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Work history

Position	Organisation	Years
Future Fellow, Professor	Institute for Learning Science & Teacher Education, ACU & Australian Research Council Future Fellow	2019-2022
Professor, Research	Institute for Learning Science & Teacher Education, ACU	2017 - ongoing
Associate Professor & Principal Research Fellow	Faculty of Education, Queensland University of Technology (QUT) & Australian Research Council DECRA Fellow	2015-2016
Senior Lecturer	QUT	2012-2015
Lecturer	QUT	2011-2012
Australian Postdoctoral Research Fellow	Australian Research Council, QUT	2009-2011
Lecturer	Christian Heritage College	2006-2009
Australian Postgraduate Research Award	QUT	2003-2006
Lecturer	Christian Heritage College	2001-2006
Head of Curriculum	Genesis Christian College	2000-2001
Primary Teacher	Genesis Christian College	1995-2001
Primary Teacher	Nambour Christian College	1995-2001

Education

Qualifications	Organisation	Completed
Graduate Certificate of Academic Practice	Queensland University of Technology (QUT)	2013
Doctor of Philosophy	QUT	2006
Graduate Diploma of Christian Studies	Australian College of Theology, ACT	2003
Master of Education	Christian Heritage College	2003
Bachelor of Education	Queensland Heritage College	1995

Thesis

Mills, K. A. (2006). *Multiliteracies: a critical ethnography: pedagogy, power, discourse and access to multiliteracies*. PhD thesis, Queensland University of Technology.

Fields of educational expertise

- Language and literacy education
- Multimodality and multiliteracies
- Sensory literacies
- Digital and media practices
- Writing and literacies pedagogies
- Socio-cultural, socio-spatial, and socio-material literacy research

Expertise in qualitative, quantitative and mixed research design methodologies

- Qualitative research methods
- Ethnography, including visual, critical ethnography
- Participatory Community Research
- Interview methods
- Online and video data
- Multimodal analysis
- Socio-linguistic analysis
- Big data for qualitative researchers

Research supervision fields

Current

Candidate	Enrolment	Topic
Clive Edmund Suren Mendis	PhD 2021-current	The use of Blended Learning as a teaching approach in Senior Secondary Science.
Deirdre Tate	PhD 2019-current	Investigating key perspectives on oral language development at school entry

Completed

Candidate	Completed	Topic
Federica Caccioppola	PhD, 2020	Global citizenship education in two countries
Lesley Friend	PhD, 2019	Classroom diversity and globalisation: A critical analysis of classroom action
Bessie Stone	PhD, 2018	The affordances of multiplayer games for the social interaction of students with ASD
Kuanhathai Kuadnok	PhD, 2017	Pedagogies and power relations implicated in English foreign language writing classrooms: A critical ethnography
Russell Mason	M Ed Thesis, 2016	Improving outcomes for adult learners
Jennifer Kay Duke	PhD, 2014	Empowering a curriculum for all: a critical ethnographic study of inclusive education
Yifeng Yuan	PhD, 2012	Pragmatics, perceptions and strategies in Chinese college English learning

Funded research

Fellowships

Year	Research	Funding
Jan 2019- Dec 2022	Future Fellowship, Australian Research Council: FT180100009: Mills, KA (Professorial Research Fellow). <i>Sensory Orchestration for Multimodal Literacy Learning in Primary Education.</i>	\$974,635.00
Jan 2014- Nov 2017	DECRA Fellowship, Australian Research Council: DE140100047: Mills, K.A. Developing the Multimodal Literacy Learning of Indigenous Australian Primary Students through Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Being.	\$395,218.00
2009- Jan 2011	Australian Post-Doctoral Award, Australian Research Council: LP0990289 within group Linkage Grant led by Woods: Digital Learning and Print Literacy: A Design Experiment for the Reform of Low Socio-economic, Culturally Diverse Schools	\$471,325.00

