

2015/2016

The 2nd HLS PGR Conference

On Monday 27th June 2016 postgraduate students, including those from the [Reproduction Research Group](#) hosted the 2nd Health and Life Sciences Post Graduate Conference at De Montfort University.

This conference included a keynote lecture from Kate Wood on Early Career Researcher publishing, academic workshops, as well as presentations from ten postgraduate and early career researchers on their current research.

Further information about this conference can be found by accessing the event [website](#) which contains the conference abstracts as well as the contact details of the organisers.

Human Reproduction Study Group Annual Conference

On Friday 10th June 2016, [Kylie Baldwin](#) and [Dr Cathy Herbrand](#) of DMU's [Reproduction Research Group](#) hosted the Annual Conference of the British Sociological Association's Human Reproduction Study Group.

The plenary address was given by [Bronwyn Parry](#), Professor at the [Department of Social Science, Health and Medicine](#) at [Kings College London](#). Delegates came from the UK but also overseas to present on topics ranging from international surrogacy, pregnancy, donor conception and free birthing.

For more information about the event please email kbaldwin@dmu.ac.uk or see the BSA [website](#).

Postponing Childbirth, Extending Fertility? Biotechnologies and Transformations of Reproductive Life

On Thursday 12th and Friday 13th May, 2016, [Dr Nicky Hudson](#), [Professor Lorraine Culley](#), [Dr Nolwenn Buhler](#), [Kylie Baldwin](#), [Dr Irene Daly](#), [Dr Cathy Herbrand](#) and [Caroline Law](#) from [De Montfort University](#), convened an international, multi – disciplinary symposium on postponing childbirth exploring age, time, gender, reproduction and technology. This event was funded via the Wellcome Trust and the School of Applied Social Science at De Montfort University.

The event brought together a number of stakeholders including academics, clinical practitioners, charity and advocacy group representatives, independent researchers and PHD students in order to discuss the current state of knowledge on biotechnologies and their effect on anticipating, screening, preserving, or extending fertility.

East Midlands Medical Sociology Group Event

On Monday 4th April 2016, the [Reproduction Research Group](#) in collaboration with the [East Midlands Medical Sociology Group](#) hosted a conference funded by the [British Sociological Association](#).

This conference included a keynote lecture from [Professor Mary Dixon Woods](#), Director of [SAPPHIRE](#) (Social Science APPLIED to Healthcare Improvement REsearch), Leicester University on 'Fugitive knowledge and its role in patient safety' and two presentations from recent a PhD graduate [Dr Jenelle Clarke](#), University of Nottingham 'We are 24/7 Therapy': the importance of everyday social interactions in therapeutic communities' and a PhD student [Josephine Go Jefferies](#), University of Nottingham 'Telehealth Ninjas: A study of the mastery of technologies for chronic disease care'.

Further information about this conference can be found by accessing the [event programme](#) which contains an abstract as well as contact details of the presenter.

Over thirty people attended the event. Delegates were a mixture of students, university and NHS researchers and clinicians from across the Midlands.

The meetings are open to both BSA and non BSA members. Details of our forthcoming meetings and booking instructions will be available via the [BSA](#) and [RRG](#) websites. A small charge may be levied for attendance at meetings. However, BSA members and students will be charged a discounted fee. If you wish to be put on our mailing list so that you can be advised of future events please contact [Jessica Turner](#) (or tel: 0116 207 8306).

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On Wednesday 16th December 2015, the [Reproduction Research Group](#) in collaboration with the [East Midlands Medical Sociology Group](#) hosted a conference funded by the [British Sociological Association](#).

This conference included a keynote lecture from [Professor Simon Dyson](#), Director of the [Unit for the Social Study of Thalassaemia and Sickle Cell](#), De Montfort University on "Talk to me. There's two of us": Fathers and sickle cell screening.

Further information about this conference can be found by accessing the [event programme](#) which contains an abstract as well as contact details of the presenter.

Twenty-five people attended the event. Delegates were a mixture of students, university and NHS researchers and clinicians from across the Midlands.

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