

Carnegie Faculty Research & Enterprise Bulletin

Welcome



This edition of our Research and Enterprise Bulletin is no different to those that have gone before in that it reflects the quality and quantity of the work of staff and students in Carnegie.

Our panel of centre heads has just reviewed the applications from our final call this year to special conference fund. It is pleasing to see we are receiving an increasing number of submissions from staff who are keen to present their work at relevant national and international conferences and welcome the commitment to write a peer reviewed article as an output from the process. This helps us continue with the steady accumulation of research outputs for the next REF, whatever that may be. Even more pleasing is the continued support from the faculty leadership team in agreeing an extra expenditure of £6k to allow us to fund all of the applications that the panel assessed as meeting the criteria. They also agreed to increase this pot of staff development funding for next academic year, subject to review of our total investment in staff development in the faculty.

Our recent call for PhD proposals to be advertised for our four faculty bursaries has also generated more submissions than previously, resulting in circa 50 proposals that we will advertise, along with the opportunity for applicants to submit their own proposals. The School of Education and Childhood (2) and School of Sport (8) will also be appointing more GTAs in the near future, which will add further to our doctoral student numbers.

While we are on track to deliver to our income targets this year we will need to up our game to meet the aspirational targets for next academic year. In order that we can do this we must be clear on what the strategic priorities are for different parts of our faculty, and support and facilitate the endeavours of staff and students who come forward with new ideas and initiatives that will help us achieve further growth and diversification of our income streams. In doing this we need to maximise the outputs and outcomes for our university community from all forms of research and enterprise income through recognition and exploitation of the synergy between consultancy, enterprise, knowledge transfer, research and student and staff experience. In doing this we need to lever in all the support that is now available within the Enterprise Academy and the University Research Office.

Enjoy this edition of our bulletin and remember that anything that happens in research and enterprise should be forwarded to [Sam Armitage](#) for the next edition.

Carlton Cooke

Research Management

Marketing are continuing to roll out new online profiles for research staff across all faculties and schools. These are linked to the Symplectic system which allows you to manage how your publications are displayed. The profiles are prioritised on the basis of staff that have returned profile information to Marketing and who have identified "selected publications" in Symplectic. If you do not yet have a profile, or wish to update your existing one, Samantha Armitage can provide the relevant pro forma and liaise with Marketing. If you are not yet familiar with Symplectic, Sam can also provide a short tutorial to show you the basics. You can contact her at: S.Armitage@leedsmet.ac.uk. Alternatively, if you would like to see instructions on how to manage your

profile see **Manage your Staff Profile** [<https://www.leedsmet.ac.uk/staff/managing-your-staff-profile.htm>] or watch this short **screencast** [<https://tv.leedsmet.ac.uk/view.aspx?id=6683~4x~8BS58MtS&from=AuthSuccess&from=AuthSuccess&from=AuthSuccess&from=AuthSuccess&from=AuthSuccess>].

Overview - Symplectic is a research management system that collects all your research activity in one place and makes it easy to maintain an up-to-date picture of research activity across the University and to make that research more visible on the World Wide Web.

All research output by our University authors should be either harvested, imported, or manually entered to their Symplectic profile; you will receive an automated email from the system whenever a publication is returned from the online sources OR when you are added as a co-author on a publication with instructions telling you what to do next.

The dashboard includes a wide range of information including citation data (where available), co-authorship with colleagues and information on Open Access copyright permission helping you decide whether full-text can be transferred to the repository. For more information [click here](#) or [login to Symplectic here](#).

Overview of records in Symplectic & the repository

There are now over 9000 records in Symplectic including over 3500 journal articles which breaks down across the 4 faculties as follows: Carnegie: 3287 (1172 journal articles); HSS: 2361 (1113 journal articles); AET: 1599 (457 journal articles); FBL: 1191 (418 journal articles).

