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## EDUCATION

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- 1998 – 2002 **Ph.D. in Human Geography** with Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC) Ph.D. Studentship Award, University of Bristol, UK. Dissertation title: ‘Haptic Spaces’. Supervisor Professor Nigel Thrift. Awarded December 2002.
- 1996 – 1997 **MA in Continental Philosophy**, University of Warwick, UK
- 1991 – 1994 **BA (Hons.) in Philosophy**, University of Reading, UK

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE & ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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- September 2016. Assistant Professor in Sociology, and Affiliate Faculty Member of the Center for Bioethics and Health Law, University of Pittsburgh
- January 2016 – September 2016. Visiting Lecturer in Sociology, University of Pittsburgh
- June 2014 – December 2015. Visiting Lecturer in Communication, University of Pittsburgh
- August 2011 – May 2014. Visiting Assistant Professor in Communication, University of Pittsburgh
- January 2007 – July 2011. Lecturer (equivalent to Assistant Professor) in Human Geography, University of Exeter
- September 2002 – December 2006. Lecturer (equivalent to Assistant Professor) in Philosophy and Cultural Studies, University of the West of England, UK
- September 1999 – June 2001. Postgraduate Tutor Human Geography, University of Bristol, UK

## EDITORIAL BOARDS

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- *The Senses and Society*. Oxford, Berg. Since 2008.
- *Emotion, Space and Society*. Elsevier. Since March 2014.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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- 2015. Elected Affiliate Faculty Member, Center for Bioethics and Health Law, University of Pittsburgh, November 2015.
- Elected Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, with the Institute for British Geographers (RGS-IBG), November 2009
- Member, Society for Literature, Science and the Arts (SLSA), since August 2013
- Member, Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences (SPHS), since October 2011

## RESEARCH GRANTS, AWARDS

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2017. **Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship**. University of Pittsburgh. ‘How We Became Sensory-Motor’, teaching buyout for Spring semester 2017.
- 2016-17. **Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences ‘Year of Diversity’ Award**, University of Pittsburgh, matching funds for Medical Humanities Mondays Speaker Series, \$5000
- 2016-17. **Humanities Center Collaborative Faculty Research Award**, University of Pittsburgh. Medical Humanities speaker series ‘Writing About Illness, Thinking About Health’, \$5000.
2015. **Special Initiative to Promote Scholarly Activity in the Humanities**, University of Pittsburgh (with Dr. M. Chirimuuta, History and Philosophy of Science). ‘Evolving concepts of body sensation and motor control in the neuroscience of movement’, \$7116.
2015. **Visiting Professor at University of Artois, France**. Invited by Prof. Anne Volvey, Geography Department. Workshops on ‘*l’approche géographique du corps*’, €1890.
2014. **Arts and Sciences Award, University of Pittsburgh**. ‘Developing Novel Methods with Wearable Computing for Urban Ethnographic Research’ (\$2392) award for video equipment.
2014. **International Field Trip Abroad (IFTA), Department of Urban Studies, University of Pittsburgh**. Malaysia and Singapore, May 28-June 11, Hewlett Award (\$2350; Co-Investigator, with Michael Glass), Asian Studies Center Faculty Grant (\$2000), Bowman Faculty Grant (\$2000).
2014. **‘Writing in the Disciplines’ Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh**. \$1200 awarded to support development of COMMRC 1730 Writing (W) course ‘Communication of Affect’
- 2011-13. **Scholar in Residence, McAnulty College, Duquesne University**. Invited by Dean James Swindal, from December 2011.
2010. **Royal Geographical Society (RGS) Small Research Grant**. £2,200. ‘In the Footsteps of the Blind Traveller: An historical geography of non-visual exploration’. Completed.
2010. **International Mobility Fellowship, University of Exeter**. £2000. To establish teaching and research links with Geography and Medical Humanities at Hong Kong University (HKU).
2010. **Link Fund, University of Exeter**. £250 Seed for project with colleague on Violence and Screen media, including attendance at London workshop ‘Violence and Representation’.
- 2008-2009. **AHRC and EPSRC Science and Heritage Research Cluster**. £24,000 for project ‘Touching the untouchable: increasing access to archaeological artefacts through virtual handling’, Co-Investigator with archaeologist Dr. Linda Hurcombe and physicist Dr. Ian Summers.
- 2008-2011. **GWR Studentship Award**. £55,600 for three-year PhD project student to work with OC Robotics Ltd. ‘Enhancing social presence within human-robot interaction through the snake-skinned robot arm’, co-funded with Great Western Research consortium (GWR).
2008. **Link Fund, University of Exeter**. £250 Seed for project on architecture and materials.
- 2005 – 2006. **Visiting Scholar**. Department of Critical & Cultural Studies, Macquarie University, Sydney. Involved in running interdisciplinary seminars, giving talks to several universities.
- 2005 – 2006. **AHRC Research Leave Award**. Arts & Humanities Research Council (AHRC), £14,000 to complete monograph ‘The Senses of Touch’, including matched funding from Faculty Research Leave scheme, University of the West of England (UWE).
- Sept. 2004. **University of Durham Geography Department Grant**, £1,000 for ‘Affectual Urbanism’ Workshop, to cover costs of workshop and visiting speakers.
- 1998 – 2001. **ESRC Ph.D. Studentship Award**. Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC), for Ph.D. in Human Geography entitled ‘Haptic Spaces’. Completed thesis in September 2002.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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### ***Blindness, vision impairment, and spatial access***

In my monograph for Edinburgh University Press, *Seeing With the Hands: Blindness, Vision & Touch After Descartes*, I examine historical and philosophical responses to the so-called ‘Molyneux Problem’ first published in Locke’s *Essay Concerning Human Understanding* (1690), and taken up by Berkeley in 1709, where blindness is treated as an epistemological problematic. In a period where cataract operations were becoming increasingly performed and discussed, the book follows the development of approaches in philosophy and early psychology to blindness, vision and touch firstly in England, then in France by Voltaire, Buffon, and Diderot. I argue that questions raised at this historical juncture about cross-modal perception have clear implications for contemporary conceptions of blindness and technologies of sensory substitution, including the innovative work of Paul Bach-y-Rita on Tactile-Visual Sensory Substitution (TVSS) systems. The interest in blindness follows in the wake of my doctoral thesis and has developed into other publications, including a book chapter on TVSS, ‘A Meta Molyneux Question: The case of the seeing tongue’ in the recent OUP collection *The Senses and Their Modalities* (Eds. Matthen, Stokes, Biggs), and journal articles about blindness in *British Journal of Visual Impairment* (2006) and *The Senses and Society* (2006). Most recently I have published articles on literary and autobiographical treatments of blindness, in a special issue on blindness of *Mosaic: A Journal for the Interdisciplinary Study of Literature* (2013) and in an article for *Emotion, Space and Society* (2014).

