

Department of Social Work and Social Care Seminar

How Contemporary Attachment Research Can Help with Current Challenges in Child Protection

Thursday, 7 December 2017

This special three-hour workshop will offer an opportunity to learn about contemporary uses of attachment theory in child protection, based on Professor Shemmings' groundbreaking work in this field.

There will be a particular focus on tentatively recognising some of the more extreme behaviours when the attachment system is activated in children, providing an evidence-based model for practitioners who are supporting children and families in relation to current or historic neglect and abuse.



**Professor
David Shemmings**

University of Kent

Time: 1pm - 4pm
(Registration and refreshments from 12.30pm)

Venue: Kingston University, Frank Lampl Building
Room: 1027
Kingston Hill, KT2 7LB

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Biography:

David is Professor of Child Protection Research at the University of Kent's School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research and Co-Director of the university's new Centre for Child Protection. His interest, experience and expertise are in child protection. He was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in June 2014 for 'Services to Child Protection' and is also visiting Professor of Child Protection Research at Royal Holloway College, University of London. Prior to coming to Kent in 2007, he was Professor of Social Work Research at Middlesex University. He is the author of more than 60 articles, books and chapters on relationally-based social work theory, research and practice. In 2010 he co-authored a government-funded, C4EO Knowledge Review on Working with Highly Resistant Families. In 2011 he published the popular *Understanding Disorganized Attachment: Theory and Practice of Working with Children and Adults* (JKP Books). Currently he leads the Advanced Child Protection stream within the West London Alliance Post-qualifying Initiative (involving eight London boroughs) and also directs the Attachment and Relationship-based Practice training in 40 child protection organisations across the UK and Europe.

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