Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences

The 6th Annual Faculty Prize Giving Ceremony

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Welcome
from the Executive Dean

Welcome to the Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences 6th Annual Prize Giving Ceremony.

Every year the Faculty sees the graduation of close to a thousand students, all of whom are well celebrated at the graduation ceremonies in the summer. The Faculty takes great pride in all of their achievements. But in every graduating cohort there is also a smaller group of students across all the courses that we offer that have shown themselves capable of some exceptional and outstanding work, of ‘going that extra mile’ in their academic efforts.

Today it gives us great pleasure to celebrate and applaud their success and award the various prizes for which they have been nominated. These prizes are offered as a token of appreciation by the Faculty, the University and sponsors from professional bodies, the business community and charitable trusts, for excellent performances in the full range of Departments in the Faculty:

- Arts, Media and English;
- Education;
- Law;
- Psychology;
- Social and Policy Studies;
- Urban, Environment and Leisure Studies.

We are also here to acknowledge and salute the invaluable support provided by friends and families of our outstanding students. We welcome you all and are pleased you want to join us in this evening’s celebrations, and in wishing our students every success in the future.

Professor Mike Molan
Executive Dean
Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences
Order of Proceeding

Introduction and Welcome

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Presentation of Prizes

Bev Jullien  
Pro Vice Chancellor  
London South Bank University

Vote of Thanks

Professor Mike Molan

Reception and Buffet

Mezzanine, Keyworth Centre

Orators

Faculty Prizes

Suzy Kerr-Pertic  
Pro Dean  
Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences

Departmental Prizes

Andy Unger  
Head of Department  
Law

Ian Albery  
Head of Department  
Psychology

Jenny Owen  
Head of Department  
Culture, Writing and Performance*

Richard Sawdon Smith  
Head of Department  
Arts and Media*

Munir Morad  
Head of Department  
Urban Environment and Leisure Studies

Dave Edwards  
Head of Department  
Social and Policy Studies

Peter D'Sena  
Head of Department  
Education

* Former Department of Arts, Media and English is now split into Culture, Writing and Performance and Arts and Media.
Faculty Prizes

Prize fund – Arts and Human Sciences

Final Year Student, Outstanding Achievement in Faculty

Richard Clews
BA (Hons) Urban and Environmental Planning
Richard has been an excellent student throughout his academic career at LSBU and his hard work was ultimately rewarded with the award of a first class honours degree in Urban and Environmental Planning. Richard displayed an admirable desire to learn throughout the course and was continuously seeking to go beyond the minimum that was required of him. He was a driving force in class discussions and was always happy to help others in class. He balanced his part time studies with a full-time job and was constantly seeking to relate his studies to the practical context of his work environment. A committed and driven individual who was a pleasure to have on the course.

Neil Adams

Stina Lyon Prize

Best Undergraduate Dissertation in the Fields of Equality, Diversity or Human Rights

Ryan Jackson
BA/BSc (Hons) Social And Policy Studies Scheme
The Stina Lyon award for 2010 goes to Ryan Jackson for his dissertation “Building the Future Together: A comparative analysis of the impact of the 1998 Compact on LGBT and BME London based voluntary sector organisations.” This project exemplifies many of the qualities that distinguished Professor Lyon’s own work in social science. It is meticulously researched, deploys an effective and nuanced methodology, carefully structured and with a clear recognition of the policy dimensions of the area chosen for investigation. At a time when the voluntary sector faces a variety of contradictory pressures Ryan Jackson makes an original and balanced contribution to the role and achievements of voluntary bodies in relation to partnership working. It is cautious and measured in its conclusions but forcefully demonstrates the continuing problems of discrimination and marginalisation faced by these groups notwithstanding the language of partnership which has been such a prominent feature of the discourses of welfare over the past two decades. This dissertation is an exemplar of the very best work that characterises undergraduate research projects across FAHS. It combines commitment with intellectual rigour and addresses a substantive issue central to the Faculty’s continuing commitment to the equality and diversity agenda. Ryan Jackson is a worthy recipient of this award.

Laurence Marlow, Pro Dean - for the review panel
Department of Law

Course Director’s Prize: LLB Law (full-time)
Best Graduating Student on Full Time LLB

Jaspreet Soor
LLB (Hons) Law, Year 3, Full-time
Jaspreet graduated with a first class law degree in 2010. Her performance on the degree was very strong throughout the three years and she consistently achieved marks in the 2.1 and first class range which led to her being the best performing full time LLB graduate. Her final year dissertation was her highest mark and is evidence of her ability to independently research the law and write a complex and scholarly piece of work. Her overall performance, and this prize, is the just result of her ability, hard work and dedication to her studies.

Chris Shepherd

Course Director’s Prize: LLB Law (part-time)
Best Graduating Student on Part Time LLB

Angela Schmidt
LLB (Hons) Law, Year 4, Part-time
Dedicated and hard-working student who has affinity to the law, for outstanding achievement in her degree.

Joyce Mouawao

Executive Dean’s Prize
Final Year Student, Outstanding Achievement in Subject

Nikhil Rawell
LLB (Hons) Law, Year 3, Full-time
Nikhil was a quiet student who kept quite a low profile but like the swan he was paddling fast under the surface. He worked consistently throughout his degree course and graduated in July 2010 with a first class honours LLB degree. He gains this Executive Dean’s Prize for his outstanding performance in the unit International Protection of Human Rights. He achieved 80%. This level of achievement is not for him, exceptional. His final year profile demonstrates a student of general outstanding achievement.

Gaye Moran

Lexis Nexis Law Prize
Outstanding Achievement for Graduating student on Full Time LLB

Lucy McKinley
LLB (Hons) Law, Year 3, Full-time
Lucy graduated with a first class honours degree in law. It is a credit to her academic skills that all her third year marks were over 70%. She was an exemplary student who immersed herself in student life. She took part in mooting competitions on behalf of the university and acted on a number of occasions as an ambassador. In particular she spoke at a conference at LSBU of head teachers and teachers from the London Borough of Barnet. She extolled the opportunities offered by LSBU.

