

Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance

Seminar Series 2009

Wednesday 25 November 2009

***Telling It Like It Isn't:
Violence, Resistance, and the Power of Language***

Presented by Dr Allan Wade

Seminar Abstract

Dr Allan Wade will discuss how language is used in criminal justice and social services settings to conceal violence, mitigate perpetrators' responsibility, conceal victims' responses and resistance, and blame and pathologize victims. He will also show briefly how response-based interviewing can be used in diverse practice settings to obtain more accurate accounts in cases of violence, in ways that restore dignity to victims and clarify responsibility of offenders. The presentation will interest anyone concerned with the problem of violence; researchers, policy makers, and professionals who work directly with victims and perpetrators; shelter staff, physicians, nurses, therapists, child protection workers, police, legal counsel, teachers, and psychiatrists.

About the Speaker

Dr Allan Wade lives on Vancouver Island, Canada, where he works as a therapist and researcher. He is Associate Adjunct Professor of Social Work at the University of Victoria and Program Coordinator at City University of Seattle. As a therapist, Allan works with victims of wife-assault, sexualized assault and abuse, psychological abuse, gang assaults, workplace harassment, armed robbery, and social humiliation, and with Indigenous people who were interned and violated in residential schools. Dr Wade is best known for developing a response-based approach to therapy with victims and perpetrators of violence, with Linda Coates and Nick Todd. He provides clinical supervision and training to criminal justice and social service professionals and consults with policy makers on coordinated community responses to violence. Dr Wade's research interests include individual responses and resistance to violence, social responses to victims and perpetrators, therapeutic interviewing, and the analysis of violence and language. He teaches widely, to anyone who will listen, and has published several chapters and articles on response-based practice.

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12:30pm - 2:00pm

Mt Gravatt Campus, Building M10 Social Sciences, Level 5, Room 5.01

Light refreshments served on arrival.

***RSVP preferred - please email kceljag-events@griffith.edu.au or phone 3735 5997
by Monday 23 November 2009.***