

Compassion and Care

Emotions and Experience in the Care of Children through History

The John Rylands Research Institute and Library, University of
Manchester, Deansgate, M13 9PP
23-24 March 2023



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WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2023

17.00 - 19.00 **ECR and PGR meetup**
Society, 100 Barbirolli Square, M2 3BD

DAY ONE: THURSDAY 23 MARCH 2023

9.15 - 9.40 **Arrival**
Café space

9.40 - 11.10 **Panel 1** **Archives of Care**
Christie Room Chair: Kate Gibson

Tina Hodgkinson, London Metropolitan Archives

Experiences of children in London who came into care between 1930 and 1965

Victoria Hoyle, University of York

A duty of care? Recordkeeping and the lifelong memory and identity needs of Care-Experienced people

Cate O'Neill, University of Melbourne (online)

Emotions in the archives – centring Care Experienced people in archival practice

11.10 - 11.30 **Break, tea and coffee**
Café space

11.30 - 13.00 **Panel 2** **Practice, Ethics, Interpretation**
Christie Room Chair: Claudia Soares

Róisín Farragher, University of Galway and Petra Göbbels-Koch, Royal Holloway

Care Foundations: Making care central in research with Care-Experienced people

Andrew Burns, University of Stirling

Where is the joy? Reframing children and childhoods in residential childcare

Michael Lambert, University of Birmingham

Curtis's willing abusers or ordinary officials? Bureaucracy and agency in twentieth-century English child welfare services

13.00 - 13.30 **Lunch**
Café space

13.30 - 14.50 **Panel 3** **Parish and Kinship Care**
Christie Room Chair: Kate Gibson

Theo Riviere, Cardiff University

Caring for early modern English impaired children

Mary Clare Martin, University of Greenwich

‘The last sack of potatoes’: parish ‘care’ and the Old Poor Law in the London hinterland, 1723-1836’

Claire Philips, Open University

Workhouse and family in Wales, 1880-1920

14.50 - 15.10 **Break, tea and coffee**
Café space

15.10 - 16.30 **Panel 4** **Lifecourses and Stigma**
Christie Room Chair: Claudia Soares

Tahaney Alghrani, University of Liverpool

The ideology, pathways and care in female reformatory and industrial schools in Victorian England

Joana Vieira Paulino, Universidade Nova de Lisboa

The care for abandoned children in nineteenth-century Lisbon: life course experiences

Annie Skinner, Oxford Brookes University

‘The Child of the English Savage’: historical perspectives on the stigma of children in care

16.30 - 17.30 **Collections Encounter with curators from the John Rylands Library**
Historic Reading Room (in person only)

An informal drop-in session open to the public, featuring stories of care experience found in the John Rylands archive collection.

17.30 - 17.45 **Break**

17.45 - 19.00 **Public Roundtable** **New Directions in the History of Care**
Historic Reading Room (in person only) Chairs: Kate Gibson and Claudia Soares

Emily Baughan, University of Sheffield

Saul Becker, Manchester Metropolitan University

Kate Brooks, Bath Spa University

Melissa Craib, Who Cares? Scotland

19.30 - **Dinner**
Wah Ji Wah, 37 King Street, M3 2PW

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DAY TWO: FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2023

9.15 - 9.40 **Arrival**
Café space

9.40 - 11.20 **Panel 5** **Colonisation and Race**
Christie Room Chair: Claudia Soares

Lena Jur, Philipps-Universität Marburg

‘I’m sure he will be grateful to you later for sacrificing your own feelings to let him have a good life with a father.’ Adoptions of non-white children in the United Kingdom, ca. 1948-1985

Kira Smith, York University, Canada

Selective care: the death of children in British Columbian asylums, 1900-1920

Folaranmi Flourish Olorunnibe, Rhodes University (online)

To care and to protect: motherless babies, ‘abnormal’ and delinquent children in Colonial Ibadan, 1920-1940

Soni, Indian Institute of Technology

Orphans of famine: childhood, colonialism, and nationalism in colonial North India, 1860-1920

11.20 - 11.40 **Break, tea and coffee**
Café space

11.40 – 13.00 **Panel 6** **Maternity and Emotion**
Christie Room Chair: Kate Gibson

Olivia Formby, University of Cambridge (online)

The emotions of infant feeding in early modern England

Kelly-Ann Couzens, University of Warwick

‘I did love my baby really. I did not want her to be a bother to anybody’: maternal suicide and ideas of care in English & Scottish child homicides, c. 1860-1960

Jenni Räikkönen and Tanja Vahtikari, Tampere University

The caring box: the changing and shared-situated encounters with the Finnish maternity package from the 1940s until the present

13.00 - 13.30 **Lunch**
Café space

13.30 – 15.10
Christie Room

Panel 7
Chair: Kate Gibson

Institutional Care: Shifting the Focus

Hannah Dennett, University of Warwick / Foundling Museum, London

‘Knowing the prejudices existing against Children of Colour’: African and Asian children and the eighteenth-century Foundling Hospital

Jane O’Brien, University of Galway

Sickness, death, and emotion in the Mercy run Irish industrial schools: 1868-1920

Eliška Bujoková, University of Glasgow

‘The family has nothing to support them but the poor woman’s industry’: welfare strategies and relations of patronage in the Edinburgh Orphan Hospital, c. 1750-1820

Graham Connolly, University of Strathclyde, Christine Whyte, University of Glasgow (in person), and Charlotte Armitage (online)

HMS Mars: family history, Care Experienced history and imperial history

15.10 - 15.25

Break, tea and coffee

Café space

15.25 – 16.45

Panel 8

Distant Voices: Echoes of the Past in the Lives of the Care Experienced

Christie Room

Chair: Claudia Soares

Jim Goddard, The Care Leavers Association

Nostalgia and loss: the legacy of institutional child care in the lives of adult care leavers

Rosie Canning, University of Southampton

The Home

Delyth Edwards, University of Leeds

Nazareth House, Belfast: a forgotten place, a temporal place, a historical place and a Home

16.45 -

Drinks

For those who would like to join, we will move to a pub down the road.



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