

Welcome to the latest Psychology newsletter

March 2018

In this month's newsletter, you'll find the regular updates on our activities, from learning and teaching achievements, new grants and publications, to the conferences and outreach events we've been part of.

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Forthcoming events

Research Seminars

- Anna Leask & Paul Barron
(ENU) 21 March, JN116
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Full **Psychology Research Seminar** details are available on [Facebook](#).

Almost there...

The second semester of the 2017-18 Academic Year is about to come to a close. To all our students, do ensure you get along to those final classes; and to our Final Year Students, the very best of luck as you submit your dissertations later this month!

We're sure everyone is looking forward to short break after the semester finishes (though for some that will also be the start of revision time for the exams to come!)...in the meantime, here's what the team have been up to over the last month.

Latest publications



Our latest publications are listed here, but you can find a full list via the [Heriot-Watt Research Portal](#).

Webster, J., Morris, J., Howard, D. & Garraffa, M. (2018). Reading for meaning: What influences paragraph understanding in aphasia? *American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology*, 27, 423-437. [doi:10.1044/2017_AJSLP-16-0213](#)

In the news

[Attractive attractions for older people](#) (Alan Gow & Eleftheria Vaportzis)

[Is my boss happy with me?](#) (in German) (Peter McKenna & Thusha Rajendran)

[Dr Alan Gow on BBC Radio Scotland—What Keeps You Sharp?](#) (Alan Gow)

Conferences and outreach activities

The team regularly present at national and international conferences and at a range of public engagement events. A selection of the most recent include:

Our Psychology Research Seminars for the semester close with the event on 21 March, but other events continue to occur throughout the Spring and Summer; full details are available on [Facebook](#).

Garraffa, M. (2018). Locality, a framework for investigating language acquisition and impairment. *Giornata di Linguistica Sperimentale*, Padova University, 23rd February.

Parra, M. A. (2018). [Mapping cognition along the continuum of Alzheimer's disease](#). Centre for Dementia Prevention, Edinburgh University, 6th March.

Learning and teaching



Edinburgh colleagues Anna Sedda and Kevin Muldoon visited Malaysia as part of the ongoing MQA accreditation of our undergraduate Psychology programmes. Colleagues from Malaysia provided a warm welcome, and the visit was a great opportunity to discuss developments in our learning and teaching provision. Anna had also stopped in at the Dubai campus for a flying visit en route, with enough time to deliver a tutorial for one of the Second Year classes and catch up with students and colleagues there.



The Psychology Society continued their busy events diary for the 2018 session with a range of events, including a rather competitive board games evening with other societies, a debate about the ethics of animal testing for research purposes and the annual bowling event! You can find out more about the society at <https://www.facebook.com/HWPsychSoc/>



Also this month, our Applicant Visit Day welcomed those holding offers to study with us from the next academic year, providing a chance to meet the team, ask more detailed questions about the programmes and the university and visit some of our facilities. Thanks to Maria Garraffa and colleagues in SoSS for organising the day, and special thanks to our students (Irene, Pavithra, Igor, Dhanishtha and Gordon), Postdoctoral Researchers (Michael and Serge), and colleagues Mioara and Mel for providing such a warm welcome for our guests.

Professional development

And finally, our congratulations to Lee Williamson Houston and family as they welcomed their new arrival, Riis, at the end of last month.