October 2016 newsletter for all research students

Would you like to work with the United Nations?

The UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) is running a series of events aimed at encouraging women in particular, but all University staff, to join or work with the United Nations (UN), from permanent postings to secondments to part-time experts on missions.

Speakers will include the UN Talent Outreach and Gender teams and the team responsible for field missions, as well as individuals from UN Offices and Agencies that work in fields ranging from the sciences to the humanities. There will be a specific session aimed at discussing opportunities for postgraduates.

The University has been asked to identify up to four postgraduate researchers who would benefit from attending an event at Durham University on Thursday 17 November 2016. Please email ygpe@york.ac.uk if you are interested in attending.

GSA PhD Network Tea and Cake meet

Come and meet fellow PhD students over tea and cake and find out what the Graduate Students’ Association PhD Network does and how it can benefit you.

Find out more about the network meeting.

Postgraduate (PG) Wednesdays

PG Wednesdays is a new programme of workshops and sessions to support postgraduate research students. The programme includes writing sessions, drop-in clinics, and skills workshops led by University staff but also offers opportunities for students to get involved. Just as important as learning something new, PG Wednesdays offer the opportunity for you to meet up with other research students.

PG Wednesdays start on Wednesday 5 October in Room LFA 144 (1st floor), Harry Fairhurst Building. There's no need to book.

Find out more about Postgraduate Wednesdays.

Become a PhD Course Rep in your Department

Being a GSA Course Rep is a fantastic opportunity to help shape the future of your department and voice any concerns about your course to those in charge. Nominations close on Friday 7 October.

Find out more about the course rep elections.

Maths Skills Centre job opportunities
The Maths Skills Centre is recruiting postgraduate research students to work as drop-in tutors and workshop assistants. You are welcome to apply for both or either position.

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 5 October at 12.00 noon.

[Find out more about the positions.]

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**New Fulbright scholar at York**

September saw the arrival of York’s 2016 Fulbright Scholars. In addition to two staff scholars, York is delighted to be hosting one postgraduate scholar, Kenther Ramos, who will be undertaking a Master's degree in the Centre for Applied Human Rights.

Kenther's educational journey began in Venezuela where he graduated early from high school and, at the age of 16, was admitted to study law at Universidad Católica in Caracas. He was kidnapped and held hostage in the basement of the Venezuelan government's intelligence agency for organising protests against the government of then-president Hugo Chavez. Kenther was granted a status of political asylum in the United States. That was in 2004. Today, he is a U.S. citizen and his career aspirations are to continue fighting for social justice and the rights of others—not just the kinds of abuses he saw in Venezuela, but also the issues he sees closer to home: abused women and children, human trafficking, and especially education, which he considers “the only way in the fight against oppression”.

For more information on Fulbright Scholarship awards, contact [andrew.l.brown@york.ac.uk](mailto:andrew.l.brown@york.ac.uk).

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