

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Recent research in the geographies of health and wellbeing draws from a wide range of in-situ and mobile methodologies (Carpiano, 2009; Finlay & Bowman, 2017). These methodologies refer to data gathering techniques and modes of analysis carried out *with* research participants as they experience and *move through* settings that form the context of the research question together (e.g. a walk through a woodland when examining experiences of health with 'green space'). They include varied technologies and techniques that have been developed and applied across diverse, generally outdoor settings, including geo-narratives, walk/run/bike/swim-along interviews, mobile and video ethnographies (Bell et al., 2015; Jones et al., 2008; lisahunter, 2018; Spinney, 2011). Such methodological developments reflect wider methodological and theoretical thinking across human geography, especially relating to mobilities, performative and co-productive ways to access and produce knowledge (Hein et al., 2008; Evans & Jones, 2011; Spinney, 2015).

Mobile and in-situ methods hold particular appeal within geographies of health and wellbeing through enabling researchers to engage with embodiment and emotion at diverse temporal scales; from momentary more-than-human encounters in the 'field' opening up new bodily capacities to feel and act (Gorman, 2019), to more repetitive emplaced practices that become imbricated within therapeutic accretion over time (Foley, 2017). Through being with participants – in person, or remotely through growing access to geo-spatial technologies and tools – researchers can begin to understand the significance (to health, wellbeing, impairment and illness) of diverse patterns of movement and pause, sociality and solitude in place (Bell et al., 2015), alongside embodied, emotional and physical transformations that unfold as people transition through the networked spaces and places that constitute everyday life (de Leeuw et al., 2018).

The experience of using such in-situ and mobile methods, and their effectiveness in specific settings and with specific participants, has produced a valuable base of researcher experience for

1  
2 new and emerging researchers in the field to draw upon (Bell et al., 2015; Kaley et al, 2018;  
3  
4 Osborne & Jones, 2017). These methods are capable of producing important new knowledge  
5  
6 concerning the emergence (or foreclosing) of health and wellbeing in and through place. Yet the  
7  
8 logistical and ethical implications of embarking on such – at times, messy and unpredictable –  
9  
10 forms of research are rarely reported (Brown & Durrheim, 2009; Latham, 2003; Simpson, 2011). As  
11  
12 noted by Adams-Hutcheson (2017, pp. 90), in-situ and mobile fieldwork typically unfolds in  
13  
14 ‘contingent and dynamic open research environments’ rather than more traditional researcher-  
15  
16 controlled environments, such that unforeseeable challenges can develop quickly. The benefits of  
17  
18 negotiating such uncertainty to gain deeper insights into experiences of health and wellbeing can  
19  
20 be challenging to convey to traditional research ethics committees. Building on conversations  
21  
22 initiated by Fuller et al. (2017) regarding ethical gaps in discussions about the use of geo-located  
23  
24 mobile sensing methods, this paper foregrounds the benefits of navigating the ethical and  
25  
26 logistical challenges of using mobile and in-situ methods within contemporary and future research  
27  
28 in the geographies of health and wellbeing.  
29  
30  
31  
32  
33  
34

35  
36 Informing this paper are a series of discussions that developed during an in-situ and mobile  
37  
38 methods workshop that was organised by the lead authors in London in July 2018. The workshop  
39  
40 brought together a range of in-situ methodologies used in health and wellbeing geographies,  
41  
42 encouraging honest and open discussions about their effectiveness, the dilemmas emergent in  
43  
44 their use and how to negotiate these. Through a mix of early and mid-career researcher  
45  
46 presentations, interactive discussion and field trials of different technologies in a nearby parkland  
47  
48 (including mobile applications, ‘Ramblr’ and ‘Ubipix’, and ‘E4 Empatica Wristband’ biosensing  
49  
50 technology), the workshop aimed to develop and share new knowledge on how best to utilise  
51  
52 these methods to enhance robust and high-quality research in the sub-field.  
53  
54  
55  
56

57  
58 Despite the primary focus on geographies of health and wellbeing, the workshop strongly  
59  
60 emphasised inter-disciplinarity, including the notion of ‘undisciplined work’ both in terms of its

1  
2 cross-disciplinary ethos and also the fundamental opportunities of working 'out-situ' (in-situ  
3  
4 outside) (Kusenbach, 2003). The openness and potential of such work was identified, alongside  
5  
6 more critical questions of rigour and methodological robustness. We acknowledge that 'in-situ'  
7  
8 methodologies have well-established ethnographic and qualitative research foundations across a  
9  
10 range of subjects and sub-disciplines, especially anthropology, mobilities, gender studies and  
11  
12 wider critical health geographies (Finlay & Bowman, 2017; Parr, 2004; Paterson & Glass, 2018).  
13  
14  
15  
16 What we suggest as novel is the opportunity to more closely examine the experiential and ethical  
17  
18 implications and potentials of using such research methods within geographies of health and  
19  
20 wellbeing, incorporating new and more routinely available technologies and tools in an  
21  
22 increasingly digital and connected age. To do so, we focus on three core themes that permeated  
23  
24 the workshop discussions, concerning the value of mobile and in-situ methods in: (a) supporting  
25  
26 an ethic of care; (b) attending to more-than-human dynamics of health and wellbeing; and (c)  
27  
28 integrating matter and meaning to understand how health and wellbeing unfold and accrete in  
29  
30 and through place.  
31  
32  
33  
34  
35  
36  
37  
38

