

SEED Bulletin November 2016

Welcome to the November 2016 edition of the SEED Bulletin

Head of School Message

Dear Colleagues,



Over the last 12 months or so SEED has done exceptionally well in a number of ways. We have had significant grant and fellowship successes, with more research fellows arriving in the disciplines, and have also seen an increase in postgraduate student numbers. Staff numbers have also grown to deal with our cohorts of PGT students. All good. There are more people around, we have more academic colleagues, so it's an exciting time for the School and an opportunity to build on our already exceptionally healthy academic environment. But (and there's usually a but!) one implication is our physical space is increasingly under pressure. Given the very extensive building works across the campus, and the associated temporary measures to accommodate many staff, space pressures are not unique to SEED and indeed for the time being are far more acute in other Schools. So in the short term we need to maximise the use of the space we already have, and we will need to be increasingly innovative to protect the space needed by staff and for all our activities. You will not therefore be surprised to learn that SEED is currently reviewing our space use and requirements, work co-ordinated by Rosie Williams, and we'll be working with Heads of Discipline to plan our use of space and to make any changes needed as effectively as possible and, crucially, without compromising key requirements. Not always easy, but I know colleagues are aware of the issue and the wider context.

Some important dates are coming up for your diaries. Graduation is Monday 12th December, with four SEED ceremonies during the day involving all the disciplines. As always, our graduates and their supporters hugely value the involvement of academic colleagues, and I hope to see many of you there on the day. Next week Keith Brown, Vice President and Dean of the Faculty Humanities, will make his annual visit to SEED 2-3pm on Wednesday 16th November (A2.16 Ellen Wilkinson Building). There will also be a drinks reception afterwards in AG3/4 (EWB). Finally, the SEED Annual Party is also next week, on Friday 18th November. It would be great to see you there!

Very best

Tim

Staff Visits, Activities and News

Staff	Date	Activity
Abi Stone	October 2016	<p>Abi Stone chaired the ‘Palaeoenvironmental aeolian contexts’ session at the annual meeting of Aeolian Geomorphologists (Windy Day) in Loughborough on 26th October. Next year Abi will be hosting the meeting here in SEED.</p> <p>Abi Stone published a science highlights piece in the PAGES (Past Global Changes Magazine). Stone, A. E. C. (2016) Squeezing a rainfall record out of desert sand dunes. <i>Science Highlights: Pages Magazine</i> 24(1), 24 – 25.</p>
Armando Barrientos	October 2016	<p>Contributed to a Webinar on Fiscal space for social protection, organised by IPC-PG and HelpAge International 28th October 2016.</p> <p>Paper on <i>Social Assistance in Low- and Middle-Income Countries</i> at the 11th Experts’ Meeting on Social Assistance in the Asia-Pacific Region, organised by the OECD Korea Policy Centre, 25th/26th October 2016, Seoul.</p> <p>Paper on <i>Infancia, pobreza y justicia social</i> presented at the Cities, Inequalities and Early Childhood event at the HABITAT III Conference, organised by the Coordinating Ministry for Social Development, Government of Ecuador, and UNICEF, 17th October 2016, Quito</p>
David Spendlove	November 2016	<p>David Spendlove has been invited to speak at an international education conference in Singapore (8, 9th November) on global challenges in teacher education. He will also be meeting with colleagues at the National Institute of Education, Singapore to discuss teacher education.</p>
Kunal Sen	December 2016	<p>Kunal Sen will be speaking to economists in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on December 13th on Drivers of Growth in Developing Countries.</p>
Antonio Savoia	November 2016	<p>Antonio is giving a talk on 25th-26th November at the 10th Workshop on Political Economy at the Technische Universitat Dresden.</p>
Albena Yaneva	November 2016	<p>Thai translation of Yaneva’s book: Yaneva, A. (2016) Made by OMA. An Ethnography of Design, translated in Thai by art4, Bangkok</p> <p>Invited lectures</p> <p>20-21 October 2016, University of Texas, Austin, invited lecture, conference “The Secret Life of Buildings”, 20-21 October 2016, Texas, USA</p> <p>18 October, Parsons School of Design NYC, invited lecture, USA</p> <p>13-15 October 2016, Yale School of Architecture, invited lecture, conference “Aesthetic Activism”, Yale, USA</p> <p>5 October, Cyprus School of Architecture, invited lecture</p> <p>3 October 2016, Manchester Literally and Philosophy Society, invited lecture</p>

Elected Managing editor of *Museum & Society*, independent peer-review journal.

