

School of Social Sciences

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Head of School Update

I hope colleagues have managed to take a break over the Easter period, a long weekend at least.

The President and Vice-Chancellor is visiting the School this week, please try your best to attend as this our opportunity to ask questions about the future direction of the University, and to share our ideas and concerns. On the same day have a School Board in the afternoon, to which all staff are invited. Again, please make an effort to attend as this is where you can raise questions, ideas and concerns that are fed back to the School, Faculty and University leadership teams. School boards are becoming increasingly important within the University as a forum for influencing decisions made by senior leadership teams.

As you will see below, preparations are ongoing for the merger of SoSS and the School Law in August. While there might be a few blips along the way, there is a lot of enthusiasm and willingness in both Schools to make the merger a success.

We have also had a number of successes that are worth noting on the completion rates of the NSS, on awards and appointments to distinguished societies, and also on a number of high-profile research grants.

As we head toward the assessment, examination and marking periods, please remember that it is important that we are still expected to be visible and available to students to provide advice.

Brian Heaphy, Head of School of Social Sciences

TEACHING & LEARNING

School Director, Ken Clark

Distinguished Achievement Award – Cristina Masters

Many congratulations to Cristina Masters from Politics who has won the Teacher of the Year award for 2019. Cristina was nominated on the basis of her outstanding teaching across 3 modules at PGT and UG level as evidenced by feedback from her students and colleagues in Politics. She will receive her medal from the President at a ceremony in June. This continues an excellent run of awards for the School in this competition with success in the Teacher of the Year category in 5 out of the last 6 years.

NSS Response Rates

At time of writing the School was extremely close to achieving a 50% response rate across all JACS3 codes and in the vast majority of our programmes. The closing date for the survey this year is Tuesday 20th April. After a shaky start we seem to have made up ground and

thanks are due to all colleagues who have encouraged third year students to participate. Results will be available to institutions in early August and cascaded from there.

Placement Years for School UG Programmes

Approval from the Faculty has been secured to offer a variant of three School UG programmes which features a year's work placement. The three programmes are BASS, BSocSc Sociology and BA(Econ) Economics and Social Science pathways. Students who undertake the year (their third year) placement will have the words "with Professional Experience) appended to their degree title and will complete a four years programme in total. This development, piloted in these three programmes, is intended to improve our students' employability and increase the attractiveness of the programmes to applicants.

RESEARCH NEWS

School Director, Claire Alexander

Awards

Congratulations to:

Connie Smith (Social Anthropology) for her UKRI Future Leaders Fellowship award.

Esteem:

Congratulations to Remi Joseph Salisbury (Sociology) whose first monograph, *Black Mixed-Race Men: Hybridity, Transatlanticity and 'Post-Racial' Resilience* (2018, Emerald Press), was this year's recipient of the Philip Abrams Memorial Prize, which is awarded to the best first and sole-authored book in the discipline of Sociology.

Congratulations to Tarani Chandola and Jackie Carter for their appointment to the ESRC Strategic Advisory Network.

Congratulations too to Tarani (Social Statistics), Alice Bloch (Sociology) and Wendy Olsen (Social Statistics) who have been elected as Fellows of the Academy of Social Sciences, and to Penny Harvey (social anthropology) who has been elected as a member of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters.

Visiting Professorships

The School has been successful in the recent round of Simon and Hallsworth Visiting Professorships:

- Shane Green, Indiana University, Host: Pete Wade (Anthropology)
- Robert Hopkins, New York University, Host: Catherine Abell (Philosophy)
- Stacy D VanDeveer, University of Massachusetts, Boston, Host: Paul Tobin (Politics)

Congratulations to Pete, Catherine and Paul on their success.

Research Office

We are pleased to welcome Becky Cross to the Research Office staff team. Becky joins us from a post with the RSA and will be helping colleagues in Sociology and Philosophy with their grant applications.

