# **SCHOLARSHIP OF TEACHING & LEARNING**



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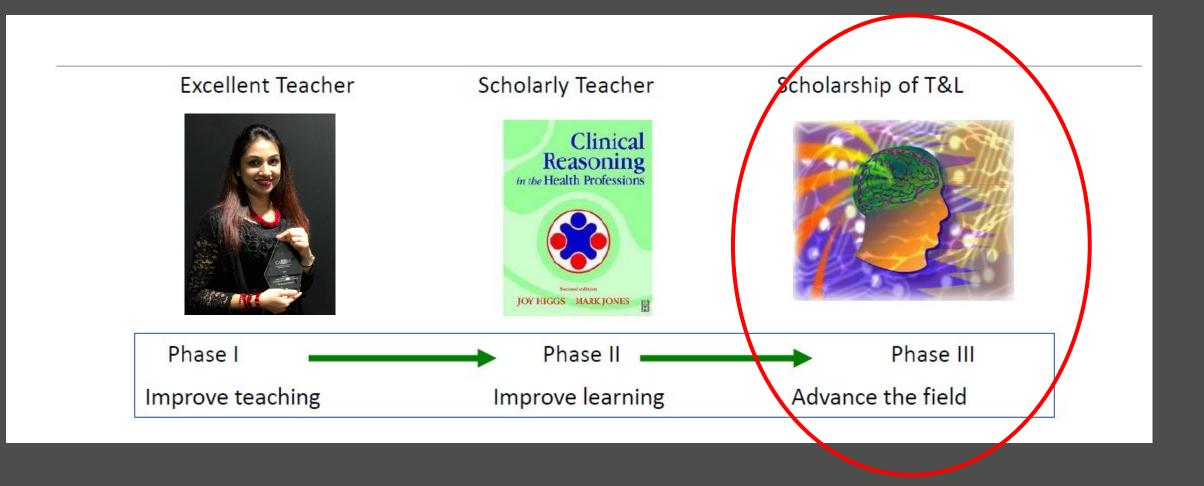
## PART 2: SoTL Practicalities

**Professor Erica James** 

# WHAT IS Sotl?

	Excellent	Scholarly	Scholarship	
	Teacher	Teacher	of T & L	
Knowledge		INTERPORT OF CONTROL O		
Source	Experience	& Literature	& Research	
Dissemination	Personal Use	Local Use	Public Use	

Kreber (2002) Teaching excellence, teaching expertise, and the scholarship of teaching. Innovative Higher Education, 27, 5-23.



### THE EDUCATOR NETWORK (tEN)

### The Educator Network Showcase Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

This event will be held on 29th September (10am-12pm) via zoom.

Hi Erica, when you submit this form, the owner will be able to see your name and email address.

\* Required

### Pre-Workshop Survey

Please complete the following questions. These will help us to guide the content of the upcoming Showcase sessions to your needs.

### 1. School/Unit \*

Enter your answer

### 2. College / Division \*

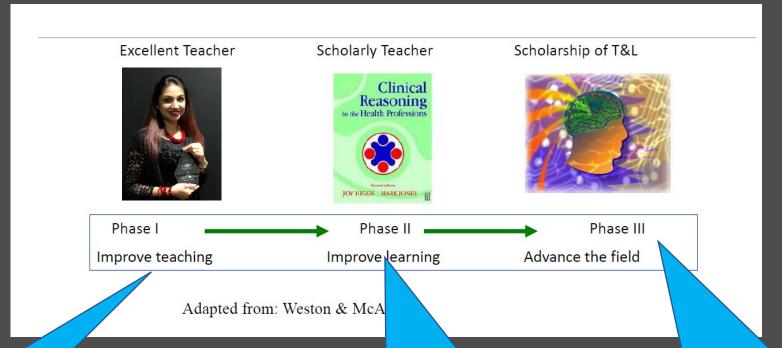
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O College of Engineering, Science and Environment