## 39 **2. SUPPORTING AN ETHIC OF CARE**

40  
41 Given the remit of this type of 'in/out-situ' research – outdoors in public settings, often  
42  
43 incorporating expensive equipment, and sometimes explicitly designed to work with, and support  
44  
45 the voices of, more marginalised communities – it is important to acknowledge ethical tensions  
46  
47 and values that can surface in its use. When faced with mobile and in-situ research proposals,  
48  
49 university research ethics committees often raise the safety implications of stepping out of  
50  
51 traditional researcher-controlled environments (Adams-Hutcheson, 2017). Beyond efforts to  
52  
53 establish 'buddying' systems of reporting when entering/leaving the field, or carrying  
54  
55 precautionary alarms, there are broader questions around risk and responsibility to consider;  
56  
57  
58 when in an environment that is unfamiliar to the researcher, to what extent is the researcher  
59  
60

1  
2 responsible for the safety of the participant, and at what point does this responsibility end? How  
3  
4 can in-situ and mobile methods work best for both parties to elucidate emergent aspects of  
5  
6 participant health and wellbeing?  
7  
8

9           Research into the geographies of health and wellbeing is often underpinned by an ethic of  
10 care; 'a guiding principle that all relational practices should be done in a more *care-full way*'  
11 (Power, 2018, pp. 166, original emphasis). This principle extends to practices of mobile and in-situ  
12 research. Ensuring safety and minimising risk needs to be continually negotiated with all people  
13 present within in/out situ research. This emerged in our workshop when discussing go-along  
14 interviews conducted with older adults in Dublin. The research aimed to explore how older people  
15 interact with their local environments, and to identify everyday barriers and enablers to 'ageing  
16 well' in place. Embarking on such research required a shared understanding between researcher  
17 and participant that neither would place the other in any situation that might make them feel  
18 uncomfortable, emotionally, physically or socially (Macpherson, 2016). For older adults in this  
19 study, it was important to respect participant boundaries in terms of physical strength, fitness and  
20 embodied dispositions. Open discussions were required to ensure participants did not feel  
21 obligated to push themselves too far for the sake of the research, and to develop appropriate  
22 strategies regarding how to respond should the participant fall or become unwell during the  
23 interview. Such tensions are always at the heart of an ethical review document, but are often hard  
24 to predict until active in the 'out situ' field (Van Cauwenberg et al., 2012). Is it better (or more  
25 ethical) not to conduct this type of research with people whose risks may be higher (for example,  
26 where participants have mentioned specific health conditions), or does this do them a disservice?  
27 Should participants express a desire and confidence to take part, their exclusion risks undermining  
28 the integrity of the study, failing to recognise or account for detrimental dynamics of ageism  
29 and/or ableism (Blewett & Hanlon, 2016; Finlay & Bowman, 2017). Conversely, researchers should  
30 remain alert to the potential effects of endorphins from walking outdoors and recognise that a  
31  
32  
33  
34  
35  
36  
37  
38  
39  
40  
41  
42  
43  
44  
45  
46  
47  
48  
49  
50  
51  
52  
53  
54  
55  
56  
57  
58  
59  
60

1  
2 person's positive sense of wellbeing conveyed whilst walking may mask deeper feelings of anxiety  
3  
4 that would be captured in a traditional interview (Macpherson, 2016). As noted by Adams-  
5  
6 Hutcheson (2017), ethical review boards perhaps need to move beyond discussions of what *should*  
7  
8 be regulated, and who is or is not 'able' to participate in such methods, to more pragmatic  
9  
10 considerations of what *can* and *cannot* be regulated within more mobile, unpredictable research  
11  
12 terrains, and what adaptations can be made to support meaningful participation regardless of  
13  
14 one's embodied priorities and needs.  
15  
16  
17  
18

19 An ethic of care demands that researchers conduct and adapt their research in care-full  
20  
21 ways, embracing 'an expanded concept of listening as a form of attentive being-with and  
22  
23 responding to a person in non-verbal (as well as verbal) ways' (Macpherson & Fox, 2016, pp. 372).  
24  
25 As highlighted by another workshop participant, in-situ methods can offer important ways of  
26  
27 'being with' individuals with learning disabilities (Kaley et al., 2018), who are often overlooked or  
28  
29 'spoken for' as research participants through their distinctive communication styles and priorities  
30  
31 (Macpherson & Fox, 2016). This workshop participant used participatory 'out situ' visual methods  
32  
33 and video ethnography to examine therapeutic spaces of care farming amongst adults with  
34  
35 learning disabilities. While care is needed in the use of video – respecting people's preferences not  
36  
37 to be viewed in this way – introducing participatory videoing activities in the context of long-term  
38  
39 and trusting research relationships helped to foreground commonly overlooked non-verbal,  
40  
41 embodied and gestural forms of communication, moving beyond the tendency of more traditional  
42  
43 research methods to prioritise *verbal* expressions of experience. In attending to these broader  
44  
45 experiential dimensions, this particular video ethnography was able to capture the flow of care  
46  
47 farm encounters, fostering critical attention to the multisensory therapeutic possibilities that  
48  
49 emerged and ebbed within fleeting experiential moments, as well as shifts in the overall touch or  
50  
51 feel of each farm day. Such approaches may also open up opportunities to attend to more-than-  
52  
53 human ethics of encounter, in this case perhaps using the video footage to observe the responses  
54  
55  
56  
57  
58  
59  
60