The office now comprises:

- Pat Gorham (Research Support Manager) – patricia.a.gorham@manchester.ac.uk
- Neil Chetham (Economic and Politics) –Neil. Chetham@manchester.ac.uk
- Becci Bailey (Social Anthropology and Social Statistics) – Rebecca.Bailey@manchester.ac.uk
- Becky Cross (Sociology and Philosophy) – Rebecca.Cross@manchester.ac.uk

Researchfish

Thank you to all colleagues who completed their Researchfish updates for this year's reporting period, and thanks to all in the research office for their support in this endeavour. The Faculty achieved 100% completion rates for the first time.

Mandatory Research Integrity Training

The University is implementing mandatory research integrity training for all staff who undertake research. **Staff are required to take a 1-hour concise course by July 31st 2019.**

Please can you undertake this online course

<https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/rbe/ethics-integrity/research-integrity/>

Guidance on how to access and complete the course can be found in the attached

[Staff guide for the Research Integrity course](#)

If you have not completed the course by July 31st 2019 you will not be able to apply for research funding or supervise PhD students until you have completed the training.

This has also been circulated through the University Bulletin as below

<https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/news/display/?id=21762>

Joint Workshop with University of Ghana

The University is taking part in a joint workshop at the University of Ghana on 9-10 May with the other N8 universities and researchers from the [African Research Universities Alliance](#) (ARUA). UKRI/GCRF is putting money into ARUA for [core support for their centres of excellence, but some more for joint projects with UK universities](#) and the workshop will be an opportunity to create a relationship with ARUA, especially around future applications.

Professor Steve Flint (Associate Vice-President for Internationalisation) is leading the team from UoM and there are a couple of places available for colleagues undertaking research in:

- Climate Change
- Food Security
- Non-Communicable Diseases
- Materials Development and Nanotechnology
- Energy
- Water Conservation

- Mobility and migration
- Poverty and Inequality
- Unemployment and skills development

If you would like to join the team please email james.evans@manchester.ac.uk to express your interest. Costs will be met from our central GCRF QR allocation.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Head of School Administration, Alison Wilson

Arrangements for Graduation

The Degree Ceremonies for Social Sciences will be held on Tuesday 9 July. Receptions for graduands and their guests will be held immediately after each ceremony in the marquee behind the Learning Commons. All members of staff are invited to the receptions.

Ceremony	Degree(s)
10.00 am	BA (Hons) Philosophy BSocSc (Hons) Politics and International Relations BA (Hons) Politics, Philosophy and Economics
12.00 noon	BSocSc (Hons) Social Anthropology BSocSc (Hons) Social Anthropology with International Study BSocSc (Hons) Sociology BA (Hons) Social Sciences
2.00 pm	BA(Economic and Social Studies) (Hons) Accounting and Finance BA(Economic and Social Studies) (Hons) Finance BA(Economic and Social Studies) (Hons) Economics and Finance
4.00 pm	BSc (Hons) Economics BA(Economic and Social Studies) (Hons) Economics BA(Economic and Social Studies) (Hons) Economics and Politics BA(Economic and Social Studies) (Hons) Economics and Sociology BA(Economic and Social Studies) (Hons) Politics BA(Economic and Social Studies) (Hons) Economics and Philosophy
6.00pm	BA(Economic and Social Studies) (Hons) BA(Economic and Social Studies) (Hons) Business Studies and Economics BA(Economic and Social Studies) (Hons) Business Studies and Politics BA(Economic and Social Studies) (Hons) Business Studies and Sociology BA(Economic and Social Studies) (Hons) Business Studies BA(Economic and Social Studies) (Hons) Development Studies BA(Economic and Social Studies) (Hons) Development Studies and Economics BA(Economic and Social Studies) (Hons) Development Studies and Politics All postgraduate students from the School of Social Sciences

Academic Procession

Academic colleagues have been emailed this week inviting them to sign up to join the academic procession and order their gown via eNet – the instruction to do this are as below:

