

## **Spring newsletter!**

We hope you're having a good start to 2018. We've got some important news we wanted to share with you.

First, we'd like to know how everyone's post-Uni life is going. Whether you're deciding on a career, undertaking further study, applying for a job or settling into one, we'd like to know how the last 7 months have been for you. Our aim is to share these experiences on the Alumni webpage and Facebook group so that we can all get a better sense of post-LANS life. We'd also like to compile insights you've learned about how to make the most of a LANS degree when writing degree and job applications.

Our second years have just had their Study Abroad destinations released. Not surprisingly, they span many continents and include Universities in Hong Kong, Melbourne, Keio, Honolulu, Amsterdam, Seoul, Montevideo and San Francisco among many others! Would you mind sharing your experiences with them if they are heading to the same University as you? It would also help them to know how the Study Abroad fits into the 4-year programme. If you're happy to share your experiences, do let us know and we'll put them in touch with you.

Finally, for now, we have an upcoming Distinguished Lecture on 21 February: Dr Daniel Glaser (Director of the Science Gallery in London) will be speaking about 'What kinds of energy are liberated when art and science collide?' It begins at 6pm in the Main Lecture Theatre (Arts Building). It would be great if you can join us! Further information is available here:

[www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/liberal-arts-and-sciences/events/2018/glaser-daniel.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/liberal-arts-and-sciences/events/2018/glaser-daniel.aspx)

The department continues to grow and develop in response to feedback and consultations with students. We've recently employed new permanent staff and are currently recruiting for a permanent Lectureship in LANS and Engineering and Physical Sciences. This post will increase our profile in the University and contribute to the interdisciplinary opportunities on our programme. In the next academic year, we will bring new technology to the heart of our core modules and personal tutorials. PebblePad will allow our students to take more control of their own learning, to centralise and integrate their assessments and they will have continued access to all their work after they graduate.

Finally, a UoB matter: you should have received an email requesting completion of the Destinations of Leavers from Higher education survey. This is separate from LANS and collects information on what all leavers from higher education programmes are doing 6 months after qualifying from their HE course. This data feeds into the University's analysis of its courses and influences future changes. If you haven't received an invite to complete the survey, please let us know.

As ever, get in touch with us on Facebook or by email at [lansalumni@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:lansalumni@contacts.bham.ac.uk). And don't forget to keep up-to-date on the blog and all the Facebook groups.

Best wishes,  
All the team at LANS