Hello Everyone!

It’s been a long time since the last Newsletter, as I have been away for a couple of months. But the Newsletter is now back and as you’ll see many things have been happening in our department since our 1st edition! Among those things, we have now a new Head of Department. Since February, Professor Marie Reid is our new Head of Department. We would like to take the opportunity of this Newsletter to wish Marie great success in her new role!

I won’t be long, as there is much news to share with you all. Please remember that this Newsletter is for all of us, staff and students, to share information related to the life of our department. We welcome contributions from both staff and students for future issues, so please do not hesitate to get in touch with me (j.castronovo@hull.ac.uk) if you would like to write an article or if you have any news you’d like to share. In the meantime, I hope that you’ll enjoy this 2nd edition.

Cheers,

Julie

Teaching Awards Nominations

Congratulations to
- Darren Bird, our principal computing officer, nominated for Support Staff Award
- Rachel Anderson and Mary-Ellen Large, nominated for Best Module Award with their module Abnormal and Applied Biological Psychology
- Igor Shindler, nominated for Best 3rd Year Supervisor Award
- Peter Clough, nominated for the Outstanding Achievement Award
- Tjeerd Jellema, nominated for the Innovative teaching award.

Suspense will unfold on April 30th!
Good luck guys!

Welcome to New Staff

We would like to give a warm welcome to Karen Harvatt who is our new Finance Clerk in the department.

New Masters Degrees in Hull

We are very excited to let you know that three new full-time one-year taught master degrees in psychology will be starting this September 2013! These three master degrees are:
- MSc Health Psychology
- MSc Psychology of Health
- MSc Clinical Applications of Psychology

The MSc Health Psychology and the MSc Psychology of Health will include core topics in health psychology, research skills and professional practice skills.

The MSc Clinical Applications of Psychology is designed for graduates seeking to develop a career in mental health, which includes those seeking a clinical Psychology training place. The degree content will build upon the unique undergraduate modules in Clinical Psychology at Hull and York, but will also suit graduates of other psychology degrees.

These three new master degrees will be running in addition to the two research masters already existing: the MRes and the MSc.

If you are interested in one of these masters, please get in touch with Prof Richard Hammersley. We’re very pleased to let you know that Hull offers its graduates reduced fees.
PsySoc Rocks!

The University of Hull Psychology Society has been very active throughout the academic year, thanks to its fantastic team of students!

Lately, PsySoc sponsored a fancy dress walk over the Humber Bridge. On this occasion, the PsySoc team raised £330.50 for the charity Hull Children’s University, which provides learning experiences to raise the achievements and aspirations of local children.

Thumbs up to you guys!!

Hull University Discovery Day in Psychology

Following a successful application to the Ferens Education Trust, Dr Michelle To and Dr Sarah McGeown organised the Hull University Discovery Day in Psychology last semester. Year 9 and Year 10 students from local secondary schools had the opportunity to experience what it is like to be an undergraduate Psychology student for a day. Students received a lecture in a large lecture theatre and took part in various practical demonstrations and activities throughout the day. It was a fantastic day for Psychology in Hull!
WE ATTENDED THE BPS CONFERENCE

I am sure all students are familiar with the British Psychological Society and its commitment to deliver excellence in psychology. As freshers in psychology and student members of the society, Soniya and I have been looking forward to start our journey in the real world of psychology. How did we think of doing this? Well, by attending the BPS Annual Conference which was held at the Harrogate International Centre from 9-11 May. Our one day experience at the conference was invaluable. Personally, I have never felt more motivated and inspired to make the most of my undergraduate years in psychology, knowing that it will lead to immersion into a fascinating field of work.

The conference started with a welcome talk from the President, Dr. Peter Banister, introducing the themes of the conference: the typical and atypical mind across lifespan; education ethics and professional practice in dilemmas in psychology; and the nature and diversity of social cohesion and attachment. We decided to attend the special talks for students, which covered spotlights on careers and we had the chance to find answers to our burning questions at the end of the talks.

The most inspiring and interesting sessions for us were the oral presentations about the recent research conducted in psychology. At the end of the day, we were extremely glad to have had the opportunity to be inspired by excellent speakers and to gain insight into what passionate us most, the fascinating world of psychology.

Bianca Oltean
Year 1 student

THAT MOUSTACHE IS FANTASTIC!

Last November, a fantastic team of Men of Movember collected £285 for prostate and testicular cancer research and awareness. As you can see in the following pictures, all the participants (or nearly all of them... sorry Alex) grew a fantastic moustache for the occasion! Steve Page, one of our postgraduate students, was crowned as our Man of Movember 2012, for his wonderful “black-and-white” moustache!

PSY HUMOUR

It’s a rather interesting phenomenon. Every time I press this lever, that postgraduate student breathes a sigh of relief.
Hull Psychology in the Media

Henning’s research on itching is contagious throughout the world! In collaboration with a team of researchers from the University of Sussex and Brighton, as well as Sussex Medical School, Henning has found the part of the brain responsible for “contagious” itching, and discovered why some people are more prone to it than others. In addition of being published in the prestigious PNAS journal, Henning’s research has been presented in different media around the world.

Professor Giuliana Mazzoni’s research on memory has been presented in different media over the last few months, such as Mail Online, BBC News Online, BBC Radio 4, BBC Humberside, etc.

Moreover, Giuliana has been invited to give a talk on her research at the Harvard Medical School, as well as at the Royal Society of Medicine.
Congratulations!

Rachel Anderson & Henning Holle have both been awarded EPS awards!
Giuliana Mazzoni, John Groeger, Tjeerd Jellema, Kevin Riggs, Igor Schindler and Emily Mather have all been awarded University PhD scholarships starting in September 2013!
Mary-Ellen Large on her Higher Education Academy Fellowship!
Matthew Coleshill, one of our postgraduate students, won a prize at the International Conference on Placebo and Nocebo (University of Tuebingen) for his poster on Placebo and the Rubber Hand Illusion!
Luke Temple and Esther Ng have been awarded the Elaine Machin Prize for outstanding achievement in 1st Year and 2nd Year!
Esther Ng was offered a research master place at Cambridge University!
Iveta Eimontaitė won the prize for Best Postgraduate Poster in December!

Today’s interview

by Esther Ng (3rd year student)

Interviewee: Dr Fiona Earle  Home town: Hull

What do I think about Fiona?
A lovely and cheerful lecturer who always smiles 😊

1. Describe yourself in three words?
   Friendly, enthusiastic and short
2. Where is your favourite place on earth?
   Home
3. Do you have any interesting hobbies?
   Pilates and swimming
4. One thing you love about your job?
   Helping students to develop
5. One thing you dislike about your job?
   Getting negative feedback! So please, remember – lecturers are people too...
6. One piece of advice you would like to give to the fresher?
   Engage with the subject, learn about psychology, not just what you need to know for your exams.
7. One of your greatest achievements?
   Having my family.
8. One psychological superpower that you’d like?
   Invisibility.
9. One psychologist that you wish you could have been?
   Sir Frederic Bartlett – Look him up!
10. One alternative career path you may have chosen?
    I wanted to do a degree in theatre studies and opted for Psychology A-level only because it fit with the things I was really interested in.
11. One treasured possession?
    My Great Grandmother’s wedding ring
12. One great thing that occupational psychology has achieved?
    Prioritising well-being in the workplace
13. One final thought?
    I feel lucky to have many different components in my job; very few jobs have such varied responsibilities and tasks to engage with.

Recent publications


