

Keynote Speakers

Morning Keynote Speaker

Dr Catherine Beavis

Dr Catherine Beavis is a Senior Lecturer at the School of Social and Cultural Studies in Education at Deakin University. Her teaching and research interests lie primarily in the areas of Curriculum and English Education, with a focus on literacy, postprimary English, literature, popular culture and reading. Special interests include the implications of popular culture for the curriculum, and the utilisation of contemporary literacy theory in the secondary English classroom. Recent publications concern the teaching of literature at upper secondary levels, the challenge of computer games for the curriculum, and historical perspectives on the development of English teaching in Australia. Catherine's doctoral studies centred on VCE Literature teachers' experience of curriculum change.

Afternoon Keynote Speaker

Dr Geoff Romeo

Dr Romeo is a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Education at Monash University, Australia. He has been with the faculty since 1991. Prior to this he was a teacher with the Education Department of Victoria. He has taught in a number of schools in Victoria including Waverley Meadows Primary School, Rowville Primary School and Mossgiel Park Primary School. In 1989 he was an International Teaching Fellow and taught for 12 months at Galveston Elementary School in Arizona, USA.

Dr Romeo is the Chair of the Faculty's Information and Communication Technologies in Education Committee, a member of the Faculty of Computing and Information Technology Faculty Board, Course Coordinator of Primary Double Degrees, the Coordinator of Educational Computing and Senior Lecturer in ICTE at the Peninsular campus. He is a member of Monash University's HEPCIT (Higher Education Partnerships in Communication and Information Technology) Committee and Chair of the InterLearn Steering Committee.

His research interests include the use of ICT in education (from Early Childhood Education to Tertiary Education) to improve teaching and learning, online teaching and learning, the development of primary and middle school curriculum, action research and education in general.

Dr Romeo is the Immediate Past President of ICTEV and a past member of the Australian Council for Computers in Education and the Standards Council for the Teaching Profession.

Dr Romeo is active in delivering and organising professional development for schools, organisations and teachers, and has presented at conference, seminars and workshops in Australia, the United Kingdom, USA, Denmark and Chile. Some of his recent publications include:

Edwards S., and Romeo G.I., 2003 *InterLearn: an online teaching and learning system* developed at Monash University in conference proceedings for E-Learn2003 World Conference on E-Learn in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, and High Learning, Phoenix, Arizona 7-11 November, 2003.

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Teacher of the Future, IFIP TC3/WG3.1 & 3.3 Working Conference on ICT and the Teacher of the Future, 27-31 January 2003, Melbourne, Australia.: 191-202

Romeo G.I., Edwards S., McNamara S., Walker I. and Ziguras C., 2003 *Touching the screen: issues related to the use of touchscreen technology in early childhood education*, British Journal of Education Technology, Vol. 34 No. 3, 2003

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