

IPI Social Science Network

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Prof Fiona Ross
Dean, Faculty of Health and Social Care Sciences
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Interests: My work over the last 20 years has taken a social policy perspective and has used multi-method approaches to carry out evaluations of nurse-led interventions in primary care. I have established interests in care of older people in community settings, long-term conditions, shifting boundaries between professional groups and teamwork. Currently I am leading a research programme on the professional experience of governance and incentives in primary care and patient and public involvement.

Key publications:

- Smith E; **Ross F**; Donovan S; Manthorpe J; Brearley S; Sitzia J; Beresford P (2008). Service user involvement in nursing, midwifery and health visiting research: A review of evidence and practice. *International Journal of Nursing Studies* 45(2) 298-315
- Richards S, Donovan S, Victor C, **Ross F** (2007). Standing secure amidst a falling world? Practitioner understandings of old age in response to a case vignette. *Journal of Interprofessional Care* 21(3):335-49.
- Redfern S; **Ross F**; McLaren S; Christian S (2006). Pathways to innovation in health care. In: Casebeer A; Harrison A (eds). *Innovation in Health Care: A Reality Check*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Gill Mein

Senior Research Fellow, Faculty of Health and Social Care Sciences
<http://www.healthcare.ac.uk/research/staff/gill-mein/>

Interests: As a result of working on the Whitehall II study for 10 years I have been interested in researching inequalities in different aspects of health. I was responsible for the retirement project within the Whitehall II study and this has developed my interest in different aspects of retirement and older people. I also work as a lead facilitator for a project working with disadvantaged teenagers developing their potential and preventing teenage pregnancies. I am a qualitative researcher and enjoy collaborative projects which may include my experience of working on a variety of research studies.

Research projects:

- Retention of older people in longitudinal health research studies
- Participation in Longitudinal Health Research
- Evaluation of Teenage pregnancy prevention programme.

Key publications:

- Bhamra S; Tinker A; **Mein G**; Ashcroft R; Askham J (2008). The retention of older people in longitudinal studies: A review of the literature. *Quality in ageing: policy, practice and research* 9(4): 27
- **Mein G**; McDowell A (2007). Teenage pregnancies – a light at the end of the tunnel. *Community Care* Jan. 31-32
- **Mein G**; Ellison GTH (2006). The impact of early retirement on changing perceptions of life at work and at home: a qualitative analysis of British civil servants participating in the Whitehall II retirement study. *International Journal of Ageing and Human Development* 63 (3) 187-216
- **Mein G**; Martikainen P; Hemingway H; Stansfeld SA; Marmot MG (2003). Is retirement good or bad for mental and physical health functioning? Whitehall II: Longitudinal study of civil servants. *JECH* 57 (1) 46-49
- **Mein G**; Higgs P; Ferrie J; Stansfeld SA (1998). Paradigms of retirement: The importance of health and ageing in the Whitehall II study. *Social Science and Medicine* 47 (4) 535-545
- **Mein G**; Shipley M; Hillsdon M; Ellison GTH; Marmot MG (2005). Work, retirement and physical activity: cross-sectional analyses from the Whitehall II study. *European Journal of Public Health* 15 (3) 317-322
- Hyde M; Ferrie J; Higgs P; **Mein G** (2004). The effects of pre-retirement factors and retirement route on circumstances in retirement: findings from the Whitehall II study. *Ageing and Society* 24: 279-296
- Higgs P; **Mein G**; Ferrie J; Hyde M; Nazroo J (2003). Pathways to early retirement: structure and agency in decision-making among British civil servants. *Ageing and Society* 23: 761-778

Nadia Mantovani

I espouse interpretative theoretical approach in my work, which broadly explores interpretations of personal and social identity, moral work and conflict (arising from the interface between public institutions & private lives) of marginalized individuals. I am interested in Critical Social Science and the work of Foucault in relation to governmentality, power and discourse. My areas of interest include: Teenage Pregnancy (how teen mothers use their understanding of the existence of stigma as a resource that enables them to defend themselves as moral agents); Mental Health – (the social dimension of mental health problems amongst migrant young mothers) - Religion and Mental Health (how religion affects the self care practices of displaced individuals).

Research projects:

- 1 year study – ‘Migration, motherhood and mental health status: an exploration of the ways in which social organisation may impact on the mental health status of this subgroup of women’. A pilot study funded by Division of mental Health.
- 1 year study - ‘The Construction of the Ethical Self: An Analysis of Self-Governing Practices in the Narratives of Asylum Seekers’. ESRC/AHRC (notification of the outcome of the proposal in September 2009).