1  
2 of *non-human* animals at the care farm to these interactions. As noted by Gorman (2019, pp. 313),  
3  
4 such encounters also 'interrupt and disrupt animals' own health capacities and assemblages'.  
5  
6 Without a more-than-human ethic of care, there is a risk of 'elevating human experience,  
7  
8 relegating non-humans to a state of utility' (2019, pp. 314).  
9  
10

### 11 12 13 14 **3. ATTENDING TO MORE-THAN-HUMAN QUALITIES OF ENCOUNTER** 15

16 Reflecting the broader relational turn occurring within and beyond human geography, there has  
17  
18 been a shift within the geographies of health and wellbeing from conceptualising health and  
19  
20 illness as properties or 'characteristics of specific human bodies or populations' (Andrews & Duff,  
21  
22 2019, pp. 125), instead recognising health, wellbeing, illness and disability as dynamic, emergent  
23  
24 expressions of specific more-than-human relational configurations (Hall and Wilton, 2017; Bell et  
25  
26 al., 2019). In seeking to place myriad non-human, non-organic entities alongside humans in the co-  
27  
28 constitution of health and wellbeing, researchers are increasingly looking to methods that help to  
29  
30 understand what is happening in-situ, what arrives or leaves to contribute to health and wellbeing  
31  
32 and in what ways (Andrews & Duff, 2019). Mobile and in-situ methods offer one avenue for  
33  
34 exploring these questions, encouraging a focus on 'how interactions between human and  
35  
36 nonhuman actors matter in the moment they are produced rather than contending with their  
37  
38 symbolic meaning per se' (Coen et al., 2018, pp. 558).  
39  
40  
41  
42  
43  
44  
45

46 Attending to more-than-human relations in this way demands a broader approach to  
47  
48 ethical accountability, an approach underpinned by a response-ability *with*, not *for*, others that  
49  
50 'accounts for the ways that different phenomena come to matter as matter' (Springgay & Truman,  
51  
52 2019, pp. 29). Negotiating and capturing such more-than-human mattering – events that often  
53  
54 emerge as unanticipated distractions or punctuations in the research process – is therefore an  
55  
56 important skillset to develop. Thompson and Reynolds (2018) suggest that the disruptive qualities  
57  
58 of go-along interviews – be they physical or discursive – can enhance our understandings of the  
59  
60

1  
2 complex contingent relations between place, practice and health, from encountering participant  
3  
4 acquaintances en route, to altering routes/schedules in response to myriad weather changes or  
5  
6 recognising narrative inconsistencies and contradictions. Recognising the role of more-than-  
7  
8 human entities in co-constituting (rather than necessarily disrupting) the research encounter, in-  
9  
10 situ and mobile methods have the potential to shift traditional ethical frameworks of health  
11  
12 research beyond the human to the 'more-than-human', where research awareness extends to the  
13  
14 health of the broader environment and the flora and fauna within it.  
15  
16  
17

18  
19 The value and challenges of attending to these more-than-human actors were discussed by  
20  
21 one workshop participant in the context of research exploring the influence of woodland activity  
22  
23 programmes on participant wellbeing. Combining a range of methods – including longitudinal  
24  
25 quantitative surveys, in-situ participant focus groups ('panad rownd y tan', cuppas round the fire)  
26  
27 and participant drawing exercises – the study examined influences supporting and/or  
28  
29 compromising opportunities for local people to take part in such programmes. Both 'delights' and  
30  
31 challenges were identified in collecting data within open/uncontrollable woodland environments.  
32  
33 While adverse weather, chit-chat, late arrivals, dogs and passers-by often distracted focus group  
34  
35 participants, many of these 'distractions' were also productive, acting as 'micro-events' that  
36  
37 influenced both the course of discussion and participants' woodland experiences. Shared  
38  
39 discussions were enriched by shifting woodland soundscapes, with participants observably more  
40  
41 willing to open up in the presence of bird-song, highlighted as a beneficial co-sonic experience  
42  
43 (Hall et al, 2008). These more-than-human contributions gave immediate and in-depth insight into  
44  
45 how aspects of the programme had benefitted participants, by providing affective uplift and  
46  
47 specific mental health gains, including positive distractions from negative thoughts. The use of  
48  
49 drawing exercises during the research helped re-gather scattered attention (a key measure within  
50  
51 environmental psychology) and bring participants' focus into a more reflective space, sharing  
52  
53 individual and collective interpretations of their experiences on the programme and its broader  
54  
55  
56  
57  
58  
59  
60

1  
2 influence on their day-to-day lives. Notably, those with mental health conditions indicated that  
3  
4 situating the focus groups in the woods put them at relative ease, with the trees providing a  
5  
6 screen when seeking anonymity, allowing for thoughtful silences and removing pressures to  
7  
8 converse (Hall et al., 2008), while also offering a sense of spaciousness to get up and walk around  
9  
10 when feeling anxious.  
11  
12

13  
14 Moving from woodlands to seascapes, two workshop participants introduced a multi-  
15  
16 method qualitative project, exploring the 'intangible' personal and cultural values held about the  
17  
18 coast, and its perceived contribution to human health and wellbeing. Go-along interviews were  
19  
20 conducted and adapted to the preferences and capabilities of each participant (Parent, 2016),  
21  
22 including walk, cycle, trike, boat and canoe-alongs; modes of mobility that participants felt best  
23  
24 reflected their everyday encounters with the coast. This modal diversity necessitated close  
25  
26 attention to the more-than-human qualities of each research encounter, paying heed to the route  
27  
28 chosen, the mode and pace of movement, and the roles of specific non-human entities – the  
29  
30 weather, tide, terrain, the 'feel' underfoot and so on – in co-producing and guiding the interview  
31  
32 discussions. Participants often remarked upon features they encountered, such as birds and  
33  
34 animals, boggy ground or dark clouds that temporarily blocked sunshine, prompting discussions of  
35  
36 formative memories, or momentarily shifting their coastal experiences.  
37  
38  
39  
40  
41  
42

