HEA Fellowship

The Higher Education Academy professional recognition scheme confers status of Associate Fellow, Fellow, Senior Fellow or Principal Fellow and is awarded to those staff who have met the appropriate standards in teaching and supporting learning in Higher Education under the UK Professional Standards Framework.

It is pleasing to note that the following staff within the School of Health Sciences have recently been awarded Fellowship status:

- Stuart Mackay (Medical Imaging and Radiotherapy), Senior Fellow of Higher Education Academy
- Pete Bridge (Medical Imaging and Radiotherapy), Senior Fellow of Higher Education Academy
- Bev Ball (Medical Imaging and Radiotherapy), Senior Fellow of Higher Education Academy
- Helen Orton (School), Senior Fellow of Higher Education Academy
- Vicky Thornton (Nursing), Fellow of Higher Education Academy
- Steve McKinnell (School), Fellow of Higher Education Academy
- Simon Curran (Physiotherapy), Fellow of Higher Education Academy
- Pauline Keane (Physiotherapy), Fellow of Higher Education Academy
- Mark Pinnington (Physiotherapy), Fellow of Higher Education Academy
- Kate Trainor (Physiotherapy), Fellow of Higher Education Academy
- Emily Grant (Physiotherapy), Fellow of Higher Education Academy
- Vicky McQuillan (Occupational Therapy), Fellow of Higher Education Academy
- Joy Burrill (Occupational Therapy), Fellow of Higher Education Academy

Conferences attended by staff in the School of Health Sciences

- Craig Murray (Orthoptics), presentation of a paper at the European Strabismological Association Meeting Venice October 2015, entitled “Effect of the Harada Ito procedure on horizontal incomitance” (co-author David Newsham)
- David Newsham (Orthoptics), presentation of a paper at the European Strabismological Association Meeting Venice October 2015, entitled “Intractable diplopia - A British Ophthalmological Surveillance Unit study ”
- Stuart Mackay (Medical Imaging and Radiotherapy), presentation of paper at UK Radiological Congress 2015 Liverpool, June 2015, entitled “A Career in Radiography Education”
- Bernard Gibbon (School) attended Council of Deans of Health meeting in September 2015
- Bernard Gibbon (School) Invited to be a member of Health Education England Operations Group representing North of England Russell Group on RePAIR (Reducing Avoidable Attrition and Improving Retention) Project.
Anna O’Connor (Orthoptics), invited speaker at the World Society of Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus in Barcelona in September 2015, entitled “Functional outcome of infantile esotropia”.

Anna O’Connor (Orthoptics), part of a joint presentation at the university learning and teaching conference in June 2015, entitled “Digital literacies: the stand and the staff perspective. What have we learn(I)T?”

Anna O’Connor (Orthoptics), poster presentation, Tidbury, LT, O’Connor, AR and Wuerger, S. Fusion and Stereoacuity. European conference on visual perception. August 2015

Amanda Deaves, Alison Draper, Emily Grant, Pauline Keane, Chris Kitteringham, Shelagh Tittle and Kate Trainor (Physiotherapy), attended Physiotherapy UK 2015 CSP conference, 16 & 17 October 2015 in Liverpool.

Kathryn Jarvis (Occupational Therapy), presented at the Physiotherapy UK conference on the 16 and 17 October in Liverpool on the role of the Council for Allied Health Professions for Research.

Michaella Higginson (Occupational Therapy) Conference presentation (poster) - College of Occupational Therapists Annual Conference, Brighton July 2015 - “An exploration of 1st class (Hons) early career occupational therapists and their current and potential contribution to research capacity development in the UK occupational therapy practice environment”

Michaella Higginson (Occupational Therapy), Conference presentation (paper) - University of Liverpool Learning & Teaching Conference, Liverpool, July 2015 - “Developing a creative approach to reflection”

Vicky McQuillan (Occupational Therapy) presented at Eleventh International Conference on Developmental Coordination Disorder in Toulouse July 2015


Vanessa Sluming (School) Conference Paper: The Influence of hearing acuity on brain sub-cortical structures and function. Fahad Alhazmi • Jamaan Alghamdi • Ian Mackenzie • Graham Kemp • Vanessa Sluming. European Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine and Biology, Edinburgh/UK; 10/2015

Vanessa Sluming (School) Conference Paper: ASL Perfusion MRI in Tinnitus Fahad Alhazmi • Jamaan Alghamdi • Laura Parkes • Batil Alonazi • Ian Mackenzie • Tony Kay • Graham Kemp • Vanessa Sluming British Tinnitus Association Annual Conference, Manchester, UK; 09/2015


