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Research News

Knowledge Transfer Conference

The Faculty of Humanities in conjunction with the [University of Salford](#) held a one-day conference on 29th November 2006 entitled 'Knowledge Transfer', which was sponsored by the [AHRC](#), [UK GRAD Programme](#), The University of Manchester and the University of Salford.

The conference was organised and run by students from both the Faculty of Humanities and the University of Salford, and was supported by staff in the PGR Skills Training Team and UK Grad. More than 90 delegates attended.

New Research Network on Love

Researchers in the Centre for International Politics currently in the process of setting up a research network on love and would like to hear from colleagues in any discipline area in the Humanities who share this interest.

Their interest in love is prompted by a series of questions (which is meant to be illustrative, not exhaustive):

- How does love matter?
- How has the word 'love' been lost in so much work that addresses people's relations to each other?
- How does love already underwrite the research that we do?
- How do people make space for researching love?
- How does taking account of love affect research methodologies?
- How is it possible to write, as a scholar, 'with' love?
- Can love be known?
- Is love an emotion?
- What are the (dis) continuities of experiences of love across time and cultures?
- How is love represented?
- How do notions of love inform ethics?

Anyone researching love who might be interested in participating in this new research network can attend the first meeting on Thursday 7 December, 1-2pm in Room O.2.29 Dover Street Building to explore common interests with a view to having a more formal workshop in the spring.

If you are interested in the research network, please contact Maja Zehfuss at maja.zehfuss@manchester.ac.uk, even if you are unable to come to the meeting.

Simon and Hallsworth Funds 2007

For information on the various schemes funded by the Simon and Hallsworth endowments and coordinated by the Faculty Research Office, please go to: <http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/humnet/acaserv/research/internalfellowshipsprocedure/>

Manchester/Harvard 2007 Summer School

In the summer of 2007, The University of Manchester will host a 'graduate' summer institute in collaboration with Harvard, involving Professor Robert Putnam and Professor Mary Waters plus invited speakers.

http://ksgfaculty.harvard.edu/Robert_Putnam

<http://www.wjh.harvard.edu/soc/faculty/waters/>

This will link directly to the recently launched Manchester/Harvard five-year initiative on 'social change' designed to develop a new rigorous, empirically-grounded, study of what drives social change, how this relates to well-being of different members of society, and the implications of this for the design of a wide range of policies and institutions.

The broad thematic area for the summer programme will be 'Immigration and Diversity'. This will be defined more precisely in January when Harvard staff visit Manchester for a series of planning meetings.

We are currently expecting that there will be an opportunity for approximately ten Manchester graduate students to enrol on what will be an intense two-week programme of training, interaction with world leading researchers and guest lectures. The rest of the cohort will be drawn from students at Harvard and/or within the UK. At this stage we are specifically aiming to identify students in discipline areas who may want to be participate in the programme. This will be high profile and places are limited but we want to involve Manchester's best students where possible.

We expect that this will be of interest/relevance to students currently engaged in research on or around the following subject areas:

Migration; ethnicity; civicness; social cohesion, immigration and race, workplace practices, active citizenship, religious tolerance, urban affairs, criminal justice, public health and social policy (this is not exhaustive).

Please begin to circulate information concerning the summer programme within your Schools and also where possible provisionally inform Jared Ruff of students along with their supervisors who you think may be suitable candidates for this event.

More information on Professor Putnam's appointment and the project can be found at <http://www.socialsciences.man.ac.uk/school/socialchange/default.htm>

Please contact Jared Ruff, Senior Research Manager on 275 0288 or at jared.ruff@manchester.ac.uk for more information.

New Appointments

Leading researchers in international development join Brooks World Poverty Institute

Professors Tony Addison and Michael Woolcock will be Executive Director and Research Director respectively.

Tony Addison, who is Professor of Development Studies at the University's Institute for Development Policy and Management, came from the World Institute for Development Economics Research in Helsinki where he was Deputy Director.

