

Recent Research Updates

Please see below for an informal update about the exciting research development in our research institutes, including a [Video Update from Prof Darryl Newport](#), and our recent research successes.



We will be providing updates on a regular basis with video introductions from our other research leaders and fellows. Please contact research@uos.ac.uk for further information or to arrange to chat with us about your research ideas!

Updates from the Research Institutes

Suffolk Sustainability Institute

In addition to the video update above, we also have some exciting PhD projects ongoing within the Institute.

- Anton Opperman: *An investigation into the impacts of climate change and development - using Noosa Shire and the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games - as a case-study*. Supervisors: Prof D. Newport, Prof C. Rigg and Dr E. Imiren.
- Ufuoma Egbegbedia: *Learn, Unlearn and Re-learn for a Sustainable Future: Sustainability Consciousness*. Supervisors: Prof D. Newport, Prof C. Rigg (ECR Supervisor TBA).
- Mustafa Shahed: *Post-cyclonic migration in coastal Bangladesh: An unexplored adaptation strategy*. Supervisors: Dr Md Shahidul Islam, Prof D. Newport, Prof C. Rigg.

The SSI is developing research relationships with key SME businesses within the region and is currently in discussion with a number of local and national partners about research possibilities including Connected Energy, Natural Building Systems and Driven.

Institute of Health & Wellbeing

On March 30th 2022, the Institute of Health and Wellbeing had its official launch. The afternoon was formerly opened by Lord Dennis Stevenson CBE, Patron of Suffolk Mind, who said, "This institute is an exciting addition for Suffolk, it is brilliant that the University

of Suffolk is one of the first in Britain to blaze a trail and come together with the Integrated Care System to improve population health. It's a great achievement and I look forward to following its progress". There were over 60 representatives from different organisations from Suffolk and beyond. After the formal talks describing the Institute, its vision, current and future projects, a network and showcasing event was held. There was an exciting buzz in the foyer of the Waterfront building when many UoS academics highlighted their work. This stimulated many interactions, with many conversations now continuing after the event. Thanks to all who came along and supported the launch.

Professor Colin Martin has recently completed a study in the Czech Republic looking at birth experience using the Birth Satisfaction Scale-Revised (BSS-R). The study, shortly to be published in the Journal of Reproductive and Infant Psychology, recruited over 400 mothers and found significant differences in birth experience as assessed by the BSS-R as a function of delivery type.

Professors Martin and Gladwell have both given their inaugural public lectures highlighting the work that they have undertaken. These were well received with an excellent number of staff and public members in attendance. The Cult bar hosted a post-talk drink after Professor Gladwell's talk.

Institute for Social Justice & Crime

The ISJ&C congratulates Joana Ferreira on her graduation: Joana is now Dr. Ferreira!

The TIVA theme (Trauma, Injustice, Violence & Abuse) has recently taken on a large project, Project Minerva, in collaboration with the SWGfL, funded by the Tampon Tax fund. This project will inform and evaluate the design of a novel AI tool aimed at supporting women suffering online abuse, helping them feel safer online, as well as potentially identifying patterns of online/offline abuse and collecting and collating evidence. Katherine and Megan, the researchers, are due to begin the discovery phase in the next several weeks.

Dr Katherine Allen has recently completed a grant monitoring report for the Safer Streets Rapid Evidence Assessment, a project about VAWG in public spaces. Apart from the launch event, this project is now complete. Dr Katherine Allen and Dr Joana Ferreira are presenting on their Anchor+ evaluation later this month at the British Sociological Association annual conference.

Within our Gender & Sexual Minorities theme, Dr Sebastian Cordoba has written a new book as part of the Routledge Gender and Sexualities in Psychology book series, Non-Binary Gender Identities: The Language of Becoming. This book examines how non-binary people discover, adopt, and negotiate language in a variety of social settings, both offline and online. It considers how language, in the form of gender-neutral pronouns, names, and labels, is a central aspect of identity for many and has been the subject of much debate in recent years. It will be available to purchase on 25 September 2022. More information here: <https://sebastian-cordoba.com/2022/03/31/new-book-available-for-purchase-on-september-25-2022/>

Dr Jennifer Coe, a member of the gender and sexual minorities theme, recently passed her viva. Her research focuses on the influence of sex, sexual orientation, and hormonal cycles on attraction preferences of facial masculinity, femininity, and sex typicality. She explored whether there are evolutionary adaptive mechanisms involved in attraction preferences and whether these adaptive mechanisms are influenced by fertility and testosterone. Overall findings showed no compelling evidence of evolutionary adaptive shifts in attraction preferences for masculinity-femininity in targets across sex, nor for shifts being dependent of sexual orientation, and no evidence that these mechanisms are influenced by hormonal changes.

