

Special Interest Group on Phenomenology & Hermeneutics

The MQHRG formed a Special Interest Group (SIG) on Phenomenology & Hermeneutics, to meet regularly throughout 2013. The aim of the group has been to review current qualitative methodologies that are based on Phenomenology & Hermeneutics, to identify their relative strengths and limits and outline the essential requirements for a strong qualitative methodology in this tradition.

The group has been meeting every one to two months, starting with a selected review of foundational philosophical sources (e.g., Husserl, Heidegger, Gadamer, Merleau-Ponty – with input from guest faculty member from the McGill Dept. of Philosophy, Professor Philip Buckley), moving on to a detailed comparative analysis of various methodologies (e.g., Benner, Conroy, van Manen, Geertz, Giorgi), also examining some key themes (e.g., embodiment).

The SIG is chaired by Franco Carnevale (Ingram School of Nursing). It includes 19 members, including faculty and graduate students from diverse disciplines (e.g., nursing, dentistry, rehabilitation sciences, social work, bioethics). Meetings have been accommodated in the conference room of the Oral Health & Society conference room in the McGill Faculty of Dentistry.

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