

# Personal geographies

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## Abstract

- Personal geographies: There was an inclination to include an emphasis on personal geographies in the Australia Curriculum: Geography following the ideas expressed in Living Geography from the UK (Mitchell, 2009) and the emerging literature on children's geographies.
- The intention was to focus on young people's use of place and space and their interests in the geographies of sport, fashion and music. Little remains of this initiative although traces can be seen in the Year 7 unit on liveability and the Year 9 content on student's perceptions and uses of places and spaces.

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## Abstract Continued

- It is argued that the philosophies underpinning personal geographies can be successfully applied to enliven teaching practice in both the current NSW curriculum and future Australian Curriculum: Geography.
- Web support: <http://nhutchpersonalgeog.weebly.com>

# What are personal geographies?

- Professional Standard for Accomplished Teaching of School Geography 3.5

<http://www.geogstandards.edu.au/index.php/standards/88-35>

<http://nhutchpersonalgeog.weebly.com/recognising-personal-geographies.html>

# What are personal geographies?

- Noel Jenkins, an advanced skills teacher from the UK

<http://juicygeography.wikispaces.com/Personal+Geographies>

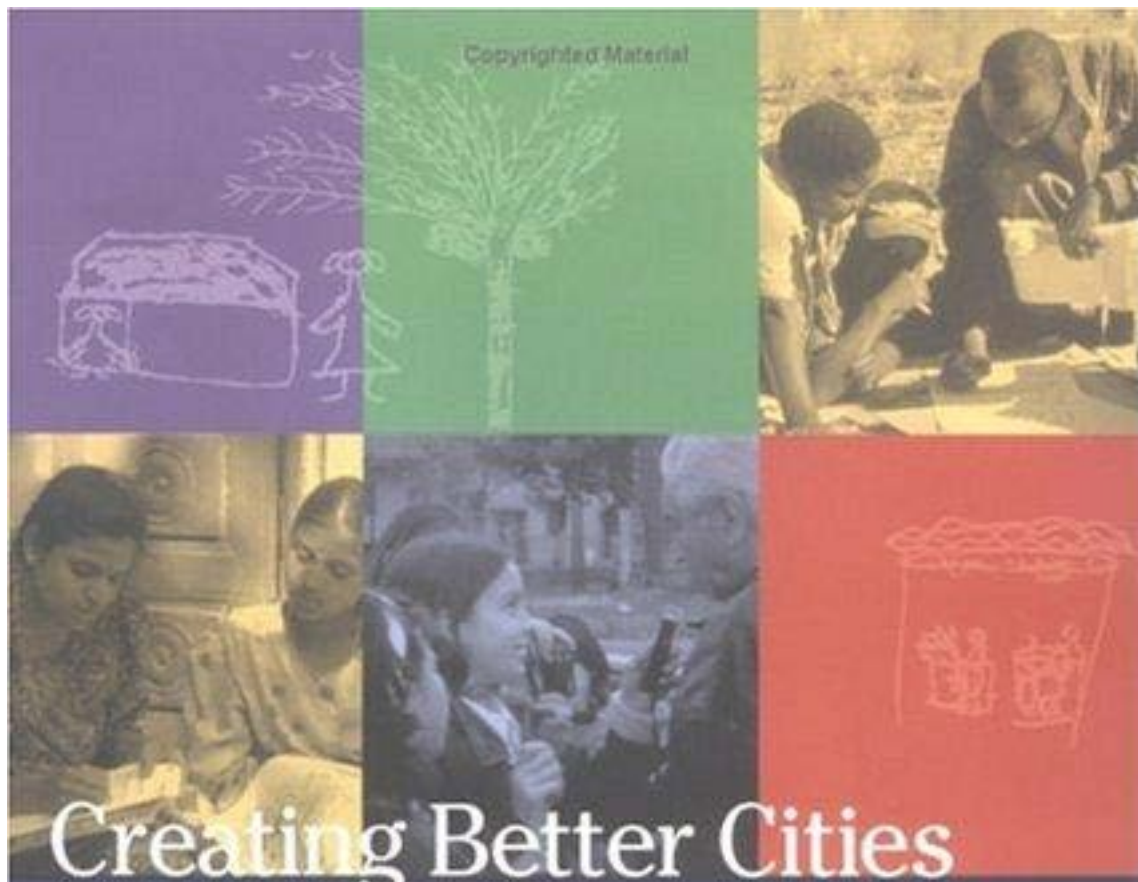
- Vera Chouinard, Professor of Geography at McMaster University, Hamilton , Ontario

