WORKSHOP
Narrative Therapy, Folk Psychology and Philosophy of Psychiatry

Date: Wednesday 11th March 2015
Time: 9:15am
Location: Building 21, Room 229
University of Wollongong
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with the subject line ‘Registration for NT Workshop, 11 March 2015’

Narrative practices play a robust part in strategies for promoting psychosocial wellbeing. Narrative therapy seeks to empower groups and individuals, providing them with the resources and skills needed for positively improving their own wellbeing and coping with a wide range of life challenges. This workshop reviews empirical evidence, from early years through to adulthood, suggesting a strong link between narrative practices and psychosocial wellbeing. Equally, it considers the wider philosophical issues connected with the theory and practice of narrative therapy. It considers whether re-authoring some key elements of narrative therapy’s official narrative will afford it new possibilities for development and wider uptake. Special attention will be given to how, if at all, narrative approaches to therapy can best benefit from new thinking in philosophy of mind and the cognitive sciences.

This workshop is funded by the ARC Discovery Project “Embodied Virtues and Expertise”. It coincides with an extended visit by UOW’s Professorial Fellow in Philosophy Erik Myin, and the arrival of two new postdoctoral researchers in Philosophy: Anika Fiebich, funded by a Humboldt Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship, and Glenda Satne, winner of a UOW Vice-Chancellor’s 2015 Postdoctoral Fellowship.

It is co-hosted by Early Start, a $44 million transformational project and international hub for multi-disciplinary research tackling issues as varied as early cognitive development, healthy lifestyles and inspiring creativity in our young: earlystart.uow.edu.au. The workshops opening words will be delivered by Professor Marc de Rosnay, Professor of Early Start, University of Wollongong.

All are welcome to attend. There is no registration fee but please RSVP to secure a place and for catering purposes.
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Program

09.15 - 09.30 Welcome and opening words delivered by Professor Marc de Rosnay, Professor of Early Start, University of Wollongong

10.00 - 11.15 Narrative responses to social suffering: Returning the task of ‘healing’ to the realm of making and remaking folk culture
David Denborough, Director, Dulwich Centre Foundation International, Adelaide, Australia.

11.15 - 11.30 Tea/ Coffee

11.30 - 12.45 Narratives and well-being: the story from psychology
Robyn Fivush, Associate Vice-Provost for Academic Innovation Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Psychology, Emory University.

12.45 - 13.30 Lunch

13.30 - 14.45 Rethinking narrative therapy: Embodiment and enactment in resilience and healing
Laurence Kirmayer, M.D., FRCPC, James McGill Professor and Director, Division of Social and Transcultural Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, McGill University.

14.45 - 16.00 Varieties of narrative and varieties of self-knowledge
Dominic Murphy, Associate Professor, History and Philosophy of Science, University of Sydney.

16.00 - 16.15 Tea/ Coffee

16.15 - 17.30 Re-authoring Narrative Therapy: Opening the way for future developments
Daniel D. Hutto, Professor of Philosophical Psychology, University of Wollongong.

17.30 – 18.00 Roundtable