

September 2007 Bulletin

e-Learning Support

Emmett Flynn joined the Faculty on 3rd September as IT Officer to provide support to e-learning projects. Emmett can be contacted on emmett.flynn@manester.ac.uk

ICT News

Changes to the way in which IS Support is delivered

This note is intended to update staff and students within the Faculty on the progress being made toward developing a seamless IS support function operating efficiently and effectively across the three levels of the administration: School, Faculty and Centre.

As part of the May 2007 review of devolution an IS Task Group was established to look at ways in which IS could be better structured in order to deliver more effective services in the most efficient manner. The Task Group report (see www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/medialibrary/task-force/it-services.pdf) produced a number of principles together with a number recommendations as to areas for further consideration/review. The Faculty IS Managers, working with the Head of the IT Services Division, have been working hard to develop new structures and to revise service delivery models which reflect these principles and recommendations.

A great deal of progress has been made in some areas offering the opportunity for early restructuring (common University staff desktop, shared service desk and infrastructure) whilst other areas (IT procurement, applications development, reprographics and eLearning) have produced initial reports containing recommendations which will be considered further over the coming months.

It is intended that a consultation document outlining these revised delivery models will be published by the Head of the IT Services Division during the week beginning the 18th September. This consultation document will be considered at an extraordinary meeting of the Faculty Information Systems Committee (HISC).

For further information contact Guy Percival guy.percival@manchester.ac.uk

Widening Participation News

Humanities Adult Learners Preparatory course

Weds 12th and Thurs 13th September

The Humanities Adult Learners preparatory course is a 2 day event for adult learners who are about to embark upon a Humanities degree this September, and is a chance for new students to familiarize themselves with the university campus, facilities, services and methods of teaching and learning. It aims to support adult learners who have been out of education for some time through providing information, advice and guidance on studying at degree level and study skills. All sessions are tailored to the needs of Humanities students and will help with preparation for undergraduate study. It is also a perfect opportunity for new students to meet with other adult learners, as well as current Humanities students who can share their experiences of university life as adult learners. For information on the preparatory course, please contact katie.howley@manchester.ac.uk, or visit: <http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/wideningparticipation/>

Gateway to Humanities * NEW Widening Participation Programme *

The Widening Participation Team will shortly be launching the new Gateway to Humanities Programme. We will be recruiting over one thousand pupils onto the Programme this year from Years 7-12 and across six subject strands: Business & Management, Citizenship (for School of Social Sciences & School of Arts, Histories & Cultures), Geography, History, Languages and Law.

The Programme aims to raise the aspirations of local pupils to the University of Manchester and raise awareness of the diversity of disciplines within the Humanities, while helping the pupils to develop the necessary skills that students need for successful HE study. For more information, please contact: Kathryn.McTavish@manchester.ac.uk , or visit: <http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/humnet/acaserv/wideningparticipation/initiatives/gateway/>

Congratulations

British Academy Fellowships

We are delighted that two members of the Faculty have been elected Fellows of the British Academy they are:

Prof Anthony Ogus Professor of Law

Prof Mike Savage Professor of Sociology and Director of the ESRC Centre for Research in Socio-Cultural Change

Humanities in the News

Research by Dr George Joseph from the School of Education on the origins of calculus received widespread newspaper and broadcast coverage both here and abroad. It was front page news throughout India. In possibly a first, the faculty was featured on both BBC Radio Four's PM and the Today Programme on the same day. Dr Patrick Devine Wright commented on the climate camp in PM and Dr Joseph spoke to Today at 8.30 - one of the top slots in the programme. Dr Yaakov Wise also made the front page of the Jewish Chronicle and Professor Robert Putnam's work on immigration and diversity was given extensive analysis in the Financial Times.

Forthcoming Events

Forthcoming events are listed in date order

6th & 7th September – British Association for Chinese Studies

The Centre for Chinese Studies is hosting the 2007 annual conference of British Association for Chinese Studies (BACS) and the 5th BCLTS International Symposium at Dalton Ellis Hall on 6th and 7th September 2007.

The 2007 BACS Conference is titled as ‘China : Evolution or Revolution?’.

The event is being organised as part of the China @ Manchester initiative jointly funded by the University of Manchester and Manchester City Council.

Details can be found on

<http://www.ccs.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/research/bACSconference.htm>.

11th September – Training for Research and PGR Briefing

The Faculty of Humanities Training Team will be holding a briefing session on the 11 September from 1 - 2 pm in the Cordingley Lecture Theatre, Bridgeford Street. This will be to publicise the forthcoming PGR and Research Staff training and development programmes due to commence in the new term.

For further information please contact either

Mrs Esme Caulfield on esme.caulfield@manchester.ac.uk (PGR training)

Or

Dr Susan Hogan on susan.hogan@manchester.ac.uk (Research Staff training)

24th September - Martin Amis public event

Martin Amis public event: Writing in the 21st Century

Martin Amis will be joined by John Banville and Will Self for a debate on the state of the art in the 21st century.

For further information

<http://www.arts.manchester.ac.uk/martinharriscentre/mhceventspage.php?eventid=424>

4th October - Literature Live with Rose Tremain

Literature Live with Rose Tremain (Manchester Literature Festival)

Rose Tremain reads from and discusses her work.

For further information

<http://www.arts.manchester.ac.uk/martinharriscentre/mhceventspage.php?eventid=388>

4 October – SED Seminar Radical Histories of Aid: Postcolonial Perspectives Seminar

Thursday 4 October 11am to 5pm CRIC Conference Suite Harold Hankins Building

For further information <http://www.sed.manchester.ac.uk/research/events/seminars/crsjiaseminars/>

24th October - Faculty Assembly

For your Diary.

The first Faculty Assembly for this academic year will be held on Wednesday 24th October 2007 at 2.00 in Whitworth Council Chamber

The second Faculty Assembly will be on Wednesday 9th April 2008 at 2.00 venue to be announced nearer the time.

Centre for Creative Writing Advance Programme

Full programme details can be found at

<http://www.arts.manchester.ac.uk/newwriting/events/LiteratureLive/eventsDB/>

8th October - Literature Live with Bill Manhire, Anna Smaill and Carl Shuker

12th October - Literature Live with Galway Kinnell

22nd October - Literature Live with Vona Groarke and M.J. Hyland

12th November - Literature Live with Robert Crawford and Peter Sansom

26th November - Literature Live with Michele Roberts

3rd December - Martin Amis public event: Literature and Terrorism

10th December - Literature Live with Geoff Dyer

13th December - Literature Live: The Rylands Poetry Reading with Paul Muldoon