

## List of PGT Skills Training Workshops 2016/2017 Semester II\*

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### January 2017:

#### 18 Jan      **PhD Application Clinic**

Time: 13.00-16.00

Location: Graduate School Conference Room, C1.18, Ellen Wilkinson Building

Facilitator: David Firth

Sign-up: <http://salcskillstraining.schedulista.com/>

Type of Session: PGT Skills Training

An opportunity to discuss your PhD application and your potential research proposal with Applications Advisors from the University Careers Service, all of whom gained their PhD in the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures. Appointments will be 1-on-1, available to book online or by drop-in.

### February 2017:

#### 7 Feb      **My Future Fest**

Time: 10.00-16.00

Location: Atrium, University Place

Facilitator: Darcey Gillie

Sign-up: <http://www.careers.manchester.ac.uk/events/futurefest>

Type of Session: Careers Service Event

A Careers Service one-day event with visiting recruiters and employers advertising internships and volunteering opportunities, both in the UK and overseas, as well as information about the University's own Student Experience Internships and Global Graduates programme. The Manchester Graduate Talent team will be available to talk about the paid graduate roles offered exclusively to University of Manchester students graduating in 2017. Organisations including National Citizen Service, Arctic Shores, Intern China, BUNAC, AIESEC, Camp America, and Teach English in China will be there to talk to you about the opportunities available.

#### 7 Feb      **Meet the Professionals: Charities and International Development**

Time: 17.00-19.00

Location: Atrium, University Place

Facilitator: Lauren Sanderson | Faculty Alumni Officer (Humanities)

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\* This document provides a complete list of all PGT Skills Training sessions offered in Semester II of 2016/2017. For additional resources related to the PGT programme, please see the SALC PGT Skills Blackboard page for 2016/2017.

Sign-up: Register via [CareersLink](#)

Type of Session: Alumni Event

Meet the Professional events: Alumni return to campus to offer careers advice to current students in a “speed-networking” format. Groups of students spend ten minutes with each speaker, discussing their career path, day to day work, and advice before moving to the next alum. We aim to have six rotations so the speed networking lasts approximately one hour; this is then followed by informal networking over refreshment and nibbles.

**8 Feb Careers Essentials: CVs for Postgraduates**

Time: 13.00-14.00

Location: Graduate School Conference Room, C1.18, Ellen Wilkinson Building

Facilitator: Darcey Gillie

Sign-up: Email [darcey.gillie@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:darcey.gillie@manchester.ac.uk) for more information.

Type of Session: Careers Service Event

Your CV needs to get you to interview. This 1-hour session tells you what you need to know in order to create an effective CV.

**8 Feb Film Music Theory**

Time: 16.00-18.00

Location: University Place 4.210

Facilitator: Daniel White

Sign-up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/using-theory-session-film-music-theory-tickets-31432251711>

Type of Session: PGT Skills Training, Using Theory

This session will involve a brief history of film music theory as well as an introduction to film music studies and an overview of the current state of scholarship on sound, image and audiovisual aesthetics. The session will detail different approaches to understanding film through analysing relationships of sound to image, and will include a large amount of film clip examples to illustrate various points. After having explained various methodologies, participants will split into smaller groups to analyse a film segment together.

**9 Feb Research Ethics Training for PGs and Staff in SALC**

Time: 16.00-18.00

Location: Graduate School Conference Room, C1.18, Ellen Wilkinson Building

Lecturer: Jenny Hughes

Sign-up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/research-ethics-training-for-pgs-and-staff-in-salc-repeat-session-tickets-28047334332>

Type of Session: PGT Skills Training

Research projects conducted by University staff or students that involve human participants require approval from a University Research Ethics Committee or School Research Ethics Panel before you start your research. If you are planning to involve human participants in your research, then it is essential that you attend this session. This training session provides an overview of research ethics principles and procedures, and specific help for staff and postgraduate students completing their ethics applications.

Please note: This is a repeat session from Semester I, due to high demand.