Gaye Moran

Oxford University Press Prize
Outstanding Achievement

Ian Dobson
LLB (Hons) Law, Year 4, Part-time
For consistent hard work, with a good grasp of the intricacies of the law.

Gaye Moran

Routledge Cavendish Book Prize
Best Performing Student on Full Time & Part Time CPE

Hannah Ellis
Graduate Diploma In Legal Studies/CPE, Year 2, Full-time
Hannah proved an ideal student with a clear sense of purpose and well-equipped with the means to achieve her goals.

Mic Jeeves

Sweet and Maxwell Law Prize
Best Performing Continuing Student on Full Time LLB

Irina Seriogina
LLB (Hons) Law, Year 3, Full-time
For work of a consistently high standard demonstrating real academic ability.

Cherry James

John Bennett Trust
Awarded to the winning applicant of African/Caribbean Origin

Oluwafunmilola Afolabi
LLB (Hons) Law, Year 3, Part-time (09/10)
Oluwafunmilola graduated with LLB Honours in July 2009. She has been awarded funding toward her LPC studies by the John Bennett Trust. This was set up in honour of John Bennett to help graduates of LSBU of Afro-Caribbean origins to advance their legal careers. Whilst at London South Bank University she was an active member of the Student Law Society and the Howard League for Penal Reform. She was elected as a student representative for the course board and as a unit rep. She was an active member of the mooting group. During recess weeks she undertook work placements with a commercial recruitment firm and as a volunteer advisor at Release, a charity providing services to drug users. Since graduation she has spent seven months at News International...
for the Times advising on copyright and syndication laws and six months working with the NSPCC as a legal assistant before joining the Legal Practice Course. One of her colleagues at NSPCC said: Funmi has shown through her work for the NSPCC that she is mature, intelligent and focussed. I know she will be a dedicated student and excel at law school. It is always exciting to meet someone who is destined to be a great lawyer, and I truly believe that Funmi will make an excellent lawyer. I am sure she will make a valuable contribution not just to the legal community but to the wider community as well.

Gaye Moran

John Bennet Trust

Trust funds awarded to high achieving students of African Caribbean origin

Mark Blair

LLB (Hons) Law, Year 3, Part-Time

Mark graduated with LLB Honours in July 2010. He has been awarded funding toward his Bar studies by the John Bennett Trust. This was set up to honour John Bennett to help graduates of LSBU of Afro-Caribbean origins to advance their legal careers. Whilst at London South Bank University he was an active member of the Student Law Society. He was elected as a student representative for the course board and as a unit rep. He was always in evidence at extracurricular events and infected others with his enthusiasm. Since graduation he has joined the Bar Vocational course, planning a career as a barrister. One of his colleagues said of him: He has shown an insatiable appetite for knowledge and attainment of new skills.

Gaye Moran

Course Director’s Prize: Post Graduate Diploma Legal Studies/CPE

Outstanding Achievement for Graduating student on Full Time & Part Time PGDip/CPE

Simon Whistler

LLM/PGDip/CPE/Legal Studies, Year 2, Full-Time

Simon coupled a fine intellect with a diligent and discerning approach to his work.

Mic Jeeves

Course Director’s Prize: Combined Honours Law

Outstanding achievement

Victoria Williams

BA/BSc (Hons) Law and English Studies, Year 3, Full-Time

Excellent achievement and progression on the combined degree programme, a fine example to fellow students.

Risham Chohan

Course Director’s Prize: LLM

Outstanding Performance

Tamanna Choudhury

LLM Crime and Litigation, Year 2, Full-Time

The prize is awarded to Tamana Chowdhury for obtaining the highest marks in her year group. She has been a dedicated and hard working student and her performance during the course of her studies has been exceptional. We wish her all success in the future and we are sure that she will excel in her chosen career.

Emmanouella Mylonaki

Course Director’s Prize: Graduate Diploma Legal Studies/CPE

Outstanding Achievement

Steven Hoe

Graduate Diploma In Legal Studies/CPE, Year 2, Part-time

Steven was always prepared to challenge and engage with the issues and apply his insight to derive the best from his experience.

Mic Jeeves
Department of Psychology

British Psychology Society Prize
Best graduating student in subject

Ian Sinclair
BSc (Hons) Psychology, Year 3, Full-time
Many congratulations to Ian for obtaining the highest overall mark in his year group. Ian was a dedicated, hard-working and conscientious student and this award is extremely well deserved. We wish him all the best in the future.

Nicola Rycroft

Course Director’s Prize: Combined Honours Psychology Outstanding Achievement

Kim Treitz
BA/BSc (Hons) Psychology and HRM, Year 4, Full-time
Kim obtained the highest overall mark of all students taking Psychology as one of their subjects. Throughout her studies Kim showed dedication to her work and we were pleased to be able to make this award. We were especially impressed by her Psychology marks as she was taking this subject as her minor subject. Congratulations Kim!

Nicky Rycroft

Course Director’s Prize: Addiction Psychology and Counselling Outstanding Performance and Application – MSc

Nicola Walton-Flynn
MSc/PGDip/PGCert Addiction Psychology and Counselling, Year 3, Part-time
Ms Walton-Flynn performed at an excellent level throughout the entire duration of the programme and in all areas of study both academic and clinical. Despite having had no background in the field of psychology and little in addiction counselling, she was able to engage with both areas effectively and with great interest and enthusiasm. For her final year research dissertation she conducted an excellent qualitative piece of research which examined the relationship between addict identity, as defined by twelve step treatment programmes, and sexual identity, for which a recommendation for publication was given by lecturers on the course. It is due to such excellence in her overall academic and clinical performance, together with her overall enthusiasm and interest for her work in the addiction field, that Ms Walton-Flynn is considered an ideal recipient of the MSc Addiction Psychology and Counselling Course Director’s prize for Outstanding Performance and Application.

Ian Albery

Course Director’s Prize: Graduate Diploma Psychology Outstanding Performance and Application

Aaron Millar
Aaron was an exceptional student on the Graduate Diploma in Psychology, achieving first class marks on all units but one (pesky Developmental Psychology!), and he graduated with a Distinction. He was a valuable participant in group work and discussions, contributing in a considered and insightful way. His qualitative project on the Psychological Research Methods unit examined the psychological processes involved in creativity in song-writing, and overall the project was innovative, original, and well-executed. Aaron is currently developing his career as a freelance writer about psychology, and the Psychology Department wish him every success.

