



Humanities Researcher Development and Training Newsletter Michaelmas 2023 | First Week

Welcome to your first newsletter of the term. We hope you enjoy reading about some of your Researcher Development and Training Programme opportunities.

We offer a comprehensive programme of events, opportunities, workshops and resources to support and develop Humanities researchers at all stages of their career from postgraduate level upwards. Some of these opportunities are bespoke and developed in-house; others are provided through external partners, student support services or in partnership with faculties. Most workshops and events are free, or require a £20 refundable deposit. They are open to Master's and DPhil students and postdoctoral researchers (including teaching-only and college-only appointments). All times given are GMT.

This newsletter is sent once a week during term-time to all current MSt, MPhil and DPhil students in the Humanities Division. To unsubscribe, send a blank email to humanitiestrainingnewsletter-unsubscribe@maillist.admin.ox.ac.uk.

[You can see a list of all our events here \(under the 'events' tab\).](#)

EVENTS

Heritage at Oxford: An Introduction

Tuesday 17 October, 11am – 12.30pm

Online

This first Heritage Pathway session of the term will introduce the heritage sector within the academic context, exploring the many ways in which researchers can engage with historic sites and collections in addition to the people tasked with caring for, researching and interpreting heritage today. Case studies from the Oxford University Heritage Network will be shared alongside participatory workshop activities.

[More information and booking >>](#)

Academic Reading: Approach and Critique

Thursday 19 October, 2pm - 4pm

Online and In-person

Hosted by the Department for Continuing Education

Being able to effectively read large amounts of academic literature, as well as reading beyond the descriptive and being critical of what is written, are essential skills for the researcher. This session will consider techniques for reading effectively in different contexts and then invite you to think critically through seminal papers from different academic disciplines.

[More information and booking >>](#)

Think, Articulate, Edit Write! (1 of 4)

Friday 20th October, 9am - 1pm

Online and In-person

Hosted by the Department for Continuing Education

This session provides postgraduates with a collective dedicated space in which to write and provide constructive feedback. This writing group will help you to achieve a specific writing goal, be it a paper, chapter, section of the thesis, or other piece of work that needs doing.

[More information and booking >>](#)

Saying No: Establishing Healthy Boundaries in Academia

Tuesday 24 October, 10am - 12pm

Online, £20 deposit required

Are you feeling overwhelmed by the demands of academia? Do you find yourself saying yes to too many things, even when you don't have the time or energy? If so, you're not alone.

In this interactive workshop, we'll explore the importance of setting personal boundaries. We'll discuss how to identify your needs, communicate your boundaries to others, and enforce them when necessary. You'll understand which boundaries need the most attention so you can learn to thrive in academia.

****Please note, this course requires a £20 deposit which will be refunded once you have attended the course, or have cancelled your place at least 72 hours before the course start date. Please see our full Terms and Conditions for more information.**

[More information and booking >>](#)

Effective CVs and Cover Letters for Researchers

Wednesday 25 October, 4pm - 6pm

Hosted by the Careers Service

CVs and cover letters are read very quickly (think seconds!) yet are crucial for getting an interview. We will share tips on how to tailor your CV, articulate relevant skills and experience, and deliver an effective application. Through individual and group exercises, you will apply the learning to your own application materials.

This session will cover applications to a wide range of sectors, including academia.

[More information and booking >>](#)

DPhil and Early Career Lunch

Thursday 26 October, 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Colin Matthew Room Radcliffe Humanities

Come along to this networking lunch and meet fellow DPhils and Early Career Researchers in a friendly and informal environment. Lunch provided: just bring yourself!

Please ensure you note any dietary requirements during the booking process.

[Book now >>](#)

Heritage Pathway Workshop: Curating for Change- Interpreting Disability Histories

Tuesday 31 October, 11am - 1.00pm

Ashmolean Museum Headley Lecture Theatre

This interactive workshop at the Ashmolean Museum will introduce participants to curating and interpreting inclusive histories of disability within established museum settings. This session will be led by Kyle Lewis Jordan who is the Curating for Change Fellow working with both the Ashmolean Museum and Pitts River's Museum in Oxford.

The Curating for Change programme exists to create strong career pathways for d/Deaf, disabled and neurodiverse curators, currently seriously under-represented in museums. Working with a range of museums across the UK, the Curating for Change Trainees and Fellows are producing exhibitions, events and blogs, exploring disabled people's histories – while gaining skills for careers in the sector.

[More information and booking >>](#)

Introduction to Research Ethics at Oxford

Wednesday 1 November, 2pm - 3pm

Online

This termly session will give attendees an overview of the research ethics review process at Oxford. You will understand why the University has an ethics review system for research projects involving human participants and personal data in accordance with University policy.

The trainer will also give you top tips on how to write good research ethics applications.

[More information and booking >>](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Video Training Programme

Deadline for applications: 20th October

Would you like to produce original and purposeful videos based on your research? Video content spreads faster and further than text, and using different media offers unique opportunities to disseminate research findings to new, non-specialist audiences. The Humanities Division in collaboration with OxCo are offering an opportunity to take part in the 2023-24 video training programme! Deadline is 20th October. Apply now!

<https://oxco.typeform.com/Hums2023-24>

New for Michaelmas 2023

Refundable deposits

From this term onwards, you will be required to pay a £20 refundable deposit before you can book a place on some of our courses. Once you have attended the course, your refund will be processed within 10 working days. If you cancel more than 72 hours before the course date, you will also be refunded. If you do not attend the course, or cancel less than 72 hours before the start course time, you will not receive a refund. If you have a health condition, or any additional needs or requirements that impact your ability to give 72 hours' notice of cancellation, you can email us at training@humanities.ox.ac.uk

You will book onto, and pay for the course using CoSy (using your Oxford Single Sign on (SSO)). All cancellations must be made via CoSy too.

Please see our [Terms and Conditions](#) for further information.

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SMS Text reminders

We offer a free optional text reminder service. If you sign-up, a text reminder will be sent to you the day before each session as a last-minute course reminder. We will not use this for spam or general promotion.

To sign up for this service, please register your mobile phone number with us. You can do this by visiting your [My Details tile in CoSy](#). Please see our [Terms and Conditions](#) for further information.

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