Competitive grants

Year	Grants	Funding
Nov 2020- Nov 2023	Norway Research Council, University of South-Eastern Norway with partners UiA and ACU. Grant ID: ID 301347, Critical and Digital Literacy in a Global and Textual World. Veum, A. (USN), Maagerø, E., Skovholt, R, Songe-Møller, V (USN), Løvland, A. (UiA), Kvåle, G. (UiA), Mills, KA (ACU) International PI.	\$ 136,454.24
Jan 2019- June 2023	Australian Research Council, Future Fellowship. Grant ID: FT180100009: Mills, KA. <i>Sensory Orchestration for Multimodal Literacy Learning in Primary Education.</i>	\$974,635.00
June 2019- June 2022	Australian Research Council, Discovery Scheme Grant ID: DP190100228: Coding Animated Narratives as Contemporary Multimodal Authorship in Schools. Unsworth, L, Mills, K.A. Falloon, G. & Burn A.	\$442,609.00
2015-2019	Australian Research Council, Linkage Scheme Grant ID: LP150100030: Mills, K.A., Unsworth, L., Ferguson, A., Williamson, M., Maksoud, T., Clay, R., Trembath, M. <i>Developing the Multimodal Language of Emotions of Low SES Primary Students.</i>	\$191,772.00
2014-2017	Australian Research Council, DECRA Fellowship ID: DE140100047: Mills, K.A. <i>Developing the Multimodal Literacy Learning of Indigenous Australian Primary Students through Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Being.</i>	\$395,218.00
2009-2012	Australian Research Council, Linkage Project ID: LP0990289: Woods, A.F., Luke, A., Dooley, K.T., Chandra, V., Mills, K.A. (Australian Post-Doctoral Research Fellow), Exley, B.E., Dezuanni, M.L., Davis, J., McCollow, J.E., McFarlane, L.L. <i>Digital Learning and Print Literacy: A Design Experiment for the Reform of Low SES, Culturally Diverse Schools.</i>	\$471,325.00

Other funded research

Year	Research	Funding
2013-2015	Queensland College of Teachers: Kelly, N., Reimann, P., Horsley, M., Mills, K.A, McCluskey, K., Sim, C., Kinnane, A. <i>Online community support for beginning teachers in remote and low SES schools.</i>	\$15,000.00
2013-2016	DEEWR REAP Tender, Evaluation and Analysis: RFT PRN28669 (Quotes supplied by QUT on request of DEEWR): Melvil, C., Lunn, J., Comber, B., Cooper, T., Farrell, A., Danby, S., Graham. L., Davis, J., Woods, Q., Walker, S., Walsh, K., Burnett, B., Hughes, H., Irvine, S., Lampert, J., Mills, K., Smeed, J., Ewing., B., Sarra, G.	Tender
2013-2014	Teaching & Learning Grant: Mills, K.A., Ritchie, S., Park, JiYong, Bellocchi, A. <i>Emotional States of Pre-Service Teachers during participation in Online Learning in Higher Education.</i>	\$1,400.00
2011-2012	Teaching & Learning Grant: Exley, B.E., Smeed, J., Dooley, K.T., Mills, K.A., Bradfield, K., King, D. <i>Pre-service teachers' self-preparation for the QCT pre-registration assessment task.</i>	\$10,000.00
2011-2013	ECARD Grant: Mills, K.A., Luke, A., Sunderland, N. <i>Sensory Ethnography of Well-being, Literacy, and Place in Logan-Beaudesert.</i> (Griffith University and Logan Health Coalition).	\$15,000.00

Publications

Edited Books

Mills, K. A., Stornaiuolo, A., Smith, A., & Pandya, J. (2018). *Handbook of writing, literacies, and education in digital cultures*. London, UK: Routledge.

Books

Mills, K.A., Unsworth, L. and Scholes, L. (Contracted for 2022). *Literacy for Digital Futures: Mind, Body, Text*. London, UK: Routledge.

Mills, K. A. (2019). *Big data for qualitative research*. London, UK: Routledge.

Mills, K. A. (2016). *Literacy theories for the digital age: Social, critical, multimodal, spatial, material and sensory lenses*. New Perspectives in Language and Education. Multilingual Matters, Bristol, United Kingdom.