There are a total of 3363 records in the repository including 596 full text and 687 Open Educational Resources (OER). During 2013 the repository has received more than 44,000 unique page views from over 20,000 unique visitors in 150 countries and territories (source: Google analytics)

The top 10 most viewed records in 2013

1. Killick, D. (2012) [Connections Developing a Global Outlook. Bringing together diverse students through the learning experience](#). [CC Licence: Attribution, Share alike (CC-BY-SA)] (Workbook)
2. Wetherly, P. ed., Otter, D. ed. (2011) [The Business Environment: Themes and Issues \(2nd edition\)](#). Oxford University Press.
3. Bailey, R., Morley, D. (2006) [Towards a model of talent development in physical education](#). Sport, Education & Society, 11 (3) August, pp.211-230.
4. Hanley, B. (2013) [An Analysis of Pacing Profiles of World Class Race Walkers](#). International Journal of Sports Physiology and Performance, 8 (4) June, pp.435-441.
5. Walmsley, B. (2011) [Why People Go to the Theatre: A Qualitative Study of Audience and Motivation](#). Journal of Customer Behaviour, 10 (4), pp.335-351.
6. Bowdin, G., Allen, J., O'Toole, W. and others. (2010) [Events Management \(3rd Edition\)](#). Butterworth-Heinemann, Oxford.
7. Flintoff, A. (2003) [The School Sport Co-ordinator Programme: Changing the role of the Physical Education teacher?](#) Sport, Education and Society, 8 (2) October, pp.231-250.
8. Lang, M., Light, R. (2010) [Interpreting and Implementing the Long Term Athlete Development Model: English Swimming Coaches' Views on the \(Swimming\) LTAD in Practice](#). International Journal of Sports Science and Coaching, 5 (3) September, pp.389-402.
9. Andrews, P. (2013) [Social literacy, professional identity and the personal brand for the socially-impaired](#) Poster presented at Twitter and Microblogging: Political, Professional and Personal Practices conference at Lancaster University, April 10-12 2013.
10. Kenyon, A. and Wood, E. (2009) [Exploring Ethics Sample Consent Form](#) [CC Licence: Attribution, Share alike (CC-BY-SA)] (Guidelines)

Grant News

Information on successful and recently submitted and funded grants for 2013/14 can be found [here](#). Please note that Professor Carlton Cooke is our Faculty nominee for all bids and should be contacted by emailing Samantha Armitage for bid reviewing/authorisation.

Dr **Susan Backhouse** is part of a consortium that has been awarded €198,000 from the European Commission to undertake a study on doping prevention in recreational sport. The consortium comprises the European Health and Fitness Association, UK Anti-Doping, Swansea University, Manfred Donike Institute for Doping Analysis and Flemish Community, Department for Culture, Youth, Sport and Media (<http://www.studyondopingprevention.eu/>)

ISPAL researchers Dr **Susan Backhouse**, Dr **David Carless** and Professor **Jim McKenna** have won a grant of \$36,000 from the International Athletics Foundation to support the research programme of Carnegie PhD student **Kelsey Erickson**.

Professor **Rod King**, Dr **John O'Hara**, Dr **Ben Jones** and PhD student **Shane Thurlow** have submitted an application to the European Grants for the Study of Human Hydration Graduate Research Grants, which if successful, will support Shane's initial PhD study.

Conference and event news

Dr **Viv Caruana** presented 'The Curricular and Pedagogical Implications of Global Citizenship in Higher Education: A UK Perspective' to an ESRC-funded symposium *Global Citizenship Curriculum in Higher Education: Evolving Policy and Practice and a Future Research Agenda* held in Shatin, Hong Kong 9-10 December. The presentation was partially based on her recent research which is the subject of an article in a special issue of *Higher Education Quarterly*, entitled 'Re-thinking Global Citizenship in Higher Education: From Cosmopolitanism and International Mobility to Cosmopolitanisation, Resilience and Resilient Thinking' (68(1): 85-104).

Dr **Annette Stride**, Dr **Hayley Fitzgerald** and Professor **Anne Flintoff** presented at the recent International Association for Physical Education in Higher Education (AIESEP) World Congress in Auckland, New Zealand, 10-13 February. The titles of the papers were as follows:

- Engaging young people in research: making sense of messy methods (Auckland) (Fitzgerald & Stride)
- The importance of space: south Asian, muslim girls tell tales about PE and physical activity (Stride)
- Working through whiteness, race and (anti) racism in Physical Education teacher education (Flintoff, Dowling and Fitzgerald).

The third paper was part of an invited international symposium, 'Physical Culture, racialisation and the body', papers from which will be published in a special edition of the journal *PE and Sport Pedagogy*.