# What are personal geographies?

- Roger Firth and Mary Biddulph lecturers in Geography Education the University of Nottingham
- Wild Bill Bunge

<http://nhutchpersonalgeog.weebly.com/bill-bunge.html>

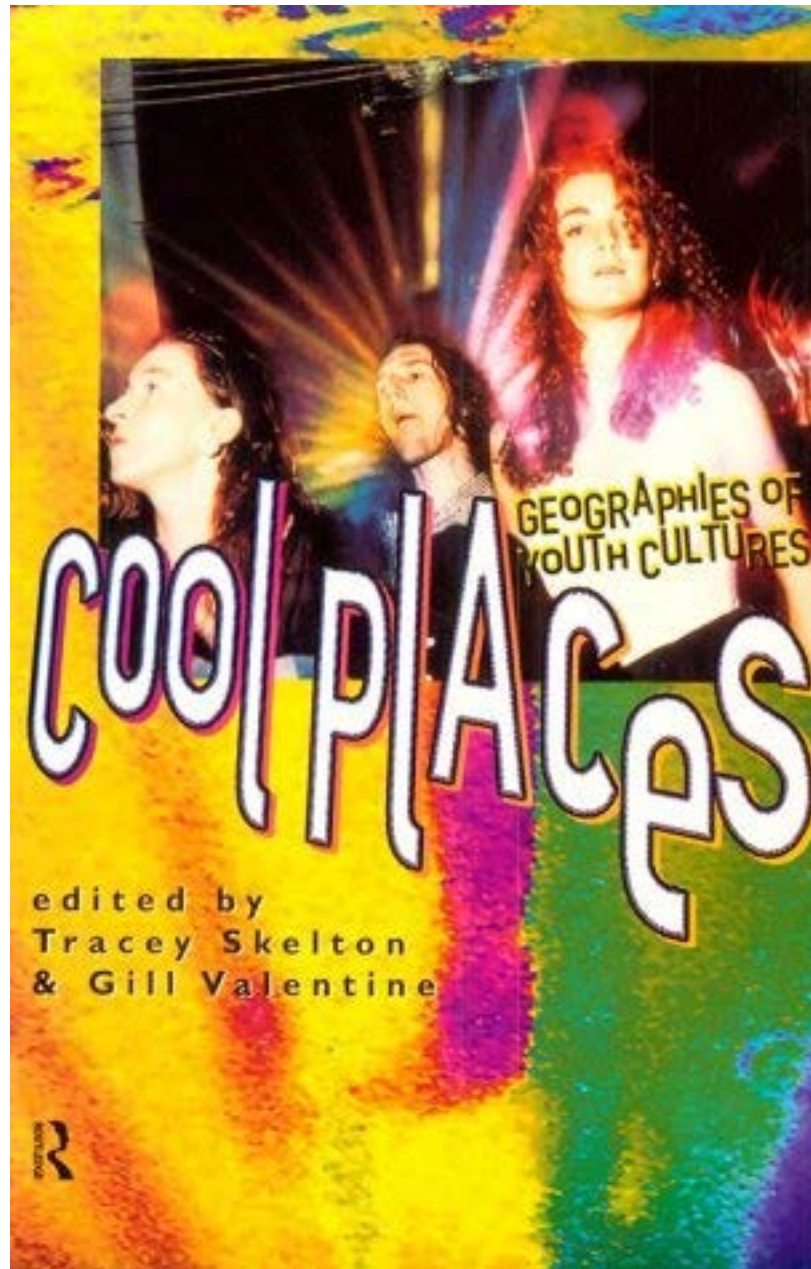
