Festival of Learning Showcase Session

**Facilitator:** Professor Dawn Bennett, John Curtin Distinguished Professor, Research and creative Production, Faculty of Humanities and Curtin Academy Fellow

**Strategic theme:** Rich, interactive learning experience

**Subject Title:** Employability in the spotlight: Are we talking the right language?

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**Brief Description:**

This presentation brings together the findings of two national commissioned projects with a focus on employability, funded by the Australian Government Office for Learning and Teaching. The presenters begin with an overview of their commissioned work, which has involved students, educators, educational leaders, industry stakeholders and graduates. They draw examples from a diverse range of sectors including the humanities, visual and performing arts, life sciences and computer science. They next consider the trends and characteristics of work and employment in Australia. This is followed with discussion of employability metrics and career development within higher education. The presentation concludes by considering the efficacy and logic of the language surrounding employability, and suggesting ways in which this might be rethought both at the institutional level and in the classroom.

**Time/Day:** Monday 16 March 2015, 12:00 – 12:30pm

**Duration:** 30 min

**No. of Sessions:** One

**Venue:** Building 300:Room 219

**Special Requirements:** No special requirements needed