43 In attending to these more-than-human influences on the interview direction, the place of  
44  
45 each interview was interpreted as a third interview participant, at times putting participants at  
46  
47 ease through bringing place rather than participant into focus (Van Cauwenberg et al., 2012),  
48  
49 while also enacting agency upon the research encounter in varied ways. 'Place triggers' were an  
50  
51 essential relational component of these mobile and in-situ methodologies, allowing a fuller  
52  
53 exploration of the intricate dynamics of people-place-wellbeing relationships across the study  
54  
55 sites. In this way, in/out-situ methodologies can be seen as part of a wider 'material turn' in the  
56  
57 geographies of health and wellbeing, raising important questions regarding the ways in which  
58  
59  
60

1  
2 more-than-human encounters both punctuate and co-constitute the research process (Dowling et  
3  
4 al, 2017), and how to remain responsive and accountable to such encounters throughout.  
5  
6  
7  
8

#### 9 **4. INTEGRATING MATTER AND MEANING IN THE GEOGRAPHIES OF HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

10  
11 As noted by de Leeuw et al. (2018, pp. 289), traditional approaches for understanding and  
12  
13 contextualising experiences of health and wellbeing in place 'are often limited and not suited to  
14  
15 capture a fleeting emotional experience, the unknowable, or a biological event that happens in  
16  
17 the blink of an eye'. Whilst people can talk about their health and wellbeing practices (Hitchings,  
18  
19 2010), certain experiences and fleeting sensations can be less 'tellable' than the more 'rehearsed'  
20  
21 biographical stories commonly volunteered within traditional interview circumstances (Holton and  
22  
23 Riley, 2014). The types of mobile and in-situ methods shared by participants during our workshop  
24  
25 highlighted a range of opportunities for augmenting narrative and discursive accounts of health  
26  
27 and wellbeing with methods that 'foreground encounters in the here and now' (de Leeuw et al.,  
28  
29 pp. 324). They opened up new possibilities for discerning, expressing and communicating diverse  
30  
31 sensations, feelings and emotions and their implications for experiences of health and wellbeing.  
32  
33  
34  
35  
36  
37

38  
39 An example shared during the workshop prompted an important discussion concerning the  
40  
41 growing interest in the use of biosensing technology, in this case to measure somatic responses in  
42  
43 relation to memory, emotion, and historic environments (Anonymous, 2017, 2019). Biosensing  
44  
45 technologies record and measure the body's automatic reactions, such as galvanic skin responses  
46  
47 and electrical activity of the brain. Research using biosensing technology is still in its infancy, but it  
48  
49 is an opportune time to critically discuss what biosensing adds (Spinney, 2015) and how we can  
50  
51 maximise its potential in health geographical research. Although traditionally used in disciplines  
52  
53 such as psychology, neuroscience and medicine, such approaches are increasingly being deployed  
54  
55 within the social sciences (Aspinall et al., 2013; Chrisinger & King, 2018). Geographers, in  
56  
57 particular, have expressed interest in the potential of these technologies to provide a digital  
58  
59  
60

1  
2 representation of the *intensity* of affect at a pre-conscious level (Spinney, 2015) that can be used  
3  
4 in concert with more traditional mobile methods that speak to the *quality* of affect (such as mobile  
5  
6 video ethnography and video-elicitation interviews). Such traces could be used to explore how and  
7  
8 why different emotions unfold and resonate as people move through the different contexts and  
9  
10 relational configurations of everyday life, and what this means for experiences of health and  
11  
12 wellbeing over time. However, while biosensing can provide insights into individual level  
13  
14 psychophysiological responses, when used in isolation it can reduce the body to a series of  
15  
16 numbers (Lupton, 2012), largely failing to recognise the body as complex, affective, and relational.  
17  
18 This issue was tackled by our workshop participant through incorporating biosensing within a  
19  
20 broader mixed methods approach (Anonymous, 2017, 2019), using the graphic outputs from the  
21  
22 biosensor as an 'embodied memory trigger' (Spinney, 2015, pp. 240). The biosensing data  
23  
24 (gathered using E4 Empatica Wristbands) was integrated with GoPro video footage, GIS mapping  
25  
26 and narrative methods (interviews and participant diaries). Data tracks were co-ordinated through  
27  
28 time stamps and linked with a final carto-elicitation interview phase. In essence, what was  
29  
30 measured in the research was 'inferred emotion' from associated somatic (bodily) reactions that  
31  
32 were contextualised and co-interpreted with each research participant through the carto-  
33  
34 elicitation interviews. Reflecting on longstanding debates about the use of mixed methods more  
35  
36 broadly (Moran et al., 2011), references have been made to mixed methods research as 'a Trojan  
37  
38 horse for positivism' (Giddings & Grant, 2007), with the warning that 'messiness occurs when  
39  
40 researchers do not acknowledge their paradigmatic positioning' (2007, pp. 58). Recognising this  
41  
42 tension, any effort to use such mixed in-situ and mobile methods – and the inferences drawn  
43  
44 about matter, meaning, health and wellbeing from the data generated – must be informed by  
45  
46 clear and consistent researcher positionality statements.  
47  
48  
49  
50  
51  
52  
53  
54  
55  
56  
57  
58  
59  
60