Vanessa Sluming (School) Conference Paper: Neuroanatomical alterations of mild to moderate hearing loss revealed by grey matter morphometry and diffusion tensor imaging Fahad Alhazmi • Jamaan Alghamdi • Ian Mackenzie • Graham Kemp • Vanessa Sluming BNA2015:FESTIVAL OF NEUROSCIENCE, Edinburgh (UK); 04/2015

Scholarly Articles Published

Stuart Mackay (Medical Imaging and Radiotherapy)


Pete Bridge (Medical Imaging and Radiotherapy)

- Bridge P, Carmichael M. Audience response systems can facilitate communal course feedback. Focus on Health Professional Education: A Multi-Disciplinary Journal 2015; 16(3)

Anna O’Connor (Orthoptics)

Vicky McQuillan (Occupational Therapy)


Vanessa Sluming (School)


David Newsham (Orthoptics)


Dave Mercer (Nursing)

- Mercer D. Imagined in policy, inscribed on bodies: Defending an ethic of compassion in a political context: Comment on ‘Why and how is compassion necessary to provide good quality healthcare?’ International Journal of Health Policy and Management, 4: 1-3 [invited contribution].

Teaching Prizes and Awards

- Colette Bennion and Sue Roberts (Medical Imaging and Radiotherapy) received a 2015 Faculty of Health and Life Sciences Learning and Teaching award for their outstanding contribution to pedagogy and the enhancement of the student experience for their work on the introduction of a ‘flipped classroom’ approach, within the undergraduate anatomy and physiology module, in the diagnostic radiography programme.

Other items of note

- Anna O’Connor (Orthoptics) supervised two Nuffield projects this summer, in collaboration with Ashli Milling and Laurence Tidbury.
- Helen Orton (School) was recently invited to talk informally about her mentoring experience at the Liverpool Mentoring Network, Speed Mentoring Event.
Five Physiotherapy undergraduate students attended the Physiotherapy UK 2015 CSP conference, 16 & 17 October 2015 in Liverpool.

Vanessa Sluming (School) was recently awarded research Support Fees of £150,000 (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to support project costs for 3 PhD students for 3 years)

Vanessa Sluming (School) invited to join NIHR Dissemination Centre College of Raters

Vanessa Sluming (School) invited to review Programme Grant application to BBSRC

Vanessa Sluming (School) invited to review Experimental Medicine Grant application to MRC

David Newsham (Orthoptics) appointed as the UK & Ireland Representative on the Council of International Orthoptic Association (Aug 2015)

David Newsham (Orthoptics) appointed Chair of the Conference Organising Committee for the quadrennial International Orthoptic Congress (to be held 2020)

CPD activity in the School

- The Introduction to Mindfulness series has been well attended and evaluated. Further workshops are due to be held on 25th November and 9th December with the remaining two dates to be confirmed but possible dates are 20th January and 3rd February. For further information, please contact: Helen Orton (h.p.orton@liverpool.ac.uk) or Julie Hanna (jhanna@liverpool.ac.uk)

- A “Readiness to Study” CPD event was held on Saturday 7th November. If you are interested in obtaining further information about future sessions, please contact: Helen Orton (h.p.orton@liverpool.ac.uk)

Staff News

Staff Breast Awareness Wellbeing Session:

Chris Bebb, Macmillan Breast Cancer Specialist Nurse, visited the School of Health Sciences to run a breast awareness session, giving hands on explanation and demonstration on how staff should be regularly checking themselves. The session was well attended and staff found the session very informative.
Student News

Congratulations to two students Emma Holmes (Radiotherapy) and Judith Hesketh (Diagnostic Radiography) from the Medical Imaging and Radiotherapy Directorate recent winners in the Imaging & Therapy Practice student competition.

Articles were put forward by course leaders/tutors from HEIs across the UK. Members of the Imaging and Therapy Practice editorial board scored each of the submitted articles in the first round of judging and drew up a shortlist. The winning five articles were then selected in a second judging round, by the Society of Radiographer’s (SCoR) professional officer Christina Freeman, SCoR’s immediate past president Karen Smith; and Pat Williams, Chair of the College Board of Trustees.

Emma Holmes took the first prize of £250 for her article: Is it time to include males within the UK HPV vaccination programme? A literature review looking at the possibility of gender neutral inclusion.

Judith Hesketh won joint second prize for her article: The role of ultrasound elastography and magnetic resonance elastography in the detection of breast cancer.
Both students’ work was submitted by Dr Stuart Mackay, senior lecturer & Head of the Directorate of Medical Imaging and Radiotherapy.

As well as cash prizes the students’ articles were published in the October edition of Imaging and Therapy Practice and the students have been invited to the 2016 Annual Student Conference to receive their awards.

Both students since winning this prize have now graduated from the School.

Emma Holmes

Judith Hesketh