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Love, Loneliness and Losing Your Mind | Almeida Questions, Almeida Theatre. In response to Summer and Smoke, this Almeida Questions panel chaired by Matthew Parris with playwright David Eldridge, poet Cecilia Knapp, academic Roger Green and carer and social entrepreneur Angela Awuah dig into the reality of being alone and what it means to be lonely.

almeida.co.uk/love-loneliness-and-losing-your-mind

To find out more, contact r.green@gold.ac.uk or gold.ac.uk/community-engagement-research

Faiths & Civil Society Unit

Innovative RE - Survey

The Faiths & Civil Society Unit, Goldsmiths, University of London, and the Education for Social Justice research group at London South Bank University, are undertaking a project to explore and showcase innovative approaches to education about religion and worldviews in schools.

Eight schools have been selected as case studies to showcase classroom practice which meets the learning proposed in the new National Entitlement for Religion & Worldviews launched by the Commission on Religious Education (CoRE) in September 2018.

To complement the case studies, this survey explores aspects of the life of RE in schools. It will take about 10 minutes to complete and we would be so grateful for your responses. Everybody participating in the case studies and this survey will be invited to attend a workshop at the House of Lords in December 2019/Jan 2020 where the case studies will be showcased before being made more widely available.

Survey available here – please forward to contacts that may be interested.

Reimagining Religion and Belief - Survey

Professors Adam Dinham & Chris Baker have been funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council to undertake research into the way that organisations interact with service users across a diversity of religions and beliefs. A short survey is an important part of this project, and we very much hope that you can contribute by completing the survey to be found via this link. This should take no more than 10 minutes:

Survey link

We would be very grateful if you also would pass this link on to relevant colleagues with a request for completion to anyone in your organisation who plays a role in how the organisation interacts with service users and/or the public.

To find out more, contact a.dinham@gold.ac.uk; c.baker@gold.ac.uk or gold.ac.uk/faithsunit
Other projects and grants

Warden’s Annual Public Engagement Awards, 23 May 2019

Congratulations to two STaCS staff nominated for the Established Researcher Category at the recent Annual Public Engagement Awards:

Dr Roger Green for his work with Voice 4 Deptford, a campaign response to local concern about the very large scale proposed private redevelopment of the Convoys Wharf site in Deptford.

David Woodger for supporting ‘Report Racism GRT’ to raise awareness of hate crime towards Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities.


Social Work: Professor Claudia Bernard

Professor Claudia Bernard has presented her research at several events over the last few months including:

Moderating a roundtable entitled Building Capacity Through Stronger Families at the inaugural Women in Business Conference in St Kitts and Nevis on 1st March 2019. This roundtable offered an opportunity for participants to explore how women workers can mobilise, harness and strengthen their families to free them up to excel in the workplace.

A talk at the Women in Leadership Seminar held at Goldsmiths on 10 April 2019.

A talk at the Local Safeguarding Children Board for the London Boroughs of Richmond and Kingston to the senior managers and policy makers about child neglect in affluent families, 21st May 2019.

A keynote address on Research for Understanding the Complexities Embodied in Hidden and Marginalised Experiences to the Hertfordshire County Council Social Work Research Conference on 4 June 2019.

A Practice Masterclass to managers and practitioners at Wandsworth Children’s Social Care Academy on black children’s experience of child protection on 2nd July 2019.

A talk on child neglect in affluent families to practitioners and managers at Windsor and Maidenhead County Council on 5th July 2019.

A talk on gender based violence at the +Gender on Femininity art exhibition at the Matchstick Theatre, Deptford, London SE8 on 9th July 2019.

Report supports local project empowering marginalised migrant women

A London charity’s work to empower 100s of marginalised Muslim women has improved self-worth, independence and integration, a new report by a Goldsmiths, University of London researcher concludes.

Two years into a three-year Afghanistan and Central Asian Association (ACAA) project, Dr Naomi Thompson’s evaluation explores how ‘Challenging Stereotypes’ workshops in Lewisham and Hounslow are changing lives.

Dr Thompson, an expert in youth and community work, faith, and inclusion, delivered her findings in parliament on Monday 4 March.

Full article here
Supporting mum motivates youth drug runners

The desire to provide for families who are struggling financially is driving young men to get involved in drug crime, a new study from Goldsmiths, University of London has found.

