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 Faragher, 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
Panel 7  Institutional Care: Shifting the Focus
Christie Room  Chair: Kate Gibson

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 Bujková, 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

Break, tea and coffee
Café space

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

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