

HEALTH, CARE AND THE EMOTIONS

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The 'emotional turn' has well and truly arrived. In the last few years, scholars across a range of disciplines in the humanities and social sciences have been paying increasing attention to the role that emotions play, and have played, in the elaboration of the self, in structuring interactions with others, and in shaping social and cultural norms and values. Nowhere does this attention to the power of the emotions have greater potential for enhancing our understanding than in the sphere of health and care. Caring for ourselves and others in times of illness and/or vulnerability can be one of the most emotionally rewarding, but also one of the most emotionally challenging, of experiences.

This conference seeks to draw together scholars from a range of disciplinary backgrounds to discuss what we can learn about health and care by paying attention to the role of emotions. The principal research interest of the organisers concerns the sphere of medicine and healthcare, but we hope to hear from scholars interested in other aspects of care, including social care, familial care and self-care.

We particularly welcome proposals for papers and panels touching on topics including, but not limited to:

- Medicine and surgery
- Nursing
- Mental health care
- Social care
- Self-care and wellbeing
- End-of-life care
- Familial care
- War and the military
- Animals and care
- Institutional care

Proposals for papers should comprise a 250-word abstract, including five keywords, and a 150-word biography with contact information. Panel submissions should ideally include three papers (each with a 250-word abstract, keywords and 150-word biography), a chair and an initial introductory 100-word justification. All submissions should be sent to: surgeryandemotion@roehampton.ac.uk.

The deadline for submission is 1st May 2019.

This conference is organised by the [Surgery & Emotion](#) project and generously funded by the Wellcome Trust. There will therefore be no conference fee. We also have funds available to support 20 bursaries for PhD students and Early Career Researchers. This will include free accommodation for the duration of the conference and travel worth up to £200. To apply for one of these bursaries, please include a 100-word justification with your submission, telling us how attendance at this conference will advance your studies/career.

If you have any queries, please contact michael.brown@roehampton.ac.uk.

