



JUNE EVENTS

**Public Seminars**

5.00-6.30pm Mondays  
15 Norham Gardens,  
Seminar Room A

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

**Convenor:** Terezinha Nunes  
“How primary maths must go beyond basics: evidence from two reviews of research”

*Speakers: Professors Peter Bryant, Terezinha Nunes, Gordon Stanley and Anne Watson, Department of Education, University of Oxford*

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

**Convenor:** David Johnson  
“Comparative perspectives on Citizenship Education: policy, practice and research”  
*Speaker: Carole Hahn, Charles Howard Candler Professor of Educational Studies, Emory University and Leverhulme Visiting Fellow, Department of Education, University of Oxford*

**Nuffield Review events**

Contact Jo Hazell  
([joanne.hazell@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:joanne.hazell@education.ox.ac.uk)) for further information and invitations

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am-2.00pm**

**Nuffield Review Book Launch** (see over for details)

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 6.00-9.00pm**

**RSA, London Lecture and Symposium**  
“Quality of learning delivered through collaboration”

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 10.15am-1.30pm**

**Bristol Conference in association with ASDAN**

“The wider vision of learning and its assessment”

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 10.00am-2.00pm**

**Leeds Conference in association with Leeds University School of Education**  
“14-19 partnerships and curriculum”

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 4.30-7.30pm**

**Oxford Conference in association with the ESRC Centre, SKOPE**

“Meeting the needs of employers” and “Progression to training and employment”

**OSAT Discussion Session**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

**Convenors:** Anne Edwards and Geoff Hayward

“The unit of analysis in cultural historical research”  
*The keynote address by Roger Saljo at the launch of the OSAT Centre in 2007 is useful pre-reading for this session. Go to [http://www.education.ox.ac.uk/research/resgroup/osat/osa\\_tfs.php](http://www.education.ox.ac.uk/research/resgroup/osat/osa_tfs.php) to download this paper*

**SELF Research Group**

**Quant Sig meetings**

Mondays 12.45 Seminar Room J (computer lab) 28 Norham Gardens

*Please contact Paul Honey for further details or if you wish to be included in the mailing list ([self.education@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:self.education@education.ox.ac.uk)).*

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

“Quantitative Work in Progress”  
*Speakers: Various members of the SELF Research Group, Dept. of Education, University of Oxford*

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

“Advanced longitudinal modeling: Three empirical illustrations of recent innovations in the field of longitudinal modeling”  
*Speaker: Alexandre Morin, University of Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada*

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

“Immigrants' achievement in Greece based on PISA 2006 analysis: First results and methodological issues”  
*Speaker: Karolina Retali, University of Oxford*

**Mathematics Education Seminar**

**Convenor:** Anne Watson  
Tuesdays – rooms to be advised

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 4.30-6.30pm**

“Parents count too: exploring the role of home numeracy activities in children's early mathematics”  
*Speaker: Jo-Anne LeFevre, Professor of Psychology and Cognitive Science, Carleton University*

**Families, Early Learning and Literacy (FELL) Seminars**

**Convenor:** Kathy Sylva  
Wednesdays 5.00- 6.00pm Seminar Rooms K&L, 30 Norham Gardens

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

“How does whole-word multimedia software support early acquisition of literacy skills in typically-developing and struggling readers?”  
*Speaker: Arjette Karemaker, Department of Education, University of Oxford*

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

“Factors supporting positive adjustment of young people with a history of Specific Language Impairment (SLI) at the end of compulsory education”  
*Speaker: Olympia Palikara, Institute of Education, University of London*

**Child Learning Research Group Conference**

**NDCS Family-School Partnership: Promoting Deaf Children's Education**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 am to 4.00 pm**

**Venue:** Harris Manchester College, Oxford University.

The conference is supported by the National Deaf Children's Society, Harris Manchester College and the Department of Education, University of Oxford.

“Promoting deaf children's literacy”  
Presentation of results of Research project Year 1, understanding how deaf children learn to read and write. Access to and presentation of materials to teachers. Demonstration of games that children can play on the web to improve their awareness of grammar and morphology.

“Promoting deaf children's mathematics learning” Induction for Research Project Year 2. Presentation and access to new materials for promoting mathematical reasoning.  
*Contact Terezinha Nunes for further information or if you would like to attend*

## News

- **Professor Herb Marsh** has received an 'Outstanding' grade for the evaluation of his end-of-award report for the ESRC-funded project "*Effectiveness of Self-concept Intervention Studies and a Comparison of Traditional and Multilevel Methods of Meta-Analysis*" and **Professors Anne Edwards and Ingrid Lunt** also received an 'Outstanding' grading for the report on their ESRC study of how secondary schools are adapting to the demands of inter-professional work.
- **Professor Ernesto Macaro** and **Dr Victoria Murphy** have been awarded an ESRC grant in order to carry out a 12 month investigation into the effects of two types of interaction in Year 9 French classrooms, one including limited English, the other avoiding English. There is considerable debate about the role of the first language in second or foreign language learning. This study seeks to establish optimal use of teacher codeswitching (brief switches to the first language of the learners) in French as a foreign language communicative classrooms by exploring the most effective ways of facilitating vocabulary learning during comprehension tasks. It is envisaged that local and regional schools will be invited to take part.

