

Centre for Life History Research

University of Sussex

TUESDAY LUNCHTIME SEMINAR SERIES

Summer Term Programme 2000

Library Meeting Room*: 12.30 - 2pm

9 May Health, sickness and the work ethic

Helen Busby (The Public Health Research and Resource Unit, University of Salford) will address the definitions of health and sickness in relation to the concept of "fitness for work". Using an analysis of writing from the Mass-Observation Archive, she will look at how we define being sick and explore the social and moral criteria which underpin those definitions.

23 May Feelings in Wartime: One Woman's Diary 1939-1942

Robert Malcolmson (Queen's University, Toronto) will focus on a wartime diary written by a 26 year old civil servant. His talk will address the distinctive value and dilemmas of working with diaries for publication.

6 June The Voice: spoken and written

Rena Feld (University of Sussex/Lancaster University) is researching the experience of women Conscientious Objectors in World War Two using both her own interviews and interviews done by other researchers. She will be examining the ways in which we hear and re-hear through the interview itself, the tapes and the transcripts.

13 June Changing the face of nursing: public perceptions, the media and NHS reforms

Raymond Hickman & Phil Ulyatt (University of Sussex) will explore the image of nursing in the light of recent significant changes in the National Health Service, drawing on both media texts including TV programmes and on Mass-Observation data.

20 June Bedlam and the Bastille: Stories from nineteenth century lunatic asylums and prisons

Margaret Homburg, (Queen Mary and Westfield) will explore the words, images and associations common to life writing that originates in confinement - both legal and unlawful.

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 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 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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