

Research news

[Doctoral researcher's paper focuses on children's homes in Latin America \(/schools/psychology/news-events/2014/20Nov-doctoral-researchers-paper-focuses-on-childrens-homes-in-latin-america.aspx\)](/schools/psychology/news-events/2014/20Nov-doctoral-researchers-paper-focuses-on-childrens-homes-in-latin-america.aspx)



PhD student Manuela Garcia Quiroga has published a paper on the subject of children's homes and foster care around the world, with a special focus on Latin America.

20/11/2014

[Could a vaccine help to fight cancer? You can help us find out \(/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/11/ebv-vaccine-cancer.aspx\)](/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/11/ebv-vaccine-cancer.aspx)

Working with Cancer Research UK, the Birmingham research team (Prof Alan Rickinson, Dr Neil Steven and Dr Graham Taylor; all in the School of Cancer Sciences) have already tested the vaccine in a small number of patients with an EBV-related head and neck cancer. It is currently being tested in larger clinical trials worldwide.

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[Applications invited for 12-month Post Doctoral Research Fellow post \(/schools/gees/news/2014/19Nov-applications-invited-for-12-month-post-doctoral-research-fellow-post.aspx\)](/schools/gees/news/2014/19Nov-applications-invited-for-12-month-post-doctoral-research-fellow-post.aspx)

Applications are invited for a 12 month Post Doctoral Research Fellow post to undertake magnetic susceptibility measurements research. The researcher will join a very active groundwater and geomagnetism research team.

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[Seaweed news! \(/schools/biosciences/news/2014/18Nov-seaweed-news.aspx\)](/schools/biosciences/news/2014/18Nov-seaweed-news.aspx)



The Coates lab at the University of Birmingham is part of a recently-funded EU-COST network set up to further understanding of basic growth and development in seaweeds, so that this knowledge can be applied to aquaculture in the future.

18/11/2014

[Laser scientists' new research should improve the treatment of the 5 million asthma sufferers in the UK \(/schools/gees/news/2014/14Nov-laser-scientists-new-research-should-improve-the-treatment-of-asthma-sufferers.aspx\)](/schools/gees/news/2014/14Nov-laser-scientists-new-research-should-improve-the-treatment-of-asthma-sufferers.aspx)



GEES researchers have used a laser beam trap to examine how drug particles from asthma inhalers behave as they are projected through the air. Their findings could improve the effectiveness of inhalers for the 5 million people in the UK suffering from asthma.

14/11/2014

[Asthma sufferers could benefit from new laser research \(/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/11/Asthma-sufferers-could-benefit-from-new-laser-research.aspx\)](/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/11/Asthma-sufferers-could-benefit-from-new-laser-research.aspx)

UK scientists, including researchers from the University of Birmingham, have used a laser beam trap to examine how drug particles from asthma inhalers behave as they are projected through the air. Their findings could improve the effectiveness of inhalers for the over 5 million people in the UK suffering from asthma.

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[Birmingham and Nottingham projects to strengthen UK-Rio research links \(/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/11/faperj-funding.aspx\)](/university/colleges/mds/news/2014/11/faperj-funding.aspx)

The University of Birmingham and the University of Nottingham have strengthened their collaborations with Brazilian institutions in the state of Rio de Janeiro after securing funding for a number of country-specific research projects. The Rio de Janeiro State Funding Agency (FAPERJ) has allocated £100,000 for nine research projects in 2014/2015, with the amount matched by combined funding from the Universities of Birmingham and Nottingham.

12/11/2014

[Has Invictus conquered a Sports Mega-Event? \(/research/activity/sport-policy-centre/commentary-box/2014/Nov11-has-invictus-conquered-a-sports-mega-event.aspx\)](/research/activity/sport-policy-centre/commentary-box/2014/Nov11-has-invictus-conquered-a-sports-mega-event.aspx)



The 2014 Invictus Games can be seen as a pioneering strategy in British politics. Now the event has finished - we are perhaps left questioning what the Invictus Games actually are? Or, perhaps, what they really stand for?