Mills, K. A. (2011). *The multiliteracies classroom*. New Perspectives in Language and Education. Multilingual Matters, Bristol.

Book chapters

Mills, K.A. & Friend, L. (In press, 2021). Researching children's virtual reality. In Serafini, F. (Ed.) *Beyond the Visual: Researching Multimodal Phenomena*. Teachers College Press, New York, NY.

Mills, K.A. & Exley, B. (2020). Sensory Literacies: The Full Sensorium in Literacy Learning. In Yaden, D. & Rogers, T. Literacies and Language Education, *International Encyclopedia of Education*, 4th Edition

Mills, K.A. (2020). Big Data in Qualitative Research. In Atkinson, P. (Ed.) *Sage Research Methods Foundations*. Sage, United Kingdom

Mills, K.A. (2019). Foreword: The Spatial turn in Literacy Theory. In Pyles, D.G., Rish, R.M., Warner, J. *Negotiating Place and Space through Digital Literacies: Research and Practice* (p. ix-xiii). Information Age Publishing, Charlotte, NC

Mills, K. A. & Dooley, J. (2019). Sensory ways to Indigenous multimodal literacies: Hands and feet tell the story. In J. Rennie, & H. Harper (Eds.), *Literacy education and Indigenous Australians: theory, education and practice*. Berlin, Germany: Springer.

Mills, K. A., Unsworth, L., & Barton, G. (2019). The digital mediation of emotions in late modernity. In R. Putulny, A. Bellocchi, R. Olson, S. Khorana, J. McKenzie, & M. Peterie (Eds.), *Emotions in late modernity*. Routledge Studies in the Sociology of Emotions. London, UK: Routledge/ CRC Press.

Bellocchi, A., Mills, K. A., Olson, R., Patulny, R., & McKenzie, J. (2019). Emotion work at the frontline of STEM teaching. In L. Bryan & K. Tobin (Eds.), *Critical issues and bold visions for Science education* (pp. 247–264). Rotterdam, The Netherlands: Sense Publications.

Mills, K. A., & Godley, A. (2018). Race and racism in digital media: What can critical race theory contribute to research on techno-cultures? In K. Mills et al. (Eds.), *Handbook of writing, literacies, and education in digital cultures* (pp. 111–122). London, UK: Routledge.

Mills, K. A., & Stornaiuolo, A. (2018). Digital diversity, ideology, and the politics of a writing revolution. In K. Mills, A. Stornaiuolo, A. Smith, & J. Zacher Pandya (Eds.), *Handbook of writing, literacies, and education in digital cultures* (pp. 1–10). London, UK: Routledge.

Mills, K. A., Unsworth, L., & Exley, B. (2018). Sensory literacies, the body and digital media. In K. Mills, A. Stornaiuolo, A. Smith, & J. Pandya (Eds.), *Handbook of writing, literacies, and education in digital cultures* (pp. 26–36). London, UK: Routledge.

Mills, K. A., & Unsworth, L. (2017). Multimodal literacy. In G. Noblit (Ed.), *Oxford research encyclopedia of education*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

Mills, K. A. & Unsworth, L. (2016). The literacy curriculum: A critical review. In Wyse, D., Hayward, L., & Pandya, J. (Eds.), *The SAGE handbook of curriculum, pedagogy and assessment* (pp. 621–637). London: SAGE.

Mills, K. A. (2015). Doing digital composition on the social web: Knowledge processes in literacy learning. In Cope, B. & Kalantzis, M. (Eds.), *A pedagogy of multiliteracies: Learning by design*. (pp. 172–185). London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Mills, K. A. & Dreamson, N. (2015). Race, the senses, and the materials of writing practices. In J. Turbill, C. Brock, & G. Barton (Eds.), *Teaching writing in today's classrooms: Looking back to look forward* (pp. 298–312). Norwood, S.A.: Australian Literacy Educators' Association.

