



## SoSS School News

Your round up of news and events across  
the School of Social Sciences

# Head of School Report - Brian Heaphy

Despite the shifting terrain linked to Covid-19, you will see from the sections below that colleagues in the School have continued to have some exceptional successes. The student nominated Outstanding Awards for Teaching and Learning and Student Experience was an especially notable highlight given the disruption the students experienced last academic year. That so many of our academic and PS colleagues were nominated is testament to the dedication to excellence that exists with the School (see the names of winners and nominees in Appendix A). Congratulations again to all of you who won or were nominated!!

Research-wise we had a bumper month, five colleagues were inducted as new members of the Academy of Social Sciences, several new externally funded research and ERSC IAA projects were awarded, new appointment of project Research Assistants and Fellows were made. Congratulations are in order to those who won awards research office colleagues who supported them and welcome to all of those who have recently joined us.

In terms of social responsibility, we provided a session on sexual consent to all of our new students during induction – this is a major achievement given the number of students. Congratulations to Dimitris and the colleagues who organised it.

Alongside all of that there was a fairly seamless transition to online learning within the school, which many students, while disappointed about the loss of face-to-face teaching, have indicated that they appreciate. Our student numbers are staying relatively stable, and while I know that everyone is working extra hard this semester, we have been able to appoint GTAs and more Teaching Associates to assist where students numbers have increased. We have also been able to release some personal research funds and allocate Departmental budgets,

Now, we must face the work and personal challenges posed by the lockdown in England. There will be communication about this in the coming days from the University leadership. In the meantime, it is important to follow Government guidelines to protect ourselves and our families and networks, and I am sure we will continue to build on the successes we have already had so early on in this academic year.

## Teaching and Learning News - Mario Pezzino

### Teaching Awards

I would like to start the T&L portion of the Bulletin congratulating the 38 colleagues in the School who won the Faculty's Outstanding Staff Awards for Teaching, Learning and Student Experience in 19/20 (and another 100 colleagues were also nominated!). The Awards allow students to recognise and celebrate those members of staff who have made a significant positive impact on their studies and wider student experience. It is really uplifting to see how much our students appreciated the hard work of teaching staff (including GTAs), dissertation supervisors, programme directors and programme administrators. This in a year that saw us moving almost overnight to online teaching.

### Distinguished Achievement Awards

Schools have now the opportunity to nominate exceptional students and colleagues for the Faculty's Distinguished Achievement Award. Categories are Teacher of the Year, Researcher of the Year, UG Student of the Year, PGT Student of the Year, PGR Student of the Year, Professional Services (PS) and Cultural Institutions' Members and Teams of the Year. See Alison Wilson's email dated 26th October 2020 for guidance on how to make a nomination. For T&L nominations please get in touch with the T&L lead in your department and myself. I would like also to strongly ask programme directors to consider nominating exceptional students in their programmes.

### Mid-semester Student Survey on Teaching Experience

The Faculty is going to release soon a survey among our students to ask their initial views on their online/blended teaching experience so far. Specifically, the survey will not ask students to report their experience at module level and no question will ask about the teaching of individual colleagues. Instead, the survey will focus on the general experience at programme level and related support services, such as academic advising.

## Student Partners

The Student Partners Programme has 15 Student Partner Interns working 10 hours a week. Colleagues who would like support in producing online material (for example transcription services) and/or get feedback on the content uploaded on Blackboard pages can request their help. To request the support of an intern, please complete the request form. If you have any questions, please contact [studentpartnership@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:studentpartnership@manchester.ac.uk).

[Request Intern Support](#)

## Private Study Spaces for Students

Students can book empty CTS teaching rooms for private study. Students should log into **[Resource Booker](#)** and click on the 'Student Study Rooms' tile to book a classroom space. Bookings can be up to 3 hours in duration and students can make a maximum of two bookings per day. Bookings can be made only 1 day in advance to allow CTS to remote rooms or for buildings to be locked-off at short notice while there is limited on-campus teaching.

In addition, 500 bookable study spaces are available across the Main Library, the Alan Gilbert Learning Commons and Joule Library. Spaces are available between 9am and 5pm.