College of Human and Social Futures

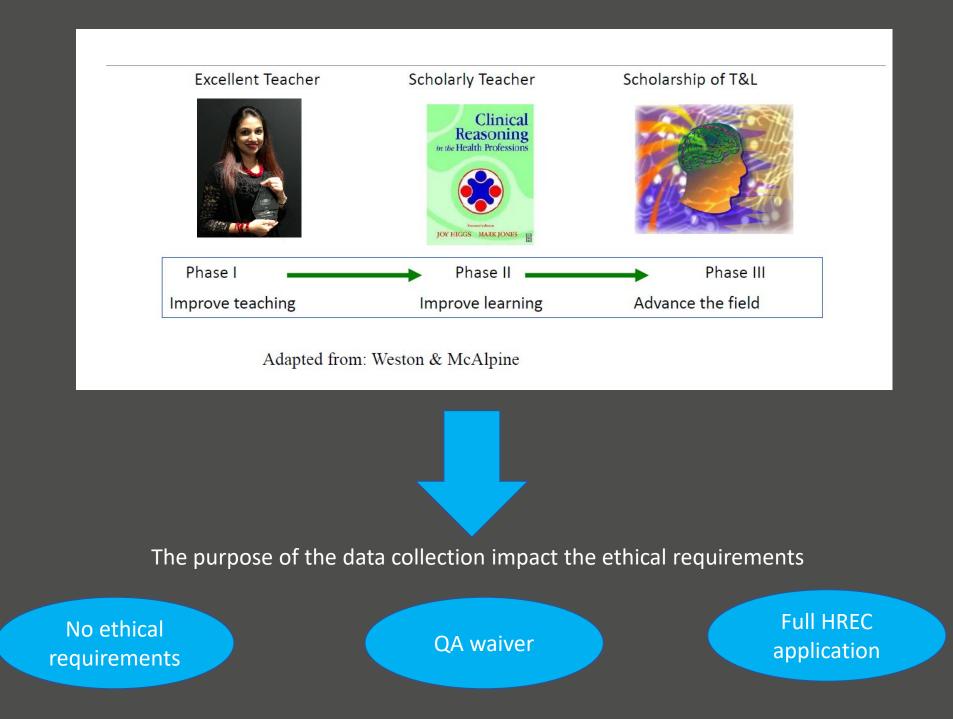
Academic Division

) Other



Scenario 1: I use the results of the pre-workshop survey to refine topic selection to ensure I meet the needs of participants (adult learning principles) *Anonymous*  Scenario 2: I use the results of the preworkshop survey to identify those with low confidence and tailor the activities and breakout rooms accordingly based on theory of building self-efficacy, measure post-workshop outcomes and share findings with tEN colleagues *Participants identifiable* 

Scenario 3: tEN want to monitor if participants who attend this workshop and then join a COP are more likely to produce a SoTL output in the next 12 months, compared to those who do not attend. The results will be disseminated at a national conference. *Participants are identifiable and need to consent to follow up* 



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RISKS AND BURDENS

Office Reference Date

### QUALITY ASSURANCE ACTIVITY PROPOSAL

Institutional Project QA Project

List of those conducting the

Funding source if the proposed

Project Outline and Objectives (max 300 words)

#### Methodology (including number of participants and method of recruitment)

(max 300 words)

activity is grant funded

Project Title

activity

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#### CONSENT From the Quality Assurance Guideline

'Adequate consent is obtained from <u>participants</u> or any institutions involved and the activity is consistent with National Privacy Principle 2 (1a) Adequate' consent may be explicit (for example, in writing) or implied (for example, by completing a survey). The NPP 2.1 (a) requires that any secondary purposes for using the information relate to the primary purpose for collecting it and that the person whose information [it is could reasonably expect that this information would be used for the secondary purpose concerned. See the Quality Assurance Guidelines for sources of content.

### 3 page document, notified within 5 days

#### Is the burden on participants limited to their participation in the relevant care/program/professional activity? (That is, there will be no additional burden such as extensive interviews, lengthy stionnaires, persistent reminders, or intrusive questions.) PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY Any participants' records or information (eg. in databases, databanks, tissue banks) used in a quality assurance activity are accessed only by those with usual access for care or professional practice or access for a directly related secondary purpose and any person reviewing such information is bound by legislation or a code of ethics. Q4 Will access to participants' records and information be Yes No consistent with the above principles? Will access to any personal information be limited to that Q5 Will access to any possible required for relevant care or professional practice? Yes No Q6 Is there effectively zero risk of a breach in the confidentiality of an individual's personal information? Yes No OVERLAP WITH RESEARCH Is the proposed action simply the routine care or professional practice normally provided to the participant? (Any use of new interventions or devices that are not a routine part of current practice will require an application for approval by the HREC.) Are the participants being treated as usual, with no Q8 randomisation of groups, control groups, or use of placebo interventions? Is the information being collected about participants in the relevant care/program/professional activity limited to that which would be routinely collected? (Any requirement for more extensive information necessitating additional testing, such as collections of additional blood or tissue, physical or psychological testing, or longer interviews, will require an application for approval by the HREC.) BROADER IMPLICATIONS Are the rights, privacy, and professional reputation of any person or institution involved in providing the care/program/professional activity free from any risk of

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### Human ethics

Human Research Ethics Committee

(HREC) Research Ethics Advisors (REAs)

What needs ethics approval?

