

Celebrating our Successes

Real-World Thinking

FACULTY OF
Arts, Humanities and
Social Sciences

Faculty journey...

2016 - a year of change

- Thank you
- end of the beginning...
- five new Schools, GRI, two PRPs
- new leadership teams in place
- invested in our professional support teams
- embedded professional services – HR, Finance, MRCI
- developed investment plans – 30 posts to date with 30 more to come (£11.5m over five years)
- ... a new cohort of students welcomed, taught, inspired...

Senator George J Mitchell Global Research Institute



Global Challenge: Building a Peaceful, Inclusive and Secure World



Legacy issues
(John Brewer)

How do peace processes become embedded in daily life following political settlement?



Justice and rights
(Kieran McEvoy)

How do we establish international norms of human rights in local cultures?



Security (Beverley Milton-Edwards / Mike Bourne)

How can we ensure just and ethical responses to a diverse range of security risks?



Ideology & beliefs
(Fiona Magowan)

How do values and beliefs in different cultures shape approaches to peacebuilding?

Senator George J Mitchell Global Research Institute

GRI Director: **Hastings Donnan**

Four THEME LEADS:

Legacy Issues: **John Brewer**

Justice and Rights: **Kieran McEvoy**

Security: **Beverley Milton-Edwards (Mike Bourne)**

Ideology and Beliefs: **Fiona Magowan**

59 Fellows and 23 Associate Fellows, from:

Sociology, Geography, Law, Archaeology, Politics, Criminology, Anthropology, Languages, Creative and Performing Arts, History, Education, English, Film Studies, Drama, Management, Architecture, Psychology, Social Work, Social Policy, Computer Engineering, Medicine

Recent Successes

1. AHRC award of £800k in July 2016, the largest grant to be awarded under the Partnership for Conflict, Crime, and Security Research (PaCCS) Conflict Theme
2. MA in Conflict Transformation and Social Justice: 31 registered students in second year of operation, one-third (10) of them international students
3. Four-week Summer School – more than doubled intake between 2015 and 2016 with 58 participants in July 2016

Top priority for the GRI this year

Scaling up to engage all our Fellows actively in the life and research of the Institute through research theme meetings, open mike, fishbowls, grant apprenticeships and signature events

School of Arts, English and Languages



School of Arts, English and Languages

Head of School: **Sally Wheeler**

Director of Research: **Mark Burnett**

Director of Internationalisation: **David Johnston**

Director of Undergraduate Education: **Kurt Taroff**

Director Graduate Studies: **Piotr Blumczynski**

School Manager: **Kirk Shilliday**

Recent Successes

1. Large grant successes: *Sound Conflict* – AHRC and ESRC funded, led by Pedro Rebelo and Fiona Magowan (£800K); Richard Schoch's AHRC funded *Performing Restoration Shakespeare* (£600K)
2. Individual Successes – Janice Carruthers (AHRC Leadership Fellowship) , Isabel Torres (Top Spanish Accolade), Piers Hellowell (BBC Proms Commission 2016)
3. Performing Arts in QS Top 50; English in QS Top 100; Film Studies 1st and Modern Languages 5th in Guardian Subject League Tables

Top priority for the School this year

Implementation of the new suite of undergraduate programmes in Creative Arts



Queen's University
Belfast

School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics



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School of History, Anthropology, Politics and Philosophy

Head of School: **Yvonne Galligan**

Director of Research: **John Garry**

Director of Internationalisation: **Cathal McCall**

Director of Undergraduate Education: **James Davis**

Director Graduate Studies: **Muiris MacCarthaigh**

School Manager: **Conor O'Neill**

Recent Successes

1. Consolidating interdisciplinary – GRI membership (25/76), with 2 GRI Theme Leads – Social Justice and Security and Conflict; PRP Risk & Inequality; Institute of Irish Studies
2. Grants totaling £1,100,000 from June-September, and latest grant of £2.3million by Jon Lanman (with GB team).
3. Individual Successes – FBA for Sean Connolly and Brookings Fellowship for Beverley Milton-Edwards

Top priority for the School this year

Marketing innovative interdisciplinary UG and GS programmes many with an internship/placement/student exchange component

e.g.: University pilot digital learning diploma in VTS; Maymesters, SH Anthropology; MA Global Security and Borders; MA Irish Studies (Faculty-wide)



Queen's University
Belfast

School of Law Excellent and Internationalised Student Experience



Head of School: **Robin Hickey**

Director of Research: **Anne-Marie McAlinden**

Director of Internationalisation: **Kevin Brown**

Director of Undergraduate Education: **TBC**

Director of Graduate Studies: **Graham Ellison**

School Manager: **Meave Gilchrist (Colette Farrell 31 Oct 16)**

Recent Successes

- 27% LLB intake in 2016-17 are international students
- Recruitment – staff presence at fairs and follow up conversion events; working closely with Faculty
- Transition to University
 - Building student community
 - “Integration Week”
- Student Experience Improvements
 - 98% L1 retention 14/15
 - 93% overall satisfaction 14/15, 15/16