[Book a Library Space](#)

## Research News - Claire Alexander

### Academy of Social Sciences

Congratulations to our colleagues who were elected to the Academy of Social Sciences in the most recent round: Bridget Byrne (Sociology), Jackie Carter (Social Statistics), David Gadd (Criminology), Natalie Shlomo (Social Statistics), Maja Zehfuss (Politics)



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## New Awards

Congratulations to the following colleagues who have been awarded new grants:

- Maria Sobolewska (Politics), ESRC , Ethnic Minorities British Election Study Pilot
- Alexandru Cernat/David Buil Gil (Social Statistics/Criminology), ESRC SDAI led by Surrey, 'Recounting Crime: New Methods to improve the accuracy of estimates of crime'
- Tarani Chandola (Social Statistics), MRC, UK Prevention Research Partnership, led by FBMH, 'Poverty reductions influence on risk factors for NCD's: A systems approach'
- Debbie Price (Sociology), Academy of Medical Sciences, GCRF Networking Grant Scheme, 'Care of older people in Southern Africa: A network to improve understanding of challenges to elderly care in Southern Africa'
- Debbie Price (Sociology), NIHR policy response unit, led by FBMH, Older People and Frailty Policy Research

Congratulations to the following who were awarded funding in the recent ESRC IAA competition:

- Ajmal Hussain/Hilary Pilkington (Sociology), 'Talking Our Way Out of Conflict: Developing a Practitioner Toolkit'
- Debbie Price (Sociology), 'Pensions Advisory Group'

## Fellowships

### **Leverhulme Early Career Fellowships:**

The School will be supporting 1 nomination to the Leverhulme Early Career Fellowships.

The deadline for expressions of interest for the Leverhulme Early Career Fellowships is 4pm on Friday 4th December 2020.

Potential candidates are asked to submit an Intention to Bid to

[al.researchhub@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:al.researchhub@manchester.ac.uk) by 4pm on Friday 4th December 2020 to comprise:

- Name of anticipated host discipline and the agreed mentor
- HoD support for the application
- Applicant's 2 page CV
- A note of primary area of interest (200 characters) and research focus (max 1 page A4)

Please do circulate the call to your distribution lists and encourage suitable candidates to apply.

## REF

REF Preparations are ongoing, and while we think/hope the bulk of the work is now behind us, there are likely to be requests coming your way for information or

assistance with reviewing. We would be grateful for your support in these crucial final stages.

Clare Canning started her maternity leave on Friday 23rd October and we would like to record our thanks for her invaluable help and support with the impact case studies for REF.

Finally, please remind people to upload any new publications on PURE, and nominate any you think are 3\* or above for RRE. Please also update your PURE profiles if you haven't done so already.

## Grant Applications/RSO support

Please note that we are currently short-staffed in the RSO and therefore it is very important that colleagues wishing to apply for grants allow sufficient time for grant preparation and sign off. Please contact the office as soon as you begin your grant application, and ensure you maintain regular contact with the RSO supporting you, so that costings and approvals can be managed in a timely manner.

All grant applications **MUST** have their costings prepared by the Research Support Hub (even if they are being led in another institution), and must be signed off by Head of Department and Head of School. Grants over £1 million must be signed off by Faculty, and over £5 million by the University.

The office needs **AT LEAST 2 weeks** for standard UKRI grants, and **AT LEAST 4 weeks** if Faculty and University sign off are required. There are of course some exceptions to this timeline, for Rapid Response calls only, but colleagues should make sure the RSO is informed of any such plans ASAP to allow us to schedule workload and sign-off accordingly.

## Social Responsibility - Dimitris Papadimitriou



### 2020 ESRC Festival of Social Sciences

We are delighted to announce that the ESRC Annual Social Sciences Festival in Manchester is back for its seventh year!

This year all our events will be virtual and will take place from 7 – 15 November 2020. They offer us a fantastic opportunity to connect some of our world-leading research

with the local community. Our School plays a pivotal role in the Festival and we hope all our colleagues will support and engage with this great initiative.

This year the programme features over 30 events on a variety of themes including climate change, mental health and wellbeing, living with technology and the impacts of Coronavirus.

For up-to-the-minute booking information and details of the events, please visit [www.esrcmanchesterfest.ac.uk](http://www.esrcmanchesterfest.ac.uk), or search for #McrESRCFest on Twitter.

[Find out more about what's on](#)

## School Operations News - Alison Wilson

### PS Staff Departing

We have sadly said goodbye to the following colleagues at the end of October

- Vicky Barnes
- Janet Smith
- Eve Foster
- Sue Rowe

### Congratulations...

To Sam Green for being awarded her Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education- well done Sam!.

### Teaching, Learning and Student Experience

As disseminated via the School Board we plan to bring together the T&L teams from the former schools of Law/SoSS into separate hubs (one UG, one PG). As you know, when the two former schools merged last year, the decision was taken not to align T&L teams. The reason for this was that the Student Experience Programme (SEP) was due to deliver significant structural change to the PS teams and it was felt that two sets of change in a short space of time would put staff under too much pressure. However, a lot has happened since then. Due to Covid, SEP has had to amend its delivery schedule, putting the project back 18 months.

