

## Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences PGR Showcase



On the 8th June, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences held a Postgraduate Research Showcase, to highlight the range of research being undertaken by PGRs across the Faculty.

Professor Graham Kemp, Director of the Liverpool Doctoral College, attended to present the Academic Judges Prize to Department of English PGR Matthew McCall. Matthew's poster was entitled 'A Crisis of Masculinity? Transgressive Gender and The Monstrous Feminine in the Work of the *Pearl Poet*'. Commenting on the day itself, Matthew said "The Postgraduate Research Showcase is a fantastic opportunity to see what everyone else is up to in the PGR community- it's all too easy to bury your head in the sand of your own research sometimes. Everyone is so interested in what everyone else is doing, and that's a really positive atmosphere to share your own research in." Matthew also displayed a

poster relating to his [LiNK](#) placement with the Victoria Gallery & Museum on the artist [Andrew Fekete](#), the outcome of which will be an exhibition taking place later this year.

External cultural partners were in attendance, including representatives from Open Eye Gallery, Tate Liverpool, Bluecoat, Liverpool Jazz, National Museums Liverpool and the Victoria Gallery & Museum. These cultural partners judged the External Partner Prize, which was won by Department of English PGR Rachel Cleaver, and her poster on Victorian journalism entitled 'The Journalist and the Development of Ethics 1850-1900'.

Students were also invited to vote for their favourite poster, and the winner of the Student Prize was Nur Husna Mohamed, from the Department of English, with her poster on 'Identity Construction of Malaysian Youngsters in Computer Mediated Communication (CMC)'.

In addition to the postgraduate research on display, postdoctoral fellows funded by the [AHRC Cultural Engagement Fund](#) presented posters and gave talks on their projects with external cultural partners. The event was well attended by staff and students, and the Faculty was pleased to also welcome Vice Chancellor Janet Beer to the prize-giving reception.

Many thanks to all who took part, either presenting a poster or and attending to discuss the research, for making the event such a lively and interesting display of PhD research across the Faculty. Congratulations to all of the winners!

