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Date: 11:30 a.m., Monday, September 29, 2008

Location: 1455 de Maisonneuve Boulevard West (Hall Building), Room H-1120

Title: “Switch On: Sensory Work in the UK Infantry”

Presenter: Dr. John Hockey, University of Gloucestershire

Abstract: To be a member of an occupation requires people to learn a range of occupational ways, or “doing things”. This process involves them in the acquisition of particular kinds of knowledge and the development of specific skills which combine body and mind. This presentation will look at the work of infantry using ethnographic data. It will portray some of the sensory complexity of this particular kind of work. Namely, how the infantryman moves, looks, touches, hears and smells.

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Light refreshments will be served.

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