

Conference on Literacy, Empathy and Social Sustainability 2017

Thursday, September 7, 2017, Baertling Room, Halmstad University

- 8.00 Registration and coffee
- 09.00-09.30 Welcome **Catarina Dahlöf**, CEO Region Halland, and **Ingela Skärsäter**, Program Director for Health and Innovation, Halmstad University
- 09.30-10.15 KEYNOTE «Does Fiction Really Tell Us Something about Our Working Lives?» **Matthijs Bal**, University of Lincoln
- 10.15-11.45 «Deep into the depths. Where do Stories become Meaningful?»
Frank Hakemulder, Utrecht University
- «Empathy in Transformative Reading. An Empirical Model»
Olivia Fialho, Utrecht University
- 12.00-13.30 Lunch (buffet for all the speakers)
- 13.15-14.00 KEYNOTE «Empathy and Literary Reading in the Digital Age»
Anne Mangen, The Reading Centre, University of Stavanger
- 14.00-15.30 «Fiction and Professional Development among University Faculty»
Maria Wennerström & Johan Wickström, Uppsala University
- «Professional Development and Reflections on Reading Fiction as a means of Understanding the Experience of Empathy»
Anna Fåhraeus, Halmstad University
- «Fiction as a Didactic Tool in Medical Education»
Katarina Eriksson Barajas & Anja Rydén Gramner, Linköping University
- 15.30-16.00 Concluding remarks
- 18:00 Dinner (see registration information)

Friday, September 8, 2017, Baertling Room, Halmstad University

- 10.00-10.45 KEYNOTE «The Potential of Transnational Youths' Multiliteracies for Literacy Education and Social Justice in a Globalized World. »
Allison Skerrett, University of Texas at Austin
- 10.45-12.15 «Building community through conflict? Exploring the role of discord in a reading group» **David Peplow**, Sheffield Hallam University
- «Schools and the Library Reading Circle» **Jonas Asklund**, Halmstad University
- «Empathetic Ears. The Audiobook, Aesthetics and Affect»
Cecilia Björkén-Nyberg, Halmstad University
- 12.15-13.45 Lunch (buffet for all the speakers)
- 13.45-15.15 «Bibliotherapy and health» **Cecilia Pettersson**, Gothenburg University
- «Reading as Passion and Social Practice» **Lotta Bergman**, Malmö University
- «Losing Oneself in Words – Finding Ourselves in Sound: The Halmstad Poetry Lab» **Elisabeth Skog**, Halmstad Public Library, & **Cecilia Björkén-Nyberg**, Halmstad University
- 15.15-16.00 Concluding round table discussion