

# Kingston University London

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007, 4:30pm**

Rm JG1007, John Galsworthy Building, Penrhyn Road

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## *Troubling the Angels Revisited: women living with HIV/AIDS*

This presentation comprises a reflection on existentialist and poststructuralist thought on the self/other relationship, as it might be worked through in ethnographic research in education. 2007 marks the tenth anniversary of Patti Lather and Chris Smithies (1997) 'Troubling the Angels: women living with HIV/AIDS'. Through a close reading of this and related texts, this will consider some of the dilemmas of teaching and learning, ontology and epistemology, representation and reciprocity that arose in this longitudinal project. Victoria draws from the writings of de Beauvoir and Sartre to articulate particular standpoints of philosophy and method that have been historically useful in the development of ethnographic/ mixed methods inquiry into complex postmodern phenomena such as HIV/AIDS. She will then consider the culturally specific nature of sexuality and how 'theory' tends to follow practice in sexuality research, together with some implications of information and communication technologies on our ways of being in the context of the research endeavour.

The seminar is being held as part of the **HE Seminar Series** being organised by Professor Mary Stuart, Deputy Vice-Chancellor. If you would like to attend please let Ellie Hibberd know on: [E.Hibberd@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:E.Hibberd@kingston.ac.uk) or 020 8547 8287 (ext 63287).