University of Chester

The Corporate Communications Department welcomes enquiries from the media, seeking opinion, analysis and information from University of Chester staff. With a wealth of knowledge and expertise on a wide range of topics, from the mainstream and high profile to the obscure and highly specialised, the University’s academics and researchers can provide a valuable and reliable resource for informed comment.

This Directory, while not exhaustive, is intended as a reference point, indicating some key individuals who may be experienced in liaising with the media, in addition to being ideally qualified to talk authoritatively about their particular field.

How to contact the experts

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EXPERTS – BY DEPARTMENT OR FACULTY

Art and Design
Maxine Bristow
Textile practice; textile materials and processes in contemporary visual culture.

Steve Carrick
Scripting interactive multimedia artworks; digital 3D modelling and animation.

Tim Daly
Photography: materials and processes; digital printing.

Maggie Jackson
Visual imagery in Dante’s Divine Comedy from the fourteenth century to the present; nineteenth-century Scandinavian painting and imagery of light; interdisciplinary images of the Lincolnshire landscape.

Cian Quayle
Fine art practice and theory (especially contemporary photographic practice and Kurt Schwitter’s exile in England during the 1940s).

Jeremy Turner
Sculpture as historical, technological and cultural interface; interdisciplinary images of the Lincolnshire landscape.
Biological Sciences

**Professor Cynthia Burek**
Conservation of the environment; sustainable development; geology; geodiversity; local geodiversity; Action Plans; Regionally Important geodiversity sites; women in the history of geology.

**Dr Alison Fletcher**
Primate behaviour and development; handedness in chimpanzees.

**Dr Lottie Hosie**
Amphibian behaviour; conservation.

**Dr Matt Hartley**
Zoo management and welfare including zoo inspections; veterinary care and conservation breeding, circus animal welfare and licensing; wildlife disease and welfare; animal health policy including notifiable diseases, disease outbreaks and disease prevention policy; conservation interventions including conservation breeding, re-introductions, translocations and rehabilitation.

**Dr Sonya P. Hill**
Animal behaviour; animal welfare; primates; zoos

**Juliet Leadbeater**
Bats and conservation.

**Dr Stephen Lewis**
Philosophy of medicine; evolutionary (Darwinian) medicine.

**Dr Ian McDowall**
Species differentiation using DNA; DNA fingerprinting.

**Dr Jon Power**
Bone biology, specifically osteoporotic bone loss using histological techniques; parasitology, especially nematode infections.

**Dr Tessa Smith**
Biochemical markers of animal behaviour; behaviour of captive animals; hormones.

**Dr Philip Wood**
Food microbiology.

Faculty of Business and Management

**Dr Andy Lyon**
Tourism management.

**Paul McKie**
Lateral thinking and problem solving; strategic analysis and planning; market research; diversification; entrepreneurialism.

**Dr David Perrin**
Higher education accreditation; accreditation of prior learning.

**Colin Potts**
Tourism; destination development and management (former Head of Tourism in Chester and former President of the Tourism Management Institute).

**Dr Tony Wall**
Practical leadership; coaching; learning performance; high performance learning at work; mindfulness; neuro-linguistic programming (NLP); applied psychologies.

**Dr Jon Talbot**
Doctoral study for practitioners in work; town planning and urban regeneration; professional lifelong learning; and higher education policy and practice.
Anthony J Ward
International business, leadership, corporate strategy and post-graduate teaching and learning.

Business Research Institute
Professor Phil Harris
Political marketing; public affairs; China Business and Society, business markets; corporate reputation; regional economy and regeneration; international business and branding.

Chemical Engineering
Professor John Brammer
Bioenergy, gasification, pyrolysis, computational fluid dynamics.
Dr Andrew Fogg
Inorganic/organic composite materials, zeolites, phosphates and metal organic frameworks, catalysis, ion exchange, sorption and storage.
Dr Carolina Font Palma
Process simulation, waste to energy, carbon capture, conventional and unconventional fuels.
Dr Kate Julian
Leadership and management practice, knowledge management, coaching and mentoring, professional practice and CPD for chemical engineering.
Dr Mark McAuley
Computational quantum mechanics, novel devices/materials/pharmaceuticals, first principles atomic modelling.
Graham Spink
Computational quantum mechanics, novel devices/materials/pharmaceuticals, first principles atomic modelling.
Professor Steve Wilkinson
Chemical engineering process simulation, computational modelling, bioprocessing, design optimization, scheduling.