### ***Sensory technologies and the spaces of interaction***

As technologies and interfaces become more literally ‘touchy-feely’ (see *Society and Space* article, 2006; book *The Senses of Touch* 2007) and increasingly gesture-based, how might they be mobilised for assisted living, for aging populations, or the blind or vision impaired? What is the role of the senses and the extended body within human-computer interaction (HCI) and human-robot interaction (HRI)? After my thesis and later Research Leave spent at Macquarie University in Australia I considered the role of sensory prostheses and touch in digital performance for my book *The Senses of Touch: Haptics, Affects and Technologies* (2007). Subsequently I have published journal articles and book chapters on the role of touch in digital design and human-robot interactions within medical and assisted living contexts, including a chapter ‘Digital Craft, Digital Touch: Haptics and Design’ in *Small Tech: The Culture of Digital Tools* (University of Minnesota Press, 2009), a chapter ‘Electric snakes and mechanical ladders? Social presence, domestic spaces, and human-robot interaction’ in *New Technologies and Emerging Spaces of Care* (Ashgate, 2010) and an article ‘Feel the Presence: The Technologies of Touch’ in one of the top globally-ranked social science journals, *Environment & Planning D: Society and Space* (2006). My next book project, *Animal Automata and Living Machines: Robots, Replicants and Companion Species* (contracted with Routledge) departs from the usual approach in terms of the ‘uncanny’ by employing contemporary critical theory approaches to animal-human encounters, extending Donna Haraway’s work on hybridity and, more recently, ‘companion species’.

### ***The senses and spatialities of the body***

I have written about the role of the senses in qualitative methods (*Progress in Human Geography*, 2009) and in architecture (*Social & Cultural Geography*, 2011; *Body & Society* 2016). Similarly, my monograph in progress, *How We Became Sensory-Motor: Mapping Movement in Modernity* focuses on developments in physiology, neurology, and experimental surgery between 1833 and 1920. Nineteenth century experimental surgery led to Bell’s ‘muscle sense’ (1826), Bastian’s ‘kinaesthesia’ (1880), and Sherrington’s ‘proprioception’ (1906), whence emerged a new understanding of somatic sensation. Physiologist Etienne-Jules Marey worked on the recording of bodily movement through chronophotography in the 1870s that filtered into Bergson’s concept of ‘sensory-motor processes’. Merleau-Ponty’s concept of ‘motricity’ is crucial to his ideas of embodied consciousness, and this book project provides an historical grounding for this, making contemporaneous connections with the arts, including the Bauhaus, in terms of the training, exploration, and notation of bodily movement. Research from this project is being published, including an article in *Essays in Philosophy* (2012), and book chapters in *Geographical Aesthetics* (2015), *Touching and To Be Touched* (2013), and *Understanding Merleau-Ponty, Understanding Modernism* (2016). In addition, my co-edited collection *Touching Space, Placing Touch* (Ashgate, 2012) has contributions written by social scientists on theoretically-engaged novel studies of the role of touch within spatial contexts, along with empirical work on the re-emergence within cultures of late capitalism of tactility and the body.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### BOOKS

- Paterson, M. (Contracted) *Animal Automata and Lifelike Machines: Robots, Replicants and Companion Species*. London and New York: Routledge
- Paterson, M. (Contracted) *Consumption and Everyday Life*. Second Edition, Revised and Expanded. London and New York: Routledge
- Paterson, M. *How We Became Sensory-Motor: Mapping Movement in Modernity*. In Progress.
- Paterson, M. (2016) *Seeing With the Hands: Blindness, Vision and Touch after Descartes*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.
- Paterson, M. & Dodge, M. (Eds.)(2012) *Touching Place, Placing Touch*. Aldershot: Ashgate.
- Paterson, M. (2007) *The Senses of Touch: Haptics, Affects and Technologies*. Oxford: Berg.
- Paterson, M. (2006) *Consumption and Everyday Life*, 'The New Sociology' series. London and New York: Routledge.

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Paterson, M. (In Preparation) 'On sensation, affect, and inhabitation: habit-bodies', for submission to *Theory, Culture and Society*
- Paterson, M. (Submitted) 'The Biopolitics of Sensation: Technology, Quantification, and a Postnatural Sensorium', *Resilience: A Journal of the Environmental Humanities* special issue, 'Common Senses and Critical Sensibilities'
- Paterson, M. (Submitted) 'Pain as sensation: intensities, difference, and the contours of the sensory-motor body', Special Issue 'Re-engaging the Body in Pain', *Body & Society*
- Paterson, M. (2016) 'Architecture of Sensation. Affect, Motility, and the Ocularmotor', *Body & Society* (Online First: September 22, 2016)
- Paterson, M. & Glass, M. (Submitted) 'Seeing, feeling and showing "bodies-in-place": Exploring reflexivity and the multisensory body through videography', for *Social and Cultural Geography*
- Paterson, M. & Glass, M. (2015) 'The World Through Glass: Developing Novel Methods with Wearable Computing for Urban Videographic Research', *Journal of Geography in Higher Education*. Online First: DOI:10.1080/03098265.2015.1010143
- Paterson, M. (2014) 'Blindness, Empathy, and "Feeling Seeing": Literary and Insider Accounts of Blind Experience', *Emotion, Space and Society* 10: 95-104
- Paterson, M. (2013) "'Looking on Darkness, which the blind do see": Blindness, empathy and feeling seeing', Special Issue 'Blindness', *Mosaic: A Journal for the Interdisciplinary Study of Literature* 46:3, pp.163-181
- Paterson, M. (2012) 'Movement for movement's sake: On the relationship between kinesthesia and aesthetics', Special Issue 'Aesthetics and the Senses', *Essays in Philosophy* 13(2), pp. 471-497
- Paterson, M. (2011) 'More-than-visual approaches to architecture. Vision, touch, technique', *Social & Cultural Geography* 12(3), pp. 263-281. Special issue 'Practiced Architectures: Spaces, Performances, Events', Eds. J. Jacobs and P. Merriman.
- Paterson, M. (2009) 'Haptic Geographies: Ethnography, haptic knowledges and sensuous dispositions', *Progress in Human Geography* 33(6), pp. 766-788

