

BSA Regional Postgraduate Event
‘It’s a Family Affair’
Researching with Families

Friday 23rd June 2017, Millennium Point, City
 Centre Campus, Birmingham City University

Speakers: TBC

Call for Papers and Posters

Personal reflexivity is a dynamic process involving self-questioning and self-awareness, offering researchers opportunities to unpack their assumptions and expectations. Making the shift from ‘expert’ to ‘novice’ can be a disorienting as well as a liberating process for existing practitioners and/or parents, when conducting research with families. However, there is an analytical cost if the interplay between the personal and the research process is not considered.

This one-day, inter-disciplinary postgraduate conference will bring together postgraduate students, academics and practitioners engaged in research with families (broadly defined) and/or who are conducting research while with family themselves. Issues of subjectivity, positionality and power as they relate to carrying out research with families and/or researching while mothering/fathering will be explored with the aim of opening up discussion in order to help students interrogate these issues and tensions within their own research.

The day will be facilitated by a range of learning opportunities enabling students to engage in dialogue, knowledge exchange and methodological exploration, where current and proposed ideas can be presented through a combination of key note speakers, workshops and oral and poster presentations. Time and space throughout the day will also allow for networking opportunities.

Topics of interest include:

We invite abstracts for oral (including alternative forms e.g. Pecha Kucha) and poster presentations from PhD students, early career researchers and established academics that address:

- The process of researching with families / encounters in the field.
- Insider – outsider status of researchers who are also practitioners.
- Reflections upon the ways in which researchers’ ‘parental status’ is implicated within the research process.

Please send an abstract of no more than 300 words describing the content of your oral presentation or poster, along with a title, your full contact details and institutional affiliation to laura.maguire@bcu.ac.uk by **5pm Friday 31st March 2017**.

Bookings are now [OPEN](#).

Registration: BSA member registration £10, Non BSA member registration £25. Lunch and refreshments will be included.

*****Subsidised places available, please contact laura.maguire@bcu.ac.uk for further details*****