

27-28 November 2014



Happiness, Joy and Pleasure Conference

The University of Sydney

Keynote speakers:

Dr. Chris Bishop (Australian National University)

Associate Professor Louise D'Arcens (University of Wollongong)

We call for papers that interrogate the meaning of happiness, pleasure, and joy from interdisciplinary perspectives including but not limited to gender studies, literature, film, media, history, philosophy, health, economics, law, education, science and psychology.

Some questions papers could address include:

- What is happiness (or joy or pleasure) and what does it mean for different people?
- How is happiness constructed, experienced, performed, and represented through different histories, cultures, identities, and genders?
- How do we experience happiness through our sexualities, masculinities, femininities, and / or trans-identities?
- Do we have a 'right to happiness' as enshrined, for example, in the American Constitution?
- Is the restriction of happiness or pleasure a violation of human rights?
- Can and should the law legislate for happiness?
- What are the tyrannies of discourses of happiness?
- Is happiness a chimera?
- How is happiness represented in popular culture?
- Who has the power to define happiness and who does not?
- What are the links between gender, happiness, health and wellbeing?

Abstracts due 5pm Friday 19 September

Email an abstract (of 500 words or fewer) outlining your paper, a brief bio and your affiliation to: Chenoa.Hunter@sydney.edu.au

