

# FOR RESEARCH ACTIVE STAFF

## DECEMBER 2013 E-NEWSLETTER

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## SUPPORT OVERVIEW

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

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.

Visit the website for Research Active Staff (below) for information on current support.

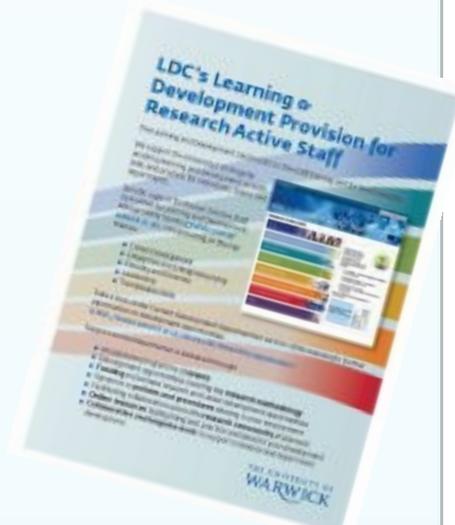
## LDC's Learning & Development Provision for Research Active Staff

To summarise the support provided by LDC, we have produced a short service leaflet. This may be of particular interest to new members of staff, highlighting key information on the website and linking in with the updates provided by the monthly e-newsletter.

New members of staff will receive a copy of the leaflet from Human Resources, but if you would like some copies for your networks or departments please email Lisa Lavender:

[L.Lavender@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:L.Lavender@warwick.ac.uk)

The leaflet is also available for download from: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/about/>



## NEW THIS MONTH:

### Event News:

- ⇒ New workshop dates for the Spring Term

### Support Update:

- ⇒ Focus On: A Successful Story in Academic Publishing
- ⇒ News from the networks

## FOCUS ON: FROM STAGE TO PAGE—A SUCCESSFUL STORY IN ACADEMIC PUBLISHING

**Dr Alessandra De Martino Cappuccio (Department of Italian) shares her experience of how a researcher development opportunity can lead to great things ...**

In 2011 I co-organised with Dr Paola Toninato, a colleague from the Italian Department, an international one-day symposium on the theatre of the margins entitled **'Empowering Marginalised Voices in Theatre. The Case of Italy and Beyond':**

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/italian/news/archive/voices/>. The event was particularly successful as it brought together academics and theatre practitioners, who engaged in a prolific discussion on the importance of theatre in bringing to the fore sections of society which are not normally heard, and in highlighting the effectiveness of theatre in developing a civic consciousness. It must be said that it could not have been possible to organise this conference had it not been for the assistance of Sandy Sparks, from the Learning & Development Centre, and of Roberts' Fund which provided generous financial support to the event.

However, the aftermath of the conference did not end with a long series of thank you messages from the participants, but evolved into a more ambitious idea: creating a co-edited book on the theatre of the margins. I asked Paolo Puppa, Professor of Theatre at the University Ca' Foscari in Venice, who also had taken part in the conference, if he would be willing to be part of the enterprise, and received an enthusiastic response. So the team was ready to set to work. However, though tantalising, the project needed to fulfil a series of conditions in order to become reality. First and foremost we needed a publisher, and we needed it quickly, as we were full of enthusiasm which had spilt over from the conference!

We approached some academic journals to make a special edition, but the outlook was of a three-year waiting period. We couldn't wait, and the prospect of a proper book was much too appealing. We were still considering all the options when Cambridge Scholars Publishing approached us, offering to publish the book, at no cost, in the record time of one year and a half from the approval of the proposal. We knew that this is a small publisher, but we also appreciated that prominent scholars had had their

works published by them. Besides, we thought that a small publisher deserved a bit of encouragement!

After defining the structure of the book with the others co-editors, I took a leading role in contacting the contributors, monitoring the deadlines and liaising with the publishers. We devoted a great deal of time to the project, as we had to take care of all the editing aspects, which were not undertaken by the publishers. Besides, I had to translate into English a number of essays and two of the monologues contained in the book, which had been submitted in Italian. What is more, we had to take into account also the needs of one of the co-editors who had a very young child and therefore had limited freedom of action. However, this did not represent an impediment to the completion of the project as we all worked very closely together, supporting each other in a real team effort. We also benefitted from external help from friends and colleagues, who offered language and technical assistance, as we had to transpose onto paper an interview to the actors recorded at the conference in Italian.