- Paterson, M. (2009) 'Introduction: Re-mediating Touch' in special issue 'Re-mediating Touch', *The Senses and Society* 4(2) pp.129-140
- Paterson, M. (2009) 'Touch, its pleasures, presence and absence in Western philosophy', *The Philosopher's Magazine* 45, Second Quarter, pp.50-56
- Paterson, M. (2006) 'Feel the Presence: The Technologies of Touch', *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 24(5), pp 691-708
- Paterson, M. (2006) 'Seeing with the hands, touching with the eyes: Vision, touch and the Enlightenment spatial imaginary', *The Senses and Society* 1(2), pp 224-242
- Paterson, M. (2006) "'Seeing with the hands": Blindness, touch and the Enlightenment spatial imaginary', *British Journal of Visual Impairment* 24(2), pp. 52-60
- Paterson, M. (2005) 'The Forgetting of Touch: Re-membering Geometry with Eyes and Hands', *Angelaki: Journal of the Theoretical Humanities* 10(3), pp 115-131
- Paterson, M. (2004) 'Caresses, excesses, intimacies and estrangements'. *Angelaki: Journal of the Theoretical Humanities*, 9(1) pp 165-177

### **JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUES**

- Parisi, D., Paterson, M. and Archer, J. 'Haptic Media Studies' special issue of *New Media and Society*, for publication online late 2016, print 2017.
- Paterson, M. (2012). 'On sensory history and contemporary placemaking in the social sciences', *Postmedieval* 3(4), 455-460. Invited response essay in Special Issue 'Intimate Senses', Eds. H. Dugan and L. Farina.
- Paterson, M. (2009)(Ed.) 'Re-mediating touch', edited Special Issue 'Re-mediating Touch' of *The Senses and Society* 4(2).

### **CHAPTERS IN EDITED COLLECTIONS**

- Paterson, M. (In Preparation) 'The Private (and Public) Lives of Touch. The Role of Tactility and the Bodily Senses in the Production of Nineteenth Century Bourgeois Subjectivity', in A. Lant, K. Gruber & A. Seibel (Eds.) *Texture Matters*, Springer-Verlag
- Paterson, M. (In Press, 2016) 'Motricité, Physiology, and Modernity in *Phenomenology of Perception*', in Mildenberg, A. (Ed.) *Understanding Merleau-Ponty, Understanding Modernism*. London: Bloomsbury Academic
- Paterson, M. (2015) 'On *aisthêsis*, "inner touch", and the aesthetics of the moving body' in H. Hawkins and E. Straughan (Eds.), *Geographical Aesthetics: Imagining Space, Staging Encounters*. Aldershot: Ashgate, pp.35-52
- Chirimuuta, M. & Paterson, M. (2014) 'A Methodological Molyneux Question: Sensory Substitution, Plasticity and the Unification of Perceptual Theory' in D. Stokes, M. Matthen, and S. Biggs (Eds), *Perception and its Modalities*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 410-430
- Paterson, M. (2013) 'On 'Inner Touch' and the Moving Body: Aisthêsis, Kinaesthesia, and Aesthetics' in G. Brandstetter, G. Egert, & S. Zubarik (Eds.) *Touching and Being Touched*. Berlin: De Gruyter, pp. 115-131
- Paterson, M., Dodge, M. & MacKian, S. (2012) 'Introduction: Placing Touch within Social Theory and Empirical Study' in Paterson, M. & Dodge, M. (Eds.)(2012) *Touching Place, Placing Touch*. Aldershot: Ashgate.

- Paterson, M. (2011) 'Cultural Geography' and 'Geertz, Clifford', entries in M. Ryan (Ed.) *The Encyclopedia of Literary and Cultural Theory*. Oxford: Blackwell
- Paterson, M. (2010) 'Electric snakes and mechanical ladders? Social presence, domestic spaces, and human-robot interaction', in M. Schillmeier and M. Domènech (Eds.), *New Technologies and Emerging Spaces of Care*. Aldershot: Ashgate
- Paterson, M. (2010) 'Geography and Blindness' in B. Wharf (Ed.) *Encyclopedia of Geography*. London: Sage
- Paterson, M. (2008) 'Touch, the 'new' spatialities and pleasures of the body', *Touch Me Festival*. Transl. M. Miladinov. Zagreb: Kontejner/ Bureau of Contemporary Art Praxis. pp.171-193
- Paterson, M. (2008) 'Digital Craft, Digital Touch: Haptics and Design'. In: Byron Hawk, David Rieder, Ollie Oviedo (Eds.) *Small Tech: The Culture of Digital Tools*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, pp. 233-244.
- Paterson, M. (2006) 'Digital scratch and virtual sniff: articulating a language of smell through iSmell'. In: Jim Drobnick (Ed.) *Smell Culture*. Oxford: Berg, pp. 358-370.
- Paterson, M. (2005) 'Digital Touch' in Constance Classen (Ed.), *The Book of Touch*. Oxford: Berg, pp 431-436.
- Paterson, M. (2005) 'Affecting touch: towards a felt phenomenology of therapeutic touch'. In: Joyce Davidson, Liz Bondi, Mick Smith (Eds.) *Emotional Geographies*. Aldershot: Ashgate, pp 161-176.
- Paterson, M. (2005) 'Rom Harré', 'R.D. Laing', 'Colin Smith'. In: Stuart Brown (Ed.) *Dictionary of Twentieth-Century British Philosophers*. Bristol: Thoemmes Continuum Press, pp various.
- Paterson, M. (2004) 'Merleau-Ponty'. In: Julian Baggini, Jeremy Stangroom (Eds.) *The Great Thinkers A-Z*. London: Continuum, pp 158-160.
- Paterson, M. (1997) 'In rerum medio: 'Between' theory and practice'. In: Peter Playdon, Ed. *Proceedings of the 'Living in a Material World' Conference*. Coventry: School of Art and Design, pp 300-306

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

- Paterson, M. (2016) 'Annihilating any certainty in sensation through language: Three notorious French writers examined', Review of Crispin T. Lee, *Haptic Experience in the Writings of Georges Bataille, Maurice Blanchot and Michel Serres*. *The Senses and Society* 11(2): 223-227
- Paterson, M. (2008) 'Charting the return to the senses', invited review of recent sensory scholarship: Guerts' *Culture and the Senses*, Classen's *Book of Touch*, Howes' *Empire of the Senses*, Jackson's *Inside Clubbing*. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 26:1: 563-569
- Paterson, M. (2004) Review of *Skin: On the cultural border between self and the world*, Claudia Benthien. *The British Journal of Aesthetics*, 44:2: 208-210.
- Paterson, M. (2003) Review of *The Senses of Modernism: Technology, Aesthetics and Perception*, by Sara Danius. *The British Journal of Aesthetics*, 43:4: 424-427.
- Paterson, M. (2001) Combined Review of *The Dialectic of Duration*, by Gaston Bachelard, *Duration and Simultaneity*, by Henri Bergson. *Philosophy in Review*, 21:3: 160-2.