**DPhils awarded – congratulations to the following who have successfully completed their DPhils:**

- **Jennifer Chung** "An investigation of reasons for Finland's success in PISA"
- **Marian McLachlan** "Further education as a business?"
- **Alison O'Mara** "Methodological and substantive applications of meta-analysis; multilevel modelling, simulation, and the construct validation of self-concept"

## Nuffield Review Book Launch

The Nuffield Review of 14-19 Education and Training is in its last year and will publish its final report in June 2009. This £1 million review, funded by the Nuffield Foundation, is the largest review of this phase of education since the Crowther Report exactly 50 years ago. The book, *Education for All: the future of education and training for 14-19 year-olds* is being published by Routledge and will be launched from 10.30 am to 2.00 pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, One Birdcage Walk in Westminster. The launch will be chaired by Sir David Watson, Trustee of the Nuffield Foundation and there will be a response to the book from Barry Sheerman MP, Chair of the Children, Schools and Families Select Committee. Following the discussion there will be a buffet lunch.

The Nuffield Review is also holding a series of events over the coming months, with a conference at the Museum of Natural History in Oxford on 25<sup>th</sup> June (See over for June events). Please email [joanne.hazell@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:joanne.hazell@education.ox.ac.uk) if you would like to attend any of the events

## OUCEA Anniversary Symposium

To mark the first anniversary of the opening of the Oxford University Centre for Educational Assessment, a symposium will be held at St Anne's College, University of Oxford on 23rd June 2009 to explore '*Intelligent Systems Approaches to Personalised Learning and Assessment*'.

Keynote speaker: Professor Art Graesser, The Institute for Intelligent Systems, University of Memphis, 'Learning through Natural Language Conversation: Autotutor and the World of Pedagogical Agents'

Other speakers are Professor Tom Landauer, University of Colorado and Professor John DeJong, VU University, Amsterdam.

All are welcome. A buffet lunch will be provided from 12.30pm.

Please let Vicky Hayman know if you wish to attend at [victoria.hayman@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:victoria.hayman@education.ox.ac.uk)

## Research Staff Forum

The Oxford University Department of Education Research Staff Forum organised its day conference on May 13th on fixed-term employment in research in the social sciences. The conference was supported by the Centre for Excellence in Preparing for Academic Practice and by the Social Sciences Division. Speakers included Jacqueline Allen-Collinson (University of Exeter), David Mills (University of Oxford), Lynn McAlpine (University of Oxford), and Zoe Fowler (Independent consultant), with Iain Cameron (Head of Careers, RCUK), Rebecca Nestor (Associate Director, Oxford Learning Institute), Matthew Smart (Divisional Officer, Oxford University Social Sciences Division), Justin Hutchence (University of Reading), Alis Oancea (OUDE), and Elizabeth Oliver (University of Liverpool) as discussants. Lynn Erler (OUDE) and Fiona Roberts (OUDE) were contributors to the proceedings and to the organisation. The conference was attended by key representatives of Oxford University and of other UK universities. Following excellent feedback from the decision-makers and academic and support staff attending, it was decided to follow-up with several publications, including an edited collection of the papers and responses. For further information about the publications, and to offer support in organising next year's conference, please contact Alis Oancea at [alis.oancea@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:alis.oancea@education.ox.ac.uk).

## Oxford Learning Institute Research Seminars

All seminars run from 4.00 – 5.30 pm and take place in the Institute on Level 2 of Littlegate House in St Ebbe's Street. The seminars are open to all to attend. For abstracts and further details go to the OLI website <http://www.learning.ox.ac.uk/oli.php?page=138> Please contact OLI at [research@learning.ox.ac.uk](mailto:research@learning.ox.ac.uk) or (01865) 2-86811 if you would like to attend either of these seminars.

- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June** "There isn't anyone hanging over us: the experience of studying on Master's programmes at Oxford" Speaker: *Dr Liz Masterman, University of Oxford*
- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June** "Glass ceilings in Higher Education: evidence on salary and promotion for scientists from the UK" Speaker: *Dr Sara Connolly, UEA*

## Next Newsletter

The next issue of the newsletter will be in Michaelmas Term, October 2009 and the copy deadline will be Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Please submit items to Phil Richards by email [philip.richards@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:philip.richards@education.ox.ac.uk) or in person in the Research Office, Room No.10.53, 15 Norham Gardens.