

5A—Topics in Critical Information Literacy II

Death of the Authority: De-Centralizing “the Author” in Information Literacy Instruction, Jessica Critten (University of West Georgia).

This presentation will focus on the conversations that arise when information literacy de-centers authorial intent and turns the lens back on the learner as the constructor of meaning. When a learner is empowered to locate her own sense of “truth” in a text, the discourse opens up into an examination of how those truths are in themselves constructed. To this end, we will discuss the role that personal ideology plays in shaping interpretation and meaning. I will also touch on the implications of de-centralizing the author in relation to the ACRL Framework concept, “Authority is Constructed and Contextual.”