Dr Naomi Thompson’s research with young offenders and at-risk youth challenges the perception of a ‘culture of entitlement’, greed, laziness or irresponsibility which has distorted our understanding of why young people offend.

Through interviews with 19 London-based teenagers aged 13-17 and dozens of London and Liverpool professionals in youth and social care, policing, and probation, Dr Thompson identified a number of themes in why young people offend and how they believe the path to offending can be avoided.

In a report published in the journal Youth Justice, Dr Thompson argues that motivation and routes into organised crime are varied and complex, but in a climate of austerity and unemployment, a belief dominated among young men that they should provide for their families.

London Borough of Barking & Dagenham: New Town Culture

Academics from Goldsmiths, University of London are collaborating on a pioneering programme to bring the power of art and culture into social care services in Barking and Dagenham.

The three-year ‘New Town Culture’ programme, supported by the Mayor of London and the Serpentine Galleries, was launched last term at a special event at Barking Town Hall.

The programme will take culture into care settings across the borough and will enable residents to tell their stories and exhibit work with some of London’s leading cultural institutions. Bringing together social workers and artists, the initiative aims to embed cultural activity within core social care practice. Goldsmiths will work with the borough to develop new training for social workers to enable them to deploy creative approaches in their work and to ensure that the legacy for this programme is embedded within social care delivery. Full articles here and here.
Publications


Thompson, Naomi. 2019. 'It’s a no-win scenario, either the police or the gang will get you' Young people and organised crime - vulnerable or criminal? Youth Justice, ISSN 1473-2254 [Article] (In Press)


Gilroy, Andrea; Linnell, Sheridan; McKenna, Tarquam and Westwood, Jill. 2019. An Introduction of Sorts or All Sorts of Introductions. In: Andrea Gilroy; Sheridan Linnell; Tarquam McKenna and Jill Westwood, eds. Art Therapy in Australia: Taking a Postcolonial, Aesthetic Turn. Leiden, Netherlands: Brill | Sense, pp. 1-41. ISBN 9789004368262 [Book Section]


More information on STaCS research publications can be found on Goldsmiths Research Online (GRO) here.

Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021 Update

The Department is now preparing for a Mock REF later this year. Draft Impact Case Studies and the Environment Statement are also being prepared.

More information can be found here
Forthcoming Events

Lunchtime Talks 2019 - 2020

The MA Dance Movement Psychotherapy programme in partnership with the MA Art Psychotherapy programme (under the Therapeutic Studies division in STaCS) are proud to launch ‘Lunchtime Talks’ in 2019-2020. This is a new series of open talks aiming to support interdisciplinary discourse and exchange of ideas. We wish to create a platform for sharing diverse clinical, research and artistic practices and approaches, a space for stimulating discussion and a springboard for potential collaborations.

The series will host three events per term and the talks are open to all and no booking is required. Attendees are welcome to bring their lunch and to take part in the conversation. The series of talks are as follows, 12:45-13:45, 21 St James, Room G01, Goldsmiths, University of London and start in the Autumn. Please contact Dr Marina Rova for further details m.rova@gold.ac.uk:

Tuesday 15 October | Dr Marina Rova
‘The art and science of kinaesthetic empathy: interdisciplinary insights’
A discussion about kinaesthetic empathy drawing from clinical, research and performance investigations.

Tuesday 29 October | Dawn Batcup
‘Externalization -what is it and why is it important’
Looking at what contributes to making it hard to communicate our thoughts and feelings to others, in both verbal and non-verbal communication.

Tuesday 26 November | Caroline Frizell
‘Respect for the Other; touching and being touched: a new-materialist approach to the therapeutic encounter’
In this brief presentation, I will invite us to think about our work as therapists from a new-materialist perspective.

Faiths & Civil Society Unit Public Seminar Series 2019

Religion, Belief and Brexit: challenges and opportunities

The Faiths Unit has invited contributors in a variety of fields to reflect on how they see the role of religion and belief in the context of Brexit. Does Brexit shape the trajectories and impacts of religion and belief in the public sphere in ways that might be different from expected, and if so, how? As and when the UK begins to move away from a sense of crisis, to a new sense of identity and place in the world, where and how do religion and belief fit? What role do religion and belief play in the problems and the solutions expressed by Brexit? We will be offering these questions to academics, journalists, faith leaders and activists over the series.

