

# Faculty of Humanities Researcher Development Bulletin

## March 2014

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](#).



### Useful links

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

### Introducing the Researcher Development Team

Nicola Sheehan - Researcher Development Assistant

Nicola provides administrative support for Faculty researcher development and artsmethods activity, including managing and maintaining the online booking facility, managing the attendance database, liaising with students and tutors to help provide good training delivery (booking rooms, reminding students of forthcoming events, etc.) Nicola is the first point of contact for all enquiries related to researcher development events in the Faculty. Contact Nicola via [Humanities-training@manchester.ac.uk](#)

### Researcher Development Programme 2014/15

Our short survey into what researchers would like to see on the programme of researcher development sessions for next academic year is still open. We have only had a few responses so far but the results are interesting. They indicate a preference for face to face workshops over online resources and interest in workshops on presenting posters, social responsibility and transitioning out of doctoral study and a demand for more literature review workshops. **If you would like to have your say you can find the survey [here](#).**

### Postgraduate Development Workshops

#### March workshops

[Academic Writing workshops](#) 11/03/14

[Viva Survivor](#) 11/03/14 -

[Improve your Presentations Style](#) 12/03/14

[Editing and Proofreading Your Thesis](#) 18/03/14

[Planning Your Fieldwork](#) 18/03/14

[Reflective Practice and Blogging for Researchers](#) 25/03/14

[Keeping Your Research on Track](#) 26/03/14

[GTA Training](#) various dates

#### Spotlight on Technology - Preparing for Your Viva

As well as our 'Viva Survivor' workshop on 11/03/14 we also have copies of the 'Interviewer Viva' software which we can give to final year PhD students in Humanities. These take a bit of 'getting the hang of' so there will be a demonstration on 24/03/14. If you would like to attend, please sign up [here](#). Copies of the software will be provided to those who wish to use them.

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For all Researcher Development workshops please go to the [PGR Development Calendar](#) – please click on the course you want to attend and book through eProg. You can check the status of your bookings, register and cancel workshops through [eProg](#). Please see the information on our website about [assessing your professional needs](#).

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

**[methods@manchester workshops](#)** These events focus on particular methods or resources and provide an opportunity for discussion and exchange. Booking is essential – click here for full details.

**[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.

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

Please **only** attend sessions when you have booked a place. We keep track of numbers to make sure classes are not too full, and attending without registering is also unfair to those who have booked or are on a waiting list. Contact [Humanities-training@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Humanities-training@manchester.ac.uk) to cancel a place on workshop.

Please also make sure you can arrive to the session on time and that you can attend the whole session: late arrivals and people leaving halfway through the session create disruption.

**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 [Humanities-training@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Humanities-training@manchester.ac.uk). Alternatively you can visit the [Research Staff blog](#).

**University-Wide Development Opportunities****[Careers for Doctoral Researchers](#)**

Did you know that the careers service has a number of web pages devoted to doctoral researchers? You can find the links on the researcher development website under '[Your Professional Development](#)'

### [The University of Manchester Library](#)

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.

### [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.

### **Manchester GRADschool: Research Impact: Personal, Group and Societal 29 April-2 May 2014**

For many UK grant and fellowship applications, the ability to consider and demonstrate how you will make an impact with your research is an essential criteria. But impact is more than just research excellence, and making an impact inside and outside of academia is an important skill for today's effective researcher.

In this 3.5 day, interactive, non-residential GRADschool, hosted by The University of Manchester, we'll explore impact from three perspectives - personal, group and societal. You'll be inspired by shared insights, take part in challenges that stretch your skills and imagination, and reflect on your own experiences and ambitions for making an impact.

