

2016/2017

Human Reproduction Study Group Annual Conference

On Tuesday 23rd May 2017, [Kylie Baldwin](#) and [Dr Cathy Herbrand](#) of DMU's Centre for Reproduction Research hosted the Annual Conference of the British Sociological Association's Human Reproduction Study Group.

The plenary address was given by [Jacqui Gabb](#), Professor at the [Faculty of Arts and Social Science](#) at [The Open University](#). Delegates came from the UK but also overseas to present on topics including complex reproduction decision – making, shared parenting, imaginaries of the foetus, reproductive autonomy in controversial context, the ambivalences of medical professionals and practices in donation.

For more information about the event please email kbaldwin@dmu.ac.uk or see the BSA [website](#).

MitoSoc symposium on 'The sociology of mitochondrial disorders and novel reproductive technologies'

On Friday 5th May 2017, [Dr Cathy Herbrand](#) of DMU's [Centre for Reproduction Research](#) and [Dr Rebecca Dimond](#), [Cardiff University](#) hosted the first British Sociological Association event on mitochondrial donation. This conference brought together scholars interested in developing sociological thinking around mitochondrial donation, as well as contributing to an interdisciplinary dialogue on the implications of these technologies for policy in the field.

Further information about this session can be found by accessing the event program which contains the schedule of the day.

BSA Postgraduate Forum Regional Event: Public sociology and the role of the researcher: engagement, communication and academic activism

On Wednesday 29th March 2017, Paris Connolly, [Kriss Fearon](#), [Sasha Loyal](#) and [Christina Weis](#) of DMU's [Reproduction Research Group](#) hosted the British Sociological Association's Postgraduate Forum Regional Event on Public Sociology and the role of the researcher: engagement, communication and academic activism.

This conference included a keynote lecture from [Dr Mark Carrigan](#), Digital Fellow, The Sociological Review on 'What does it mean to be a public sociologist in the era of @realDonaldTrump?', academic workshops, as well as presentations from postgraduate and early career researchers on their current research.

Further information about this conference can be found by accessing the [event website](#) which contains the conference abstracts as well as the contact details of the organisers.

Human Reproduction Study Group Winter Event

On Friday 5th December 2016, [Kylie Baldwin](#) and [Dr Cathy Herbrand](#) of DMU's [Reproduction Research Group](#) hosted the British Sociological Association's Human Reproduction Study Group Winter Event on Abortion: past present and future.

This conference included lectures from [Dr Claire Parker](#), University of Kent on 'Key Moments in the Life of the Abortion Act (1967)', [Dr Lesley Hoggart](#), The Open University on 'Towards understanding internalised abortion stigma: listening to women's voices' and [Dr Pam Lowe](#), Aston University on 'Mothers and Others: Current trends in Anti-abortion mobilization in the UK'.

Further information about this conference can be found by accessing the [event programme](#) which contains an abstract as well as contact details of the presenter.

East Midlands Medical Sociology Group Event

On Wednesday 1st December 2016, the [Reproduction Research Group](#) in collaboration with the [East Midlands Medical Sociology Group](#) hosted a conference funded by the [British Sociological Association](#).

This conference included a keynote lecture from [Dr Kate Reed](#), University of Sheffield on 'It might be the end of one thing but the beginning of something else': exploring the role of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) in late pregnancy and early life loss.

Further information about this conference can be found by accessing the [event programme](#) which contains an abstract as well as contact details of the presenter.

Twenty-five people attended the event. Delegates were a mixture of students, university and NHS researchers and clinicians from across the Midlands.

The meetings are open to both BSA and non BSA members. Details of our forthcoming meetings and booking instructions will be available via the [BSA](#) and [RRG](#) websites. A small charge may be levied for attendance at meetings. However, BSA members and students will

be charged a discounted fee. If you wish to be put on our mailing list so that you can be advised of future events please contact [Jessica Turner](#) (or tel: 0116 207 8306).

9th International Conference on Social Science Methodology: Social Studies of Reproduction: techniques, methods and reflexive moments

On Thursday 15th September 2016, members of the [Reproduction Research Group](#) hosted a session 'Social Studies of Reproduction: techniques, methods and reflexive moments' at the 9th International Conference on Social Science Methodology at The University of Leicester. The session aimed to identify significant epistemological and methodological trends within the field and consider their utility. Secondly it aimed to advance sophistication with which reproduction research methods are currently understood and communicated. Finally, to consider the use of novel and emergent methods and their fit with intimate/sensitive topics.

Further information about this session can be found by accessing the [event program](#) which contains the schedule of the day.