

# Qualitative Health Research Collaboration

Invites you to a one-day seminar by:  
**Professor Catherine Kohler Riessman**

## **Advanced Narrative Inquiry**

Friday 14 March, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Medical Foundation Building Auditorium, University of Sydney  
92-94 Parramatta Road, Camperdown

Professor Cathy Riessman is a research professor at the Department of Sociology, Boston College MA. At Boston College, Riessman teaches an interdisciplinary graduate seminar, Narrative Methods in the Social Sciences. A medical sociologist, she has also taught Health, Gender and the Body in alternate years. Her research examines interrupted lives, where events have disrupted expectations of continuity. Over a long career she has studied and compared the narrative accounts that women and men develop to make sense of biographical disruptions (chronic illness, divorce, and infertility). She examines personal accounts as stories that can illuminate the social sources of "private troubles" by drawing connections between biography and society, revealing how identities are constructed narratively. Her research builds on and extends recent interdisciplinary developments, and the burgeoning field of narrative theory in the social sciences and humanities. Riessman has authored books on narrative approaches including the recently published textbook: Narrative Methods for the Human Sciences (Sage 2008). She teaches frequently in the European Union as a specialist in qualitative research methods, and she has published extensively on narrative approaches.

Professor Riessman will run a one-day seminar on methods of narrative analysis (advanced level), emphasizing working with oral narrative (vs. written and/or visual) about health and illness. The seminar will be interactive. Participants will be given an opportunity to submit their own one page narrative segment from an interview conversation. The one page narrative must include your name, the interview situation, and de-identification of study participants. The one-page segment must be submitted to [AllisonT@health.usyd.edu.au](mailto:AllisonT@health.usyd.edu.au) by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008. These may be used during the seminar for teaching and discussion purposes.

### **Seminar Fees:**

The Fees are listed on the attached registration form and are payable on registration. Please note that spaces are **very limited**. Places will be confirmed progressively until the quota is filled. Fee includes the one-day seminar, workshop materials, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

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QHeRC One Day Seminary: 14 March 2008

Registration form

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Name: Student ID:
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Tel: Fax: Email:
Special dietary requirements:
Receipt required (Please circle or underline): yes / no

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Staff and students of the School of Public Health (SPH):

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\*GST is not applicable

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Payments must be received by Friday 29th February 2008.
Cancellation policy: there will be no refunds given for withdrawal from the one day seminar