

'Meet the Editors' Event 2.30 - 4pm Tuesday 5th February 2013 Cardiff School of Social Sciences, Glamorgan Building, King Edward VII Avenue, Cardiff, CF10 3WT

BSA Medical Sociology Regional Group (Wales) was delighted to host a 'Meet the Editors' event where current and past editors of key medsoc journals provided valuable insights into the publishing process. Professor Gareth Williams (Sociology of Health & illness), Professor Sally Power (Sociology) and Professor Adam Hedgecoe (New Genetics and Society) talked about the aims and expectations of their journals, providing some top tips on how to improve writing, respond to referees comments and ultimately get published.

Through the event we gained some valuable advice about writing and publishing....

- a. Offer to be a reviewer and be reliable - helps to get your name known
- b. Submit to the best journal and then go down the scale if need – but note that 'impact ratings' can be flawed as a measurement. There might be other reasons to submit to a particular journal e.g specialism/ word length. Don't submit the same article to several journals at the same time
- c. It is not unusual to be rejected - you get used to it!
- d. Don't expect editors to engage in conversation about why it has been rejected – there could be numerous reasons, including if they have recently published a special edition covering that topic. Use feedback to improve the paper and resubmit elsewhere.
- e. Lack of fit with the journal is one of the most common reason for rejection - read the journal description and past issues; email the editor if unsure about fit
- f. Don't chase editors if you think they've had your article too long
- g. If you have reviewed an article and rejected it, say that you will review it again if it is resubmitted – the editors will value you as a critical reader.

'Medical Sociology 1978-2008 and Beyond: Thoughts from Exile'

Tuesday 18th September 2012, 12.30 - 2pm, Room 0.85, Cardiff School of Social Sciences, Glamorgan Building, King Edward VII Avenue, Cardiff, CF10 3WT

Gareth Williams, from Cardiff School of Social Sciences, will talk about 'Medical Sociology 1978-2008 and Beyond: Thoughts from Exile'. This informal talk was designed to open up discussion about the changing face of medical sociology over the last thirty years and its prospects for the future. 'Exile' expressed the presenter's own sense of his career development, and his perception of the changing landscape of the sociology of health and illness.

Gareth Williams is Professor of Sociology at Cardiff University and is also Deputy Director of the Regeneration Institute (a joint initiative with the Department of City and Regional Planning), Associate Director of the Cardiff Institute of Society Health and Ethics (CISHE), Director of the Welsh Health Impact Assessment Support Unit (WHIASU), and Chair of the All Wales Alliance for R&D in Health and Social Care (AWARD). He has published widely in academic and professional journals, has written and edited a number of books and has grant income totalling over £5.6 million.