

# SEED Bulletin July 2016

## Welcome to the July 2016 edition of the SEED Bulletin

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### Head of School Message

Dear Colleagues,

In the last bulletin I got ahead of myself and wrote the ‘end of year’ summary for SEED – not realising there was a July bulletin to come! So I will keep this month’s message succinct, although do feel free to re-read last month’s missive if you feel short changed...



Graduation last week was a fitting end to the academic year, and it was great to see so many colleagues in attendance. It all went smoothly – despite some very particular organisational challenges thrown at our PSS team which they dealt with superbly - and I want to thank all involved. SEED had two ceremonies and at the first Alison Nimmo, a graduate in Planning, was awarded the University’s Outstanding Alumni Award. Please do read about Alison and her achievements below. She is an inspiring individual, and it was a great occasion and a great example of the long-term impact we have through our graduates and the quite exceptional things they go on to achieve.

And that’s an appropriate final thought for the academic year, and a suitable point on which to wish everyone a productive summer during which I trust you will take a proper break!

All best wishes

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### Staff Visits, Activities and News

Staff	Date	Activity
Harriet Thomson	June 2016	Dr Harriet Thomson was an invited speaker at a high level session on energy poverty organised by DG Energy, held on 15th June during the Sustainable Energy Week in Brussels. She also gave an invited presentation on 7th July on ending energy poverty in Europe as part of a policy conference organised by Public Policy Exchange, also held in Brussels.
Albena Yaneva	June 2016	3 June 2016, <b>Zurich University of the Arts, <u>keynote lecture</u></b> , conference “Aesthetic Matters: becoming an artist, a designer and an architect in the age of Bologna. International Conference”, Zurich, Switzerland, lecture title: “How to Train Reflective Practitioners at the Time of the Anthropocene? A Cosmopolitical. Proposal” <a href="http://arthist.net/archive/13102">http://arthist.net/archive/13102</a>
Alan Lewis	July 2016	18-19 July 2016, <b>Politecnico di Torino e Milano, <u>keynote lecture</u></b> , at the Alta Scuola Politecnica, Postgraduate Summer School, Sistiere, Italy Presentation on “Care provision fit for a future climate,” at the British Society of Gerontology 45th Annual Conference, University of Stirling, Scotland, 6th-8th July 2016.

<b>Doireann Mangan</b>	July 2016	Doireann Mangan from the Doctorate in Counselling Psychology programme in MIE won the British Psychological Society's Division of Counselling Psychology best research poster award at the recent conference. It was entitled: (In)validation and (mis)recognition in Higher Education: the experiences of students from refugee background
<b>Terry Hanley</b>	July 2016	Terry was invited to do this brief talking head for the website ' <a href="#">serious science</a> ' whilst in Moscow.
<b>Erica Burman</b>	July 2016	Professor Erica Burman has also been awarded an Honorary Fellowship with the British Psychological Society. This recognises her significant continuation to psychological science within the UK
<b>Kunal Sen</b>	July 2016	Professor Kunal Sen was a plenary speaker in a ESRC funded workshop on Social and Labour Effects of Free Trade Areas in the German Marshall Fund in Brussels on July 8.  Professor Kunal Sen is convening a panel and presenting a paper on the politics of inclusive development in South Asia in the biannual European Conference on South Asian Studies in Warsaw from July 27 to 30.
<b>Ralitza Dimova</b>	June 2016	June 10-17: Ralitza Dimova travelled to Cote d'Ivoire as part of her British Academy project on household preferences and child labour. She conducted behavioural experiments on risk taking and intra-household decision making in 3 villages near Abidjan and 3 villages near Soubre.  June 30-July 2: Ralitza Dimova took part in the Western Economic Association meeting in Portland, Oregon, where she presented her research on "Inequality of opportunity or (unequal?) opportunities in the youth labour market. How is the Arab world different?"
<b>Martin Dodge</b>		Completion of Digitisation Project in collaboration with Holy Name Church on Oxford Road to make original architectural drawings publicly available. Details on my <a href="#">blog</a> . Access to <a href="#">digitised materials</a> .
<b>Gale Raj-Reichert</b>	June 2016	Gale Raj-Reichert presented the paper 'Who is Running the Show in Global Value Chains? Rethinking the role of trans-national first tier suppliers in the garments and electronics industry' at the Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics in Berkeley, California on 26 June 2016.
<b>Helen Gunter</b>	June 2016	New book published: An Intellectual History of School Leadership Practice and Research.

