

July 2007 Bulletin

Head of School of Law

Professor Frank Stephen will become Head of the School of Law from 1 August 2007. Frank who joined the School in September 2005 is Professor of Regulation.

Frank takes over the position from Professor Andrew Sanders who has been head of school since September 2004. Thanks are due to Andrew for his work in this role.

Further to discussions between Paul Dixon, Karen Heaton and Albert McMenemy, and discussion at yesterday's faculty Training User Group, I'd like to confirm that funding to support attendance on external qualification courses (FE) and short courses (ETSS) from STDU has been frozen during the next financial year to contribute to university savings targets and pending a complete review of the policy for support.

Funding of External Staff Development Courses

A certain amount of money has been ring-fenced to support university staff who are currently part way through their qualification courses. Such staff need to apply as usual and funding will be granted subject to continued progress with their qualification in line with existing terms and conditions. However, no new applications for funding will be accepted for course dates running from Summer 2007 into the new academic year and therefore during the next University financial year i.e. August 2007 to July 2008.

It is intended that the review of the external course funding policies will be completed to coincide with decisions next year about the 2008/2009 budget and an announcement concerning support, should it be available, will be made in good time to allow staff to make decisions about whether or not to apply.

Internally provided/supported qualification courses, for example those endorsed by the Institute of Leadership and Management; professional certificates in management and the European Computer Driving Licenses (ECDL) will continue, however, activity levels may be scaled back if necessary to meet budget reduction targets.

Any issues raised by this change should be discussed with your line manager in the first instance.

Centre for New Writing appoints more acclaimed writers

The Centre for New Writing in the School of Arts, Histories and Cultures has added prize-winning novelist M.J. Hyland to its staff of novelists and poets.

The writer, who was recently awarded the Hawthornden Prize for her second novel *Carry Me Down* and the Encore prize for best second novel, has been appointed as a Lecturer in Creative Writing.

M.J. Hyland's second novel, which charts a year in the profoundly troubled family life of twelve year old John Egan in early 1970s Ireland, was also shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize and the Commonwealth Writers Prize. Her work has been acclaimed by the likes of Ali Smith, Hilary Mantel and J.M. Coetzee, who said, "This is fiction writing of the highest order."

Co-Director of the Centre Dr John McAuliffe said: "We are delighted that M.J. Hyland has agreed to join the Centre for New Writing when it opens in September.

"She is a terrific writer, one of the leading members of the new generation of British and Irish novelists, and her experience as a writer coupled with her enthusiasm as a teacher will be a real boon to our students."

The author will join literary heavyweight Martin Amis at the Centre, whose appointment was announced in March. He will teach post-graduate seminars in Manchester each fortnight, and will also take part in a series of landmark events.

The Centre has also appointed two new Research Fellows:

- Joe Stretch, a Manchester-based, first-time novelist and singer in “electro death pop band” Performance.
- Neil Rollinson, a poet whose works “...ring with compassionate wonder at the universe,” (Independent on Sunday). His fourth book Demolition will be published by Jonathan Cape in September.

For details of the Centre’s writer events please subscribe to its forthcoming eNewsletter, by e-mailing jo.nightingale@manchester.ac.uk www.manchester.ac.uk/arts/newwriting

Widening Participation News

Pathways to Law

The first cohort of Pathways to Law students will be confirmed at the beginning of August. Schools have also been registering interest in our pre-Pathways to Law programme for Y9 and 10. The pre-Pathways programme will aim to give pupils an insight into studying Law and to inform them of the opportunities available as part of Pathways to Law, so that they can make an informed decision as to whether they wish to apply for the programme when they reach Y11 in September. For further information please email katie.howley@manchester.ac.uk

Humanities Yr9 Summer School

The second annual Humanities Summer School on 22-24th May was a huge success with excellent feedback from the pupils and the parents and teachers that attended the Presentations & Closing Ceremony on Thursday 24th May in Crawford House. 100 pupils from across Manchester took part in three days of workshops, lectures and Higher Education awareness and employability sessions. We now have footage from the Big Brother-style "Diary Room" and videos of the pupils' presentations up on the website. We will be hosting two residential summer schools on 28-29th June and 9-10th July for pupils from Greater Merseyside. For more information on Summer Schools, please contact: Kathryn.McTavish@manchester.ac.uk

