

Two day symposium - Key thinkers, Key theories: The contribution of theory to ALL practice (November, 2012)

This event, which will focus on the theoretical underpinnings of Academic Language and Learning practice, is being organised jointly by Swinburne University, University of Melbourne and Monash University, with major funding provided by AALL.

The following keynote speakers have been confirmed for the event:

- Professor Alison Lee (UTS) - Practice theory
- Professor Karl Maton (University of Sydney) - Sociology of knowledge
- Professor Tim McNamara (University of Melbourne) - Language and identity
- Emeritus Professor Anne Freedman (University of Melbourne) - Genre theory



Symposium to be held at Swinburne's Lilydale Campus on the edge of the famous Yarra Valley wine district

Proposals will be invited for parallel papers. The focus of these papers will be on the ideas of particular key thinkers and theorists in the field, and how their ideas have application to academic literacy teaching and practice. In a recent survey of ALL practitioners, the following thinkers were suggested as possible subjects of papers: Michael Halliday, James Gee, Mikhail Bakhtin, Jacques Derrida, Gilles Deleuze, Judith Butler, Mary Lea and Brian Street, Yrjo Engelstrom, Albert Bandura, Paul Feyerabend, John Swales and more. We are also interested in papers based on particular theoretical positions or concepts eg. activity theory, critical discourse analysis, analytical philosophy.

A call for papers will be issued at the end of February.

Details of conference:

Dates: Nov 22-23, 2012

Venue: Swinburne University, Lilydale Campus

More information to follow. Please send any inquiries to tjmoore@swin.edu.au