Hayley and Annette went on to present a further paper entitled 'Dis(missing) disability: making problematic inclusion, disability and physical education (Christchurch)' at the International Symposium on Physical Education and Sports Studies at the University of Canterbury, Christchurch, which immediately followed the AIESEP conference.

Professor **Rhodri Thomas** was recently keynote speaker at The Association of Professional Conference Organisers (ABPCO) Chairman's (sic) Lunch. His presentation drew on recently published research on the failure to professionalise the sector. He was also keynote speaker at The Association of Independent Tour Operator's (AITO) annual international conference in Malta where he provided a summary of recent research on innovation in small tourism businesses.

During her term as visiting scholar to Hong Kong Polytechnic University (HKPU), Dr **ShiNa Li** was appointed 'Professor For a Day' by the University's School of Hotel and Tourism Management. In this role she delivered a seminar and guest lecture to the staff and students on the topic of 'Economics of Events and Meetings'.

Sino-UK Centre for Research in Events and Tourism (SUCRET), a partnership between ICRETH and Yunnan Normal University China, was awarded the right to host the 2015 International Association of Tourism Economics (IATE) conference in Kunming, China after anonymous voting by the IATE committee members. Yunnan Normal University, Leeds Met (ICRETH) and Hong Kong Polytechnic University will co-host this conference, which is one of the largest and most prestige conferences in the area of tourism economics.

SUCRET is also currently developing the website and preparing the conference proposal for the 2014 International Conference of Sustainable Tourism and Events Planning and Policy, which will be co-hosted by Yunnan Normal University and ICRETH as the official launch of SUCRET. This conference is organized in collaboration with the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and China-Britain Business Council (CBBC). See: <http://www.2014sucretconference.com/>

On 5 March 2014 Professor **Karl Spracklen** will be a keynote speaker at the Heavy Metal Music and the Communal Experience - Academic Conference at the University of Puerto Rico – see <http://heavymetalconference.wordpress.com/>.

Dr **Andy Pringle** organised a seminar on football-led health improvement at the Carnegie Pavilion on January 31. Sessions showcasing research performed at Everton, Notts County and Manchester United was delivered by Dr **Dan Parnell**, Dr **Zoe Rutherford**, **Steve Zwolinsky** and Dr Kathryn Curran (University of Bolton). The event was attended by twenty delegates.

Professor **Steven Wagg**'s inaugural lecture entitled 'The Football Manager: A brief history of a modern myth' took place on 26 February 2014. The lecture gave a brief historical and analytical narrative of the football manager, drawing on past writing and current conjecture. (I wonder if/when there will be a LINK?)

Professor **Kevin Hylton**'s inaugural lecture 'What is critical race theory and what is it doing in a nice field like sport and leisure?', which was held in November, is now available **here** [[link to - http://www.leedsmet.ac.uk/research/inaugural-lectures-leeds-metropolitan-university.htm](http://www.leedsmet.ac.uk/research/inaugural-lectures-leeds-metropolitan-university.htm)]. The lecture focused on Critical Race Theory, outlining its strengths with a view to advancing activist scholarship and critical pedagogy in sport and leisure theory and practice.

Dr **Ian Lamond** (with **Karl Spracklen**) has had a paper accepted at the BSA's annual conference. The paper will consider the theorisation of *event* within critical events management studies. The conference takes place in April.

Dr **John O'Hara** will co-present a paper entitled 'The Effects of Hypoxia on Systemic Markers of Inflammation in Normal Healthy Volunteers' at the 15th European Congress of Trauma & Emergency Surgery & 2nd World Trauma Congress, in Frankfurt in May. John has also been invited to present a paper at a meeting focusing on 'Mountain medicine: The science and the sport' at the Royal Society of Medicine in May.

The following abstract co-authored by ISPAL staff has been accepted for presentation:

Rutherford, Z.H., Seymore-Smith, S., Pringle, A., Griffiths, C., Matthews, C., McKenna, J., & Gough, B. Effect of a 12-week community-based weight management intervention on men and women's cardiovascular disease risk. ACSM Annual Conference, 27-31 May 2014, Florida, USA.