Applying Successfully to the School of Arts Histories and Cultures

This pilot event took place on Thurs 14th June with 30 Y12 students from Chester . The event consisted of a research task, where the students researched the variety of degree disciplines available with the SAHC; generic talks on entry requirements, predicted grades and writing a successful personal statement; a presentation on the opportunities available within Combined Studies; and a workshop on personal interests and skills. The pupils were also given the opportunity to speak to each of the Admissions Administrators for the School of Arts, Histories and Cultures. We are hoping to develop this programme into a Faculty-wide event for Year 12 pupils. For more information contact: katie.howley@manchester.ac.uk

ICT News

WebCT drop-in sessions: course housekeeping

At the end of the academic year it is usually necessary to carry out some housekeeping on your WebCT courses. This includes backing up any data you wish to keep and resetting the course to remove this year's students.

There is information about the procedures in E-learning Essentials, in the "Administering your WebCT course" area.

The Humanities ICT Teaching and Learning Team have arranged some drop in sessions to help you reset your course.

The sessions will take place between 1pm - 2 pm and are not School specific. All staff are welcome to attend on the following dates:

- Tuesday, 10 July in W2.19 Humanities, Lime Grove
- Wednesday, 11 July in W2.19 Humanities, Lime Grove
- Thursday, 12 July W2.19 Humanities, Lime Grove

If you are unable to attend any of the sessions and require assistance, please email ele@manchester.ac.uk

Online IT Interactive Learning Materials

The University has range of online learning resources to support the development of IT skills. Many of these are flexible, interactive, self paced resources including skills for Microsoft Office basic, intermediate and advanced, ECDL, typing tutor.

They are available to all staff and students. If you are interested in finding out more for your own development, as a line manager, lecturer or programme administrator please come to one of the short information and practical sessions designed to give you access to the resources and answer any of your questions about their use. Sessions of 1h duration will be held as follows:

- Thursday 12th July 9.30-10.30 - B3.3 Humanities Devas Street
- Thursday 12th July 10.30-11.30 - B3.3 Humanities Devas Street
- Friday 13th July 10.30-11.30 - W2.19 Lime Grove
- Friday 13th July 11.30-12.30 - W2.19 Lime Grove

Congratulations

Susan Mackay

Susan Mackay IT officer in LLC has won the Teaching and Learning award for support staff.

This award has been made to Susan Mackay who is an IT Officer in Teaching and Learning in the Humanities ICT Office. Her award is a landmark as it reinforces the partnership between academic and support staff in teaching and learning. She has not only supported development of major e-learning projects across the School of Languages, Linguistics and Cultures but has also had an impact on outreach through the Children's University and school workshops. Susan says: "A belief that communication and collaboration are key to successful and productive working relationships informs my approach to the role of learning support. These create an environment for the successful facilitation of student-centred, student-led e-learning."

She continues: "Learning support is more than a reactive response to academic requests. It is the opportunity to enhance staff abilities to develop new initiatives, ideas, methods and techniques. It is an integral part of the iterative process of ongoing curriculum and pedagogic developments encompassing advising, identifying appropriate infrastructures for e-learning projects, evaluating and piloting initiatives with colleagues to find the right solutions to pedagogic challenges. Being part of an enterprising, collaborative team with complementary skills is essential to these processes."

Numerous colleagues lent their support to Susan's nomination, perhaps best reflected by comments from Annie Morton and Catherine Franc: "We would never have been able to integrate WebCT into our language modules without Susan's endless patience, support and encouragement. It is not only

her expertise which is invaluable, but also her way of sharing this with IT novices like ourselves, enthralling us in turn to reflect upon our provision, try out new things under her guidance, and ultimately produce sites which enhance our student's learning experience. We are (and will continue to be) very grateful to her!"

