

Biography

Assoc. Prof. Grace Oakley

Dr Grace Oakley is coordinator of the Master of Teaching in Primary Education and Deputy Head of School (Education) at the Graduate School of Education, the University of Western Australia. She teaches pre-service teachers and provides professional development to in-service teachers in the areas of literacy and technology. Grace has conducted research in many areas of language and literacy, including: the use of ICTs to assist students who struggle with reading fluency; using mobile technologies and digital storytelling in schools to improve language and literacy learning; intercultural communication and language learning through digital storytelling (Australia and China, Australia and Japan); and how Australian primary teachers assess reading comprehension processes. She is interested in using blended learning and innovative technologies to improve teaching and learning, and in 2015 and 2016 was invited to participate in the UNESCO Expert Meetings on blended learning in Higher Education. Grace encourages pre-service teachers to become writers of ebooks, to help them develop a deeper understanding of multimodal writing processes, and is currently conducting research in this area.