



METHODOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN PHENOMENOGRAPHY

**INVESTIGATING USING INFORMATION TO
LEARN IN THE DISCIPLINE CLASSROOM**

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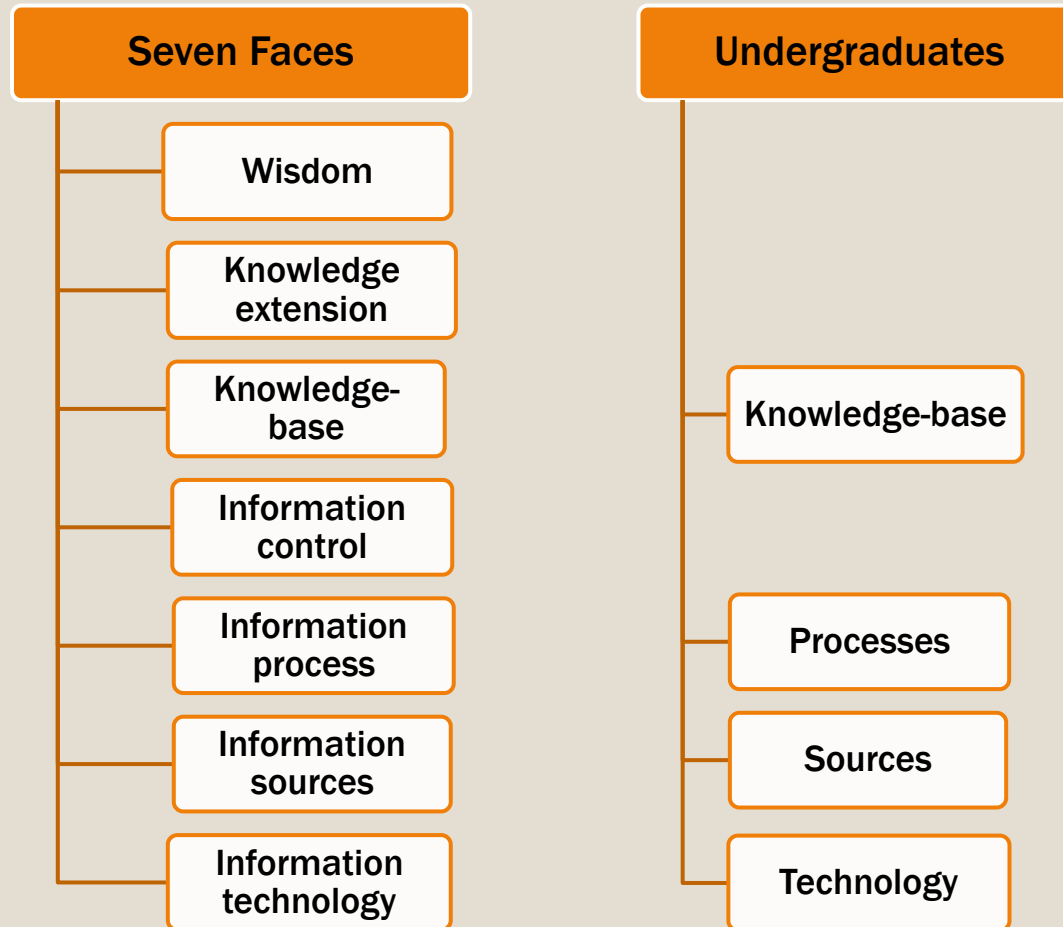
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EXPERIENCES OF INFORMATION LITERACY



Bruce, 1997;
Maybee, 2007

PHENOMENOGRAPHY

- Describes the limited number of ways that people experience the same phenomenon

- Second-order perspective

- Analysis results in an outcome space describing the relationships of the varying experiences



Gothenburg University, Sweden

(Marton, 1981, 1986)

PHENOMENOGRAPHY AND INFORMATION LITERACY RESEARCH

Educators

- Higher educators - Bruce, 1997; Webber, Boon & Johnston, 2005, 2006
- K-12 instructors - Limberg & Folkesson, 2006

Learners

- Postgraduate - Andretta, 2012
- Undergraduates - Diehm & Lupton, 2012; Gross & Latham, 2011; Lupton, 2004, 2008; Maybee, 2006, 2007
- K-12 - Limberg, 1999