### **Alison Nimmo presented an Outstanding Alumni Award in the Planning and Environmental Management graduation ceremony**



We're delighted to let you know that Alison Nimmo, a graduate of Planning and Environmental Management, has received an award as an Outstanding Alumna in PEM's graduation ceremony.

Outstanding Alumni Awards are presented to alumni who have achieved distinction in their profession; or through exemplary service to the University or the wider community; or through outstanding service of a personal or humanitarian nature. The

Awards were initiated by our founding universities and the first recipient was Sir Terry Leahy, former Chief Executive of Tesco plc (UMIST) and Mr. Barry Purves, Film Director, (Victoria University of Manchester).

A leading figure in UK regeneration, Alison Nimmo was instrumental in the regeneration of Manchester City Centre following the IRA bomb of 1996, and in the delivery of London 2012. She has held a string of high-profile positions, and is now chief executive of the Crown Estate, the property business owned by the Crown. The organisation controls assets worth £8 billion, covering urban and rural property, agricultural land, forestry and almost all of the country's seabed, making it a key player in the UK's plans for offshore wind development.

She developed the skills she learned at university first as a young planner in Australia's department for planning and transportation, and then, from 1986, as a planner at Westminster City Council, where she held various policy and development control roles. After a stint in the private sector as a chartered surveyor, and work as a consultant for KPMG, she moved into major regeneration schemes and in 1996 was appointed Project Director of Manchester Millennium Ltd, a taskforce organisation that led the regeneration of Manchester city centre after the IRA bombing that year.

She then went on to run urban regeneration company Sheffield One in 2000, delivering a major revamp of the city centre, and in 2004 was awarded a CBE for services to urban regeneration. Later that same year Alison was also awarded an honorary degree from Sheffield Hallam University, where she is a visiting professor. She is also a non-executive director of housebuilders Berkeley Group and a fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

From 2003 Alison played a central role in the London 2012 bid team, drafting key parts of the "Bid Book", and was tasked with establishing the Olympic Delivery Authority (IODA) in 2005. She was then appointed Director of Design and Regeneration in 2006, where she held responsibility for delivering the overall design and early delivery of most of the venues, Olympic Park and the long term legacy for the London 2012 games.

In January 2014 Alison was awarded the prestigious Royal Town Planning Institute Gold Medal for services to planning throughout her career. She has also been listed in both Radio Four Woman's Hour's Power 100 and the Evening Standard's Power 1000 lists. She was also number one in Property Week's list of the 100 Most Influential Women in Property.

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## School Information and Notices

The University of Manchester [EU Referendum website](#) is updated regularly. If you have any comments or queries, you can email: [eu@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:eu@manchester.ac.uk)

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As you may be aware, the [Cyber security programme](#) is under way, involving input from IT Services, Compliance and Risk, and a number of people from other areas.

There's a couple of items we especially want to promote at the moment, to highlight the fact that cyber security isn't just a technical issue.

There's a phishing awareness course and our 'Restricted Intelligence' series of cyber security related comedy videos.



### Phishing awareness course

The latest addition to the programme is a short online course which gives staff some simple tips on how to spot 'phishing' emails, which could make the difference between losing valuable information or protecting it and the University. The course will take no longer than 15 minutes.

