

School of Social Sciences Staff Bulletin June/July 2019



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Head of School Update

Merger

Dear Colleagues, this is the last 'old' SoSS bulletin before the merger with Law on 1st August 2019. 'New' SoSS will include the six existing departments, plus the department of Law (The University of Manchester School of Law for external purposes) and the department of Criminology. Please keep up to date with developments on:

<https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/social-sciences/about/merger-law-soss/latest-updates/>

NSS

As you are aware, the NSS results are now out, and University results are available to colleagues using their staff login at the [TLSD NSS results website](#) along with a University analysis. The School has circulated its own initial analysis via email. A more in-depth School analysis will be undertaken after the merger with Law. In the meantime, congratulations to those areas that improved this year, the challenge for those areas that stayed the same is to raise their game. In those areas where there was a notable decline in satisfaction the School will support you in identifying what went wrong, and the actions that can be taken.

Staff Survey

As you know, the results of the University-wide staff survey have been published, and they make for both positive and disappointing reading. It is clear that there are many aspects of our working lives where the University is deemed to be good place to work but also many where it could be improved. I have attached the School level results to the bulletin, with the analysis distinguished by academic, research and PS staff. This is worth reading and thinking about. My feeling is that as a School we should not rush to come up with 'easy' answers – the survey results raise tough questions. So, over the remainder of the summer please think about possible actions we can take, and putting the right actions into practice will be a key focus for SLT, SPRC and the School Board from the next academic year onwards.

Graduation and Office Hours

The attendance of colleagues at this year's graduation ceremonies ranged from being quite good to appallingly bad and embarrassing. Thank you to those who did make the effort, and especially those who read out the graduating students' names. I have asked Heads of Departments to have a rota of attendees from next academic year onwards. It's disappointing that so many of us are willing to woo the students to come here, take their money and not to acknowledge their achievements at graduation.

What is even more disappointing, is the reports I've had of students turning up during office hours to find the member of staff is not in that day for no apparent reason. While this is only a very small number of staff it can't continue. From next academic year I will be asking HoDs to meet with staff who are not in attendance during their office hours to me, and to keep me informed.

Finally...

Thanks for your support in my first year as Head of School, and for the hard work you've undertaken in all areas of activity. I hope you have a good break planned, and that you make the most of it. I know that many of you will be working over what's left of the summer, but I hope that you can do so in a more relaxed way than during teaching semesters.

Brian Heaphy, Head of School of Social Sciences

New School Head of TLSE – Jo Kaiserman

Jo Kaiserman will be joining the School on July 1st to take up the role of Head of Teaching, Learning and the Student Experience, a PS role which will work with the School's Teaching and Learning Director (Ken Clark, soon to regenerate, Doctor-Who-style, into Mario Pezzino) to develop and implement the School's T&L strategy. I'm sure we'll all make Jo feel welcome.

NSS Results

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Reading Lists Online – Action Required by 28th June

Please engage with the new service: [Reading Lists Online](#) which will make your life easier and improve the student experience at Manchester. Support is available: The Library's [Reading Lists team](#) will support every staff member who contacts them about their reading lists. Find out more: Visit the Library [website](#) for the most up-to-date information.

New Division of Teaching, Learning and Student Development (TLSD)

From 1st May 2019, the new Division of Teaching, Learning and Student Development (TLSD) within the Directorate for the Student Experience launched. The new Division has been formed from the merger of the Student Development and Community Engagement Division, the Teaching and Learning Support Office and the Careers Service. Louise Walmsley will lead the new Division which brings together the significant experience of colleagues in a new, simpler, more integrated structure, offering the greatest potential for the University to have a significant impact across many areas of the student experience. Find out more on the [Directorate for the Student Experience intranet](#).

Manchester Online Learning Interest Group (MOLIG)

The Manchester Online Learning Interest (MOLIG) event took place on Thursday 11th of July at the Grand Hall, The Whitworth.

Our summer event 'Collaboration and Innovation in Online Learning' will focussed on how online learning can provide innovative opportunities for students and colleagues to collaborate within and across Educational organisations.

Featuring keynote speaker Neil Morris

(<https://essl.leeds.ac.uk/education/staff/156/professor-neil-morris>), Chair of Educational Technology, Innovation and Change in the School of Education and the Dean of Digital Education at the University of Leeds who will discuss 'Unbundled Higher Education – exploring the potential impacts on learners and learning'. There was a panel discussion on how we can embed digital innovation in our everyday work, lightning talks from colleagues at the University working in the online space and plenty of opportunities to network and share ideas.

The Manchester Online Learning Interest Group (MOLIG) launched in March 2019 to bring together staff across the University to connect and share best practice with all the latest developments in online and blended learning.

RESEARCH NEWS

School Director, Claire Alexander

Awards

Congratulations to Pete Wade (social anthropology) for his new AHRC award on Cultures of Anti-Racism in Latin America

PURE/RRE

Should colleagues find themselves with time on their hands over the summer (!), do please update your PURE profile, to ensure your web profile and key information is up to date. This will greatly assist with our preparations for REF.

For support and guidance, check out [Seven points for a perfect Pure profile](#)

Do please also upload details of any new publications for consideration for the REF as they become available – for the year 2019-2020 RRE will be a rolling process as we gear up to submission in November 2020.

If you have not already done so, please make sure you have registered for an ORCID number: <https://orcid.org/>

OPEN ACCESS

Please ensure that all publications are deposited in the UoM repository ([Open Access Gateway](#)) within three months of acceptance. This applies to all publications, whether REF eligible or not.