## INVITED SEMINARS, PRESENTATIONS

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**Hewlett Packard seminar, Hewlett Packard Labs (UK)** 16th November 2000: ‘Swimming against the DataStream: Haptic Technology and Multi-sensory experience’

**Parsons Design School, The New School for Social Research, New York.** March 17<sup>th</sup> 2004: ‘The Sense of Immersion: Haptic and Optic Technologies’

**‘Corpographies’ seminar series, Critical & Cultural Studies, Macquarie University.** March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2006: ‘Tangible play, prosthetic performance’

**‘Moving Sensations: Cognition, Affect and the Body’ seminar series. Philosophy Department, Macquarie University.** April 11<sup>th</sup> 2006: ‘The kinaesthetic background to embodied perception in Husserl and Merleau-Ponty’

**Department of Gender Studies seminar series, University of Sydney, April 28<sup>th</sup> 2006:** ‘Therapeutic touch and affect’, invited presentation in seminar ‘Therapies, Bodies, Sensations’.

**Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Concordia University, Montréal.** May 18<sup>th</sup> 2006: ‘Sensory appeals, sensory play and consumer practices’. Invited presentation for research seminar.

**Institute for International Studies, University of Technology Sydney (UTS).** June 18-19<sup>th</sup> 2006: ‘Cross Cultural Regimes of the Senses’ Symposium

**School of Cultural Studies, University of the West of England (UWE).** November 20<sup>th</sup> 2006: ‘The senses of difference: Cross-cultural attitudes to blindness’ in Research Seminar Series.

**Department of Geography, University of Exeter.** November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007: ‘Haptic geographies and touchy-feely methods’. Departmental seminar series.

**The Science Museum, Dana Centre, London.** ‘Antenna’ workshop series, December 6<sup>th</sup> 2007: ‘Shop ’til you drop!’ on retail psychology of consumption. Public engagement event.

**Oslo School of Architecture and Design (DOGA).** March 27<sup>th</sup> 2008: ‘The Senses of Touch’. Invited seminar to MA students and staff on industrial design course.

**Royal Institute of British Architects.** May 7<sup>th</sup> 2008: ‘Memory and Touch: An Exploration of Textural Communication’

**‘Touch Me’ Festival, Zagreb, Croatia.** December 19-23 2008: ‘Touch, the ‘new’ spatialities and pleasures of the body’. Invited presentation for Symposium. [<http://www.kontejner.org/touch-me>]

**Goldsmiths College, University of London.** January 21 2009: ‘Sensational material, touching design’, Whitehead Lectures in Cognition, Computation & Creativity

**Keynote lecture. Association of Medical Humanities** annual conference, University of Durham, 6-9<sup>th</sup> July 2009. Title: ‘The touching, feeling, flourishing body in historical perspective’

**Invited Panel member, ‘Geography and Aesthetics’,** Association of American Geographers (AAG) Conference, Washington DC, March 12-18<sup>th</sup> 2010.

**‘Hidden Histories of Haptics’ panel, EuroHaptics 2010 Conference.** Amsterdam, July 8-10<sup>th</sup> 2010. Title: ‘Aristotle’s Legacy. The hidden philosophy of touch.’ Invited panel speaker.

**University of Sheffield, ‘Arts-Science Encounters’.** June 1<sup>st</sup> 2010, Presentation and Panel Discussion, with Prof John Barrett (Archeology), Prof Jeremy Till (Architecture, Westminster)

**Centre for Medical Humanities, Hong Kong University.** ‘The Touching, Feeling, Flourishing Body. Historical and contemporary approaches to touch’, Seminar, September 24, 2010.

**Brunel University, 'New Geographies of Body and Mind' seminar series.** 'The Touching, Feeling, Flourishing Body. Historical and contemporary approaches to bodily sensations and subjective wellbeing', May 5<sup>th</sup> 2011

**University of Edinburgh, Institute for Advanced Studies, Andrew W. Mellon funded Sawyer Seminar Series 'Embodied Values'.** Day seminar, May 20<sup>th</sup> 2011, 'Touch/Touching'

**University of Berlin, 'Touching and to be Touched – Kinesthesia and Empathy in Dance'** July, 7-9, 2011. 'Writing the motile body. Kinaesthetic and proprioceptive bodies'

**University of Pittsburgh, Department of Communications, 'Agora' Seminar Series.** September 30<sup>th</sup> 2011. 'The touching, feeling, flourishing body. Aristotle, tactility and human wellbeing'

**Northwestern University, Evanston. Seminar series 'The After-Life of Phenomenology',** Anne Kaplan Institute for the Humanities. Inaugural speaker October 27<sup>th</sup> 2011. 'The Case of the Seeing Tongue. Technologies of Sensory Substitution after the Molyneux Question'

**University of Pittsburgh, University Honors College.** Invited lecture series for Brackenridge Scholars, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012. 'The Senses of Touch: Philosophy, Bodies, and Technologies'

**Einstein Forum, Potsdam, Germany.** Keynote for workshop on Touch, organized by Dominic Bonfiglio, January 31<sup>st</sup> 2013. 'Articulating 'inner touch'. From neurophysiological discovery to phenomenological experience.'

**Duquesne University, Pittsburgh. Center for Qualitative Inquiry (CIQR).** December 5<sup>th</sup> 2013. 'Habit-bodies: Immanent inhabitations in Ravaisson and Merleau-Ponty'

**NY LASER (Leonardo Art Science Evening Rendezvous)** invited talk, 'Reconfiguring Sensation: The Postnatural Sensorium'. January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**University of Vienna, Austria. Department of Theater, Television and Film Studies.** Keynote speaker for 3-day workshop in the project 'Texture Matters: The Optical and the Haptical in Media', January 16-18, 2014.

**University of Kent, UK. 'The Senses Explored'.** Keynote speaker for first of four seminars: 'Some historical articulations of the 'inner senses', and some suggestions for revisiting and remediating them in practice'. May 21, 2014.

