



CREd Research Highlights February 2011

Publications

Alexander, A. & Russo, S. (2010) Let's start in our own backyard: Children's engagement with science through the natural environment. *Teaching Science*. 56(2), pp 47-54.

Baak, M. (2010), 'Murder, Community Talk and Belonging: An Exploration of Sudanese Community Responses to Murder', in R Mason & A Hayes (eds), *Migrant Security 2010: Refereed Proceedings of the National Symposium titled Migrant Security 2010: Citizenship and Social Inclusion in a Transnational Era*, University of Southern Queensland, Faculty of Arts, Public Memory Research Centre, Toowoomba, Australia.

Marjory Ebbeck & Yvonne Chan have had an article entitled: Instituting Change in Early Childhood Education: Recent Developments in Singapore accepted for publication in the *International Early Childhood Education Journal* published by Springer.

Ebbeck, M., Winter, P., Russo, S., Yim, H.Y.B., Teo, G.L.C., & Goh, M. (in press). Measuring children's involvement as an indicator of curriculum effectiveness: A curriculum evaluation of a selected Child Study Centre in Singapore. *Early Child Development and Care*.

Yim, H.Y. B., & Ebbeck, M. (in press). Early childhood teachers' professional development in music: A cross-cultural study. *Australasian Journal of Early Childhood*. (A ranked Journal)

Flint, N.R.A. & Johnson, B. (2010) *Towards fairer university assessment: Recognizing the concerns of students*. London: Routledge.

Kraglund-Gauthier, W., Chareke, O., Orr, A. & Foran, A. (2010) Teacher education in online classrooms: An inquiry into instructors lived experiences. *Canadian Journal for the scholarship of Teaching and Learning*. 1(2).

MacGregor, D. (2010) Developing Knowledge for Professional Renewal – The place of undergraduate research in design and Technology education, in Middleton, H. (eds), *Knowledge in Technology Education, Proceedings of the 2010 Australian Technology Education Research Conference*, Griffith Institute for Education Research, Queensland, Australia.

MacGregor, D. (2010) The Value of Play Based Learning in Design and Technology Teacher Education Programs, in Petrina, S. & Hanson, R. (eds) *Proceedings for the technological Learning and Thinking Conference – Culture, Design, Sustainability, Human Ingenuity*, University of British Columbia-Forest Science Centre, Vancouver, Canada.

Conferences and other presentations

Sue Nichols presented at the International Literacy Association conference in Cape Town, South Africa, on the topic *Actor networks and the resourcing of early literacy through social and cyber space*.

Sue Nichols participated in the invitation-only international research workshop *Negotiating and mediating the entrepreneurial city: Multilingualism in locality, translocality and historicity* held at the University of the Western Cape, Cape Town South Africa on January 24th.

Projects and Consultancies

Barbara Spears (EDS) and Denise Wood (CIL) are UniSA partners in the new *Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for Young People, Technology and Wellbeing*, announced by the Federal Government. This CRC will investigate how technology can help prevent and treat mental illness and promote wellbeing in young people over the next five years, and will receive a total of \$100m, combining the government investment of \$27m with cash and in-kind contributions.

Barbara Spears was awarded an **Australian Academy of Science** grant for a Short Term Scientific Mission to attend the COST Action ISO801 Cyberbullying Meeting in Turku, Finland, 2011.

Barbara Spears is a member of the Research Steering Committee and will lead the *Safe and Supportive* research strand project: *Smart Online, Safe Offline*, which uses social marketing techniques to promote messages about cybersafety, violence, binge drinking and body image. <http://www.unisa.edu.au/news/2010/211210.asp>.

Events

In January the annual School Retreat was held, which introduced our new Head of School, **Professor Geraldine Castleton**, to colleagues within the School of Education.

A very successful book launch was held after the School Retreat for **Nerilee Flint** (former UniSA PhD student) and **Bruce Johnson's** book *Towards Fairer University Assessment: Recognizing the Concerns of Students*. This was based on Nerilee's PhD research and was published by Routledge.

From January 17th–21st another successful **CREd Summer School** was held which focused on academic writing. The School would like to thank Rob Hattam for organising this as well as facilitator Claire Aitchison from the University of Sydney.

Visiting Canadian scholars Professors Dorothy Smith and Alison Griffith presented at a CREd seminar - *Behind our backs: Reorganizing the public sector*. This was well received by an audience from across the Division as well as those from DECS, TAFE and various schools in SA. Video of the evening will be available on our [CREd Past Events](#) website.

Staff news

In February we officially welcomed **Professor Geraldine Castleton** as the new Head of School of the School of Education. Geraldine comes to us from the University of Tasmania and we look forward to working with her in the coming years.

The School also welcomed new staff members **Wendy Piltz, Alison Wrench, Robyne Garrett, Ben Palk and Anna Sullivan.**

At the end of February we had a small informal farewell for exiting staff members **Helen Nixon and David Lloyd.** Many people spoke fondly and with good humour of their contributions over the years. Helen has been with UniSA for 25 years and David for 12. We wish them all the best in future endeavours.

The School also said farewell to a long serving member of our team, **Vikki Hopwood,** who has retired to spend more time with her grandchildren. The School thanked her for her commitment and dedication over the years particularly with her work setting up the Curriculum Resource Centre.

Kate Fitzpatrick also made a rather unexpected departure from the School. She has started work with the Division of Health Sciences working with Professor Robyn McDermott, we wish Kate all the very best.

Barbara Spears was invited to appear at the public hearing of the Joint Select Committee on Cybersafety on February 3rd, 2011, as a representative of the recently formed *Australian University Cyberbullying Research Alliance*

Barbara Spears was invited to meet with the Minister of Education (SA) on February 2nd as a member of the Coalition to decrease bullying, harassment and violence in SA schools

Student news

Chris Boulter (from Canada) submitted his PhD thesis in December 2010 - *On the periphery: Classroom teacher accounts of including Special Needs students in Nova Scotia* – Supervisors Sue Nichols and Bruce Johnson

Phairin Rugsakorn (from Thailand) submitted her EdD portfolio in December 2010 - *Managing curriculum change: Project-Based Learning with Thai Undergraduate English Learners* – Supervisors Jenny Barnett/Jill Burton and Michele de Courcy