

# RESEARCH NEWSLETTER

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## JUNE EVENTS

### Public Seminars

5 - 6.30 pm, Mondays  
15 Norham Gardens, Seminar rooms G & H

#### Monday 2 June 2008

Convenor: Professor Anne Edwards

"Expertise, multiprofessional practices and policy learning"

Speakers:

Professor Anne Edwards, Dr Geoff Hayward & Dr Ioanna Kinti, Department of Education, University of Oxford

#### Monday 9 June 2008

Convenor: Professor Kathy Sylva

"Transition between primary and secondary school: evidence from the effective preschool, primary and secondary education project (EPPSE 3-14)"

Speaker: Dr Maria Evangelou, University of Oxford

### Families, Early Learning and Literacy (FELL) Seminar

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

#### Wednesday 4 June 2008

Convenor: Dr Maria Evangelou

"Parenting and education: how much do parents matter?"

Speaker: Dr John Coleman, Department of Education, University of Oxford

### Quant Sig Meeting

Every Monday 12.45pm, Room J  
[Please contact Alison O'Mara to be included in the mailing list]

#### Monday 2 June -No meeting

#### Monday 9 June 2008

"Intergroup contract in Malaysia and its impact on attitudes and stereotypes: A longitudinal structural equation model"

Speaker: Ananthi Al Ramiah

### Mathematics Seminar

Convenor: Dr Anne Watson

#### Thursday 12 June 2008

4.30pm Seminar room D

"Language Patterns in Teaching Algebra"

Speaker: Dr Liz Bills, University of Oxford

### e-learning Seminars

Convenor: Dr Chris Davies

5 - 6.30pm, Seminar rooms G & H

#### Wednesday 4 June 2008

"A hybrid online research instrument beyond the traditional web survey and its application"

Speaker: Jingjing Zhang, University of Oxford

#### Wednesday 11 June 2008

"The advantages of privatised, personalised internet access at school for disadvantaged students"

Speaker: Dr Ellen Helsper, Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford

### OSAT Seminars

Convenor: Dr Geoff Hayward

5 - 6.00pm

#### Monday 2 June 2008

5- 6.30pm

"Expertise, multiprofessional practices and policy learning"

SEE PUBLIC SEMINAR for details

#### Wednesday 4 June 2008

5-6.30pm Seminar Room E

"Work in progress: Learning in inter-mentor meetings".

Speaker: Mihaela Lupu, University of Oxford

### OSAT Reading Group

#### Tuesday 10 June 2008

5.00pm Seminar Room E

"The Greeno Debate Continued"

Further details from [research.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:research.secretary@gmail.com)

### BERA Seminar

Friday, 6th June 2008, University of Oxford - A BERA Seminar Sponsored by the Teacher Education and Development Special Internet Group. "The Developing Expertise of Beginning Teachers (DEBT) Project and its implications for ITE and CPD"

The DEBT Project is a longitudinal study focused on the learning of beginning teachers during their initial training through to the end of their second year as qualified teachers. The two overarching questions driving the study are: *What are beginning teachers learning? / how are they learning?*

It was set up as a collaborative project between the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, co-directed by Hazel Hagger and Donald McIntyre. The day will be led by the Oxford Team - Katherine Burn, Hazel Hagger and Trevor Mutton and is structured to include significant opportunities for small group discussion following each presentation. The seminar is free to registered members of the BERA Teacher Education and Development SIG. Places are limited and will be allocated according to date of application. Please apply for a place through BERA Administration Office ([admin@bera.ac.uk](mailto:admin@bera.ac.uk)).

### Professor Eric Hoyle

On 20 June, leading international figures in the study of the governance and management of schools will be meeting in Oxford to discuss the latest ideas in educational leadership and the role of the 'ironic perspective' as advocated by Eric Hoyle. The day will also include the launch of a *Festschrift* to Professor Hoyle, who for much of his influential career has been based at the University of Bristol, but the highlights of the event will no doubt be the opportunity to hear first hand from Sir William Taylor and Professor Hoyle himself. Attendance at this seminar is by invitation only, but please contact Helen Carasso if you would like more information.

## RESEARCH NEWS

**Congratulations** to Helen Marson-Smith and Michael Hoelscher. Helen will take up a post in June at NFER and Michael at the University of Heidelberg, Germany

## LAUNCH OF OUCEA

The newly-established Oxford University Centre for Educational Assessment (OUCEA) will be launched formally on Monday 23 June, when Dame Marjorie Scardino, Chief Executive of Pearson (benefactors of the Pearson Chair of Educational Assessment) visits the Department, accompanied by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr John Hood. The ceremony will come at the end of a day during which Professor Gordon Stanley, the Inaugural Director of the Centre and Pearson Professor is chairing a roundtable in Oxford at which senior educationalists and policy makers will be discussing and helping to refine OUCEA's research agenda, in line with its declared intention of ensuring that its outputs are valuable to both academics and practitioners.

For more information, contact [admin.oucea@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:admin.oucea@education.ox.ac.uk)

## DEGREES OF SUCCESS

Many vocational education and training (VET) pathways in 14-19 education explicitly aim to give learners the opportunity to progress to higher education (HE). Within the Department, the ESRC-funded TLRP project *Degrees of Success: the transition between VET and HE* has investigated the challenges learners are facing when they apply to and enter HE with a VET background. The results of this two-year examination of these pathways - regarded by policy-makers and educationalists as a means of increasing educational opportunities for young people and of widening access to HE - will be considered at a seminar in London on **Tuesday 24 June 2008**. For more details, see: [http://www.tlrp.org/proj/wphe/wp\\_hayward.html](http://www.tlrp.org/proj/wphe/wp_hayward.html) or contact Helen Carasso.

## RESEARCH STUDENT CONFERENCE

The annual Department of Education student conference will be held on **11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> June** (Wednesday & Thursday of 8<sup>th</sup> Week). This year it is being run for the first time solely by research students.

The aim is to create a supportive atmosphere in which we can learn present, network and develop our research ideas.

Research students from the University of Cambridge, the Institute of Education and Oxford Brookes have all been invited to join us. We have invited post docs and former research students to share their career and research experiences with us, key note speakers are tbc and we will be hosting the end of term celebration, high tea and jazz on the lawn – it promises to be a great occasion!

Presentations are welcome from all students on all aspects of the research experience. You might, for example, like to talk about the methodological design of your dissertation/thesis, your empirical findings or your theoretical approach. You should feel free to get together with colleagues and submit a group presentation or simply, on the day, call in to one of the round table discussions and catch us up on where you are up to in your own research. For further details email [Elizabeth.green@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Elizabeth.green@education.ox.ac.uk)

## DPhil AWARD

Congratulations to the following student who has successfully completed his DPhil Degree:

**Russell Francis, Green College** The Predicament of the Learner in the New Media Age: An Investigation into the Implications of Media Change for Learning”

## RESEARCH STAFF FORUM

Research Staff **Forum** meets on **Wednesday 28th May**—12.30-1.00pm, Meeting Room D, 15 Norham Gardens  
**Stammtisch: Thursday 26 June**, Royal Oak (time tba) Further details from [andrea.laczik@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:andrea.laczik@education.ox.ac.uk)

## RESEARCH OFFICE

**There will be no newsletter in July and August**

The deadline for submissions for the next Research Newsletter is Wednesday 20 August 2008. Please send items to the Research Secretary, Tracey Brock who can be contacted by email at [tracey.brock@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:tracey.brock@education.ox.ac.uk), by telephone on 01865 284 898 or in person at the Research Office, Room NG.10.53 of 15 Norham Gardens.