

# FOR RESEARCH ACTIVE STAFF

## JUNE 2013 E-NEWSLETTER

### **SUPPORT GOING FORWARD**

**From April 2013 our remit continues to include learning and development support for all Research Active Staff at Warwick for the next three years.**

To focus effectively on staff development opportunities for Research Active Staff the five main areas of support will be:

- ⇒ **Career Development**
- ⇒ **Enterprise & Entrepreneurship**
- ⇒ **Equality & Diversity**
- ⇒ **Leadership**
- ⇒ **Skills**

Please contact Sandy Sparks: [Sandra.Sparks@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:Sandra.Sparks@warwick.ac.uk) with any queries or to discuss your needs. Or visit the website for Research Active Staff (below) for information on current support.

Learning & Development Centre

#### Research Active Staff

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The Research Community at Warwick



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FAQs



### **CROS & PIRLS: surveys closed.**

**Thank you to all research active staff who took part in these two surveys, there were 66 CROS submissions and 62 PIRLS submissions from Warwick.**

The University of Warwick took part in the national **CROS and PIRLS surveys** during May 2013, with all Research Active Staff invited to take part.

#### **The Careers in Research Online Survey (CROS)**

#### **The Principal Investigators and Research Leaders survey (PIRLS)**

For further information visit:  
[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/events\\_news/cros\\_pirls/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/events_news/cros_pirls/)

### **NEW THIS MONTH:**

#### **Events/Activities Feedback:**

- ⇒ UK Data Archive Workshop Feedback
- ⇒ CROS & PIRLS surveys—update
- ⇒ Researching Human Fatigue in the Workplace

#### **Support Update:**

- ⇒ Statistics Seminar Series: Successful Pilot Phase
- ⇒ News from the Networks

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers>

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS & FEEDBACK FROM RECENT

## ACTIVITIES

**The final event in the current academic year designed for Research Active Staff:**

**Academic Writing Programme Awaydays  
27th & 28th June 2013 at Scarman House.**

These writing away days run for 2 days and offer research staff the opportunity to focus exclusively on their writing. For that reason, we ask that those who attend are prepared to commit to the full 2 days when booking a place.

The two days are structured to allow participants to discuss their research and writing strategies with research staff and their writing tutor, and most importantly to have dedicated writing time.

Writing away days may be of benefit to those beginning a new project and to research staff who wish to focus on editing existing work or producing a piece of work from existing research.

For further details, and to book one of the few remaining places, visit:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/awpbootcamp>

**Strategy Bites session on Open Access  
Publishing:**

**What Does it Mean for Warwick**

**Wednesday 12th June—12.30-1.30pm,**

**with lunch from 12.15pm**

**Seminar Room 2, 2nd Floor, Library**

This session will discuss the implications of Open Access for Warwick researchers and other staff, as well as look at the new RCUK policy, guidance and FAQs. The session is open to research staff and staff members who are responsible for handling the APC charges, as well as anyone else with a general interest in Open Access.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research Stuart Croft will be leading this session.

Further information and to register online please go to:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/insite/strategy/strategybites>

### UK Data Archive Workshop

This 2-day workshop took place on 30th April– 1st May.

Organized by Toni Haastrup, with LDC funding, the event proved popular and effective in fulfilling research-specific training in this important area.

Toni and a fellow delegate shared their thoughts on the event ~

*“This was an extremely useful workshop with direct implications for all University research planning processes. The lessons of this workshop will support more effective research management, especially regarding the future use of research data. In this way, research produced by Warwick academic staff is made more accessible to members of the public as well as policy makers to enable maximum dissemination, knowledge and societal impact.”*

Toni Haastrup,  
Research Fellow in  
Politics & International Studies

*“I am directing a large ERC Starting Grant project which involves several researchers. The 2-day seminar facilitated by the UK Data Archive was very helpful for me to understand existing and new trends on how to do data archiving, especially because I relocated to the UK only recently. The seminar gave a lot of structured information. Participants went also through a couple of specific exercises. The lecturers were very well prepared, and answered my questions well. Attending such a seminar will become a must for research-active staff, and especially for those who manage teams and/or aspire to apply for ESRC funding.”*

Maria Koinova  
Associate Professor, PAIS and  
PI for the ERC Starting Grant  
“Diasporas and Contested Sovereignty”

We would like to thank the UK Data Archive, based at the University of Essex for delivering this in-depth workshop.

Please visit their website for further details on their activities: <http://www.essex.ac.uk/depts/ukda.aspx>

or review their programme for event held at Warwick at: <http://www.data-archive.ac.uk/news-events/events.aspx?id=3428>

# SUPPORT PROVISION

## Statistics Seminar Series: Outputs from the Successful Pilot Project.

The project was set up by Sandy Sparks in LDC following requests from research staff to:

- ⇒ Improve understanding of statistics in research methodology
- ⇒ Develop knowledge and skills in statistical analysis to enhance the preparation and completion of research projects.

