

Interweaving narrative inquiry, a longitudinal design and insider research: Ethical considerations

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What is narrative inquiry?

Narrative inquiry is a way of understanding experience. It is collaboration between researcher and participants, **over time**, in a place or series of places, and in **social interaction** with milieus. An inquirer enters this matrix...in the midst of living and telling, reliving and retelling, the stories of the experiences that made up people's lives, both **individual** and **social**. (Clandinin & Connelly, 2000, p. 20)

“In narrative inquiry, experience is understood as a storied phenomenon...The stories we tell, stories that are told for and about us, and stories that we engage with influence our sense-making.” (Caine, 2019).

My study: Once upon a narrative

- Four academic librarians
- Undertaking 'practitioner' research
- Using repeated online interviews
- AHRC-RLUK Funded Professional Practice Fellowship



An example of a bounded story unit

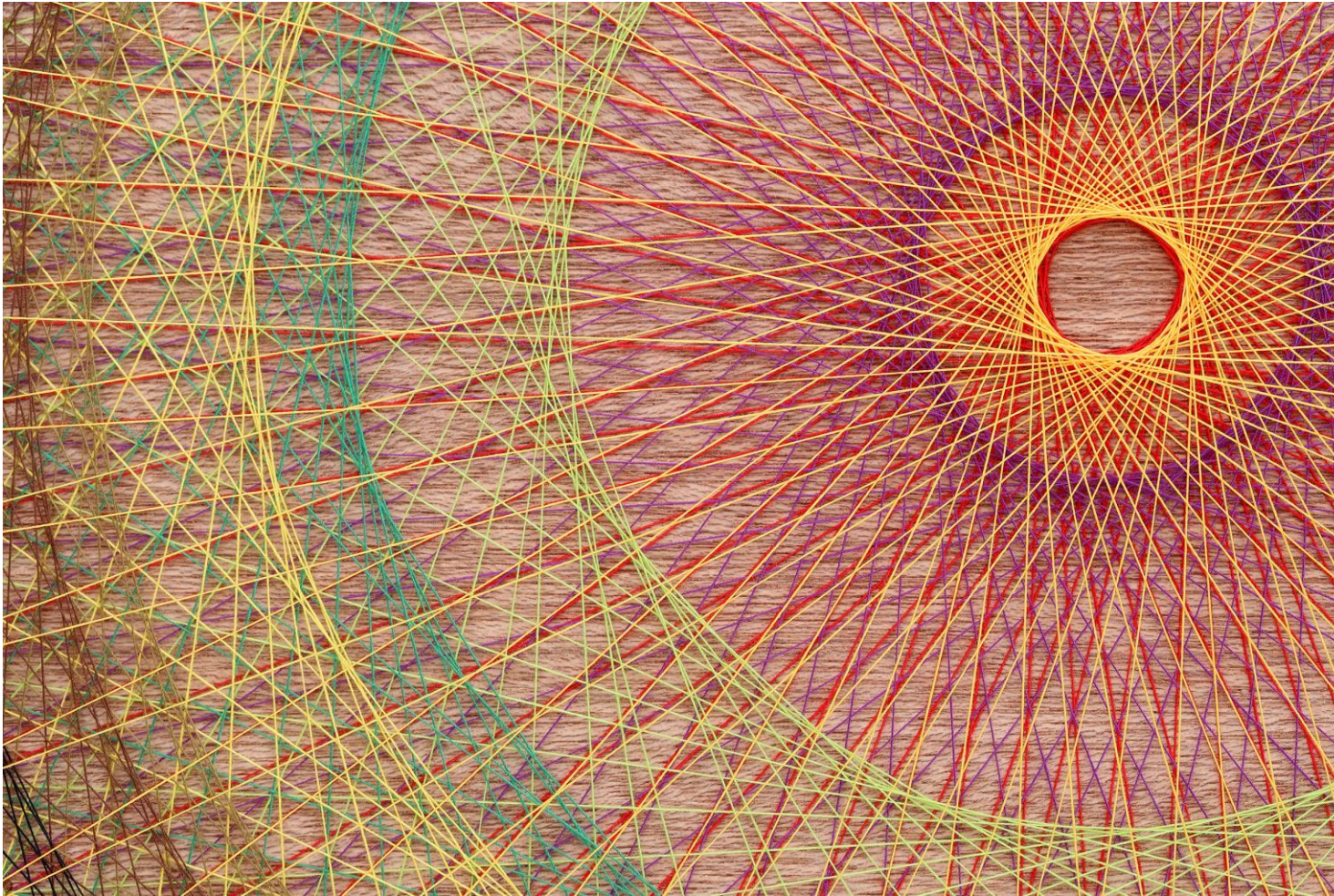
I used to ...volunteer. My summer break in Costa Rica at a library ..., at the --- Institute, which was like a place where researchers from all around the world who wanted to study the ----- forest would come ... It was just a cool environment. And there was ... **a couple actually**, who used to come every summer,...**they were doing like ethnographic research with the community.** And I was like, **Oh, my gosh! This is like really cool** and like listening to their research. I was like ... I was thinking about like other other ways of like capturing some of this information and whatnot, and I wrote up like a whole thing. One year.... I mean, there's like, there's the Internet is terrible. And like you're just kind of, I used to just read and like hike in the forest and a lot of free time. And I was like, **I wrote up this whole thing about like how we could do this other project.** And **I was like next summer, like, I'm gonna before next summer, I'm gonna email them** and see if they'd be interested in doing this work. And then, for one reason or another. It didn't happen ... And also **you go back to real life**, and it takes 60 hours week to get your job done to grade all your papers and blah blah blah, and then like it. Yeah. **Then it just kinda fell off.**

