

Enduring Love? Couple Relationships in the 21st Century

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Interests centre on interdisciplinary psycho-social approaches for researching and theorizing intimacy and family life. Publications include *Researching Intimacy in Families* (2010, Palgrave Macmillan) and *Couple Relationships in the 21st Century* (forthcoming, Palgrave Macmillan) with Janet Fink.



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Research focuses on how personal relationships are constructed and negotiated through policy, legislation and popular culture. Publications include *Changing Relations of Welfare: Family, Gender and Migration in Britain and Scandinavia* eds. with Å. Lundqvist (2010, Ashgate) and *Couple Relationships in the 21st Century* (forthcoming, Palgrave Macmillan) with Jacqui Gabb.



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Wide ranging experience in the areas of relationships, health and wellbeing. She has a background in the public and voluntary sectors and has also worked extensively in the social justice, health and wellbeing arenas including Scope (Executive Director of Services), Alzheimer's Society (Chief Operating Officer) and Rethink Mental Illness (Director of Services).



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Research and extensive publications in the field of relationships and intimacies, including *Personal Life: New Directions in Sociological Thinking* (2007, Polity), *Relative Strangers: Family life, genes and donor conception* (2014, Palgrave Macmillan) with P. Nordqvist, *Same-Sex Marriages* (2013, Palgrave Macmillan) with B. Heaphy and A. Einarsdottir, *Family Fragments?* (1999, Polity) with B. Neale.



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Longstanding work in early education, childcare, parenting policy, and extended schools. After several management positions in children's charities, became the first director of the Sure Start Unit (1999). She then spent one year as the Secretary of State's Chief Adviser on Children's Services and then Director of the Social Exclusion Task Force.