

## RESEARCH AUTUMN TERM 2014: Welcome Activities

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### Welcome Week

The extensive programme of central university welcome activities taking place in Week '0' (w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> September) includes:

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September

- 13:00 Vice Chancellor's Welcome (Central Hall)
- 14.00 Postgraduate Information Fair (Department of Physics)

#### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

A full day of research student-only activities, including introductions to the university, careers, the Research Student Administration Team, the Researcher Development Team, the library, and other services you will encounter during your studies.

*Please refer to the Graduate Student Association's (GSA) Welcome Week schedule for details of all the activities taking place in Week '0':*  
<http://www.yorkgsa.org/site/new-students/postgraduate-welcome-2014>

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### Week 1

*Please note that you are expected to attend all induction sessions, unless otherwise indicated.*

#### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September (Week 1)

*Please contact your individual supervisor(s) to arrange an initial meeting during Week 1.*

- 10.30+ Please report to Susanna Broom outside the History of Art departmental office V/227 (Vanbrugh College) at the time indicated in your individual welcome letter to formally register with the department, bringing with you a passport sized photograph and your completed Departmental Record Sheet. If you need your student status confirmed for any external services (e.g. student railcard) this would be a good time to bring the forms.

#### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September

- 09.00-09.30 Tier 4 visa students only: Talk regarding attendance monitoring with Jeanne Nuechterlein, Chair of the department's Board of Studies (History of Art Department foyer, outside the departmental office: V/227, Vanbrugh College). \*\*\*All Tier 4 visa students **must** attend this meeting\*\*\*
- 09.30-10.00 Welcome to the Postgraduate Study with Professor Liz Prettejohn, Head of Department (Vanbrugh College, V/123)
- 10.00-11.00 Research student induction: Jane Hawkes will go over the structure of the PhD (V/C/109, Vanbrugh College).
- 11.30-11.45 Short talk from the Graduate Students' Association: Representation and Support (Tree House, Berrick Saul Building)

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- 11.45-12.00 Induction for all international postgraduate History of Art students with Louise Saunderson, International Student Support Co-ordinator (Tree House, Berrick Saul Building).
- 12.00-13.00 Library Induction Talk with History of Art Academic Liaison Librarian, Ned Potter (LFA/015, Harry Fairhurst Building)
- 14.00+ One-to-one meetings with the PhD Chair to discuss training needs - please sign up for a slot at departmental registration on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

- 16.15-17.15 Introduction to the Humanities Research Centre (Bowland Auditorium, Berrick Saul Building – please arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before the start of that session).
- 17.30-18.30 Humanities Research Centre welcome reception for new MAs and PhDs (Berrick Saul Building Foyer). This is a good opportunity to meet postgraduates from other arts and humanities departments in a relaxed social setting, and perhaps encourage some interesting interdisciplinary conversations!

#### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

- 09.30+ An Introduction to the King's Manor Library for Medievalists. Sessions will commence at 09.30, 10.15 & 11.00. Students studying medieval modules will be allocated to a slot on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September.
- 17.00+ History of Art Welcome Party (Tree House, Berrick Saul Building): all HoA members of staff, MA and PhD students are welcome!

### **Week 2**

#### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

- 10.00-12.00 Becoming an Effective Researcher, Part 1 (Central Hall). This mandatory course, run by the university's Researcher Development Team (RDT), aims to help new postgraduate researchers recognise their role and what it means to be an effective researcher. Information will also be provided about the RDT, support functions, and online resources. Part 2 of this course, which will focus on the professionalisation of researchers, will run in January 2015 (date tbc) – you will also be expected to attend this session.

### **Departmental PGR Training 2014**

Each term the department tries to offer research students two discipline-specific training sessions. These sessions aim to complement those more general training opportunities offered via the Research Development Team and the Humanities Research Centre. Attendance is optional, and sessions may not always be relevant to your particular research or stage in your studies, but you are warmly encouraged to participate if you can.

In the coming term, we have scheduled the following workshops (N.B. you will receive further details about these training sessions via e-mail before the start of term):

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 14.00-16.00, D/114:** Thesis Writing in Word for HoA PGRs

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2pm+, V/131:** Vivas with Jane Hawkes

We are always pleased to receive suggestions for training sessions from students, so please don't hesitate to direct these to Jane or Susanna.