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The International Relations Office welcomes you to the first of our Partnership Newsletters. These newsletters will share some of the exciting news and updates from our global work.

In this first edition, we will introduce you to our team, giving you insight into the individual expertise and experience of each of our colleagues. We will also share some updates and news from the IRO and the wider university.

MEET THE TEAM

The International Relations Office has a diverse expertise and experience. With an excellent track record of relationship building both internally and externally and a focus on excellent customer service, the student experience is at the heart of everything we do.



Lily Rumsey: Director of International Relations Email: lwr22@bath.ac.uk

Lily is responsible for the strategic leadership of the International Relations Office.

Lily joined the University in 2019 having worked in Higher Education since 2009, previously holding positions in the International Offices at the University of Salford and Liverpool Hope University. Lily is also a qualified secondary school teacher specialising in PE, Sport and Dance, she holds an MA in School Sport Management and is currently in her fifth year of study for her EdD at University of Nottingham.

Tina Schilbach: International Partnerships Manager (Research) Email: ts994@bath.ac.uk

Tina supports the University's global profile and research ambitions by developing strategic public partnerships and academic networks overseas.

Tina has over ten years' experience building international partnerships in the Higher Education sector. Tina holds a PhD from the University of Sydney in global China studies



and graduated from Durham University with a BA(Hons) in Politics and History and a MA in International Studies.



Tracey Stenson Jukes: International Partnerships Manager (Teaching and Learning)

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Tracey provides expert advice and support for the University's international teaching and learning partnerships portfolio, and manages networkbuilding activities for collaborative teaching & learning and staff mobility.

Tracey has over a decade of experience working with and developing international partnerships in the Higher Education sector. She has lived and worked in Japan and in 2009 took a career break to volunteer on conservation projects around the globe. Tracey studied with the Open University and is a qualified teacher of English as a second language.

Amy Riddle: International Mobility Officer Email: ar2137@bath.ac.uk

Amy is responsible for leading the International Mobility team and operational oversight of international mobility activities across the university.







Michele Terrett De Coll: International Mobility Co-ordinator (Partnerships) Email: mobilityoffice@bath.ac.uk

Michele supports Bath's faculties and schools with exchange agreements, liaises and processes agreements with Erasmus+ and exchange partners and promotes the study abroad programme across the university.

Having started her career path in tourism, Michele moved to Menorca Spain in 1986 and spent the next 25 years, working in tourism and teaching English to both adults and children. In 2015, having moved back to the UK four years prior, she began working in education and joined the IRO in 2017.

Rockhill Tembi Focho: International Mobility Co-ordinator (Outgoing) Email: erasmus@bath.ac.uk

Rockhill is responsible for coordinating and administering all aspects of outgoing study abroad activity particularly payment of Erasmus+ grants.

Rockhill began his professional career as a news presenter and broadcast journalist at Radio Télévision Siantou in Yaounde, Cameroon. After working at the University of Buea in Cameroon for four years, he was awarded the British Foreign &



Commonwealth/Chevening full Scholarship to undertake a master's programme in Public Relations and Public Communications at the University of Westminster.

He has been working in the higher education sector since, joining the IRO in 2019.

Rockhill has recently been awarded a Staff Recognition Award for his outstanding contribution during the Covid19 crises and for always keeping the students at the heart of his work.



Emily Brown: International Mobility Coordinator (Incoming) Email: inbound-exchanges@bath.ac.uk Emily is responsible for coordinating and administering all aspects of incoming study abroad activity.

Emily is an English Language and Linguistics graduate and launched her professional career as Assistant Director for a thriving educational support company. Following this she began working in the Higher Education sector at the University of West England as Study Abroad Co-coordinator before joining the University of Bath in summer 2020.

Emma Milk: International Relations Office Administrator. Email: eld26@bath.ac.uk

Emma's role is multi-faceted, acting as PA to the director of International Relations, as well as providing support to the wider team, including financial administration, as well as being our Health & Safety Coordinator. Emma is the longest standing member of the team, having worked in this role since February 2013. Emma is currently studying as part of the first cohort of staff from the University of Bath completing a Level 3 Diploma in Leadership and Management, and





has a particular interest in project management.

Zoe Everson: International Relations Communications Assistant. Email: ze230@bath.ac.uk Zoe supports the team with their communications and promotional activity for both internal and external audiences. Zoe joined the IRO this summer having completed her master's degree in

Communications, PR and Media. With a background in music, Zoe began working in higher education as a subject specific outreach officer for media and art at the University of Gloucestershire, which she did alongside studying for her master's degree. Before joining Bath, Zoe worked for a brief time as a booking agent for musicians and bands on cruise ships.