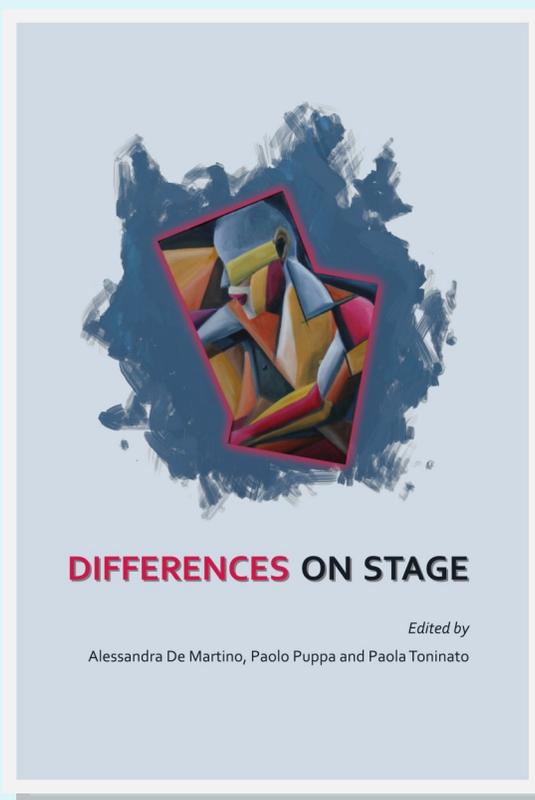
In May of this year ***Differences on Stage*** was finally published: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/italian/staff/cappuccio/>

On top of that, in August, I received the news that our book had been nominated for the prestigious 2014 George Freedley Memorial Award, part of the Theatre Library Association Book Awards.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> October we had the official launch at Warwick at the School of Theatre, Performance and Cultural Policy Studies at Millburn House. Again this was a team game, as the academic

presentation, led by Prof Jim Davis and introduced by Dr Silviya Jestrovic, was followed by a live recital of the three monologues contained in the volume by two extremely talented drama students, Emer McDaid and Andrew Turner, and by Paolo Puppa. The artistic performance was greatly appreciated by the varied audience made up of colleagues from other faculties and by members of the public, including six form students from a local school.

In addition, on the 30<sup>th</sup> November, we have been invited by the British Council in Milan to present the book as part of their cultural initiatives. I wish to say that I am very proud of this achievement and I recommend such a fulfilling experience to everybody.



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESEARCH ACTIVE STAFF OUTSIDE WARWICK

## **Vitae Researcher Futures: Making Your Mark Pilot: 5 December 2013, Keele University**

This course is about excellent research and the impact that it can have. Excellent researchers understand that their work can change the world. How they go about and talk about their work can have a huge impact on how both their work and they, are viewed. This course aims to help researchers make their mark.

The course will draw on the current agendas of research impact demonstrated by the funding bodies and grant holders, but with specific focus on the individual and how they work. Through discussion and practical activities participants will consider both the impact of their research, and the impact they have in the research environment in which they work.

### **For more information visit:**

<http://www.vitae.ac.uk/policy-practice/916-637061/Vitae-Researcher-Futures--Making-your-Mark-pilot--Keele-University.html>

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## **JSPS London Postdoctoral Fellowship for Foreign Researchers (Short Term) Application Deadline: Thursday 5 December 2013. Fellowships must start between 1 May 2014 - 31 March 2015**

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) is the leading research funding agency in Japan, established by the Japanese Government for the purpose of contributing to the advancement of science. Our Postdoctoral Fellowship for Foreign Researchers (Short Term) provides the opportunity for researchers based outside of Japan to conduct collaborative research activities with leading research groups at Japanese Universities and Research Institutions for visits of between 1 to 12 months. Eligible applicants need to be either within 2 years of finishing their PhD at the time of applying to start their fellowship in Japan or have obtained their PhD after 2 April 2008.

Eligible research fields are not limited.

Please visit the JSPS London website for further information: <http://www.jsps.org/funding/2013/09/jsps-london-short-term-postdoctoral-fellowship.html>

## **LDC EVENTS**

3 December 2013

### **Career Development: Shortlisting**

[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/career\\_shortlisting](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/career_shortlisting)

16 January 2013 **\*new date\***

### **Statistics Seminar: Embedding Statistics Effectively in Research, Funding Proposals & Academic Writing**

[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/events\\_news/ras\\_events/stats\\_jan](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/events_news/ras_events/stats_jan)

22 January 2014

### **Academic Writing: Writing Journal Articles**

[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/journal\\_articles](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/journal_articles)

