

Seminar 3: Speaker biographies

Professor Isabel Dyck

Isabel Dyck is Professor of Geography, Queen Mary University of London. Her research interests concern the interconnections between place, gender and health with a particular focus on the home. Studies in Canada and the UK have explored international migrants' resettlement experiences, including the reconstitution of home and family and the management of health and illness. Other research has investigated the home as a site of long-term care and women's illness experience. She has published widely from these studies and on qualitative methodology. Books include the co-edited volume *Geographies of Women's Health* (2001), and *Women, Body, Illness* with Pamela Moss (2002).

Dr Marta Rabikowska

Dr Marta Rabikowska, PhD, M.Litt, BA is a senior lecturer in Media and Advertising at the University of East London and a documentary film maker. A film made by herself and Matthew Hawkins: *Belonging, Consumption and Place* received the first Jury Award by the Association of Consumer Research at the University of Milan 2007 and again in San Francisco 2008. She is a guest editor for the *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 42 (2009) and a reviewer for the *International Journal of Learning, Social Identities*, and ACR (Association of Consumer Research) Film Festival. Her research involves visual methods, especially videography, which she applies to gain an embodied and located view of the objects of her study, mainly: consumption, community, migration, city and ethnicity. Her latest publications are on visual methods "Whose street is it anyway" in *Qualitative Market Research- An International Journal*, forthcoming], ethnicity [Rabikowska, M., & K. Burrell, (2009) 'The Material Worlds of Recent Polish Migrants: Transnationalism, Food, Shops and Home', in Kathy Burrell (ed.) *Polish Migration to the UK in the 'New' European Union: After 2004*, Aldershot: Ashgate, pp.211-232]. She is interested in creativity as a method of research. In her writing practice she probes new discourses, particularly inspired by poetry and ephrasis.

Matthew Hawkins

Matthew Hawkins is a filmmaker working in the film industry and academia. His work ranges from experimental documentary, audio-visual exhibitions, narrative cinema and video ethnography. Currently Matthew is based at the University of East London, where he is working towards the completion of a practice-based PhD, funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council. The topic of his PhD is focused on the concept of affective tonality, and how this can be used as a tool for understanding the experience of cinema, and how film theory can emerge through film practice. His other research interests include findings within the field of neuroscience concerning the body's role in cognition and perception. Matthew's latest film, produced with Marta Rabikowska, is an ethnographic documentary, which concerns the role of memory and displacement in the process of developing collective identity in a small post-industrial estate in Poland.

Dr Iliana Ortega-Alcázar

Iliana Ortega-Alcázar is a Research Associate in the School of Geography, Queen Mary University of London. She is also Sessional Lecturer and Academic Advisor at Birkbeck College for the MA Culture, Diaspora, Ethnicity. Iliana has taught at the London School of Economics and Political Science and at Brunel University. She obtained her PhD from the Cities Programme at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Her research interests are on the interlinking themes of migration, home, belonging, and the city.

Dr Paul Sweetman

Paul Sweetman's research interests centre around cultural sociology and the sociology of culture. He has written and published on social and cultural theory (particularly with reference to habitus, reflexivity and sociality), subcultures, the body and identity, fashion and consumption, and visual methods and methodology, and is also interested in issues of ethics, representation and recognition. He is a founder member and co-convenor (with David Gauntlett) of the BSA Visual Sociology Study Group, and co-editor (with Caroline Knowles) of *Picturing the Social Landscape* (Routledge 2004). He has been a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of *Visual Studies*, the *Journal of the International Visual Studies Association*, since 2008, and was a member of the Editorial Board of *Sociology*, journal of the British Sociological Association, between 2003 and 2005. <http://www.southampton.ac.uk/socsci/sociology/staff/profile.php?name=PaulSweetman>

Laura Hensser

Laura Hensser's is a British Photographer who graduated from UCA in Farnham with a BA Hons in Photography in 2008. She has been the recipient of the MI 2 (Prime Ministers Initiative Fund) to make work at the NID (National Institute of Design) in Ahmedabad, India and recently has been awarded the arc Award at the Aspex Gallery to make a new piece of work using sculpture. Laura has exhibited internationally and in the UK and has spent time in Iceland on the NES artist residency program. Laura is currently working on a self directed Arts Award Curatorial Research project to extend personal attributes within a curatorial context. This involves writing and researching into the gallery as an institution through creating debates around the critical examination of curatorial practice.

Dr Val Gillies

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Dr Olga den Besten

Olga den Besten is an independent researcher in social sciences and a journalist currently based in Paris. Since 2004 she has been working mainly in the field of childhood studies,

doing research in Russia, France, Germany and the UK. This work has focused on children's relationship with their urban environment, as well as on how children can contribute to changing their environment through participating in school-building projects. Olga uses qualitative methodology in her research and is especially interested in visual and participatory research methods.

Papers relevant to the topic:

den Besten, Olga (2010). Visualising social divisions in Berlin: Children's after-school activities in two contrasted city neighbourhoods. *Forum Qualitative Sozialforschung / Forum: Qualitative Social Research*, 11(2), Art. 35, <http://nbn-resolving.de/urn:nbn:de:0114-fqs1002353>.

den Besten, Olga (2010). Local belonging and 'geographies of emotions': Immigrant children's experience of their neighbourhoods in Paris and Berlin. *Childhood*, 17: 181-195.

den Besten, O. (forthcoming 2010) "Negotiating children's outdoor spatial freedom: Portraits of three Parisian families", in L.Holt (Ed.) *Geographies of children, youth and families: An international perspective*. Routledge.