### Application procedures

RIMS Help Forms and Guidelines

Course Related Ethics Approval Register of Approved Tests and

Procedures Human Ethics approvals from

external HRECs Peer review

Submission Dates and Response

Times

Quality Assurance

Policies and guidelines

FAQ

Contact us

## Application Forms, Guidelines and Procedures

Study

Enquiries should be directed to the appropriate REA in the first instance.

Research

The HREC Register of Approved Tests and Procedures is now available. For tests and procedures listed in the Register it is not necessary for researchers to provide copies with an application to the HREC for ethics

Research Ethics Advisors (REAs) have been appointed in Faculties to assist researchers, both staff and students, to design ethically acceptable human research and assist them through the ethics approval process

Engage

Campus Life

Application Forms - Initial application form

approval.

- <u>Requesting a Variation to an approved research project</u>
- Application Procedures Course Related Ethics Approval
- Register of Approved Tests and Procedures
- Human Ethics approvals from external HRECs
- Peer Review of Research Proposals Submitted for Ethics Approval
- Quality Assurance Quality Assurance Activity Proposal Form

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### How to Complete and Submit your Annual Progress Report

Researchers who have a University of Newcastle username and password are required to submit their progress report online using the <u>Research Information Management System (RIMS)</u>.

#### Instructions for completion and submission of an Annual Progress Report

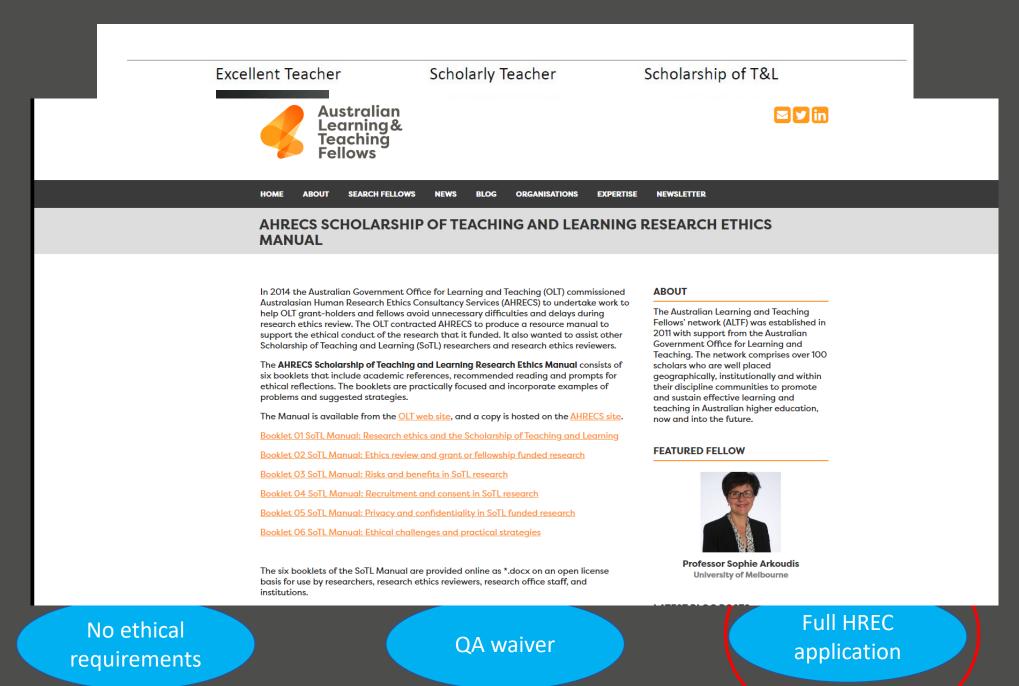
 If the chief investigator/project supervisor has a UoN user name and password, please submit your Progress Report online via RIMS. Also see the Online submission user guide (PDF 460 KB) for more

### The purpose of the data collection impact the ethical requirements

No ethical requirements

QA waiver

Full HREC application



# WHAT IS YOUR Sotl QUESTION?

1.SoTL context questions2.SoTL process questions3.SoTL impact questions4.SoTL follow-up questions

Hubball and Clarke (2010). Diverse Methodological Approaches and Considerations for SoTL in Higher Education. The Canadian Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, 1 (1).