A one-day conference entitled Sporting Females: past, present and future is being planned for 4 September 2014. Supported by the School of Sport and the Centre for Diversion, Equity and Inclusion, and organised by Dr **Carol Osborne**, Dr **Aarti Ratna** and Professor **Anne Flintoff**, the conference will celebrate the 20 year anniversary of Jennifer Hargreaves' seminal text *Sporting Females: Critical Issues in the History and Sociology of Women's Sport*. A range of presentations about females / gender relations in sport are anticipated from scholars engaged in historical, sociological, philosophical and practitioner-based research. ([LINK to attached flyer](#))

The 3rd Global Conference: Sport and Place: Sport, Identity and Community takes place from Saturday 30 August – Monday 1st September 2014 at Mansfield College, Oxford. This conference aims to bring together scholars from a wide range of disciplines who are interested in exploring sport's social, political and economic places and spaces. The Steering Group, which includes Professor **Karl Spracklen**, are interested in receiving all forms of research and presentations of theory and particularly welcomes the submission of pre-formed panel proposals. For further details of the conference, please visit:

<http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/probing-the-boundaries/persons/sport/call-for-papers/>

Dr **Leanne Norman** has been invited to participate in a conference on the writing and development of the new global strategy for elite women in coaching, commissioned by the ICCE. The international conference will take place in Lithuania. As lead researcher for global strategy, Leanne will lead research on each of the National Olympic Committees, focusing on the representation of male and female coaches within the NOCs for the London 2012 Games. This will involve working with the International Olympic Committee to gather data and produce the report. Leanne will present the outcomes of this research on behalf of the global strategy group at the IWG World Conference on Women in Sport in Helsinki in June.

The Science Behind the Tour de France, 2-3 July 2014 Rose Bowl, Leeds Met, organised by the World Congress of Cycling Science in association with University of Kent. Abstract submissions deadline 17.00 1 April 2014.

www.kent.ac.uk/sportsciences/wcss

The launch of the **Carnegie Conversations 2014** guest lecture series saw BBC broadcaster Tanya Arnold put the senior leadership team from Yorkshire County Cricket Club through their paces in an informative and entertaining exploration of leadership in sport. Mark Arthur CEO led the discussions into the importance of shared ethos and communication for effective leadership and how good practice developed on the coaching side has now permeated the whole organisation including the back room staff. Martyn Moxon, Director of Professional Cricket, shared some insights into what has worked for the club and lessons learned, including the T20 tactics of bowling Yorkers! First Team Coach, Jason Gillespie, stressed the importance of creating the right environment for players to thrive, but that ultimately his focus was on getting a balance between enabling players to take individual ownership alongside having fun, which, he holds, is the key to team success.

The next Conversation in the series on 5 March sees **Malcolm Brown MBE**, coach to the world champion/Olympic Gold and Bronze medallists, the Brownlee brothers, and the current women's world champion, Non Stanford, share his world class coaching experience in the making of a champion. On 17 March **Steve Peters**, Consultant Psychiatrist to the British Cycling Team and Undergraduate Dean of Sheffield Medical School, shares his theories and experience of how the human mind can reach optimum performance.

All sessions are free and provide excellent networking opportunities attracting audiences from a cross section of external organisations. Past sessions are available to view on line including short interviews with selected speakers. Please book via www.leedsmet.ac.uk/guestspeakers or if you would like to bring a VIP guests contact Melissa Watts on m.h.watts@leedsmet.ac.uk

Enterprise News

Staff in Languages (School of Events, Tourism and Hospitality) have created a suite of bespoke short CPD workshops for groups of teachers, students and professionals:

- Languages for Business, including French for the Tour de France in Yorkshire
- International English for International Business and to communicate with visitors to the Tour de France in Yorkshire
- English for Business for non-native speakers
- English Language and Culture
- Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) for teachers
- English Language Teaching Methodology for English language teachers
- Materials Development for English language teachers

Further information is available on www.leedsmet.ac.uk/cpd/language-teaching.htm or contact **Dawn Leggett**.