Research Ethics Training

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

<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 the course is not by July 31st 2019 staff will not be able to apply for research funding or supervise PhD students.

Email Phishing

What is phishing?

Phishing is an email that tries to trick you in to giving out personal information, or visiting fake websites. Responding to a phishing attack can:

- Release your personal details to someone who may use them fraudulently
- Encrypt your files and folders, demanding that a 'ransom' fee be paid to revert the damage
- Stop your computer from working completely
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People who engineer phishing scams are criminals and hackers.

Take the online phishing awareness course

The University has a short online course to help you identify these types of emails. The course takes fewer than 15 minutes to complete and is available to all staff and students via Blackboard.

[Register for the email phishing course](#)

Key check points

- Is the sender of the email someone you know?
- Does the URL it contains look legitimate? (Hover your mouse to check)
- Were you expecting an attachment?

Help!

If you think you're a victim of a phishing email, or that your PC has become infected, telephone us immediately on 0161 306 5544.

If you receive a suspicious email, do not click on any links and do not reply, but you should let us know by sending us the phishing email as an attachment:

Report phishing using Microsoft Outlook 2010

- Select the junk email message
- Click "More" (next to the "Forward" button) and select "Forward as attachment"
- In the new message window that pops up, send the email to:
phishing@manchester.ac.uk

Report phishing using Outlook Web App

- Right-click (or Ctrl+click on a Mac) on the junk email message
- Click "Forward as attachment"

In the new message window that pops up, send the email to: phishing@manchester.ac.uk

You don't need to explain why you've sent the message. Everything we need to know will be in that attachment.

Never reply to suspected junk email, click any links or open any associated attachments (as these more than likely will contain viruses). Replying or clicking an 'unsubscribe' link could confirm to the sender that your email is in use and they will send you more. The only way to be completely safe is to delete any suspect messages.

SoSS/Law Merge Update

PS

Consultation has taken place with those staff whose roles are being affected in the merge, this is affecting very few as most roles are remaining the same. The new PS structure for the merged School will be shared on the intranet site.

Graduation July 2019

The Degree Ceremonies for Social Sciences were held on Tuesday 9 July.

IN OTHER NEWS ...

Calendar of Funding - deadlines for applications for external research grant funding

Deadline	Funder	Call	Notes	Peer Review	Demand Management
AUG	ERC	ADVANCED GRANT erc.europa.eu/funding/advanced-grants	EUR2.5M	YES	YES
SEP	BA	MID-CAREER FELLOWS www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/british-academy-mid-career-fellowships	TEACHING REPLACEMENT	YES	
SEP	LEVERHULME	RESEARCH FELLOWS www.leverhulme.ac.uk/research-fellowships	£50K		
OCT	BA	POSTDOC www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/british-academy-postdoctoral-fellowships	SALARY + £6K	YES	YES
OCT	BA/LEVERHULME	SMALL GRANT www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/funding/ba-leverhulme-small-research-grants	£10K		
OCT	ERC	STARTING GRANT erc.europa.eu/funding/starting-grants	EUR1.5M	YES	YES
OCT	LEVERHULME	VISITING PROFS www.leverhulme.ac.uk/visiting-professorships	£150K		
OCT	NUFFIELD FOUNDATION	RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS www.nuffieldfoundation.org/grants-research-development-and-analysis	£300K		
OPEN	ESRC	NEW INVESTIGATOR esrc.ukri.org/funding/funding-opportunities/new-investigator-grants/	£300K	YES	YES
OPEN	ESRC	RESEARCH GRANT esrc.ukri.org/funding/funding-opportunities/research-grants/	£1M	YES	YES
OPEN	ESRC	SDAI esrc.ukri.org/funding/funding-opportunities/secondary-data-analysis-initiative-sdai-open-call	£300K	YES	
OPEN	LEVERHULME	RESEARCH PROJECT www.leverhulme.ac.uk/research-project-grants	£500K	YES	

British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow

Philosophy has a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow, Dr Adriana Clavel, starting in the autumn. This is Manchester Philosophy's second BA Postdoctoral Fellow in as many years. Adriana got her PhD from Leeds in 2016 and since then has spent time as a visiting researcher at Leeds and a fixed-term lecturer at Hull. Her project is on the ethics of the imagination.

2020 ISA Environmental Studies Section Distinguished Scholar: Mat Paterson

I am delighted to announce that the recipient of the section's 2020 Distinguished Scholar Award is Professor Matthew Paterson. This award recognizes outstanding scholars whose long history of excellent research and teaching has had substantial impact on fields associated with international relations and environmental issues.

Matthew Paterson's scholarship, its breadth, depth, and quality, is simply remarkable. For over 25 years Mat has been at the forefront of the study of global environmental politics, exploring and making significant advances in areas of the global governance, political economy, and cultural politics of climate change and sustainability. Mat also exemplifies the identity of the teacher-scholar who cares deeply about pedagogy and mentoring students. He brings the same passion and curiosity to the classroom as he does to his research and he fosters wonderful relationships with his graduate students and postdocs, often publishing with them and treats them as true colleagues. Finally, Mat is a wonderful citizen for the ESS and scholarly community. He served as co-editor of *Global Environmental Politics* and remains a board member and crucial support for this flagship journal. He also served with distinction as an author for the IPCC and is a regular commentator on environmental issues for audiences beyond the academy.

Please join us at a roundtable and subsequent reception to celebrate Mat's contribution to the field at ISA 2020 in Honolulu (March 25-28, exact details TBA), and, even if you will not be there in person, in congratulating our latest distinguished scholar!

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