Member of the advisory board of ARDETH. *Architectural Design Theory* journal.

Alan Lewis	October 2016	Invited to give a CPD presentation on “The Mathematization of Daylighting: A history of British architects’ use of the daylight factor” for Hawkins\Brown architects, Manchester.
Gail Millin-Chalabi and Ioanna Tantanasi	October 2016	Gail Millin-Chalabi and Ioanna Tantanasi pitched “ <i>EnviroSAR</i> ” at the Copernicus Accelerator Programme, 25 October 2016, Circulo De Bellas Artes De Madrid, Spain.
Gail Millin-Chalabi	October, November 2016	Gail Millin-Chalabi gave an invited presentation “ <i>EnviroSAR: Managing Wildfire Disturbance in Moorlands and Heathlands</i> ” during the Snapshot 1: Elevator Pitches from Winners of the European Satellite Navigation Competition & Copernicus Masters, 26 October 2016, Satellite Masters Conference 2016 , Circulo De Bellas Artes De Madrid, Spain.
		Gail Millin-Chalabi gave an invited presentation “ <i>EnviroSAR: Tomorrows success story</i> ” and was part of the Q&A panel at the Advancements in the UK Space Sector session , Innovate 2016, 3 November 2016, Manchester Central

EnviroSAR Winner of the European Copernicus Masters Sustainable Living Challenge 2016

Dr. Gail Millin-Chalabi, Dr. Ioanna Tantanasi and Dr. Stefania Amici won the [Copernicus Masters Sustainable Living Challenge](#) funded by the Satellite Applications Catapult (SAC) and were runners-up for the overall Copernicus Competition raising the profile of Earth Observation at The University of Manchester. The prize includes £5,000 business support from the SAC and EUR 10,000 worth of Earth Observation data provided by the European Commission and participation on the Copernicus Accelerator Training Programme.

The Copernicus Masters Challenge is an EU-wide competition run by the European Commission and organized by Anwendungszentrum GmbH Oberpfaffenhofen (AZO) to develop new applications using satellite data from the Copernicus missions. *EnviroSAR; Managing Wildfire Disturbance in Moorlands and Heathlands* is developing a system to use radar images from the Sentinel-1A and -1B sensors to detect and monitor wildfire burn scars. It will be the first national mapping and monitoring tool for UK wildfires and has attracted wide media attention please see:



Awards Ceremony, Madrid, 25 October 2016. Left to right: Stuart Martin – CEO Satellite Applications Catapult, Dr. Gail Millin-Chalabi – EnviroSAR Lead, Dr. Ioanna Tantanasi – Marketing Lead, Dr. Stefania Amici – Technical Lead.

[Gov.uk website](#)

[Satellite Applications Catapult](#)

[Science Technology Funding Council](#)

Thanks go to the England and Wales Wildfire Forum (EWWF), the Northumberland Fire and Rescue Services (NFRS) and Moors for the Future Partnership (MFFP) for letters of support provided to the judging panel. Also for the RDF Grant Writing support during the summer of 2015 suggested by Prof. Stefan Bouzarovski,

and to Caitlin Robinson for providing research assistance during that period. We would also like to thank PSS staff Joanna Jozefiak and Dr. Shanta Aphale for contributing to the costing of the proposal. Finally, special thanks go to Ms. Julia Mcmorrow and Prof. Martin Evans for reviewing and commenting on the first draft of the proposal and to the team at the Satellite Applications Catapult.

School Information and Notices

SEED Graduation Ceremonies are taking place on Monday 12 December 2016

We have 4 ceremonies:

10:00am – Architecture and GDI (DIG, HRD & MGD)

12:15pm – GDI (DEPP & SD), Geography and PEM

2:20pm – MIE (including Teach First PGCE)

4:45pm – PGCE (including SCITT)

Staff should register their intention to be part of the Procession and order their gowns by Sunday 27 November 2016.

Reminder about the University's Equality and diversity Policy

The University of Manchester is committed to creating an environment where diversity is celebrated and everyone is treated fairly, regardless of gender, disability, ethnic origin, religion or belief, sexual orientation, marital status, age, or nationality. It has a clear [Equality and Diversity Policy](#).

Accompanying this policy are "[Dignity at Work and Study](#)" policies which further protect staff and students during their time at the University, with clear reporting procedures.

