), 335-338.
- Steve Keirl was Guest Editor of the Point and Counterpoint section of *Curriculum Perspectives – the Journal of the Australian Curriculum Studies Association* (September 2007). The theme was technological literacy with explorations of 'Techlit and Milgen' (Pendergast); 'Critical literacy ethics and militarism



in the curriculum' (Kapitzke); 'Critical technacy' (Seemann); and 'Ethical technological literacy' (Keirl).

- Hodge, Steven (2007). The origins of competency-based training. *Australian Journal of Adult Learning*, 47(2), 179-209.

Conference and Seminar Presentations

- Cathy Hammond & Faye McCallum (2007) *'It's like society and environment is the cake and you're not allowed to have it yet, you've got to have your peas and beans first': preparing early graduates as teachers of Society and Environment*. Paper presented at AARE, Fremantle.
- On October 3 Alan Reid presented a paper on *Researching the public purposes of education* with his ARC grant co-researchers (Bill Mulford, Jack Keating and Neil Cranston) at the combined annual conference of the Australian Secondary Principals Association (ASPA) and Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA) conference, held at the Grand Chancellor Hotel, Hobart, Tasmania.
- Faye McCallum & Briony Carter (2007) *Reflections on preservice teacher preparation*. Paper presented at AARE, Fremantle.
- On November 27, Alan Reid (with Neil Cranston) presented a paper on *Enacting the public purposes of education*, at the annual conference of the Australian Association for Research in Education (AARE), held at the Notre Dame University, Fremantle, Perth, Western Australia.
- On November 10 2007, Steven Hodge presented a paper entitled *The transformative potential of adult literacy education at the Adult Learning Australia 47th National Conference in Cairns*. This presentation will appear as a refereed paper in the conference proceedings (forthcoming).
- On November 28 2007, Alan Reid (and Lew Zipin) presented a paper: *Pursuing strong curricular connection to students' lives: Addressing conceptual and methodological challenges* at the annual conference of the Australian Association for Research in Education (AARE), held at the Notre Dame University, Fremantle, Perth, Western Australia.
- Deb Tranter attended the biennial conference of Equal Opportunity Practitioners in Higher Education Australia in Melbourne and presented two papers entitled:
Unequal schooling: how the school curriculum keeps students from low socioeconomic backgrounds out of university
Bonus points are the only reason I'm at UniSA: equity outreach and higher education success co-authored with her colleagues Lachlan Murdoch and David Saville.
- Tom Stehlik, together with Deborah Churchman and Sharron King from UniSA and visiting scholar Dr Anne Herbert (past CREEW member) from Helsinki School of Economics, facilitated a workshop *Academic identity (re)construction through learning new practices – World Café event* November 22 at Magill campus UniSA.

Together they are convening a strand around this theme for the forthcoming *Insightful Encounters* conference in Finland next March.

- On 24th October, Tony Densley presented a paper to the Religion Studies Research Group entitled *What counts for experience in religious education?*

Keynote Addresses

- Peter Willis was the invited lecturer for the Sceptics Association of South Australia on Thursday Oct 4th. The title of his talk was: *Mythos and Logos: A phenomenological exploration of complementary forms of knowing in post modern times.*
- Robert Crotty will be a keynote speaker at The 3rd Asia-Pacific Conference on *Educational Integrity: Creating a Culture of Integrity* to be held at the University of South Australia from 6-7 December 2007. While previous conferences have focussed on specific issues relating to educational integrity such as plagiarism and values in teaching and learning, the 2007 conference aims to examine the broader educational context. Participants will be asked to consider the questions:
Who is responsible for educational integrity? Is it students, educators, administrators, senior managers or policy makers?
How can a culture of integrity be created so that the current model of 'police action' is replaced by self-regulation and mutual respect?
- Alan Reid presented the invited keynote address on *The culture wars in Australian education*, at a conference of ACT school Principals held at Rydges Capital Hill, Canberra, ACT, on Thursday 25 October.

Community Contribution

- On Monday 8 October, Alan Reid (with Hon. Greg Crafter) made an invited presentation at the South Australian Parliamentary Inquiry into senior secondary education in South Australia, at Parliament House, North Terrace, Adelaide.

Projects

- During November NCVET sponsored a number of research forums around the country on 'Strengthening regions, building partnerships'. Dr Sue Gelade addressed the forum in Geraldton WA in relation to the very recently completed CREEW project report *Skilling for development: Matching needs and learning in regional Australia*. Dr Tom Stehlik addressed the forum in Newcastle NSW, in relation to the CREEW project report *Learning collaborations between ACE and vocational education and training providers: Good practice partnerships* published in 2006. Participants in the Geraldton forum and workshop included representatives from Mid West TAFE, WA DET, the Geraldton Regional Development Board and industry training. The Newcastle forum included representatives from Newcastle University, Hunter Institute of TAFE, NSW Department of Education and Training, DEST, and local Community Colleges which deliver both ACE and VET programs.
- Update on the CRC for Rail Innovation:
The Cooperative Research Centre for Rail Innovation has commenced as a new CRC (the previous one concluded this

year) for the rail industry. The CRC for Rail Innovation will be a greater force for the rail industry with more than \$100 million in resources committed from the Commonwealth Government, industry and universities.

