



LEEDS DOCTORAL COLLEGE

Newsletter

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The Leeds Doctoral College Newsletter is emailed to all postgraduate researchers each month and can also be found online here: po.st/DCNewsletters. We know you get a lot of emails, so we like to keep things brief – click on the web-links provided to find out more about the events and news that interests you. This month we have also introduced more standardised sections to make navigation of the Newsletter easier, in response to feedback from our recent PGR Communications Survey.

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1. Doctoral College News

New appointments

Two new roles have been created (beginning 1st Jul 2018) in the Doctoral College to provide even better support for our postgraduate researchers:

- **Head of PGR Programmes:** Christina Robinson, currently Head of Postgraduate Research and Operations, will be working to ensure that we identify and maximise funding opportunities and strategic partnerships that will help us to secure the best applicants for postgraduate research study.
- **Head of Doctoral College Operations:** Rachel Cox will join us from the School of Chemical and Process Engineering, and will have responsibility for ensuring that central and Faculty-based PGR services are working well, and that all our processes and systems are efficient and effective.

2. Upcoming Events

- **'Talking Writing' Seminar Series, continues every 2 weeks from Wed 2nd May, 17:00-18:00**, Edward Boyle Library Level 13 Meeting Room 1. The aim of this series is to open up discussion of thesis and research writing, making the often hidden processes of writing more transparent. Sessions will include both

established researchers sharing their own experiences of writing and opportunities for postgraduate researchers to seek advice about their own writing concerns.

- **Meet the Author: Linda Yueh, Wed 2nd May, 17:30-19:20**, Leeds University Business School G.02. Dr Linda Yueh is an economist, broadcaster and author. *China's Growth*, part of Dr Yueh's trilogy of books on the Chinese economy, examined the main determinants of growth and explored how China could evolve in the coming decades. At this talk Linda will provide her unique insight into the Chinese economy, its achievements, paradoxes and prospects. Register free online at the [BCI website](#).
- **Festival of Interdisciplinary Research, Thu 3rd May**. An opportunity to meet people from the University's Themes and Platforms, which drive and support the development of interdisciplinary research. The event will showcase examples of how our researchers work across disciplines to tackle global challenges, and provides the chance to make new connections. The new Chancellor of the University of Leeds, Dame Jane Francis, will be keynote speaker. Register to attend [here](#).
- **Women's Paths Research Group: Legacies of Black British Resistance, Thu 3rd May, 17:00-18:30**, Edward Boyle Library, Level 13 Meeting Room 2. This event brings women's voices to the forefront of black British activism. Beginning with the overlooked presence of African women in Britain during the pre-Windrush era, the seminar then covers the 'boom' of activism during the Thatcher era, and finally explores contemporary new frontiers for black British women's activism. Find out more and register for your free place [here](#).
- **Leeds Doctoral College Showcase Spring 2018: Postgraduate Researcher Poster Conference, Wed 9th May, 9:00 -13:00**, Parkinson Court. The Leeds Doctoral College Showcase is a celebration of the significant contribution postgraduate researchers make to the research profile of the University of Leeds.
- **Translation in the News Symposium, Thu 10th May**. Of interest to those studying translation, media, and beyond, this multi-disciplinary symposium will cover discourse analysis, narrative theory, ideology, bias, and political and cultural analyses. Register for free online at the [event website](#).
- **PGR Reps' Forum, Tue 15th May**, Leeds University Union. Questions can be submitted in advance either through School PGR Reps or direct to LUU: s.r.sandison@leeds.ac.uk
- **School of Geography Postgraduate Conference 2018, Wed 16th May**. If you are interested in knowing what kind of work postgraduate researchers in physical and human geography do, come along and engage in conversation with them about a range of critical topics. Registration is open until 1st May [here](#).
- **Research Nights, Tues 22nd May, 18:00-20:00** in Pyramid Canteen, LUU. All are welcome – no booking necessary. Follow the link for info. Contact us at doctoralcollege@leeds.ac.uk to find out how to take part as a speaker at future events and gain valuable presenting experience (training is provided).
- **'Crippling the Muse', 4th-5th July**. Are you interested in Music & Disability? Would you like to develop inclusive research practices? This School of Music 2-day summit event will explore the interfaces between music and disability studies. Booking is now open [here](#) (student tickets are just £20). Deadline for abstract submissions is 1st May.
- **Graduation Ceremonies, 9th-20th Jul**. Graduation dates for July are online [here](#). Registration for July graduations opens in May.

3. Wellbeing

Workshops

The [Student Counselling Centre](#) is running a series of monthly 'Dr Who' workshops that focus on challenges and strategies that are particularly relevant to postgraduate researchers:

- Tue 15th May, 16:30-18:30 – Tackling Procrastination
- Tue 12th Jun, 16:30-18:30 – Manage your own Wellbeing

To find out more about these workshops, including how to sign up for them, [click here](#), email scc@leeds.ac.uk, call 0113 343 4107, or drop by 19 Clarendon Place.

Stress Control Class

Leeds NHS IAPT service is also running a [Stress Control Class on Wednesdays, Apr 25th to May 23rd](#), 17:15-19:15, Baines Wing Room 2.37. The course lasts 5 weeks and is available for students, researchers and staff aged 17-25. To book a place [click here](#) and select the course entitled 'Stress Control Class April (17-25 years old)'.

4. Library

Workshops

- Shut Up and Write! For postgraduates and staff (weekly sessions; [book here](#) - further sessions released weekly)
 - Literature Searching for your Research Degree: [book here](#)
 - Increasing the Visibility of your Research: [book here](#)
 - Research Data Management Essentials: [book here](#)
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5. Spotlight on...

Volunteering

The Leeds for Life volunteering team, the Students' Union (LUU), academic departments and services provide a huge range of opportunities to develop your skills, broaden your life experience and make a difference to the community, the University and your employability. Search the database and log on to access full details of available opportunities [here](#).

6. Help Wanted

Research Participation

The Human Appetite Research Unit (School of Psychology) is looking for healthy female volunteers to take part in a clinical trial investigating the effects of a supervised weight loss meal plan on body composition, metabolism and health. To find out more please contact the DIVA research team at aceb_study@leeds.ac.uk (ethics ref: PSC-238).

7. Successes

Partnership Awards

The Partnership Awards, held on 23rd April, recognised and celebrated the achievements, commitment and impact of students, staff and postgraduate researchers at Leeds. Postgraduate researchers were nominated in a range of categories this year, and a full list of nominees and winners can be found [here](#), including:

- **PGR Teaching:** Won by Chris Waugh, who has used his enthusiasm for and understanding of his subject to inspire and motivate the students he teaches in the School of Sociology and Social Policy.
- **Academic Rep:** Won by Rumana Hossain, our Doctoral College International Intern, for her tireless work with PGRs in the School of Education over the last three years.

Congratulations to all nominees and winners!

Don't forget to follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to keep up with all of our exciting developments and events!

Best wishes,



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