

Brian Roberts, PhD

A (Former) Mining Valley in Wales: A Research Story



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BRIAN ROBERTS, Visiting Professor of Psychosocial Research at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN), Preston, UK, found a 'reformation' of communal identities taking place around notions of 'Welshness'. This work stimulated further research, as a result of complex, shifting notions of past, present and future, which included a increasing local interest in the area's industrial (and radical) history and a 're-making' of the past. **ROBERTS** will discuss plans to revisit the Valley and continue his research. He is personally invested in this project, as part of his family background is Welsh.

ROBERTS is an editorial board member of *Journal of Social Work Practice*, *Family and Community History*, and a consulting editor of *Qualitative Sociology Review* journals will discuss the effects of social change in a mining valley in South Wales, UK. He has recently written 'Performative Social Science' in *FQS*, 2008; 'Thomas and Znaniecki's *The Polish Peasant in Europe and America*' (forthcoming) and 'Rock and Pop Music and Identity in Wales' (2010).