**10 Feb Games and Culture Symposium**

Time: 14.00-18.00

Location: Zochonis Building, Theatre D

Facilitator: Tristan Burke

Sign-up: No booking required but more information available at [www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/cidral](http://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/cidral)

Type of Session: CIDRAL

This event will consider history, games and culture, with contributions from two of the leading scholars in this area presenting new work. It will also include research networking, with the opportunity to discuss issues related to games with scholars from a range of disciplines. Guest speakers, as follows:

Andrew Elliott (Lincoln University)

'Playing with the Middle Ages: Medieval Gaming and Transhistorical Thinking'

Adam Chapman (Gothenburg University)

'Players Making History: Building, Performing and Evaluating the Past'

**14 Feb Theory Intensive: Deleuze and Minor Literatures**

Time: 14.00-16.00

Location: Mansfield Cooper Building, G19

Facilitator: Professor Margaret Littler (University of Manchester)

Sign-up: No booking required but more information available at [www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/cidral](http://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/cidral)

Type of Session: CIDRAL

CIDRAL Theory Intensives are reserved for staff and postgraduate students in the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures.

**14 Feb Introduction to Reflective Practice**

Time: 16.00-17.30

Location: G19, Mansfield Cooper Building

Facilitator: Emma Martin

Sign-up: No reservation needed.

Type of Session: ICP Research & Skills Training Course for MA Students

Please note: This session is only applicable to students who will be undertaking a placement as part of their studies or research project.

**15 Feb Careers Essentials: Covering Letters for Postgraduates**

Time: 13.00-14.00

Location: Graduate School Conference Room, C1.18, Ellen Wilkinson Building

Facilitator: Darcey Gillie

Sign-up: Email [darcey.gillie@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:darcey.gillie@manchester.ac.uk) for more information.

Type of Session: Careers Service Event

Your covering letter is a critical part of your application. In this 1-hour session you'll find out how to write a compelling letter that will make employers notice you.

**15 Feb Speed Reading for PGT Students**

Time: 16.00-18.00

Location: University Place 4.209

Facilitator: Helen Underhill

Sign-up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/speed-reading-for-pgt-students-tickets-31433122315>

Type of Session: PGT Skills Training

Speed reading is an incredibly useful skill for researchers to have. This is an interactive workshop which teaches the basic principles of speed reading and how they can be applied successfully to academic texts to save you time and help you work more efficiently and effectively. Please note that this course is designed for PGT students to gradually develop speed reading skills and the techniques learned must be practised and applied over time. To get the most out of this session, please bring at least two documents to read (e.g., journal articles, academic books, reports, etc.).

Please note: This is a repeat session from Semester I, due to high demand.

**21 Feb Meet the Professionals: Media and Marketing**

Time: 17.00-19.00

Location: Atrium, University Place

Facilitator: Lauren Sanderson, Faculty Alumni Officer (Humanities)

Sign-up: Register via [CareersLink](#)

Type of Session: Alumni Event

Meet the Professional events: Alumni return to campus to offer careers advice to current students in a "speed-networking" format. Groups of students spend ten minutes with each speaker, discussing their career path, day to day work, and advice before moving to the next alum. We aim to have six rotations so the speed networking lasts approximately one hour; this is then followed by informal networking over refreshment and nibbles.

**22 Feb Careers Essentials: Interviews for Postgraduates**

Time: 13.00-14.00

Location: Graduate School Conference Room, C1.18, Ellen Wilkinson Building

Facilitator: Darcey Gillie

Sign-up: Email [darcey.gillie@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:darcey.gillie@manchester.ac.uk) for more information.

Type of Session: Careers Service Event

A successful interview can be all that stands between you and your dream job. This 1-hour workshop will introduce you to the basic skills and knowledge you need to prepare for a successful interview.

**22 Feb Using Spatial Theory**

Time: 16.00-18.00

Location: University Place 4.214

Facilitator: Mary Farrelly

Sign-up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/using-theory-session-using-spatial-theory-tickets-31434416185>

Type of Session: PGT Skills Training, Using Theory

The objective of this session is to highlight key ideas in spatial theory and signpost theoretical pathways that students may wish to explore in their own research.

