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## About

Dr Sarah Aldred describes herself as a skilled, enthusiastic and resourceful scientist. She is an expert in the field of oxidative stress, and has been researching chronic diseases of ageing associated with oxidative stress for more than 10 years.

## Qualifications

BSc (hons) Chemistry with Analytical Chemistry (University of Hull)
MSc Toxicology (University of Birmingham)
PhD Biochemistry (University of Birmingham)

## Biography

Sarah joined the School of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences in October 2003 in order to develop her research interests in oxidative stress within a thriving Sport Sciences department. Originally from Yorkshire, Sarah studied at the Universities of Hull and Birmingham, before undertaking postdoctoral research at Aston University.

Sarah's main research interests continue to lie in mechanisms of disease associated with oxidative stress, in particular within diseases associated with the ageing process, such as Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia and cardiovascular disease. Sarah also has active research interests in exercise in healthy ageing.

Sarah's research group comprises postgraduate research students and final year dissertation students and Sarah is herself still actively involved in lab research.

## Teaching

**Teaching Load**

Sarah is module organiser of the third year module 'oxidative stress in Exercise, Ageing and disease' and the first year module Biochemistry and cell physiology, and contributes to a number of other modules on the BSc Sport and Exercise Sciences, MSc Exercise and Sport Sciences, and the BMedSci courses.

- Biochemistry and Cell Physiology (2004- )
- Oxidative stress in Exercise, ageing and disease (2011- )
- Mechanisms of adaptation to exercise (2006- )
- Exercise Metabolism (2008- )
- BMedSci Biology of Ageing (2009- )

**Teaching awards**

Invited speaker at the 5th Annual Learning and Teaching conference, University of Birmingham, "*Innovative methods of teaching; developing laboratory based modules*" Feb 2008

Head of school award for excellence in learning and teaching, *Awarded for innovation in teaching and teaching management –(the first award of its kind),* 2007

Postgraduate associate certificate in Learning and Teaching, Aston University, 2002

**Teaching management and administration:**

Head of Education. School of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences (2011-ongoing)

## Postgraduate supervision

Eight PhD students (six graduated, two second year); co/2nd-supervisor: Seven PhD students (five completed, two current)

Masters students (approx. 1 per annum MSc and Mres)

### PhD students completed projects

- Oxidative stress in ageing (2009). M.S. Rohalu.

Associated publications:

**Aldred S**, and Rohalu, M. (2011). A moderate intensity exercise program did not increase the oxidative stress in older adults. Arch. Gerontol. Geriatr. Jan 12. [Epub ahead of print]

**Aldred S**., Rohalu, M.S., Edwards, K.M., and Burns, V.E. (2009) Altered DHEA and DHEAS response to exercise in healthy older adults. JAPA. 17(1):77-88.

- Oxidative stress biomarkers in dementia (2011). S.J. Bennett.

Associated publications:

**Aldred S**, Bennett S, Mecocci P. (2010) Increased low-density lipoprotein oxidation, but not total plasma protein oxidation, in Alzheimer's disease. Clinical Biochemistry. Feb;43(3):267-71. Epub 2009 Sep 4.

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- Markers of immunosenescence and oxidative stress in healthy adults (2011). J.E. Turner.

Associated publications:

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## Research

- Exercise Biochemistry
- Lipoprotein oxidation
- Ageing, including atherosclerosis and dementia

Sarah's research interests focus on mechanisms of disease associated with oxidative stress. In particular within diseases associated with the ageing process, such as Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia and cardiovascular disease. Sarah's research aims to determine the effects of exercise on disease process.

Since joining the School of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences in 2003, she has worked to link her previous research experience in biochemical mechanisms of disease with research within a thriving Sport Sciences department. Sarah has continued to research oxidatively modified proteins in chronic diseases associated with ageing – initiating research into the effect of exercise on these species in older adults and dementia sufferers.

Since 2008 Sarah has developed a unique area of research investigating exercise effects on Alzheimer's disease pathology, which is respected both nationally and internationally. This research has lead to prestigious invitations to be part of expert panels, steering committees for exercise interventions, and to lead research for the Alzheimer's Research UK in the Midlands (**www.le.ac.uk/ge/alzheimer (http://www.le.ac.uk/ge/alzheimer)** ). The Midlands network is part of the wider Alzheimer's Research UK network.

Sarah's research has recently been funded by the Alzheimer's Society to research oxidative stress in Alzheimer's disease, and was recently the recipient of a SPARC award to look at the effect of exercise on lipoprotein oxidation in older adults. Sarah has presented her research at scientific conferences worldwide, and has talked about her research at a number of public meetings.

She was also recently invited to a panel of expert researchers to assess the effect of lifestyle on dementia, which led to a series of programmes for the BBC.

## Other activities

Sarah is a member of a number of professional bodies to support her research including: The Biochemical Society; The American College of Sports Medicine, The Society of Toxicology, and European College of Sports Science. Sarah is also a member of the Alzheimer's Society and has given a number of talks at the Alzheimer's society Quality Research in Dementia public meetings, and the Alzheimer's Research Trust public awareness events. Sarah has also presented her work at the British Science Festival.

Sarah is an active citizen of the University. She is Head of Education in the School of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences and is a member of the College of Life and Environmental Sciences learning and teaching committees. She has held several administrative positions within the School during her appointment.

## Publications

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