

RESEARCH NEWSLETTER

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APRIL 2008

APRIL/MAY EVENTS

Public Seminars

5 - 6.30 pm, Mondays

15 Norham Gardens, Seminar rooms G & H

Monday, 21 April 2008

Convenor: Professor Terezinha Nuues

“Pre-school and family effects at age 10: longitudinal findings from EPPE”

Speaker: Professor Kathy Sylva, Department of Education, University of Oxford

Monday 28 April 2008

Convenor: Dr Anne Watson

“How Mathematics emerges from the telling”

Speaker: Dr Bill Barton, University of Auckland

Monday 12 May 2008

Convenor: Dr Anne Watson

“Ariadne’s Thread, Daedalus’ Wings, and the Learner’s Autonomy”

Speaker: Dr Anna Sfard, Professor of Mathematics Education, Michigan State University, USA and University of Haifa, Israel

Monday 19 May 2008

Convenor: Dr Vicki Murphy

“Crosslinguistic influence as a window into the bilingual mind”

Speaker: Dr Aneta Pavlenko, Temple University, USA

Mathematics Seminars

Convenor: Dr Anne Watson

Thursday 8 May 2008

4.30—6.00pm

“Playing games and mathematics education”

Speaker: Pedro Palhares – Institute of Child Studies, University of Minho and Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Oxford

e-learning Seminars

Convenor: Dr Chris Davies

5 - 6.30pm, Seminar rooms G & H

Wednesday 7 May 2008

“Designing a digital partner for adult learners”

Speakers: Professor Yorick Wilks, Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford, Dr Chris Davies, Department of Education, University of Oxford & Dr Rebecca Eynon, Department of Education, University of Oxford.

Thursday 15 May 2008

“Learning through serious play in virtually figured worlds”

Speaker: Dr Russell Francis, Department of Education, University of Oxford

OSAT Seminars

Convenor: Dr Geoff Hayward

5 - 6.00pm

Thursday, 1 May 2008

Seminar Room E

“Working and learning at organisational boundaries: Understanding the collaboration of experts in an e-Science project”

Speaker: Dr Ioanna Kinti, University of Oxford

Thursday, 15 May 2008

Seminar Rooms G & H

“Learning through serious play in virtually figured worlds”

Speaker: Dr Russell Francis, Department of Education, University of Oxford

PLEASE SEE THE OSAT WEBSITE FOR UPDATES ON READING GROUP MEETINGS

Families, Early Learning and Literacy (FELL) Seminars

Convenor: Professor Kathy Sylva

Wednesday 28 May 2008

5 - 6.00pm, 30 Norham Garden, Seminar rooms K & L

Child Learning seminar—title to be advised

Speaker: Dr Alain Content, Faculté des Sciences Psychologiques et de l'Education, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium

[Dr Content will speak about his work on literacy learning]

PLEASE SEE THE FELL WEBSITE FOR UPDATES ON THE SEMINAR PROGRAMME

Quant SIG Meetings

Every Monday we meet to learn about and discuss advanced quantitative methods, and to see novel applications of these methods. Please contact Alison O'Mara to be included in the mailing list (alison.omara@education.ox.ac.uk)

The first meeting this term will be held at 12.45pm on 21 April 2008

OSAT Conference

Conference committee: Dr Viv Ellis, Professor Anne Edwards, Dr Geoff Hayward, Dr Gill Boag-Munroe, Dr Peter Smagorinsky

Monday and Tuesday 7/8 April 2008

15 Norham Gardens

“Sociocultural Perspectives on Teacher Education and Development: New Directions for Research”

PLEASE NOTE THAT REGISTRATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE ARE NOW CLOSED.

SEE THE OSAT CONFERENCE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME, PRESENTERS, DOWNLOADABLE PAPERS, ETC.

RESEARCH NEWS

A New e-Learning Project: The learner and their context.

This project is part of a major new programme funded by Becta (British Educational Communications & Technology Agency), involving three research and development projects to support the next stage of the Government's Harnessing Technology strategy. The research will be used by Becta to influence and inform the development and implementation of strategies and policy for the education sector over the next six years.

The Oxford project focuses on young people's experiences of digital technologies in their lives away from formal education, the opportunities for different forms of learning provided by those experiences, and the issues of access and equity that surround this. We will be looking at young people in primary and secondary schools, FE, HE, in the care of children's services and young offenders. We will focus on a large nearby urban area, and will conduct one-to-one interviews with a wide range of young people, visiting some of them in their homes, and also carry out a large scale survey in collaboration with a professional research company. The views of parents and employers will also be sought during the course of the project.

The project starts on April 1st and is intended to last for three years at £360K per year, funded for just one year in the first instance. Those involved in the project are Chris Davies, Rebecca Eynon, John Furlong, Stuart Lee (Head of University Computing Services), and Lars Malmberg. Two contract researchers will also be appointed.

SELF RDI TRAINING COURSES

Meta-analysis courses now open for bookings!! As a part of the ESRC-funded Researcher Development Initiative, the SELF Research group is running a series of training courses in meta-analysis during 2008. The courses will be presented in three levels: beginners (one-day seminar), intermediate (3-day workshop), and advanced (one-day seminar), and will be held in Oxford and Stirling. The emphasis throughout the courses will be on developing an understanding of the methods and their application, rather than the mathematical detail. The scope, benefits, and limitations of various methods will be highlighted throughout. The beginner's course is appropriate for anyone who wishes to know more about the technique, even if they don't plan to ever use it themselves. The courses are well-priced (the beginner course is free!), and student travel allowances are available. Book soon to take advantage of early bird prices and discounted accommodation packages. For more information about the meta-analysis training courses that are on offer, or to make a booking, please see <http://education.ox.ac.uk/research/resgroup/self/training.php>

RESEARCH STAFF FORUM

Research Staff Forum Stammtisch - *Meetings will resume at the start of the Trinity term*

DEPARTMENTAL RESEARCH DAY

The Department of Education Research Committee has decided to run a second Departmental Research Day at the start of the next academic year and has selected **Assessment** as the topic.

After much checking we have decided to hold it on September 30th to avoid any clashes with teaching at the end of September.

Gordon Stanley will be one of the contributors and several other colleagues have already indicated that they may be interested in participating in this day in which we discuss forms and purposes of assessment from different angles.

Please send your suggestions for and offers of contributions to Heather Trevino in the Research Office at heather.trevino@education.ox.ac.uk

RESEARCH OFFICE

Copy Date for May Research Newsletter:

The deadline for submissions for the next Research Newsletter is Thursday 23 April 2008. Please send items to the Research Office, which can be contacted by email at research.secretary@gmail.com, by telephone on 01865 284 898 or in person in Room NG.10.53 of 15 Norham Gardens.