



Two exciting events for information literacy enthusiasts in November 2005

CAVAL Training and the **CAVAL Reference Interest Group (CRIG)** are pleased to announce two events that will showcase the skills of Sheila Webber and Bill Johnston, international experts in the field of information literacy:

1. CRIG's annual Information Literacy Seminar on Wednesday 23 November, 2005 @ Storey Hall, RMIT University

Lifting the Lid: Information Literacy and Academics – Challenging the Assumptions of Librarians

This is a full-day seminar designed for Liaison Librarians and other Information Literacy practitioners in academic institutions. Sheila and Bill will present their research findings on UK academics' conceptions of pedagogy for information literacy and discuss how these findings challenge librarians' assumptions about how academics work, and identify key issues when working with academics. They will also discuss "embedding" IL in the curriculum versus "stand alone" approaches and will draw on their research and practice to argue that the situation is not that cut-and-dried. They will elaborate on their idea of disciplinary curricula and lifelong learning curricula for information literacy, within the context of an educational development approach.

2. CAVAL Training will present workshops by Sheila and Bill in Melbourne and Sydney.

Mind Mapping Revisited: Developing Creativity and Information Literacy

This full-day workshop will introduce the concept of mind mapping and show how it can be used to demystify creativity and enable people to generate and extend ideas and opportunities in the work setting. It will focus on how mind mapping can be used in information work as part of an educational approach to information literacy. The day will be interactive with plenty of opportunity to share ideas, try out the new techniques and reflect on how you are going to apply what you have learnt.

Melbourne: Thursday 24th November, 2005 [9:30 – 4:30]
Sydney: Monday 28th November, 2005 [9:30 – 4:30]

Introducing Sheila Webber and Bill Johnston

Bill Johnston is a senior lecturer in the Centre for Academic Practice at the University of Strathclyde, Scotland. He also collaborates with academics to develop their courses and pedagogy, and to research and publish on these topics. He teaches undergraduate electives in Information Literacy and Personal Creativity. His experience includes: curriculum development; course evaluation and design; student learning support; critical and creative thinking; emotional intelligence; key skills in the curriculum; student retention and the first year experience.

His research and development work focuses on the problems of progression, integration and diversification of student academic, social and career development in the curriculum. He has a particular research interest in Information Literacy and is joint recipient with Sheila Webber, University of Sheffield, of an Arts and Humanities Research Board grant to research "UK Academics' Conceptions of, and Pedagogy for, Information Literacy" (<http://dis.shef.ac.uk/literacy/project/>).

Bill is a member of the Society for Research in Higher Education, and the Higher Education Academy. Before retraining in education and joining the Centre for Academic Practice in 1987, Bill was a professional librarian for 12 years, and worked in public and academic libraries.

Sheila Webber is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Information Studies, University of Sheffield, England, and coordinates the MA Librarianship programme. Her key areas of teaching and research are information literacy and business information. Together with Bill Johnston and Stuart Boon she is investigating UK faculty's conceptions of pedagogy for information literacy and co-maintains the *Information Literacy weblog* <http://ciquest.shef.ac.uk/infolit>

Before joining the department at Sheffield, she taught at Strathclyde University, where she created the popular website *Business Information Sources on the Internet* (included in standard guides such as the *Rough Guide to the Internet*). Previous jobs include Head of the British Library Business Information Service. She is a frequent invited speaker in the UK and internationally (this year in Sweden, France, Germany, Canada and the Netherlands), and has a strong professional involvement. Currently she is a member of IFLA's Management and Marketing Section committee, serves on two Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) Panels, and is a member of the SCONUL (UK university librarians) Advisory Committee on Information Literacy.

Sheila is a Fellow of CILIP, a member of the Higher Education Academy, and was awarded the *Information World Review* information professional of the year award in 1999.

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