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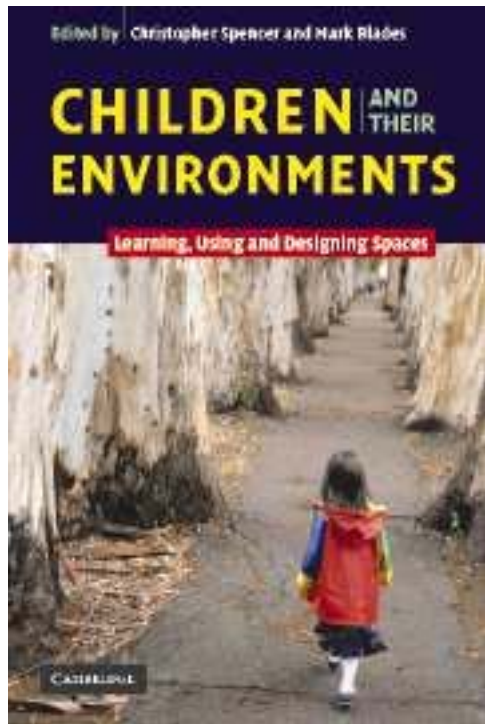
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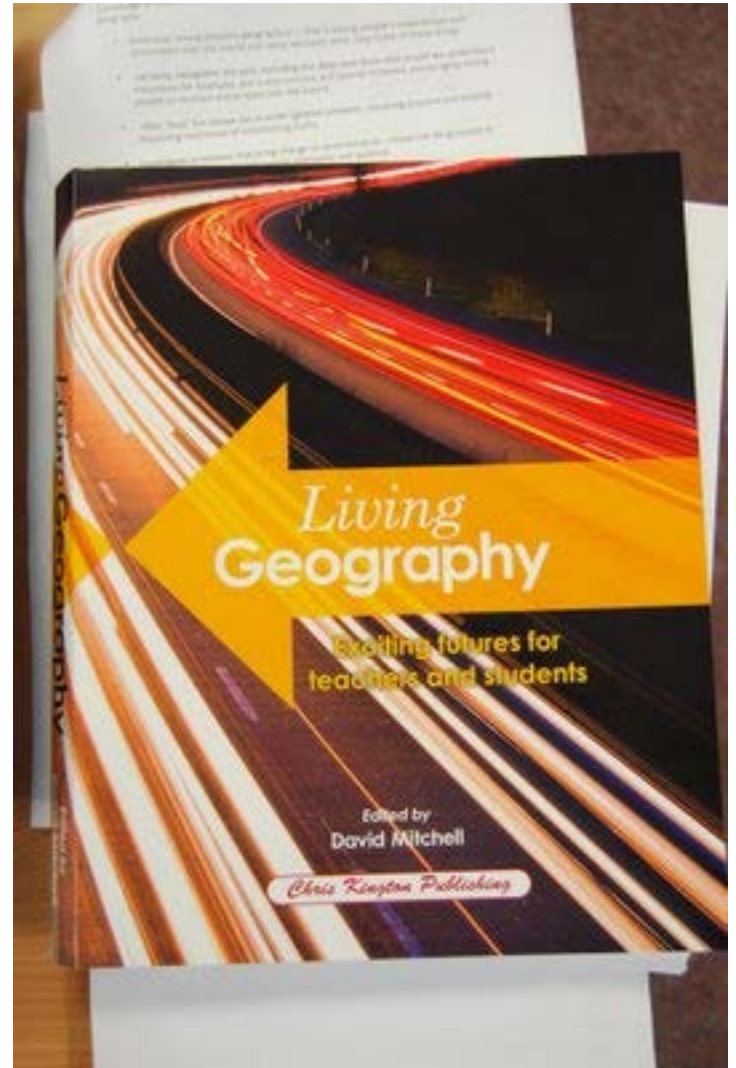
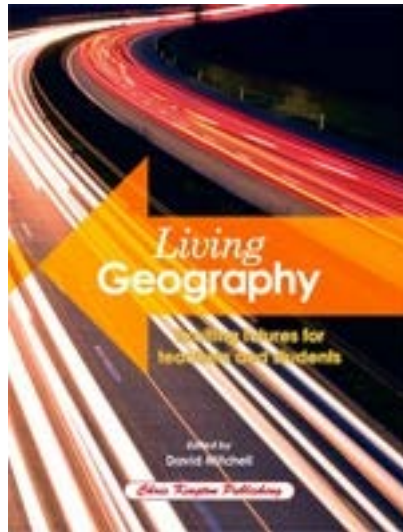
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# Where do they come from?

