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## PsyCen Newsletter Spring 2022

"Welcome to the PsyCen Spring newsletter; thank you to Cat Brooke for pulling this all together and to you for sharing your contributions; this is all very inspiring given the extreme circumstances we have all been working under. It is also so great to see the ECRN writing sessions continuing and being well attended! We have had some big grant successes recently with Dr Tamara Turner Moore (ESRC); Dr Jim Morgan (KTP: Aggregate Industries, Innovate UK) and Dr Lisa Harkry (Wellcome Trust) which is really great news for PsyCen and the University. However, as we all know, grant writing is often a thankless task and success is often very hard to come by. I think it is also important to recognise the value in the process; putting a team together, collaborating on a shared mission and building relationships with like-minded researchers, the learning achieved is invaluable and can only enrich our experience."



**Dr Trish Holch - Director of  
PsyCen**

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## Good news

**Dr Matteo Curcuruto** delivered a managerial consultancy project for the chemical industry BASF in December 2021, assuring over £3k income for the University.

A big thank you to **Dr Katy Day** and **Dr Tamara Turner-Moore** who are stepping down as co-leads of the the **Gender and Sexualities Programme**, and a warm welcome to **Dr Maxine Woolhouse** who will be taking up this role.

Welcome to **Dr Mirko Demasi** as **Early Careers Research Network (ECRN)** co-lead with **Dr Neda Mahmoodi**, who is currently running successful online ECR Writing Groups on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

**Professor Georgina Jones** was invited to present at a lunch symposium with other international speakers on Women's Health on fertility preservation and Breast Implant-Associated Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma (BIA ALCL) at the 7th International Breast Surgery Workshop & 3rd World Consensus Conference, Rome in October 2021.

**Dr Chanki Moon** was interviewed by Yorkshire Evening Post his recent research into the behaviour of the public with regards to the Covid pandemic in March 2022. **Read more here**

**Dr Jim Morgan**, **Dr Matteo Curcuruto** and **Dr Trish Holch** are collaborating with Aggregate Industries in a new Government-funded research and innovation project to reduce work-related risk in the construction materials industry, using a novel proactive approach. This new Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) project will run for two years and is part-funded by Innovate UK. It is the first step in a long-term, strategic shift in how the business manages and prioritises safety in the workplace. **Read more here**

**Dr Tamara Turner-Moore**, **Dr Lauren Smith** and PhD Student **Georgina Forshall** collaborated with Founder and Director of Irregular Arts Jenny Wilson as the **Stigmatised Sexualities and Sexual**

Harm (SSSH!) research group, and delivered a workshop in SSSHameLess Agents for Change at the Shameless! Festival of Activism Against Sexual Violence. London in November 2021.

**Dr Tamara Turner-Moore** became an [Associate Editor and Editorial Board Member for the international journal, Frontiers in Global Women's Health – Quality of Life](#) in January 2022, providing expertise in violence against women and girls.

Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the **PsyCen mini away day** in January 2022, it was a huge success and great to hear updates on recently funded projects. **You can watch the recording here**

A warm welcome to new staff recently joining LSSS: **Kate Liston - Clinical Research Assistant, Lyndsey Pearson - Academic Quality Support Officer and Sam McCroakam - Course Administrator for Sociology Group of Courses.**



## Research Student News

**PsyCen Research Student John Connolly**, supervised by [Dr Andrew Wilson](#), whose thesis is a collaboration between Leeds Beckett and Southampton Football Club and explores the potential of virtual reality to improve players' decision-making, was featured in the recent Leeds Beckett University PhD student spotlight. [Read more here](#)

We were delighted to welcome **PsyCen Research Student Andrew Salkeld** in February 2022. Andrew's PhD thesis, **supervised by Dr Chanki Moon** will consider how financing, and individual perceptions of financing, potentially can influence the (perceptions of) leadership, structure, climate and culture within organisations, and how these are related to other individual psychological outcomes such as job insecurity, stress, burnout and anxiety/ depression.

Congratulations to **Halima Ahmed** and **Olivia Robinson** who recently completed their Viva.



## Special Feature

### **The Open Science North Consortium: Multi-Institution Final Year Project with Psychology Students**

[Dr Sofia Persson](#), [Dr Trish Holch](#)

The North Consortium is a collaborative Final Year Project with psychology students and supervisors from Leeds Beckett University, Manchester Metropolitan University, and the University of Sheffield. Modelled on the GW4 Psychology Consortium (Button et al., 2019), this project allowed students across the different institutions to collaborate on project design, execution, and data collection under the guide of the team of supervisors. Students are currently writing up their dissertations individually, all having their own 'angle' on the overarching project (e.g., a moderator of main effects). As all students collected data on the same variables, the final output is a well-designed, high-powered dataset with potential for publication. This project has allowed students to experience first-hand how 'real-life' collaborative research is carried out.

The North Consortium is tied to the PsyCen Open Research and Scholarship Network, and the students have engaged with Open Science principles throughout the project, i.e., pre-registering the project and sharing their data. Sophie Harmon, the 21-22 consortium student from Leeds Beckett described her participation in the project as follows: "The Consortium has taught me so

much about real-world research and how to work with others. It has given me a lot more confidence when it comes to conveying my own ideas and the staff are brilliant and so supportive.