Staff have been automatically pre-enrolled onto the course in Blackboard. Nalin Thakkar (project sponsor) will be emailing the University's Senior Leadership Team tomorrow, asking for help in encouraging all staff to complete the course, and there's an [article on StaffNet](#) from which you're welcome to copy and paste.



### **'Restricted Intelligence' cyber-security comedy series**

We're currently part way through a light hearted comedy mini-series which focuses on the importance of cyber and data security in the workplace. These videos are approximately 3-4 minutes long, and are well produced, engaging videos; nothing at all like a stereotypical workplace video 😊

Feedback from colleagues about these videos has been positive, so it would be great if you could entertain and educate your staff with this series!

- [Cyber security videos: Restricted Intelligence](#)

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## **Teaching learning and Students**

### **Outstanding Academic Achievement Awards for Final Year Undergraduates – June 2016**

We are pleased to note that 3 SEED final year Undergraduate students have been awarded a University Outstanding Academic Achievement Award this year. The students, Bethany Ryan (BA Hons English Language for Education), Mahalah Attwell Thomas (BA Hons Architecture) and Amy Barron (MGeog) and had final degree marks of 80.5%, 80% and 78.1% respectively. All three students will receive a certificate presented at the July graduation ceremony and a cheque for £1000.

In addition, the following SEED Undergraduate students have been granted one of the Dean's Awards for Academic Achievement for reaching a final degree mark of 75% or above and will receive £250 and a certificate.

Paul Jennings BA (Hons) English Language for Education

Mai Harrison BSc (Hons) Geography with International Study

Lauren Greehy BA (Hons) Geography

Kira Johnson BSc (Hons) Geography

Oliver Ivens BSc (Hons) Geography with International Study

Laura Dirzyte BA (Hons) Architecture

Monty Edward Dobney BA (Hons) Architecture

Akhil Mathew BA (Hons) Architecture

Dimitar Svetoslavov Stoynev BA (Hons) Architecture

Valeria Szegal BA (Hons) Architecture

Jack Fabien Moreton BA (Hons) Architecture

Hannah Arkell	BA (Hons) Architecture
Laura Anne Keay	BA (Hons) Architecture
Asha Ambika Pandit	BA (Hons) Architecture
Jake Alfred Stephenson-Bartley	BA (Hons) Architecture
Sarah Wong	BA (Hons) Architecture
Rachel Elizabeth Alty	BA (Hons) Architecture
Robert Joseph Cameron Clarke	BA (Hons) Architecture
Rebecca Anne Marie Faulkner	BA (Hons) Architecture
Michael John Jenkins	BA (Hons) Architecture
James Matthew Nutt	BA (Hons) Architecture

Congratulations are extended to all students on their exceptional achievement.

### **Non-credit Bearing Course Units – Deadline Reminder**

There is a deadline of 12 August for returning information on non-credit bearing courses run by SEED during the 2015-16 academic year, including short courses and CPD courses.

If you didn't receive the email sent to Staff on 22 June and think you need to include an activity in this return please contact Gail Divall.

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## **Geography's MSc GISc Students and Manchester Museum Team-up for Big Saturday and European City of Science – Open Labs Events**

### **Understanding the Vivarium's Requirements**

In Semester 2 the MSc GISc Programme delivered a new module called *GEOG70612 GIS and the Web*. Part of this new module involved students developing skills in Keyhole Markup Language (KML) for geospatial visualisation in Google Earth. The challenge set was to develop a Virtual Vivarium for Manchester Museum showcasing the wide range of amphibian and reptile species in their collection and highlighting the key environmental issues they face. The first step involved the students visiting the Vivarium on 13 April 2016 and participating in a tour of the collection led by Curator of Herpetology, Andrew Gray. The visit allowed students to reflect on the key environmental messages



the vivarium conveys to its visitors but also to understand the branding, vision and unique features of the collection as part of the requirements gathering exercise for developing their app.

**Left:** Students behind the scenes at the Vivarium with Andrew Gray. **Right:** Students get up-close to the collection.