These last few months have been extremely challenging, whilst the team has pulled together with everyone going above and beyond, our ability to adapt to the challenges have been impeded by our current structure. We have found it difficult to quickly bridge gaps that have emerged following staff losses, prepare for erratic and unpredictable student numbers and be efficient in terms of staffing our physical locations on a school-wide rota basis.

As the next few months are likely to continue to be unsettled, we have decided to make some changes to the T&L teams to help cope with this. These changes will not affect all teams and will, in the main, be minor in anticipation of SEP coming down the track:

1. The PG teams across the former schools of SoSS/Law will be aligned and staff will come together to form a single PG hub in the Williamson Building under the overall management of Bernadette O'Connor. Officially, this will be from 1st November. However, as this will take some time to bed in, there will be a transition period.
2. The Law/Crim UG Team (the TLSEO) currently based in Williamson will move to ALB ground floor in the space currently occupied by UG Admissions. Roles will largely stay the same, with Abi Robinson maintaining management of Law/Crim UG T&L activity but this will feed into the wider UG team overseen by Amanda Brereton (Ground floor in ALB).
3. Student Support Services - this team did merge very successfully in August 2019 but maintained a presence in both ALB and Williamson. This will continue for the time-being but will be under review.

We recognise that it may seem counter-intuitive to initiate further change at this time, but we hope that moving to this PG/UG hub model in each of our buildings this will allow us to work more effectively across the former schools so that teams can better support each other and we can provide an improved student experience.

We have 3 new Grade 3 posts and 1 Grade 4 post to support Teaching and Learning currently with the Faculty for approval. There was also a plan to have 4 Graduate Interns, the recruitment of these posts was a University wide initiative which was not as successful as envisaged and posts have now been re-advertised. We are expecting one intern to join the team over the next couple of weeks, with more to follow at a later date.

## External Relations

Due to Will Bevin-Nicholls' departure this team will now come under the leadership and Management of Sarah Tiffany-Dodman. It will also be renamed Engagement and External Relations to better reflect the activities the team support. There will be a transition period where Sarah will be continuing with some parts of her old role (Head of School Departments), until we have implemented a new structure for the Resources team.

## Resources team

Due to Sarah taking on a new role, there will be changes to the Resources Team but this is currently work in progress. Carla Liburd will now undertake some of the activities Sarah was leading on - Promotions, Probation and Peer Review. The plan is to have a new Grade 5 post who will line manage the department support as well as support activities within the Resources team.

We have approval to replace Domenica, in the interim Maureen Barlow will manage Brian's diary – thank you to Maureen for helping out.

With regard to the department support, we did get approval to cover Lizzy Weatherby's maternity leave, but approval took that long we have decided to cover the work in a different way by seconding our 4th floor Receptionist Hannah Mooney into a department administrator role as our reception desks on the 3rd and 4th floor do not need to be open at the moment. There have therefore been some changes to the departments the administrators are supporting based on academic FTEs.

- Administrator to Head of Law, Head of Social Statistics and Head of Philosophy – Hannah Mooney
- Administrator to Head of Politics and Head of Social Anthropology - Val Lenferna
- Administrator to Head of Economics, Head of Criminology and Head of Sociology - Jackie O'Callaghan

## Events



Made in France: Power relations, Institutions and Political Work

Dr. Andy Smith from the Sciences Po Bordeaux will be discussing power relations, institutions and political work in contemporary France in the second JMCE seminar of the year.

Wednesday 4th November - 12:00

[Find out more](#)

### Miscarriage Compensation - The Battle in Strasbourg for UK Justice

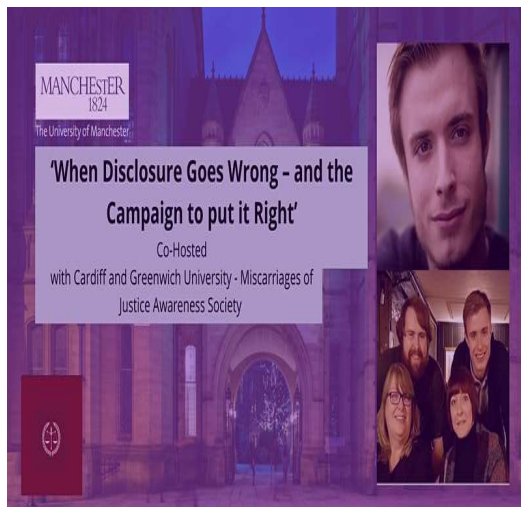
A challenge to the UK Miscarriage of Justice Compensation Scheme is now underway in the European Court of Human Rights. Mark Newby of Jordan's



Solicitors joins us to discuss the history of the case and what is to be argued before the ECHR.