Post-Brexit advice sessions for international staff

In recognition that the referendum decision for the UK to leave the European Union (EU) has caused considerable anxiety and uncertainty for many of our staff, the University has commissioned Simon Kenny, an immigration law expert from Eversheds Solicitors to provide support and advice to its international staff on issues associated with UK residency and citizenship

This support will take the form of a number of information sessions to be run during November. The University is extending support to all international staff, not just non-UK EEA (European Economic Area) staff. This is because some of the issues involved apply also to non-EEA colleagues, although the referendum outcome does not change their status or potential future status in the UK. Separate sessions are being run for non-UK EEA and non-EEA staff in recognition that there are differences in the position and status of these two groups.

Relevant colleagues will shortly receive a communication containing more details of the arrangements, including instructions on how to book a place at the sessions. For those staff unable to attend, recordings of the sessions will be filmed and put on the University's webpages dedicated to giving the [latest information and updates on the EU situation](#).

The University has already set up an EU Working Group (EUWG), made up of senior colleagues, aimed at addressing the issues affecting the University arising from the Brexit decision. At the request of the EUWG, work is being undertaken with a view to building capacity in the Human Resources Directorate to provide on-going support and guidance on immigration matters to current, new and prospective international staff.

The University remains committed to being a global university that embraces staff and students from across the world. We hope that taken together these measures will enable the University to maintain its position as an employer of choice globally.

If you have any comments or queries on issues associated with Brexit you can email: EU@manchester.ac.uk



**All SEED staff and PhD students are invited to the
2016 Annual Party
Revolution Bar, Oxford Road**

It all gets underway at 6.00pm, with a glass of prosecco for early arrivals

A finger buffet will be served at 7.00pm

With music and dancing until the small hours

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/seed-annual-party-2016-tickets-28334243485>

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

MICRA Seedcorn Funding Call 2016

Applications are invited for MICRA seedcorn awards for 2016 for research on ageing with up to £6K available per project. We're looking for research that is clearly ageing related and interdisciplinary; all discipline areas are encouraged to apply.

The 2016 seedcorn call is our biggest yet, with joint awards with external partners the Centre for Ageing Better, Care & Repair England, the Greater Manchester Ageing Hub, Manchester Metropolitan University and Manchester Health and Social Care Team. Awards are also on offer with the Manchester Regenerative Medicine Network (MaRM) and Dementia@Manchester network.

Specific topics highlighted in the call include regenerative medicine, housing adaptations, ageism, inequalities and health.

The deadline for applications is 1 December 2016 with a requirement that funds are spent by 31 July 2017. Proposed activity must lead to at least one specific outcome such as a research proposal for a research council or a working paper. The commissioning panel will meet in December with the aim of communicating decisions before Christmas.

Further information: [Full details of the call and examples of previously funded projects seedcorn projects](#)

Teaching, Learning and Students

Congratulations to Mathilde Maitrot and Fortunate Machingura on their successful applications to the ESRC Global Challenge Research Fund. Two of the Faculty's three winning bids were from SEED. Mathilde is an alumnus of the former IDPM; her PhD on the social performance of microfinance institutions in rural Bangladesh was awarded in February 2014. Fortunate's PhD on people living with HIV and AIDS in Zimbabwe was awarded in September 2016 by the Global Development Institute.

eLearning Update

New office hours

During November and December there will be regular office hours in Ellen Wilkinson CG.36 for SEED staff and TAs. No booking necessary. More information is available from the [Blended and eLearning Support page](#).

eLearning 2016 - 2017

Current projects are focussing on how we can use technology to support international students, and how we can share practice amongst SEED staff.

If you would like to know more or think you would like to be involved please email elearning-seed@manchester.ac.uk. At this stage we are particularly interested in gathering ideas on how you have successfully supported international students, or issues you face in this area.

Find out about our other projects and outcomes from last year in [our latest report](#).

Library Update

Support for Teaching

Think: My Learning Essentials

During October, we hosted a number of pop-up events in SEED to promote *My Learning Essentials*, highlighting how the Library's award winning skills programme can support your teaching and help your students develop their academic and professional skills.

We are now looking at setting up brief 1-2-1 meetings with academic staff to discuss how MLE blended approach of face-to-face training and online support can be embedded within your programme to ensure that specific skills and resources are emphasised to your students, in tandem with your learning objectives. If you would like to discuss this further (and receive a free *My Learning Essentials* mug), get in touch with Janette or Françoise.



