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Rae Munro Award 2014



Hayley McGlashan

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Hayley McGlashan is this year's recipient of the Rae Munro Award. Her thesis, *Dare to be Deviant: Gay Males Reflective Experience of Physical Education*, is a well-written and well-structured dissertation that clearly meets the high values specified by the principles that underpin the Rae Munro Award. The award specifies that the recipient has demonstrated the urge to enquire, concern for others and the desire for self-respect.

Hayley's research richly demonstrates these principles. She has chosen a topic focused on social justice for a specific group of students, with implications for improving teaching practices in schools. Scholarly consideration of gay young men's schooling experiences in general, and their experiences in physical education in particular, is important. Research on this specific topic is rare, either internationally or in Aotearoa New Zealand. The thesis adds significantly to the corpus of knowledge around schooling and sexuality. Hayley has examined issues for these young men in an ethical manner and provides cogent commentary on problems for them as they participate in physical education.

Hayley has taken a nuanced and reflective approach to her research. Her methodological approach is thoroughly explained. She convincingly wove together her theoretical framework, methodological explanations, and the experiences of her participants. Hayley's compelling research findings provide powerful examples of how young gay men experience physical education during their schooling years and she offers recommendations for changes in practice. This aspect of her work has already had an impact on policy in the area of sexuality education in Aotearoa New Zealand. Hayley's thesis is cited in the new draft policy document *Sexuality Education: Guidelines for Principles, Boards for Trustee and Teachers*.

The NZARE Council has no hesitation in awarding Hayley as an outstanding recipient for the 2014 NZARE Rae Munro Award.



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