Research & Development
Inaugural Research on Research Conference

Supervision: Changing Contexts, Change Roles, Communities of Practice Conference

Thursday 7th February 2002

Rydges Hotel
Carlton - Melbourne

Booking Form
The inaugural Research on Research Supervision Conference is hosted by the Office of the PVC: Research and Development on Thursday 7th February 2002 in Melbourne. You are invited to pre-conference drinks on Wednesday 6th February at 5.00p.m. at Rydges Hotel, Swanston Street, Carlton.

The theme for the conference is Supervision: Changing Contexts, Changing Roles, Communities of Practice. Keynote speakers include Margot Pearson from ANU and Professor Rod Wissler from QUT. Issues related to the focus of the conference include models of supervision across research degree frameworks, supervisor/candidate relations, tests of hazard, strategies for completion, supervision across the globe, as well as supervision and performativity.

The conference will provides an opportunity for supervisors to showcase research on research supervision as well as best practice with respect to research supervision. Furthermore the conference provides an opportunity to meet with colleagues from across the ATN, RMIT and beyond. A monograph and a special edition of ultiBASE on research supervision will be produced as a result of the conference. Both publications will be subject to peer review. All presenters will be invited to submit a paper for consideration within the publications. Further details about such publication opportunities will be available at the conference.

Themes

Supervision Completion Strategies
Models of Research Supervision
Research Environments
Supervision by Distance
Supervisory Relationships
Graduate Capabilities
Supervision in a Time of Changing Research Degrees
Tests of Hazard: Getting through the Challenges
Cross Disciplinary Supervision

Organising Committee:
The Research Training Group

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Prof. Robin Usher
Dr. Robyn Barnacle
Mrs. Helen Lennox
Margot Pearson ANU

Margot Pearson, Centre for Educational Development and Academic Methods, ANU.

Margot Pearson has been involved in research into research education and supervision and professional development for supervisors for some years at the Centre for Educational Development and Academic Methods (CEDAM) at the Australian National University where until late 2001 she has been Director.

She was involved initially in efforts to raise awareness of critical issues and to enhance supervision at the ANU in collaboration with the foundation Dean of the Graduate School. This interest led to a study into effective supervision (Cullen, Pearson, Saha and Spear, 1994), which investigated many aspects of research supervision, including panel supervision, which had been introduced into the University some years earlier. This study stimulated the first conference on Quality in PhD Education held in 1992 at the ANU (Cullen 1993), and the establishment of an induction program for less experienced supervisors at the University that continues.

The initial study also revealed some examples of flexible supervision, which were unexpected given the fact that university rules discouraged off campus candidature for postgraduates. A national study into the experience of supervisors and research students in more flexible settings revealed a more open system in Australia than had been hitherto been recognised, as described in Pearson and Ford (1997) and Pearson (2001a).

Drawing on these studies, and on her experience in working and meeting with supervisors and students in various disciplinary and multidisciplinary settings in various institutions, she has explored the pedagogy of research supervision (1996; 1999a; 1999b; Evans & Pearson 1999; 2001b), and issues in research training and supervisor development (with Brew, forthcoming 2002).

Currently she is a member of the Steering Group for an Interuniversity Consortium which is developing resources for supervision development (FIRST); leading a collaborative project with the Graduate School and CEDAM to develop a more elaborated professional education program for both Graduate Program Convenors and supervisors at the ANU; and collaborating on a project for developing a feedback instrument for supervisors. Her interests in research education were recently broadened by participation in a DETYA funded investigation of postdoctoral research training and employment outcomes, also conducted in CEDAM.

For References visit: http://www.anu.edu.au/CEDAM/staff/margot.html
Professor Rod Wissler QUT

Director, Postgraduate Research Studies, QUT


As Director of Postgraduate Research Studies at QUT, he monitors the university's provision of Research Higher Degree training. He has introduced a comprehensive Research Training Quality Assurance System and is responsible for staff development in postgraduate supervision, personally devising and leading many workshops across the university's eight faculties. His current projects involve online delivery of staff and research student development programs. Professor Wissler is a member of the QUT Research Committee, Teaching and Learning Committee, all Research Centre review committees; and chairs its Research Degrees Committee, Scholarships Committee, and Fellowships Committee.