Janice H Brown

Course Director’s Prize: Investigate Forensic Psychology Outstanding Performance in Taught Units

Nelli Aihio
MSc Investigative Forensic Psychology, Year 2, Part-time
Nelli has performed at a consistently high level on all taught units of the MSc Investigative Forensic Psychology course. She works within the Criminal Justice System and brings her experience from there to the classroom where she is able to add valuable insight to the psychological theories and research under discussion. In her assessed work she manages to successfully critically evaluate psychological research both from an academic perspective and practitioner’s perspective. She is a motivated and enthusiastic student and always willing to help other students.

Rachel Wilcock

Course Director’s Prize: Investigate Forensic Psychology Outstanding Performance, Dissertation

Kathryn Chisholm
MSc Investigative Forensic Psychology, Year 3, Part-time
Kathryn was a member of the first cohort of students to complete the dissertation and to be awarded an MSc Investigative Forensic Psychology. Her dissertation was on the Decision Making Strategies of Senior Investigating Police Officers. This dissertation was an excellent example of good quality research within the Investigative Forensic
Psychology area. It was highly ecologically valid due to the police officer participants but theoretically very robust drawing on established psychological theories on decision making. The final dissertation was very well written and made a novel contribution to this emerging area of research on police decision making. The findings from the dissertation will be written up for publication.

Rachel Wilcock

Course Director’s Prize: Undergraduate Psychology
Best First Year Student (Undergraduate)

Josefine Larsson
BSc (Hons) Psychology, Year 1, Full-time
Josefine has made an excellent start to her studies at LSBU. Her first year tutors describe her as conscientious, hard working and a pleasure to teach. Josefine is currently volunteering as a peer mentor to new first year students. We thank her for her work as a peer mentor and are confident that her mentees will benefit. We look forward to teaching Josefine over the next couple of years.

Nicola Rycroft

Graduate Diploma Final Year Project
Outstanding Achievement

Alison Greenwood
Graduate Diploma in Psychology, Year 2, Part-time
Alison is a highly motivated student who had to change her dissertation topic having spent the summer break doing the background reading for the project she had agreed with a staff member who left the department. She had to completely revise, not only the project idea and the literature, but the whole discipline behind the project. Despite facing many difficulties throughout her time at LSBU, Alison has remained a highly motivated student. Given these factors and the late change in supervision, this project is a credit to her hard work, organisation and motivation. These qualities are reflected in the very high standard of her report which was awarded a first class mark. The project supervisor hopes to work with Alison to write up this study for publication. The department wish Alison every success for the future.

Elizabeth J. Newton

Head of Department Prize
Best Second Year Student (Undergraduate)

Carmel Brady
BSc (Hons) Psychology, Year 2, Full-time
Carmel now has the most impressive distinction of winning a prize two years in a row. All staff are extremely proud of her achievements and are confident she can maintain her excellent standards throughout her final year.

Nicola Rycroft

Undergraduate Final Year Project
Outstanding Achievement

Amanda Bryden
BSc (Hons) Psychology - Child Development, Year 3, Full-time
Amanda’s project was an excellent piece of work and the first class mark it obtained was well deserved. Amanda applied herself wholeheartedly to the research at all stages, working independently and professionally, producing a piece of work that was consistently good throughout.

Lucy Henry

Executive Dean’s Prize
Final Year Student, Outstanding Achievement in Subject

Richard Batty
BSc (Hons) Psychology (Clinical), Year 3, Full-time
Richard was an outstanding student. He made significant contributions to the department in his role as student representative at Course Board meetings. His project was of a very high quality and is likely to be prepared for publication. We wish him all the best in his future career as a Clinical Psychologist.

Nicola Rycroft
Course Director’s Prize: Arts Management
Outstanding Achievement
Louise Donaghy
BA (Hons) Arts Management, Year 3, Full-time
Louise Donaghy is being awarded the Course Director’s Prize on account of her extraordinary ability to maintain consistently high academic results while engaging in employment and managing dyslexia and on going health problems. She has gained one of the highest marks overall, in the history of the Arts Management course, attaining 80% at Level 6 in 4 out of 6 units. Passionately committed to the visual arts, Louise combined working part time whilst studying, in several high profile arts environments including the Victoria Miro Gallery, Phillipe De Piery Auction House, Zoo Art Fayre and the Matt Roberts Gallery thus developing and extending her knowledge of the field. A consummate networker, she also managed to find time to work on the Tate Encounters Project and spent a term on an Erasmus exchange at the Leonardo de Vinci International Business School, where she secured an internship at the Gallerie Palmyre Sain-Homore. Given this formidable expenditure of commitment and energy, it came as no surprise that she was one of the few students to gain employment in a visual arts environment before graduation. Her work at the prestigious Aicon Gallery in Mayfair will be combined with post graduate study at UCL.

Pauline Muir

Course Director’s Prize: Combined Honours/Combined Degrees
Outstanding Achievement
Emily Hollands
BA/BSc (Hons) Film Studies and Management, Year 3, Full-time
The Combined Degrees Prize is awarded to Emily Hollands for the devotion shown to her studies and for the excellent ambassadorial service she provided to the University. Through her determination and independent endeavours Emily managed to obtain a work placement in between her second and third year of study at the prestigious Universal Pictures International film company offices in London. Such was her success in this job that Universal came back to LSBU to seek another intern to fill her shoes while she completed her degree, and secured her employment again as soon as she graduated. Emily was a pleasure to teach, and to add to her achievements she attained a first class honours degree. All of the Film Studies and Business Studies staff wish her the very best for her future career.

Ricardo Domizio

Course Director’s Prize: Digital Film and Video
Outstanding Achievement in Film Making (Fiction)
Jack Collins
BA (Hons) Digital Film And Video, Year 3, Full-time
Jack Collins demonstrated great imagination and intelligence throughout his degree, moving with aplomb across media from music to film, from the abstract to the more human. Jack’s academic and written work was more than a match for the imagination and drive he showed in his pursuit of innovation in his filmmaking. Jack’s sincere engagement with his studies made the classroom itself a space for greater conjecture and exploration. Not just a smarter space, but a friendlier one as well.