The seminars have included talks on:

- ⇒ *The Role of Statistical Analysis within a Broader Research Methodology*
- ⇒ *Experimental Design*
- ⇒ *Confirmatory Statistics: Identifying, Framing & Testing Hypotheses*
- ⇒ *Estimation, Variation and Uncertainty*
- ⇒ *Exploratory Data Analysis and Multi-variate Strategies*
- ⇒ *Bayesian Modelling & Analysis*
- ⇒ *Regression Modelling, Variable Selection and GLMs*
- ⇒ *Qualitative & Quantitative Analysis, Survey & Questionnaire Design*  
\* taking place on 6th June \*

In addition to being consistently well attended, all the seminars have been recorded and are available to view online, along with presentation files and additional resources either by searching our **Resource Bank** or at: [http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/opportunities/development\\_support/mathstats/series\\_programme/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/opportunities/development_support/mathstats/series_programme/)

**These resource pages have proved popular, with 218 views across the range of video's since the beginning of May alone!**

We would like to thank the following academics for leading the series so far:

- Simon French:** Director of RISCU  
**Andrew Mead:** Senior Teaching Fellow, Life Sciences  
**John Fenlon:** Visiting Academic, Statistics  
**Anjali Mazumder:** Research Fellow, Statistics

We look forward to our work with them, and more colleagues in the coming academic year.

***The July newsletter will include details on our plans for 2013/14, including news on a Warwick event celebrating the 'Year of Statistics'.***

## USEFUL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### LDC EVENTS

#### Statistics Series

6th June 2013

#### Seminar 8: Qualitative & Quantitative Analysis, Survey & Questionnaire Design

[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/opportunities/development\\_support/mathstats/series\\_programme/seminar8/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/opportunities/development_support/mathstats/series_programme/seminar8/)

#### Academic Writing Programme

11th June 2013

#### Effective Writing for Bids & Grants

[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/awp\\_bids](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/awp_bids)

27th & 28th June 2013

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<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/awpbootcamp>

#### Teaching & Learning (T&L) Showcase:

19th June 2013

#### Institutional T&L Showcase

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/tlshowcase>

The screenshot shows a webpage from Warwick University's LDC Research Active Staff Resource Bank. The page is titled 'Statistics Seminar Series - Session 1'. It features a video player for a recording of the speakers presentation. To the right of the video is a 'Session Description' section, followed by 'Seminar Session Resources' (a Powerpoint Presentation), 'Further Details' (Date: 20th September 2012, Speaker: Simon French), and 'Suggested References & Further Resources'.

## USEFUL LINKS

### Opportunities at Warwick:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/community/resources/>

### Warwick Creative Exchange *Promoting Research and Developing Dialogue between West Midlands Cultural Organisations and Warwick's Academic Community*

**Is Culture Valuable?** Is the first in a planned series of seminars, to be held on

**Thursday 27th June, 6-8pm,**  
in the **Studio Theatre,**  
**Warwick Arts Centre.**



For further details visit: [http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/events\\_news/warwick\\_creative\\_exchange\\_invitation.pdf](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/events_news/warwick_creative_exchange_invitation.pdf)

Please RSVP to [Laura.Edwards@wbs.ac.uk](mailto:Laura.Edwards@wbs.ac.uk) by **20th June 2013**.

### News from the Research Active Staff Networks ...

A number of networks exist at Warwick to support researchers at department, faculty or inter-disciplinary level.

Funding is available from LDC to support new and existing networks. Please contact Sandy Sparks to discuss your ideas or visit: [http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/funding/network\\_funding/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/funding/network_funding/)

**The Medical Statistics Book and Journal club** aims to offer an environment for researchers in medical statistics to discuss, debate and learn from their peers. The club is meant to be an interactive forum where members come together to discuss a book or a seminal article. We are currently meeting every month for an hour and aim to cover a variety of statistical topics relevant to statisticians working in health sciences.

### Education Research Network (ERN) Networking Lunches and List of Researcher Interests

Thursday 20th June -12.15-1.50pm: Wolfson Research Exchange

Thursday 25th July -12.15-2.00pm: Wolfson Research Exchange

Volunteers are invited to give a short presentation about their research at upcoming lunches, in order to build awareness of research interests across the group.

New members are also invited to add their details to the ERN list of researchers, to enable communication and future collaborations.

### Researching Human Fatigue in the Workplace

**\*\* First network lunch—Wednesday 12th June, 1-3pm \*\***  
**Room 1, Wolfson Research Exchange, Library, includes lunch.**

All research active staff and students are invited to join this new network. If you're interested in finding out more, or to book a place, visit: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/community/networks/fatigue>

See the **'Networks' page** for further details and contacts for these and other Researcher networks at Warwick: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/community/networks/>

**Opportunities outside Warwick:** <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/funding/outsidewarwick/>

### 6th Chinese Diaspora Symposia: Chinese Migration, entrepreneurship and development in the new global economy.

**29-30 October 2013, Wenzhou University, Prato.**

Gathering to discuss new research from an interdisciplinary perspective on these issues, the 2013 symposia aim at reaching a better understanding of Chinese migration in the present era of globalisation.

**For further details please visit:**

<http://www.monash.it/en/6th-chinese-prato-4th-wenzhouese-diaspora-symposia>