## 5. MOVING FORWARD WITH MOBILE AND 'OUT SITU' METHODS: CRITICAL REFLECTIONS

1  
2 With growing interest in health, place and wellbeing as situated, emergent and relational,  
3  
4 research conducted in and beyond the geographies of health and wellbeing is increasingly looking  
5  
6 to in-situ and mobile methods that offer complementary insights into the diverse temporalities  
7  
8 and spatialities of health, wellbeing, illness and impairment (Hall & Wilton, 2017; Andrews and  
9  
10 Duff, 2019; Bell et al., 2019; Gorman, 2019). As ever, 'so what' questions rebound on such  
11  
12 methodologies; what do they add to established narrative descriptions of health and wellbeing?  
13  
14 Why emphasise movement when equally interested in the health and wellbeing potential of  
15  
16 stillness and quiescence, the moorings between mobilities? (Spinney, 2015) Are we compromising  
17  
18 the reflective moments of fieldwork by privileging the fleeting/sensational/affective aspects? Are  
19  
20 such approaches inclusive? This paper has sought to navigate some of these tensions, alongside  
21  
22 the broader ethical challenges and opportunities raised by efforts to move beyond more  
23  
24 traditional researcher-controlled environments and encounters.  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29

30  
31 In pursuing mobile and in-situ methods, we might consider place to be a given, but is there  
32  
33 a 'why' of place? In-situ methods may be particularly well situated to provide complementary  
34  
35 insights concerning the 'why of where'. As presented in this paper, the place of the  
36  
37 incidental/contingent as 'event' is significant across these types of methods; generating interest in  
38  
39 the 'interview as event', and opportunities for capturing and working with the liveliness of more-  
40  
41 than-human research encounters within otherwise somewhat static written  
42  
43 transcripts/representations. In seeking to get closer to the complexity of experience and its ability  
44  
45 to shape health and wellbeing, in-situ research outdoors allows us to reflect more on both the  
46  
47 obvious punctuations and the more subtle incidents that may unfold during the research, how the  
48  
49 more-than-human co-constitutes the research process (Dowling et al., 2017) and how to engage  
50  
51 with and attend to important non-verbal changes in embodied responses in/out situ and on the  
52  
53 move (Brown & Durrheim, 2009). While never easy, research experiences recounted here suggest  
54  
55 opportunities for embracing and working with such event-ualities, both for the benefit of the data  
56  
57  
58  
59  
60

1  
2 and for shared safety and risk management within outdoor environments. With the rapidly  
3  
4 developing interest in health and wellbeing research that combines active experiencing/emoting  
5  
6 bodies, the co-measureability of both physiological and psychological responses was also  
7  
8 identified as valuable in future policy development (Spinney, 2015). Equally, one cannot ignore  
9  
10 logistics, the weather or the costs of these types of approaches.  
11  
12

13  
14 The act of talking while walking (or canoeing, jogging, swimming, wheeling etc.) brings with  
15  
16 it additional response-abilities on the part of the researcher and underlines the importance of  
17  
18 deeper accounts of ethics-in-practice (going beyond procedural ethics) to ensure the dignity and  
19  
20 emotional wellbeing of both participant and researcher. It is also a relevant justification for the  
21  
22 value of such methodologies that can be articulated in ethical reviews; equally something to  
23  
24 consider when managing relationships with participants in the field. It is important to be realistic  
25  
26 and honest about both the potentials and possible dangers of mobile methods; a critical  
27  
28 awareness of issues emergent from ongoing research can only help new researchers moving into  
29  
30 these methods. As noted by Warren (2017), the ethnic, gendered and moral dimensions of the  
31  
32 walking interview (and mobile methods more broadly) remain under-explored, as well as the able-  
33  
34 bodied assumptions/misperceptions that sometimes underpin their use (Castrodale, 2018;  
35  
36 Macpherson, 2016). How to manage issues of visibility matter here, where being seen somewhere  
37  
38 or with someone prompts social concern or judgement – or more positively, when this acts to  
39  
40 counter identity-limiting normative stereotypes of where different bodies ‘should’ be and how  
41  
42 they ‘should’ move (Parent, 2016) – or when moving and talking with a stranger lie outside of  
43  
44 one’s socio-spatial norms or comfort zones (Warren, 2017). In such cases, care-full and creative  
45  
46 methods can be adopted to engage with the material, affective and sensorial qualities of  
47  
48 participant experiences *without* the physical act of moving, finding alternative ways of registering  
49  
50 and sharing sensescapes, for example through adapting softGIS approaches (Kyttä et al., 2013) or  
51  
52 multisensory visualisation (May & Lewis, 2009).  
53  
54  
55  
56  
57  
58  
59  
60

