FLINDERS W(H)IP: WORK (HONESTLY!) IN PROGRESS

A (Cheap) Conference for Flinders University English Postgraduates
21-22 April 2008 (mid-semester break)

Flinders W(H)IP is a new intensive two-day conference/symposium organised especially for Flinders University’s English postgraduate students, designed to provide a space to workshop thesis material and present works-in-progress in a supportive and stimulating environment. These works-in-progress can include:
- thesis chapters in progress or completed
- research proposals (in draft or completed form)
- summaries of research activity and discoveries
- extracts from creative writing theses or exegeses
- or whatever work-in-progress you are working on.

The aims of the conference are to foster intellectual exchange between postgrads within the English department, motivate us to forge ahead with our works-in-progress (motivation being a valuable commodity, given the variety of self-sabotaging devices at our disposal when carrying out higher degree research), help us give digestible shape and form to complex material, and to enable feedback and multiple perspectives on our work from others. In addition, the conference will provide experience giving public presentations and using power point, and experience giving feedback and engaging in discussion in the formal conference environment.

You may be close to completion or just starting out, your persuasion may be theoretical or creative; whatever the case, given the large number of postgrads in English and our many and varied areas of interest and expertise, this is a valuable opportunity to engage in productive academic discourse. And did we mention it’s cheap? While we have yet to finalise arrangements, we envisage an uncatered/bring-a-plate event and hope to offer participation in the conference for free!

Please register your interest and forward abstracts to tully.barnett@flinders.edu.au and ben.kooyman@finders.edu.au by Friday 22 February 2008. If you have any questions, please send them in our direction.