Chester Medical School
Professor John Buckley
Physical activity; exercise for health and rehabilitation.
Professor Elizabeth Mason-Whitehead
Social exclusion; stigma; vulnerable groups; teenage pregnancy; teenage parenthood; nurse recruitment; community nursing; stroke; violence experienced by health care workers; writing for nurses; gender and women’s issues.
Professor John Williams
Stress protein biology; bone pathology.

Clinical Sciences and Nutrition
Dr Orla Flannery
Childhood obesity; weight management; behaviour change; diet and physical activity; health promotion; health policy; evaluation of interventions; qualitative research.
Professor Lynne Kennedy
Diet, nutrition and health; nutrition inequalities and food poverty; novel approaches to promoting nutrition and health; participatory action research methodology; qualitative inquiry; evaluation of interventions (behaviour change, health promotion approaches); evaluation of complex interventions; salutogenic/health assets approaches; obesity; food policy.

Dr Sohail Mushtaq
Nutritional biochemistry; micronutrient metabolism (vitamin D, iron, riboflavin); lipid metabolism; fatty acids.

Computer Science and Information Systems

Andy Davies
Web technologies and front-end website development; interface design and human-computer interaction; web-based video production and motion graphics; digital audio production; enhancing employability skills in higher education.

Dr Thaddeus Eze
Autonomic computing; trustworthy autonomics; cybersecurity; mobile ad hoc networks.

Ralph Ferneyhough
Games development; student employment; problem based learning; games engineering; games BAFTAs.

Adam Hughes
Web technologies; social media; project management and student employment.

Professor Nigel W. John
Theory and application of computer graphics, virtual reality and augmented reality with a particular focus on medical uses of these technologies.

Dr John Kerins
Teaching of computing and information science; applied artificial intelligence; semantic modelling; information and knowledge management.

Andrew Muncey
IOS development, C#; Web forms; MVC; Responsive web development.

Dr Lee Speakman
Cyber security, software exploitation and software protection methods, reverse-engineering, anti-reverse engineering, anti-forensics, distributed networks, network and system signature management, network and software obfuscation.

Education and Children’s Services

Professor Jeff Adams
Creativity and democracy in education; contemporary arts in education; international perspectives on creativity; creativity in professional practices; professional development of teachers through the arts; using theory in educational research; documentary graphic novels and comics.

Dr Frances Atherton
Early years education.

David Cumberland
Academies programme.

John Duffy
ICT in primary education; creativity in primary education.
Dr James Holt
Religious education in schools; religion in fantasy literature especially JRR Tolkien and CS Lewis; the role of faith in the public sphere.

Dr Steve Lambert
Educational leadership development; leadership traits in education; post-compulsory education; further education; education policy particularly funding policy, participation policy and raising of the participation age.

Dr Jane McKay
Education theory and education policy in relation to inclusive education; special educational needs and disability, children’s rights and participation in decision-making, vulnerable groups, such as children in care, young people who are excluded from education and young offenders; research methods.

Professor Allan Owens
International work; Drama in education and other professions, including health, business and justice; inter-cultural applications of drama; the use of drama across subjects and disciplines in higher education; teacher training.

Tony Pickford
Primary education: geography; history; ICT.

Tricia Sterling
Initial teacher training.

English
Dr Graham Atkin
Spenser; Shakespeare; philosophy, literature and friendship; emblems in literature.

Dr Peter Blair
South African literature.

Dr Ashley Chantler
Twentieth-century and contemporary literature; creative writing; modern textual editing; the films of Clint Eastwood.

Dr Matt Davies
Language and power; the stigmatisation of social groups in the news (e.g. migrants, trade unions); the power of opposites; historical roots and development of English; attitudes to English; corpus linguistics.

Dr Melissa Fegan
Irish literature (nineteenth and twentieth centuries); literary representations of the Great Famine; Emily Brontë: *Wuthering Heights*.

Dr Eileen Pollard
Hilary Mantel; twentieth-century and twenty-first-century fiction; critical theory; contemporary women’s writing.

Dr Sarah Heaton
American literature and culture; nineteenth-century English literature and culture; clothes, fashion and fabric in literature.

Professor Emma Rees
Gender, feminism, embodiment. Cultural representations of the female body (women) in literature, film and art; representations of mental illness (‘madness’) in literature and film.

Dr Ian Seed
Creative writing; the prose poem; the writings of Beppe Fenoglio; Italian Resistance literature; existentialist philosophy and literature.
Dr Will Stephenson
John Fowles; contemporary fiction; utopian/dystopian fiction; literature and addiction.