**'Screen Textures', Graduate Film Studies Conference, University of Pittsburgh, October 17-18 2014:** Moderator for panel 'The Interactive Image'

**Carnegie Mellon University, Human-Computer Interaction Institute (HCII), Pittsburgh, January 14, 2015.** Invited seminar: 'Robots as 'companion species'? Designing for disability and the mixed spaces of human-robot interactions'.

**'Elaine Scarry: Body in Pain' Conference, University of Brighton UK, December 10-11 2015:** Invited Talk. 'A Cartography of the Interior Structure of the Artifact: Mapping pain and sensation in the nineteenth century'

**'Perspectives on Diversity: The Cultural Life of Absence' University of Leiden, Holland, January 11-14 2016.** Invited Keynote. 'Rethinking impaired bodies and able subjects in the twenty-first century: Lessons from recent philosophy and rehabilitative technologies.' Sponsored by Lorentz Centre and Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies (NIAS).

**'Symmetries of Touch' Workshop, Bauhaus-University Weimar, 5-7 October 2016.** Invited talk. 'Tactile Technologies for Inclusion and Interaction'



## CONFERENCE SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS ORGANISED

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**‘Senses and Sensibilities’, Royal Geographical Society (RGS-IBG) 2002.** Co-organised session with John Wylie of Sheffield University on the senses and our experiences of space and culture. Paper presented: “The blind man of Puiseaux: Touch and spatial awareness”

**‘Explorations in affect: Private life, memory and the senses’, Association of American Geographers (AAG 2004), Philadelphia USA**

Co-organised session with John Wylie of Sheffield University. Main speaker was philosopher Alphonso Lingis. Everyday intimacies of the senses and memory in our experience of private and public life. Paper presented: “Touching encounters: Lingis, Irigaray and travel experience”.

**‘Affectual Urbanism’ Workshop, University of Durham, September 13-14<sup>th</sup> 2004**

Co-organised two-day interdisciplinary workshop on role of affects in the city, with Paul Harrison and Mike Crang from Durham University. Included speakers from cultural geography, cultural studies and urban studies.

**‘Touching Places / Placing Touch: Space, Culture & Tactility’, IBG-RGS August 28-31<sup>st</sup> 2007**

Session on the understanding of touch within geographical scholarship. Convened with Sara MacKian, Martin Dodge & Chris Perkins (University of Manchester). Session chair.

**‘Plasticities: The place of critical neuroscience, materialities and behaviours’. IBG-RGS**

**August 31-September 2 2011.** Session convened with Jessica Pykett (Aberystwyth University) and James Ash (University of Northumbria).

**Screening and Q&A with Producer and Co-Director Mark Dixon for latest cut of film *Your Environmental Road Trip*. University of Pittsburgh, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011.** Organizer and Chair.

Funding received from Departments of Communication, Environmental Studies and Sociology.

**‘Reconfiguring sensation: sensory prostheses and the postnatural sensorium’, Society for Literature, Science and the Arts (SLSA), University of Notre Dame, October 3-6, 2013.**

Principal organizer of a stream of 3 panels and a roundtable, with Elizabeth Stephens (University of Queensland) and David Parisi (College of Charleston).

**‘The Biopolitics of Sensation’, Society for Literature, Science and the Arts (SLSA), Rice**

**University, November 12-15, 2015.** Principal organizer of a stream of 3 panels and a roundtable, with Dr. David Parisi (College of Charleston).

**‘Creating Sensation’, Society for Literature, Science and the Arts (SLSA), Emory University, Atlanta, November 3-5, 2016.** Panel co-organized with David Parisi (College of Charleston)

## CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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*Living in a Material World*, University of Coventry School of Art, 25-27 June 1999: 'In rerum medio: "between" theory and materiality'

*Institute of British Geographers. Royal Geographical Society (IBG-RGS 2000)*, University of Sussex, 4-7 January 2000: 'Implication and the subject of physiological vision' in session 'Enacting Geographies'

*Association of American Geographers (AAG 2000)*, Pittsburgh, April 4-8 2000: 'Dys-placing Vir2L embodiment' in the session 'Enacting Geographies: Performativity, Phenomenology, Embodied Spatiality'

*American Philosophical Association (APA) Central Division*, April 20-23 2000, Chicago: 'Thinking/Space: the inherent geometrism of thought' in the Society for Philosophy and Geography session, 'Perception, Thought, and Space'

*Institute of British Geographers-Royal Geographical Society (IBG-RGS 2001)*, University of Plymouth, January 2-5 2001: 'Swimming against the datastream: Performing digital corporeality' in session 'Gender into the Future'

*Emotional Geographies*, University of Lancaster, September 23-25, 2002: 'Touch and affect: The therapeutic touch of Reiki massage and sensory rooms'

*Institute of British Geographers. Royal Geographical Society (IBG-RGS 2002)*, Queen's University Belfast, January 2-6, 2002: "The blind man of Puiseaux: Touch and spatial awareness"

*Seeing Things: Explorations in Vision, Knowledge and Power*, University of Western Ontario, Canada, May 2-4, 2003: 'An alchemy of the sensible: touch and intersubjectivity'

*Multimedia Histories*, University of Exeter, July 21-23, 2003: 'The Sense of Immersion: Haptic and Optic Space'

*Association of American Geographers (AAG 2004)*, Philadelphia, March 14-19, 2004: 'Touching encounters: Lingis, Irigaray and travel experience' in my co-organised session 'Explorations in affect: Private life, memory and the senses'

*Politics of Bodies and Spaces Workshop*, Radboud University Nijmegen, Holland, July 17-18, 2005: 'Blindness, the tactile body and the spatial imaginary'

*Playful Subjects*, University of the West of England, May 13-14, 2005: 'The Senses of Immersion, or: The uses and abuses of haptic devices'

*Cultural Studies Association of Australasia (CSAA)*, 'Culture Fix', University of Technology Sydney, November 28-30, 2005: 'Hands-on therapeutic practice: towards a "felt" phenomenology'

*Institute of British Geographers-Royal Geographical Society (IBG-RGS 2006)*, London, September 2-5, 2006: 'How the world touches us. The sensible body and the aesthetic encounter'

*Association of American Geographers (AAG 2007)*, San Francisco, April 17-21 2007: 'Passion and sensation in an age of reason', in the 'Creative Passions' session

