

Title: 'Lit briefly by one another's light': Developing reader-response research in diverse reading environments

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Abstract: Following our successful panel of research papers at PALA 2015, the current two-hour SIG workshop aims to provide an open forum for researchers who study stylistics and real readers' experiences in diverse reading environments to discuss and develop their research practices. The workshop will be structured to include several 5-minute 'showcase slots' where SIG members will showcase their research studies and practices, focusing not only on the validity of the study, but specifically on its challenges (e.g. in design, data collection, or analysis). There will also be group work activity. We will be sending out a brief questionnaire to all SIG members prior to the conference to help with orientating the focus of the workshop.

We welcome contributions from people working with readers in these fields:

- schools
- criminal justice contexts
- reading groups
- academia
- empirical settings

Some key questions for consideration will include:

- What are you researching?
- Why are you researching this?
- Why in this environment?
- To what extent are your methods applicable in another context?
- How does your chosen method of data collection impact upon your study?
- How does your method theorise readers, reading, texts and authors?
- What potential / actual challenges might you / have you encounter(ed)?

We would kindly request that you email us to confirm your attendance at the workshop by February 20th 2016.