1  
2 Additional critical and honest reflections on the unreliability of technologies identified a  
3  
4 clear need to test things out properly in the field (Zenk et al., 2018). For all that we now live in a  
5  
6 multiply-sensed big data world, digital signals – especially in more remote areas – remain both  
7  
8 blissfully and annoyingly unreliable. Equally, in simple material object terms, the fallibility of  
9  
10 technology must be acknowledged; things (recorders, phones, cameras, sensing equipment)  
11  
12 regularly break, especially if shared by multiple users. In terms of a specific technical outcome, a  
13  
14 question for future research is, ‘what might a fool-proof bespoke app for out-situ work look like’?  
15  
16 Building on this, we should explore the level and duration of piloting needed to develop the  
17  
18 necessary skills and confidence to conduct and refine such methods and to capture, interpret and  
19  
20 communicate nuanced understandings of health and wellbeing in place using such mobile and in-  
21  
22 situ data. How do we ensure our methods, equipment and study participants are ready, willing  
23  
24 and able to encounter shifting more-than-human relations through the seasons and other fluxes  
25  
26 of the year, and how do we support this through care-full research practices? Such questions are  
27  
28 eminently answerable, constrained only by the funding timeframes of many contemporary  
29  
30 research projects and, in terms of mobile application developments, by the willingness of  
31  
32 researchers to work with app developers and technologists. In learning from the issues described  
33  
34 in this paper, ensuring our academic system supports the development of flexible and reflexive  
35  
36 researchers with a toolbox to draw upon in the event of unpredictable research encounters is  
37  
38 important, even and especially when things do not turn out as expected.  
39  
40  
41  
42  
43  
44  
45  
46  
47

48 The examples shared in this paper demonstrate the importance of researcher reflexivity to  
49  
50 ensure we maximise opportunities to use these methods in inclusive, ethical ways and to produce  
51  
52 better quality knowledge. The continued development of these technologies and methodologies  
53  
54 might throw light, especially from a critical health geography perspective (Brown et al., 2017), as  
55  
56 to what other key questions (for example, around housing, inequality, disability, ageing,  
57  
58 deprivation) might be answered, re-framed or even uncovered by such approaches.  
59  
60

1  
2  
3  
4 **REFERENCES**  
5  
6  
7  
8

9 Adams-Hutcheson, G. (2017). Mobilising research ethics: Two examples from Aotearoa New  
10 Zealand. *New Zealand Geographer*, 73, 87-96, <https://doi.org/10.1111/nzg.12154>.  
11  
12  
13

14  
15  
16 Andrews, G. J. & Duff, C. (2019) Matter beginning to matter: On posthumanist understandings of  
17 the vital emergence of health. *Social Science and Medicine*, 226, 123-134,  
18  
19 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2019.02.045>.  
20  
21  
22

23  
24  
25  
26 Anonymous. (2017) Details removed to preserve the anonymity of the peer review process.  
27  
28

29  
30  
31 Anonymous. (2019) Details removed to preserve the anonymity of the peer review process.  
32  
33

34  
35  
36 Aspinall, P., Mavros, P., Coyne, R., and Roe, J. (2013). The urban brain: analysing outdoor physical  
37 activity with mobile EEG. *British Journal of Sports Medicine*, 49(4), 1–6,  
38  
39 <https://doi.org/10.1136/bjsports-2012-091877>.  
40  
41  
42

43  
44  
45  
46 Bell, S.L., Phoenix, C., Lovell, R., and Wheeler, B.W. (2015). Using GPS and geo-narratives: a  
47 methodological approach for understanding and situating everyday green space encounters. *Area*,  
48  
49 47(1), 88-96, <https://doi.org/10.1111/area.12152>.  
50  
51  
52

53  
54  
55  
56 Bell, S.L., Leyshon, C. and Phoenix, C. (2019). Negotiating nature's weather worlds in the context of  
57 life with sight impairment. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 44(2), 270-283,  
58  
59 <https://doi.org/10.1111/tran.12285>.  
60

1  
2  
3  
4 Blewett, J. and Hanlon, N. (2016). Disablement as inveterate condition: Living with habitual  
5  
6 ableism in Prince George, British Columbia. *The Canadian Geographer*, 60(1), 46-55,  
7  
8  
9 <https://doi.org/10.1111/cag.12254>.  
10

11  
12  
13  
14 Brown, L. and Durrheim, K. (2009). Different kinds of knowing: generating qualitative data through  
15  
16 mobile interviewing. *Qualitative Inquiry*, 15, 911-930,  
17  
18  
19 <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077800409333440>.  
20

21  
22  
23  
24 Brown, T., Andrews, G., Cummins, S., Greenhough, B., Lewis, D. and Power, A. (2017). *Health*  
25  
26 *Geographies. A Critical Introduction*. Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell.  
27

28  
29  
30  
31 Carpiano, R. (2009). Come take a walk with me: the 'Go-Along' interview as a novel method for  
32  
33 studying the implications of place for health and wellbeing. *Health and Place*, 15, 263-272,  
34  
35  
36 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2008.05.003>.  
37

38  
39  
40  
41 Castrodale, M.A. (2018). Mobilizing Dis/Ability Research: A Critical Discussion of Qualitative Go-  
42  
43 Along Interviews in Practice. *Qualitative Inquiry*, 24(1), 45-55.,  
44  
45  
46 <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077800417727765>.  
47

48  
49  
50  
51 Chrisinger, B. W. and King, A. C. (2018). Stress experiences in neighborhood and social  
52  
53 environments (SENSE): a pilot study to integrate the quantified self with citizen science to improve  
54  
55 the built environment and health. *International Journal of Health Geographics*, 17(1), 17,  
56  
57  
58 <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12942-018-0140-1>.  
59  
60

