‘An Introduction to Interviewing Techniques’
for ECRs and HDRs

Time: 10:00 to 3:00 pm (daily)
Date: Thursday 12 April and Friday 13 April 2012
Venue: G01, room 2.12, Gold Coast campus

Registration
Registration to attend is essential. The allocation of places will be made upon a first-come-first-serve basis. Registrants are asked to indicate their Research Centre or Academic Element (and supervisors) on their email request to attend. Priority will be given to ECR members and affiliated HDRs of GSBRC constituent-Centres in the first instance. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Seating is limited to 20.

RSVP by Thursday 5th April, 2011 to Denise Hemsley at d.hemsley@griffith.edu.au; phone 373 55692.

Speaker: Dr Catrin (Kate) Smith,
Senior Lecturer, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Programme: Thursday 12 April, 2012
Session One (10 – 12 pm): Before Interviewing
This session will review the range of possible interview techniques employed within social and cultural research, focusing, in particular on the skills required for (successful) qualitative interviewing. The session will consider the research, organisation and planning that is needed before interviewing takes place and participants will be given the opportunity to formulate interview questions and to develop a semi-structured interview schedule. The session will take a workshop format with practical and discussion exercises.

Session Two (1 – 3 pm): Doing One-to-One Interviews
This session provides participants with an opportunity to develop practical skills in one-to-one interviewing. During the interview process, many issues may arise and the session will consider how to manage the interview situation and how best to record interview data whilst in the field. The session will take a workshop format with practical and discussion exercises.

Programme: Friday 13 April, 2012
Session Three (10 – 12 pm): Doing Group Interviews
This session will explore the use of group interviews within social and cultural research. The session will take a workshop format with practical and discussion exercises.

Session Four (1 – 3 pm): Analysing Interview Data
This session addresses approaches to managing, analysing and presenting qualitative interview data. The session will take a workshop format with practical and discussion exercises.

Dr Smith: Kate has a long track record in qualitative research, having conducted work on teenage pregnancy; the patient’s experience of asthma and of rheumatoid arthritis; practitioner and patient perspectives on chronic pain; the health of women prisoners (UK and USA); care and control in a high security psychiatric hospital, and female injecting drug use (UK and USA). Kate was previously on the editorial board of Qualitative Research and she is a regular reviewer for the International Journal of Qualitative Methods. She is currently a Senior Lecturer in Criminology and Criminal Justice and teaches Qualitative Social Research Methods as part of the postgraduate and honours’ programmes.