

RESEARCH NEWSLETTER

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MAY EVENTS

Public Seminars

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

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*

Monday 2 June 2008

Convenor: *Professor Anne Edwards*
"Expertise in multiprofessional practices"
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)"
Speakers: *Dr Maria Evangelou, University of Oxford*

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 & Dr Rebecca Eynon, Department of Education, University of Oxford.*

Thursday 15 May 2008

See **OSAT seminars** below for details

Wednesday 4 June 2008

"A hybrid online research instrument beyond the traditional web survey and its application"
Speaker: *Jingjing Zhang, University of Oxford*

OSAT Seminars

Convenor: *Dr Geoff Hayward*
5 - 6.00pm

Thursday, 1 May 2008

SEMINAR POSTPONED

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*

Wednesday, 4 June 2008

5.00—6.30 pm

Seminar Room E

Title to be announced (Subject: peer learning among student teachers)

Speaker: *Mihaela Lupu, University of Oxford*

Families, Early Learning and Literacy (FELL) Seminars

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

Wednesday 30 April 2008—Joint seminar

Convenor: *Professor Kathy Sylva*
"The effect of guided interactive reading on literacy development of Chinese children learning English"

Speaker: *Gopa Nayak, Department of Education, University of Oxford*

"Risk and resilience through pre-school: The protection of young children's cognitive development by provision of high quality."

Speaker: *James Hall, Department of Education, University of Oxford*

Wednesday 28 May 2008

Convenor: *Professor Terezinha Nunes*

"Children's acquisition of fraction knowledge, concepts, and procedures"

Speaker: *Dr Alain Content, Faculté des Sciences Psychologiques et de l'Éducation, Université Libre de Bruxelles (Free University of Brussels), Belgium*

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*

PLEASE SEE THE FELL WEBSITE FOR UPDATES ON THE SEMINAR PROGRAMME

PLEASE SEE OVER FOR QUANT SIG MEETINGS

RESEARCH NEWS

The new Oxford University Centre for Educational Assessment is located on the third floor at 15 Norham Gardens . The Centre will seek to work collaboratively with other researchers and agencies on the challenges confronting education systems in the quest for global qualifications and standards.

The Centre will be launched in June with an invitational roundtable in Oxford which will bring together researchers and assessment experts in the UK to look at the priorities for research in educational assessment.

This will be followed by an invitational workshop of system officials from a number of countries to discuss emerging issues associated with assessment programs.

Two DPhil studentships associated with the Centre will be available for the next academic year and other positions associated with the research program will be advertised as the program develops.

Meanwhile please feel free to climb the stairs and make yourself known to the recently arrived Director, Gordon Stanley .

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). All meetings are held at 12.45pm in Seminar Room J (computer lab in the basement of 28 Norham Gardens, OX2 6PY). Forthcoming dates are as follows:

5 May—*Public holiday (no meeting)*

12 May—Terry Bennett discusses 'Structural equation modelling of reciprocal developmental pathways in autism spectrum disorders: A proposal for a PhD thesis project'

9 May—Sofka Barreau (to be confirmed) - Introduction to STRATA

26 May—*Public holiday (no meeting)*

2 June—*No meeting due to Meta-analysis course (register by emailing Alison O'Mara)*

RESEARCH STUDENT CONFERENCE

Please add the STUDENT CONFERENCE dates of June 11th and 12th to your diaries.

It's going to be a great end of term event, at the department, organised for students by students and because it is over two days this year there's even more opportunity for YOU to be involved.

If you would like to present please send ABSTRACTS of c200 words to Elizabeth Green (email address below). Details of timings and event streams will be available when the organising committee has a better idea of numbers.

PLEASE DO organise joint presentations/symposia, workshops and feel free to present wherever you are up to in your research career i.e. if you don't have empirical findings yet, that's not a problem you can still be involved. The more people, angles and topics the better the experience will be for all of us. We will also be offering you the chance to get feedback on your presentations from colleagues, if you would be willing to be a reviewer yourself please get in touch with Elizabeth Green (elizabeth.green@education.ox.ac.uk)

RESEARCH STAFF FORUM

Research Staff Forum Stammtisch - *Meeting dates to be announced*

RESEARCH OFFICE

Copy Date for June Research Newsletter:

The deadline for submissions for the next Research Newsletter is Wednesday 21 May 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.