Patrick Tarrant

Course Director’s Prize: Digital Media Arts
Outstanding Achievement
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Katrina Sluis

Course Director’s Prize: Dramatic Performance Studies
Outstanding Achievement
Robyn Bunyan
BA (Hons) Drama And Performance Studies, Year 3, Full-time
As Course Director for the BA Drama and Performance Studies course at LSBU, I would like to use this statement to demonstrate the strengths and attributes of this absolutely exemplary student. Robyn has displayed a remarkable creative drive throughout the course with a self motivated approach to her studies that sent out a clear message to fellow students that her example was something to aspire to. Central to her practice was the exploration of set design, where she demonstrated an ability to always produce striking visual imagery within her projects, taking the notion of the visual aspects of theatrical

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practice into more interesting areas that encompassed installation and audience interaction. In terms of her overall practical output, Robyn is one of the most visually gifted students I have had the fortune to teach. Similarly, Robyn’s dissertation aimed to explore the approaches to set design in response to writings by the playwright Ibsen, and demonstrated a clear engagement with the demands of rigorous academic and historical research. Robyn’s warmth, generosity and caring nature has contributed to a real sense of cohesion within her year group. I believe that every course has key members who provide a special ‘something’ to a group dynamic. Robyn is certainly one of these individuals. Robyn is precisely the kind of student we are proud of producing on this course, and she has reason to be immensely proud of her achievements over the last three years.

Robin Deacon

Course Director’s Prize: Film Studies
Outstanding Achievement

Marija Bjedov
BA (Hons) Film Studies, Year 3, Full-time

The Film Studies Course Director’s Prize is awarded to Marija Bjedov for the overall dedication and commitment shown to her studies, and to the consistently high standards of her work in both written and practical assessments. As a reward for her efforts Marija obtained a first class degree; but in addition to her individual achievements Marija also showed leadership in creating a strong cohort identity with her contributions to seminars and her extra-curricular activities, which included being a very effective Course Board representative for her year. Marija was an irrepressible member of her class and all of the Film Studies staff wish her the very best for the future.

Ricardo Domizio

Course Director’s Prize: Game Cultures
Outstanding Achievement

Russell Morris
BA (Hons) Game Cultures, Year 3, Full-time

Russell Morris is an unassuming and highly talented student who consistently produced professional level videogame practice work throughout his three years on the BA (Hons) Game Cultures course. His passion for, and dedication to, the art of game design makes him an exemplar of a successful BA (Hons) student. Not only did he take a lead role in organising each of last year’s Game Cultures Christmas and Year End Shows, but he gained an enviable spot as a speaker at an industry game event whilst at his final year of university. He was a joy to teach and is well-respected by fellow students.

Siobhan Thomas

Course Director’s Prize: Sonic Media/Music and Sonic Media
Outstanding Achievement

Joshua John Oliver
BA (Hons) Sonic Media, Year 3, Full-time

The Course Director’s Prize: for Sonic Media 2010 has been awarded to Joshua Oliver. The notable academic progress of this mature student has been partly due to his drive to create a company that will harness local talent in music event and film production. Every stage of this long term ambition is planned with care and the successful completion of his degree has been an important component in this development process. Throughout his time on the course Joshua’s conceptual engagement and creative sound work has improved significantly because of his clear commitment to succeed. His final, first class independent Sonic Project has successfully shown insight into his musical direction within the context of events planning, while his dissertation has thoroughly investigated relevant issues regarding digital music distribution, an important component in the reality of music entrepreneurs. Having sharpened his intellectual, research and production skills, Joshua is set to develop his business plan further, with an important objective to enable a music performance in space - in the case of Joshua, the sky is not the limit.

Hillegonda Rietveld

Course Director’s Prize: Theatre Practice, Creative Producing
Outstanding Achievement

Stephanie Shepherd
BA (Hons) Theatre Practice: Creative Producing, Year 3, Full-time

Stephanie Shepherd is awarded the Course Director’s Prize in Theatre Practice: Creative Producing. She has regularly sought out opportunities to extend her learning opportunities at and beyond the confines of the University. Her work has taken her from a commitment to the subject area in general to research and practice in specific fields and genres of personal interest. Her elective internship with UZ Productions in Glasgow has inspired a particular interest in site specific work and it is no surprise that the company considered her a fully professional member of their team. Stephanie’s Final Theatre Project saw her moving beyond work in the university world; creating and developing an entirely new fringe theatre premises in Amersham. She is the now the course’s first graduate to launch and start to run her own venue.

Jonathan Banatvala

Course Director’s Prize: Writing for Media Arts
Outstanding Achievement

Adam Maloney
BA (Hons) Writing For Media Arts, Year 3, Full-time

Adam has been a model student with a positive proactive attitude throughout the three years on the course. Most of his tutors found it a pleasure working with him. In his last year in particular Adam’s commitment to his studies led him to an outstanding performance in most subjects.

Donatella Maraschin
National Theatre Archive Prize  
*Outstanding Achievement*

Phillip Richardson  
**BA (Hons) Theatre Practice: Creative Producing, Year 3, Full-time**

Phillip Richardson is awarded the National Theatre Archive Prize for his student work during his second year module at the NT Archive and beyond, at level 5. Philip’s work as production manager and technician during the LSBU/NT module ensured that the small company of LSBU students he led created a professionally realized show to tight deadlines and high technical standards. Philip’s subsequent work with the Cock Tavern Theatre during his elective internship, his appointment there as Production Manager and his development of an independent company and working partnership are testament to his dedicated approach to his studies at LSBU and potential to succeed professionally in the performing arts.

Jonathan Banatvala

Course Director’s Prize: MA Creative Media Arts  
*Outstanding Achievement*

Pau Cata  
**MA Creative Media Arts Scheme, Year 3, Part-time**

Pau Cata Marles was an outstanding student, combining excellence in creative practice with rigorous academic theory. The award of this prize acknowledges Pau’s exceptional final year dissertation, which received one of the highest marks ever awarded on the MA Creative Media Arts programme.