Other Contexts

- Health - Yates, Partridge, and Bruce, 2009; Yates et al., 2012; Religion - Gunton, 2011; Gunton, Bruce, and Stoodley, 2012; Web design - Sayyad Abdi, Partridge, & Bruce, 2013; Public librarians - Demasson, Partridge, & Bruce, 2010

INFORMATION LITERACY AND LEARNING

- **Sequential** – using information, then learning
- **Cyclical** – iteratively using information, then learning, then using information...
- **Simultaneous** – using information and learning “happen concurrently and seem to be indistinguishable”

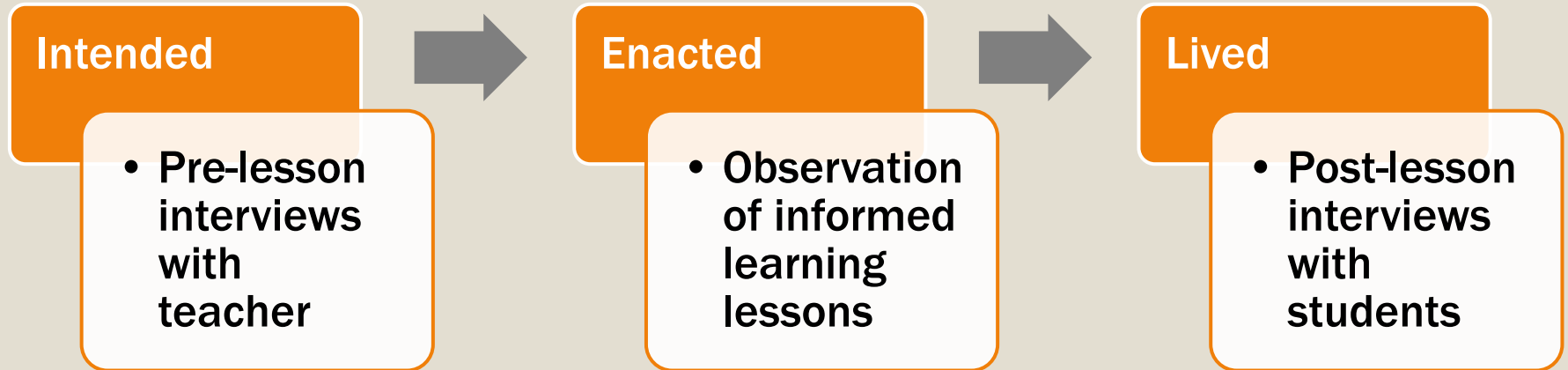
Lupton, 2008

DEVELOPMENT OF VARIATION THEORY

- Learning is a change in awareness
- Learning is enabled by discerning critical features of an object of learning

teaching
discerning
critical features
learning

METHODOLOGICAL PROCEDURES FOR STUDYING THE CLASSROOM



Marton, Runesson, & Tsui, 2004

RESEARCHING INFORMATION LITERACY IN A SUBJECT-FOCUSED CONTEXT

- Undergraduate language and gender course with 16 students
- Object of learning: Understand a language and gender topic by tracing the influence of a seminal scholar



This research studied an informed learning (Bruce, 2008) lesson, which emphasized using information to learn about subject content.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF PAPER

CRITICAL FEATURES

Intended

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Maybe, Bruce, Lupton, Rebmann, 2013

WHERE IT LEADS

- Research – shift in focus from descriptive to applied
- Practice – informs lesson design

Sequence of research
FUSION
Topics

PHENOMENOGRAPHY AND LEARNING STUDIES



- Focus on understanding what enables learning
- Data collection and analysis are repeated until lessons can enable the desired learning

Examples of learning study research –Chik & Marton, 2010; Davies & Dunhill, 2008; Holmqvist, 2011; Lo, Pong, & Chik, 2005; Pang & Marton, 2003, 2005; Runesson, 2005

USING PHENOMENOGRAPHY TO STUDY INFORMATION LITERACY EDUCATION

Opportunities

- Builds body of research of information literacy experiences in context of the subject classroom
- Collaborative model draws researchers and practitioners together
- Informs lesson design

Challenges

- One learning theory among many



QUESTIONS

Thank you



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