



East Midlands Medical Sociology Group Event

Wednesday 16th December 2015

12.00 pm – 1.30 pm.

1.82 Hugh Aston Building, De Montfort University, Leicester.

You are invited to attend an afternoon seminar organised by the East Midlands Medical Sociology Group in conjunction with the Reproduction Research Group at De Montfort University.

Seminar: "Talk to me. There's two of us" Fathers and sickle cell screening

Professor Simon Dyson, Director of the Unit for the Social Study of Thalassaemia and Sickle Cell, De Montfort University

Studying kinship has involved doing family, displaying family and 'displaying family' as a sensitising concept to understand modalities troublesome to display. Fathers at antenatal screening clinics for sickle cell are faced with pressures to produce multiple displays – of family, illness knowledge, the good father and the model citizen – often in the face of racialised identities. Such fathers emphasise the importance of hypervisibility in gendered spaces and hypervigilance, lest pressures to adopt the 'right' disposition have adverse consequences for themselves, partners or their children. The displays of fathers, as well as displays they decline, are orientated to repair of social relationships. Where displays are provoked by social relations – resisting racist or gender stereotypes, navigating citizenship uncertainties, negotiating work and family lives – displays become problematic. Family display becomes troubled where the preferred *social relationships* fathers seek to constitute are ones that are not readily accommodated within extant *social relations*.

Cost of attendance

This event is free to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

Booking your place

Booking is essential. Venue numbers are restricted and it is advisable to book early. For general enquiries and booking, please contact jessica.davies@dmu.ac.uk

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