Places on the Manchester GRADschool are highly sought after. Before applying, please ensure that you can commit to the full 3.5 days and that your Supervisor is aware of your intentions. To apply for a place on the Manchester GRADschool 2013, please complete an [Application of Interest](#) no later than Thursday 17 April 2014. If you have any queries please contact [eps-grads@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:eps-grads@manchester.ac.uk) or tel: 0161 306 4188

### **PhD Research network for Healthcare Improvement**

A PhD research network for all doctoral students across the University who are researching areas related to healthcare improvement is currently being established. The network plans to provide a safe and supportive environment for doctoral students to share and discuss their healthcare related research, and also provide a networking forum for across the university. The network will also host seminars from guest speakers, related to many different areas of healthcare improvement research. The next few sessions will include speakers as follows:

3rd April	Rm. HH4.01 (MBS)	Professor Sue Llewellyn
24th April	Rm. HH4.01 (MBS)	Dr Alastair Brandon Jones
29th May	Rm. HH 4.02 (MBS)	Professor Ruth Boaden

If you want to get involved or attend a network meeting and want to find out more please contact [joy.furnival@postgrad.mbs.ac.uk](mailto:joy.furnival@postgrad.mbs.ac.uk) or [reinis.jones@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk](mailto:reinis.jones@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk) This will help us to plan room space and catering requirements.

Don't forget to check out [Vitae events](#).

**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.

**Biographical/narrative methods**

PhD student, Wazerah is hoping to invite Dr Tom Wengraf from the University of East London for a 1 day workshop on Biographical Narrative Interview Method here at Manchester University, arranged through [methods@manchester](mailto:methods@manchester). In order for this to be viable we need to have at least 20 participants, so Wazerah is trying to get a sense of how many people, in principle, would be interested in such an event. The date will have to be arranged later in discussion with Dr Wengraf, but if you would be interested in attending please contact Wazerah on [wzeerah@hotmail.com](mailto:wzeerah@hotmail.com).

**Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism (SEN)** is a fully peer-reviewed journal, published by Wiley-Blackwell on behalf of the Association of Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN). SEN publishes three issues per year on the themes of ethnicity, nationalism and identity, and encourages innovative submissions from a broad range of disciplines and regions with particular attention to up-and-coming scholars, postdoctoral fellows and graduate students working in the field.

Due to recent expansions in SEN's publication programme, we are currently looking for new members of our editorial team. Your tasks will include the soliciting and processing of manuscript submissions, author correspondence and general office support.

Applicants should have excellent time management skills (including the ability to work to deadlines and respond to e-mails on a timely basis) and a commitment to the themes of the journal. A background in academic writing and research is desirable but we are also happy to consider those with non-academic backgrounds. Applicants must be able to commit at least a year when assuming the position. Applications from PhD students that reside in London and can easily reach our premises at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) are particularly welcome.

These positions are unpaid but represent an invaluable opportunity for PhD candidates and anyone looking to have a career in publishing or journalism or who is simply interested in learning more about the interdisciplinary field of nationalism and ethnicity. Typically, these positions do not require more than 2-3 hours per week although this may vary somewhat depending on the stage in the publication cycle. To apply, please email a letter of interest and your CV to the Editors at [sen@lse.ac.uk](mailto:sen@lse.ac.uk) by 31/03/14. For queries or further information on SEN's publications and activities, please refer to the SEN websites <http://tinyurl.com/px6ufvh> and <http://senjournal.co.uk/> or contact Ulrike Theuerkauf ([u.g.theuerkauf@lse.ac.uk](mailto:u.g.theuerkauf@lse.ac.uk)) and Carolyn Heitmeyer ([c.m.heimmeyer@lse.ac.uk](mailto:c.m.heimmeyer@lse.ac.uk)).

**ASEN: PhD Scholarship**

The Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN) is pleased to announce a call for applications for its annual PhD Scholarship. The scholarship, open to all ASEN members who are enrolled as PhD students, is for £1000 toward your research. If you are not currently an ASEN member you can register at our website, [lse.ac.uk/asen](http://lse.ac.uk/asen). In order to apply, please submit a cover letter, CV, ASEN membership number, 1000 word research proposal, 500 word statement explaining how the scholarship would contribute to your programme of research, and one letter of reference from your supervisor. The completed application must be sent to [asen@lse.ac.uk](mailto:asen@lse.ac.uk) by 15 May 2014.