Professor Deborah Wynne
English literature and culture (nineteenth century); Victorian popular culture; women’s writing.

Exercise and Nutrition Science
Professor John Buckley
Physical activity; exercise for health and rehabilitation.

Dr Stephen Fallows
Food and nutrition policy; nutritional awareness and behaviour.

Geography and Development Studies
Professor Roy Alexander
Community carbon reduction; carbon footprinting; geo-ecology; vegetation analysis; GIS (geographic information systems); Spain.

Dr Rebecca Collins
Sustainable consumption and production; cultural production of waste; youth cultures; material culture of the home and family.

Dr Martin Degg
Natural hazard assessment and mitigation; natural disasters: earthquakes; volcanoes; geo-education and community outreach; Middle East; Latin America.

Dr Martin Evans
Political events (particularly civil unrest or conflict) and economic issues in sub-Saharan Africa, particularly West Africa.

Professor Derek France
Climate change; fieldwork; pedagogy; mobile technologies, smart devices; digital literacy.

Gill Miller
International development; development education; fair trade; world food issues; Millennium Development Goals.

Dr Graham Wilson
Sea-level change, palaeoclimatology, long-term environmental change, limnology.

Health and Social Care
Ann Bryan
Community and child health; “Every Child Matters” programmes; public health.

Professor Jan Gidman
Practice-based learning in nurse education.

Lorraine Harnett
Medical anthropology; cultural competence; health improvement; disasters; community resilience; emergency planning.

Professor Andy Lovell
Self-injury and learning disability; learning disability and the criminal justice system.

Professor Annette McIntosh-Scott
Health and social care education.

Louise Shorney
Post qualifying health care education; postgraduate medical education; long term conditions; health care policy.
History and Archaeology

Dr Hannah Ewence
Modern British-Jewish history; British immigration history and race relations; the modern history of the East End; the development of the British suburbs.

Professor Peter Gaunt
English Civil War; Oliver Cromwell; castles (eleventh to fifteenth centuries); Chester (history); Cheshire (history).

Dr Donna Jackson
Modern American history; American foreign policy; history of the Cold War era; American politics; Beatles heritage.

Dr James Pardoe
Heritage (historical aspects); country houses and literary tourism (with particular reference to Byron, Keats, Shelley, Scott and Wordsworth).

Professor Graeme White
English history from the Norman Conquest to Magna Carta; the medieval English landscape (especially field systems, settlements, castles, monasteries); the earldom of Chester, 1071-1232; history of the University of Chester.

Professor Howard Williams
Archaeology of death, burial and commemoration (mortuary archaeology); early Middle Ages, including the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.

Dr Katherine Wilson
The late Medieval Burgundian Netherlands; Burgundian tapestries; luxury textiles of the later Middle Ages; the material culture of Burgundian Netherlands.

Law

Chantal Davies
Discrimination; human rights; employment law; equal opportunities.

Learning and Information Services

Brian Fitzpatrick
Library services; learning and information services; media services; e-books; student learning spaces.

Marketing, Recruitment and Admissions

Ric Bengree
University sector application trends (regional and national); demand for higher education; applicant demographics and attitudes.

Vicki Riley
Progression routes (pre-HE education to university; workplace to university); pre-HE curriculum.

Sean Williamson
Progression routes (pre-HE education to university; workplace to university); pre-HE curriculum.

Shai Vure
Social media; digital marketing; new technology.
**Mathematics**

**Professor Neville Ford**
Numerical solution of functional differential equations (Volterra integral and integro-differential equations, delay differential and integral equations, fractional differential equations); stability theory; qualitative behaviour of solutions; mathematical models in the biosciences.

**Dr Jason Roberts**
Numerical solution of functional differential equations (Volterra integral and integro-differential equations, stochastic Volterra equations); stability theory; qualitative behaviour of solutions; computational mathematics.

**Dr Yubin Yan**
Numerical methods for nonlinear partial differential equations (deterministic and stochastic); numerical methods for Volterra integral and integro-differential equations; the finite element method; stability analysis and controllability for convection diffusion system; the Navier-Stokes equation.

**Media**

**Dr Christopher Hart**
Advertising - brands, retailing, history; identity; Englishness; self and symbolism; historic vehicles.

**Dr Simon Gwyn Roberts**
News media and identity; the communication of place; Welsh news media.

**Kate Sillitoe**
Visual communication; digital media; digital marketing; social media; mobile advertising; viral marketing.