### Developing Virtual Vivarium's in Class

In teams the students developed their own Virtual Vivarium's in Google Earth with content kindly supplied by Manchester Museum as part of a two hour practical class. The class allowed students to discuss their ideas, allocate tasks between the group and to think about what elements of the visualisation they would like to develop outside of the classroom e.g. one group decided to develop a 3D panorama of the vivarium space with GoPro3 which users could launch inside Google Earth.



**Left:** Understanding the KML code. **Right:** Students show spatial distribution of frog species in Google Earth.

### Showcasing Geo-Visualisations at the Rainforest Big Saturday Event – 28 May 2016

Two groups showcased their Virtual Vivarium applications at the Manchester Museums Rainforest Big Saturday Event. This was a great opportunity for both home and international students to do some public engagement work and create learning activities using their Virtual Vivarium's to engage the general public in understanding more about amphibians, reptiles and their habitats.



**Top left:** Two groups showcase their work. **Bottom left:** Engaging across the generations with the Google Earth Virtual Vivarium.

**Right:** Providing a range of learning

## **Future Public Engagement - European City of Science (ECoS) Open Labs Event**

The public engagement work continues, as the MSc GISc students will repeat their Virtual Vivarium activities at the ECoS Open Labs event which is planned to take place on **27 July 2016** in **Arthur Lewis Building**. The students will be running their learning activities in the *Ground Floor Computer Clusters* with the aim to engage visitors in understanding more about amphibian and reptile habitats using their 3D visualisations developed in Google Earth. Other activities for visitors include trying out a Fabulous Frogs Augmented Reality App (*Ground Floor Common Room*) in collaboration with Suhad Aljundi and Matt Ramirez from Jisc and measuring glacial ice movement (*Geography Labs*). All are welcome, so come along and discover! For more information please visit the [event website](#).

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## **Library Update**

### **Books on Demand**

Over the last two years this successful scheme has enabled students to purchase e-books seamlessly via Library search and/or make recommendations for printed texts for purchase via My Manchester.

- Over 2100 texts have been purchased since the scheme re-opened in February 2016
- 73% of requests were from Humanities
- 67% of requests were for dissertation/project research and/or independent research
- The scheme proved so successful the budget was topped up twice!

Our print budget has now been spent but there are still funds available for e-books. A purchase for e-books will be seamlessly triggered when a text is selected via Library Search and read for more than 5 minutes. For further information see [Books on Demand](#) via the Library website.

### **My Learning Essentials: Open Training**

The Library's open training programme continues during the summer. Various workshops will be running including keeping up with your field, identifying your learning approaches, dissertation support and reflecting on your performance. Keep up to date with forthcoming [workshops](#) via the Library website and the My Learning Essentials [newsletter](#).

### **My Learning Essentials: Online Resources**

There are now over 40 online resources covering academic/writing skills, finding/evaluating information, organising your work and career preparation all of which can be embedded within your Blackboard module.

### **My Learning Essentials: Curriculum Linked Training**

A new website area for academic staff for curriculum linked training, including a new training request online form, is currently under development, details will be provided very soon. In the meantime if you would like to discuss on how My Learning Essentials can benefit your module/programme, request welcome presentations, face to face training/embed any of the available online resources into your Blackboard module please contact Françoise or Janette.

### **Copyright for students - who owns what?**

A new online resource, developed by the Library's copyright service, is now available. This [resource](#), which can be embedded into Blackboard, has been designed to help students gain an understanding of what copyright, why it exists, how it impacts on ownership in the digital age and how we can use the work of others and protect the work we create. See more information on [copyright](#) on the Library Website.

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# Social Responsibility and Engagement

## Public Policy

### Brexit blogs wanted

It won't be any surprise that we are actively seeking colleagues from across the institution, to provide analysis and comment on the possible implications for their specific areas of research interest.