Dr **Christine Lundberg** is part of the research team involved in the New Mountain Experience, a project based at Mid Sweden University and financed by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency. The main purpose of this project is to analyse trends in recreational use of the Swedish mountain region at different spatial levels to support and critically examine a sustainable development in the light of the Swedish environmental objective 'En storslagen fjällmiljö'. The project which analyses current use and trends with special focus on activities, experiences, benefits and impacts, will bring approximately £23,270 to Leeds Metropolitan University.

For further information (available in Swedish only at this point in time), see:

<http://www.miun.se/sv/Forskning/Var-forskning/forskningscentra/ETOUR/ETOUR---Forskning/projekt/Den-nya-fjallupplevelsen-Friluftstrender-och-hallbar-utveckling-for-en-Storslagen-fjallmiljo/>
<http://storslagnafjall.se/>

The School of Sport has secured two new research consultancy contracts with British Athletics and the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB). The British Athletics work is a coaching workforce audit and involves team members: Andi Drake, Dr **Ian Richards**, **Jamie French** and Professor **John Lyle**. The ECB work is concerned with examining the barriers to UK based South Asian origin cricket players moving into coaching and involves team members: PhD student **AJ Rankin**, Dr **Dave Piggott**, Dr **Leanne Norman**, Professor **Kevin Hylton**, **Steve Gilbert** and Dr **Tom Fletcher**. Both bids were led, and the projects will be managed, by **Julian North** who can be contacted for further details. The projects will contribute c£30k to enterprise income.

Following the successful development of the Virtual Runner learning game, Professor Reinhold Behringer (AET) and Professor **Rod King** have continued their collaboration and have won participation in Phase 1 of the "Armour39 Challenge". In this challenge, the fitness clothing company "Under Armour" is seeking new ideas for their sports activity tracking device *Armour39*, which tracks heartbeat and physical motion. Professors Behringer and King are among the selected teams who received an Armour39 kit worth \$200, which they will use to develop a system for automatically evaluating athlete fitness. They are looking for student programmers who are experts in Bluetooth communication and development on Android, iOS, and/or Windows. The deadline is tight - a prototype must be ready by 1 March. Fifteen winning teams will be invited to the US to demonstrate their concept, and the two finalists will win \$25,000 resp. \$10,000.

<http://www.digitaltrends.com/sports/under-armour-crowd-sources-the-future-of-its-armour39-workout-monitor/>

Fresh Start January took place at Carnegie Pavilion from 13 – 17 January. The week of specialist workshops, which was initiated by the **School of Events, Tourism and Hospitality**, gained investment from UKTI

and attracted over 160 student, 18 business bookings and Leeds Met staff. There was great feedback from attendees who said the sessions provided 'great insights' and were 'thought provoking' and 'very useful'. Workshops were delivered by academics from the School of Events, Tourism and Hospitality and included Social Media, Sustainability, Performance Management, Customer Research, Language and Culture, Presentation Skills, Future Thinking and Myers Briggs Type Indicator training.

The Institute of Travel & Tourism held their *Future You* Conference with us on 31 January. The event attracted over 60 students from our own tourism courses, as well as local Universities and colleges. Speakers and exhibitors from Perfect Weddings Abroad, Stella Travel Services, Travlaw, Way Out Travel, Whitbread Premier Inn and Zolv were available to give valuable advice to students and answer their questions. Inter-Venue, an up and coming events company based in Spain, managed the event alongside the Leeds Met Event Support Service.

Our designated LTA tennis provision continues to go from strength to strength. 2014 has started off well for **Peter Ashley** (U18 AASE Tennis Player who trains at Leeds Metropolitan University) who has gained his First Senior ATP World Ranking Points this week, after winning in a Pro-Series in Sheffield. He now joins four other players in the centre with World Ranking Points (**Clay Crawford** – Men's 1st team player, **Nicole Peterson** – Women's 1st team player, **Ed Holt** – Men's Open Wheelchair and **Antony Cotterill** – Men's Quad Wheelchair). Peter started playing tennis at Leeds Metropolitan University in the Carnegie Mini tennis programme at the age of 4 years. He competed at Junior Wimbledon in the summer of 2013. Pete is hoping to join Leeds Metropolitan University as a student in 2015. Leeds Metropolitan University is potentially the only university with so many students actively playing with world ranked points. Plans to build on this on-court success with a series of CPD awards will strengthen our lead in this area of sporting excellence.