Lisa Whiting

Lisa Whiting is Professional Lead, Children's Nursing at the University of Hertfordshire and a part-time doctoral student at the University, http://web-apps.herts.ac.uk/uhweb/about-us/profiles/profiles_home.cfm?profile=D9F05D35-DF15-0FAC-5CB04DD50321A8F5&view=publications

Dr Geraldine Brady

Geraldine is a Senior Research Fellow in the Applied Research Centre in Sustainable Regeneration at Coventry University. Her research interests primarily focus on issues of inequality and social exclusion experienced by children and young people. She leads SURGE'S work stream around '*Children, young people and families*' and has managed and delivered research and evaluation which has been largely funded by primary care trusts and local authorities; she is oriented towards influencing social change in policy and practice relating to marginalised children and young people. She is a medical sociologist by discipline and has several years' experience of working closely with research commissioners and policy makers. She has conducted research into: the needs and experiences of young parents (a wide range of commissioned projects), evaluated a sanctuary scheme for women experiencing domestic violence and a drop-in service within a Sure Start Children's Centre, and developed training programmes for health and social care professionals. Geraldine's doctoral thesis explored children and parents' experiential accounts of the medical diagnosis of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). She has developed visual methods to both capture data and to cascade findings, and has an interest in reflecting on the relationship between research, policy and practice. Geraldine has been a member of the British Sociological Association since 1994 and co-convenes the BSA's West Midlands Medical Sociology Group.

Dr Geraldine Brown

Geraldine is a Research Fellow in the Applied Research Centre for Sustainable Regeneration at Coventry University. She has over ten years research experience, which has included undertaking research for the voluntary, community and public sector. Geraldine's research interests include: health and social care policy and practice, community engagement and action, and race and ethnicity. Her work has focussed on the health and social care needs of teenage parents, Black and minority communities and older people. Her particular focus has been consideration of mechanisms and processes that may contribute to these groups exclusion and the effectiveness of efforts to challenge it. Geraldine's approach to research is to promote the voices and views of those identified within political and public discourse as marginalised and/or vulnerable in an attempt to embed their experiences within research and in the development and implementation of policy and practice. With colleagues, Geraldine has researched and published widely in the area of teenage pregnancy. This work has also been developed and delivered as work based training programmes to a range of health and social care practitioners. A key aim of this work is to share learning from research in order to encourage reflective practice.

Publications:

Brady, G. Brown, G and Wilson, C (forthcoming) 'Young mothers' experiential knowledge and the research process' in Barnes, M and Cotterell, P (eds) *Critical Perspectives on User Involvement*. Policy Press
Letherby, G. Brady, G. Brown, G and Wilson, C. 'Teen mothers' in O'Reilly, A and Golson, J (eds) (forthcoming) *Encyclopedia of Motherhood*. London: Sage

Letherby, G. Brady, G. Brown, G and Wilson, C. 'Young mothers' in O'Reilly, A and Golson, J (eds) (forthcoming) *Encyclopedia of Motherhood*. London: Sage

Brown, G. Brady, G. Letherby, G and Wilson, C (2009) Teenage Pregnancy and young parenthood: questioning the inevitability of risk, lone motherhood and social exclusion in Johns, N and Barton, A. *Evaluating the Political Achievement of New Labour since 1997: social policy and the public trust*. Edwin Mellon Publisher

Brown, G. Brady, G and Bayley, J (September 2010) 'Loves young dream: the truth about teen sex' *Nursing Standard*.

Children and Young People Now (7 September 2010)

Brown, G. Brady, G and Bayley, J. *Professional Social Work* (forthcoming, October 2010)

Brown, G., Brady, G and Bayley, J (2010) *Understanding young people's behaviour, attitudes, perceptions and influences in relation to sex, sexual health and teenage pregnancy*. SURGE: Coventry University

Brady, G. M (2005) *Holistic storyboards of young parents in Warwickshire*. Centre for Social Justice: Coventry University

Brady, G. Brown, G. Letherby, G. Bayley, J and Wallace, L M. Young women's experience of termination and miscarriage: a qualitative study. *Human Fertility*. Volume 11, Issue 3, September 2008, p186-190

Letherby, G., Brady, G.M. and Brown, G.C. (2007) 'Working with the community: research and action' in Clay, C. J., Madden, M. and Potts, L. (eds) *Towards understanding community: people and places*. Palgrave macmillan

Brady, G. Bywaters, P. Knyspel, M. Letherby, G. and Stevenson, G. (2007) 'Outcomes' in Letherby, G and Bywaters, P. *Extending Social Research: application, implementation and publication* (2007): Open University Press. ISBN 0335215297

Training/continuing professional development programmes:

Brady, G. Wilson, C and Brown, G. (2008) *Engaging positively with young families: training for professionals working with pregnant teenagers and young parents in Leicestershire*

Brown, G.C. and Brady, G.M. (2007) Continued delivery of a multi-disciplinary training pack 'Pregnant Teenagers and Young Parents health and wellbeing in pregnancy, during birth and postnatally'. SURGE: Coventry University

Brady, G.M. and Brown, G.C (2007) 'Working together with pregnant teenagers and young parents: a training programme for health visitors and midwives in Leicester'. SURGE: Coventry University

Dawn Mannay

Dawn Mannay is an ESRC-funded doctoral student at Cardiff University and her current research is titled 'Mothers and daughters on the margins: gender, generation and education'. She completed her BA in Education and MSc in Social Science Research Methods at Cardiff University. Her research interests are in place, space, identity, education, inequality and participatory research methods.

Recent Publications:

Mannay, D. 2010. Making the familiar strange: Can visual research methods render the familiar setting more perceptible? *Qualitative Research*, 10 (1), 91-111.

Mannay, D. 2009. Postgraduate Café Papers 2009: Balancing on the boundary between two discursively different worlds: a mother and daughter case study exploring space, place, class and identity. *Working Paper 126*, Cardiff School of Social Sciences, Cardiff University, 19-32.

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