PsyHuman Summer School 2021 - Opening Lecture

Title: “Health Humanities: What’s Up With Everyone?”

by prof. Paul Crawford, Professor of Health Humanities, Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences, University of Nottingham (UK)

Abstract:
Professor Paul Crawford will introduce his pioneering of the global field of health humanities with reference to various UKRI-funded major projects investigating how the arts and humanities can inform and transform healthcare, health and wellbeing, not least mental health. He will give special focus to his work in leading a mental health literacy campaign What’s Up With Everyone? with Academy-award winning Aardman (Wallace & Gromit, Shaun the Sheep, Chicken Run). In the talk, Professor Crawford sets out how the arts and humanities are key to what he calls ‘creative public health’.

Paul Crawford is Professor of Health Humanities at the School of Health Sciences and Director of the Centre for Social Futures at the Institute of Mental Health, University of Nottingham, UK. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (FRSA), Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences (FAcSS) and Fellow of the Royal Society for Public Health (FRSPH). As founding father of the global and rapidly developing field of health humanities, Professor Crawford leads a large program of research in applying the arts and humanities to inform and transform healthcare, health and wellbeing. He is the author of over 140 peer-reviewed articles or chapters and 13 books, most recently The Routledge Companion to Health Humanities (Palgrave, 2020), Florence Nightingale at Home (Palgrave, 2020) and Cabin Fever: Surviving Lockdown in the Coronavirus Pandemic (Emerald, 2021). He is the commissioning editor for two series, Arts for Health (Emerald) and Routledge Studies in Literature and Health Humanities (Routledge) and is lead Editor-in-Chief for The Encyclopedia of Health Humanities (Springer).