Three successful bids for funding have been made from the **School of Sport** to the **HEIF** fund each securing on average £10k to support evolving enterprise products to take to market. A further bid has been supported within the Faculty to develop the CPD portfolio within **ETH** led by Guy Lincoln. The three bids are:

- Carnegie Consultancy Services in Sports Nutrition: Dr Tony Parsons, Professor Rod King, Dr John O'Hara, Louise Sutton
- Carnegie Capture and Change – impact evaluation model: Dr Dan Parnell, Dr Andy Pringle, Dr Ian Richards
- Development of High Strength I- leucine essential amino acid nutritional product for use by elderly: Harry Ispoglou, Professor Rod King, Helen White.

Congratulations to all those involved in putting together these bids and the inspiring presentations which led to success.

The Enterprise Academy continues to provide excellent and wide ranging support and advice for all staff who want to engage in enterprise both on a one to one basis and through the workshop series. These services have been extended to students through the newly launched Student Enterprise Academy. In addition a new opportunity to bid for funds to support **social enterprise** activity has just been released with £500 per school allocated to support activities that make a difference in society. For example:

- ☐ Environmental projects
- ☐ Positive body image and confidence building
- ☐ Student run self help
- ☐ Fitness to prevent ill health

Interested staff are welcome to attend the social enterprise briefing on 5th March, from 4.00 – 5.30 in Rosebowl 231.

For details of all activities contact enterpriseacademy@leedsmet.ac.uk

Research Student News

Lorena Lozano was awarded a bursary to attend and present at the UK Society of Behavioural Medicine Annual Scientific Meeting - see: <http://www.uksbm.org.uk/?p=2967>. Lorena will also present two papers at the Men, Health and Wellbeing: Critical Insights conference, which takes place at Leeds Metropolitan University in July. These are entitled 'Friendly, Flexible and Fun: men's experiences of an exercise group for weight loss' and 'Researching big men - a reflexive account of a Spanish female ex-athlete and a British male ex-bodybuilder's experiences with weight management groups'. The latter is a collaboration with fellow Leeds Met PhD student **Simon Rowlands**.

A poster presented by Masters student **Clare Smith** was shortlisted for the Student Poster Presentation Award at the Division of Sport and Exercise Psychology Conference held in Manchester in December. Clare's was one of just three posters to be 'highly commended' by the judging panel. This is an excellent achievement for Clare in her very first conference presentation.

Suzanne Peacock and **Liz King** carried out an evaluation of three programmes organised by Climbing Out, a charity which uses sport and adventure to aid the recovery of young people with cancer and life changing illnesses. Employing formative research methods that combined qualitative and quantitative approaches, they explored the role of a five-day adventurous training programme on the recovery of young people with cancer and other life changing illnesses.

Working with colleagues in Loughborough University, **Matthew Hobbs** has co-authored an article entitled 'Maternal short stature does not predict their children's fatness indicators in a nutritional dual-burden sample of urban Mexican Maya'. This was published in the *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* last December – see: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ajpa.22463/abstract>.

In addition, Matthew has been selected as a reviewer for the *Journal of Applied Physiology, Nutrition, and Metabolism*. He has also recently presented on the impact of the environment on obesity at the Designed to Move Conference focusing – see: <http://prezi.com/nevfglrgp9t2/the-environment-obesity/>

Two PhD students began their doctoral research under the supervision of Professor **Karl Spracklen** in February. **Gareth Heritage** is exploring 1980s heavy metal subcultures through the notion of hyper-realism. **Phil Harding** is developing an oral history of 1990s boy bands (in conjunction with the AET Faculty).

Dr **Ben Jones** has been successful in securing three match-funded PhD projects with Leeds Rugby. The successful candidates **Chris Black** (Effects of match play and training loads on acute and chronic fatigue in rugby league players), **Josh Darrall-Jones** (Physiological and anthropometric development in academy rugby league and union players, with consideration for match play performance) and **Deborah Fearnley** (Dietary requirements of academy rugby players) will be working with Leeds Rhinos Rugby League and Leeds Carnegie Rugby Union players and coaches. The new students will be supervised by Dr **Ben Jones**, Dr **John O'Hara**, Dr **Kevin Till** and Dr **Lauren Duckworth**, with Professor **Carlton Cooke**, Professor **Roderick King** and **Louise Sutton** acting as advisors.

