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■ A Word from...

"Welcome everyone to the [Centre for Psychological Research \(PsyCen\)](#) October 2021 newsletter; as you can see there has been plenty of research activity over the last few months including some grant success and important outputs associated with our programmes. It is also an opportunity to get to know our Senior Research fellow Dr Leanne Staniford who will be working on health-related research projects. I'm really delighted that the online seminar series is underway and that we now have our PsyCen streaming service and new website. Thank you to Dr Mirko Demasi who is joining Dr Neda Mahmoodi as the ECRN initiative co-lead and Dr Lauren Smith who is taking the QUALMS initiative forward. We also now have a date in the diary for an online away day 11th January where we will hear about all the PsyCen funded projects over the past year." [Dr Trish Holch – Director of PsyCen](#)

■ Publications & accepted/ in press

Andrzejowski, P., **Holch, P.** & Giannoudis, P. V. (2021). 'Measuring functional outcomes in major trauma: can we do better?' *European journal of trauma and emergency surgery*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00068-021-01720-1>

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• Training and Development

Research and Enterprise Service run a programme of [training and development courses](#) to support researchers. Some upcoming workshops:

• **Wednesday 3 Nov, 10:00-11:30 Understanding Horizon Europe** - This session will support you in understanding what the Horizon Europe funding programme is and what it has to offer.

• **Tuesday 16 Nov, 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 18 Nov, 10:00-11:00 Your Researcher Identity – Promoting your research online** - This practical session will look at ways to promote yourself and your research in a streamlined and strategic way to achieve your goals.

• **Thursday 18 Nov, 14:00-15:00 What is a Knowledge Transfer Partnership 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 23 Nov, 10:30-12:30 Introduction to Research Ethics** - This workshop is aimed at Research Awards Supervisors at all levels and will provide you with a working understanding of the Confirmation of Registration (CoR) process.

You should have received a welcome email from **Research Professional** – the Universities' new research funding search tool which has replaced Research Connect.

[LOG INTO YOUR ACCOUNT](#) to access this resource, disregarding the University drop down options.

Moon, C., & Lee, S. (2021). 'Narcissism and Anger: the Moderating Role of Social Exclusion and the Mediating Role of Hostile Attribution Bias Mechanism.' *Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences*, 64(1), 53-71. <https://doi.org/10.17939/hushss.2021.64.1.002>

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Wilson, A. D. (2021). 'Interface Theory vs Gibson: An Ontological Defense of the Ecological Approach.' *Philosophical Psychology*. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09515089.2021.1937592>

McCambridge, J., Atkin, K., Dhital, R., Foster, B., **Gough, B.** et al. (in press). 'Addressing complex pharmacy consultations: methods used to develop a person-centred intervention to highlight alcohol within pharmacist reviews of medications.' *Addiction Science & Clinical Practice*.

Madden, M., Atkin, K., **Gough, B.** et al. (in press). 'Using qualitative process evaluation in the development of a complex intervention to advance person-centred practice by pharmacists: The Medicines and Alcohol Consultation (MAC).' *Social Science & Medicine – Qualitative Research in Health*, # 100012. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmqr.2021.100012>

Milnes, K., Turner-Moore, T. & Gough, B. (in press). 'Towards a culturally situated understanding of bullying: Viewing young people's talk about peer relationships through the lens of consent.' *Journal of Youth Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13676261.2021.1965106>

Moon, C., & Travaglino, G. (in press). 'Examining Conspiracy Beliefs and COVID-19 in Four Countries: The Role of Disgust towards the Political System and Implications for Prosocial behavior.' *Journal of Pacific Rim Psychology*.

- **Update on recent PsyCen funded projects**

Turner-Moore, T., Milnes, K. & Gough, B. (in press). 'Sexual bullying in five European countries: Intersections between sexualised, sexuality-, and gender expression-related bullying or harassment.' *Sex Roles*.

■ Good News

During June and August '21, the **Leeds School of Social Sciences Twitter** account [@BeckettSocSci](#) shared the work of scholars from across the school showcasing why social science matters. Each week was based on different themes from the Campaign for Social Science's '10 reasons why you need the social science', including how social sciences can make neighbourhoods safer, promote health and well-being, and support democracy. [READ DETAILS HERE](#) #tenreasons

Dr Kirsty Budds has been invited to join the Alcohol and Pregnancy Research Network, based within the [British Pregnancy Advisory Service \(BPAS\)](#). The network was formed as a response to concerns regarding the policy push towards mandatory screening of all pregnant people for alcohol use, with routine transfer of this information onto a child's health record. The aim of the network is to feed an academic perspective into the emerging policy framework and to develop collaborative research projects in this area.