The Centre is based in Brisbane and has strong linkages with the Australasian Railway Association (ARA) in Canberra. Its research activity offers broad research directions with research programs including: (1) economic, social and environmental sustainability, (2) operations and safety, (3) engineering and safety, and (4) education and training.

Several projects within these themes are being developed for Board approval, and some have already been approved for the scoping stages – including two in the Education and Training Program. The University of Queensland is leading one project on developing a national framework for driver performance monitoring and feedback, and UniSA will be leading the other project on evaluating courses for developing staff in the compliance, safety and common technical areas. The lead industry company in each case will be Railcorp in Sydney, with others coming on board soon (such as ARTC in Adelaide on the second project). Roger Harris, Program Leader, Education & Training.

- In November, Tom Stehlik joined a field trip with architecture students as part of his TR nexus project.

Awards

A number of CREEW members featured prominently at the Divisional Awards ceremonies that were held on the evening of 20th November.

- **Michele Simons** was co-winner of the Supported Researcher of the Year category; and
a nominee for the Mid-Career Researcher category;
- **Judy Peters** was nominated for the Early-Career Researcher of the Year category;
- **Miriam McLean** was nominated for the Research Support Staff of the Year category;
- **Alan Reid** was a nominee for the Distinguished Scholar category;
- **Roger Harris** was presented with the Distinguished Scholar trophy which he won last year.

It is great to see the work of CREEW recognised in this way. Congratulations to all.

At the UniSA Celebration of Teaching Awards luncheon on 2nd of November it was announced that CREEW member **David Badenoch** won the following UniSA and National teaching awards:

- 2007 UniSA Award for Teaching Excellence. This award recognises teachers renowned for the excellence of their teaching, who have outstanding presentation skills and who have made a broad and deep contribution to enhancing the quality of learning and teaching in the University of South Australia.

- 2007 Quality Teaching Award. This award recognises high levels of performance in teaching in a way that mirrors the Supported Researcher Scheme for individual performance in research. This is a new UniSA teaching award which replaces both the Scholarship of Teaching Fund and the Supported Teachers Award.
- 2007 Carrick Institute Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning. This national recognition was awarded for a sustained, innovative and scholarly approach to reflective teaching and student-centred learning facilitating high levels of student satisfaction and advancement of graduate qualities at the University of South Australia.

Congratulations

- On the 15th November, the University Council confirmed that **Cath Hall** had successfully completed all requirements of the degree of Doctor of Education. The title of her thesis was *Nurses practising safely: An analysis of law curriculum – what is taught, learnt and applied in nursing*. Roger Harris was Cath's Principal Supervisor. Congratulations Cath on your achievement and best wishes for your future success from all CREEW members.
- On 11th October, Mark Hochman, Director, Research & Innovation Services announced the 2007 supported researchers round. Qualification is *points-based*, scored in the same way as previous years but with changing thresholds depending on academic level. Alternatively, staff not meeting the points threshold can attain Supported Researcher status by publishing in the top 25% of journals in their subject area, or holding an Australian Competitive Grant. As in previous years, points have been averaged over 2005/06 to take account of peaks and troughs in research activity. 33 from the School of Education have been named this year, of which 16 are CREEW members as follows:

11 key researchers

Roger Harris
 Bruce Johnson
 Steve Keirl
 Rosie Le Cornu
 Judy Peters
 Alan Reid
 Michele Simons
 Tom Stehlik
 Peter Willis

5 associate researchers

Marie Brennan
 Elaine Butler
 Ruth Geer
 Judy Gill
 Robert Hattam

CREEW Member News

- South Australia's three local universities are working together through the Ethics Centre of South Australia (ECSA) to offer a suite of new degrees in ethics.

In 2008 a new Graduate Certificate in Applied Ethics will be

available to students from UniSA, Adelaide and Flinders Universities, coordinated through ECSA.

Director of ECSA and the new program, **Emeritus Professor Robert Crotty** says the certificate will tap into a resurgence in interest in the study of ethics. Further information may be obtained from Professor Crotty.