Phil Hammond

The Traac Prize  
*Outstanding Achievement in Film Making (Best Non-Fiction Film)*

Ruth Spencer  
**BA (Hons) Digital Film and Video, Year 3, Full-time**

Ruth’s film, Some Drones, is that rare thing: a student film that makes one uncertain of where its power actually lies. A collage of found sounds and images of everyday struggles, Some Drones offers a genuine and compelling meditation on what it means to be human. Blurring the distinction between fact and fiction, Ruth reminds us that our effort to make sense of our place in the world is likewise a mixture of discovery and delusion.

Patrick Tarrant

Course Director’s Prize: Creative Writing and English  
*Outstanding Achievement*

Dorothy Fryd  
**BA (Hons) Creative Writing And English, Year 3, Full-time**

Dorothy Fryd has been awarded the Course Director’s Prize: in recognition of her success both within the institution and in the wider professional writing sphere. She was the 2009 Canterbury Poet of the Year and her poetry has been widely published. She now teaches at both the Barbican and the University of Kent, as well as performing her material in a variety of venues. Both the existing and the preceding Course Director were struck by her commitment and contribution to the course, as well as her undoubted talent. The course team has no doubt she will continue to be a voice worth listening to and wish her every success in the future.

Colin Harvey

The Traac Prize  
*Outstanding Achievement in Film Making (Best Fiction Film)*

Paul Blayney  
**BA (Hons) Digital Film and Video, Year 3, Full-time**

Paul’s film, The Machine, is a fully resolved narrative that reminds us not only of our frailties, but especially our desire to use all our wits and technologies to try to outsmart our own bodies. The Machine is a truly impressive accomplishment and a work of cinematic beauty.

Patrick Tarrant

Course Director’s Prize: Media and Society/Media and Cultural Studies  
*Outstanding Achievement*

Kristyna Mistrikova  
**BSc Hons Media & Society, Year, 3, Full-time**

Kristyna has shown great dedication to her academic work. She has achieved outstanding unit marks across the three levels, but particularly in her Level 6 Dissertation, which is among the best we have ever marked. She showed great initiative in taking the opportunity offered by the Erasmus study abroad programme and did well at university in Paris. She has been a valuable contributor to classroom discussions and was a pleasure to teach.

Terri Daniels
Department of Social and Policy Studies

Course Director’s Prize: Combined Honours All Fields
Outstanding achievement

Louise Graham
BA/BSc (Hons) Criminology and Social Policy, Year 3, Full-time
Louise Graham represents one of the minority of white working class young people who make it to higher education. Louise’s academic ambitions rose steadily across the course - from getting a degree to striving to achieve a first. In order to make this journey Louise took to heart the advice she received. As well as reading extensively in order to widen her knowledge base Louise sought to develop her own voice. This carried her from achieving marks in the high 60s to marks in the 70s. Louise’s final year dissertation was in some ways a return to her roots. With her trajectory of success she was interested in investigating how young working class men, from her home community of Newcastle-on-Tyne, might develop academically through after school activities. She was awarded a first for her thoughtful dissertation. Louise obtained what she described as a dream job after graduation. Since August she has been working as a support worker for the Single Homeless Project.

Ruth Van Dyke

Course Director’s Prize: Criminology
Outstanding Achievement

George Ukor
BSc (Hons) Criminology, Year 3, Full-time
George Ukor graduated with the highest overall mark in his cohort and a well deserved first class degree. In her approach to her studies Lauren graduated in with a first class degree (75% overall average). Her success can be attributed to her commitment to her studies and intellectual development during the course. Claire achieved 78% for her final year dissertation. Her dissertation explored the way in which British Social Policy has been criminalized in order to manage antisocial behaviour. With this project and her academic work generally, she demonstrated the academic skills to undertake postgraduate studies. Claire applied for postgraduate studies and was offered a place to study at a number of prestigious institutions. She accepted a place at the London School of Economics. We are very proud of her!

Antoine Rogers

Course Director’s Prize: Development Studies
Outstanding achievement

Melanie Tighe
MSc/PGDip Development Studies, Year 2, Other Full-time
Melanie Tighe attained what very few students have achieved thus far on the MSc Development Studies course – gaining marks at distinction level for every unit on the course. Melanie made substantial contributions to the MSc through her informed participation in seminars, and her essays were models of clarity and presentation. Particularly notable was Melanie’s MSc Research Dissertation, for which she undertook detailed field work in Cambodia. Her work on access to water supply and sanitation was regarded highly by local government and UNICEF United Nations Children’s Fund) officials working in the water sector, as were her detailed recommendations for improvements in quality of operation and delivery.

John Taylor

Course Director’s Prize: European Policy Studies
Outstanding achievement

Monique Kranich
MA/PGDip/PGCert European Policy Studies, Year 1, Part-time
Monique Kranich showed persistent dedication to her study of the European political and legal environment. As a practising civil servant she brought with her a host of talent and knowledge to the subject which enhanced the taught programme. She worked well with others and the team benefited from her contribution and although she was a shave away from a distinction for her project this does not diminish her contribution. One of the best students out of the last decade.

Richard Rooke

Course Director’s Prize: International Politics
Outstanding Achievement

Lauren Muller
BA/BSc (Hons) Social and Policy Studies Scheme, Year 3, Full-time
This year’s International Politics Course Director’s prize is awarded to Lauren Muller. Lauren worked exceptionally hard while at the University and was rewarded with a well-merited first class degree. In her approach to her studies Lauren successfully combined diligence and hard work with originality and creativity. Her written work was always a pleasure to read and revealed a very capable intellect grappling with some of the most difficult concepts in politics and international relations.

