

Faculty of Humanities Researcher Development Bulletin

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Inside this bulletin you will find information and events of interest to postgraduate researchers and research staff within the Faculty of Humanities. This bulletin and previous issues can also be downloaded from the [bulletins](#) page of the Researcher Development website.

For all regular researcher development updates please follow our [Twitter page](#).



News

Are you new to PhD research this year? There is a new section of the website called "[The PhD Experience](#)" which ties in with the [Induction](#) page – take a look at the links on the left-hand side of the page. In this section you can find out more about expectation and the PhD, as well as the support available to you during your time in Manchester and how to assess your training and development as a researcher. Please also make time to explore the [Researcher Development Framework](#) (RDF) Interactive Tool and the new [Vitae RDF Resources page](#).

Useful links

[Researcher Development site](#)
[PGR Development Calendar](#)
[Research Staff Calendar](#)
[PGR Resources](#)
[methods@manchester](#)
[artsmethods@manchester](#)
[eProg](#)
[Vitae](#)

Postgraduate Training

Please only attend sessions when you have booked a place*. All training sessions are listed on our [PGR Development Calendar](#) – please click on the course you want to attend and book through eProg. If you are unable to attend a workshop on which you have booked, you **MUST** cancel your place through eProg or notify humanities-training@manchester.ac.uk in advance of the session. You can check the status of your bookings, register and cancel workshops through [eProg](#). Please see the note under 'other information' about our new policy regarding workshop places and see the new information on our website about [assessing your professional needs](#).

* Before booking onto a course please make sure that you can abide by our code of [professional etiquette](#).

February Faculty development sessions with places still available to book (at the time of writing this bulletin):

[Word Level 2 - supported workshops](#) 08/02/2012
[Presentation Skills for Beginners](#) 08/02/2012
[Academic Writing 1](#) 14/02/2012
[Academic Writing 2](#) 21/02/2012
[Keeping Your Research on Track](#) 21/02/2012
[Presentations, Practice and Feedback](#) 22/02/12
[Academic Writing 3](#) 28/02/12
[PowerPoint Level 1 - Supported Workshop](#) 29/02/12

For Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) workshops book [here](#)

For more information or to book on a course please go to the [PGR Development Calendar](#).

Research Staff

Information about research staff events is sent out in an e-mail bulletin. If you would like to be added to the list of recipients please contact claire.stocks@manchester.ac.uk. Alternatively you can visit the [Research Staff blog](#).

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Researcher Development Bulletin**February 2012****Dates for your Diary****Professor Steve Jones 'Incest & Folk-Dancing, two things to avoid'****Special Lecture: 13/03/12 5-6pm Theatre B, University Place.**

Stephen Jones is a Welsh geneticist and was Head of the Department of Genetics, Evolution and Environment at University College London. His studies are conducted in the Galton Laboratory. He is also a television presenter and a prize-winning author on the subject of biology, especially evolution. He is one of the contemporary popular writers on evolution. In 1996 his writing won him the Royal Society Michael Faraday Prize "for his numerous, wide ranging contributions to the public understanding of science in areas such as human evolution and variation, race, sex, inherited disease and genetic manipulation through his many broadcasts on radio and television, his lectures, popular science books, and his regular science column in The Daily Telegraph and contributions to other newspaper media".

Limited places available, book online at: www.ls.manchester.ac.uk/pgslecture

Faculty Seminars

To keep updated about what's going on in the Faculty check out the [Humnet Seminars and Events](#) web page. You can also use the online form to submit details of discipline specific seminars which you are organising.

University-Wide Development Opportunities**Postgraduate Online Writing Clinic**

The live writing clinic is an online, cross-faculty resource for postgraduate students at the University of Manchester. It is a 'drop in' facility which allows you to ask any questions you might have regarding academic writing. The clinics will usually take place between 1.00 – 2.00pm on Wednesdays access via the link - <http://tinyurl.com/ALPClinic2011>. Headphones are needed to listen to the clinic. If you have a microphone you will be able to speak to the tutor. If not, you will communicate by a chat facility. Contact howard.goodison@manchester.ac.uk with any questions.

[Training Courses for Research Computing](#)

IT Services is running a series of courses aimed at staff and postgraduates undertaking or interested in computational research. The courses are staged to lead you from understanding basic principles such as accessing high performance computing facilities to programming using parallel languages/extensions. Understanding the masses of data we collect is also covered via a selection of visualization courses.

[methods@manchester - What is...?](#)

A regular series of lunch-time talks which provide short, accessible introductory guides to key research methods. These talks are ideal for research students - or their supervisors - who want to find out what the method does and whether it might be useful in their research. They will also be of interest to any member of staff who is curious to find out about a new method. You might also like to have a look at the [methods videos](#) for summaries of talks on Social Sciences Research methods.

[artsmethods@manchester](#)

artsmethods@manchester is a programme of talks, workshops and events running throughout the year that explore approaches to arts research and the breadth of methodological expertise in arts and languages at the University of Manchester. artsmethods also works closely with cultural partners across Manchester and the North West to enhance the impact and dissemination of arts and languages research. The website contains useful resources both at the University of Manchester and nationwide. Workshops are available to book through eProg.

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The Library offers a range of information skills sessions throughout the year to help you with your research. Courses cover literature searching, citation analysis, reference management, keeping up-to-date and a range of workshops on specialist resources and research information issues.

Don't forget to check out [Vitae events in the North-West](#).

Other Information

Despite regular reminders about professional etiquette, people are still booking on courses then neglecting to turn up.

****Please note that we currently have a waiting list for some of our workshops. Those who book on to a workshop but fail to attend are denying others a place. Therefore from January 2012 the Faculty has implemented a new policy - we will be contacting schools and supervisors directly to inform them of those research students who have booked to attend a workshop but fail to turn up and neglect to cancel their place. If you attend a workshop, please ensure to sign the register****