

Guest Speaker Lecture Programme



Tuesday 15th July

Dr Simon Bell

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Source: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01nppg8/profiles/simon-bell>



Tuesday 22nd July
Martin Griffiths
Architecture of Bath



Teaching Fellow
The University of Bath

Artist and Linguist Martin Griffiths presents the Architecture of Bath within the context of the ancestry of its design. He unpacks how classical architecture, reinterpreted by Palladio in the Renaissance, made its way north to England via English aristocrats keen to display their wealth, education and status. He explores how this classical architecture, most at home on a windswept and fragrant Greek hillside, was again reinterpreted to meet the demands of urban planning.

Martin has been working for the Academic Skills Centre (formerly English Language Centre) at the University of Bath since 1997. Before that, he taught art in various schools and colleges around London; he also taught English to the Kuwaiti armed forces for a year.

When he is not teaching, Martin likes to make furniture and boats at home in his workshop.

Tuesday 29th July
Jackie Herring
Pride in Jane Austen



Director – Jane Austen Festival

Jackie Herring has worked for the Jane Austen Centre in Bath since 1999 and been involved with the Jane Austen Festival since its creation by owner of the Centre, David Baldock, in 2000. In 2008 Jackie became the Festival Director of this very popular international 10 day annual Festival. As Festival Director, Jackie assembles the programme of events which requires an in-depth knowledge of all things Austen and good organisation skills.

Having an honours degree in History and over 35 years' experience in business, service, retail and the tourism industry, Jackie is well qualified for the post. Her personal passions are the Regency period; the world of Jane Austen; social history - particularly food and costume; old editions of Austen novels - Jackie is a serious book collector and has a number of first editions – plus all aspects of research. Ask her about the Sedan Chair!

Jackie has been a guide on the open top buses in Bath; performed as question master in costume at the Victoria & Albert Museum in London; been on television several times, appearing on *Masterchef* eating rather than cooking and continues, when time allows, to speak to various groups and conduct walking tours of the city of Bath. Her enthusiasm for Jane Austen is evident in the entertaining and engaging way she passes on her knowledge



Tuesday 5th August

Dr Steve Wharton

More than sixty years: Queen Elizabeth II



**Senior Lecturer in French and Communication
Deputy Head of Department
Director of Language Learning and Teaching
Department of Politics, Languages and
International Studies at The University of Bath**

As Director of Language Learning and Teaching, Dr Wharton manages the Foreign Languages Centre and all undergraduate foreign language teaching activities. He is also Co-Director of *Routes into Languages South West*, based at the University. He is a Life Member of the University Court and an elected member of both the University Council and Senate, and has served as Chair of Academic Assembly, Director of Undergraduate Programmes in PoLIS, and Director of Studies for Programmes in Modern Languages and European Studies as well as International Management and Modern Languages.

In February 2012 the French Government made Dr Wharton *Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques* for services to French Culture.

Dr Wharton's teaching has been recognised through the Mary Tasker Award for Excellence in University Teaching, and his research places him as an acknowledged expert in contemporary social movements (LGBT activism in Britain and France) and a regular contributor to the media on issues of political communication.

Source: <http://www.bath.ac.uk/polis/staff/steve-wharton/>

Tuesday 12th August

Dr Laura De Pian

Performing Health



Dr Laura De Pian joined the Department of Education and Teaching at the University of Bath as a Teaching Fellow in September 2011. She became Lecturer in Sport (Social Sciences) in September 2012.

Prior to this she undertook her undergraduate degree in Sociology at the University of Bath and completed her PhD with the School of Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences at Loughborough University. Her thesis focussed on social class analyses of obesity discourse, health policy and pedagogy in schools and young people's embodiment.

Research Interests

- Obesity and health discourses
- Health policy and pedagogy
- Affect and young people's subjectivity/embodiment
- Sociology of childhood/education/the body
- Innovative methods for research with children and young people

Teaching

- ED20409: Doing Social Science Research
- ED20450: Pedagogical Approaches for Sport, Youth and Physical Activity
- ED30435: Advanced Issues in Physical Activity, Health and the Body

Dr Pian's is widely published in book sections and articles. She has been a regular speaker at conferences and workshops since 2008.

Source: <http://www.bath.ac.uk/education/staff/laura-de-pian/>



Tuesday 19th August

Diana Hopkins

Global English



**APCS Leader
Academic Skills Centre
The University of Bath**

Diana Hopkins has been working in the area of English Language Teaching for more than 25 years. She has worked in the UK, China, Japan, Turkey, Bangladesh and Malaysia, teaching students from a range of backgrounds and levels. For the past fifteen years she has worked as a teacher trainer and lecturer at the University of Bath, teaching Cambridge CELTA and Delta courses, as well as lecturing on the MA TESOL programme. She also worked as an Associate Lecturer on the Open University MA in Applied Linguistics for ten years. She is co-author of *Passport to IELTS.*, *Developing Grammar in Context*, and the main author of *Cambridge Grammar for IELTS*. She has provided training presentations at a variety of conferences and organisations.

Her main interests lie within the field of English Linguistics, with grammar as a particular passion.

Here Diana discusses the way English has changed in the world, taking us through the reasons for the changes and the implications and considerations for what the future of English may be.

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