Adrian Budd

Course Director’s Prize: Social Policy
Outstanding Achievement

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Richard Rooke
Course Director’s Prize: Sociology
**Outstanding achievement**

**Jennifer Oshagbemi**  
BA/BSc (Hons) Social and Policy Studies Scheme, Year 3, Part-time  
Jennifer Oshagbemi has been nominated for this award because of her academic achievement. During her three years at university Jennifer showed a passionate approach to studying and developed a keen sense of her academic ability. Having taught Jennifer a number of modules I got to know her well through the valuable contributions she made in seminar debates. Jennifer consistently produced work of a high standard by approaching her work in a thoughtful manner. She found the work engaging and successfully employed a critical and analytical approach to her studies. Jennifer communicated well with both students and staff, maintaining her strong desire and commitment to learning and knowledge acquisition. Although Jennifer took some time out from her studies, the responsibilities of motherhood did not deter her from successfully completing the course. Jennifer’s final year dissertation was awarded a high mark for its thought provoking insight into the complex area of transracial adoption in which she showed a particular interest in exploring issues related to the impact of adoption on black children.

**Shaminder Takhar**

Executive Dean’s Prize/ Head of Department’s Prize  
**Final year Single Honours student, outstanding achievement in subject.**

**Matthew Taylor**  
BSc (Hons) Criminology, Year 3, Part-time  
Matthew Taylor received a first class honours degree in Criminology, a reflection of his hardwork and commitment across his years of study. However it was in his final year dissertation that he truly excelled and it is for this piece of work in particular that led him to be nominated for the Head of Department’s Prize. Matthew’s dissertation was awarded 84%, one of the highest marks in recent years for this department. Matthew’s fascinating dissertation explored drug markets in an English city and the conceptual boundry between ‘commercial’ and ‘social’ supply of drugs. His work was truly original and insightful: a revised version is to be submitted to a major academic journal for publication, a rare level of success for an undergraduate student. Matthew is hoping to continue his studies. A successful career as an academic researcher awaits should he wish to follow that route.

**Gary Potter**

Course Director’s Prize: Childhood and Family Studies  
**Outstanding achievement**

**Mariana Ortega-Vanegas**  
BA (Hons) Childhood and Family Studies, Year 1, Full-Time  
Mariana’s success on the course was a result of hard work and dedication. Marianna’s dissertation, titled ‘Living in Two Languages’ explored the development of children from multilingual backgrounds. She wanted to understand the comparative difference in the way English speaking nurseries support multilingual children and their families and to find out what parents thought of the support given along with their general thoughts on raising children in more than one language. Marianna’s project topic was well conceived and extensively researched. Her findings were insightful and demonstrated a very strong analytical ability. In her conclusions she asserted: In an ideal world everyone would appreciate the many positive impacts multiple languages brings to young children’s development. Living in Two Languages could suggest living with the best of both worlds.

**Antoine Rogers**

Scheme Directors’ Prize Social and Policy Studies Scheme  
**Outstanding achievement across the Scheme**

**Ryan Jackson**  
BA (Hons) Social and Policy Studies, Year 3, Full-time  
Ryan was nominated for this award because of his consistent commitment and dedication to his studies. Ryan showed tremendous willingness to go the extra mile both in and out of the classroom and in his dissertation. Ryan was the most intellectually capable student on the program. His dissertation explored the expansion of voluntary and public sector partnerships since 1997. His topic was well conceived and thoroughly researched and he achieved 83% for his work on the dissertation. Ryan engaged in paid work with older people, volunteered with both BME and LGBT voluntary sector organisations. In this he demonstrated a strong ability to integrate his sector-related experience with his understanding of relevant theoretical perspectives. He was able to combine his work and studies in a manner that aided his development on the course. Moreover he demonstrated a high level of warmth and compassion for the people with whom he engaged.

**Antoine Rogers**

Course Director’s Prize: Refugee Studies  
**Outstanding achievement**

**Trevor Rendall**  
MSc Refugee Studies, Year 2, Other Full-time  
Throughout his MSc course, Trevor produced a consistently high quality works in all areas of the course. His performances in all the units and dissertation were outstanding. Throughout the course, he made invaluable contributions in seminar discussions and presentations. He has won the ESRC scholarship to do his PhD in Refugee Studies at LSBU and is expected to do very well.

**Gaim Kibreab**
Department of Urban, Environment and Leisure Studies

Barton Wilmore Award for Innovation
Innovation in a Practice Relevant Project

James Penfold
MA/PGDip Town Planning, Year 1, Full-Time
James has shown striking academic and professional development this year. He has achieved a set of excellent marks across the board. This is all the more impressive because his work shows a high degree of creativity. He certainly deserves this prize.
Michael Leary

Course Director’s Prize: HNC Housing
Outstanding achievement

Jackie Connor
HNC Housing Studies, Year 2, Part-time
Since commencing her studies as a part-time student on the HNC Housing course, Jackie has demonstrated that she is a diligent and conscientious student. Jackie’s coursework has been of consistently high standard. She achieved excellent marks throughout her course. For the ten units studied Jackie was awarded seven Merits and three Distinctions. Additionally, Jackie has been a key contributor in class discussions and has used her professional experience to enhance her studies both in discussions and in her written submissions. Given the consistently high standards and attitude displayed in her work Jackie is very deserving of this award.
Sonia Leeyou

Course Director’s Prize: MA/PGDip Housing Studies
Outstanding Achievement

Alan Llorente
PGDip Housing Studies, Year 2, Part-time
Alan was a stalwart class representative on the Course Board, presenting students’ views in a positive but challenging way. He made a real contribution to class discussions and supported his peers effectively. His work during the Postgraduate Diploma was outstanding, achieving a Merit award.
Diane Paice

Course Director’s Prize: Postgraduate Town Planning
Achievement and commitment to the course

Mark Turner
PGDip Town Planning, Year 2, Part-time
Mark has provided consistent and substantial commitment to both the course and to his fellow students. He has excelled in his studies, supported his colleagues, and also had to deal with his own personal problems. His determination and good humour shone through and he was a true asset to the course and the planning profession.
Ruth Richards

Course Director’s Prize: Tourism and Hospitality
Outstanding achievement and commitment

MD Saifur Rashid
BA (Hons) Tourism And Hospitality, Year 4, Full-time
I taught MD Rashid for three academic years and in that time I found him to be an attentive and hard working student who applied himself to his studies. He took an active part in all the lectures and seminars. His attendance was very good and the standard of his academic work was also excellent. During the course MD Rashid developed into an exceptional student. He progressed both academically and personally during his time at LSBU and his academic record demonstrated that hard work will reap rewards accordingly. The final year of the degree course saw him achieve some amazing results and produce a stunning dissertation.
Edward Isaacs

