

# The~Hyphen



## Newsletter of UWE **Psycho-Social Studies**

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### Member Profile

Welcome to the second edition of The Hyphen: Newsletter of UWE Psycho-Social Studies. In each edition we aim to profile one group member representing a different aspect of the psycho-social research group. This time we focus on a recent PhD graduate, Jane Woodend, and also offer information about the PhD programme and the MSc in psycho-social studies.

Following her earlier career as an Occupational Therapist and NHS Manager, Jane qualified as a psychodynamic counsellor in 2000 and then completed a post-graduate training in 2002. She has been in practice since then and has worked with a wide variety of presenting problems in individuals and couples. She is co-director of a counselling practice in Stroud, which offers a counselling service for individuals, couples, children and families as well as running a lively continuing professional development programme.

Jane has an MSc in Applied Psychology (Learning Disabilities) and recently completed her PhD at the University of the West of England. Her research into endings in psychodynamic counselling broke new ground in terms of both psycho-social methodology and findings. As a counsellor undertaking psycho-social research - by problematizing the boundary between the individual and the social - she was able to show what troubles and what interests people, and how social forces operate. Ideas of reflexive practice straddle both counselling and psycho-social research equally well. Jane remains intrigued by the similarities and differences of these two strands of meaning making, from the individual level to the social realm.



Jane has previously held posts within a county-wide counselling service as Service Manager, Head of Training and also, in conjunction with the University of the West of England, was Programme Manager for the country's first Foundation Degree in Psychodynamic Counselling. She is currently involved in the publication of research papers and has inputs at UWE on the MSc in Professional Development (Psycho-social Studies), where she teaches key concepts in psychoanalysis and research methodology.

## **UWE Programmes in Psycho-Social Studies**

### **UWE PhD Programme in Psycho-Social Studies**

Psycho-social research continues to run strongly at UWE, having been launched from the Centre for Psycho-Social Studies, originally set up by Prof Paul Hoggett and Prof Simon Clarke. Still a relative newcomer to the research field, psycho-social studies has maintained a strong presence and at UWE this is demonstrated through the PhD Programme.

The programme offers a supportive and innovative approach for PhD students at UWE and beyond – past and current students have joined us from other universities. The programme provides an intensive two day opportunity for students to meet together, in May and November each year. During these meetings there are workshops and lectures on research methodologies, latest developments and input from successful doctoral graduates. There is a strong emphasis on enabling reflexive practice through the use of Balint groups – a small group process that helps researchers understand more about the conscious and unconscious challenges they face in the research process. There is also the opportunity to present data for analysis by the group, providing an important triangulation of findings outside of the supervisory dyad. A guest speaker contributes adding a different perspective and stimuli, the last ones have been, for example:

Louise Grisoni (*Researching Poetically: The poetics of work-life balance*), Paul Hoggett (*Developments in psycho-social methodologies*), Sue Jervis (*Learning From Experience: Gender in Psycho-Social research*), Anne-Marie Cummins (*Parenting calls forth 'childing'*).

It is a fundamental moment and space to get together as a community of practice and to address the challenges of a PhD journey. These meetings also create a closer relationship with the faculty, the Bristol Social Research Group and UWE in general.

Interested? Please contact Lita Crociani-Windland for more information: [Lita.Crociani-Windland@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Lita.Crociani-Windland@uwe.ac.uk)

### **The M.Sc. in Psycho-Social Studies**

We still have places on this programme, so please spread the word. Please contact Lita Crociani-Windland for more information

### **Conference reports and other events**

Lita Crociani-Windland gave the closing key note address at the international congress “Transformations. Education in a Rapidly-Changing World” held in Vienna 14-16 May 2015.

Cathy Warner is involved in the 2015-16 Health Education England policy Consultation and along with Stephen Sandford is representing the Arts Therapies for the Allied Health Professionals. Cathy was involved in the working group for children and young people. She was recently a delegate in a debate in the House of Commons during Music Therapy Week (last week of June) representing UWE. The debate focussed on the need for future provision of music therapy for people with dementia.

## **Forthcoming conferences and events**

Following an enthusiastic response from the **Association for Psychosocial Studies** it is now confirmed that UWE we will be hosting the **next annual conference for the APS**. Liz Frost and Lita Crociani-Windland will be attending the next Association executive meeting in London, and will keep us updated with developments and dates. The conference will take place during the summer of 2016.

### **CFP: Psychoanalysis in Our Time 2015 – Psychoanalysis and Addiction**

Nordic Summer University, Druskininkai, Lithuania, 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> July 2015

*Psychoanalysis in Our Time* is a 3 year international research initiative funded by the Nordic Council of Ministers. The work is interdisciplinary and we welcome film scholars, literary scholars, clinicians and social scientists as well as filmmakers and fine artists. We are also editing a collection of essays to be published shortly by Routledge based on the Copenhagen Symposium and there are further publications planned. Please see the website for further details: <http://psychoanalysisinourtime.wordpress.com>

### **Welcome to The International Psychoanalytic Summer Institute!**

We are thrilled to invite you to join one of this year's six unique seminars, where theoretical, experiential and even aesthetic needs will be jointly met in the beautiful scenery of Tuscany, Italy. Leading international speakers in the field of psychoanalysis and psychotherapy (see below), will offer six consecutive seminars on a range of fascinating issues, using papers, clinical case presentations and video clips. This outstanding setting will no doubt evoke important group discussions as well as valued professional and personal encounters. Furthermore, partners, friends and families are most welcome to accompany you in this one of a kind voyage under the Tuscan sun.

