

Narrative Inquiry: Breathing Life into Talk, Text and the Visual

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Increased interest in narrative theory and practice is evident in virtually every area of the human sciences and related professions. From a narrative perspective, stories record, challenge, shape and propel our lives—they give shape to the meaning of experiences in our lives. Typically, narrative scholars focus on spoken and written accounts in order to understand and represent the experiences of individuals, communities, organisations and nations. More recently, a turn to the visual has meant that researchers are also working with visual imagery and technologies towards the same ends.

Whether through the spoken word, text or the visual, a narrative approach to stories and their analysis provides an important platform for understanding the experiences of others and for giving voice to those who are marginalised.

Keynote Speaker

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This conference will provide those with an interest in narrative to gain an overview of the approach and its significance as a research method. Invitees will include experts in the field, early career researchers and postgraduate students, as well as those who simply wish to explore this powerful approach to understanding the experiences of others. Participants will be encouraged to explore the ways in which the stories they have gathered, whether spoken, written or visual, can be understood and analysed from a narrative perspective. A key objective of the conference is to produce a monograph reflecting the wide range of applications that a narrative approach encourages.

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