- 2 ½ years study – ‘Developing an effective intervention to reduce pregnancy in children and young people who have been in care’. HTA (notification of the outcome of the proposal in September 2009).
- 8 months study – ‘Intersectionality and social capital in refugee/asylum seeking young mothers’ lives: impact of multiple inequalities on mental health and access to public services.’ Feminist Review Trust (notification of the outcome of the proposal in November 2009).

Key publications:

- N. Mantovani (2008) Identity work, moral accountability and good mothering practices in narratives of Black teenaged mothers, PhD, RHUL Department of HSC.
- [R.Barn](#) and [N.Mantovani](#) (2006). Young Mothers, and the Care System: Contextualising Risk and Vulnerability. British Journal of Social Work.
- [R.Barn](#), [L.Andrew](#), [N.Mantovani](#) (2005). Life after care: a comparative study of the experience of black and white young people. [Joseph Rowntree Foundation](#), Polity Press and JRF.

Prof Ann Mackenzie Faculty of Health and Social Care Sciences

Nursing is my discipline. My current research interests are in stroke rehabilitation and the impact of stroke on the family and informal family carers. While care giving burden has been extensively researched, little is known about their diversity, what interventions are effective in supporting carers and how to measure carer outcomes. Their enormous contribution to rehabilitation is often unrecognised. My ongoing research with Nan Greenwood and Geoff Cloud, Stroke Unit SGUL, has described some of the diversity of carers, systematically reviewed the quantitative and qualitative literature and made recommendations to health practitioners.

Research projects:

- DH funded. GP Training Pilots Evaluation PI Ray Jones CI Ann Mackenzie, Nan Greenwood, Christine Atkins.
- NHS R&D Funded. Pilot problem-solving intervention with carers of stroke survivors. PI Ann Mackenzie CI Nan Greenwood Geoffrey Cloud Helen Mann.
- NHS R&D Funded Family carers’ perspectives of psychosocial problems in caring for relatives who have had a stroke. PI Ann Mackenzie. CI Nan Greenwood, Geoffrey Cloud, Helen Mann.

Key publications:

- Mackenzie A, Greenwood N 2008 Assessment of informal carers: what implications will the new Strategy for Carers have? Policy & Politics. 36,4,601-4.
- Greenwood N, Mackenzie A, Cloud G, Wilson N 2008 Informal carers of stroke survivors living at home – challenges, satisfaction and coping: a systematic review of qualitative studies. Disability and Rehabilitation. Published on line May 2008.
- Mackenzie A, Lockhart E, Cottee M, Cloud G, Mann H 2007 Family carers of stroke survivors: needs, knowledge, satisfaction and competence in caring. Disability & Rehabilitation 29 2 111-121.

Dr Jess Prior

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My research takes a qualitative approach; I use interviews and focus groups to study people's attitudes and beliefs. Current research concerns differing aspects of atypical facial appearance, and the psychosocial aspects of 'living with' a facial difference in childhood and adolescence. I also study perceptions and beliefs about facial transplants by health professionals and the general public.

Research projects:

- Attitudes towards facial transplants
- Psychosocial aspects of living with facial disfigurement

Key publications:

- Prior, J. and O'Dell, L. (2009) Coping quite well with a few difficult bits: living with disfigurement in early adolescence. Journal of Health Psychology (In Press)
- O'Dell, L. and Prior, J. (2005) Evaluating a schools service for children with a facial disfigurement: the views of teaching and support staff. Support for Learning, 20: 35-40.
- Prior, J. (2004) It's about face on transplants. The Psychologist, 17: 8.

Prof Chris Hackley

Professor of Marketing, Royal Holloway

<http://www.rhul.ac.uk/Management/About-Us/academics/hackley.html>

I am a management academic and graduate member of the British Psychological Society with interests in consumption and identity, discourse analysis, public policy and social marketing on health issues. I have been involved with an ESRC study into young people and alcohol. I would be interested in developing similar work, working with qualitative data and interpretive analytic theory to explore issues related to consumption from a public policy perspective.

Key publications:

- Griffin, C., Bengry-Howell, A., Hackley, C., Mistral, W. and Szmigin, I. (2009) 'Every time I do it I absolutely annihilate myself': Loss of (self)-consciousness and loss of memory in young people's drinking narratives' Sociology 43/3 pp 457-477.
- Hackley, C., Bengry-Howell, A., Griffin, C., Mistral, W. and Szmigin, I. (2008). The Discursive Constitution of the UK Alcohol Problem in Safe, Sensible, Social: a Discussion of Policy Implications', (2008), Drugs: Education, Prevention and Policy, Vol. 15, No. S1, pp. 65-78.
- Szmigin, I., Griffin, C., Bengry-Howell, A., Mistral, W. Weale, L. and Hackley, C. (2008) 'Re-framing 'Binge Drinking' as Calculated Hedonism- empirical evidence from the UK' International Journal of Drug Policy (2008) Vol 19 Iss 5 pp. 359-366.

