

Centre for Research on Families and Relationships Emotions Seminar Series



13 February 2013 • 12.00-14.00
CRFR, 23 Buccleuch Place

Edgework: critical illness, nurses and emotion work in intensive care

Susanne Kean and Pam Ramsay, Nursing Studies, School of Health in Social Science, The University of Edinburgh

The social world of the patients and families and the nurses' high-tech life/ death intensive care world are brought together by critical illness in intensive care units. This seminar will make visible the hidden aspects of nurses' emotion work of these two worlds and the demands this places on nurses on a daily basis.

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Fear of Intimacy? The challenges of mothering when you have been sexually abused as a child

Siobhan Canavan and Seamus Prior, Counselling and Psychotherapy, School of Health in Social Science, The University of Edinburgh

Drawing on research with women who are mothers and survivors of childhood sexual abuse, this seminar explores some of the ways in which negative perspectives on mothering for adult survivors have entered their parenting discourse and experience and have been challenged in intimate relationships, including counselling.

17 April 2013 • 12.00-14.00
Seminar Room 4, Chrystal Macmillan Building

'No news today': the use of ambiguous emotion and the absent presence of missing people

Hester Parr, Geographical and Earth Sciences, University of Glasgow

Families of missing people are often understood as living with uncertainty and ambiguity, and as inhabiting a particular kind of emotional liminality captured in the phrase 'ambiguous loss'. We have talked with family representatives to disclose how geographies of absence are acted upon and not just felt. Through this, we consider spaces of un-located absence as more than just 'haunted and haunting', and we recover accounts of active (not passive) 'grief work'. In representing families as active agents in stories of missingness, this paper contributes to a positive re-scripting of missing emotions and grief experience.

15 May 2013 • 12.00-14.00
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I felt so guilty: emotion and mothers' experiences of caring for their young children

Caroline King, Centre for Families and Relationships, The University of Edinburgh

This paper will explore the role of emotion in understanding mothers' experiences of caring for their children. It will draw on a qualitative analysis based on in-depth interviews with 20 mothers.

5 June 2013 • 12.00-14.00
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From mental illness to emotional health: a paradigm shift in contemporary healthcare?

Gillian Bendelow, School of Law Politics and Sociology, University of Sussex

The term emotional health is increasingly used within general practice to describe consultations involving distressing symptoms which combine mental, physical and social aspects of health and wellbeing. Practitioners often despair of treating these complex conditions within traditional biomedicine, hence the turn to more holistic models of health and illness. This presentation questions whether we are seeing a paradigm shift and how far this shift offers a potential and enlightened way forward in addressing the mind/body/society interface in contemporary healthcare and health promotion.

Attendance at these seminars is free however places are limited

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