Top priorities and challenges

- Supporting outstanding students – from integration week to completion
- Building awareness and recognition of our programmes, at home and overseas
- Ensuring effective personal development opportunities through employer engagement



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Queen's Management School

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Queen's Management School

Head of School: **John Turner**

Director of Research: **Nola Hewitt-Dundas**

Director of Internationalisation: **Patrick McCole**

Director of Undergraduate Education: **Shirley-Ann Hazlett**

Director Graduate Studies: **Youwei Li**

School Manager: **Sonia O'Hare**

Recent Successes

1. 250 PGT students entered School in Sept 2016 – 128 of these are international students.
2. The School has recently undergone an International Review chaired by Prof. Teo Forcht-Dagi. Resulting in merger with William J. Clinton Leadership Institute.
3. School staff secured large grants to examine whistleblowing (£150K), the economic effects of the Irish Famine (£150K), and the use of big data to help agri-food industry (£175K).

Top priority for the School this year

Implementation of the International Review.

A Project Implementation Group chaired by David Jones, will support colleagues in the Faculty and the School to implement the recommendations.



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School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work



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School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work

Head of School: **Allen Thurston**

Director of Research: **Tony Gallagher**

Director of Internationalisation: **Karen Kerr**

Director of Undergraduate Education: **Karen Winter**

Director Graduate Studies: **Kathy Higgins**

School Manager: **Patricia Reilly**

Recent Successes

1. Merger has been successful, students enrolled and programmes started, due to the professionalism and enthusiasm of School staff
2. Over £400,000 secured research income, with contracts worth another £500,000 in final stages of agreement. PRP – the Centre for Evidence and Social Innovation – launched from within School
3. Social work in top five in *Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide* with social work courses 4th in *Complete University Guide*

Top priority for the School 16/17

Develop internationalisation (projects in Malaysia and United Arab Emirates)

Standardise governance and approaches to programme management across the School

Faculty Leadership Team





Sally Wheeler
Dean of
Internationalisation



David Phinnemore
Dean of
Undergraduate Education



Michael Alcorn
Dean of
Graduate Studies



Paul Connolly
Dean of
Research

Faculty Focus: Undergraduate Education

1. Increasing flexibility in the curriculum
2. New cross-Faculty programmes in Liberal Arts / Social Sciences
3. Widening participation

Faculty Focus: Graduate Studies

1. Refresh of PGT Portfolio
 - new modules, new cross-School/cross-Faculty options
 - new programmes
 - differentiated PGT experience

2. Promotion of PhD study opportunities
 - studentships/funding support
 - development of thematic marketing material

3. PGT/PGR Experience
 - placements
 - leadership
 - supervisor support

Faculty Focus: Research

Priorities for the year ahead:

- Research income
- Global Research Institute (GRI) and Pioneer Research Programmes (PRP)
- Core Disciplinary Research Groups (CDRGs)
- Impact and Public Engagement
- REF Preparations

Faculty Focus: Research

What this means for you:

- Devolved budgets and decision making to Schools to support CDRGs
- New opportunities for interdisciplinary collaborations via GRI and PRPs
- Enhanced Faculty support for preparing RCUK grant applications
- Additional seed funding via Faculty Research Initiatives Fund
- Rewarding success via new Faculty Research Grant Incentivisation Scheme
- Enhanced support for impact and public engagement

For more information see: Faculty Research Strategy 2016-2020

Faculty Focus: Internationalisation

- On target to deliver for international student numbers
- Focus on unique selling points for each programme including placements, profiling key staff, key facilities and thematic strengths
- Placements for international students
- Grow Faculty Summer Schools

Professional Support Team in the Faculty Office

- ✓ professional support embedded within the Faculty
- ✓ more tailored to Faculty needs
- ✓ get to know the Faculty – vision, people, culture
- ✓ bring decision-making closer to source
- ✓ provide a consistent point of contact for Schools
- ✓ easily accessible to staff and leadership team
- ✓ investment in support to free up more academic time



Helen Hart
Acting Director of Operations



Claire McMullan
Faculty Manager



Tracey Gillespie
Finance Business Partner



Una Short
HR Business Partner



Clare Greenwood
Business Development
Manager

Joining it up

- ❖ We are all advocates for the Faculty's voice and we are all responsible for generating new ideas, developing new initiatives and getting things done
- ❖ New Faculty leadership team drives strategy and planning within Schools and across the portfolios of *research, education, graduate studies* and *internationalisation*
- ❖ New Faculty structure removes barriers and streamlines professional support
- ❖ One budget holder with devolved budget authority to Schools ensuring greater transparency in resource allocation
- ❖ Challenge to ensure that academic-led Faculty and Schools lead development of wider University policies – achieved by Faculty and Schools liaising effectively with each other and with directorates
- ❖ Communication key to this

Future Faculty Focus Meetings

Friday 11 November, 10am
Wednesday 22 February, 2pm
Wednesday 26 April, 2pm

Burning Questions?

Submit to PVCAHSS@qub.ac.uk