



Research Week Presentation

Workshop: Writing Small Weather Stories to Change the Narrative

Date: Wednesday September 28th 2022

Broome AWST Time: 2.00pm – 3.30pm

Sydney AEST Time: 4.00pm – 5.30pm

London BST Time: 7.00am – 8.30am

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Abstract

Drawing from a multisensory and multispecies ethnography of young children's weather relations, this workshop explores how a set of creative manoeuvres (perspective, language, grammar) can be used to compose and craft 'small weather stories' that challenge anthropocentric models of knowledge that separate nature and culture and position nature as an object to be managed, controlled, and used.

Creative manoeuvres are not a set of mechanical steps and strategies that are followed to *write-up* small weather stories. Instead, they are part of a feminist, creative and experimental writing approach influenced by decolonising and Place-based scholarship to represent Indigenous knowledges (see Nxumalo, 2016) and for reimagining humans' relations with weather.

Workshop participants will experiment with their own observational data to work out how creative manoeuvres are useful for conveying human and more-than-human movements and moments observed, sensed, and felt during research that are simultaneously shaping weather worlds.

Writing small weather stories are significant because they are one small step towards understanding how we learn, live, and become with wider weather worlds. They have the potential to change the narrative, including how qualitative researchers document and represent human-environment relations.

Biographies

Mindy Blaise is a Vice Chancellor's Professorial Research Fellow and Co-Director of the Centre for People, Place, and Planet, at Edith Cowan University, Western Australia. She is a co-founder of the Common Worlds Research Collective.

Tonya Rooney is a Senior Lecturer in Early Childhood and Environmental Education at the Australian Catholic University. She is member of the Common Worlds Research Collective.

Mindy and Tonya are excited about their forthcoming book, *Rethinking Environmental Education in a Climate Change Era: Weather Learning in Early Childhood* to be published by Routledge as part of the Contesting Early Childhood series.