29 January 2014 **\*new date\***

### **Academic Writing: Writing Collaboratively**

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

30 January 2014 **\*new date\***

### **Career Development: Evidencing Your Skills**

[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/events\\_news/ras\\_events/career\\_evidencingskills/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/events_news/ras_events/career_evidencingskills/)

4 February 2014

### **Technologies for Research**

[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/technologies\\_for\\_researchers\\_workshop](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/technologies_for_researchers_workshop)

12 February 2014 **\*new date\***

### **Academic Writing: Dissemination for Impact**

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

27 February 2014 **\*new date\***

### **Statistics Seminar: Methods to Analyse Correlated Data**

[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/events\\_news/ras\\_events/stats\\_feb2013/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/events_news/ras_events/stats_feb2013/)

20 & 21 March 2014 / 26 & 27 June 2014

### **Academic Writing Away Days**

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

6 May 2014 **\*new date\***

### **Publishing World Changing Research**

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

14 May 2014 **\*new date\***

### **Training Yourself to be a Prolific Writer**

[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/events\\_news/ras\\_events/prolific\\_writer/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/events_news/ras_events/prolific_writer/)

# NEWS FROM THE NETWORKS

## Health Economics Journal Club

This new monthly network aims to bring together academics and research staff of all levels with an interest in economic evaluation, health technology appraisal, public health, health econometrics, modelling, mental health economics and more. It is a friendly and relaxed atmosphere where participants have the opportunity to discuss, critically appraise and reflect on the theme under discussion. The Journal Club will build up educational networking and promotion of health economics activity within the university and beyond.

### Upcoming meetings :

- ⇒ **22 January 2014, 11.00am**  
Room BSR2, Medical School.  
Discussion theme: *Decision making criteria among national policy makers using a discrete choice experiment.*
- ⇒ **26 February 2014, 11.00am**  
Room AO42, Medical School.  
Discussion theme: *State preference studies*

Those joining the club will receive monthly reminders about the meetings. For more information please contact Melina Dritsaki: [M.S.Dritsaki@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:M.S.Dritsaki@warwick.ac.uk)

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## Education Researchers' Network (ERN)

Upcoming lunch-time meetings:

- ⇒ Tuesday 10 December, 12.15-2.00pm  
Room 3, Wolfson Research Exchange
- ⇒ Meetings in the new year will be confirmed soon.

If you would like to attend and book lunch please contact Caroline White: [c.j.white@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:c.j.white@warwick.ac.uk)

Papers and presentations from previous ERN meetings can be found on the website: <http://ww2.warwick.ac.uk/services/lcd/researchers/community/networks/education/>

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## WMS Book & Journal Club

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.

### Upcoming meetings:

- ⇒ 14 January, 11.00am "Missing data and imputation"
- ⇒ 25 February, 11.00am "Experimental designs"

For further details visit:  
<http://www.warwick.ac.uk/wmsbookclub>

## Researching Human Fatigue in the Workplace

The network is holding a **symposium on 27 January, 2.30-5.30pm**, including two expert speakers on this topic. Professor Andy Smith (Cardiff University) will discuss *Cognitive fatigue at work: from the laboratory to the sea*, and Professor Sabine Sonnentag (University of Mannheim, Germany) will discuss *Recovery from work—a way to beat fatigue*.

The talks will be followed by group and panel discussions. All research active staff and students are welcome. Please sign up to attend on the network website:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/lcd/researchers/community/networks/fatigue/>

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## Network for Early Career Researchers in WMS

The primary aim of the network is communicating key messages and outcomes between ECRs and the School, and providing continued support to ECRs.

**On 9 December at 1pm, the network will be holding a Q&A session with the Dean and an expert panel.**

For further information please contact Eleni Karasouli: [E.Karasouli@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:E.Karasouli@warwick.ac.uk) or visit the network website: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/med/staffintranet/staffresources/ecr>

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## Network Funding Update

Research Staff Networks continue to develop active and innovative events.

**So far this year, LDC funding has been granted to eleven networks, totalling £9,848.50 of the £13,000 available for the current year.**

For further information about network funding please visit: [http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/lcd/researchers/funding/network\\_funding/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/lcd/researchers/funding/network_funding/)

## Ideas for Network Activity

LDC has provided funding and advice over a number of years to support the establishment and development of research staff networks across the University. The website now includes a few examples of activities that have taken place in recent years, to provide ideas and inspiration for future networks:  
[http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/lcd/researchers/community/networks/network\\_ideas/](http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/lcd/researchers/community/networks/network_ideas/)