Dr Matteo Curcuruto's research on 'Improving workplace safety through Mindful Organising: what we can learn from high reliability organisations' has been featured in [LSSS Blog](#) in August '21. This project was funded by PsyCen, in conjunction with Erasmus and the University of Valencia.

Professor Brendan Gough was appointed as Editor in Chief for [Social and Personality Psychology Compass](#) in June '21.

Dr Trish Holch has been invited to join the steering group for [Yorkshire Cancer Research](#) PREHABS study from 2021-2024. This feasibility study looks at providing lifestyle interventions in the treatment pathway for patients undergoing radical radiotherapy for lung cancer.

Professor Georgina Jones was invited and joined the national '[Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group](#) for Reproductive and Fertility Health' in April '21. The same month, she was also invited and joined the '[Fertility Preservation Multidisciplinary' team at Leeds Teaching Hospital](#).

Dr Chanki Moon continues to take a role in the [AASP \(Asian Association of Social Psychology\)](#)'s Small Group Meetings Committee for the 2021-2023 term.

Dr Jim Morgan is leading a team to launch a new 24 month Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) with Aggregate Industries, a producer and supplier of construction materials with more than 200 sites across the UK. They aim to do this by developing, implementing and embedding a structured safety behaviour identification and intervention protocol (SBIIP) within the business. The project follows [two previous successful KTPs](#) led by Dr Morgan with VolkerRail and Amey.

Dr Bridgette Rickett was Interviewed by 'the [Psychologist](#)' on a '[Conversation on Class](#)' feature in September '21.

Dr Andrew Wilson: 'An ethnographic interview study to characterise the current coaching theory and practice across Southampton Football Club':

"This work is in collaboration with Dr Will Roberts (University of Gloucestershire), Mark O'Sullivan (AIK Football Club, Sweden), Prof Keith Davids (Sheffield-Hallam) and Iain Brunnschweiler (Coach and Player Development manager at Southampton). PsyCen funding provided a Research Assistant to help run and transcribe the interviews and researcher time for analysis and virtual reality equipment. Interviews are nearly complete; this will be the first formal collaboration between us all". [READ ABOUT IT IN LBU BLOG](#) and [LISTEN TO THE INTERVIEW](#)

Dr Lindsey Thiel & **Naomi de Graff:** 'Evaluating the perceptions of people with aphasia and students of the online conversation partner placement.'

"Conversation partner placements are provided to speech and language therapy students to develop their skills and confidence in supporting conversations with people with aphasia. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, in-person conversation partner placements have been replaced with online conversations. This project aimed to explore student and service user perceptions of the training through semi-structured interviews. We were funded by PsyCen to conduct and transcribe interviews in June and July 2021 and we are now ready to start analysing our data."

Dr Sarah James, Lorette Porter & **Dr Lindsey Thiel:** 'An exploration of BAME Speech and Language Therapy students' journey into the profession.'

"The aim of this project is to explore the experiences of black, Asian and minority ethnic Speech and Language Therapy students of the profession, admissions, the course and placements. Participants took

part in focus groups and a preliminary analysis has been conducted. The findings from this analysis have led to a student-led Leeds Beckett SLT Anti-racism and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Forum being established. Lindsey has also been working with the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists and representatives from other HEIs to discuss and share ideas on how to promote anti-racism and equality, diversity and inclusion on our courses and in the profession."

Dr Chanki Moon: '*Understanding prosocial and collective behaviours during COVID-19.*'

"Based on this support I have had several successes with my colleague Dr. Giovanni Travaglino (Department of Law and Criminology, Royal Holloway). One strand of research obtained through this project was published in an international leading journal as part of the research topic 'Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19): Psychological, Behavioral, Interpersonal Effects, and Clinical Implications for Health Systems' (Paper title: Compliance and Self-Reporting During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Cross-Cultural Study of Trust and Self-Conscious Emotions in the United States, Italy, and South Korea; Travaglino & Moon, 2021; open-access link) and this published article was featured in a popular news magazine (Time) (article title: Here's What Will Actually Convince People to Get Vaccinated; Kluger, 2021). Another line of the work from this project is also at the final stage of publication in another special issue of a journal ('Psychology of conspiracy theories about infectious diseases') (Paper title: Examining Conspiracy Beliefs and COVID-19 in Four Countries: The Role of Disgust towards the Political System and Implications for Prosocial behavior; Moon & Travaglino, in press). I believe this research project will be a cornerstone to extend our knowledge of human life and behaviours; especially how humans are reacting to this global health crisis."

