



Research News

September 2020

Message from the Directors of Research and Impact

Dear Colleagues,

It is a great pleasure to present our new format Research and Impact newsletter offering a quick way to share research and impact news. We have had some great successes in grant capture, welcome recognition of esteem for colleagues in the College, and a great many other items of interest to share. We had too many news to include them all here and we expect that this will be the start of regular updates. If we have not included your latest news - please get in touch and send e-mails to: cahbresearch@bangor.ac.uk.

A few general items for information. The College Research and Impact Strategy Group (CRISG) is currently working on a College Research and Impact Strategy and we hope we can share that with you before the start of the new academic season in September. We are also lucky to welcome Prof. Carol Tully to the group who has kindly agreed to support the College in improving our grant capture. Carol will share her thoughts over the coming months. We hope you enjoy this new format and you do get in touch with more interesting stories.

With best wishes for some time to focus on research, engagement and impact this summer!

Martina and Nathan

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Get funding for ideas that address COVID-19

UKRI is inviting proposals for short-term projects (up to 18 months) addressing and mitigating the social, economic, and cultural impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak. This is potentially an excellent way to boost your grant capture, engagement and impact, as well as to help fight COVID-19.

There is no closing date - applications are assessed on a rolling basis - and can be applied for at any time. Grants will be awarded at 80% of the full economic cost (fEC) for Research Council funding. The proposal must demonstrate the following:

- new research or innovation with a clear impact pathway that has the potential (within the period of the grant) to deliver a significant contribution to the understanding of, and response to, the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts.

- gathers critical data and resources quickly for future research use

Please feel free to contact Martina and Nathan to discuss your ideas.

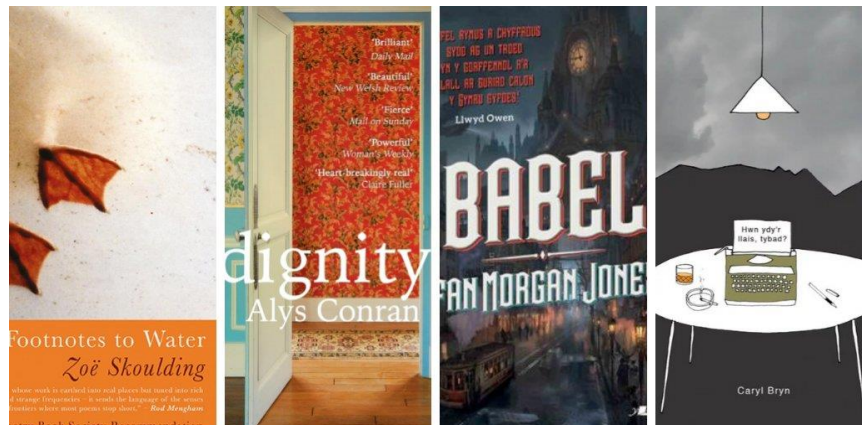


**UK Research
and Innovation**

For more information:

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STAFF NEWS



Ifan Morgan Jones, Alys Conran and Zoë Skoulding have been named on the Welsh Book of the Year shortlist this year. All the books can be voted for under the People's Choice category. Literature Wales' Book of the Year is one of the highlights of Wales' literary calendar and Literature Wales hope to announce the winners towards the end of July.

Read full story [here](https://bit.ly/3eESDs9): bit.ly/3eESDs9

Enhancing spatial ability to help close the gender gap in STEM

Enhancing spatial ability to help close the gender gap in STEM. Bangor University to partner in Horizon 2020 funding worth €4m. Bangor University is to contribute expertise to a new Europe-wide project to improve children's spatial abilities, with the aim to help close the gender gap in science, technology engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Read full story [here](https://bit.ly/2ZBSW2E): bit.ly/2ZBSW2E

STAFF NEWS



In June, [Professor Vian Bakir](#) (School of Music & Media) acted as a panel reviewer for UKRI's Research Centre of Excellence Competition on Protecting Citizens Online. This involved reviewing multiple applications for the £6.89 million investment, determining the strongest, and interviewing applicants.

- The **Bangor Law School** Public Law team was nominated for two [UK Parliament Awards](#) this year.
- New Research Report School of Law: [Public Administration and a Just Wales](#).
- Research **Bangor Business School**: [Local land value tax](#): technical assessment.
- [Call for papers](#): An academic enquiry into the Grenfell Tower disaster in association with the **School of History, Philosophy and Social Sciences, Bangor University**.
- Bangor academic co-creates [Bookselling Research Network](#). The Network is led by **Dr Eben Muse (Bangor University, The Stephen Colclough Centre for the History and Culture of the Book)** and **Dr Samantha Rayner (UCL, The Centre for Publishing and the Bloomsbury CHAPTER)**, and supported by the Booksellers Association and the Books Council of Wales. PhD student Maria Vassilopoulos (UCL) is the Network's Resource Manager.
- Centre for [Data Ethics & Innovation](#). Independent report, CDEI publishes briefing paper on facial recognition technology.
- [Dr. Marco Tamburelli](#), School of Languages, Literatures & Linguistics invited to be guest editor of Languages.

