Centre for Life History Research

University of Sussex

TUESDAY LUNCHTIME SEMINAR SERIES Autumn Term Programme 2000 Library Meeting Room*: 12.30 - 2pm

24 Oct Producing a Video: Women and WW2

Anna Nomikou, Suzie Passingham and Stephen Hill (Univ Sussex) made a video about British women's lives in wartime as part of their work for the MA in Life History Research. They interviewed local women who responded to their appeal for wartime experiences. They will discuss their research and the making of a "life history" video.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SESSION ON 24 OCT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE LARGE SCREEN VIEWING ROOM, AUDIO/VISUAL SECTION, 1ST FLOOR OF THE LIBRARY AND NOT IN THE MEETING ROOM

31 October Daughters of Dispersal: Life Histories of Armenian Women Joanne Barseghian-Budden, who is half-Armenian, charts the journey of recovering her own lost history, and draws on a life history project based on interviews with Armenian women living in England. Among the experiences and memories that have shaped their lives, she will highlight the Armenian genocide of 1915 and the more recent earthquake of 1988.

7 Nov Career Histories of Primary Teachers

Viv Griffiths & Angela Jacklin (Univ Sussex) will talk about their research on primary teachers who trained at Sussex during the past 10 years. They have tracked the career progress of former students and will discuss ways in which primary teaching has changed over the last decade, looking particularly at the mounting stresses of the job as well as its rewards.

21 Nov Truths and Lies Revisited: Mendacity and Qualitative Research Pat Sikes (Univ Sheffield): Many qualitative researchers have had the experience of discovering that their informants have deliberately told them lies. When this happens, what should they do? What are the implications - for the researcher and researcher in question and for qualitative methodology in general? This presentation will draw on real examples of mendacious informants to consider some of the questions and issues that can arise.

The Centre for Life History Research was launched in June 1999. It offers a regular lunchtime seminar series which began five years ago as the Life History Research Network. The seminar series is organised by Viv Griffiths (tel 01273 606755 ext.7044, e-mail V.Griffiths@sussex.ac.uk) and Dorothy Sheridan (tel 01273 678157, e-mail: d.e.sheridan@sussex.ac.uk). If you would like to join our mailing list, please contact us.

*The Library Seminar Room is on the top floor of the main University of Sussex Library, very close to the Mass-Observation Archive. Please bring your own lunch (sealed up as you come through the Library please).

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