**23 Feb Academic Writing 1: Characteristics of Written Academic Style**

Time: 16.30-18.00

Location: Graduate School Conference Room, C1.18, Ellen Wilkinson Building

Facilitator: Ian Pople (University Language Centre)

Sign-up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/academic-writing-1-tickets-31923930335>

Type of Session: PGT Skills Training

This session will examine received notions of formality and caution in academic writing.

**23 Feb Meet the Professionals: Meet the International Alumni**

Time: 17.00-19.00

Location: Atrium, University Place

Facilitator: Lauren Sanderson, Faculty Alumni Officer (Humanities)

Sign-up: Register via [CareersLink](#)

Type of Session: Alumni Event

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**March 2017:**

**1 Mar Mock Interviews with Employers**

Time: 10.00-16.00

Location: Atrium, University Place

Facilitator: University Careers Service

Sign-up: To book, send an email to [humanities.careers@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:humanities.careers@manchester.ac.uk) with your preferred time slot (morning, afternoon or all day)

Type of Session: Careers Service Event

Your chance to practise interview skills and get feedback in a 20 minute mock interview with an employer.

**1 Mar Careers Essentials: Becoming an Academic**

Time: 13.00-14.00

Location: Graduate School Conference Room, C1.18, Ellen Wilkinson Building

Facilitator: Darcey Gillie

Sign-up: Email [darcey.gillie@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:darcey.gillie@manchester.ac.uk) for more information.

Type of Session: Careers Service Event

Do you want an academic career? Is it right for you? This session will try to help you understand the reality

of academic careers, assess your potential and plan your next steps.

**1 Mar Thinking Beyond the Binary: Introduction to Gender Theory**

Time: 16.00-18.00

Location: University Place 4.214

Facilitator: Sarah Newport

Sign-up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/using-theory-session-thinking-beyond-the-binary-introduction-to-gender-theory-tickets-31433425221>

Type of Session: PGT Skills Training, Using Theory

The objectives of this event are to:

1. Introduce students to conceptualisations of gender beyond a bio-medically conceived two gender (man/male-woman/female) binary.
2. Introduce key theorists in gender studies and the major schools of thought in this area.
3. Facilitate students to consider and debate understandings of 'gender', in philosophical and sociological terms, in a mutually developmental environment.
4. Teach students appropriate terminology to distinguish between sex, gender, sexuality and associated identity categories for their academic use.

**7 Mar Meet the Professionals: Culture, Heritage and Events**

Time: 17.00-19.00

Location: Atrium, University Place

Facilitator: Lauren Sanderson, Faculty Alumni Officer (Humanities)

Sign-up: Register via [CareersLink](#)

Type of Session: Alumni Event

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**9 Mar Academic Writing 2: Writing from a Reader's perspective: sentences and paragraphs**

Time: 16.30-18.00

Location: Graduate School Conference Room, C1.18, Ellen Wilkinson Building

Facilitator: Ian Pople (University Language Centre)

Sign-up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/academic-writing-2-31923976473>

Type of Session: PGT Skills Training

This session will look at information flow between sentences and the construction of 'stories' in paragraph structure, in order to make your writing more readable.

**14 Mar Writing Reflective Practice**

Time: 16.00-17.30

Location: G19, Mansfield Cooper Building

Facilitator: Emma Martin

Sign-up: No reservation needed.

Type of Session: ICP Research & Skills Training Course for MA Students

Please note: This session is only applicable to students who will be undertaking a placement as part of their studies or research project.

**16 Mar Intro to Postmodernism/Postmodern Literature**

Time: 16.00-18.00

Location: University Place 3.211

Facilitator: Maria Montt Strabucchi

Sign-up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/using-theory-session-introduction-to-postmodernismpostmodern-literature-tickets-31433612782>

Type of Session: PGT Skills Training, Using Theory

This session aims to introduce the main features which characterise postmodern literature, and specifically narrative fiction. This workshop will first introduce the main (and contested) definitions of postmodern literature. It will then present the main elements which characterise postmodern literature, focusing on intertextuality, metafiction, fragmentation, as well as on Linda Hutcheon's concept of 'historiographic metafiction' (1998) aiming to map out the main issues which surround postmodern literature historically and today.