Course Director’s Prize: Urban and Environmental Planning
Outstanding achievement and commitment

Ambrain Qureshi
BA (Hons) Urban and Environmental Planning, Year 4, Part-time
Ambrain has shown outstanding commitment to the course throughout her time at LSBU. Despite initially lacking confidence in her academic ability, she obtained consistently high marks and this is reflected in the fact that she was ultimately awarded a first class honours degree. She always participated fully in class discussions and was able to articulate her arguments clearly and effectively. Her achievements are all the more remarkable considering the fact that she had considerable family issues to deal with during the time she studied here, on top of the usual pressures of being a full time wife and mother. She was under considerable pressure when a family bereavement meant that her husband had to leave the UK for a significant amount of time and one of her children had health issues. Despite the problems with which she has had to deal, Ambrain has always maintained her high academic standards and commitment to the course.
Neil Adams

Course Director’s Prize: Urban Regeneration and Community Development
Outstanding achievement

Julie Conrad
Foundation Degree Urban Regeneration and Community Development, Year 2, Full-time
Julie has shown a level of outstanding achievement throughout her course, but particularly within the second year where her average was above ‘distinction’ level. This is particularly remarkable given that she needed to cope with returning to education and also balancing work with study.
Manuela Maddedu
Chartered Institute of Housing. Housing Studies Award

This prize is awarded for outstanding achievement by a Student Member of the CIH.

Victoria Boateng
BA (Hons) Housing Studies, Year 5, Part-time

Victoria began her studies on the HNC and has completed her degree over five years on the part-time programme. Not only has she demonstrated commendable personal commitment in her studies over that time but she has also achieved consistently high marks and submitted some excellent work. Victoria has displayed a few aspects of her versatility and ability in her group work and given us glimpses of her creative side in, for example, her presentation skills and her work on a website relating to the study visit to Amsterdam. As a part-time student working in the Housing field, Victoria has brought her undoubted professionalism into her studies and it is entirely appropriate that she should be awarded the CIH Best Student prize at London South Bank University.

Alan Winter

Denis Fitzgerald Memorial Prize (UG Housing)
Outstanding work in Social Science discipline

Letitia Joseph
HNC Housing Studies, Year 2, Part-time

From the beginning of her time here as a part-time student on the HNC Housing Studies, Letitia has impressed staff with her hard work, her willingness to contribute to class discussions and her understanding of the subject. Letitia's coursework marks have been consistently high: in four of her ten units she achieved Distinction grade and in all the others she achieved Merit grade. Her marks over the two years of the course averaged 68%. For her consistent good work and achievement, Letitia is a worthy winner of this prize.

Alan Winter

Denis Fitzgerald Memorial Prize (UG Planning)
Outstanding work in Social Science discipline

Julian Moat
BA (Hons) Urban and Environmental Planning, Year 4, Part-time

Julian completed an outstanding and innovative piece of research for his undergraduate dissertation. A sophisticated and critical piece of work with an innovative methodology that demonstrated a maturity that is beyond undergraduate level. An excellent piece of work.

Neil Adams

Executive Dean’s Prize
Final year student, outstanding achievement in subject.

Anna-Kristina Beatrice Karlsson
BA (Hons) Tourism and Hospitality, Year 4, Full-Time

Beatrice is, quite simply, one of the best students we have had in the Tourism Programme since it started in 1993. She has a great capacity to synthesise concepts and arguments to make a case for her own, considered, judgements across a broad range of units from Business Planning to Destination Management. Her dissertation on the political process of tourism as a rural diversification tool in Northern Sweden was one of the best produced by a tourism student and is currently being converted into an academic paper. Her carefulness, resourcefulness and determination in her research means that Beatrice would have a fine academic career ahead of her should she choose to develop her skills in this direction.

Duncan Tyler

Hays Award for Planning
Best full-time Postgraduate student

Alexandra Willey
MA/PGDip/PGCert Planning Policy and Practice, Year 1, Full-time (08/09)

Alex showed great determination coupled with a lively and intellectually robust approach to her postgraduate studies. It is entirely fitting that her efforts are rewarded through the award of this prize.

Mike Leary

Hobbs Parker Environment Prize
Best Environment Dissertation by a student on the postgraduate planning programmes.

Andrew Reading
MA/PGDip/PGCert Planning Policy and Practice, Year 3, Part-time

The environment specialism presents students with challenges both intellectually and professionally and Andrew has risen superbly well to these challenges, producing exceptional work for his dissertation.

Mike Leary
Renaisi Regeneration Prize
Best regeneration student graduating from town planning programmes (Masters or Diploma)

David Lane
MA/PGDip/PGCert Planning Policy and Practice, Year 3, Part-time
We were lucky to have a gifted and hard working group of students on the regeneration specialism this year so making choosing a student to receive this prize was not easy. However, ultimately David’s work for this specialism was exemplary and he can feel proud of his achievements.

Mike Leary
Renaisi is a leading, not-for-profit regeneration consultancy based in Shoreditch, East London and was named ‘Regeneration Consultancy of the Year’ at the Regeneration and Renewal Awards 2009. www.renaisi.com

RICS London and South-East Student Award
Achievement – MA Housing

Henry Obuvu
MA Housing Studies, Year 4, Part-time
Henry’s Masters dissertation took a new look at a familiar theme – recycling and waste management – and developed our understanding of the process of applying sustainability practice in housing which moved beyond mere description to identify explanations for the behaviours of both residents and professionals.

Diane Paice

RTPI PG Prize (Undergraduate Entry)
Best student, from Undergraduate to Postgraduate

Sarah Williams
MA/PGDip Town Planning, Year 2, Part-time
Sarah joined LSBU after having completed her undergraduate Planning degree elsewhere, and having had several years out of study. Her approach to study and her marks were consistently excellent and her distinction was thoroughly deserved.