Mills, K. A. & Comber, B. (2015). Socio-spatial approaches to literacy studies: Rethinking the social constitution and politics of space. In J. Rowsell, & K. Pahl (Eds.), *The Routledge handbook of literacy studies* (pp. 91–103). London: Routledge.

- Iyer, R., Kettle, M., Luke, A., & Mills, K. A. (2014). Critical applied linguistics. In C. Leung & B. Street (Eds.), *The Routledge companion to English studies* (pp. 317–332). London: Routledge.
- Mills, K. A. & Comber, B. (2013). Space, place and power: The spatial turn in literacy research. In K. Hall, T. Cremin, B. Comber, & L. Moll (Eds.), *International handbook of research in children's literacy, learning and culture* (pp. 412–423). London: Wiley-Blackwell Publishing Inc.

Journal Articles

- Mills, K.A. & Stone, B. (2020). Multimodal attitude in digital composition: Appraisal in elementary English. *Research in the Teaching of English*, 55(1), 160-186. <https://library.ncte.org/journals/rte/issues/v55-2/31018>
- Patulny, R, Mills, K.A. Bellocchi, A., Olsen, R., & McKenzie, J. (2020). The emotional tradeoff between meaningful and precarious work in new economies. Special Issue: Meaningful Work, *Journal of Sociology*.
- Mills, K. A., Stone, B. G., Unsworth, L., & Friend, L. (2020). Multimodal Language of Attitude in Digital Composition. *Written Communication*, 37(2) pp.135-166. doi: 10.1177/0741088319897978
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- Patulny, R., Bellocchi, A, Mills, K.A., McKenzie, J., & Olson, R. (2019). Happy, stressed, and angry: A national study of teachers' emotions and their management. *Emotions: History, Culture, Society*, 3(2), pp. 223-244. doi.org/10.1163/2208522X-02010058
- Mills, K., & Doyle, K. (2019). Visual arts: A multimodal language for Indigenous education. *Language and Education*, 33(6), 521-543.
- Stone, B., Mills, K.A. & Sagers, B. (2019) Multiplayer games: Multimodal features that support friendships of students with autism spectrum disorder. *Australasian Journal of Special and Inclusive Education*, 43(2), pp. 69-82.
- Pandya, J.Z., & Mills, K.A. (2019). Bakhtin and the carnival: Humour in school children's film making. *Language and Education*, 33(6), 544-559.
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- Mills, K. A. (2018). What are the threats and potentials of big data for qualitative research? *Qualitative Research*, 18(6): <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1468794117743465>
- Mills, K. A., & Unsworth, L. (2018). iPad Animations: Powerful practices for adolescents' multimodal literacy and emotional language. *Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy*, 61(6), 609–620 doi:10.1002/jaal.717
- van Leent, L., & Mills, K. A. (2018). A queer critical media literacies framework in a digital age. *Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy*, 61(4), 401–411. doi:10.1002/jaal.711
- Mills, K. A., Bellocchi, A., Patulny, R., & Dooley, J. (2017). Indigenous children's multimodal communication of emotions through visual imagery. *Australian Journal of Language and Literacy*, 40(2), 95–108.
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- Chandra, V. & Mills, K. A. (2014). Transforming the core business of teaching and learning in classrooms through ICT. *Technology, Pedagogy and Education*, 24(3), 285–301.

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- Mills, K. A., Sunderland, N., & Davis, J. (2013). Yarning circles in the literacy classroom. *The Reading Teacher*, 67(4), 285–289.
- Mills, K. A. (2013). CUOL – "See You Online": Teaching strategies for digital literacy practices in the English curriculum. *Screen Education*, 70(Winter), 52–57.
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- Mills, K. A., Comber, B., & Kelly, P. (2013). Sensing place: Embodiment, sensoriality, kinesis, and children behind the camera. *English Teaching: Practice and Critique*, 12(2), 11–27.
- Exley, B. E. & Mills, K. A. (2012). Parsing the Australian curriculum English: Grammar, multimodality and cross-cultural texts. *Australian Journal of Language and Literacy*, 35(2), 192–205.
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Reviews in journals

Mills, K.A. (2016). Review: Powerful practices for reading improvement, K. Glaswell, W. Mostert, L. Judd, & L. Mayn. *Curriculum Perspectives*, 37(1), 106.

