Centre for Life History Research TUESDAY LUNCHTIME SEMINAR SERIES

Spring Term Programme 2000

Library Meeting Room*: 12.30 - 2pm University of Sussex

25 Jan Iconic Memories and Explanatory Narratives: Patterns in Migrant Life Stories and Remembering

Using extracts from oral history interviews with British people who emigrated to Australia after the Second World War, Alistair Thomson (University of Sussex), will explore distinctive features of migrant life stories and remembering.

22 Feb Fictional Autobiography as self exploration

Celia Hunt (University of Sussex) will be drawing on the research for her thesis and book, *Therapeutic dimensions of autobiography in creative writing*.

29 Feb "This extraordinary negro": Johnsonian biography, slave narrative and Joseph Jekyll's Life of Ignatius Sancho

Ignatius Sancho was an African who was born on a slave ship and became a fashionable figure in in 18th century literary London. Brycchan Carey (Queen Mary & Westfield) will examine some of the assumptions that have been made about Jekyll's biography of Sancho and some of our assumptions about the project of writing biography in the late 18th century.

14 March Oral History and Radio: The Millennium Oral History Project

Rob Perks is Oral History Curator at the National Sound Archive and Director of the National Life Story Collection at the British Library. He will be talking about his work collaborating with the BBC in the production of Millennium Project programmes based on oral history.

The Centre for Life History Research was launched in June 1999 and has taken over running the regular lunchtime seminar series which began five years ago as the Life History Research Network. The seminar series is organised by Margaretta Jolly (tel.01273 606755 x2214, e-mail: jolly@moa.u-net.com) 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 Meeting Room is on the top floor of the main University of Sussex Library, very close to the Mass-Observation Archive. Bring your own lunch (sealed up as you come through the Library please).

ALL WELCOME