

# BOOK LAUNCH invitation

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## Discipline and Learn: Bodies, Pedagogy and Writing

*Discipline and Learn: Bodies, Pedagogy and Writing* explores how discipline is typically construed as a form of subjection in contemporary educational thought and in critical and cultural theory more broadly. It provides a critique of this emphasis on the repressive aspects of discipline highlighting its enabling potential and role in the development of dispositions to learning. The book engages with the work of a range of theorists: Foucault, Bourdieu, Merleau-Ponty, Mauss and Spinoza and considers their usefulness in theorizing embodiment and learning in the teaching of writing in the early years of school. Emphasis, however, is placed on the work of Bourdieu and his notion of habitus melding theory and practice in an ethnography of contemporary classrooms. This text is invaluable reading for students and academics across the social sciences and humanities interested in questions of embodiment, affect and their relation to learning.

The book will be jointly launched by Dr David McInnes, School of Humanities and Communication Arts, University of Western Sydney and Professor Elspeth Probyn, Department of Gender and Cultural Studies, University of Sydney.

**Date:** Friday, 27 April 2012

**Time:** 6pm for 6:30pm start

**Venue:** Gleebooks  
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Glebe, Sydney

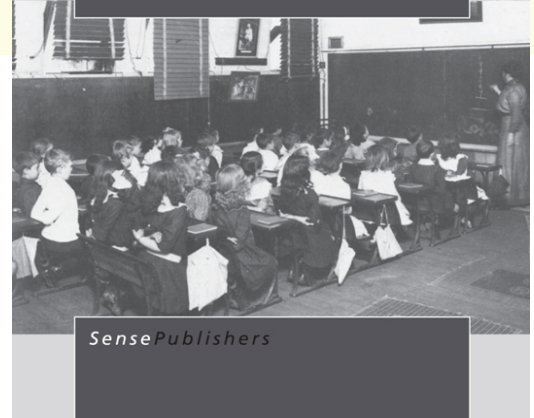
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