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Sutton-Smith Doctoral Award 2018

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After considering a number of doctoral submissions, the Sutton-Smith sub-committee of NZARE Council has decided that the thesis, '*(Re) Imagining Critical Thinking Through the Visual*' by Veronica Garcia Lazo is outstanding in its suitability and its excellent fit to the required standards for this award. The sub-committee are unanimous in their decision to put forward the name of Veronica Garcia Lazo for the Sutton-Smith Award in 2018.

It is clear that Lazo's thesis makes a tremendous contribution to new knowledge in the field of Visual Arts education in New Zealand. We concur with the examiners' comments that this highly creative thesis is theoretically critical with well-crafted theoretical components. A thorough research of a wide range of literature has been undertaken resulting in the display of a robust breadth and depth of knowledge across the fields of art education, general education, and equity education. In this innovative arts-based approach, the visual interacts with data as the applicant makes use of many lenses in her methodology.

This easy-to-read thesis provides rich stories within the detailed narratives and theoretical analyses. The originality and quality of this thesis is unsurpassed. Evidence of thoroughness and high-quality presentation is clearly obvious with no revisions required by the examiners.

We wish Veronica Garcia Lazo well in her future academic endeavours.



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