PhD awards

Colleagues will be pleased to hear that **Scarlett Drury** (SL in PE) was awarded her PhD in November subject to very minor amendments. The title of her thesis is 'Queering Sport? The dynamics of homophobic and hetero-

normative discourses in 'gay' football'. Scarlett was examined by Dr Ian Wellard (external) and Professor Anne Flintoff (internal). Dr **Ivor Timmis** was the Independent Chair. Her supervisors were Dr **Beccy Watson** (DoS) and Emeritus Professor **Sheila Scraton**.

Congratulations to **Alistair Williams** and his supervisory team - **Emma Wood**, **Stephen Henderson** and Ben Walmsley - on a successful outcome to his PhD viva on Monday 25 November. Following the viva the examiners awarded the PhD with minor revisions to be completed within the month. Alistair's thesis is entitled 'An Investigation into Experiential Marketing Evaluation Metrics within Hospitality'.

Congratulations also to **Sheree-Ann Adams** on a successful outcome to her PhD viva on 27 November. Following the viva the examiners awarded the PhD with revisions to be completed within 12 months. Sheree-Ann's thesis is entitled 'The role of corporate social/environmental responsibility in cruise consumer decision making'. Her supervisors were Dr **Xavier Font** and Dr **Davina Stanford**.

Other News

Dr **Susan Backhouse** has been asked to convene a Clean Sport Interest Group to consolidate the Strategic Partnership between UK Anti-Doping and the British Association of Sport and Exercise Science. She has also been invited to become a member of the UKAD Research Steering Committee.

Congratulations to Dr **Paula Kearns** on her successful defence of her DBA thesis, with no amendments. Paula's work entitled 'On Your Marks, Get Set, Go: The Development of the Sport and Physical Activity Value (S&PAVAL) Model for use in the Leisure Industry'. Paula joined the Sport Management Academic Group in September of this year.

The Sport Management Academic Group also welcomes Dr **Dan Parnell**, another full-time member of staff and very recent 'Doctor' who started with us in December. Dan will already be known to some colleagues through his on-going work with health promotion and community outreach in football.

Dr **Jacqueline Stevenson's** research 'Pedagogic Stratification in UK Higher Education', presented at the Society for Research into Higher Education Annual Conference, was reported on by the Times Higher Education on 19 December, 2013. The research has been funded by the Higher Education Academy and is undertaken in partnership with Penny Jane Burke, Professor of Education at the University of Roehampton. The data comprises a Critical Discourse Analysis of the websites, Access Agreements and Learning and Teaching strategies of 11 universities as well as 33 interviews undertaken with senior academics, including Vice-chancellors and institutional policy makers, and 350 qualitative survey responses received from teaching staff. The final report will be published in spring 2014.

Dr **Faye Didymus** gained Chartered Scientist status with The Science Council.

Dr **Andy Pringle** has been working as a member of the Public Health Advisory Committee for the National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence on the NICE guidance on exercise referral which is now being prepared for consultation. Andy has also been invited by NICE to be a member of a topic selection group on sedentary behaviour on March 6.

Cassandra Kilbride has joined Dr **Ian Lamond** and Professor **Karl Spracklen** as research assistant on a seed-funded project into protests as events/ activism as leisure. This is a development from earlier work Ian and Karl began as part of a symposium of the same name they and Professor **Kevin Hannam** coordinated last year.

Dr **Ian Lamond** has been selected as one of ten UK ECRs to attend a British Council funded training/research opportunity in Sao Paulo exploring 'Collective Memory and Social Networks in Emerging Global Conflicts'. The project will run for 3 to 4 days in April this year.

Professor **Karl Spracklen** has been appointed the Chair of the Publications Area of Activity Board for Inter-Disciplinary.Net. He is also running a third global conference on sport for Inter-Disciplinary.Net. This will take place in Oxford from 30 August to 1 September 2014.

