

BSA South West Regional Medical Sociology Group

Name: South West Regional Medical Sociology Group

Established: Unknown (current convenor (GL) involved since early 2000s)

Number of members: We are unsure of true figures as the moment (as people come and go) and we are currently working on updating our active members list.

Income balance: £440.50 (as of 24.02.22)

Aims:

- to bring together sociologists and others interested in the sociology of health and illness/medical sociology (including post-graduates and early career researchers)
- to reflect on substantive, theoretical and methodology issues in the area of the sociology of health and illness/medical sociology
- to run events – including seminars and conferences – focusing on the sociology of health/medical sociology for colleagues in the South West region and beyond

Review of the year:

- Professor Gayle Letherby and Dr Tracey Collett continue as convenors of the group.
- The study group organised an online conference on 4th February 2022 (9.00am- 5.00pm ONLINE): **Health and Illness Interactions.**

The programme was as follows:

9.00-9.10 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Tracey Collett and Gayle Letherby

9.10-9.50 Mia Alexander, Dawn Swancutt, Ross Watkins, Rod Sheaff, Jenny Lloyd, Lorna Burns, Jonathan Pinkney, Mark Tarrant (presented by Mia Alexander, University of Exeter) *'Having jumped through all the hoops with the odd back flip thrown in', the online portrayal of lived experiences of specialist weight management programmes.*

Chair: Tracey Collett

9.50– 10.30 Tanisha Spratt (University of Greenwich) *Re-thinking Notions of Empowerment, Agency and Personal Responsibility Amongst UK GPs in Contemporary Obesity Discourse*

Chair: Tracey Collett

10.30-11.10 Sarah D. Adomah (The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust) **TBC**
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11.30-12.10 Harriet Marks (University of Plymouth) *You're Fine, Try Harder: Gluten Free Interactions*
Chair: Gayle Letherby

12.10-12.50 Louise Owusu-Kwarteng (University of Greenwich) *Taking the Proverbial – an auto/biographical reflection of being diagnosed AND LIVING with Thrombocytopenia Purpura (TTP)*
Chair Gayle Letherby

12.50-13.30 Kerry Gilbert (University of Exeter) *Listening to learn: Using audio discussions to understand student journeys towards self-efficacy in learning*
Chair Gayle Letherby

14.00-14.40 Jennifer Patterson (University of Greenwich) *INTO THE WILD: Uncertainty and sustainable Human-Environment interaction*
Chair: Kerry Gilbert

14.40-15.20 Alina Beltechi (University of Plymouth) *Student and staff perspective on university provision for mental health support*
Chair: Kerry Gilbert

15.30-16.10 Sara McKelvie (University of Oxford) *Clinical Decision Making in Uncertainty; An Ethnography of a Complex Intervention in the Ambulatory Emergency Care setting*
Chair: Louise Owusu-Kwarteng

16.10-16.50 Tracey Collett and Gayle Letherby (University of Plymouth) *Who do you think you are? Work, identity, expertise and insults*
Chair: Louise Owusu-Kwarteng

16.50-17.00 THANKS and CLOSE Tracey Collett and Gayle Letherby

- Following this we have been approached by Frontiers in Sociology to edit a special edition of the journal (on Health and Illness Interactions) and we are currently in discussions about this.

Concluding remarks:

- Since Tracey Collett joined Gayle Letherby as joint convenor 2019 we have run three one-day conferences (open call) and one afternoon seminar with invited speakers. We are currently planning an invited speaker seminar (topic to be confirmed) to take space autumn/winter 2022 and a conference focusing on

'Health and Illness Action and Agency: substantive, methodological and pedagogic concerns' to take place in the Spring of 2023.

- As noted above we are also aiming to build our network within and beyond the sociological community across the South West.

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