This session will employ a variety of literary texts for the discussion sections of the session to engage students from a wide range of disciplines. It therefore offers participants the opportunity to familiarise themselves and work critically with the main elements of postmodern theory in literature while exploring the ways in which postmodern ways of thinking may be useful for their research.

**21 Mar Creatives, Curators & Communities - Collaborative Storytelling for Galleries & Museums**

Time: 16.00-17.30

Location: G19, Mansfield Cooper Building

Facilitator: Tim Smith

Sign-up: No reservation needed.

Type of Session: ICP Research & Skills Training Course for MA Students

**22 Mar Public Lecture: 'Humanities and Humanitas, New Horizons?'**

Time: 17.00-19.00

Location: A113, Samuel Alexander Building

Lecturer: Professor Alan Bowman (Oxford University)

Sign-up: No booking required but more information available at [www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/cidral](http://www.alc.manchester.ac.uk/cidral)

Type of Session: CIDRAL

**23 Mar Academic Writing 3: Citation practices and Writing Introductions**

Time: 15.00-16.30

Location: Graduate School Conference Room, C1.18, Ellen Wilkinson Building

Facilitator: Ian Pople (University Language Centre)

Sign-up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/academic-writing-3-tickets-31924056713>

Type of Session: PGT Skills Training

This session will look at how to cite other literature and patterns of citation; and how those patterns influence readers. It will also address issues of paraphrasing.

**29 Mar Spreading the Word: Getting the Most out of Conferences**

Time: 16.00-18.00

Location: University Place 4.214

Facilitator: Mary Farrelly

Sign-up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/using-theory-session-spreading-the-word-getting-the-most-out-of-conferences-tickets-31434542563>

Type of Session: PGT Skills Training, Using Theory

The objective of this session is to help build confidence in PGTs for attending and presenting work at conferences. By the end of the session PGTs will have a clear picture of what academic conferences are, how to present a paper or poster, and how to get the most out of the experience.

**April 2017:**

**26 Apr Oral History in Practice**

Time: 16.00-18.00

Location: University 4.214

Facilitator: Katarzyna Nowak

Sign-up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/using-theory-session-oral-history-in-practice-tickets-31433759220>

Type of Session: PGT Skills Training, Using Theory

The objectives of this session are to:

1. Prepare participants for planning and conducting a small oral history project.
2. Learn about the techniques of interviewing for oral history.
3. Practice with the equipment and interview simulations in a supportive environment.

**27 Apr Academic Writing Workshop 1**

Time: 16.30-18.00

Location: Graduate School Conference Room, C1.18, Ellen Wilkinson Building

Facilitator: Ian Pople (University Language Centre)

Sign-up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/academic-writing-workshop-1-tickets-31924120905>

Type of Session: PGT Skills Training

The objective of this session is to provide an opportunity to workshop a small section of your academic writing with peers and the facilitator, to bring a fresh set of eyes to your writing. Email a 500-word sample of the work you want to discuss to [ian.pople@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:ian.pople@manchester.ac.uk) by **9.00 on Tuesday 25 April**.

Please note: You can only attend one Academic Writing Workshop. Each workshop has a maximum of 12 participants.

## May 2017:

### 3 May **Memory Studies Theory: Public History and Heritage**

Time: 16.00-18.00

Location: University Place 4.214

Facilitator: Sarah Feintstein

Sign-up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/using-theory-session-memory-studies-theory-public-history-and-heritage-tickets-31433979880>

Type of Session: PGT Skills Training, Using Theory

The objective of this session is to give an overview of how memory studies theory informs the practice and debates within the disciplines of public history and heritage, focusing on the relationship between memory, place and power. The objective is to equip participants with a basic knowledge of the foundational narratives on the cultural theories of collective memory and how public interpretations of the past are shaped and transmitted. This exploration of the cultural production of memory will examine this through an array of practices such as life stories (e.g. oral history) and public display (e.g. museums and archives). This session will cover an overview of the theories of Maurice Halbwachs and Pierre Nora, in addition to a close reading of Paul Connerton's 'Seven Types of Forgetting.' Participants will learn how these theories have impacted the practice of public history, thereby gaining skills in critical analysis of heritage.