Dr **Simon Woodward** is working with the Alderney Wildlife Trust to develop a methodology for measuring tourism accommodation occupancy levels across the year, in order to get a better understanding of the volume of tourism activity on the island. He continues to manage the University's partnership with the Royal Armouries in Leeds and is facilitating work by Leeds Met staff and students on a number of projects including the digitisation of stereoscopic images of trenches and no-man's land taken in 1915 in Northern France, and designs for an exhibition on the role of bicycles on WWI battlefields (the exhibition to coincide with the Grand Depart in July).

Dr **Faye Didymus** was interviewed live on Sky Sports News regarding psychological stress in sport. (Her related blog can be found here: <http://mediacentre.leedsmet.ac.uk/elitesport/>).

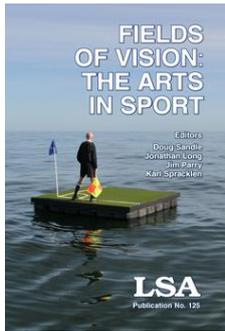
Dr **Leanne Norman** was invited to join one of the Football Association's county association Local Football Anti Discrimination Panels (LFADP). She will assist the panel that adjudicates on disciplinary charges for breaches of discipline with regard to cases of discrimination on the grounds of the age, race, gender, disability, mental health, faith, sexual orientation and gender reassignment.

Leanne has also been selected to join the panel for the Equality Challenge Unit's (ECU) Gender Equality Charter trial awards. The ECU works to further and support equality and diversity for staff and students in higher education across the four nations of the UK. The gender equality charter mark aims to address gender inequalities and imbalance in the arts, humanities and social sciences, in particular the underrepresentation of women in senior roles. The panel have been tasked with assessing the institutions applying to achieve this charter mark.

Dr **Jacqueline Stevenson** and Dr **Viv Caruana**, both from the Centre for Social and Educational Research across the Lifecourse, had papers published in a special edition of Higher Education Quarterly (Volume 68, No. 1, January 2014). Dr Stevenson's paper 'Internationalisation and Religious Inclusion in United Kingdom Higher Education' focuses on how the lack of recognition of religion on campus can act to 'other', marginalise and isolate students and thus undermine the aims of internationalisation, in particular cross-cultural understanding. Dr Caruana's paper reports the findings of a Higher Education Academy-funded project exploring how students draw on their diverse backgrounds in developing resilience within multicultural learning environments. Her research findings suggest that student diversity provides a rich source of lived experience that can be harnessed as a resource in developing graduates as global citizens.

Dr **Ian Lamond** has had two book reviews approved for publication, one in *Participations: the International Journal of Audience and Reception Studies* and the other in the *Discourse and Society*. Ian has also recently sent a paper on lexical preference in party election texts to reviewers for the journal *Cultural Trends*.

There is now a publication from the conference and programme of events that ISPAL supported and promoted on the arts in sport / sport in the arts. It involved Professors **Jonathan Long** and **Karl Spracklen** as editors and Jonathan Long and Dr **Nigel Morpeth** as contributors. For details about ordering, please go to: <http://www.leisure-studies-association.info/LSAWEB/NewTitle/125.html>. It will also shortly be available as an e-book.



Professor **Karl Spracklen**'s paper (with Beverley Spracklen) entitled 'The Strange and Spooky Battle over Bats and Black Dresses: The Commodification of Whitby Goth Weekend and the Loss of a Subculture' has been published in *Tourist Studies*. (DOI:10.1177/1468797613511688).

Members of ISPAL have co-authored the following paper as part of an innovative collaborative research project with PE secondary school staff. The research sets out to evaluate contrasting outdoor activity residential interventions for enabling the successful transition of secondary school children:

Allan, J. F., McKenna, J., Buckland, H. & Bell, R.L. (2014) Getting the right fit: Tailoring the outdoor adventure residential experiences for the transition of school children, *Research Matters*, PE Matters, Spring Edition

As part of a joint project between Carnegie School of Sport and Leeds Metropolitan University counselling staff, **John Allen**, Professor **Jim McKenna** and Susan Dominey have published an article entitled 'Degrees of resilience: profiling psychological resilience and prospective academic achievement in university inductees' in the *British Journal of Guidance & Counselling*, DOI: 10.1080/03069885.2013.793784. Arising out of a concern for the mental health of university inductees, the research focuses on profiling the psychological resilience of students in order to enable identification of adaptive functioning. Such profiling also helps to predict the prospective academic attainment of female students.