

Forthcoming Seminar:

‘Motivations, Engagement, and Aspirations towards a Teaching Career’

Speakers: Paul Richardson and Helen Watt

Date: *Thursday 17th May, 12.30 - 1.45.*

Venue: Meeting Room 1, Building 64, Monash University, Clayton Campus

About the seminar:

Why do people choose teaching as a career, and what are their levels of professional engagement and career development aspirations on completion of their teacher education qualification? Such information has implications for recruitment authorities, teacher education providers, employers, and policy makers in the current climate of teacher shortage in Australia and many other countries. In this seminar we present findings from our large-scale, international and longitudinal program of research. The research is funded by an Australian Research Council Discovery grant (2006-2009) awarded to Paul Richardson, Helen Watt and Jacquelynne Eccles.

About the speakers:

Paul W. Richardson, PhD, is a member of the Faculty of Education, Monash University, where he has held significant administrative and leadership positions in teaching and learning. His current research focuses on motivations for teaching as a career choice, teacher self-efficacy and career development; as well as adolescent identity development, adolescent literacy, and teaching and learning in higher education. He was a visiting scholar at the University of Michigan 2004-2006, where he worked as a Research Scientist on the large NICHD-funded study: Social and Cultural Influences on Adolescent Literacy Motivation and Development.

Helen M. G. Watt, PhD, has previously held positions at the University of Michigan, University of Western Sydney, University of Sydney, and Macquarie University. Her interests include motivation, mathematics education, gendered educational and occupational choices, motivations for teaching, and teacher self-efficacy. She has received awards in Australia and the United States, attracted external funding, and published in international journals.

Who should attend:

This forum is for all those interested in education and educational research; and is particularly relevant to those seeking a broader picture of why some health professionals choose to become teachers.

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