Ruth Richards

Turley Associates Award for Planning (BA Urban and Environmental Planning)
Best Undergraduate Dissertation (Any Subject from BA (Hons) Urban and Environmental Planning)

Derek Clarke
BA (Hons) Urban and Environmental Planning, Year 4, Part-time
Derek submitted an outstanding dissertation that was extremely ambitious in its aims and objectives and focused on an extremely complex and difficult subject linking urban regeneration and planning to social cohesion and urban agriculture in particular. Derek searched extensively to find relevant secondary data and formulated an innovative methodology to generate relevant primary data. Large amounts of high quality primary data were generated and a robust analytical framework was applied in an effective manner leading to an in-depth and coherent analysis on an unusual theme. The dissertation was also excellently presented.

Neil Adams

Turley Associates Award for Planning (Masters/PG)
Best Urban Design Dissertation

Mia Scaggiante,
MA/PGDip/PGCert Planning Policy and Practice, Year 3, Part-time
Its a long way from journalism in Australia to town planning in the UK, but its a journey that Mia Scaggiante has made with great success. Maybe it is because town planning is really a very sophisticated way of telling stories about places that aren’t yet. Her work throughout the course has been of an extremely high standard and combined excellent writing with a dynamic and fluid visual style in her design specialism and especially in her dissertation which was a model of the combination of investigation (back to journalism again!) and creativity leading to a design project for Burgess Park, where she engaged with the local consultation process with Southwark. An example too of the way LSBU can contribute to local debates.

Bob Jarvis

YTP Prize for Team Contribution
Team Contribution on BA Urban and Environmental Planning

James Chapman
BA (Hons) Urban and Environmental Planning, Year 1, Full-time
James made a significant contribution to the course during his first year of study at LSBU. He gained consistently high marks across the board, with outstanding marks in some units, and has participated actively in class discussions, seminars and workshops. During the first year field trip in week 6 of the course, James emerged as one of the leaders of the cohort and has consolidated this during various group work activities in the first year. He displays a mature outlook to his studies and appears happy to help fellow students when required.

Neil Adams

Course Director’s Prize: International Tourism Marketing
Outstanding Achievement and Commitment

Anne Jolie Duarte
MSc International Tourism Marketing, Year 2, Other Full-Time
Anne Jolie proved to be a disciplined and hard working student who from the outset impressed both lecturers and fellow students with her ability to grasp concepts and theories of which she had little practical experience. Coming from France she also managed the challenges of studying in another language. Her enthusiasm for changing social networks and their relationship to the marketing of tourism resulted in her choosing the topic for her dissertation despite there being
very little secondary research material available. The work was innovative and was rewarded with a distinction which was a clear reflection of her determination, hard work and research abilities. Finally her ability to communicate well with both staff and fellow students in a most positive manner assured many of us that she justly deserved such an award as this. We wish her well in the future.
Duncan Tyler

Course Director’s Prize: BA Housing
*Outstanding achievement and commitment*

**Sahr Matturi**
BA (Hons) Housing Studies, Year 3, Full-time
This prize is awarded for outstanding achievement and commitment.
Sahr has been awarded this prize in recognition of his achievement in being awarded the BA (Honours) degree in the face of serious health problems, which caused him to interrupt his studies at a crucial point. He has displayed real determination and commitment in order to complete his studies and has achieved creditable marks in circumstances which might easily have overwhelmed many people. His approach to his work, in particular his dissertation, demonstrated an excellent attitude as well as good study skills.
He is a worthy winner.
Alan Winter

RTPI PG Prize (PG Entry)
*Best student at Postgraduate level*

**Anthony Masson**
MA/PGDip/PGCert Planning, Policy and Practice, Year 3, Part-time
Anthony has excelled this year and was able to produce work of the highest quality across the range of his studies. It is never easy to achieve commendable work in what is a wide ranging postgraduate course but Anthony proved he has the intellectual clout and necessary commitment.
Mike Leary

Course Director’s Prize: MA PPP
*Outstanding Dissertation*

**Miriam Vaux**
MA/PGDip/PGCert Planning Policy and Practice, Year 2, Part-Time
Miriam produced an outstanding dissertation and richly deserves this prize in recognition of her commitment and creative abilities.
Mike Leary
Department of Education

Course Director’s Prize: Certificate in Lifelong Learning Skills Sector-Teaching
Outstanding Achievement

Yosief Negassi
Certificate in Lifelong Learning Skills Sector - Teaching, Year 1, Part-Time
Yosief is an outstanding trainee teacher. He works with remand and longer term prisoners in Brixton Prison in the most challenging circumstances, adapting and changing his style and resources to fit the needs of each individual. His achievement was acknowledged in the recent Ofsted inspection of teacher training.
Graham de Smidt

Course Director’s Prize: Diploma in Lifelong Learning Skills Sector-Teaching
Outstanding Achievement

Bridgette Lovatt
Diploma in Lifelong Learning Skills Sector - Teaching, Year 2, Part-Time
Bridgette’s academic achievement within the context of her teacher training at Lewisham College earned her a Distinction. She works with challenging 14-16 year olds in a Pupil Referral Unit and has made a significant impact on their achievement through her understanding and practical capability.
Graham de Smidt

Course Director’s Prize: Education for Sustainability
Best Dissertation

Rebecca Hazell
MSc/PGDip Education for Sustainability, Year 5, Part-Time (08/09)
Rebecca Hazell has made an outstanding contribution to the Education for Sustainability programme this year, achieving high grades in nearly every unit. She has considerable international experience, working in Malaysia for as Project Leader for CfBT Education Trust. Her dissertation, 'Stories of Un/sustainability: a personal journey to re-connect with the psycho-spiritual' has made a valuable contribution to the field and she achieved the highest dissertation mark of any EFS student this year.
Ros Wade

Course Director’s Prize: MA Education
Outstanding Achievement

Arlette Otshudi
MA Programme in Education (Msc), Year 3, Full-time
Ms Otshudi’s work throughout the course was outstanding. It demonstrated, in particular, independence of mind and ability to be self motivated in academic work and professional practice. Ms Otshudi showed real insight into her own practice, the practice of those with whom she worked, and into the learning of the young people for whom she was responsible. Her determination and refusal to settle for anything but the best, in herself and others, marked her out from the start as someone whose contribution would be, and has been, of real merit and worth to the education community.
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