

FACULTY BULLETIN, Spring 2010

1. MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

The Message from the Dean is available on line at <http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/humnet/committees/policyandresources/dean/>.

2. RESEARCH OFFICE NEWS

In late March the Deputy Dean launched an open consultation on the Humanities Net on how we can ensure that our research meets the highest standards of integrity, ethics and good governance. This has two parts – a specific opportunity to comment on the university ethical approval form and two open questions on the way forward.

The consultation can be found at <http://forums.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/index.php>

You can log in the normal way. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Luke Georghiou at luke.georghiou@mbs.ac.uk or Jared Ruff at Jared.Ruff@manchester.ac.uk

HEFCE have announced details of the outcome of the recent REF consultation. Details are available at the link below. <http://www.hefce.ac.uk/research/ref/>

A number of strategic and faculty-wide research events are planned for this academic session. Further details will be circulated after Easter, but two to note are:

- A half-day workshop on 22 June on the Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities elements of the (draft) FP7 2011 work programme
- The second seminar in our series to prepare for REF (and a follow up to the seminal book seminar in October 09) to be held on 30 June on getting your research published in higher-quality journals and getting your work cited.

3. AWARDS NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL OF LAW

Congratulations to Drs John Coggon, Amy Ford and Muireann Quigley, School of Law, who have just been awarded funding for a conference at the British Academy in London on Medical Law and Ethics in the Media Spotlight. Many leading names in medical law and ethics such as Lord Bingham, Prof Sir Alasdair Breckenridge, Mr Geoffrey Robertson QC and Baroness Warnock will be taking part along with Dame Nancy Rothwell, Prof Margot Brazier and Prof Hillel Steiner. The conference will be in November 2010, more information to follow.

Congratulations to Dinah Crystal and Anne Greenhough of the School of Law, who have been shortlisted for the Best Contribution by a Law School Award at this year's LawWorks & Attorney General's Student Awards. The short lists have been passed to the Attorney for her approval of the winners and runners up. The panel of judges was made up of Hugh Brayne (Tribunal Judge, former law academic and pro bono activist), Tom Laidlaw (LexisNexis), Husnara Begum (Lawyer2B) and Linda Lee (Vice-President of the Law Society of England & Wales). The awards ceremony will be held on Tuesday 30 March 2010 at the House of Lords. The winners in all

categories will be announced on the day in addition to a runner up. All short listed nominees will receive certificates of commendation signed by the Attorney.

4. MBS VITAL TOPICS LECTURE SERIES

The Manchester Business School Vital Topics lecture series for 2010 kicks off on Wednesday 28 April with John Timpson, chief executive of Timpson talking on the topic of Upside down management. A full list of the speakers is below.

All the events start at 18.30 in room G6, MBS West.

There are a limited number of complimentary tickets available to staff and students for each event. For more information and to register interest in attending staff and students need to visit

www.mbs.ac.uk/vitaltopics

To make a booking, click on the 'Book tickets' tab and follow instructions for staff and students.

Wednesday 28 April

John Timpson - chief executive, Timpson
Upside down management

Tuesday 11 May

Julie Meyer, Founder and CEO, BBC On-line Dragon's Den dragon
Ariadne Capital
Building an entrepreneur country

Thursday 17 June

Andy Hornby, group chief executive,
Alliance Boots
Managing a business after the credit crunch

Monday 28 June

Michael Steep, chief of operations, Innovation Team
Microsoft
A year in the life of innovation

Wednesday 7 July

Geoff Muirhead, group chief executive,
The Manchester Airport Group plc
Who needs an airport?

5. MEDIA NEWS

A press release describing the discovery of eighty ancient clay figures in Ghana generated substantial coverage, including the Independent newspaper, World Service news and America's largest science magazine Science. Promotional activity resulted in two stories appeared on the BBC One regional news programme North West Tonight on the same day - an interview with Martin Amis and an interview with an expert from Japanese studies. A press release of Professor Caroline Moser's study in Ecuador resulted in a feature in the Guardian and promotion of the research on *Jewish Chained Wives* in a feature in the Independent. An Associated Press interview with Alfredo Stein on reconstruction in Haiti set up by the humanities press office resulted in hundreds of stories across the United States - including the New York Times.

In a Radio Four documentary called Affluent Workers Revisited, Revisited, Luton-born Sarfraz Manzoor explored his home town as a subject of sociological fascination with Professor Fiona Devine, who studied the town's workers during the late 1980s.

The University of Manchester was mentioned in relation to coverage of Martin Amis' new book in a number of outlets including the Daily Telegraph, Tribune and the Manchester Evening news. A controversial exchange of letters between Martin Amis and Anna Ford was also widely reported across all media.

6. SKILLS TEAM NEWS

Skills for Mentors and Managers, 14 April & 24 June 2010 (two day course), 9:30 - 16:30, Sackville Street Building, C24

Develop a toolkit of approaches to mentor, coach and manage others effectively. This is a very practical course with plenty of practice to cultivate ways to communicate in one-to-one situations.

- Do you want to get the best from yourself, your students, researchers and colleagues?
- Do you want to hold useful and engaging annual reviews, appraisals and meetings?
- Do you want to help people take greater responsibility for their development and performance?

If so, you'll be interested in this two-day workshop that introduces you to the practical use of mentoring skills. The model that you'll learn has much in common with current thinking on leadership as well as professional and personal development. It provides a powerful complement, and an alternative approach, to traditional management.

No role plays - we're after real results.

This experiential workshop is delivered by professional coaches and trainers who have been university-based researchers and managers. We want participants to bring about lasting and powerful improvement in performance in real situations. With this in mind, we never ask you to engage in role-playing or to work on invented case studies. Reflecting this strong, practical focus, the event is 'hands on' and highly interactive throughout. Right from the start, you'll learn by using and observing specific skills and being coached yourself. You'll receive direct and personalised feedback from the workshop leaders and your peers, and be challenged to try out this new way of working with real people and real situations. To give experience of using the skills at work, you are also challenged to use what you learn between days one and two of the workshop.

This course is open to Research Staff and Academic Staff across the University. You must be able to attend both days, plus a short lunchtime session during May to be confirmed at the course.

To book a place, please go to:

<http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/humnet/acaserv/pgresearch/training/researchdev/course/index.htm?id=447>

7. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Events are listed at:

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

Notification of events

Information on forthcoming events should be submitted online:

<http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/humnet/aboutus/events/submit/>

Notification of bulletin items

Items for future issues of the bulletin can be submitted online via the following link:

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

or by sending an e-mail to Laura.Dobson@manchester.ac.uk