Please send ideas or drafts to Katie Brewin – [Katie.brewin@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Katie.brewin@manchester.ac.uk). Blogs can be 600-900 words and we can provide assistance in drafting, shaping and polishing them.

### Parliamentary enquiry

Leaving the EU: implications and opportunities for science and research

The Commons Science and Technology Committee has decided to examine the implications and opportunities of leaving the EU for science and research.

The Chair of the Science and Technology Committee has also written to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to highlight Brexit issues for science and research in the UK that should be addressed during negotiations with the EU.

The Committee intends to hold hearings on this inquiry during July, and invites written submissions during that period, which might address the following issues:

1. What the effect of the various models available for the UK's future relationship with the EU will be on UK science and research, in terms of:

- Collaboration;
- Free movement of researchers and students;
- Access to funding;
- Access to EU-funded research facilities, both in the UK and abroad
- Intellectual property and commercialisation of research

2. What the science and research priorities for the UK Government should be in negotiating a new relationship with the EU.

3. What science and technology-related legislation, regulations and projects will need to be reviewed in the run up to the UK leaving the EU.

4. The status of researchers, scientists and students working and studying in the UK when the UK leaves the EU, and what protections should be put in place for them.

5. The opportunities that the UK's exit presents for research collaboration and market access with non-EU countries, and how these might compare with existing EU arrangements.

6. What other measures the Government should undertake to keep UK science and research on a sound footing, with sufficient funding, after an EU exit.

If you do chose to submit evidence, please let us know.

Best wishes

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## Sustainability Challenge 2016 Staff Volunteers Needed

**Would you like to help deliver the Sustainability Challenge 2016 to all 8,000 1st year undergraduate students?**

The Sustainability Challenge is part of the University's Ethical Grand Challenges programme and from September 2016 will be a core element of the UoM Welcome.

We are looking for enthusiastic and approachable members of academic and PSS staff from all parts of the University, including the library and cultural institutions, and PGR students, to take on a number of roles:

**Facilitators** to work directly with groups of students taking part in the Challenge

**Event staff** to direct students to rooms and help with the running of the event

**IT support staff** to provide additional AV support alongside building technicians. Some IT knowledge required but a briefing will be provided.

The Sustainability Challenge will take place in the morning and afternoon on Tuesday 20th September in 9 buildings across the Oxford Road campus.

If you'd like to volunteer, please visit our website, where you can find out more about the Challenge, and register your interest at the [Manchester latest news](#) site.

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## Research Centres and Institutes

### Global Development Institute

#### GDI news

- Join Mike Kane MP and Desmond Swane, Minister of State for International Development, at a launch of Professor David Hulme's new book '[Should Rich Nations Help the Poor?](#)' at Westminster on July 18.
- The GDI working paper series has been relaunched. The latest paper is by Prof. Armando Barriento and Honorary Research Fellow Juan M. Villa on [how to improve anti-poverty programmes](#). See the full series [here](#).
- GDI will be hosting a conference on 'Mobile Technology for Agricultural and Rural Development in the Global South' on October 20. [Call for abstracts/presentations](#) closes 31 July.

#### Staff news

- Prof. Armando Barrientos contributed to a [RIO+ UNDP Report on Social Protection for Sustainable Development](#), part of a Brazil-Africa Collaboration Initiative.

- Prof. Barrientos also presented at King's College in early June, at the Institute of Development Studies 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference last week and led a seminar on cash transfers at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Dr. Ralitzia Dimova returned from a field trip to the Ivory Coast, where she conducted two behavioural field experiments on risk taking and intra-household allocation of resources in six villages as part of her British Academy project on Household Preferences and Child Labour: Field experiment from Ivory Coast.
- Dr. Dimova also attended the annual Western Economic Association International meeting in Portland, Oregon, presenting on "Inequality of opportunity or unequal opportunities in the youth labour market: how is the MENA region different".
- Dr. Pablo Yangus participated in a "Political Settlements Workshop" hosted by the International Development Department at the University of Birmingham presenting on "The role and responsibility of foreign aid in recipient political settlements", based on an [ESID working paper](#).
- As part of the Manchester Museum's Climate Control exhibition Dr. Joanne Jordan will present the premier of a short film exploring the everyday realities of climate change in Dhaka. 'The Lived Experience of Climate Change: A Story of One Piece of Land in Dhaka' will premier 24 August. [Book your place by clicking here](#).