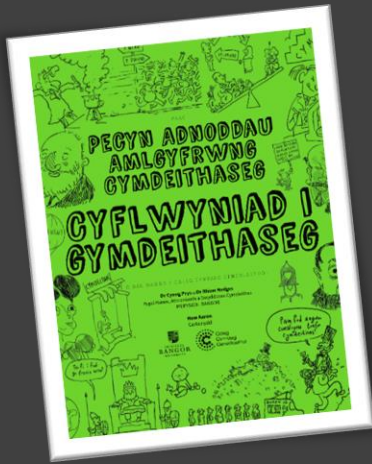
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The new Fellows from Bangor University are:

- [Professor Nathan Abrams](#) FRHistS FHEA, Professor of Film Studies
- [Emeritus Professor Peter Field](#), Emeritus Professor, School of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics
- [Dr Sue Niebrzydowski](#), Reader in Medieval Literature

Items of Interest



Dr Rhian Hodges and **Dr Cynog Prys** from the School of History, Philosophy and Social Sciences have collaborated with the cartoonist Huw Aaron to present the important field of Sociology in a fun and memorable way in Welsh. The '[Cyflwyniad i Gymdeithaseg](#)' (Introduction to Sociology) is part of the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol's resource pack to support teaching of Sociology in the Welsh language.

FIND MORE INFORMATION HERE

bit.ly/2Wq8wMD



[Hidden Texts, Hidden Nation](#): (Re)Discoveries of Wales in Travel Writing in French and German (1780-2018). / Jones, Kathryn ; **Tully, Carol**; Williams, Heather.

Listen to **Dr Jonathan Ervine** discusses [Philippe Auclair's biography of Eric Cantona](#)

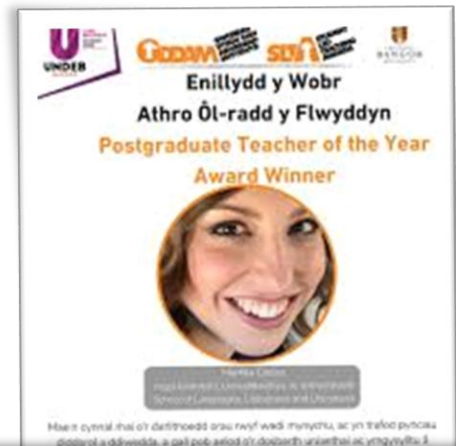
[SHAPE](#) – Social Sciences, Humanities & the Arts for People & the Economy – new campaign to recognise the value of SHAPE subjects in understanding the world around us and the people in it. To demonstrate how SHAPE subjects helps building a better future when working together with STEM subjects.

ION NEWS

The Bangor Business School have issued their 6th business newsletter, which contains useful articles together with links to a range of support available to businesses from different organisations.

Please follow the link here to latest edition:

→ bit.ly/2OAwWbS



Many congratulations to all of you who were shortlisted in the recent [Student-Led Teaching Awards](#). Well done to **Martina Codice** - School of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics for receiving Postgraduate Teacher of the Year. According to students, *Martina delivers fantastic, well researched lectures, and students greatly appreciate her enthusiasm and passion for her subject.*

Recent Research Awards

Project Title: Poetry in Transatlantic Translation: Circulation and Practice Across Languages [AHRC](#) Leadership Fellows Call
Professor Zoë Skoulding – School of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics

Gladstone Library.
Stephen Clear, School of Law - has been awarded the Ernest Walder Scholarship by the Gladstone Library for 2020.

Project Title: How do accounting practices of the UK tax credits system effect claimants?

[COMMITTEE FOR DEPARTMENTS OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE \(CDAF\)](#)

Dr Sara Closs-Davies – Bangor Business School. A bursary to help Sara develop her research, attend conferences and publish academic papers.

Project Title: Comparative representation of Jews, Jewishness and Judaism in Contemporary British and Israeli Television

Professor Nathan Abrams – Music and Media. An award from the [British Council's](#) UK-Israel Inter-University Strategic Cooperation scheme to fund an international workshop with film screenings, talks and publications.



The British Academy. Small Grant

Project Title: Nineteenth-Century Communications: A Documentary History, 1780-1918.

Dr Karin Koehler – School of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics

Project Title: Judicial Review in Wales: Access to Justice and the Rule of Law.

Dr Sarah Nason – School of Law



Recent Research Awards



Project Title: 81315 LIVE (Llyn Iweragh Ecomusems)

Professor Ray Karl – School of History, Philosophy and Social Sciences

LIVE will promote tourism using the ecomuseum model and through co-operative marketing of natural and cultural capital assets to bring tourists into the regions outside of the traditional peak tourist seasons, enhancing the consequential socio-economic benefits to the coastal communities.

In the next issue:

Research Student Profiles

Introducing The Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers and more Research News and Project Profiles.

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YOUR
NEWS...**

Please send potential ideas, articles and images to cahbresearch@bangor.ac.uk or direct on [TEAMS CAHB-School Research, News and School Visits](#).

Award to Bangor Business School - Marie Curie Fellowship

Yener Altunbas, is a professor of Banking at Bangor University Business School. His main research interests are the study of European banks, bank efficiency, monetary policy, corporate governance, electoral studies, and regional and urban economics. Professor Altunbaş is currently a consultant for ECB, BIS and he is collaborating on research projects with other colleagues at the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Recently, he has been acting as a Commonwealth Scholarships Academic Adviser. He holds a PhD from the University of Wales.

Md Atiqur Rahman Khan is an Associate Professor at the Department of Finance, University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh. He also has experience in teaching and administrative activities(R&D) at the Faculty of Business, Curtin University, Malaysia. His research interests include banking system resilience, banking regulations and risk management, sustainability and issues in financial system, and macroeconomic dynamics.

The Project

Environmental damages could affect the safety and soundness of banks, and also financial stability, and thus increase the systemic risk. Hence, economic activities and welfare would suffer greatly. The proposed research is cutting-edge as it is designed to investigate, through empirical analysis, the unrevealed interconnections among the topical issues – environmental sustainability matters, stability of the banking system, and systemic risk. Therefore, the proposed research aims to find empirical support for the explicit acknowledgment of environmental risk as an emerging source of systemic risk.