# WHAT IS YOUR Sotl QUESTION?

Type of question	Examples
<b>SoTL context questions</b> Focus on critical structures that shape the educational initiative	<ul> <li>a critique of literature models and best practices,</li> <li>an examination of critical implementation factors,</li> <li>assessment of perceived needs of key stakeholders,</li> <li>examination of cost-benefit analysis and resource feasibility issues. What needs to be improved, why, and how?</li> </ul>
SoTL process questions Focus on periodic assessments of issues of importance that arise throughout the educational initiative (formative)	<ul> <li>investigating theory-practice integration or problematic, innovative, or successful outcomes-based program processes,</li> <li>examining how and to what extent educational experiences are responsive to the needs and circumstances of the key stakeholders,</li> <li>investigating whether and how learning experiences are progressively sequenced; what needs to be improved, why, and how?</li> </ul>

# EXAMPLE OF A Sotl Context QUESTION

We reviewed the literature to assess the effects of interventions for medical students that aim to improve interpersonal communication in medical consultations. We identified what types of learning activities are most effective for specific student groups (context).

Cochrane Library

Interventions for improving medical students' interpersonal communication in medical consultations (Review)

Gilligan C, Powell M, Lynagh MC, Ward BM, Lonsdale C, Harvey P, James EL, Rich D, Dewi SP, Nepal S, Croft HA, Silverman J

# EXAMPLE OF A Sotl Process Question

We evaluated student perceptions of a photo essay and reflective task in order to explore the pedagogical process. frontiers in Public Health

ORIGINAL RESEARCH published: 22 May 2017 doi: 10.3389/fpubh.2017.00116

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A "Light Bulb Moment" in Understanding Public Health for Undergraduate Students: Evaluation of the Experiential "This Is Public Health" Photo Essay Task

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# WHAT IS YOUR Sotl QUESTION?

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SoTL impact questions focus on issues of importance that occur as a result of the educational initiative (summative) evaluation	<ul> <li>what are learning outcomes, and how do key stakeholders rate the quality of the educational initiative?</li> <li>To what extent does the educational initiative meet, surpass, or fall short of expectations, why, and how? What needs to be improved, why, and how?</li> </ul>
<b>SoTL follow-up questions</b> <i>focus on issues of importance</i> <i>which arise as a result of the</i> <i>longer term (e.g., months, year)</i> <i>impact of educational</i> <i>initiatives.</i>	<ul> <li>where do graduates go, and how do they apply their learning?</li> <li>as key stakeholders reflect upon the educational initiative, what do they remember and value most?</li> <li>to whom and to what extent, if at all, did the educational initiative make any difference? If at all, how did the educational initiative contribute to further development?</li> </ul>

# EXAMPLE OF A Sotlimpact Question

We manipulated a photo essay task (by adding geocaching) to explore if it led to increased understanding of public health (the impact on learning) Check for updates

Original Research

Does Increasing the Experiential Component Improve Efficacy of the "This Is Public Health" Photo Essay Task? A Nonrandomized Trial

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Pedagogy in Health Promotion: The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning 2019, Vol. 5(3) 178–189 © 2019 Society for Public Health Education Article reuse guidelines: sagepub.com/journals-permissions DOI: 10.1177/2373379919863304 journals.sagepub.com/home/php

# EXAMPLE OF A Sotl Follow-up Question

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We added online microcredentials to a program and traced whether the additional qualifications led to increased employment opportunities for graduates (via employer CV analysis and longitudinal follow up of graduates)



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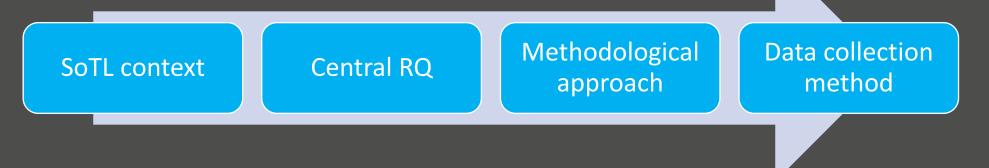
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# BALANCING THEORY AND PRACTICALITIES

- What is the context? Single class, cohort, multiple programs, multi-institutional
- What is the question you want to explore/the aim of your study? Context, process, impact, follow-up
- Is it predominantly quantitative, qualitative or mixed method?
- What data sources are available?
- Do you have funding to support research costs?



