

# Two early January events at the University of Warwick on Gender and Precarious Employment

sponsored by the Institute of Employment Research, Sociology and  
Connecting Research on Employment and Work

## Public lecture

### All I Want is A Job: Women and the US Public Workforce System

**Dr Mary Gatta**, Senior Scholar, Wider Opportunities for Women, Washington D.C. and University of Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations. Mary will share findings from her new book *All I Want is A Job*. She reveals the experiences of unemployed women as they navigate the US public workforce system and struggle to survive unemployment during the great recession. The lecture weaves together her interviews with the unemployed and the 'street-level bureaucrats' who service them, as well as her own experience of going undercover in the US system. She will also discuss American workforce policy through a gender and racial lens, and consider how jobs policy needs to change in today's economy.

**Thursday**  
**15 January 2015**  
**(Week 2)**

Room:  
Ramphal R0.3/4  
5.00-6.30,  
followed by a wine  
reception.

For catering purposes  
please register at  
[crew@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:crew@warwick.ac.uk)



### PhD Workshop

Friday 16 January 2015 10.00-12.30,  
followed by a sandwich lunch.  
Milburn House Room A0.28.

Mary will also be giving a **PhD workshop** on *Studying Low Waged Women—Research Methods for Academic and Policy Work* the following morning, Friday 16 January, with **Dr Lydia Hayes** (Law School, Cardiff University). Lydia has extensive experience as an organiser and researcher in a trade union context, and with NGOs, social enterprises and care workers.

The workshop welcomes research students who are doing, or are planning, research on related

topics—for instance, gendered employment, precarious work, or street-level bureaucracy. The workshop will focus on the 'how to' of research projects and the policy implications of the decisions taken. This will include access and data collection; data analysis; and forms of presentation/ dissemination.

The workshop will begin with Mary's and Lydia's own experiences and then give students plenty of opportunity to discuss their own work with them. To register, please send a short description of your project so that Mary and Lydia can learn something about your interests ahead of time—a short paragraph is sufficient. Please send it to [c.wolkowitz@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:c.wolkowitz@warwick.ac.uk) by Thursday 8 January (Term 2, Week 1), but sooner if possible.