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Mills, Kathy A. (2009) Book Review: *New Learning: Elements of a Science of Education* by Kalantzis, M. and Cope, B. *The Australian Educational Researcher*, 36(3), 144–145.

Translated works

Mills, K. A. (2009). *Deep End Purple Teacher Guide*. Deep End Reading Series, 5. ERA Publications, Flinders Park, SA.

Mills, K. A. (Ed.) (2007). *Deep End Teacher Guide: Green*. Deep End Reading Series, 4. ERA Publications, Flinders Park, SA.

Mills, K. A. (2007). *Deep End Teacher Guide: Orange*. Deep End Reading Series, 3. ERA Publications, Flinders Park, SA.

Google Scholar Citations

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Scholarly contributions

Boards of International societies

Executive Leadership of Learned Societies

- American Educational Research Association, Writing & Literacies Dr Mills is serving a term of 8 years on the Executive Committee of the American Educational Research Association (Washington DC), Writing and Literacies SIG, connecting key literacy educators worldwide.
 - Leadership as AERA SIG Chair/President (2017-2019)
 - Leadership as AERA SIG Program Chair (2015-2017)
 - Leadership as AERA SIG Treasurer (2013-2015)
 - Leadership as AERA SIG Communications Editor (2012-2013)

Journal Editor

- Australian Educational Researcher, IF 0.102 (Associate Editor, 2014-2016)

Journal Editorial Boards

- Written Communication, UK (Editorial Review Board, 2020 to current)
- Journal of Literacy Research, Arizona (Editorial Review Board, 2014 to current)
- The Reading Teacher, New Jersey (Review Board, 2011-2013)
- Australian Journal of Language and Literacy, (Review Board, 2014 to current)
- English Teaching: Practice and Critique, New Zealand (Review Board, 2016 to current)

Service – Boards and other, internal

- ERA Peer Reviewer
- ARC Grant Assessor 2013-current
- Faculty Board, FEA, Elected member, ACU, 2019
- University RPRP Panel, ACU, 2017-current
- Presenting DECRA Grant Writing Workshops Series, 2017-2018
- Research Group Director, Literacy, Culture and Digital Media, QUT, 2016

- Conference Director, Literacies, Culture and Digital Media Forum, QUT, 2016
- University Academic Board, QUT, 2015-2016, reviewing academic program and research policies
- University Academic Board, QUT external interview against TEQSA standards
- University Curriculum Standards Committee, QUT, 2016, advises on accreditation and reaccreditation of university programs
- Policy Review and Simplification Committee on the QUT Manual of Policies and Procedures, Vice Chancellery, QUT 2016
- ERA Champion, QUT, 2015, peer review ranking of Faculty outputs for ERA Reporting
- Program session facilitator for the QUT Early Career Research Support program, 2013-2015
- Reviewing internal ARC grant submissions, QUT 2013-2016
- Chair and presenter of multiple grant writing and publications workshops for QUT university staff and PhD students, 2010-2016
- QUT Outreach and Engagement, Service-Learning Project to Fiji
- Revisions of Faculty of Education program units for reaccreditation
- Vacation Research Scholarship Mentor
- Chair of Thesis panels and as HDR Nominee

Service – grant examiner and journal reviewer, external

- Australian Educational Researcher
- Australian Research Council Grant Assessor (DP & Linkage schemes, DECRA, Future Fellowships, Special Initiatives)
- ERA Peer Reviewer
- Czech Science Foundation Grant Assessor
- Routledge Books
- The Reading Teacher (Journal)
- Ethnography and Education (Journal)
- Language and Education (Journal)
- Pedagogies: An International Journal
- Australian Systemic Functional Linguistics Association
- Teaching Education (Journal)
- Written Communication (Journal)
- Research in the Teaching of English (Journal)