*Association of American Geographers (AAG 2008)*, Boston, April 15-19 2008: 'Material Sensibilities. Design, Affect, Sensation' in 'Practised Architectures: Spaces, performances, events'

*Institute of British Geographers-Royal Geographical Society (IBG-RGS 2008)*, London, August 27-29, 2008: 'Electric snakes and mechanical ladders? Social presence, domestic spaces, and human-robot interactions' in 'The promise and problematic of Technology'

*Association of American Geographers (AAG 2009), Las Vegas, March 21-27 2009:* ‘The vanishing point of sensation? First person literary accounts of blindness, touch and space after Descartes and Derrida’ in session ‘Touched by Geography’

*Association of American Geographers (AAG 2010), Washington DC, March 12-18 2010:* ‘Diderot, Voltaire and the possibility of a haptic language’ in “Geographies of the Enlightenment’

**‘Gesture, Technology and Play’ symposium, Pervasive Media Studio, UWE, May 17 2010.** ‘Your move? Movement and kinaesthetic flow in gesture-based interfaces’.

*Geographies of Disability and Aging conference, University of Lancaster, July 13-14 2010:* “‘Blindness”, vision and the Enlightenment legacy of understanding sensory impairment’

*Institute of British Geographers-Royal Geographical Society (IBG 2011) August 31-September 2 2011.* ‘The Case of the Seeing Tongue: Neuroplasticity and Sensory Substitution’ in my co-organised session ‘Plasticities: The place of critical neuroscience, materialities and behaviours’.

*Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences (SPHS), University of Oregon, October 2013:* ‘The ‘handmaid of consciousness’? On the role of early neurophysiology in Merleau-Ponty’s motricity.’

*Society for Literature, Science and the Arts (SLSA), University of Notre Dame, October 3-6 2013:* ‘What the frog’s body tells the frog’s brain. On early cartographies of the proprioceptive system’ in my organized stream of 3 panels and 1 roundtable ‘Reconfiguring sensation: sensory prostheses and the postnatural sensorium’

*National Communication Association (NCA), Washington D.C., November 21-24 2013:* ‘On sensation, affect, and inhabitation: habit-bodies’, in the panel ‘Reading and Historicizing Critical Affect and Aesthetic Theory Rhetorically: Implicit and Explicit Connections’

*International Communication Association (ICA), San Juan, May 21-25 2015:* ‘Your Move? Non-representational theory, motor habit, and the messy materialities of gaming bodies’ in the ‘Gaming Bodies’ Preconference. Also a peer reviewer for this Preconference.

*Emotional Geographies, University of Edinburgh, 10-12 June 2015:* ‘Intimate Listening’ in panel organized by Dr. Katy Bennett, ‘Creative Listening’.

*Affect Theory Conference: Worldings, Tensions, Futures. Millersville University, PA, October 14-17 2015:* ‘On sensation, affect, and motor habits in Ravaisson and Bergson. Habit-bodies’

*Society for Literature, Science and the Arts (SLSA), Rice University, November 12-15, 2015.* ‘Biopolitics and Sensation: remarks on the subjectification of experience’ in my co-organized panel stream ‘The Biopolitics of Sensation’

*Society for Literature, Science and the Arts (SLSA), Atlanta, November 3-5, 2016.* ‘Wilder Penfield’s Sensory Homunculus: Art-Science Collaborations at the Montreal Neurological Institute’ in my co-organized panel ‘Creating Sensation’.

## TEACHING

I now have solid experience of teaching students across a range of age ranges, academic disciplines, and geographical settings. I routinely use technologies such as class wikis, blogs, and online submission procedures for assignments to facilitate project-based learning for individual learners and groups through a series of cumulative assignments that lead to substantial individual projects. In this way I provide the conceptual and historical framework in classes for students to perform more detailed independent research.

While my teaching experience in Higher Education started in 1999, my first experiences of teaching were at a government school in Zimbabwe 1990-1, and then a private language school in Japan 1994-5. From August 2011 to May 2014 I was Visiting Assistant Professor in Communication at the University of Pittsburgh, and now Visiting Lecturer in Sociology. I use a mixture of PowerPoint presentations, Sway (an online presentation tool), and have set up Wikis and/or Blogs for classes, to accompany CourseWeb and to post weekly readings, provide instructions, post guidelines for assessments. In classes I routinely use film excerpts to illustrate difficult concepts. Previously I was Lecturer (equivalent to Tenure-Track Assistant Professor) in Human Geography at the University of Exeter, UK, where I co-taught Masters courses, supervised Ph.D. students, as well as taught Undergraduate Geography students. During my first academic post at University of the West of England (UWE) I undertook the Academic Development Programme (ADP), an HE teaching course which included practical teaching components for lectures and seminars and a pedagogical research component. For this my project looked at how a Vygotsky approach to social learning might be followed through into assessment. While undertaking the Ph.D. at the University of Bristol my teaching was supported by the Postgraduate course in Education 'Teaching and Learning Programme for Postgraduates Who Teach'. The assessed final essay was a critical evaluation of how teaching and assessment methods are and could be used in Geography, implicitly or explicitly, to develop transferable skills in undergraduates.

## Higher Education Teaching Qualifications

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**2014. 'Writing in the Disciplines' Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh.** \$1200 awarded to support development of COMMRC 1730 Writing (W) course 'Communication of Affect'. One semester of intensive biweekly workshops, with peer review of developing materials.

**2002 – 2003. Academic Development Programme (ADP), Faculty of Education, University of the West of England:** A one-year course worth 20 credits for those teaching in Higher Education, accredited by the Institute of Learning and Teaching. Included practical elements for more effective teaching in lectures and seminars, plus a research component on social learning, and how this can be followed up in terms of assessment.