To register your attendance and order your gown:

1. Log on to system at <http://www.enet.uk.net> or click forgotten password and enter your e-mail address - a link to change your password will be sent to you via email.
2. Click on the **institution logo**.
3. Click on '**My attendance & hire**' (top left hand corner).
4. Edit '**Personal details**', ensure details are correct. Do not uncheck the 'receive emails' box as this will prevent you from receiving a confirmation email and further details. Click 'Update'.
5. Edit '**Gown summary**' check details are correct or add/amend the requested information. Click 'Update'.
6. You should now be able to select the ceremonies you wish to attend by time and date. Click '**Submit**'.
7. **Log out** (top right hand of screen).
8. You will receive an email to confirm your booking. If you **DO NOT** receive an email confirmation please contact us as it is likely your booking has not been saved.
9. If you need to change your attendance or any of your details you can do this at any time before the gown hire deadline of **Friday 21st June 2019** by logging in.

If you have any technical issues or problems logging into the Enet site or are a **new member of staff who has not attended Graduation before** please contact enetsupport@edeandravenscroft.com

SoSS/Law Merge Update

Since the decision to merge the School of Law and School of Social Sciences was approved by the Board of Governors in February various activities have taken place:

- Separate meetings with Law and Criminology have taken place to talk about how departments operate and further meetings are planned for the 14 May.
- Recruitment for a HoD for Law and HoD for Criminology is underway and these are expected to be announced next week.
- A detailed project plan is being put together after a consultation meeting with PS leads and the University Project Management Office, to ensure all activities that need to be looked at are incorporated. This will be made available on the intranet site when available.
- The PS structure is currently being looked at, and a consultation period for PS colleagues affected by the merge is planned to take place during June.
- A PS engagement lunch took place on 29th April and was well attended by SoSS and Law PS colleagues, this was an opportunity for staff to get to know each other informally.
- Regular email updates on progress will be sent weekly from next week

Any ideas on how academic colleagues within SoSS would like to engage in this process should be sent to Alison Wilson.

RSA

As we are approaching the time of year when the bulk of RSAs will be spent here is a link to the School policy on what RSA can be spent on:

<http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=24780>

All flights and accommodation should be booked through Key Travel to ensure appropriate insurance is in place. Expenses claims which contain flights and accommodation, will be rejected unless there are exceptional reasons which can justify this.

HUMAN RESOURCES

HR Partner, Jenny Knights

Changes in HR Services

From 1 May 2019 the starters, changes and leavers process teams within HR Services will be realigned such that staff will operate within teams aligned to the Faculties and central PS functions. This change forms part of a comprehensive service transformation workstream aimed at improving service delivery. The Interim Head of HR Services, Adele Ventre-Downey has been visiting team meetings within Schools to talk about the changes and other work planned as part of the service transformation.

IN OTHER NEWS ...

2019 Cochran-Hansen Prize

The prize was awarded to the paper “Augmenting Probability-Based Surveys with Nonprobability Survey Information: A Bayesian Approach”, accepted by the Journal of Official Statistics.

The paper is an output of the grant from the British Academy under the Leverhulme Small Research Grants scheme awarded to Dr Joseph Sakshaug and Dr Arkadiusz Wiśniowski of our Social Statistics Department, SOSS.

The authors of this paper are: Dr Joseph Sakshaug - Head of the Statistical Methods Research Department at the IAB, Mannheim, Germany. Dr Arkadiusz Wiśniowski - Lecturer in Social Statistics at the University of Manchester. Dr Diego Andres Perez Ruiz - Research Associate at the Department of Social Statistics at the University of Manchester and Dr Annelies G. Blom - Research Professor at Mannheim University.

In part because Dr Diego Andres Perez Ruiz is from a developing country, the prize also includes his free trip to present the paper at the 62th World Statistics Congress of the International Statistical Institute (ISI), August 2019 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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