He was previously the founding Director of the Centre for Innovation in the Arts (CINOVA), a multi disciplinary research centre with 27 MA and 18 PhD students (a PhD program he established in 1993). He was Head of Drama at QUT (1989 to 1993), and has supervised 5 PhD, 6 Ma, 5 MFA and 6 Hons projects to completion since 1991, as well as examining 27 research theses for 7 Australian universities. His ongoing research in CIRAC (Creative Industries Research and Applications Centre) focusses on new works and scholarship in multidisciplinary and intercultural artforms particularly with new media technologies. He currently supervises six PhD candidates, with an emphasis on the Australian context and the creative process.

He was Visiting Professor of Theatre Arts at SUNY, Stony Brook, in 1992. He served on the Drama Panel of the Australia Council (1989 /90) and has been a Member of the Editorial Board of NJ, the refereed journal of National Association for Drama in Education since 1994. He was an invited presenter at the Research Institute, 2nd World Congress of IDEA International Drama/Theatre and Education Association, 1995; was an invited speaker at the National Symposium on Research in the Creative Arts (ARC SRIG) in 1997 and at “The Scholar and the Stage” (ARC SRIG) in 1998. He has served on QUT’s Humanities and Social Sciences Panel for ARC Small Grants since 1993 and has been an assessor for ARC Large Grants since 1996.

He has served as Chair of CHAUTSI (Council of Heads of Australian University Theatre Studies Institutions) since September, 1998. He had a decisive Theatre Studies input to the 1998 DETYA study, Research in the Creative Arts and is a member of the joint ARC/Australia Council steering committee for the development of a Discipline Research Strategy for the Creative Arts. He is a member of the Queensland Fulbright Committee.

Competitive Grant Funding: He leads a team investigating the policy, management and audience reception aspects of Australian Festival Culture and another investigating Regional Arts Deliver, both with support of ARC SPIRT grants; and has been the recipient of 12 Australia Council and other Public Sector grants since 1995, for collaborative projects with artists, productions of new theatre works and youth arts and health research.

Selected publications - Print:
“Towards an Industrially responsive, academically rigorous Performance as Research paradigm – the After China case”. Wissler (with Copeman,P.), Australasian Drama Studies Association, 2000

Selected Publications - Major Creative Works:
As Actor:- Highlights include solo performances in “The Art of Speech” (for World Congress of IDEA, 1995) and “The Fever” (Shawn) (for the Brisbane Festival, 1998)
### PROGRAM

#### Thursday 6th February

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| 5.00 – 6.30 | **Conference Welcome**  
Drinks will be held in the Reds Bar, ground floor, Rydges Hotel  
Swanston Street, Carlton |

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<td>8.30-9.00am</td>
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| 9.00-9.15am | Official Opening and Welcome: PVC (Research and Development)  
Professor Neil Furlong |
| 9.15 - 10.15am | Keynote: Margot Pearson                                      |
| 10.15-10.45am | Morning Tea                                                     |
| 10.45am-12.45pm | Papers / workshops (30 minutes each)                              |
| 12.45-1.30pm | Lunch                                                             |
| 1.30-2.30pm | Panel: RMIT Supervisors of 2001  
Focus: Effective supervisory practice  
Rob Watts  
Prof. John Hawley  
Prof. Clive Morley  
David Thomas |
| 2.30-4.00pm | Papers / workshops (30 minutes each)                              |
| 4.00-4.30pm | Afternoon tea                                                     |
| 4.30-5.30pm | Keynote: Professor Rod Wissler                                     |
| 5.30-7.00pm | VC: Professor Ruth Dunkin  
Cocktail Party  
Book Launch |


BOOKING FORM

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Hotel Accommodation

Hotel accommodation is available at Rydges Hotel, Swanston Street, Carlton at a reduced rate of $142.00 a night.

To book please contact Rydges directly on: Telephone: (03) 9347 7811 – Fax: (03) 9347 8225 or by email reservations_carlton@rydges. Please advise the hotel when registering that you will be attending the RMIT Conference.