Prof Ravinder Barn**Professor of Social Policy and Social Work, Royal Holloway**

Ravinder studied Sociology and Social Work at Birmingham Polytechnic (now Birmingham City University) before going on to get her PhD in Sociology from the University of Warwick. She joined Royal Holloway in 1990, having held a tenured Lectureship at Middlesex University from 1988-1990. Ravinder has carried out research on migration, multiculturalism and welfare and has focused on how the social and political contexts shape the lives of minority and majority families, communities and organisations. Almost all of Ravinder's research has been funded by government and semi-government bodies including the Department of Health, Commission for Racial Equality, and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. Ravinder's research reflects her long-standing interest in equality, diversity and social justice.

Research interests:

- Madrassa schools, Muslim youth and radicalism: A comparative study of India and the UK, with the University of Delhi, India.
- Ethnicity, gender and sexual violence, with the University of Pune, India.
- Family Group Conferencing and minority families, with Queens University, Belfast and University of Oxford.

Key publications:

- Barn, R. (2008) British Indian Diaspora in transition, in Parvati Raghuram, Ajaya Kumar Sahoo, Brij Maharaj and Dave Sangha (eds), *Tracing an Indian Diaspora: Contexts, Memories, Identifications*. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
- Barn, R. (2008) Ethnicity, Gender and Mental Health: Social Worker Perspectives, *International Journal of Social Psychiatry*, 54(1), 69-82.

- Barn, R. (2008) Child Discipline and Ethnicity: Contextualising Parental Practices, in Lord Justice Thorpe and Singer, S. (eds) Integrating Diversity, Jordan Publishing.

Kenisha Linton

PhD student in the School of Management, Royal Holloway

Currently researching: 'Multiculturalism, Identity, and Diversity Perspectives in the Metropolitan Police Service'.

Although the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) is London's biggest employer, it experiences difficulties in recruiting and retaining a police cohort that represents its diverse communities. Positive action and other diversity initiatives have been implemented in public service organisations with varying levels of success. This research aims to evaluate and identify effective practices for managing a racially diverse workforce. The study is designed to empirically test the levels multiculturalism and diversity perspectives in five police boroughs in order to gauge diversity climate at the micro level and determine practical and organisationally-specific solutions for managing diversity.

Research interests:

- Diversity Management
- Police culture
- Public Service Management
- Cross-cultural Management

Prof Vari Drennan

Associate Dean for Research, Faculty of Health and Social Care Sciences

My social science disciplines are sociology applied to health and illness and social policy for health and social care.

I have specific interests in health and social care provision for older adults with long term conditions, primary care services, responding to stigmatising conditions e.g. incontinence in health and social care services, workforce development and innovation.

My Profile is at sgul.kingston.ac.uk/research/staff/Vari-Drennan/ including funded research and publications.

Nan Greenwood

Senior Research Fellow, Faculty of Health and Social Care Sciences

I have a background in social psychology and have particular interests in ethnicity, mental health and informal carers. I use both qualitative and quantitative approaches and have investigated the experiences of disadvantaged groups including mental health service users, problem

drinkers and informal carers. In addition, I have looked at the under-representation of minority ethnic groups on allied health profession degree courses such as physiotherapy and speech and language therapy. Diversity, particularly ethnicity is an important theme in my research and I am specifically interested in the ascription of ethnic categories to research participants.

My current projects concern the experiences of informal carers, mostly carers of stroke survivors and we are currently investigating the impact of approaches aimed at supporting carers. These include problem-solving and mentoring by other experienced carers. I am also looking at the role of primary care teams in supporting informal carers.

Research interests:

- Investigation of the impact of caring for stroke survivors on informal carers.
- Investigation of the role of general practice in supporting carers.
- Evaluation of Department of Health funded workshops for general practice teams to improve their understanding of the needs of informal carers.

Key publications:

- **Greenwood, N., Mackenzie, A., Cloud, G., Wilson N.** (2009) Managing uncertainty in life after stroke: a qualitative study of the experiences of established and new informal carers in the first three months after discharge. *International Journal of Nursing Studies*, 46 1122-1133.
- **Greenwood, N., Mackenzie, A., Cloud, G., Wilson N.** (2009) (out online) Loss of autonomy, control and independence when caring: a qualitative study of informal carers of stroke survivors in the first three months after discharge. *Disability and Rehabilitation* DOI: 10.1080/09638280903050069
- **Greenwood, N., Mackenzie, A., Cloud, G., Wilson N.** (2008) Informal carers of stroke survivors-factors influencing carers: a systematic review of quantitative studies. *Disability and Rehabilitation*, **30**(18) 1329-1349.