More details are available here: <http://psychoanalytic-summer-institute.org/>

Call for Papers: **Affect Theory Conference**, October 14-17th 2015, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

See here for more details: <http://www.affecttheorymu.com/>

Stream #1 - Psychoanalysis, Affect, Time:

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Katie Gentile (John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY) - [kgentile@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:kgentile@jjay.cuny.edu)

ALL PAPERS MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE CONFERENCE WEBSITE at [affect-sub@millersville.edu](mailto:affect-sub@millersville.edu).

## **Social Science Research Group launch event**

Please find details overleaf of the UWE Social Science Research Group launch event to be held on Thursday 10th September at The Arnolfini, Bristol.

# Social Science Research Group Launch Event

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September (13.00-19.00), Arnolfini, Bristol



## 'Vulnerability, Resilience and Resistance'

This launch event is focused on vulnerability in society with presentations from members of the Social Science Research Group focussing on their research in areas including;

- **Vulnerability, Resilience, Resistance & social control**
- **Vulnerability, Resilience, Resistance & Mobility**
- **Vulnerability, Resilience, Resistance & Austerity**

In addition to showcase the research and knowledge base of the Social Science Research Group the launch event will have a lunch and a wine reception to facilitate networking as well as stimulate conversations about potential collaborations.

### Social Science Research Group

The Social Science Research Group is a multidisciplinary, applied research grouping based at the University of the West of England in Bristol that is dedicated to facilitate a better understanding of the complex social world that we live in. The group has a membership of over 40 academic and research staff across a number of disciplines (including, Criminology, Sociology, Politics, International Relations, Psychology, Social Work, Philosophy and Psycho-social studies) divided in to 5 research themes.

### Where and when

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015

13.00 -19.00

Arnolfini, Bristol

### Contact

To find out more please contact [Eleri Heathcote](#)

### Registration

Please register to attend [here](#)

## Publications

The Journal of Psychosocial Studies is looking for articles, so do please consider submitting your work. The editorial board has been busy preparing special editions, but we welcome papers for other forthcoming volumes. We welcome articles from PhD students and alumni.

Nigel Williams and Anne-Marie Cummins are approaching Karnac press with a view to publishing Volume Two of *'Researching Beneath the Surface'*. The original ground-breaking volume, published in 2009, was edited by Paul Hoggett and Simon Clarke and featured the work of many of our then PhD students. Since that time, thinking and practice in psychosocial research methods has moved on - and we have a new crop of researchers and research fellows working in the psychosocial sphere here at UWE. It is therefore very timely to consider publishing new contributions and ways of thinking about 'researching beneath the surface' and we will be in touch shortly with more news and a more concrete invitation to submit proposals for chapters.

Paul Hoggett, "What's in a Hyphen? Reconstructing Psychosocial Studies", *Psychoanalysis, Culture & Society* (2008) 13, 379–384. doi:10.1057/pcs.2008.2

*Abstract:* The hyphen in psycho-social studies signifies both the irreducibility of the psychological to the social (and vice versa) and their complementarity, that is, the impossibility of there being the one without the other. In contrast to Stephen Frosh and Lisa Baraitser, the author argues that critique is not best advanced by the dissolving of boundaries and the blurring of differences. The retention of the hyphen insists upon the difference, a difference that can never be overcome, yet one which continually invites engagement and exploration:

<http://www.palgrave-journals.com/pcs/journal/v13/n4/abs/pcs200826a.html#close>

Karen Izod has recently jointly guest-edited a special edition on supervision in social work *for Practice: Social Work in Action*, published by Taylor and Francis. The publication will be available on-line and hard copy later this month, and includes papers on a critique of BASW UK's supervision policy, reclaiming reflective supervision, the role of supervision in maintaining motivation and supervision as a means of generating knowledge and sustaining credibility. Here is a link to a paper that Karen has co-written for the Journal with her colleague Chrissie Lawson:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/84uJgxHNn8vHn3rzaQAx/full>

Karen hopes this special edition will be of interest to theme members, and in particular social work colleagues.

## Open Press Letter to *The Guardian*

This recent letter from a number of psychiatrists in the UK concerns the statistics released by the Conservative government relating to suicide and is likely to be of interest if you have not already seen this:

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2015/may/03/us-and-british-health-specialists-support-the-nhs>

## Webpages and How to Contact the Newsletter Team

The research group webpages are available now at UWE:

<http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/hls/research/socialscienceresearchgroup.aspx>

Please send **any news items** (research, publications, events, conferences, prizes ,etc.) to:

[Catherine.Warner@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Catherine.Warner@uwe.ac.uk) and [Lita.Crociani-Windland@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Lita.Crociani-Windland@uwe.ac.uk). The next newsletter is due in September 2015.