

Heather MacDonald

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Biography

Dr. Heather Macdonald is a core faculty member at Fielding Graduate University. Dr. Macdonald came to academia after years of practice as a clinical psychologist whose work involved community outreach, and individual therapeutic services to children and families in the foster care system and in the juvenile justice system. As a community based clinical psychologist and a person who has lived in Asia and Africa, she has always sought to understand mental health issues within the context of their respective social, economic and political environments and believes that groups and communities are the preferred sites of intervention. Dr. Macdonald's work in the U.S. and abroad has led to scholarly research on the interface between culture, justice, relational ethics, clinical practice and post-colonial thought. Her research draws upon a cross-fertilization of ideas and disciplines including phenomenology and psychopolitical theories of embodiment. Her most recent books and articles include the following: African American Young Men and the Diagnosis of Conduct Disorder: The Neo-Colonization of Suffering (2015); Does Psychology matter?? An analysis of relevance in South African psychology (2017); Race, Rage, and Resistance: Philosophy, Psychology and the Perils of Individualism (2019); and a forthcoming edited volume titled: Neoliberalism, Ethics, and the Social Responsibility of Psychology: Dialogues at the Edge to be published by Routledge.

Industry Expertise

Research, Education/Learning

Event Appearances

A Philosophical Approach to Pastoral Psychological Evaluation: Deleuze, Ricoeur and Levinas
Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology Midwinter meeting

Levinas and the Fantasy of the Cyborg.

APA Div. 24, Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology Midwinter meeting,

In the Wake of the Event: Evential Hermeneutics and Psychological Evaluation.

APA Div. 24, Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology Midwinter meeting,

The Commercialization of Mt.Everest.

Panelist presenter at the Boston Museum of Science

A Philosophical Approach to Pastoral Psychological Evaluation: Deleuze, Ricoeur and Levinas.
Psychology for the Other conference

Cultural and critical explorations in community psychology.
Reflective Spaces/Material Places

The psychic life of the political.
Interview presentation at the Psychology and the Other Conference,

Hermeneutics, self, and psychology.
Interview presentation at the Psychology and the Other Conference,

Conduct disorder, social justice and the collaborative assessment model.
Paper presented at the Society for Personality Assessment

Life positioning analysis and Nelson Mandela.
Paper presented at the Dialogical Self Conference

The disruption of the archive and figures of freedom in South Africa.
Paper presented at the Apartheid Archive Conference

Systems of portable justice: Our work with children and families.
Keynote speaker at the Jumping Mouse Children's Center

Education

New Mexico State University
Master of Science Clinical Psychopharmacology (Post Doctoral MSCP)

Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR
Psy.D. Clinical Psychology (Focus: Psychological Evaluation)

Seattle University, Seattle, Washington
Master of Arts Existential-Phenomenological Psychology

Chapman University, Bremerton, WA
Bachelor of Arts Social Sciences

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