- Please make note in your diaries on 14th February for the annual CREEW Planning Day to commence with lunch at 12.30, business 1.30 – 3.45pm, followed by drinks. This is a preliminary notice to be followed by an agenda early next year.
- **Heather Foster** reported that on 16th November, 13 postgraduate students from Religion Studies/Catholic Studies presented reports on their research at a seminar presentation.
- **Emeritus Professor Robert Crotty** has spent over forty years in the university and higher education sector. His academic fields are history and social sciences, including religion studies, education and ethics. He holds Masters degrees in History, Theology and Biblical Studies and a doctorate in Education. Professor Crotty has been Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Jewish/Christian Relations at Cambridge University, Visiting Scholar at the Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies at Oxford University and Visiting Scholar at the British School of Archaeology in Athens. In 2006 he was appointed Director of the Ethics Centre of South Australia. Professor Crotty has authored six research books and authored or co-authored over twenty other academic books and over fifty journal articles.

Robert and his wife Marie recently became grandparents with the arrival of Matilda Yvette Smith (Crotty) on Friday 28th Sept.

- **Emily Collins** who has been an ongoing research assistant with CREEW members over several years will be returning to Indonesia (Central Java) in December to continue ethno-musicological studies and research and community work with the children's performance group Komunitas Bengkel Bocah (Community for healing trauma/restoring hope, established after the Yogyakarta earthquake of May 2006). As a fellow survivor of that earthquake, which hit hardest in Bantul, Yogyakarta where she was living at the time, Emily is keen to see how the community is faring and to resume activities concerned with the welfare of children in the area. She will also assist at the Institute for Indonesian Arts in the departments of Traditional Music, which were also badly affected by the disaster. Having a good time dabbling in local music, language and cuisine – and even a bit of contemporary singing around the traps – may also be on the agenda. If anyone would like to donate items for the Institute (which lost its books after post-earthquake downpours through the large holes in the library roof) or the children's groups operating in the area, contact Emily for more information at: emilichie@hotmail.com

Emily's work with CREEW over several years has been greatly appreciated and she will be missed by many of us. We wish her well in her travels and whatever she chooses to do.

- In her role as Senior Project Officer Equity at UniSA, **Deb Tranter** is working with the Acting Director of HRISS, Barbara Comber, on the establishment of the new national research

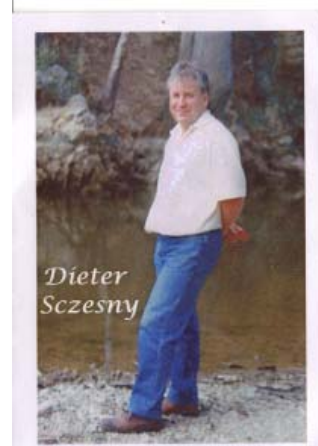
centre in student equity in higher education. UniSA has received \$630,000 to establish the Centre next year with ongoing funding provided of \$590,000 a year. A research chair will be appointed as the first priority and will take a lead role nationally in exploring the continuing inequalities in higher education.

Postgraduate News

- **Steven Hodge** gave a presentation at the EAS Postgraduate Research Forum on August 11 entitled *Transformative learning in the context of VET*.
- Invitation: *The Pearl in the Crown* – A story of communication and transformation told through the dynamic and life affirming paintings of artist, art therapist and researcher, **Faith Thorley**. To celebrate her win of the 2007 Dawn Slade-Faull Art Prize, Arts Access SA has invited Faith to exhibit her paintings in their Hallway Gallery at 101 Halifax Street, Adelaide. The Editor of Link Magazine will launch the exhibition on Friday 7th December, 5.30 – 7.30. The season runs from 7 – 21 December and 3 January – 1 February 2008. RSVP to 8297 9180 / 0407 893 042 or thocr001@students.unisa.edu.au.

- *In Memoriam*

Dieter Sczesny, one of our Postgraduate students, passed away on the 15th of November after a brief illness. Dieter was close to completing his thesis on *Professional practice as an area for adult learning*. His supervisors were Peter Willis and Roger Harris. When Dieter wasn't working as an architect, he was a familiar face around CREEW at Underdale and Mawson Lakes and was an active and valued member of the Postgraduate Club in the 'Blueroom' at Underdale (so called because Dieter chose the blue lounge suite that CREEW bought for the room - this is still in use by the students at Mawson Lakes). Our sympathy goes to Dieter's wife Helen and son Aiden. Dieter is sadly missed.



Future CREEW News

CREEW News is your newsletter, so please keep us informed of all your activities and help maintain the democratic, collaborative and inclusive culture of CREEW. Please continue to send all contributions to Miriam.McLean@unisa.edu.au

This is an opportunity to thank you all for your contributions to the Centre in 2007 and to wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas holiday break.

CREEW members will celebrate Christmas with a lunch on Monday 17th December from 12 noon at The British Hotel, Finnis Street, North Adelaide. Please advise Miriam if you would like to attend.