

# The Self and Living with Mental Illness :Through examination of Parsonal Stories

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The purpose of this paper is to describe the experiences of people with serious mental illness such as schizophrenia in order to clarify how they make sense of having a serious chronic illness through examination of their narratives . In this paper we focus on three changes in time:1) changes of meanings of illness or definition of situations, 2) changes of coping pattern with illness or their situations, 3) changes of identity. At the last some findings was addressed.