## External Funding News

**Dr Lisa Harkry** and team were awarded funding from Wellcome Trust's 2021 Workplace Mental Health Commission for a project which aims to help employers improve the mental health of autistic adults in the workplace.

The focus of the project, one of only three projects to receive this funding in the UK, is on the effective use of supported employment methods to improve autistic adults' mental health. The Leeds Beckett University team includes **Dr Trish Holch**, **Dr Suzie Wang** and **Jessica Mayes**.

The project will result in a practical report for business leaders and policymakers to improve the mental health of autistic adults in the workplace. A showcase event will also be held at Leeds Beckett University later in 2022 to share the research findings, which will be represented visually by an autistic artist. **[Read more here](#)**



**Dr Tamara Turner-Moore** and team have been awarded funding by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) for a four year project to explore interpersonal relationships, power and abuses of power within online sperm donation. The project involves a multi-disciplinary team of 10 people, including five national co-investigators across five UK institutions, one international co-investigator, and three research staff. At Leeds Beckett University, this includes **Professor Georgina Jones**, **Dr Lauren Smith**, **Francesca Taylor** and **Georgina Forshall**.

It is anticipated that the research will increase understanding of three important areas in our society: violence, health, and the internet. For violence, it will raise awareness of how women looking for sperm online (and, possibly, other people, too) are being abused, what support they need, and how we can stop this abuse from happening. For health, it will help inform decisions about whether NHS clinics should have more funding for sperm donation and who can access it, and whether the government should regulate online sperm donation. For the internet, it will help inform discussions about how the internet affects our lives and what safety and support we need online. In addition,

through action research workshops, the team will work with people involved in online sperm donation to bring about personal, professional and social change.



## Let's Get to Know...

### Dr Mirko Demasi

"My research focuses on the study of political discourse through the lens of discursive psychology. In particular I'm interested in how notions such as facts, rationality and truth are discursively constructed to argue for, and against, a particular ideological position. I have looked at political debates, particularly around the topic of the relationship between the UK and the EU, and I have also analysed instances of extreme prejudice, in instances of verbal face-to-face racist attacks. I am currently working on studying how British politicians, Boris Johnson in particular, talk about 'common sense' as a way to try and mobilise the British public to behave in a responsible and appropriate manner to slow down the spread of the coronavirus. My other project is on looking at how people talk about toilets online. That is, how are issues such as gender, safety and public toilets discussed? Some preliminary findings suggest that common sense are used to shift public accountability away from politicians (common sense project), and how the category of 'female/woman' is used in flexible, diverse, ways to argue for and against transgender women and whether they should have access to public female toilets. These are collaborations with Dr Shani Burke (Teesside University) for both projects, and Dr Philippa Carr (UWE – Bristol) and John Somers (University of Westminster) on the toilet talk project. More recently I have developed an interest in, and I am currently working on studying the scientific method, and its philosophical underpinnings by viewing it as a form of rhetorical argument. That is, how can one use deductive and inductive arguments to rhetorically bolster the "real-ness" of a particular study or scientific method? My other area of interest is in looking at the language of war and peace, hoping to understand how elite politicians, in this case Russian ones, justify and account for actions that result in and are a part of war."



## Research and Enterprise Professional Development and Training Courses coming up...

- **Tuesday 26 April, 09:30-12:30 RiSK**

**Writing Retreat** – This writing retreat is the culmination of the RiSK programme and will provide you with an opportunity to complete a grant application.

- **Thursday 12 May, 10:00-11:00 What is a Knowledge Transfer Partnerships and how/why do I get involved?** – This workshop will provide you with an overview of Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (both KTP and mKTP) and the value they bring.

- **Tuesday 24 May, 14:00-15:00 Journal**

**Metrics – Impact factors, h-values, altmetrics - what do they mean?** How can understanding them help your research and what are their limits.

- **Thursday 26 May, 10:00-11:30**

**Commercialisation of Research Projects and IP** – This workshop will provide a working knowledge about the commercialisation of research project outputs and Intellectual Property.

- **Wednesday 15 June, 13:00-14:30**

**‘Seasonality’ of Research** – In this workshop, you will consider and plot the ‘seasonality’ of your research by identifying stressors associated with key research processes and how these might be managed more effectively.

[Find out more at Research and Enterprise Professional Development and Training](#)

## PsyCen Events coming up...

- ***Men's Allyship and Embodiment: Curating Masculinities in Naked Photoshoots***

**Speaker:** Gabriel Knott-Fayle

Tuesday April 26th 12-1pm

[REGISTER HERE](#)

- ***Voicing for Workplace Safety: Factors that Foster (or Hinder) Employees Speaking-Up about Safety***

**Chairs:** [Prof. Stacey Conchie](#) & [Dr Matteo](#)

[Curcuruto](#)

**Discussant:** [Prof. Sharon Clarke](#)

**Moderator:** [Dr Jim Morgan](#)

Wednesday 11th May 4.00-5.00pm

[REGISTER HERE](#)

- ***Physical and Cognitive Symptoms in Healthy People: A contemporary understanding of functional neurological disorder (FND) and functional cognitive disorder (FCD)***

**Speaker:** [Professor Steven Kemp](#) Tuesday 3rd May 2.00- 3.00pm

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[See all LSSS Research Events here](#)