1  
2 Coen, S.E., Tillmann, S., Ergler, C.R. McGuire, C. and Gilliland, J.A. (2018). Playing with Poetry:  
3  
4 Poetic Representation of Research in Children's Geographies of Nature and Adventurous Play.  
5  
6 *GeoHumanities*, 4(2), 557-575, <https://doi.org/10.1080/2373566X.2018.1516956>.  
7  
8  
9

10  
11 De Leeuw, S., Donovan, C., Schafenacker, N., Kearns, R., Neuwelt, P., Squier, S.M., McGeachan, C.,  
12  
13 Parr, H., Frank, A.W., Coyle, L-A., Atkinson, S., El-Hadi, N., Shklanka, K., Shooner, C., Beljaars, D.  
14  
15 and Anderson, J. (2018). Geographies of Medical and Health Humanities: A Cross-Disciplinary  
16  
17 Conversation. *GeoHumanities*, 4(2), 285-334, <https://doi.org/10.1080/2373566X.2018.1518081>.  
18  
19  
20

21  
22  
23  
24 Dowling, R., Lloyd, K. and Suchet-Pearson, S. (2017). Qualitative methods II: 'More-than-human'  
25  
26 methodologies and/in praxis. *Progress in Human Geography*, 41(6), 823-831,  
27  
28 <https://doi.org/10.1177/0309132516664439>.  
29  
30  
31

32  
33  
34 Evans, J. and Jones, P. (2011). The walking interview: Methodology, mobility and place. *Applied*  
35  
36 *Geography*, 31, 849-858, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apgeog.2010.09.005>.  
37  
38  
39

40  
41 Finlay, J.M. and Bowman, J.A. (2017). Geographies on the Move: A Practical and Theoretical  
42  
43 Approach to the Mobile Interview. *The Professional Geographer*, 69(2), 263-274,  
44  
45 <https://doi.org/10.1080/00330124.2016.1229623>.  
46  
47  
48

49  
50  
51 Foley, R. (2017). Swimming as an accretive practice in healthy blue space. *Emotion, Space and*  
52  
53 *Society*, 22, 43-51, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.emospa.2016.12.001>.  
54  
55  
56  
57  
58  
59  
60

1  
2 Fuller, D., Shareck, M., and Stanley, K. (2017). Ethical implications of location and accelerometer  
3  
4 measurement in health research studies with mobile sensing devices. *Social Science and Medicine*,  
5  
6 191, 84-88, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2017.08.043>.  
7  
8  
9

10  
11 Giddings, L.S. and Grant, B.M. (2007). A Trojan horse for positivism? a critique of mixed methods  
12  
13 research. *Advances in Nursing Science*, 30(1), 52-60.  
14  
15  
16  
17

18  
19 Gorman, R. (2019) What's in it for the animals? Symbiotically considering 'therapeutic' human-  
20  
21 animal relations within spaces and practices of care farming. *BMJ Medical Humanities*, 45, 313-  
22  
23 325, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/medhum-2018-011627>.  
24  
25  
26  
27

28  
29 Hall, T., Lashua, B., and Coffey, A. (2008). Sound and the everyday in qualitative research.  
30  
31 *Qualitative Inquiry*, 14, 1019-1040, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077800407312054>.  
32  
33  
34  
35

36  
37 Hein, J., Evans J., and Jones P. (2008). Mobile Methodologies: Theory, technology and practice.  
38  
39 *Geography Compass*, 2, 1266-1285, <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1749-8198.2008.00139.x>.  
40  
41  
42

43  
44 Hall, E. and Wilton, R. (2017). Towards a relational geography of disability. *Progress in Human*  
45  
46 *Geography*, 41, 727-744, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0309132516659705>.  
47  
48  
49

50  
51 Hitchings, R. (2012). People can talk about their practices. *Area*, 44, 61-67,  
52  
53 <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1475-4762.2011.01060.x>.  
54  
55  
56

57  
58 Holton, M. and Riley, M. (2014) Talking on the move: place-based interviewing with  
59  
60 undergraduate students. *Area*, 46, 59-65, <https://doi.org/10.1111/area.12070>.

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6 Jones, P., Bunce, G., Evans, J., Gibbs, H., Ricketts-Hein, J. (2008). Exploring space and place with  
7 walking interviews. *Journal of Research Practice*, 4, 1-9.  
8  
9

10  
11  
12  
13 Kaley, A., Hatton, C., and Milligan, C. (2018). More than Words: The Use of Video in Ethnographic  
14 Research with People with Intellectual Disabilities. *Qualitative Health Research*, doi:  
15  
16  
17  
18 10.1177/1049732318811704.  
19  
20

21  
22  
23 Kyttä, M., Broberg, A., Tzoulas, T. and Snabb, K. (2013). Towards contextually sensitive urban  
24 densification: location-based softGIS knowledge revealing perceived residential environmental  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32  
33  
34  
35  
36  
37  
38  
39  
40  
41  
42  
43  
44  
45  
46  
47  
48  
49  
50  
51  
52  
53  
54  
55  
56  
57  
58  
59  
60

quality. *Landscape and Urban Planning*, 113, 30-46,  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.landurbplan.2013.01.008>.

Kusenbach, M. (2003). Street Phenomenology: the Go-Along as ethnographic research tool.  
*Ethnography*, 4, 455-489, <https://doi.org/10.1177/146613810343007>.