Design	Use with Small Samples	Use with Single Class	Can Complete in One Session	Can Determine Long-term Effects	Can Determine Causal Relationships	Main Weaknesses
Simple correlation	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Cannot determine causality
One-group post-test only	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Cannot make comparisons; cannot determine causality
Two-group post-test only	No	If class can be divided	Yes	If add long-term post-test	Yes with random assignment; typically no without	Selection bias
One-group pre- test/post-test	Yes	Yes	If pre- and post-test in same session	If add long-term post-test	Depends on context	Testing and instrumentation effects; confounds between assessments
Two-group pre- test/post-test	Maybe	If class can be divided	If pre- and post-test in same session	If add long-term post-test	Typically yes, better with random assignment	Various minor issues depending on context
Within participants	Yes	Yes	If all treatments and assessments in same session	No	Typically yes if counterbalanced	Carryover, testing, and instrumentation effects
Crossover	Yes	If class can be divided	If both treatments and assessments in same session	lf add long-term post-test	Typically yes	Testing and instrumentation effects
Interrupted time series	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Typically yes	Testing and instrumentation effects

Table 4.9. Summary of When and When Not to Use Designs



# MATCH THE STUDY TO THE APPROACH

- 1. Does supplying PowerPoint lecture notes enhance student engagement with lectures? Randomise courses, collect attendance and LMS analytics, compare end of course results
- 2. What factors impact students feeling comfortable taking in part in tutorial discussions? Video record tutorials and analyse teacher and student factors that relate to interaction, student focus groups
- 3. Do practice scenarios assist student preparation for WiL? Student pre-post interviews and surveys (self-rated confidence), analyse prac results, interview prac supervisors

Mixed method

 Predominantly quantitative

• Predominantly qualitative

## **Breakout room activity**

- Think of one research question or study aim for a SoTL project relevant to your teaching practice.
- 2. Classify your approach as qualitative or quantitative, and then brainstorm with your group the potential sources of data/ approaches to data collection.

Be prepared to share your answers with the broader group





# WHERE TO PRESENT AND PUBLISH?

SoTL Conferences

- The Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia (HERDSA)
- Student Transition Achievement Retention and Success (STARS)
- Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) Research Conference
- The International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (ISSOTL)
- Australasian Society for Computers in Learning in Tertiary Education (ASCILITE)
- Australian Collaborative Education Network (ACEN)

Discipline-specific T&L Conferences

• E.g. in health: CAPHIA, ANZAHPE

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SoTL Journals

- International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
- Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
- Teaching & Learning Inquiry
- Teaching in Higher Education
- The Canadian Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
- Active Learning in Higher Education
- Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education
- Australian Journal of Educational Technology

Discipline-specific SoTL Journals

Eg in health: Teaching and Learning in Medicine, Academic Medicine, BMC Medical Education, Journal of Nursing Education, Journal of Occupational Therapy Education

CSU has a handy list of SoTL journals sorted by discipline: <u>https://libguides.csu.edu.au/SoTL/journals</u>

# Sotl Short Courses

### HERDSA

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Modules

HOME INTRODUCTION MODULES CONTACT LOG IN



### Welcome!

to the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Modules. The aim of the series of modules is to introduce you to the *nature*, *purpose* and *process* of scholarship of teaching and learning, and act as a capacity building resource to assistyou to develop and refine your SoTL knowledge and skills.

Learn more



Associate Professor Deb

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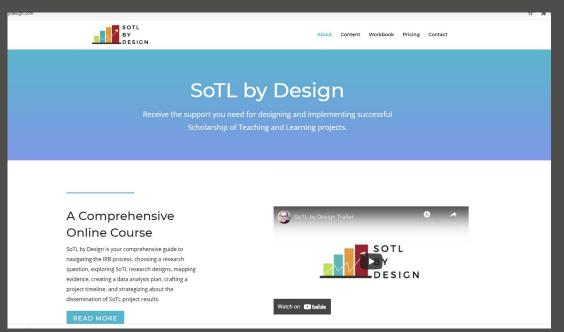
Dr Lee Partridge

Lee is a HERDSA Fellow, and an adjunct at University of Western Australia. Her research interests include supporting



**Dr Lesley Petersen** 

Lesley is a self-employed consultant specialising in mentoring programme design and evaluation research. Lesley's





What is the first step you need to take to commence your SoTL journey?

- Contact a colleague to discuss an idea?
- Explore funding sources?
- Establish a students-as-partners committee?

☑ WRITE DOWN THE STEP YOU ARE COMMITTING TO RIGHT NOW

☑ IDENITFY ONE COLLEAGUE AND SHARE YOUR GOAL WITH THEM

☑ COMMIT TO LETTING THEM KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED IT

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