He is also an Associate Director of the University's Chronic Poverty Research Centre (CPRC) which coordinates a global network of poverty research institutes in the UK and the developing world.

Michael Woolcock will work as a Visiting Professor of Social Science and Development Policy at Manchester this academic year before joining BWPI full-time next September.

He is currently Senior Social Scientist in the World Bank's Development Research Group in Washington DC.

New Chair in Creative Writing

Patricia Duncker will join English and American Studies in January 2007 as the University's first Professor of Creative Writing. She previously worked at UEA where she has been Professor since 2003.

Although she has written widely on feminism and contemporary literature, she is best known as a novelist and short story writer. Her critical work includes *Sisters and Stranger: An Introduction to Contemporary Feminist Fiction* and she is co-editor, with Vicky Wilson, of *Cancer through the eyes of ten women* to which she is also a contributor. She has also published a collection of essays on writing and contemporary literature, *Writing on the Wall*.

She has written many articles on contemporary fiction and is a frequent contributor to a variety of BBC Arts Programmes. Her first novel, *Hallucinating Foucault* (1996), won the Dillons First Fiction Award and the McKitterick Prize and has been translated into nine languages. Her collection of short fiction, *Monsieur Shoushana's Lemon Trees* was shortlisted for the 1997 Macmillan Silver Pen Award.

ICT News

New ICT Office Website

As you may have noticed the ICT Office has redesigned its website. With support from Richard Wiseman the Faculty Web Officer we have gone through an involved process to redesign the look and feel, navigation and content.

The ICT Office provides a range of services to support research and teaching and learning and details of these are now available on the website. We would very much appreciate any feedback you have on the website, so please go to <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/humanities/ict/>, have a browse around and click on the feedback link.

Reprographics Services

The ICT Office runs 3 reprographics units that offer a range of services primarily aimed at large-volume printing, such as handouts and booklets, see <http://ict.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/facilities/printing/reprographics.html> for more details.

A new service we are now offering is A4 and A3 laminating at 15p and 30p respectively (excluding the print to be laminated), which is available in all 3 print units.

If you haven't already filled in the online survey at <http://tinyurl.com/yl9scy>, please take a few minutes to fill it in so that we can improve the services offered, but hurry, the survey closes on the 5th December!

Volunteers Wanted

Spinal Manipulation Research Trial

The Centre for Rehabilitation Science at the University is recruiting people who currently have low back pain, to participate in a spinal manipulation trial. Spinal manipulation is a commonly used treatment for low back pain and has been used successfully for the last eighty years.

The experiment will look at the effects of spinal manipulation on the electrical activity in the spinal muscles in order to gain a better understanding of the effects of spinal manipulative treatments. Participation in the experiment will involve four visits to the Wellcome Trust Research Facility, with each visit being less than one-hour duration. The experimental process will entail examination and then manipulation of the back if appropriate.

Please note that you would not be suitable to take part if you are pregnant, have had previous spinal surgery, or have serious spinal disease. Also if you have pain which affects one or both legs you may not be suitable.

If you are interested or for further information please contact:

Fiona Stirling on 0161 276 6946, or email fiona.stirling@manchester.ac.uk or Louise Potter at smartrial@hotmail.com

Manchester Local Research Ethics Committees have agreed that the trial may go ahead.

Thanks

Thanks to all those who took part in the conference held on the 9 November for Fixed Term Researchers (FTRs) working in the Faculty of Humanities. The day was a great success attracting representatives from each of the schools as well as a number of colleagues from FLS and MHS.

Feedback from each of the sessions was very positive and the data gathered will contribute towards the development of a tailored training programme for FTRs. The aim is to build on this success and plans are already being made for a 2007 conference.

Dr Susan Hogan
Postdoctoral Research Training Officer
Faculty of Humanities

Communications News

Faculty of Humanities Review 2006/7

The first Faculty of Humanities Report is about to be produced in print form, with an online version coming soon.

