

## York Graduate Research School newsletter - 14 June 2023

### Update from the Dean



I am off on fieldwork this week and we couldn't have picked a better time for traversing Yorkshire to visit kestrel breeding sites. I love fieldwork - being in nature and collecting data that hopefully can reveal new insights into human impacts on wildlife and how we can better conserve declining species. You are all researchers, so understand that curiosity and drive to discover!

After a full day of weighing kestrel chicks, tonight I have the pleasure of judging the [Three Minute Thesis competition](#). I do hope you'll join us in the Ron Cooke Hub for an enjoyable evening hearing about the research of your fellow PGRs. A little bird (see what I did there?!) told me that this year's entrants are particularly engaging and enthusiastic.

Representation of PGRs is something I am trying to promote - you are the largest group of researchers on campus but also a small group compared with other students - and your needs are distinct from those of staff and taught students. Thanks for the many of you who responded to the survey on the GSA/YUSU merger and attended the focus group. Also, the University is looking for PGRs to [join the Student Expert Panel](#) which is consulted on many of the big changes happening at the Uni.

Finally, welcome to a new member of the YGRS team, Zaynab Seedat, who has just finished her PhD in the Department of English and Related Literature. She will be working with us to develop better support for PGR applicants to make the transition from taught study or work to the exhilarating but sometimes confusing world of a research degree!

Enjoy the sunshine!

Kate

### YGRS and University news

#### **TONIGHT: Come to 10th anniversary of Three Minute Thesis**

Come along and support your fellow PhD researchers at the Ron Cooke Hub as they compete against the clock! Presented as part of the 2023 York Festival of Ideas, [our eleven York finalists](#) have just three minutes to explain how their research is helping society to Rediscover, Reimagine and Rebuild the future. [Register for your free ticket](#) and vote for your favourite!

#### **Could you bring your insight and experience to our Student Expert Panel?**

Our Student Expert Panel brings together diverse students to provide insight, advice and challenge to University initiatives. The aim is to increase partnership working and reduce inequalities. We are looking to recruit new members – including postgraduates – for next academic year. Could you get involved? [Apply to be on our Student Expert Panel](#) before Friday 23 June.

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## Support and wellbeing

### 28 June: Post- PhD Pathways: What are my options?

The next [Thrive and Survive in your PhD](#) session is looking at answers to that tricky question: 'what are your plans for after your PhD?'. Hear from a range of both previous PhD students and current post-doc researchers and identify some of the different pathways available to you post-PhD.

## Researcher development

### Digital Creativity workshops for PGRs

The Creativity Lab in the Library is running a series of workshops for researchers on digital creativity. Learn about facilities available at the Lab whilst picking up highly-transferable skills. Sessions available are:

- 5 July: [Create a 3D model](#)
- 13 July: [How could Virtual Reality help me?](#)
- 19 July: [Introduction to Video Editing](#)
- 26 July: [Podcasting 101](#)
- 21 July: [Supporting students with a Digital Creativity Project](#)

### 21 June: The role of Wikidata within the research lifecycle

Join White Rose Libraries as they explore advocacy for [the use of Wikidata within the research lifecycle](#).

### 26-27 June: Perspectives in Historical Sociology

This two-day [Perspectives in Historical Sociology symposium](#) on 26-27 June aims to encourage reflections and intellectual exchanges within the field of Historical Sociology, as well as ways to raise the role of Historical Sociology within wider academic research and envision its future.

## Careers

### Management Consulting insight event

Ever wondered what it's like to work in management consulting with a global company? [McKinsey & Company are running an insight event](#) on Friday 7 July at their London offices for PhD candidates. The event will include work based and social activities and a chance to meet with McKinsey staff.

## Teaching

### Current GTA vacancies

Various GTA roles are currently being advertised, including in the Department of History (deadline this Friday) and the School of Arts and Creative Technologies. [See current teaching vacancies](#).

### York Learning and Teaching Award (YLTA) – deadline extended

Are you interested in pursuing a career in Higher Education? A small number of York Learning and Teaching Award (YLTA) places are available on this year's course on a first-come-first served basis to applicants who meet the essential criteria. [Find out more about the extended YLTA application window](#).

# News from the Graduate Students' Association

## GSA election winners

Congratulations to the newly elected GSA Officers for next academic year. Your [new GSA Sabbatical Officers for 2023/24](#) are Mardan (President), Cytheria Shen (VP Academic) and ZeHui Zhang (Canaan) (VP Wellbeing and Community).



## LGBTQ+ Network event

Come to a [LGBTQ+ Network event](#) on Friday (17 June) for free pizza and arts and crafts to celebrate Pride Month.

GSA also runs weekly Wellbeing Walks every Tuesday and Thursday at 3pm, starting at Greg's Place.

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## Celebrating our PGRs

- [House in a skip: even tiny homes can't address the privilege and insecurity of the housing market](#): York PGR Alice Elizabeth Wilson featured in *The Conversation*
- [Climate change protest: a single radical gets more media coverage than thousands of marchers](#): York PGR Andrew Matthew Macdonald featured in *The Conversation*
- [Making movies in video games: why the film world is finally ready to take 'machinima' seriously](#): York PGR Sam Crane featured in *The Conversation*
- [Anna Nicole Smith: You Don't Know Me – Netflix doc seeks to reclaim model's legacy, despite problematic contributors](#): York PGR Daisy McManaman featured in *The Conversation*
- [Gwen John: often dismissed as a timid recluse, this unique and uncompromising artist painted relentlessly on her own terms](#): York PGR Eliza Goodpasture featured in *The Conversation*

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## Events and opportunities:

- [Win an iPad Pro with Santander Universities](#)
- [British Library Doctoral Open Day: British & European Collections 1600-1950](#)

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More news and opportunities can be found on the [Research Student Community blog](#)

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