

PUBLISHING WORKSHOP

Thursday the 16 September 2004 at 18.30 - 19.30

Exhibition Centre P/L001

This is a new initiative which, if successful, will become a regular feature of the conference. The workshop is open to everyone, though it is principally geared towards novice academics who are embarking on publishing for the first time.

The first half of the workshop will comprise a series of brief presentations. It will be introduced by Professor Robert Dingwall, Professor of Sociology, and Editor of Sociology of Health and Illness, who will offer general information and advice about developing a balanced and coherent publication strategy, and putting articles together for academic journals. Rachel Gear, Commissioning Editor, Open University Press, will talk about the ingredients needed for a successful book proposal. In a complementary presentation, Alison Poyner, Senior Commissioning Editor, SAGE Publications, will offer a general overview about how to go about getting a book published. Finally, Richard Steele, Editorial Director, Taylor & Francis will talk about opportunities for publishing in an electronic environment.

In the second half of the workshop, there will be a panel session in which the audience will be given the opportunity to ask questions. The panel will include the speakers together with representatives from other publishers and organisations attending the conference.

HUMAN REPRODUCTION STUDY GROUP

Friday the 17 September 2004 at 12.30 - 13.30

Exhibition Centre P/T111

This is an open meeting of the Study Group. An opportunity to network with others working in the sociology of human reproduction. New members welcome.

Lead by Sarah Earle (University College Northampton).

MEDIA WORKSHOP

Friday the 17 September 2004 at 12.30 - 13.30

Exhibition Centre P/T007

"Sociologist bites Dog" - getting the most out of the media.

This media workshop is designed to help sociologists get the most out of their media encounters, It will cover how the media works and how sociologists can achieve media coverage that accentuates the positive and minimises the negative.

Lead by Ivor Gaber.

SOCIOLOGY OF MENTAL HEALTH STUDY GROUP

Friday the 17 September 2004 at 12.30 - 13.30

Goodricke College G/020

This new study group aims to increase the profile of the sociology of mental health, an area of study that has arguably been somewhat marginalised within mainstream medical sociology in recent years. It also aims to bring together those who not only specifically work within this discipline, but also those with a general interest, in order to promote the exchange of ideas and information and to provide a forum for mutual support. In particular it is hoped that the group will provide a platform for sociologists within the field of mental health to meet one another and improve awareness of activity, whilst also facilitating links between those working in different environments.

This first meeting will provide an opportunity for all those interested to meet and discuss the formation of this group. The main objectives of the meeting will be to decide upon the scope and aims of the study group, to develop a plan of activity for the forthcoming year and to generate a contact list of interested parties. Following this meeting, it is hoped to formalise the study group within the BSA Medical Sociology Group by posting details on the BSA Med Soc website, informing members of its establishment and setting up an on-line discussion forum.

Lead by L. Lewis (University of Aberdeen) and L. Woodward (Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS).

THE SOCIOLOGY OF CANCER STUDY GROUP

Friday the 17 September 2004 at 12.30 - 13.30

Goodricke College G/045

This session will review the work of the Study Group for the year and plan the next annual conference. We will also explore opportunities for international comparative work. The extension of group membership to North America has provided greater opportunities for collaborative international work. Finally, we will consider the key theoretical frameworks that are being applied to the sociology of cancer and how these are distinct from those adopted in psycho oncological or biomedical research.

Lead by Jonathan Tritter (University of Warwick).

TEACHING WORKSHOP: EDUCATING MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE STUDENTS IN SOCIOLOGY

Friday the 17 September 2004 at 12.30 - 13.30

Exhibition Centre P/L006

The BSA Medical Sociology Group is committed to support and encourage the teaching of medical sociology to a wide range of students training to become health care professionals. This annual workshop has focused on issues such as the place of sociology in the medical curriculum, especially in integrated curricula or those based on problem-based learning; the place of sociology in the examinations; the role of external examiners (especially if they are not sociologists or not even social or behavioural scientists); what sociology do we teach; etc.

The content and format of the workshop also varies from year to year. It is very much kept open and will be guided by the audience of the day.

Lead by Edwin van Teijlingen (University of Aberdeen).