Tuesday 3rd November - 16:30

[Book tickets](#)

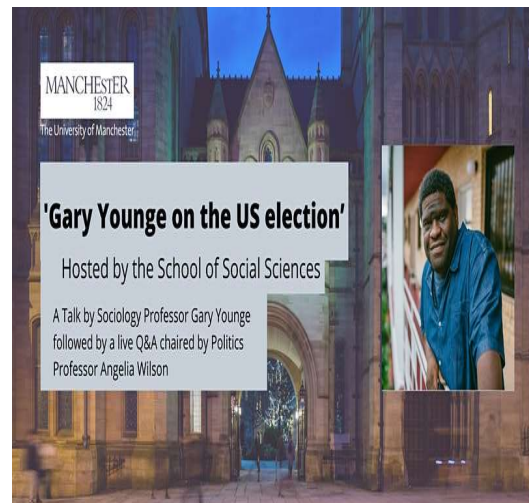


## When Disclosure Goes Wrong – and the Campaign to put it Right

Liam Allan, co-founder of innovation of Justice, was falsely accused and exonerated after it was revealed during the court case the police had failed to disclose vital evidence proving his innocence. Liam joins us to tell his story.

Tuesday 10th November - 16:30

[Book Tickets](#)



## Gary Younge on the US Election

Professor of Sociology, Gary Younge, will be presenting a talk on the US election. The talk will be followed by a live Q&A session, chaired by Professor Angelia Wilson.

Thursday 19th November - 18:00

[Book tickets](#)

# Human Resources

## Changes to November and December 2020 deadlines

Following the Senior Leadership Team's (SLT) decision to provide staff with an extended Christmas break, the pay day for staff who are usually paid at the end of the month has been brought forward to Thursday 17 December 2020. This will ensure HR Services staff are on hand immediately after pay day to deal with any queries relating to your pay. In order to bring the pay date forward, we have also revised the payroll deadlines for both November and December in 2020.

[Check the updated payroll deadlines](#)

### Outstanding Awards for Teaching Learning and Student Experience - Winners

Alexandra Collins	Professional Services Award
Alexandra Mullock	Teaching Award
Andrew Irving	PGT Dissertation Supervisor Award
Andrew Slack	Teaching Award
Angela De Souza Torresan	PGT Dissertation Supervisor Award
Caroline Henaghan	Teaching Award
Chika Watanabe	Teaching Award
Craig Webb	Teaching Award
Cristina Masters	UG Dissertation Supervisor Award
Elizabeth Romanis	Teaching Award
Emily Caddick-Bourne	Teaching Award
Francesco Montagnani	Teaching Award
Harriet Lipkin	Teaching Award
Iain Scobbie	UG Dissertation Supervisor Award
Jana Fey	Teaching Award
Jasem Tarawneh	Teaching Award
Jasmin Ramovic	Teaching Award
Javier Oliva Garcia	UG Dissertation Supervisor Award
Karen Sykes	Technology Enhanced Learning Award
Leonie Smith	Teaching Award
Luke Munford	UG Dissertation Supervisor Award
Luke Smith	Professional Services Award
Nadim Mirshak	UG Dissertation Supervisor Award
Neil Cobb	Teaching Award
Nick Turnbull	Teaching Award
Peter Backus	Teaching Award
Rabia Nawaz	Professional Services Award
Rachel Fox	Technology Enhanced Learning Award
Rachel Katz	Teaching Award
Raffaele Rossi	Teaching Award
Ralf Becker	Teaching Award
Rodney Brazier	Teaching Award
Sam Hook	Professional Services Award

Shau Chan	Professional Services Award
Stephen Ingram	UG Dissertation Supervisor Award
William Shankley	UG Dissertation Supervisor Award
Chris Prosser	PGT Dissertation Supervisor Award
Madeline Abbas	Teaching Award