The series of events are as follows, 5.30-7pm, Richard Hoggart Building, Goldsmiths, University of London and continues in the Autumn with:

Wednesday 16 October | Venue: TBC
Grassroots faith movements and partnerships of hope
Panel featuring: Matthew Barber (Spaces of Hope), Martin Hasani (London Queer Muslims), Julie Siddiqui (Sadaqa Day) and Laura Marks (Mitzvah Day)
Please book your place here

Tuesday 12 November | Venue: TBC
No religion and unbelief in a post-Brexit public square
Dr Lois Lee, University of Kent
Please book your place here
Learning & Teaching Update

Lewisham Live Mixtape celebrates borough's young musicians

Teenagers working with Goldsmiths, University of London have released their first compilation album through NX Records, touching on themes of life, love, loss, relationships and the future in Lewisham.

The Lewisham Live Mixtape - part of the Lewisham Live Festival - features original new music from emerging artists 19 years and under who live or study in the borough. The 50-minute recording covers a wide range of genres and is released by NX Records, a collaboration between the Department of Music at Goldsmiths and Matthew Herbert’s Accidental Records.

It kicks off with IBZ ft King Vito & Kemz and features Y3LLO & R3D, Natisha, KamZz, TBoy, Toby Harrison, ENDA, DJ Emerald, UYT Collective, Emma & Nino, and Redmond. Many of the tracks are from young artists who are members of the Alchemy Project, a collaboration between Goldsmiths’ Widening Participation team, the Department of Social, Therapeutic and Community Studies (STaCS) and the Department of Music, in partnership with three Lewisham schools. Full article here

Short Courses & Training

More details for these exciting courses including booking arrangement are available on the Goldsmiths website.

Monday 16 September
Art Therapy Large Group
The course aims to give you the opportunity of taking part in an Art Therapy Large Group.

Wednesday 18 September
Building Resilience to Work-Related Stress
This course draws upon evidence-based psychological intervention models to enhance your awareness of when and how you and your colleagues might be affected.

Saturday 12 October
An Introduction to Dance Movement Psychotherapy
This course is for anyone interested in learning about the principles and practice of Dance Movement Psychotherapy.

Active Bystander Training
A February 2019 survey by Brook found that 56% of UK university students have been exposed to unwanted sexual behaviors. As part of the Against Sexual Violence Campaign, you’re invited to take part in Active Bystander Training and commit to intervening before, during and after an incident of sexual violence or harassment occurs.

Active Bystander training sessions are your opportunity to get involved and play a role in challenging sexual violence right here in our own community. They are delivered by students for students and use an evidence-based approach to teach bystanders how to safely intervene in instances where an incident may be occurring, or where someone may be at risk. The two-and-a-half-hour training session covers how to identify behaviors on a spectrum of violence and practice safe and appropriate intervention skills.
Aziz Foundation Scholarships

Beginning in September 2017 the Faiths Unit now have several Masters students studying at Goldsmiths, individuals active in British Muslim communities and interested in how the needs of these communities may be met through community development and services. The aim of these scholarships is to help develop a pool of professionals and practitioners capable of addressing the social challenges facing British Muslim communities. The focus is on supporting the development of practical leadership in all areas of community service and at all levels. The objective is to improve the skills of imams and chaplains, community and youth workers, and teachers and counsellors working on the ground, addressing complex social problems, so that they can deliver inspiring solutions to the highest standards in community service. These scholarships will fund 2 Masters students per year for 5 years. More information can be found here.

William Temple Scholarships

The Faiths and Civil Society Unit has, in partnership with the William Temple Foundation, created five full-time funded Ph.D studentships to explore the role and impact of religion and belief in modern British life. These two institutions are committed to critical, innovative and interdisciplinary research on important trajectories in political, social and economic life, as well as policy. The new visibility of globalised religion within UK life, coupled with a steep rise of those within the UK who identify with ‘no-religion’ is a major phenomenon of 21st century life that is redefining several debates in key areas of public life including healthcare, education, our legal system, community development, social cohesion, poverty and exclusion, employment legislation and human rights, well-being and flourishing.

More information can be found here.

Postgraduate funding

More details regarding Postgraduate funding for Social, Therapeutic and Community Studies students can be found here.

For more information about any of these items, please contact:
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