



# SYMPOSIUM AND CALL FOR PAPERS

# NARRATIVE PRACTICE AND RESEARCH

Adelaide, Australia  
30 November 2023

As part of the launch of the Narrative Practice Research Network, Dulwich Centre and The University of Melbourne's Department of Social Work are excited to invite you to our first research symposium, with a focus on narrative practice and research methodology.

The symposium will enable practitioners and researchers to collaborate in a supportive and encouraging environment to develop papers for a special issue of The Qualitative Report.

Participants will be invited to speak for 10 to 15 minutes about a paper they are developing. Structured responses, both visual and verbal, will be offered, followed by facilitated discussion with a focus on exploring resonances and developing thick description.

We will meet in-person in Adelaide. There may be options for virtual participation.

The symposium will be followed on 1 December 2023 by the official launch of the Narrative Practice Research Network.

There is no cost for participation. Light refreshments will be provided. Participants will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs.

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### CALL FOR PROPOSALS

*The Qualitative Report* is a Q1 peer-reviewed journal dedicated to developing qualitative, critical and collaborative research. It has a long history of engagement with family therapy and narrative practice.

The special issue that will be developed during the symposium will focus on how narrative therapy and community work can contribute to practices of research. We are inviting proposals for papers addressing methodology, research practices and research ethics, and reflections about engaging in research from a narrative perspective.

You are invited to submit a 200-word outline of your ideas for a paper to develop at the symposium and submit for the special issue. Co-authored papers are welcome.

Before the symposium, participants will supply a longer summary of their paper (a page or two) to help the session respondent to prepare. Full draft papers do not need to be submitted until 23 February 2024. There will be additional opportunities to work with the journal's editors and the guest editors of the special issue.

### KEY DATES

#### **22 September 2023**

Submit 200-word outline of proposed paper

#### **13 October 2023**

Responses to proposals sent to authors

#### **3 November 2023**

Last date for symposium registration

#### **17 November 2023**

Submit paper summary

#### **30 November 2023**

Present paper-in-development at symposium

#### **23 February 2024**

Submit full paper to special issue editors

#### **August 2024**

Special issue published

***Please submit your 200-word outline to [convenor@narrativepracticeresearch.org](mailto:convenor@narrativepracticeresearch.org) by 22 September 2023.***

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## ABOUT THE NARRATIVE PRACTICE RESEARCH NETWORK

The NPRN is a joint initiative of Dulwich Centre and The University of Melbourne's Department of Social Work to further the development of narrative therapy and community work research. It aims to:

- facilitate networking, exchange and collaboration among researchers, and between researchers and practitioners, who share a commitment to narrative practice
- promote innovation in narrative practice, and share research that will benefit groups and communities facing mental health difficulties as the result of significant hardships
- support the development of narratively informed research methodologies and promote research practices that are congruent with narrative practice ethics and ethos
- establish a further evidence base for narrative therapy and community work (including practice-based evidence)
- nurture postgraduate students and early-career researchers who are working with narrative practice
- provide mentoring for practitioners and community organisations seeking to undertake research on or with narrative practice.

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