Latham, A. (2003). Research, performance, and doing human geography: some reflections on the  
diary-photograph, diary-interview method. *Environment and Planning A*, 35, 1993-2017,  
<https://doi.org/10.1068/a3587>.

lisahunter. (2018). Sensory autoethnography: Surfing approaches for understanding and  
communicating 'seaspacetimes'. In M. Brown and K. Peters (eds) *Living with the Sea: Knowledge,  
Awareness, Action*. Abingdon: Routledge, pp. 110-113.

1  
2 Lupton, D. (2012). M-health and health promotion: The digital cyborg and surveillance society.  
3  
4 *Social Theory and Health*, 10(3), 229–244.  
5  
6  
7

8  
9 Macpherson, H. (2016). Walking methods in landscape research: moving bodies, spaces of  
10 disclosure and rapport. *Landscape Research*, 41(4), 425-432,  
11  
12 <https://doi.org/10.1080/01426397.2016.1156065>.  
13  
14  
15  
16

17  
18  
19 Macpherson, H. and Fox, A. (2016). Listening space: Lessons from artists with and without learning  
20 disabilities. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, 34(2), 371-389.,  
21  
22 <https://doi.org/10.1177/0263775815613093>.  
23  
24  
25  
26

27  
28  
29 May, V. and Lewis, C. (2019). Researching embodied relationships with place: rehabilitating the sit-  
30 down interview. *Qualitative Research*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1468794119834186>.  
31  
32  
33  
34

35  
36 Moran, A., James, M., and Kirby, K. (2011). Whatever happened to the third paradigm? Developing  
37 mixed methods research. *Qualitative Research in Sport, Exercise and Health*, 3, 362-369,  
38  
39 <https://doi.org/10.1080/2159676X.2011.607843>.  
40  
41  
42  
43

44  
45  
46 Osborne, T. and Jones, P. (2017). Biosensing and geography: A mixed methods approach. *Applied*  
47  
48 *Geography*, 87, 160-169, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apgeog.2017.08.006>.  
49  
50  
51

52  
53 Parent, L. (2016). The wheeling interview: mobile methods and disability. *Mobilities*, 11, 521-532,  
54  
55 <https://doi.org/10.1080/17450101.2016.1211820>.  
56  
57  
58  
59  
60

1  
2 Parr, H. (2004). Medical geography: critical medical and health geography? *Progress in Human*  
3  
4 *Geography*, 28(2), 246-257, <https://doi.org/10.1191/0309132504ph484pr>.  
5  
6  
7

8  
9 Paterson, M. and Glass, M.R. (2018). Seeing, feeling, and showing 'bodies-in-place': exploring  
10  
11 reflexivity and the multisensory body through videography. *Social and Cultural Geography*,  
12  
13 <https://doi.org/10.1080/14649365.2018.1433866>.  
14  
15  
16

17  
18 Power, A. (2018) Informal Caregivers: People, place and identity. In: Crooks, V.A., Andrews, G.J.  
19  
20 and Pearce, J. (Eds) *Routledge Handbook of Health Geography*. Abingdon: Routledge, Chapter 24,  
21  
22 pp. 166-171.  
23  
24  
25

26  
27  
28 Simpson, P. (2011). 'So, as you can see...': Some reflections on the utility of video methodologies in  
29  
30 the study of embodied practices. *Area*, 43, 343-352.  
31  
32  
33

34  
35  
36 Spinney, J. (2011). A chance to catch a breath: Using mobile video ethnography in cycling research.  
37  
38 *Mobilities*, 6(2), 161-182, <https://doi.org/10.1080/17450101.2011.552771>.  
39  
40  
41

42  
43 Spinney, J. (2015). Close encounters? Mobile methods, (post)phenomenology and affect. *Cultural*  
44  
45 *Geographies*, 22(2), 231-46, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1474474014558988>.  
46  
47  
48

49  
50 Springgay, S. and Truman, S.E. (2019). *Walking Methodologies in a More-than-Human World:*  
51  
52 *WalkingLab*. Abingdon: Routledge.  
53  
54  
55

1  
2 Thompson, C. and Reynolds, J. (2018). Reflections on the go-along: How "disruptions" can  
3  
4 illuminate the relationships of health, place and practice. *The Geographical Journal*,  
5  
6  
7 <https://doi.org/10.1111/geoj.12285>.  
8  
9

10  
11 Van Cauwenberg, J., Van Holle, V., Simons, D., Deridder, R., Clarys, P., Goubert, L., Nasar, J.,  
12  
13  
14 Salmon, J., De Bourdeaudhuij, I. and Deforche, B. (2012). Environmental factors influencing older  
15  
16 adults' walking for transportation: a study using walk along interviews. *International Journal of*  
17  
18 *Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity*, 9, 85-96, <https://doi.org/10.1186/1479-5868-9-85>.  
19  
20  
21

22  
23  
24 Warren, S. (2017) Pluralising the walking interview: researching (im)mobilities with Muslim  
25  
26 women. *Social and Cultural Geography*, 18(6), 786-807,  
27  
28  
29 <https://doi.org/10.1080/14649365.2016.1228113>.  
30  
31

32  
33  
34  
35  
36 Zenk, S.N., Matthews, S.A., Kraft, A.N., and Jones, K.K. (2018). How many days of global positioning  
37  
38 system (GPS) monitoring do you need to measure activity space environments in health research?  
39  
40  
41 *Health and Place*, 51, 52-60, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2018.02.004>.  
42  
43  
44  
45  
46  
47  
48  
49  
50  
51  
52  
53  
54  
55  
56  
57  
58  
59  
60