## GURC

Diana Mitlin:

Diana Mitlin has agreed to chair the Grants Delivery Group for the ESRC. This is the Group that brings together the Chairs of each of the ESRC panels considering open call applications to ensure quality within this process. She had her first meeting last week and has a further meeting at the ESRC on the 21st July.

Diana will also be participating in a workshop in August related to research now taking place in Uganda (Kampala, Mbale and Kibale) for the ESID-funded analysis of urban poverty reduction programming.

Diana will be presenting results from the ESID-funded research on the Basic Services for the Urban Poor sub-Mission in India at the DSA conference in 12-13<sup>th</sup> September.

Diana will provide a keynote to a conference on Habitat III and the coproduction of cities organized by the Heinrich Böll Foundation in cooperation with the Technical University of Berlin in Berlin 15-16<sup>th</sup> September.

Diana Mitlin just published on-line:

McGranahan, Gordon and Mitlin, Diana (2016) Learning from Sustained Success: How Community-Driven Initiatives to Improve Urban Sanitation Can Meet the Challenges, *World Development*

Alfredo Stein:

On 28th June, Alfredo served as a panellist on 'The right to the city' session at the Summer Institute in Urban Studies (SIUS), organised by cities@manchester, University of Manchester.

On 4th July, Alfredo acted as internal examiner for Sara Hassan's PhD Viva on 'The Challenges of a Car Dependency Culture to Urban Sustainability: the Case of Alexandria, Egypt', P&EM, University of Manchester.

On 5<sup>th</sup> July, Alfredo was member of the External Examiners Jury for Marc Perez Casas' PhD defence on 'From prevention to improvement of informal settlements: sustainable and endogenous schemes

in mid-size cities in Nicaragua', Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya, Barcelona.

On 25<sup>th</sup> July, Alfredo will be presenting the findings of the applied research on 'Asset Planning for Climate Change Adaptation in poor neighbourhoods of Tegucigalpa, Honduras', funded by the Nordic Development Bank to staff of the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington DC.

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## Events

### First ever University of Manchester staff quiz

#### Show off your brain power and team spirit – all for a good cause

The students are away and the staff will play! You are invited to take over the Students' Union and take part in the first ever University of Manchester staff quiz. A £2 entry fee per person will be collected in aid of scholarships and support for students and researchers – you will choose on the night exactly where your entry fee goes. The maximum team size is six people and prizes are being donated by The Union Bar and KRO Bar.

#### More details

The quiz is being held at the Students' Union on Wednesday, 3 August 2016, from 5.30pm. Register your team name in advance by emailing:

- [supporters@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:supporters@manchester.ac.uk)
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## Into The Blue

### Science we live and breath

**25th - 29th October (Please put the dates in your diary now!)**

#### Get involved with this event by submitting an exhibit idea.

NERC are offering a free-to-exhibit opportunity to have an exhibition stand or run public engagement activities as part of our Into The Blue showcase, which is taking place in Manchester during October half-term (25-29 October 2016). Visitors to the event will be a broad public audience, primarily focused on families and young people.

The showcase will comprise about 40 stands, as well as stage and discussion space, both inside and outside an aircraft hangar. Through the exhibition stands, talks, debates and discussions, the event will engage visitors with the wonders of the natural world and the process of doing research.

For more information about the project, application criteria, FAQs and how to apply please view the application guidelines on <http://www.nerc.ac.uk/latest/events/blue/>. Applications for exhibits and other activities should be made using the online form by **16:00 on Friday 1 July 2016**.

#### Contacts

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