

Rae Munro Award 2019



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Kim's thesis 'Text(uring) the Fabric of Teachers' Beliefs: The theoretical orientations, instructional practices, and influences of New Zealand year 7 and 8 teachers of writing' contributes significantly to the field of writing research, particularly in relation to teachers' beliefs and their practice. Kim has skilfully managed complex theoretical orientations, discourses about writing and pedagogy to interpret her data. The development of Kim's research design and implementation demonstrates a sophistication beyond Masters level research.

The implications for classroom practice are explicit in the recommendations to provide opportunities for teachers to build an awareness of their beliefs and how these impact on their approach to teaching writing. The thesis provides tools for reflective practice about the impact of beliefs and implicit discourses on writing programmes. The thesis is exemplary in coherence and the scholarship is of a very high standard.

For these reasons we recommend Kim as a worthy recipient of the Rae Munro Masters Thesis award.