

Faculty of Humanities Research Skills Training Bulletin

December 2010

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 Research Skills Training website.

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Researcher Development Team

Wishing Wall

If you want to make a difference to future researcher development, please give us your feedback and ideas. If there is anything you don't like or want to change, here's your chance!

<http://www.wallwisher.com/wall/humsresearchers>

Useful links

[Researcher Development site](#)

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Postgraduate Training

Please only attend sessions when you have booked a place*. All training sessions are listed on our [training calendar](#) – please click on the course you want to attend then book it through eProg.

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

December Faculty Training Sessions with places still available to book (at the time of writing this bulletin):

Professional and Academic Attributes

[Applied Critical Thinking for Writing Academic Arguments](#) – Thursday 16th December

[Viva Survivor](#) – Tuesday 7th December

I.T. Training

[PowerPoint Level 2](#) – Friday 3rd December and Thursday 9th December

For more information or to book on a course please go to the [training calendar](#).

Dates for your Diary

Upcoming training sessions in January are as follows:

Generalized Linear Models: a 3 day basic statistics course

For more information or to book on a course please go to the [training calendar](#).

PGR Well-being Day on Friday 14th January 2011 will give you a chance to beat the winter blues with free taster sessions in Tai Chi and Yoga and free neck and shoulder massages as well as other activities. For more information and to book for workshops see the [website](#).

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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 at: www.researchstafftraining.wordpress.com.

University-Wide Training

Junk the Jargon In only 3 minutes, can you... engage, inspire or challenge the audience and communicate your research simply and directly. If so you might be in line to win £500. Faculty heat to be held on 19th January. Contact ann.barlow@manchester.ac.uk

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.

Manchester Enterprise Centre Workshops**Market Research Workshop**

10am – 12pm Thursday, 9th December 2010, 4.206 University Place

Patent Searching workshop

10am – 12pm 10th December 2010, G11 Sackville Street Building

To book, please e-mail Claire Gill at claire.gill@manchester.ac.uk with your name and school.

Other Information

Congratulations to Gillian Mawson, PGR in SAHC on gaining a Manchester Beacon award for engaging the public with her research into Channel Island evacuees. In conjunction with Bury Archives, Gillian has produced a film which will be shown on BBC Television in 2011. There will be a preview showing in **Samuel Alexander A116 on Wednesday 8th December at 11.30.**

Guest posts from the British Library on the [PGR Doc Blog](#) – there are two recent guest posts on the blog from Dr. Sarah Evans, the Social Science Engagement Officer at the British Library (BL). The first post concerns the range of resources available to researchers at the BL, the second post concerns the collaborative projects taking place at the BL and might inspire ideas about the sorts of research relationships that can be developed. There is also a recent post by Hazel Burke of “Realities” – Hazel considers the question “Which kinds of research methods should I use?”.

Have a look at the Vitae website for the latest issue of [PGR Tips](#) with hints for making the most of feedback. You'll also find a downloadable [CPD tool](#) on the website, designed to help you identify your development needs and keep track of your training.