**October – July, 1999 'Teaching and Learning Programme for Postgraduates who Teach', Graduate School of Education, University of Bristol.** 10 Credit Points towards an M.Ed. Main project essay on Transferable Skills in the Geography classroom. Grade awarded: A

## EXTERNAL EXAMINER APPOINTMENTS

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- Jasmien Herssens, 'Designing Architecture for More: *A Framework of Haptic Design Parameters with the Experience of People Born Blind.*' Jury Committee for thesis defended November-December 2011 at K.U. Leuven.
- Simone Gumtau, 'An investigation of haptic and tactile channels – their relevance to multi-sensory interaction', University of Portsmouth, practice-led Ph.D. (2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009)

## Ph.D. STUDENT SUPERVISION

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- Mohammad Mozumder. Committee Member for thesis on the body, habitus, and religion since September 2016
- Stephanie Merchant. ‘Submarine Geographies: the body, the senses and the mediation of tourist experience’ University of Exeter Studentship (Thesis Director, 2008-2011). Completed.
- Dean Meadows. ‘Enhancing social presence within human-robot interaction through the snake-skinned robot arm’. Great Western Research Consortium (GWR) and OC Robotics Ltd of Bristol, UK. (Thesis Director; from July 2009-July 2011). Ongoing.
- Matthew Wilkins. ‘Blindness, Exclusion and Identity: Everyday consumption experiences of the blind and visually impaired within supermarkets and shopping malls’. University of Exeter Studentship (Thesis Director, from October 2009-July 2011). Ongoing.
- Adam Clark, departmental studentship at University College Falmouth, ‘Knowing Air: How a sensorial experience of the air informs a re-enchanting experience of nature’ (Second supervisor, from December 2008-11). Withdrawn.
- Shelley Saxon, self-funded, ‘Visual impairment, identity, space and rurality’ (Part time) (Second supervisor, from October 2007). Ongoing.
- Stahl Stenslie, Dean of the Oslo School of Architecture, ‘Virtually touched’ new media Ph.D. by practice (External supervisor, from October 2007). Completed 2009.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### January 2016 – May 2017. Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh.

- SOC 0477 *Medical Sociology*. Lower-level course with large Pre-Med cohort examining social issues of health, medicine, and medicalization processes.
- SOC 1445 *Society and Environment*. Historical and contemporary understandings of the cultures of nature, with project-based analysis of local environmental campaigns.
- SOC 1114 *Qualitative Research Methods*. Project-based methods Writing (W) course, with emphasis on interviewing, focus groups, and ethnography.
- SOC 1446 *Consumption & Everyday Life*. Contemporary practices of identity formation and appropriation, the role of gender, ethical consumption, and the commodification of the body.

### September 2011 – December 2015. Department of Communication, University of Pittsburgh.

- COMMRC 1122 *Media Criticism*. Theoretical approaches to media, including ideology, hegemony, psychoanalysis, student-led projects through media examples
- Supervisor for First Experiences in Research (FER) undergraduate, Jusmita Sufailan, for history of science project ‘How We Became Sensory-Motor’, from Jan – June 2015
- URBST1901 International Field Trip Abroad (IFTA) with Department of Urban Studies, Malaysia and Singapore, with Dr. Michael Glass, May 28-June 11
- Supervisor, Brackenridge Honors students: Nicholas Saracena in Urban Studies (2012-13), Lauren Burgess in History of Art and Architecture (2013-14), Jusmita Suffailan (2015)
- COMMRC 1730 *Communication of Affect*. ‘Special Topics’ writing (W) course on theories of affect and emotion, and ethnographic approaches to affects within everyday life
- COMMRC 1126 *Media and Consumer Culture*. Introducing theories of consumption and everyday life, critical approaches to multisensory marketing, advertising and the senses

- COMMRC 1149 *Environmental Rhetoric*. Environmental communication course focussing on approaches to environmental issues and environmental campaigns.
- COMMRC 1109 *Nonverbal Communication*. Interdisciplinary introduction to nonverbal channels of communication including haptics.
- SOC 1445 *Society and Environment*. Historical and contemporary understandings of ‘nature’ and ‘environment’, with analysis of environmental campaigns.
- COMMRC 1732 *Marketing Experience Economy*. Examining the rise of the ‘experience economy’, brands and multisensory marketing.

**January 2007 – August 2011. Lecturer (equivalent to Assistant Professor) in Human Geography, University of Exeter**

- GEO2312 *Theory, Space and Society*. Second year core theory module including contemporary theories of affect, emotion and non-representational theory. Co-taught with colleague.
- GEO2308 *Human Geography Fieldtrip*, Berlin. Second year module on the city, politics and memory. Assessed through field notes and group-based film-making projects using digital camcorders, four years running from 2007-2011.
- GEO3124 *The Senses and Spatialities of the Body*. Third year module encompassing the senses in theory and cultural history, and producing a piece of sensuous ethnography. Module leader.
- GEOM115 *Spaces of Visual Culture*. Masters module outlining the historical formation and theorization of visual culture and relating this to case studies within film and visual arts. Joint module leader.
- GEO3120 *Geographical Aesthetics*. Third year module looking at the intersection of art and civic space, and the nature of aesthetic experience through painting, the moving image and multisensory art installations, 2007-8. Principal lecturer.
- GEO2310 *Human Geography Practice*. Second year methods module. Lectures on visual methodologies and film, online research methods. Co-taught with colleagues.
- GEO2123 *Living Natures*. Second year module exploring issues of nature and culture, involving nuanced readings of media and recent cultural geography literature on technonatures and conceptions of ‘spectacular natures’ and ‘mundane natures’. Co-taught with colleagues.
- GEO1307 *Foundations of Human Geography*. Entry-level core module introducing social and cultural theory relevant to human geography. Principal lecturer.
- GEOM106 *Contemporary Debates in Human Geography*, Masters module involving detailed reading and discussion of recent social and cultural geography literature, with student-led presentations, 2007-8. Principal lecturer.

**2002 – 2006. Lecturer (equivalent to Assistant Professor) in Philosophy and Cultural Studies, University of the West of England:**

- *The Body: Power & Representation*. Final year course examining critical and social theory concerning the body, including representations in Western art, medicine, phenomenology, prosthetics, technologies of the body, feminist theory. Co-taught with colleague.
- *Aesthetics: Philosophy, Art, Media*. Second year course on philosophical aesthetics taking a European approach, from Aristotle to Herder and Merleau-Ponty, the philosophy of the sublime, and the technologies of cinema and the screen. Principal lecturer.

- *Introduction to Philosophical Studies I: Theoretical Philosophy* and *Introduction to Philosophical Studies II: Practical Philosophy*. Entry-level courses introducing topics in ethics, aesthetics and epistemology from Ancient Greece onwards.
- *Modern Culture & the Mass Media*. Contributions to entry level core Cultural Studies module, on ‘Whiteness and ethnicity’ and ‘Examining Englishness’ in 2003, and a bloc of 4 ‘Consumption’ lectures in 2004, based on material for my book *Consumption & Everyday Life*.
- *Environmentalism and the Media*. Upper level course about the manner in which ‘nature’ and the ‘environment’ are socially constructed, represented, and experienced in a range of mass-mediated contexts. Principal lecturer.

