

ALTERNATIVE FAMILIES: CHILDCARE AND PARENTAL FIGURES IN HISTORY

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Thursday 9th February 2017

09.00 - 09.30 **Registration**

Welcome: Karen Harvey (University of Sheffield)

9.30 - 11.00 **Keynote address**

HRI Conference Room, chair: Karen Harvey (University of Sheffield)

Linda Pollock (Tulane University, New Orleans)

Affective connections interrupted: the making, breaking and re-forging of intimate bonds in early modern England

11.00 - 11.30 **Break, tea and coffee, HRI atrium**

11.30 - 13.00 **Panels 1 and 2**

Panel 1: Alternative families in eighteenth-century England

HRI Conference Room, chair: Helen Berry (Newcastle University)

Barbara Crosbie (Durham University) - Sibling support: aunts, uncles, and childcare in eighteenth-century England

Kate Gibson (University of Sheffield) - Filius nullius? The negotiation of responsibility for illegitimate children in eighteenth-century England

Sarah Fox (University of Manchester) - 'I thanked God for so great a blessing': being a grandparent in eighteenth-century England

Panel 2: Challenging the family in literature

HRI Seminar Room, chair: Angela Wright (University of Sheffield)

Amy Westwell (University of St Andrews) - 'Marriage is law, and the worst of all laws': William Godwin's critique of the family in the discipline of political economy

Grace Harvey (University of Lincoln) - Friendship, paternity and paternalism in William Godwin's *St. Leon* (1799) & *Thoughts on Man* (1831)

Ilaria Filograsso (Università degli Studi 'G. d'Annunzio' Chieti-Pescara) - Extra-familial educational relationships in contemporary young-adult literature

13.00 - 14.00 **Lunch, HRI atrium**

14.00 - 15.30 **Panels 3 and 4**

Panel 3: Uncovering hidden family stories through oral history

HRI Conference Room, chair: Angela Davis (University of Warwick)

Jonathan Taylor (University of Oxford) - "'Dear Dad' After all why not, for I remember you as well as any Dad I have ever had' - Children, parents and parental proxies, 1933-1974

Rosemary Elliot and Andrea Thomson (University of Glasgow) - 'So I was a spoiled bairn': A reflection on going beyond happy families in historical research

Aimee McCullough (University of Edinburgh) - 'Not quite right, quite natural or quite normal?': Lone fatherhood and masculinity in late twentieth-century Scotland

Panel 4: Foster families and affective ties

HRI Seminar Room, chair: Kate Gibson (University of Sheffield)

Thomas O'Donnell (UCL) - The figure of the mourning foster mother and alternative families in twelfth-century Ireland

Helen Berry (Newcastle University) - The evidence for affective bonding between foundlings and their foster families, c. 1741-1834

Claudia Soares (University of Manchester) - 'The ideal life for a child': alternative family models, affective ties and aftercare in The Waifs and Strays Society

15.30 - 16.00 **Break, tea and coffee, HRI atrium**

16.00 - 17.30 **Roundtable**

Life-story and narrative approaches to family work

HRI Conference Room, chair: Tom Billington (University of Sheffield)

Stephanie Steels, David Saltiel and Iain Moody (University of Leeds)

17.30 - **Drinks, Jessop West G03**
Conference Dinner

Friday 10th February 2017

09.00 - 09.30 **Registration**

09.30 - 11.00 **Panels 5 and 6**

Panel 5: The institution as an alternative family

HRI Seminar Room, chair: Miriam Dobson (University of Sheffield)

Catherine Freeman (University of Greenwich) - Mothering and the Princess Mary Village Home

Ella Ayalon (Tel Aviv University) - Representing orphans and orphanhood to Kibbutz children: the case of *Mishmar Le-Yeladim*

Mirjam Galley (University of Sheffield) - From social orphans to builders of communism? Soviet children in care, 1956-1991

Panel 6: Roundtable, Public history and alternative families

HRI Conference Room, chair: Karen Harvey (University of Sheffield)

Nicola Walker (University of Sheffield) - A collaborative PhD with Cannon Hall, Barnsley Museums

Sally Rogers and Laura Alston (University of Sheffield and Heeley City Farm) - Unravelling Tinsley Court Rolls project

Maria Cannon (University of Portsmouth) - Teaching a Family History MA

11.00 - 11.30 **Break, tea and coffee, HRI atrium**

11.30 - 13.00

Panels 7 and 8

Panel 7: Infant care in early modern England and Wales

HRI Conference Room, chair: Sarah Fox (University of Manchester)

Louise Powell (University of Sheffield) - The early modern mother of twins

Leah Astbury (University of Cambridge) - To nurse or not to nurse? Breastfeeding, wet-nursing and early modern English families

Angela Muir (University of Exeter) - Did baby daddies matter? Identified paternity and illegitimate infant mortality

Panel 8: Mothering in challenging circumstances

HRI Seminar Room, chair:

Elizabeth Goodwin (University of Sheffield) - A monastic alternative family faces the Reformation: Abbess Caritas Pirckheimer as 'mother' and the nuns of St Clare's as her 'daughters'

Charlotte Young (Royal Holloway) - 'She with her poore children are exposed to great misorie': The impact of sequestration on women and children during the English Civil War

Rosemary Steer (Independent) - Making a difference: Mrs Brandreth's Charity for Workhouse, Orphaned and Destitute Children, 1875-1912

13.00 - 14.00

Lunch, HRI atrium

14.00 - 15.30

Keynote address

HRI conference room, chair:

Angela Davis (University of Warwick)

From baby-farmer to substitute mother: the figure of the childminder in post-1945 England

15.30 - 16.00

Goodbye / Thanks