### 4 May **Grad Fair 2017**

Time: 10.30-16.00

Location: The Armitage Centre, Fallowfield, Manchester

Facilitator: University Careers Service

Sign-up: <http://www.careers.manchester.ac.uk/events/graduaterecruitmentfair/>

Type of Session: Careers Service Event

Come and explore your options at the Graduate Fair with over 150 exhibitors from a wide range of sectors, providing something of interest for students of all degree disciplines. It is suitable for those looking for a full-time graduate position or further postgraduate experience starting summer or autumn 2017.

### 4 May **Academic Writing Workshop 2**

Time: 16.30-18.00

Location: Graduate School Conference Room, C1.18, Ellen Wilkinson Building

Facilitator: Ian Pople (University Language Centre)

Sign-up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/academic-writing-workshop-2-tickets-31924157013>

Type of Session: PGT Skills Training

The objective of this session is to provide an opportunity to workshop a small section of your academic writing with peers and the facilitator, to bring a fresh set of eyes to your writing. Email a 500-word sample of the work you want to discuss to [ian.pople@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:ian.pople@manchester.ac.uk) by **9.00 on Tuesday 2 May**.

Please note: You can only attend one Academic Writing Workshop. Each workshop has a maximum of 12 participants.

**10 May Archival Research: Theory, Practice, and Method**

Time: 16.00-18.00

Location: University Place 4.214

Facilitator: Sarah Feinstein

Sign-up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/using-theory-session-archival-research-theory-practice-and-method-tickets-31434060120>

Type of Session: PGT Skills Training, Using Theory

The objective of this session is to identify the necessary skills and resources for PGTs to present their research at academic conferences with a specific focus on the humanities. Demonstrating your contribution to knowledge in your field of study is essential for a successful academic career. Presenting your research at an academic conference is also a reflexive experience that can give you meaningful insights from peers and established scholars on your research, as well as build your academic profile and professional network. The objectives of this session are to prepare PGTs with an overview of the process of presenting research at an academic conference, as well as provide resources for identifying relevant opportunities in the field of the humanities. This session will develop your awareness of the necessary skills to write an abstract in response to a call for papers at an academic conference, develop a strategy for structuring the presentation of your paper, give helpful advice on answering questions, provide different tactics for networking, and identify some resources for financial support for travel.

**11 May Academic Writing Workshop 3**

Time: 16.30-18.00

Location: Graduate School Conference Room, C1.18, Ellen Wilkinson Building

Facilitator: Ian Pople (University Language Centre)

Sign-up: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/academic-writing-workshop-3-tickets-31924258316>

Type of Session: PGT Skills Training

The objective of this session is to provide an opportunity to workshop a small section of your academic writing with peers and the facilitator, to bring a fresh set of eyes to your writing. Email a 500-word sample of the work you want to discuss to [ian.pople@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:ian.pople@manchester.ac.uk) by **9.00 on Tuesday 9 May**.

Please note: You can only attend one Academic Writing Workshop. Each workshop has a maximum of 12 participants.

**Jan - May Tours of the John Rylands Library, Deansgate**

Introductory tours of the John Rylands Library occur regularly throughout the year, and do not require advanced booking. Specialist tours may require advanced booking.

Further information: <http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/rylands/whats-on/events/>

**Jan - May Drop-in Careers Advice Sessions**

The Careers Information Team in the Atrium on the 1st Floor of University Place can help you explore opportunities and options whatever stage you are at. You may get all the information you need or be referred for an appointment. You can also ring us on 0161 275 2829 or use our web chat on this page.

Further information: <http://www.careers.manchester.ac.uk/services/>