

Dear Mad Reading Folk,

Welcome back to the RMIT Mad Studies Reading Group for 2022! We hope you're all doing well. This month, Alicia has offered to facilitate for us on the topic of **lived and living experience in the workplace**, and she has recently published a paper on this as part of her PhD studies!

Date and time:

Tuesday, 15th February 2022
7pm-8.30pm AEDT (Melbourne/Sydney/Canberra)

[Calendar link here](#)

Zoom link:

<https://vla-vic-gov-au.zoom.us/j/63953834783>

Meeting ID: 639 5383 4783
Password: 860333

Readings:

Removing the professional mask: Setting the stage for dialogue about lived and living experience on the workplace stage

The paper is open access and available here: [IJERPH | Free Full-Text | Supporting the Sharing of Mental Health Challenges in the Workplace: Findings from Comparative Case Study Research at Two Mental Health Services \(mdpi.com\)](#)

A couple of (optional) Mad Studies papers that may be interesting to reflect upon in our discussion – both attached with this email:

[Contesting “Authenticity” in Authentic Leadership through a Mad Studies Lens - Greg Procknow, Tonette S. Rocco, 2021 \(sagepub.com\)](#)

[Full article: The mental health peer worker as informant: performing authenticity and the paradoxes of passing \(tandfonline.com\)](#)

Questions for reflection:

- How does the role we're playing in the workplace influence how much we share about ourselves?
- How does the response of our audience shape our sharing?
- What part does the director play?
- What is made possible by removing our professional mask?

Looking forward to seeing you then!

Antonia and Zara