Humanities in the News

Professor Robert Putnam, who has been visiting the University as part of the Harvard Manchester collaboration has been speaking in various outlets about his research on immigration and diversity, including an article in the Guardian and a contribution to the World at One on BBC Radio Four. Other highlights include a book detailing the social and historical context of Karaoke co-authored by Dr Francesca Tarocco from the School of Arts, Histories and Cultures which received wide coverage in the broadcast and print media. More is planned. Dr Rajinder Dudrah's contribution to the Bollywood Oscars was covered in major broadcast outlets. A DVD ROM devoted to the Romani language put together by the Romani Project under Professor Yaron Matras also received national and regional attention in the print media. Press releases from earlier in the year continue to generate interest.

Forthcoming Events

Forthcoming events are listed in date order

30th June to July 2nd Beyond Text?

Beyond Text? - Image: Voice: Sound: Object Synaesthetic and Sensory Practices in Anthropology.

For more information and to register <http://www.raifilmfest.org.uk/conference.htm>

2 July BWPI Summer Guest Lecture Series Partha Dasgupta

6.30PM Crawford House Theatre 1, Partha Dasgupta: "Social capital: Economic analytics"

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<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/bwpi>

3 July BWPI Summer Guest Lecture Series Athar Hussain

5.30PM Crawford House Theatre 1, Athar Hussain: "Emergence of China in retrospect and prospect"

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4 July Institute for Social Change and Harvard University PROFESSOR DOUGLAS MASSEY

5.00 pm Crawford Lecture Theatre 1

Professor Douglas Massey Professor of Sociology Princeton University 'Understanding America's Immigration Crisis'

Douglas S. Massey is the Henry G. Bryant Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. An expert on racial segregation, inequality and immigration, Massey has published most recently, *Crossing the Border* (Russell Sage Press, 2004) and *Beyond Smoke and Mirrors* (Russell Sage Press 2002). The latter offers a critical analysis of U.S. immigration policy toward Mexico and won the 2004 Otis Dudley Duncan Award for the best book in social demography, Massey is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Philosophical Society. He is Past-President of the Population Association of America and the American Sociological Association and current President of the American Academy of Political and

Social Science. His most recent book is *Categorically Unequal: The American Stratification System* (Russell Sage Press, 2007). www.manchester.ac.uk/socialchange

6 July BWPI Summer Guest Lecture Series Michael Lipton

5.00PM Crawford House Theatre 1, Michael Lipton: "Role of agriculture in economic development"

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9 July BWPI Summer Guest Lecture Series Ha-Joon Chang

3.00PM Cordingley Theatre, Humanities Bridgeford St Building, Ha-Joon Chang: "Kicking away the ladder: Development strategy in historical perspective"

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18 July UMIP Seminar Research Contracts & Project Management Techniques, Tools & Tips

9.45 – 12.30 a free seminar on two commercialisation subjects venue Core Technology Facility (CTF) 46 Grafton Street. To book http://www.umip.com/book_event/?id=1

19-21 July Hallsworth Conference 'War and our World'

Manchester Conference Centre

We are pleased to announce that plenary speakers also include:

- Chris Cramer, SOAS
- Vivienne Jabri, Kings College
- Stathis Kalyvas, Yale

Evening Events

18 July 2007 7-9pm A free performance lecture in the John Thaw Studio by the Director of the AHRC In Place of War project, James Thompson, and the official launch of the project's online database.

19 July 2007 Passion Pit & Theatre Tours International's World Premiere of 'Child of Biafra' at the Contact Theatre. A discussion with Martin Bell and Romano Cagnoni will follow.

Tickets are £6 (concessions) and £8.

To reserve your place at the IPoW performance event and/or to obtain 'Child of Biafra' tickets, please contact Ruth Daniel ruth.daniel@manchester.ac.uk

21 July 6.30pm-7.30pm a complimentary drinks reception and viewing at the Imperial War Museum North.

To attend the 'War and our World' conference and/or IWMN reception, please contact Janet Meredith or Alex Toye, Conference Administrators, School of Arts, Histories & Cultures 58950; 58951 Email: wow@manchester.ac.uk <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/warandourworld>

SED Advance notice of new term events

4 October 2007 Radical Histories of Aid: Postcolonial Perspectives Seminar

5 October 2007 SED Annual Lecture and Manchester Architecture Research Centre Launch - Bruno LaTour

24 October 2007 Impact Assessment Workshop

16 November 2007 The Work of Cities and Regions Workshop

Please email debra.whitehead@manchester.ac.uk if you would like further details of any of the above events .