## Outstanding Awards for Teaching Learning and Student Experience - Nominations

Alejandro Saporiti	Teaching Award
Alexandra Mullock	UG Dissertation Supervisor Award
Aliko Koutlou	Teaching Award
Amanda Bridgeman	Professional Services Award
Andreas De Jong	Teaching Award
Andreja Zevnik	UG Dissertation Supervisor Award
Andrew Balmer	Teaching Award
Andrew Eggleston	Teaching Award
Andrew Irving	Teaching Award
Angelia Wilson	Teaching Award
Anne-Marie McCallion	Teaching Award
Anqi Zhang	Teaching Award
Anthony Simpson	Teaching Award
Anthony Simpson - Course unit: Medical Anthropology	Programme of the Year Award
Antonio Parlavecchio	Teaching Award
Aristea Koukiadaki	PGT Dissertation Supervisor Award
Arthur Sinko	UG Dissertation Supervisor Award
Bruce Wardhaugh - Course unit: Competition Law in an International Context	Programme of the Year Award
Carlo Reggiani	UG Dissertation Supervisor Award
Ceri Fowler	Teaching Award
Chantel Riley	Professional Services Award
Chloe Elizabeth Romanis	Teaching Award
Christopher Thornhill	Teaching Award
Christopher Wallace	Teaching Award
David Booton	Teaching Award
David Dobson	Teaching Award
Dermot Barr	Teaching Award
Dharmi Kapadia	Teaching Award
Dimitris Papadimitriou	UG Dissertation Supervisor Award
Eleanor Aspey	Teaching Award
Emily Caddick-Bourne	Technology Enhanced Learning Award
Emily Turner	Teaching Award
Emily Turner	UG Dissertation Supervisor Award
Fotis Vergis	Teaching Award
Fotis Vergis	PGT Dissertation Supervisor Award
Gemma Edwards	Teaching Award
Geoff Pearson	Teaching Award
George Bratsiotis	Teaching Award

Georgia Hibbert	Teaching Award
Graham Stevens	Teaching Award
Greig Charnock - Course unit: Global Capital, Crisis Revolt	Programme of the Year Award
Horst Zank	Teaching Award
James Wilson	Teaching Award
Japhy Wilson	PGT Dissertation Supervisor Award
Jasmin Ramovic	PGT Dissertation Supervisor Award
Javier Oliva Garcia	Teaching Award
Jo Deakin	Teaching Award
Joanna Wilson	Teaching Award
John O'Neill	Teaching Award
Jonathan Gilmore	UG Dissertation Supervisor Award
Judith Aldridge	Technology Enhanced Learning Award
Julie Tierney	Professional Services Award
Katsushi Imai	Teaching Award
Klaus Schenk-Hoppe	Teaching Award
Klaus Schenk-Hoppe	UG Dissertation Supervisor Award
Konstantinos Kanellopoulos	Teaching Award
Laura Bui - Course unit: Personality Disorder & Crime	Programme of the Year Award
Liam Wrigley	Teaching Award
Lisa Williams	Technology Enhanced Learning Award
Liz Richardson	UG Dissertation Supervisor Award
Luke Yates	Teaching Award
Madeline Abbas	UG Dissertation Supervisor Award
Maja Zehfuss	Teaching Award
Mario Pezzino	Teaching Award
Marion Vannier	UG Dissertation Supervisor Award
Martin Coward	Teaching Award
Matthew Perry	Teaching Award
Mohammad Dehghani	Teaching Award
Nadim Mirshak	Teaching Award
Neil Allen	Teaching Award
Neil Cobb - Course unit: Law, Gender and Sexuality	Programme of the Year Award
Nick Shryane	Teaching Award
Nicola Glover-Thomas	Teaching Award
Nicola Mulkeen	Teaching Award
Nicole Renahan	Teaching Award
Nicolette Butler	Teaching Award
Owen Abbott	Teaching Award
Paul Kearns	Teaching Award
Paul Middleditch	Teaching Award
Paul Tobin	Teaching Award
Philip Handler	Teaching Award
Richie Nimmo	Technology Enhanced Learning Award
Robert O'Neill	Teaching Award
Robert Thomas	Teaching Award
Rohini Rai	Teaching Award
Rosemary Toll	Teaching Award
Ruth Lamont	Teaching Award

Ruxandra Ivanescu	Teaching Award
Sarah Devaney	Teaching Award
Sarah Wheeldon	Teaching Award
Sean Crawford	Teaching Award
Shogo Suzuki	Teaching Award
Shogo Suzuki	UG Dissertation Supervisor Award
Stephen de Wijze	Teaching Award
Stephen Ingram	Teaching Award
Sungjun Cho	Teaching Award
Taniqua West	Professional Services Award
Thomas Smith - MA Philosophy	Programme of the Year Award
Timothy Oliver	Teaching Award
Vanessa May	Teaching Award
Victoria Roche	Professional Services Award
Vincenzo Bavoso	Teaching Award
Wai Lau	Teaching Award
William Floodgate	Teaching Award

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