

## Research news

### [Professor awarded prestigious ACSM Citation Award \(/schools/sport-exercise/news/2014/21Oct-SportExR-Professor-awarded-prestigious-ACSM-Citation-Award.aspx\)](#)



Professor Janice L Thompson, Professor of Public Health Nutrition and Exercise at the School of Sport, Exercise and rehabilitation Sciences, has recently been awarded the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) Citation Award. This is one of the two most prestigious awards given by ACSM and is granted to an individual or group who has made significant and important contributions to sports medicine and/or the exercise sciences.

21/10/2014

### [The Conversation: Climate change: it's only human to exaggerate, but science itself does not \(http://theconversation.com/climate-change-its-only-human-to-exaggerate-but-science-itself-does-not-33150\)](#)



To exaggerate is human, and scientists are human. Exaggeration and the complementary art of simplification are the basic rhetorical tools of human intercourse. So yes, scientists do exaggerate. So do politicians, perhaps even when, as the UK's former environment secretary Owen Paterson did, they claim that climate change forecasts are "widely exaggerated". A more pertinent question is: does the way in which scientists and politicians speak publicly lead to wild exaggeration?

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### [Interfaces Principal Investigator Gives Keynote Presentations \(/generic/interfaces/news/2014/Interfaces-Principal-Investigator-Gives-Keynote-Presentations.aspx\)](#)

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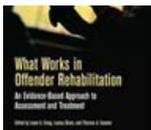
### [Call for Papers - Postgraduate Conference on Sport Politics, Policy and Society \(/schools/sport-exercise/news/2014/17Oct-Postgraduate-Conference-on-Sport-Politics,-Policy-and-Society.aspx\)](#)



To celebrate the launch of a new Sport Policy Centre, within the School of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences, a graduate conference on the theme of 'Sport Politics, Policy and Society' will take place on 4 December 2014 followed by an invited guest speaker.

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### [Landmark book series reveals What Works in Offender Rehabilitation \(/schools/psychology/news-events/2014/14Oct-landmark-international-book-series.aspx\)](#)



News article about The School of Psychology's Professor Leam Craig and Dr Louise Dixon being invited to edit an international book series about offender rehabilitation.

15/10/2014

### [Birmingham puts LGBTQ identities at the heart of its curriculum \(/news/latest/2014/10/lgbtq-curriculum.aspx\)](#)



The University of Birmingham is taking steps to ensure that its curriculum is inclusive towards those with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer (LGBTQ) identities.

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### [£415,000 grant allows researcher to investigate why memories fade or linger \(/schools/psychology/news-events/2014/03Oct-grant-allows-researcher-to-investigate-why-memories-fade-or-linger.aspx\)](#)



Dr Maria Wimber has been awarded a £415,000 grant to investigate the processes that underlie how we retrieve memories.

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### [£13 million award backs world-class research supporting Midlands bioeconomy \(/news/latest/2014/10/13-million-award-backs-bioeconomy-03-10-14.aspx\)](#)

Three of the Midlands' leading universities have been awarded £13 Million for a "Doctoral Training Partnership" to provide research training to support the Midlands bioeconomy.

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**[Beckman Coulter Inc. Forms Technology Partnership With the University of Birmingham \(/schools/biosciences/news/2014/20Sep-Beckman-Coulter-Forms-Technology-Partnership-with-University-Birmingham.aspx\)](/schools/biosciences/news/2014/20Sep-Beckman-Coulter-Forms-Technology-Partnership-with-University-Birmingham.aspx)**



In a collaboration aimed at advancing automation techniques for regulatory science research, Beckman Coulter Inc. has entered into a Technology Partnership agreement with scientists at the University of Birmingham (UoB), UK, establishing a collaboration to accelerate research into higher-throughput biology to support the University's activities towards better protecting environment and human health.

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**[Chief Medical Officer to speak on antibiotic resistance \(/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/03/Chief-Medical-Officer-to-speak-on-antibiotic-resistance.aspx\)](/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/03/Chief-Medical-Officer-to-speak-on-antibiotic-resistance.aspx)**

The Chief Medical Officer for England, Professor Dame Sally Davies, is to outline the current national and international picture on antibiotic resistance in a speech at the University of Birmingham.