- [My Learning Essentials for Academic Staff](#)

Research Support

My Research Essentials

The Library's My Research Essentials programme workshops continue. Coming up:

- 11th Nov: Managing your ORCIDs
- 16th Nov: Who's talking about your Research
- 7th Dec: 7 Steps for Raising your Research Profile

The programme has recently launched two new online resources:

- [How to get Published in Academic Journals:](#) providing tips to get your articles accepted, and highlight what to expect during the editorial process.
- [Peer Review:](#) introduce the principles of peer review and different practices employed by journals providing useful tips and guidance on how to write an effective review for both the author and the journal editor.

For further information see the My Research Essentials website:

- www.manchester.ac.uk/library/my-research-essentials

John Rylands Research Institute (JRRI): Funding Opportunities

Calls for early career fellowships, visiting fellowships and visiting professorships now open!

For further details see:

- [The John Rylands Research Institute](#)

Library Initiatives

Check-Out App: Borrow books using your Android device

Save queuing at the self-issue machine and download the "Check-Out App" for Android devices. Users can also view recommendations for similar texts or texts by the same author and access their library account to renew items. See the library website for further details:

- [Check-Out App](#)

If you have any questions or would like to meet to discuss library support for your teaching/research needs please contact your Academic Engagement Librarian.

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Social Responsibility and Engagement

National Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI) NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) campaign 'Time to Talk about Organ Donation'

The NFWI and NHSBT (supported by Manchester City Council), are working together on a campaign to make sure everyone lets their family know their organ donation wishes. The North West currently lags behind the whole of the UK for Organ, Blood and Tissue donors. The national average for organ donations is 36%, the **North West stands at 29%**; the national average for blood donors is 4% and is **1% for the North West**.

The NFWI and NHSBT launched their campaign at Manchester Town Hall in late May. Manchester City Council is actively working with the NFWI and NHSBT in an effort to raise awareness and in so doing, increase the number of registered donors in the North West. The UoM Busy Bees WI has been actively involved in this campaign and has established links with the Student Union.



Emma Carter-Brown at Manchester Town Hall



You are invited to attend a talk on **Thursday 10 November** to hear Kerry's story – Kerry Jenkins is a heart transplant recipient who lives locally and wants to share her story. Kerry's talk is entitled '**My Second Chance**' and will take place at **1pm in Mansfield Cooper, G19**. If you would like to attend this talk, please book a place through [Eventbrite](#).

Sue Johnson and a member of Trafford WI at Manchester Town Hall

An infographic with three main sections. The first section on the left shows a grid of 100 small green hearts, with one heart highlighted in pink and the text 'Less than 1% of people who died last year became organ donors'. The middle section features a large green ribbon with a white circle containing the number '85' and the text 'Oldest UK organ donor'. The right section shows a group of ten stylized human figures (one pink female, nine green) with the text 'Just one donor can transform the lives of nine people'. At the bottom, a pink banner reads 'TIME TO TALK ABOUT ORGAN DONATION' and a green banner below it reads '#WITIMETOTALK'.

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Events

Isabelle Doucet has organised, as part of the M.Arch year 5 workshop course 'Architectural Counter-Projects: Environmental Challenges', a 1-day symposium titled: Counter-projects in Architecture: Resistance, Struggle, and Recuperation.

Date: 28 November 2016 10-16:00

Confirmed speakers: Caroline Manique-Benton (Ecole Nationale Supérieure Normandie), Torsten Lange (ETH Zurich), Tahl Kaminer (University of Edinburgh), Matthew Thompson (University of Liverpool).

The event received financial support through the University of Manchester Social Responsibility in the Curriculum Award and the Manchester Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence.

Places are limited and registration for this event is required. Please contact: isabelle.doucet@manchester.ac.uk no later than 14 November 2016.

Wellcome Trust Funding Talk - Thursday 17th November 11am to 2pm

The University is hosting a Wellcome Trust Humanities and Social Science funding talk on Thursday 17th November between 11am-2pm in Theatre 2 Crawford House. This is the last of these sessions to be organised by the Trust and is aimed at researchers working (or planning to work) on questions about health and wellbeing from a humanities and social science perspective (including bioethics). The event will also be of interest to research managers.

Areas Discussed

- Introduction to the Wellcome Trust
- WT Humanities and Social Science Strategy
- Humanities and Social Science Funding Schemes
- Provision for Public Engagement
- How to Apply

Wellcome Trust staff will spend one hour running through their funding schemes followed by a funding workshop where questions around specific applications can be tackled on a one-to-one basis. Lunch will be available after the session.

To attend please register your interest on this [Eventbrite page](#).

