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About

Lisa Jones is Senior Lecturer in Psychiatry in the School of Clinical and Experimental Medicine.

Lisa is the Principal Investigator of the Mood Disorders Research Group. The broad aims of the group are to investigate genetic and other factors that may contribute to the aetiology of bipolar disorder/manic depression and other related psychotic illnesses, such as schizoaffective disorder and puerperal psychosis. She is Lead for the Psychiatry research theme in the Section of Neuropharmacology and Neurobiology.

She also contributes widely to education within the College, and is Deputy Head of Student Development & Support. She won the Head of School's and Head of College's Prizes for excellence in teaching in 2010.

Qualifications

- Postgraduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education 2003
- PhD Psychiatric Genetics 1999
- Membership of the British Psychological Society 1993
- BSc (Hons) Psychology 1993

Biography

Lisa qualified with a BSc (Hons) in Psychology from the University of Manchester in 1993. She went on to work as a Research Associate in the Department of Psychological Medicine at the University of Wales College of Medicine. She commenced her PhD in Psychiatric Genetics 1995 within the same department, and this was awarded in 1999 when she continued her work as a post-doctoral researcher. She joined the University of Birmingham as a Lecturer in Psychiatry in 2000, and was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 2005.

Teaching

- Programme Lead for the Intercalated BMedSc in Psychological Medicine.
- Deputy Course Director for the Population Sciences and Humanities Intercalated BMedSc programmes.
- Module Lead for the Decision-Making module in Year 2 of the MBChB programme.
- Lead teacher for a number of Student Project 1 & 2 modules on the MBChB programme:
 - Biological Basis of Madness
 - Social, Cultural and Ethnic Aspects of Mental Health
 - All in the Mind
 - Motion & Emotion
 - Psychiatry, Violence & the Law
 - Mad or Bad: Media Portrayals of Personality Disorder
- Year 2 Tutor and Deputy Head of Student Support and Development on the MBChB programme.
- Personal Mentor on the MBChB programme.
- Lead teacher for psychology, and Year 1 Tutor, on the Graduate Entry Course in Medicine.
- Internal Examiner for the MSc in Forensic Mental Health Studies.
- Internal Examiner for the MSc in Clinical Neuropsychiatry.

Postgraduate supervision

- Rachel Upthegrove. (PhD ongoing). The characterisation and course of first-episode psychosis. Supervisor.
- Jennifer De Souza. (PhD ongoing). Familiarity of psychiatric symptoms in Huntington's Disease. Supervisor.
- Deirdre Lane. Postgraduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (ongoing). Mentor.
- Clare Taylor. Postgraduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (ongoing). Mentor.
- Ruth Blamey PhD (ongoing). Mentor.

- Katherine Gordon-Smith (PhD 2003-2007). Neuropsychiatric studies in Darier's Disease: In search of phenotype-genotype correlations. Supervisor.
- Paul Campbell (PhD 2002-2005). Caregiver stress, burden and depression: the role of attributions and personality. Supervisor.
- Samuel Stoddart (PhD 2001-2005). Cognitive processing in affective illnesses. Supervisor.

Research

Lisa heads the Mood Disorders Research Group and currently has funding from two of the world's leading medical research charities – the Wellcome Trust and the Stanley Medical Research Institute. Her research interests lie in the aetiology of major mental illnesses (bipolar spectrum mood disorders and psychosis). She has particular interests in enriching and refining phenotype definitions for molecular genetic studies, and in underlying cognitive and neuropsychological deficits.

She is a founding member of the **Bipolar Disorder Research Network (<http://www.bdrn.org>)** (BDRN), a group of researchers and research participants in the UK involved in investigating the underlying causes of bipolar disorder.

Other activities

- Hosted the Annual Conference for MDF – The Bipolar Organisation at the University of Birmingham in 2010.
- Reviewer for the following grant giving bodies:
 - Wellcome Trust
 - Cancer Research UK
 - Department of Health
 - Parkinson's Disease Society
 - Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC),
 - Medical Research Scotland
- Reviewer for the following journals:
 - American Journal of Psychiatry
 - Bipolar Disorders
 - Genes, Brain & Behavior
 - Psychiatry Research
 - Journal of Affective Disorders
 - Behavior Genetics
 - European Psychiatry

Publications

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