- Humanistic geography
- Behavioural geography

<http://www.geogspace.edu.au/core-units/years-9-10/understandings/years-9-10/y9-understandings-y9-illus2.html>

# Where do they come from?

- New ideas about scale
- [http://www.geogspace.edu.au/verve/\\_resources/2.3.1.3\\_2\\_geog\\_scale.pdf#search=scale](http://www.geogspace.edu.au/verve/_resources/2.3.1.3_2_geog_scale.pdf#search=scale)
- Feminist geography
- Geographies of the body
- Social constructionists
- Learning theory constructivists

# Teaching personal geographies

- Culture of place Stage 6 NSW Syllabus
- Year 9 Australian Curriculum: Geography ‘The perceptions people have of place, and how this influences their connections to different places’,

<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/Geography/Curriculum/F-10#level=9>

# Teaching personal geographies

- Deep engagement with place

[http://www.geogspace.edu.au/verve/\\_resources/3.1.1\\_6\\_GTA\\_Bulletin\\_1\\_2012.pdf#search=place](http://www.geogspace.edu.au/verve/_resources/3.1.1_6_GTA_Bulletin_1_2012.pdf#search=place)

- Using lived geographies

<http://nhutchpersonalgeog.weebly.com/young-peoples-quos-geographies.html>

# Teaching personal geographies

- An example: My place, My City
- People's perceptions of places

[http://www.geogspace.edu.au/verve/\\_resources/2.4.1.3\\_1\\_perception\\_places.pdf#search=perception%20place](http://www.geogspace.edu.au/verve/_resources/2.4.1.3_1_perception_places.pdf#search=perception%20place)

# Teaching personal geographies

- Year 7 Water in the World

<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/Geography/Curriculum/F-10#level=7>

<http://nhutchpersonalgeog.weebly.com/water.html>



# Teaching personal geographies

- Year 7 Place and liveability

<http://nhutchpersonalgeog.weebly.com/growing-up-in-cities.html>

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- Growing up in cities

<http://www.unesco.org/most/guic/guicaboutframes.htm>

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The results of the project in Melbourne

<http://www.unesco.org/most/guic/guicausframes.htm>

•The results of the project in Lebanon

<http://www.unesco.org/most/guic/guiclebframes.htm>

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- The results of the project in Papua New Guinea

<http://www.unesco.org/most/guic/guicpngframes.htm>

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- The results of the project in Sweden

<http://www.unesco.org/most/guic/guicsweframes.htm>

- The results of the project in Venezuela

<http://www.unesco.org/most/guic/guicvenframes.htm>

# Teaching personal geographies

- Year 8 a content description reads: The aesthetic, cultural and spiritual value of landscapes and landforms for people, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

<http://nhutchpersonalgeog.weebly.com/mountains.html>

# Teaching personal geographies

- Landed catastrophe

<http://spiralysis.wordpress.com>