Examples of Wellcome Trust current funding opportunities are below.

[Wellcome Trust: Collaborative Awards in Humanities and Social Science](#)

Deadline: 16/01/17 (first stage)

Details: Wellcome Trust is looking for teams with a track record of working together to tackle research questions that can only be approached collaboratively. Applications that combine humanities and social science research with biomedical science research and/or product development and applied research are encouraged.

Funding: Up to £1.5 million over up to 5 years

[Wellcome Trust: Doctoral Studentships](#)

Deadline: 22/03/17

Details: This scheme enables researchers to undertake humanities or social science doctoral degrees in any area of health.

Funding: Stipend, research expenses and tuition fees.

[Wellcome Trust: Research Fellowships in Humanities and Social Science](#)

Deadline: 18/01/17 (first stage)

Details: This scheme supports humanities researchers and social scientists who want to explore areas of health but do not hold established academic posts.

Funding: Salary and research expenses covered for up to 3 years.

[Wellcome Trust: University Awards in Humanities and Social Science](#)

Deadline: 18/01/17 (first stage)

Details: University Awards enable humanities and social science researchers to gain permanent positions at academic organisations. You can apply for a University Award if you've been nominated by a head of department at an eligible academic organisation.

Funding: Salary and research expenses covered.

If you are interested in applying for any of these funding opportunities please contact the Research Support Services Hub at al.researchhub@manchester.ac.uk.

An exploration of religious voices and identities in higher education: One Day Conference

This one-day conference brings together researchers, lecturers and students who share an interest, be it personal, teaching or research-based, in the topic of religion in higher education.

The focus is to explore the reality for university students who are also members of a faith. The broad question that derives from this is essentially, 'can the two identities of student and member of faith peacefully co-exist?'

Prior publications (e.g. Guest et al. 2013) point to the possibility of a 'cognitive dissonance' in that experience of being at university might introduce alternative belief systems to students. More frequent episodes may include the student perception that aspects of university assessment, instruction, or curriculum are 'incommensurable' with their faith. These experiences will cause dilemmas of varying magnitude, and require different kinds of resolution.

Thus, our conference will explore what it means to be both a student and a member of faith in higher education today. The geographical focus need not be tied solely to the United Kingdom, and we hope to hear of students' experiences from a variety of religious and academic backgrounds in a higher education setting.

Kristin Aune, a senior research fellow from Coventry University, who is involved with the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations (CTPSR) will be a keynote speaker at this event.

The conference themes would include, but need not be limited to, the following areas of research:

- Incommensurability, dissonance, or conflict in assessment, instruction, and the curriculum
- The challenges brought by higher education to students of faith
- How do some students manage to avoid any conflict at all?
- The relations of atheist students with students of faith
- Religious identity and the notion of 'safe spaces' on campus
- The relation of religious identity to 'voice discourses' and identity politics on campus

There is no registration fee, and lunch, along with tea/coffee breaks, will be provided. Please contact Alex Baratta or Paul Smith for more details and/or to submit an abstract: Alex.Baratta@manchester.ac.uk P.V.Smith@manchester.ac.uk Papers should be no more than 20 minutes, with 10 minutes after for questions and answers. The deadline to receive abstracts is Friday, 14 October 2016.

Price: Free

Speaker

Kristin Aune

Role: Senior Research Fellow

Organisation: Coventry University

**Mapping the Historical Geographies of Higher Education in Greater Manchester
Wednesday 9 November 2016**

(Held at the Manchester Meeting Place, North Campus, The University of Manchester)

The speakers examine the historical development of higher and further education, its geographical expansion, architectural expression and wider socio-economic relations to the city and region, in the past and up to the present. The focus is on the interactions between place, planning and architectural design to create effective environments for teaching and academic research; understanding how the social and spatial structure of these major institutions of learning changed over different periods driven in part by local needs and initiatives as well as national policies around higher education.

The symposium is interdisciplinary with speakers from history, geography, town planning, architecture, history of science, art history, and allied disciplines. Papers look at different time periods, theoretical positions and empirics of particular institutional histories.

The symposium is free to attend. Please [register to attend](#).

Co-organisers: Martin Dodge (Geography, SEED, The University of Manchester), James Hopkins (The University of Manchester Historian and Heritage Manager), Richard Brook (Manchester School of Architecture).

The Symposium has been supported by JDS Workshop and Conference Panel Fund.

To submit an article or information to the SEED Bulletin, please email seedschooloffice@manchester.ac.uk