

Critical Issues *in* Clinical & Health Psychology

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'I have no doubt this book will be extremely valuable for students, academics, and practitioners working in health and clinical psychology; but is also likely to be highly useful to others working in health-related professions. I personally think it should be a must-read for all those studying and working within the health psychology field!'

Dr Antonia Lyons, Massey University, New Zealand


'This book extends the ongoing discussion on critical approaches within clinical and health psychology. In particular, it emphasises the need to consider the importance of social and cultural factors in understanding health, illness and disability. With detailed examination of a wide range of empirical studies it demonstrates the vibrancy of contemporary critical psychological research.'

Michael Murray, Keele University, UK

This textbook gives a clear and thought-provoking introduction to the critical issues related to health, illness and disability in clinical and health psychology. Challenging some of the preconceptions of ill-health from biomedical or psychobiological perspectives, the book explores how health and illness is often shaped by factors such as culture, poverty, gender and sexuality, and examines how these influences impact on the experience and treatment of physical and mental illness as well as disability. Students are introduced to literature from disciplines other than psychology to provide multiple perspectives on these complex issues.

Critical Issues in Clinical and Health Psychology is a key textbook for undergraduate and postgraduate students taking courses in health or clinical psychology. Given its diversity of coverage, it will also appeal to course instructors or students in neighbouring disciplines related to health and mental health care.

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