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OUR COVID-19 RESPONSE

The University of Bath is looking forward to welcoming its students back onto campus from this September and has put a large number of new processes in place in order to keep all of our students and staff safe and well.

For the beginning of this semester, the university has introduced the Bath Blend; a combined approach to teaching and learning, which will allow students to be on campus with their peers and professors with socially distanced learning, supported by online and independent learning from their homes. This approach will allow for the teaching excellence that our students expect, while also maintaining the safety of all students and staff.

The university has been working with both the national and local community during the pandemic to help to fight the virus, including creating PPE for local health services, as well as providing online resources to help the public who are at home.

Research, during this unprecedented time, also continues to be at the heart of the university and this has persisted throughout the pandemic, with teams at the university doing vital research in order to combat the virus, but also continuing other important projects in areas such as climate change and sustainability, studies into well-being and health, and many more!

As we begin to welcome those students back onto campus, we are aware that it is important that the university must remain a covid secure place, and the university it working closely with the students, it's staff, local businesses and the community in order to protect everyone.



Find out more about our learning and teaching plans with this video, or <u>click here</u> to go to The University of Bath YouTube channel for more information and discussions featuring students, professors and researchers at the university.



The #WeAreTogether campaign showcases all the ways universities are helping fight against the Covid-19 pandemic and are maintaining a welcoming and inclusive global community.

Click on the picture above to read about the work that universities in the UK are doing, including Bath Engineering's face shield production, The Edge creativity hub's live streaming of wellbeing classes, and the policy change work being carried out at the university.

Follow the hashtag on social media to see how Bath and other institutions across world are working together to support all those who have been affected by the pandemic.

LATEST NEWS

OUR STUDENT SUCCESSES

The International Relations Office has the opportunity to work with a diverse range of brilliant students and we love sharing and celebrating their successes. Our students, both outgoing and incoming, continually push



We are proud to be part of Stellenbosch university's Town and Gown Network. The network was established by Stellenbosch University (SU) following an inaugural themselves to explore and expand their knowledge, which provides unique and rewarding experiences. The IRO provides support for these students as they discover new cultures, ideas and experiences.

School of Management Student Wins People of Erasmus Award

Chloe Granger, a student on the BSc (hons) International Management and Modern Languages (French) course, has been awarded a <u>People of</u> <u>Erasmus+</u>



<u>2020</u> award. Chloe undertook an internship in Paris at luxury fashion and beauty brand Luis Vuitton.

Albert Opoku is awarded the Social Impact Award 2019-2020

Albert Opoku, an entrepreneur and University of Bath graduate, has been awarded by StudyUK the Social Impact Award as part of it's 2020 Alumni Awards. This is awarded each year by Study UK in order to recognise UK alumni who have made an exceptional contribution and commitment to creating positive social change and improving the lives of others.

Click here to watch the video congratulating Albert and his fellow winners, and listen to some of their advice to students and graduates. conference hosted by Professor Wim de Villiers, SU Rector and Vice-Chancellor, in Stellenbosch, 28-30 November 2018. It brings together SU's strategic partner institutions in the UK, Europe and North America as well as in South Africa with the aim of providing an international platform to share experience and best practice in university engagement with local business and community.

ernational Network of Town and Gown Universities Meeting 22.7.2020



The University of Bath and the International Relations Office are excited to be working with its' strategic partner, SU, and other universities across the UK and internationally in order to better engage and collaborate with the local community. It is a fantastic opportunity to both share, and learn from universities globally and implement policies and practises based on the work of the network.

We look forward to continuing to work with Stellenbosch and partners.

To read more information about the network, and find more updates from the IRO, visit <u>our blog</u>.

OUR 2020-21 GLOBAL CHAIR APPOINTMENTS

We are delighted to share the appointment of four Global Chairs who will join the university as international visiting professors for the 2020-2021 academic year. Professors John Warner, Heike Solga, Penny Jane Burke and Alberto Minetti (pictured below), experts in their fields, will provide further opportunity for collaboration in research and teaching within Bath and their respective institutes, but also for wider engagement.





Professor John Warner

Warner Babcock Institute and Monash University A pioneer in green chemistry and sustainable technologies.

Professor Heike Solga

WZB- Berlin Social Science Centre A world-leading expert 'marginalised' educational populations and educational disadvantage.



Professor Penny Jane Burke

University of Newcastle, Australia Global Innovation Chair of Equity and Co-Director of the Centre of Excellence for Equity in Higher Education



Professor Alberto Minetti University of Milan A distinguished professor of Physiology and an internationally renowned scholar in human locomotion.

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