Finally, as of 1st April 2022, Prof Miranda Horvath is a Visiting Professor at Bournemouth University.

Research Office Updates

Research Funding Activity

Further good news about our research funding activity

- We have submitted 5 research grant applications between 21 March 2022 (the date of our last Newsletter) and 22 April 2022. More grant applications are in the process of being developed.
- We have been successfully awarded 3 research grants a combined grant value of £101K since 21 March 2022. Successful bids include a project funded by NHS Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG, that looks at developing a *Self-report Measure to Assess Sleep Satisfaction through Community-based Participatory Research*. The project is led by [Cleo Protogerou](#), Research Fellow in the Institute of Health, and Well Being. The funding awarded to this project is £75,000. Another successful project is the Evaluation of the NE Essex Diabetes service, a project funded by Suffolk GP Federation (£20,000) led by [Professor Valerie Gladwell](#) with [Associate Professor Noreen Cushen Brewster](#) and [Research Associate Ella Malloy](#) as Co-Investigators.
- We currently have 70 active research grants with a combined grant value of £3.4M.

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Research Integrity online module (Epigeum)

Coming soon in Brightspace- further details will be circulated to all staff

University of Suffolk is maintaining the highest ethical standards, working to foster values of honesty, rigour, openness, care, and respect as set out in the Concordat to support research integrity. Comprehensively updated to integrate the principles set out in the revised Concordat to Support Research Integrity, the University of Suffolk has invested in Epigeum's Research Integrity training programme mandatory for all staff with research responsibility to minimise the risk of irresponsible research practices, increase confidence in published works, and support funding agency requirements.

Research Pages

<https://intranet.uos.ac.uk/research>

- **Pre-award** -this section details each step of the pre-award process. There are checklists at certain stages which might be helpful to you when preparing and completing your research grant application.
- **Post award** -once a research grant award has been formally accepted by the University of Suffolk, the Research Office (RO) and Finance and Planning (FP) teams will provide support for the financial administration of your award. This section details which team provides support for each area.
- **Research Ethics information** -find out how you should seek approval for any research activities through the submission of an application for ethical approval.
- **Research Development Programme**
All events are listed <https://uos.libcal.com/calendar/cpd>

Funding Opportunities

<https://intranet.uos.ac.uk/funding-opportunities>

This page is regularly updated with the most recent up-to-date information on current funding opportunities. If you would like to apply for any of these funding opportunities or if you require any further information on the funding calls listed below then please contact the Research Office at researchoffice@uos.ac.uk

Other Events

Research Professional Training

Led by Research Professional

11 May 2022, 12.00 pm-1.00 pm

- Thousands of open funding opportunities for all disciplines from over 12,000 funders
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22 April 2022

Research mentoring Training programme (mentors and mentees)

Led by Dr Marie Stopforth CPsychol AFBPsS (Psychologist, coach, trainer, consultant & facilitator)

All places have now been booked. 26 Colleagues are enrolled.

The Health Resilient Researcher

Led by Dr Joyce Reed

Thursday 9 June, 11:00 – 15:00

Follow up date: Monday 27 June, 13:30 – 14:30

During this course you will discover new ways to view personal health and become a more resilient researcher. The course is based on Dr Joyce Reed's manual, *The Health Resilient Researcher*, in which she draws on the biomedical evidence base, clinical experience and personal experience of balancing lifestyle and regaining whole health.

Research and Knowledge Exchange conference, 30 June 2022

Call for Papers

The one-day event brings together academic researchers and wider stakeholders to share the latest innovation in collaborative research and effective knowledge exchange to both showcase and celebrate how multidisciplinary research is making a difference to our communities. It is also an opportunity to identify potential new collaborations in the context of emerging challenges and opportunities for the next generation of researchers.

The conference call for both presentations and posters are seeking abstracts related to the following conference topics:

- 1: Inspiring the next generation of researchers
- 2: Innovation in collaborative research
- 3: Doing public engagement brilliantly
- 4: What is effective knowledge exchange?

Presentation formats

Presentation will be allowed 15 minutes – allowing 5 minutes for questions. Posters (max. size A0, portrait format) will be discussed by presenters with interested participants during the networking breaks and they will remain on display during the conference.

Submission of abstracts:

Abstracts should be around 250 words.

The deadline for submissions is 29 April 2022.

Please submit your abstract via the email address: researchoffice@uos.ac.uk

More information

We regularly update the content on the research webpages, so if you are interested in finding out more about the institutes, as well as recent research projects and publications from colleagues across the institution, please visit:

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