**Modern Languages**

**Professor Claire Griffiths**
France in Africa; French-speaking African countries (especially Senegal and Gabon); development issues in French-speaking Africa; visual arts in francophone Africa; France and the Slave Trade; gender and development; interpreting and translation studies.

**Dr Mark Gant**
Nineteenth century Spanish politics; religion and fiction, particularly the works of Carlos Frontaura; protestant churches in Spain; contemporary Spanish culture and society.

**Brenda Garvey**
Contemporary French and francophone; West African written and oral literatures.

**Dr Christopher Hull**
Cuban history in 20th Century; British-Cuban relations in 20th Century; Graham Greene in Latin America particularly the novel and film *Our Man in Havana*.

**Heidi Spring-Jones**
European studies; European cinema; German film.

**Carmen Usategui**
Theories of modern foreign language learning.

**Performing Arts**

**Ben Broughton**
Performance and new media technology; popular music; live performance; arts management.
Dr Brian Desmond
Irish theatre; European theatre; political theatre; directing and dramaturgy.

Dr Ruth Dockwray
Popular music; musicology and history/contexts; rock anthems and football anthems; music of Queen; audio spatialisation; video game music and audio; semiotics of music

Evelyn Jamieson
Dance performance; contemporary dance; choreographic processes; applied and community dance practice; dance and music devising; collaborative practice; movement for actors.

Professor Allan Owens
Drama in education and other professions, including health, business and justice; inter-cultural applications of drama; the use of drama across subjects and disciplines in higher education; teacher training.

Dr Shelley Piasecka
Drama pedagogy; theatre directing; contemporary performance practice.

Professor Darren Sproston
Composition; contemporary music; Roberto Gerhard; minimalism (in music); musical analysis.

Psychology

Professor Mike Boulton
Social relationships; psychosocial adjustment; aggression and bullying in children.

Professor Ros Bramwell
Reproductive health psychology; women’s experience of the menstrual cycle; giving birth in neonatal intensive care; breastfeeding; women’s views on their genital appearance and why they have surgery to change it; gender disappointment.

Dr Janine Carroll
Health psychology; coping with chronic pain; dementia.

Dr Claudine Clucas
The importance of respect in doctor-patient relations, including the consequences of such experiences for patient outcomes; psychosocial aspects of HIV/AIDS.

Dr Margaret Cousins
Developmental Coordination Disorder/Dyspraxia.

Dr Sean Dunkin
The role of cognitive and social psychological factors on the development of Western thought and philosophy; internet psychology; animal behaviour.

Dr Liane Hayes
Cognitive and clinical psychological aspects of women’s reproductive health. development of learning materials.

Professor Nick Hulbert-Williams
Psychological distress and quality of life following in cancer patients; cancer survivorship; psychological interventions, especially mindfulness and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy; understanding the causes and consequences of stress for health and wellbeing; improving health behaviour and lifestyle.

Dr Moira Lafferty
Applied sport psychology, elite junior and senior athletes, parents, coaches, psychological support.
Dr Lindsay Murray
Animal behaviour, especially primatology; personality psychology; self-awareness and Mirror Self-Recognition (MSR).

Dr Jeremy Phillips
The psychology of work and working; social psychology, particularly the psychology of attraction and love; forensic psychology, crime and criminal profiling.

Dr Paul Rodway
Hemispheric differences in emotional processing; laterality.

Dr Astrid Schepman
Psychology of language, particularly prosody and intonation.

Dr Michelle Tytherleigh
Psychological wellbeing; occupational stress and work wellness; positive psychology, including happiness; emotional intelligence; and the effects of stress on the immune system (psychoneuroendocrinology).

Dr Mandy Urquhart
Development of self-awareness in infancy.

Dr Heather Wilkinson
Long-term forgetting in patients with temporal lobe epilepsy; memory; cognition and emotion; mental health.

Dr Liz Whelen
Illness beliefs; quality of life in cardiac patients; pain research; psychological influences on food choice.

Dr Clea Wright
Deception detection and assessment of credibility, particularly in real life, high stakes contexts; investigative interviewing.

Research and Knowledge Transfer
Professor Neville Ford
European Research Funding, how to apply and the selection process.

Science and Engineering
Dr Gavin J. Philips
Air Pollution; Atmospheric Science

Social and Political Science
Dr Mark Bendall
British and American politics, contemporary and twentieth century; ethical media (corporate social responsibility); corporations and crime; recorded crime; violent crime; gender discrimination; sexuality discrimination; celebrity; popular culture.

Dr Peter Cox
Cycling and society; sustainable transport; sustainable communities.

