Awards

Researchers at the Centre for Multilingual and Multicultural Research, Department of Applied Linguistics and Communication, have been awarded an Arts and Humanities Research Council Large Grant. They will study multilingual interaction in Newham, a linguistically and culturally diverse borough of London, as part of an interdisciplinary research project looking at how people with different languages and cultures communicate. The four-year, £1.9m Translating Cultures programme is a collaboration between four UK universities and will generate new knowledge about communication in changing urban communities. The Birkbeck team will be led by Zhu Hua, Professor of Applied Linguistics and Communication, and Li Wei, Professor of Applied Linguistics and Pro-Vice-Master for Postgraduate Studies.

A C.1.5m European Research Council grant has been awarded to Dr Matthew Longo, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Psychological Science. The funding will support his research on how information from the nervous system and from sensory signals provide information to the brain in our everyday experiences. The Contemporary Poetics Research Centre and its partner the Text Festival in Bury have been awarded a Cultural Engagement Award by the Arts and Humanities Research Council to establish a National Text Archive. The Centre and the University have both been elected to the Leopoldina, the world's oldest academy of science, to continue the tradition of its founding members.

Recognitions

Martin Emir, Emeritus Professor of Psychology, and Dr Richard Cooper, Reader in Cognitive Psychology, have both been elected to the Leopoldina – the German National Academy of Science. Election to the academy is the highest possible recognition of a scientist’s achievements in the field of research.

Dr Emily Jones, Research Fellow at the Department of Psychological Science, has been awarded a Spinoza on Learning Fellowship for her work on repetition and social learning in the field of cognitive psychology. For Women in Science, Dr Jones has been awarded an MBE for Services to Higher Education. She was nominated by the University’s Department of Psychological Science and the Faculty of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

One of three inaugural British Academy Medals, which recognise landmark achievements that transform understanding of a particular subject or field of study, has been awarded to Dr Richard Cooper, Reader in Cognitive Science in the Department of Psychological Science. The award was made jointly to Dr Cooper and Professor Tim Shallice of the Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience at University College London and the International School for Advanced Studies in Trieste, Italy, for their ground-breaking book The Organisation of Mind. Professor Bourke, Professor of History (left), has been appointed College Master at Birkbeck. Professor Bourke’s recent research has included a cultural history of fear and science in China, the history of fear, and emotions as a way to think about the history of the world, especially the way fear has shaped history. The recognition follows the award of the Birkbeck Graduate School Research, which has been elected Chair of the University Council of General and Applied Linguistics (UCLG). UCLG provides a unifying voice on public policy matters for linguistics.

Dr Longo (right) said: “Several types of sensory signals provide information in the body, making the body the multisensory object par excellence. Little is known, however, about how vision and touch interact from the central and peripheral nervous system.” His research focuses on vision and understanding the central and peripheral nervous system to represent our body. “Other accolades for Dr Longo include the 2013 American Psychological Association Distinguished Scientific Award for Early Career Contribution to Psychology in the area of perception and motor performance, and the 2014 Experimental Psychology Society Prize Lecture.

Dr Emir Jones, Research Fellow at the Centre for Brain and Cognitive Development. He has been awarded one of four 2013 L’Oreal – UNESCO UK and Ireland For Women in Science Fellowships in recognition of her work on the role of automatic control and social learning in the field of cognitive psychology. For Women in Science, Dr Jones has been awarded an MBE for Services to Higher Education. She was nominated by the University’s Department of Psychological Science and the Faculty of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Professor Waksman’s election is in recognition of his research into the structural and molecular biology of secretion systems in bacteria. The recognition follows his earlier election as a Fellow of the Royal Society and major funding awards for his research, including a 2m Medical Research Council grant, and a five-year European Research Council Advanced Grant of just over £2m for the project “Structural biology of Legionella’s effectors and secretion system.”

Anthony Bale, Professor of Medieval Studies, has been awarded the 2012 Beatrice White Prize for his book Feeling Persecuted: Christians, Jews and Images of Violence in the Middle Ages. The prize is awarded for outstanding scholarly work in the field of English Literature before 1590. The Jan Michalski Prize for Literature 2012 has been awarded to Dr Julia Lovell, Lecturer in the Department of History, Classics and Theology, for her book The Opium War: Drugs, Dreamers and the Making of Modern China, which explores the contrast between Chinese and Western reactions to the Opium Wars of 1839–1842 and 1856–1860. Dr Lovell’s book is the first non-fiction book to win the prize.

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