Insider research and narrative inquiry

- Living in the midst (Clandinin & Connelly, 2000)
- Active interviews (Holstein & Gubrium, 1995)
- Participant-researcher relationship
- Impression management (Greene, 2014)
- An ethics of care (Tronto, 1993)



Longitudinal research and narrative inquiry



- Informed consent at study inception
- Emergent design
- Accumulated risk (Neale, 2020)

Multiple pathways to storying data

- Embrace uncertainty and adopt multiple approaches (Caine, 2019)
- Narrative thinking allows the researcher to retell participants stories, temporally, creatively and authentically (Kim, 2016)
 - Clandinin and Connelly's (2000) three-dimensional narrative space (adapted by Wang & Geale's 2015)
 - Murray's (2000) four levels of analysis (adapted by Bentley, 2021)
 - McCormack's (2004) storying stories approach

Poetic transcription / Poetic inquiry

- Goals of poetic inquiry (Faulkner, 2009)
 - Political action
 - Connection
 - Emotionality
- Glesne's (1997) three rules
 - Participant's words
 - Participant's speaking pattern
 - Anywhere in the transcript

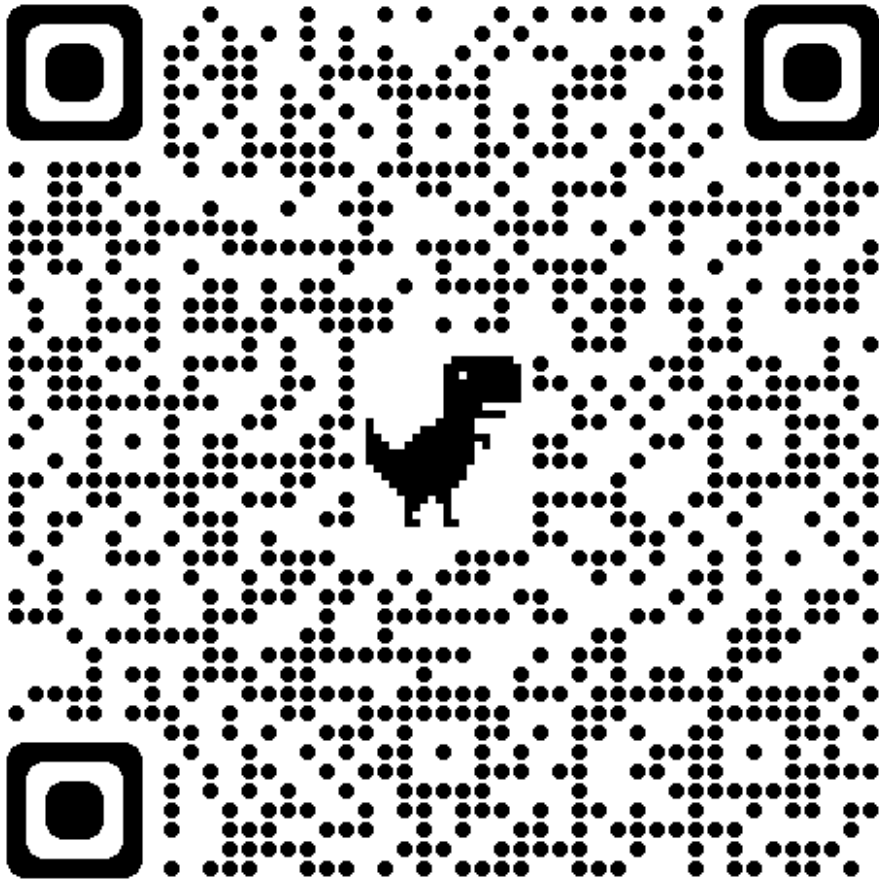


Creativity versus authenticity

- Authenticity over poetic form
- There must be no distortion of meaning (Owton, 2017)
- Participant responses to poetic interpretation



Narrative inquiry: An annotated bibliography for library and information professionals



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