Welcome and all the best to the new staff members in Psychology:

- **Chris Reader**, Graduate Learning Officer
- **Gabriel Knott-Fayle**, Research Officer

■ Special Feature

'Evaluation of a telehealth model of SLT practice placements from the student and service user perspective.' [Jo Sandiford](#), [Naomi de Graff](#) & [Dr Annie Hurren](#)

"When all clinical placements were cancelled due to Covid, the LBU Speech Language Therapists team supported student-led online therapy sessions for clients with a range of communication difficulties (aphasia post-stroke, teenagers with Down Syndrome, people with voice problems and people who stammer). We also developed a range of simulated clinical scenarios. This study evaluated the experiences of students and service users via semi-structured interviews and analysed them using thematic analysis.

Students thought it was great preparation for the changing 'online' workplace, they developed their confidence and skills in engaging service users using technology.

Service users embraced the opportunity and reflected: '*they [students] were animated, expressive young people.... that makes a difference to the ability of the children to engage*' - Parent of teenager with Down Syndrome.

The study showed that telehealth removed some of the barriers to accessing intervention and reduced isolation for clients with communication difficulties.

The outcomes of the study have been used along with Health Education England funding to further develop placement opportunities. These have happened both within the university and with our local NHS and independent SLT colleagues, offering innovative placements eg: a dementia training package, a whole cohort child development simulation placement, an award-winning school-based training project, further online therapy groups. The learning from this work can be used nationally to support further placement growth."

Jo Sandiford & Naomi de Graff presented this research at the [RCSLT National Conference](#) on 7th October 2021.

■ Research Student News

We are delighted to welcome new [Research Students](#) to PsyCen in October 2021 (below with their supervision teams); all the best with your studies:

- **John Connolly, PhD:** 'Virtual Environments in Sports Coaching.' *Dr Andrew Wilson, Dr David Alder*
- **Sarah Evans, PhD:** 'Improving acne care.' *Professor Georgina Jones & Dr Jim Morgan*
- **Nicola Gilbody, MRes:** 'The patient perspective of Surgical Voice Restoration (SVR) with indwelling and exdwelling voice prostheses.' *Dr Anne Hurren*
- **Maria Kaye, MRes:** 'Victims-Survivors' experiences of acquaintance sexual assault and the impact of rape myths.' *Dr Tamara Turner-Moore & Dr Kate Milnes*
- **Lauren Korytko, MRes:** 'Exploring facets of attraction in non-offending individuals with sexual attractions to children.' *Dr Tamara Turner-Moore & Professor Brendan Gough*

• External funding

Dr Trish Holch and team received £5k grant from Sir Halley Stuart trust for research 'Understanding the quality of life impacts, and the information and support needs of UK families with lived experience of Goldenhar Syndrome.'

Professor Georgina Jones was co-applicant on a recent £150k Ferring funded study **Cancer, Fertility and Me in Europe**. This exciting new research project will start in January '22 and is a collaboration between LBU and the University of Edinburgh. The Cancer, Fertility and Me patient decision aids, led by Georgina, will be translated, rolled out and piloted across five European countries (France, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands and Germany). The funding will also support the development of another Cancer, Fertility and Me patient decision aid aimed at supporting parents of children with cancer to make fertility preservation decisions.

Professor Georgina Jones was co-applicant for a recent £150k RfPB funded grant: **The PRODIGI Study**. The aim is to develop a new patient-reported outcome measure for gastrointestinal recovery.

Dr Bridgette Rickett was successful in a recent £2670 BPS Seminar Series bid. This research is scheduled across all four nations and brings together researchers and stakeholders to generate discussion around psychological theory and research on social class and class-based inequalities.

- **Hannah Murphy, PhD:** 'Neuroqueer' identity and experience; a critical exploration.' *Dr Kate Miles & Dr Lisa Harkry*
- **Claire Powlesland, PhD:** 'A Codesigned Radiotherapy Late Effects Clinic offering a Complex Healthcare Intervention.' *Dr Trish Holch & Professor Georgina Jones*
- **Shawna Tarant, PhD:** 'Fertility Preservation Decision-Making in the Context of a Cancer Diagnosis for Teenagers and Young Adults Aged 16 Years and Older.' *Professor Georgina Jones & Dr Laura Ashley*

In April 2021, **Sarah Martin, PhD in Psychology**, delivered a presentation '**Characterising Memory Loss in Autoimmune Limbic Encephalitis**' to regional Neurologists at Leeds, Harrogate, Bradford, Huddersfield and Halifax, York and Scarborough, and Pinderfields hospitals. This took place during a regional neurologists team meeting that was held by the Leeds General Infirmary team. Dr Rumana Chowdhury, consultant neurologist at the LGI and part of Sarah's supervisory team with **Dr Kata Pauly Takacs**, kindly helped with this opportunity for Sarah to present her research

■ Let's get to know...