12/11/2014

[Weight loss surgery: a cure for the type 2 diabetes epidemic? \(/schools/sport-exercise/news/2014/11Nov-weight-loss-surgery-cure-for-type-2-diabetes-epidemic.aspx\)](/schools/sport-exercise/news/2014/11Nov-weight-loss-surgery-cure-for-type-2-diabetes-epidemic.aspx)



In the Birmingham Brief, Professor Janice L. Thompson, Professor of Public Health Nutrition and Exercise in the School of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences discusses the connection between weight loss surgery and the reduction in risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

11/11/2014

[New paper investigates scientific explanations for Near-Death Experiences \(/schools/psychology/labs/saal/news/11Nov-new-paper-investigates-explanations-for-near-death-experiences.aspx\)](/schools/psychology/labs/saal/news/11Nov-new-paper-investigates-explanations-for-near-death-experiences.aspx)



School of psychology PhD student Hayley Dewe is a co-author on a new paper published, as part of wider engagement and scientific outreach, in The [UK] Skeptic magazine, which explores how the latest findings from brain science can help explain Near-Death Experiences.

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[The Conversation: Want to feed the world? Tackle pollution from ozone and soot \(http://theconversation.com/want-to-feed-the-world-tackle-pollution-from-ozone-and-soot-33761\)](http://theconversation.com/want-to-feed-the-world-tackle-pollution-from-ozone-and-soot-33761)



Pollution from soot and ozone has caused a major decrease of crop yields in India, with some densely populated states experiencing 50% relative yield losses. Zongbo Shi argues that to ensure the world has enough food, we need to look directly at air pollution.

04/11/2014

[Beckman Coulter forms technology collaboration with the University of Birmingham, UK \(/news/latest/2014/10/27-oct-14-beckman-coulter.aspx\)](/news/latest/2014/10/27-oct-14-beckman-coulter.aspx)

Beckman Coulter has entered into a technology collaboration with scientists at the University of Birmingham, UK, establishing a collaboration to accelerate research into higher-throughput biology to support the University's activities towards better protecting environment and human health.

03/11/2014

[Can I be excused? Finding out how the nation really feels about PE \(/schools/sport-exercise/news/2014/28Oct-how-the-nation-really-feels-about-PE.aspx\)](/schools/sport-exercise/news/2014/28Oct-how-the-nation-really-feels-about-PE.aspx)



School of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences researchers have conducted a nationwide survey that aims to identify how our memories of school PE influence our relationship with physical activity as adults.

29/10/2014

[Unsteady on your feet? Little touches could make all the difference \(/schools/sport-exercise/news/2014/22Oct-little-touches-could-make-all-the-difference.aspx\)](/schools/sport-exercise/news/2014/22Oct-little-touches-could-make-all-the-difference.aspx)



When a toddler takes their first steps we observe an uncertain sway in their walking. Being unsteady on our feet is something we can experience throughout life – and a new study has shown how even the lightest fingertip touch can help people to maintain their balance.

27/10/2014

[Can I be excused? Finding out how the nation really feels about PE \(/news/latest/2014/10/big-pe-conversation-27-10-14.aspx\)](/news/latest/2014/10/big-pe-conversation-27-10-14.aspx)



A nation-wide survey, launched today, will use our memories of PE at school to identify how our experiences of sports days, shared showers and plimsolls have influenced our relationship with physical activity as adults.

27/10/2014

[Provocative discussion lays bare the sinister side of technology \(/schools/psychology/news-events/2014/22Octprovocative-discussion-lays-bare-the-sinister-side-of-technology.aspx\)](/schools/psychology/news-events/2014/22Octprovocative-discussion-lays-bare-the-sinister-side-of-technology.aspx)



Professor Anthony Beech examined the internet's darker side during a filmed discussion with playwright Jennifer Haley at London's Royal Court Theatre.
23/10/2014

[Professor awarded prestigious ACSM Citation Award \(/schools/sport-exercise/news/2014/21Oct-SportExR-Professor-awarded-prestigious-ACSM-Citation-Award.aspx\)](/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 \(http://theconversation.com/climate-change-its-only-human-to-exaggerate-but-science-itself-does-not-33150\)](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?
17/10/2014

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

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