The Report contains an Introduction from the Dean, two pages each on the achievements of each School, along with features on BWPI, the Centre for Chinese Studies, Teaching and Learning, and a section on Achievements and Distinctions.

It is a follow-on publication from the Faculty launch brochure, designed to give a flavour of the work that has been undertaken within the Faculty over past two years.

Every member of staff will receive a copy. If you do not have a copy by mid- December, please contact Jo Grady, who will arrange for a copy to be sent to you.

If you have any external partners who you think would be interested in receiving a copy of the Review, again please contact Jo Grady, who will send extra copies.

Jo.grady@manchester.ac.uk

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`Message for the Dean' on Humnet

The facility to post a message to the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Professor Alistair Ulph, is now available on the Humanities intranet site- HumNet. If you would like to submit a message to the Dean please go to

<http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/humnet/aboutus/announcements/askdean/>

Your question will receive a response from the Dean within ten working days, or in his absence by a senior member of staff.

Humanities in the News

A great deal of interest has been generated by the announcement of the Harvard Manchester collaboration on social change led by Professor Robert Putnam across all media. There have also been other notable successes including two front pages in the Pink Paper and the Times Educational Supplement (a third if we count the front page of the Times Public Agenda Supplement) and (possibly) a record seven stories and one letter in the Times Higher Educational Supplement. Dr Ludi Simpson's work on segregation also continues to generate coverage.

Forthcoming Events

Manchester Business School's annual Women in Management lecture 6 December

Manchester Business School will be holding its annual Women in Management lecture on Wednesday 6 December. This year's speaker is Helen Colley from Farmhouse Fare - Lancashire's Queen of Puddings!

Helen will be sharing her experiences from setting the company up in her parents' kitchen at the age of 18 to supplying the UK's major food retailers in a lecture entitled From Farmhouse Kitchen to Household Name. The evening promises to be full of valuable lessons for anyone interested in management and entrepreneurship.

This event is free of charge and is the perfect occasion for networking – attracting the cream of the North West's business community and a question and answer session also offers plenty of opportunity for lively debate.

It will be held at G6, Manchester Business School West, and begins with a reception at 6.00pm, followed by the talk at 6.30 pm.

A networking dinner will also take place following the lecture and tickets for this part of the evening are £25.

You can register online at <http://www.mbs.ac.uk/events/women-management.htm> or contact Sue Huzar at sue.huzar@mbs.ac.uk or + 44 (0)161 275 7257.

6 December

`Workshop on Environmental Citizenship'

Key speaker: Professor Andrew Dobson, Keele University

Venue: 1.69/1.70 in Humanities Building, Bridgeford Street

Time: 2-5 pm

The Society and Environment Research Group are pleased to welcome Professor Andrew Dobson, who will speak on the subject of Environmental Citizenship, followed by a debate on his work and a wider discussion on the theme of environmental citizenship.

The event will be split into two halves. The first half will involve Professor Dobson offering some thoughts on the issue of environmental citizenship today, followed by questions. The second half will involve whole group discussion led by a Professor Noel Castree.

Please email Dr. Rosaleen Duffy in Politics, rosaleen.duffy@manchester.ac.uk for copies of the key readings for this workshop, or for more information about the new research group see <http://www.sed.manchester.ac.uk/research/SERG.htm>

The **Educational Policy and Leadership Network** in the School of Education is holding a series of seminars in 2007 beginning with the following:

17 January

'Using Activity Theory to evaluate a large scale intervention aimed at preventing exclusion'
Professor Anne Edwards (Oxford University)

Venue: Humanities Building Devas Street, CEL Training Room.

Time: 2pm

Please contact Georgia Irving if you wish to attend- Georgia.irving@manchester.ac.uk

Submissions for Future Bulletins

Please forward any items for inclusion in the first bulletin of 2007 to Jo Grady, Communications Officer in the Faculty of Humanities at jo.grady@manchester.ac.uk.