"My research background is in weight management and facilitating health behaviour change in children and young people. I have a particular interest in addressing health inequalities and reaching at risk groups through providing effective health behaviour change interventions that aim to have a positive influence on their physical and mental health and wellbeing. Projects I have worked on include the design, implementation and evaluation of 'GOALS' a family-based child weight management programme. I managed a British Heart Foundation project helping children and young people across six sites nationally to develop healthier lifestyles. More recently I worked on a project tackling health inequalities in two Manchester communities targeting inactivity and successfully increased activity levels. I aim to continue this work alongside colleagues here to develop research that has real world impact facilitating those individuals from the most deprived communities, at greatest risk of suffering health inequalities to make positive lifestyle behaviour changes that enhance their physical and mental health and wellbeing. I am currently working on my own research around supporting children who experience steroid induced weight gain and also working alongside Professor Georgina Jones and external collaborators on research related to healthcare professionals and patient views towards Breast Implant Illness and Breast Implant Associated Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma."

Dr Leanne J Staniford – Senior Research Fellow Health Psychology

■ Presentations/ Invited Talks

de Graff, N. & Taylor, C. (July 2021). 'Working Together: People with aphasia and student SLTs running a communication group.' *Aphasia Access, NJ, USA*.

Gough, B. (July 2021). 'Understanding and improving the mental health of men and boys: A critical health psychology approach.' *Keynote address, International Congress in Psychology, Prague*.

Gough, B. (February 2021). 'Beyond mainstream interviewing: creative and digital alternatives for Qualitative Psychology.' *Keynote address, Centre for Cultural Psychology Winter School, Aalborg University*.

• PsyCen Hosted Events

- **Qualitative Methods Support Network (QUALMS)**

'What's the story? Embarking on narrative case study analysis'

Speaker: *Francesca Taylor, LSSS PhD student*

Wednesday 27 October 3.30-4.30pm

- **Health and Wellbeing Programme**

'More than a mini-stroke: management of holistic needs after transient ischemic attack and minor stroke.'

Speaker: *Dr Grace Turner, University of Birmingham*

Thursday 18th November 2.00-3.00pm

Further details to follow...

Gough, B. (July 2021). 'Publishing qualitative research, pre-conference workshop.' *European Association for Qualitative Research in Psychology, Thessaloniki.*

Holch, T. (November 2021). 'AIRPoRT: Assessment of Information Required by Patients or relatives who have undergone radical lung Radiotherapy Treatment: Patient and carer interviews.' *International Society of Quality of Life Research (ISOQOL).*

Jones, G. (October 2021). 'Psycho-social aspects of BIA ALCL.' *7th International Breast Surgery Workshop & 3rd World Consensus Conference on BIA-ALCL, Rome.*

Jones, G. (October 2021). 'Cancer, Fertility and Me programme of work.' *The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority.*

Moon, C., & Sánchez-Rodríguez, A. (July 2021). 'Culture and Hierarchy: A Cross-Cultural Study on Individuals' Normative Responses to Incivility in South Korea and Spain.' *14th AASP, Seoul, South Korea.*

Sanctuary, M., & **Moon, C.** (July 2021). 'Exploring Luxury Purchase Intention through Antecedent Variables.' *14th AASP, Seoul, South Korea.*

Rickett, B. (2021). 'Class, theory identity – implications for clinical practice.' *International "ClassClinPsy" webinar.*

Thiel, L. (September 2021). "'I think writing is everything". An exploration of the writing experiences of people with aphasia.' *British Aphasiology Society International Biennial Conference:*

Thompson, R., & **Moon, C.** (July 2021). 'A quantitative investigation on the mediating effect of trait anxiety on the relationship between perfectionism and academic burnout among university students.' *14th AASP, Seoul, South Korea.*

Travaglino, G., & **Moon, C.** (July 2021). 'Translating Values into Action: Testing the Linkage between Values and Collective Behaviors.' *14th AASP, Seoul, South Korea.*

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