

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, & 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
	«Empathetic Ears. The Audiobook, Aesthetics and Affect» Cecilia Björkén-Nyberg , Halmstad University
11.45–13.00	Lunch (buffet for all the speakers)
13.00–14.30	«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
14:30–15:00	Break
15.00–16.00	«Bibliotherapy and health» Cecilia Pettersson , Gothenburg University
	«Fiction as a Didactic Tool in Medical Education» Katarina Eriksson Barajas & Anja Rydén Gramner , Linköping University
16.00–16.15	Concluding remarks
18:00	Dinner (see registration information)

Friday, September 8, 2017, Halda 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 «Stories about stories: what we talk about when we talk about books»
David Peplow, Sheffield Hallam University
- «Young Children Reading Ebooks: How Multimodal Features Matter for Emotional Literacy»
Carina Hermansson, Umeå University
- «Schools and the Library Reading Circle» **Jonas Asklund**, Halmstad University
- 12.15-13.45 Lunch (buffet for all the speakers)
- 13.45-15.15 «Reading as Passion and Social Practice» **Lotta Bergman**, Malmö University
- «Expanding perspectives - Fiction as a means to lived knowledge and improving human interaction»
Sissel Korpisola & Cecilia McMullen, Luckan - the Finland-Swedish Information and Cultural Centre
- «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