**September, 2005: University of Helsinki, Finland:**

- *The Senses of Touch*. A week teaching multi-disciplinary and multilingual undergraduates and postgraduates under the SOCRATES-ERASMUS scheme in the Department of Aesthetics, University of Helsinki. Involved delivering lectures, seminars, setting and marking assessments.

**2001 – 2002. Visiting Lecturer in Geography, University of the West of England, Bristol:**

- *Geographical Enquiry*. Undergraduate qualitative methods course, collaboratively taught by weekly seminars and workshops. Introducing students to the methods and practices of geography, with assessed work throughout the year
- *Philosophy and Development of Geography*. Undergraduate module looked at theoretical currents in the formation of human geography and its relation to other branches of knowledge, including block of lectures on geographies of disability entitled ‘Senses & Sensibilities’

**2001 – 2002. Visiting Lecturer in Cultural Studies, University of the West of England, Bristol:**

- *Home & Away: Travel & Tourism, Narratives & Practices*. Upper level course on the intersection between race and gender in travel and tourism, examining colonial and postcolonial discourses about travel, tourism, home, displacement. Principal lecturer.

**1999 – 2001. Tutor in Geography, University of Bristol:**

- Lecture on Interviewing for second year *Qualitative Methods* course, and Demonstrator for core first year *Qualitative Methods*. With Professors Paul Cloke and Sarah Whatmore, explaining qualitative techniques and marking essays; also Demonstrator for the ‘Advertising’ module, interpreting media as social text.
- Tutor for entry level course *Environmental Issues and Global Environmental Change*. Tutorials, setting and marking work, and advising and marking assessed projects

**1999 Researcher, University of Gloucester.** 6/99 – 7/99 Researcher for Countryside Culture Research Unit, Research project on rural incomers and their perception by the local community. Conducted numerous door-to-door, structured interviews.

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

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**Co-ordinator of Affect Theory Reading Group.** University of Pittsburgh, with faculty and graduate students from Communication and English. From October 2013.

**Co-Founder of Space & Aesthetics Research Group (SARG), Duquesne University.** With Prof. Eva Simms and Dr. Alex Kranjec in the Psychology Department. From December 2012.

**Human Geography Research Seminars organiser.** University of Exeter, from 2009-2011.

**Director of Flexible Combined Honours Programme** for Geography from September 2009-2011.

**SENDA (Special Educational Needs and Disability Access) Representative for Geography Department; Learning & Teaching Committee Member.** University of Exeter. From July 2007 – September 2009. Duties involve liaising with Disability Resource Centre and meeting the needs of dyslexic and physically impaired students.

**Library Representative and Website Coordinator for Geography Department.** University of Exeter. January 2007 - September 2009.

**Centre for Critical Theory (CCT), Executive Board Member.** UWE. 2005-2006. Inter-faculty research centre bridging the social sciences and the humanities.

**Library Representative for School of Cultural Studies, and member of Faculty Library Advisory Group (LAG).** UWE 2003-2005. Duties included attending meetings, liaising with library staff, responding to resourcing demands of Cultural and Media Studies staff and students.

**History and Philosophy of Geography Research Group (HPGRG) Committee Member.** 2001-2003. Postgraduate Representative and Website Co-ordinator.

**Human Geography Research Seminars co-organiser.** University of Bristol. 2000-2001. Co-organiser with Dr. Simon Naylor. Speakers included Tim Ingold, Phil Crang, Ruth Levitas.

## TRAINING & MISCELLANEOUS

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- Social & Behavioral Research - Basic/Refresher - Basic Course CITI. Electives: Cultural Competence in Research (ID: 15166) and International Research - SBE (ID: 509). Passed 03/28/2014
- Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research. Elective: Peer Review (RCR-SBE). Passed 03/30/2014
- ‘Building a website in Macromedia Dreamweaver’ I & II courses at University of Exeter, 2010
- ‘Supervising Ph.D. Students’ Workshop, University of Exeter, July 2009
- ‘Identifying Students with Mental Health Issues’ workshop, August 2009
- ‘Using Digital Media with Courseweb’ workshop, CIDDE, University of Pittsburgh, 19 Oct 2011
- **Languages:** French GCSE and Advanced I; German GCSE, Russian GCSE



## MEDIA & EXHIBITIONS

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**Radio appearance, BBC Radio Scotland, February 24<sup>th</sup> 2005.**

Live interview for news discussion programme 'Newsdrive' concerning Samsung's introduction of haptic technology into mobile phones.

**'The Momental' Exhibition, Sparwasser Gallery, Berlin. May 3<sup>rd</sup>- June 5<sup>th</sup> 2006.**

Curated by Patricia Reed. Involved a short film and textual installation entitled 'Sensuousness and the everyday in measured space: haptic architectures'. Corresponding videocast talk and discussion

**Interview for *New Scientist.com* article 'Haptic glove to touch on virtual fabrics' by Tom Simonite, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2007.**

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn11179-haptic-glove-to-touch-on-virtual-fabrics.html>

**Radio Interview, VIPonair, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2007, and December 21<sup>st</sup> 2007.**

Live interviews for Europe-wide Visually Impaired radio station (viponair.com), discussing HAPTEX project on virtual textures at the University of Geneva, then my work on blindness.

**Interview for feature in Toyota's magazine *Today Tomorrow*, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2007.**

Seven-page feature on the sensory appeal of the Toyota Avensis, with experts on sight, smell, and sound. Interview and photoshoot.

**Interview with Tamara Schreiber of *The Calcalist* financial newspaper, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2009** (Yedioth Media, Israel) for forthcoming magazine feature on the senses, published November.

**Interview with BBC Radio Devon, 26<sup>th</sup> December 2009** on retail psychology and consumption behaviour during Christmas and New Year sales.

**Interview for BBC News story 'Women have 'more sensitive touch thanks to small hands', 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009.** Quoted comments based on recent findings in neuroscience.

**Interview with BBC Spotlight, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011** local television news programme, on a blind man's experience of touching an elephant.

**Interview with 'Spark', CBC Radio, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2011** on haptics and the resurgence of touch in the age of touchscreens.

**Interview with Tasmina Vega for a *New York Times* article, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013** on the tactility of keyboards and the psychology of touchscreens.

**Interview with Laura Tedesco for *Yahoo! Health* for article published September 17, 2015** 'Why Your Significant Other's Skin Feels So Soft (But May Not Actually Be)'

<https://www.yahoo.com/health/why-your-significant-others-skin-feels-so-soft-120642648.html>