



## NONRELIGION IN A COMPLEX FUTURE

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#### **Student Workshop: Qualitative Methods, Religion, and Nonreligion**

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Date: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Location: University of Ottawa

This workshop will develop your understanding of the theory and practice of qualitative research methods focusing on interviewing about religion and non-religion. It will be useful to both novices and experienced practitioners. The morning session will introduce interviewing in qualitative research. We will discuss the philosophy and epistemology of qualitative methods, drawing on hermeneutic theory and feminist ethics. We will role play interviews about our early years in University and debrief our experiences. The afternoon will be spent considering how religion and non-religion might be discussed as part of a qualitative interview. You will be invited to nominate and be interviewed on a non-religious practice in which you engage in (e.g. music, hiking, knitting, turtle rescuing). We will debrief the experience of both interviewee and interviewer. Particular attention will be paid to the role of emotions, embodied practice, and self-reflexivity in the interview process. We will also unpack the meaning of “non-religion” and how to ask people about it.

Professor Douglas Ezzy is the author of *Qualitative Analysis*, (Routledge); *Qualitative research methods* (with P. Liamputtong, Oxford) and “Qualitative interviewing as an embodied emotional performance” *Qualitative Inquiry*, 16(3), pp.163-170. If participants want to do preparatory reading, then Chapter 1 of *Qualitative Analysis*, and the *Qualitative Inquiry* article are recommended, but not required.

#### **Agenda**

9:00-10:00	Seminar: The Hermeneutics and Ethics of the Practice of Qualitative Research
10:00-10:30	<i>Break</i>
10:30-12:00	Interviewing: Practical Advice, Role Play
12:00-13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00-14:00	Seminar: Interviewing about Sensitive Topics
14:00-15:00	Interviewing about Religion and Nonreligion: Practical Advice, Role Play
15:00-15:15	<i>Break</i>
15:15-16:00	Interviewing about Religion and Nonreligion: Debriefing