Service – Other external

- ERA Peer Reviewer, 2018-
- Grant Assessor of the Australian Research Council, 2013 –
- Czech Science Foundation Grant reviewer, 2013
- Chair of multiple International Research Symposia Sessions, AERA, 2011-2017
- Co-organiser of AERA Writing and Literacies Business Meeting, AERA, 2014-2015
- Chair of National Research Symposia Session, AERA-NZRE Conference
- Office of Learning and Teaching Grant Reference Groups 2013 & 2015
- External examination of thesis
- Reviewing award criteria for the AARE best paper award
- Ratifying new award with the AERA Writing and Literacies SIG committee: AERA, Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Media outreach, external

- Professor Mills regularly engages in knowledge transfer beyond academic audiences via social media, radio broadcasts, online news and television news, and articles in The Conversation.
- A sample of items includes invitations to discuss research on emotions in education to Katherine Feeney, ABC radio Brisbane (2018), the Courier Mail (2018), and a press release to 9 million readers across South-

East Qld, including news.com.au. Earlier media interviews included the Brisbane Times (20/6/13), Courier Mail (29/07/13), Canberra Times (06/13), and Channel 9 TV News (25/10/2013).

- Professor Mills' research findings (AJLL, G7#28) about high stakes testing/NAPLAN lead to invited national radio broadcasts on ARC radio Alice Springs (02/20), ABC (21/04/14), 5AA (14/08/14), 2SER radio (19/04/14), 4BC 116 News Talk (12/05/15) Melbourne's 3AW 693 (11/02/16), and on ABC TV (12/15/15).
- Professor Mills shared the improved outcomes from an ARC Linkage school intervention with research partners the Queensland Teacher's Union Professional Magazine, 27, 10–11.
- Professor Mills published one of the first studies on microblogging with Dr Vinesh Chandra, demonstrating the learning benefits of microblogging with 166 pre-service teachers (JAAL, readership 77 000, G7#20), which led to a QUT media news release (17/03/2011).
- Mills' DECRA initial findings of Indigenous multimodal literacy practices was the focus of a QUT media release (10/14), which led to a radio interview with ABC's Speaking Out Indigenous program (14/01/15).
- Kathy's knowledge transfer work includes developing the first international literacy curriculum resource based on classroom research that combines linguistic, multimodal and digital literacy learning strategies. This work is translated into two languages (Swedish and Norwegian) and used in schools internationally.

Awards

Year	Award
2020	Vice-Chancellor's Staff Excellence Award, ACU – 1 st Research and Research Partnerships (individual category), 2020.
2018	Divergent Award for Excellence in 21 st Century Literacies, Oklahoma, USA.
2017	Springer Best Paper Award
2016	Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence, QUT - Research, Teaching, Partnerships and Engagement, 2016. Prize \$10,000
2016	Literacy Research Association, USA Edward B. Fry Book Award, 2016 – for best book "Literacy Theories for the Digital Age"
2015	OER Research Excellence Award, QUT. Prize \$1,000
2013	OER Research Excellence Award, QUT. Prize \$1,000
2011	CLI Research Excellence Award, QUT. Prize \$1,000
2014	Publication First Award, QUT
2014	Publication Achievement Award for one or more prestigious journal articles or book chapters, QUT
2012	Publication Achievement Award, QUT
2012	Supervision Award for mentoring outstanding PHD Student Dr Yuan, QUT
2012	Teaching and Learning Award-Scholarship of Teaching Award, QUT
2011	Book Award, QUT – "The Multiliteracies Classroom", QUT
2011	Publication Achievement Award for A* Publications, QUT
2007	University Outstanding Thesis Award, QUT
2003	Dean's Commendation Award for Published Research, Christian Heritage College

Memberships

- Australian Association for Research in Education (AARE)
- American Educational Research Association, Washington DC
- International Reading Association, New Jersey
- Australian Literacy Educators' Association, South Australia
- Literacy Research Association, USA