Dr Meriel D'Artrey
Political theory; political communication and marketing; political skills; political policy.

Dr Rosa Fernandez
Environmental and energy economics and policies; sustainable development; climate change; renewable energies; green economy; European integration; business ethics.

Reverend Professor Peter Gubi
Counselling; psychotherapy; spiritual direction; Moravian Church; reflexive groups for Clergy; counsellor training.
Dr Xin Hao
Public economics: taxation, welfare policies etc... as well as China related economic issues.

Dr Rita Mintz
Counselling; counselling training; professional and ethical issues.

Dr Alessandro Pratesi
Sociology of emotions; relationships; intimacies and families; care and the ethics of care; ageing and innovative assistive technologies; happiness and subjective well-being; citizenship and social change; qualitative methods.

Dr Andrew Reeves
Counselling and psychotherapy; mental health; suicide and self-injury; men’s mental health; psychological interventions in higher education; ethics.

Dr Joseph Rigby
Social theory and philosophy, post-structuralism, political thought inspired by a reassessment of Marxism, post-Cartesian theories of political subjectivity, globalisation, politics of immigration.

Dr Edgar B Tembo
Counter-Terrorism (U.S. and UK), Terrorism, Security, Intelligence, Military Force and Law Enforcement.

Professor Gordon Turnbull
Psychological trauma.

Sport and Community Engagement
Kirstie Simpson
Sport development, sport policy, strategic management and sport, European sport development, international sport education.

Sport and Exercise Sciences
Dr Daniel Bloyce
Sport policy, London 2012 legacy policy, active travel, money in the lives of professional sports people.

Professor Ken Green
Physical education, youth sport, sports participation, PE and sport in Norway and the Scandinavian countries.

Professor Kevin Lamb
Exercise physiology; perceived exertion; assessment of physical activity; movement analysis.

Dr Nicola McWhannel
Physical activity, bone health and body composition (pediatric and adult); physical activity, health and fitness interventions, school based interventions.

Dr Edd Thomson
Sports medicine, sport science of combat sport (predominantly boxing), performance analysis.

Dr Carmel Triggs
Applied sports psychology.

Dr Craig Twist
Exercise physiology; rugby league football (sports science aspects).

Professor Paul Worsfold
Sports biomechanics; sports engineering, equipment testing and development; performance analysis, GPS analysis.
**Student Support and Guidance**
**Mel Williams**
Student behaviour; student safety; liaison with the local community; professional suitability procedures.

**Theology and Religious Studies**
**Dr Hannah Bacon**
Feminist theology and its engagement with Christian doctrine and orthodoxy; feminist theological approaches to secular dieting and weight-loss; Christian theology.

**Professor David Clough**
Christian ethics, especially as they concern war and peace; environmental ethics and animals.

**Dr Matthew A Collins**
The Dead Sea Scrolls; Old Testament/Hebrew Bible; Second Temple Judaism; ancient Near Eastern mythology; New Testament contexts; Bible and popular culture.

**Dr Wendy Dossett**
Japanese Buddhism; religious education; spirituality and addiction/alcoholism.

**Professor Fabrizio M Ferrari**
Hinduism; Indology; Tantra; myth; ritual; religious folklore; ritual healing.

**Dr Ben Fulford**
Christian doctrine; historical theology; systematic theology; the doctrine of the Trinity; the theology of Scripture.

**Professor Elaine Graham**
Urban theology; religion and public policy; religion, culture and gender.

**Dr James Holt**
Mormon beliefs, practice and theology.

**Dr Steve Knowles**
Christian theology; religion and popular culture; spirituality and popular music; philosophy of religion.

**Dr Dawn Llewellyn**
Women in contemporary Christianity and post-Christianity; feminist theology and literature; motherhood and Christianity; third wave feminism (and its relationship to religion); feminist generations; spiritual reading practices.

**Dr Paul Middleton**
Martyrdom; Religion and Violence; New Testament and early Christianity; Jesus; Book of Revelation; Bible and sexuality.

**Dr Wayne Morris**
Religion and minority language groups; theology, disability and deafness; theology, religion and non-literate communities; Christian engagement with people of other faiths; theology, equality and human rights.

**Dr Alana M Vincent**
Religion in public life, particularly issues of minority integration; modern Judaism; religion and visual art; religion and fantasy literature (particularly J R R Tolkien, C S Lewis, Lev Grossman, Michael Chabon).
Thornton Energy Institute
Professor Joe Howe
Energy; energy supply, energy resources, renewable energy.