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**[Website launch \(/research/activity/water/projects/esrc-floods/news/2014/09sep-new-safe-website-launches.aspx\)](/research/activity/water/projects/esrc-floods/news/2014/09sep-new-safe-website-launches.aspx)**

We are pleased to announce the launch of the ESRC funded 'Summer After the Floods' website. The website, hosted by the University of Birmingham, will feature all of the latest news and outputs from the project, as well as background information on flood management and a forum for businesses, communities and managers to express their views on existing flood management, flood preparedness and resilience to future flooding.

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**[The future of our crops is at risk in conflict zones, say Birmingham scientists \(/schools/biosciences/news/2014/23Sept-the-future-of-our-crops-is-at-risk-in-conflict-zones.aspx\)](/schools/biosciences/news/2014/23Sept-the-future-of-our-crops-is-at-risk-in-conflict-zones.aspx)**



Wild species related to crops that are crucial as potential future food resources have been identified by School of Biosciences researchers – but a significant proportion are found in Middle East conflict zones, where their conservation is at risk.

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**[More needed to protect our sportspeople from brain injury say Birmingham experts \(/schools/sport-exercise/news/2014/23Sept-more-needed-to-protect-our-sportspeople-from-brain-injury.aspx\)](/schools/sport-exercise/news/2014/23Sept-more-needed-to-protect-our-sportspeople-from-brain-injury.aspx)**



Dr Michael Grey from the School of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences has called for more research to be carried out into how the brains of sportspeople – including children – react when they receive a blow to the head.

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**[Study ties groundwater to human evolution \(/schools/gees/news/2014/11sep-study-ties-groundwater-to-human-evolution.aspx\)](/schools/gees/news/2014/11sep-study-ties-groundwater-to-human-evolution.aspx)**



A new study, led by Dr Mark Cuthbert of the School of Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences, shows that our ancient ancestors' ability to move around and find new sources of groundwater during extremely dry periods in Africa millions of years ago may have been key to their survival and the evolution of the human species.

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**[More needed to protect our sportspeople from brain injury say Birmingham experts \(/news/latest/2014/09/sportspeople-brain-injury.aspx\)](/news/latest/2014/09/sportspeople-brain-injury.aspx)**

Two University of Birmingham academics are calling for more research to be carried out looking at how the brains of sportspeople – including children – react when they receive a blow to the head.

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**[How age alters our immune response to bereavement \(/news/latest/2014/09/age-alters-our-immune-response-09-09-14.aspx\)](/news/latest/2014/09/age-alters-our-immune-response-09-09-14.aspx)**

Young people have a more robust immune response to the loss of a loved one, according to new research from the University of Birmingham, providing insight into how different generations cope with loss.

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## **[Plant diversity in China vital for global food security \(/news/latest/2014/09/china-cwr.aspx\)](/news/latest/2014/09/china-cwr.aspx)**

With climate change threatening global food supplies, new research claims the rich flora of China could be crucial to underpin food security in the future.

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## **[The future of our crops is at risk in conflict zones, say Birmingham scientists \(/news/latest/2014/09/conflict-zones-cwr.aspx\)](/news/latest/2014/09/conflict-zones-cwr.aspx)**

Wild species related to our crops which are crucial as potential future food resources have been identified by University of Birmingham scientists, however, a significant proportion are found in conflict zones in the Middle East, where their conservation is increasingly comprised.

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## **[From tiny flies to great discoveries \(/schools/biosciences/news/2014/04sep-bsf-tiny-flies-great-discoveries.aspx\)](/schools/biosciences/news/2014/04sep-bsf-tiny-flies-great-discoveries.aspx)**

The Drosophila Research Labs in the School of Biosciences will be presenting an exhibit at the British Science Festival, Birmingham Library, Saturday 6th September 10:00 to 16:30: "From tiny flies to great discoveries".

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## **[Bugs, Birmingham and Bangalore- a visit to the Indian Institute of Science \(/schools/biosciences/news/2014/03sep-bugs-birmingham-bangalore.aspx\)](/schools/biosciences/news/2014/03sep-bugs-birmingham-bangalore.aspx)**



Staff from Biosciences and the Institute of Microbiology and Infection (IMI) visit the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bangalore next week to take part in a joint microbiology symposium.

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