



## Research Newsletter

### Brett and Lucy Update

Thank you to staff for the work you have carried out this term, and over the course of 2021! It has been great to see people in person again and have face-to-face meetings. We have adapted to a term of hybrid seminar sessions, which have proven successful. We will reflect on making seminars solely face-to-face, when it is safe to do so.

We have started our new research family meetings. Our family is made up of the Director of Research (Brett), Senior Research Administrator (Lucy), Research Environment lead (Iain), Director of Postgraduates (Emily), Ethics lead (Carolyn), and Internationalisation lead (Patrick). The new structure will allow us to develop research more strategically. This includes developing a cohesive internationalisation strategy, attending to citations, and developing a new research strategy following our REF2021 feedback and department review that will occur early in 2022.

See you all at our research away day on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Wishing everyone the best for 2022.  
And Happy Christmas!



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### Recently Published Outputs

Allison, R. & **Pope, S.** (accepted) 'Becoming Fans: Socialisation and Motivations of Fans of the England and United States Women National Football Teams'. *Sociology of Sport Journal*.

**Bryan, A., Pope, S., & Rankin-Wright, A. J.** (2021). On the Periphery: Examining Women's Exclusion From Core Leadership Roles in the "Extremely Gendered" Organization of Men's Club Football in England. *Gender & Society*, 35(6), 940–970.

Budden, T., Dimmock, J. A., **Smith, B.**, Rosenberg, M., Beauchamp, M. R., Jackson, B. (2021). Making sense of humour among men in a weight-loss program: A dialogical narrative approach. *Qualitative Research in Sport, Exercise and Health*.

Clarkson, B., Parry, K., Culvin, A., & **Pope, S.** (accepted) 'An Institutional Analysis of Gender (In)equalities, Covid-19 and Governance of Elite Women's Football in Australia, England and the USA'. *Sport, Business and Management: An International Journal*.

**Lindsey, I., & Wiltshire, G.** (2021). Sport for Development and Transformative Social Change: The Potential of Margaret Archer's Morphogenetic Approach to Reconceptualize a Long-Standing Problem. *Sociology of Sport Journal*.

**Oliver EJ,** Buckley B, **Dodd-Reynolds C,** Watson P, et al. (2021). Where next for the design, delivery and evaluation of community-based physical activity prescription? Emerging lessons from the United Kingdom. *Applied Physiology, Nutrition, and Metabolism*, 46(11): 1430-1434.

**Pope, S.,** Williams, J. & Cleland, J. (forthcoming) 'Men's Football Fandom and the Performance of Progressive and Misogynistic Masculinities in a 'New Age' of UK Women's Sport'. *Sociology*.

**Phillips, SM., Summerbell, C.,** Hobbs, M., Hesketh KR., Saxena S., Muir, C., and Hillier-Brown, FC. (2021). A systematic review of the validity, reliability, and feasibility of measurement tools used to assess the physical activity and sedentary behaviour of pre-school aged children. *International Journal of Behavioural Nutrition & Physical Activity*, 18, 141.

**Phillips SM., Summerbell C.,** Ball HL., Hesketh KR., Saxena S., and Hillier-Brown, FC. (2021) The Validity, Reliability, and Feasibility of Measurement Tools Used to Assess Sleep of Pre-school Aged Children: A Systematic Rapid Review. *Frontiers in Pediatrics*, 9:770262.

Prato, L., Torregrossa, M., Ramons, Y., Alcaraz, S., **Smith, B.** (2021). Assembling the sense of home in emigrant elite athletes: Cultural transitions, narrative and materiality. *Psychology of Sport and Exercise*.

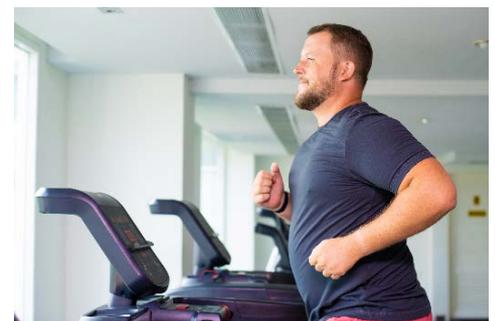
**Monforte, J., & Úbeda-Colomer, J.** (2021). Tinkering with the two-to-one interview: Reflections on the use of two interviewers in qualitative constructionist inquiry. *Methods in Psychology*, 100082.



Congratulations to Jess Hamilton, who has won the British Association for Sport and Exercise Sciences (BASES) Undergraduate Dissertation of the Year

Read more:

[Durham Sport graduate scoops national prize for her final year dissertation - Durham University](#)



## Recent Grant Successes

**Oliver EJ (PI)**, Osborn D, Walters K, Henderson E, Walker T, Pinfold V. (2021). WHOLE-SMI: Wellbeing and HOListic health promotion for people with Severe Mental Illness. NIHR/DHSC. £463,291.

Kaner E (PI), **Hackett S**, **Oliver EJ**, Aujla N, McGovern R, O'Donnell A, Ramsey S, Ekers D, Wearn A, Haining S, Price C, Rowlands G, Scott J, Shenton F, Whitty P. on behalf of ARC NENC mSIG. Additional infrastructure funding to support mental health research. NIHR/DHSC 2021-24. £750,212.

## Recent Grant Applications Submitted

In collaboration with Dr Clifton Evers (P.I) from the School of Arts & Cultures at Newcastle University, **Cassie Phoenix** has submitted a grant to the Leverhulme Trust. If successful, the research will examine how nature-based recreation cultures are shaped by pollution.

**Smith, B.** Communicating Chief Medical Officers' physical activity guidelines for disabled children and young people: Animation. ESRC IAA.

**Dr Stacey Pope** and **Professor Martin Roderick** submitted an application for the AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Partnerships with the British Library for the project: 'A (Wo)man's Game? A Socio-Historical Study of the Hidden History of Women in Football Fan Cultural Artefacts'.

## Significant Invitations

**Dr Caroline Dodd-Reynolds**, **Sophie Phillips**, **Dr Iain Lindsey**, Adetayo Kasim, and Bilal Ashraf are working on "National-level physical activity data to understand place-based inequalities: a case study of County Durham"

**Dr Patrick Jachyra** delivered invited presentations at the following locations; North East Autism Research Group, University of Glasgow, Durham University Centre for Neurodiversity and Development

**Dr Emily Oliver** delivered a presentation titled 'Co-location of community services for public mental health' for the Office of Health Improvement and Disparities national training webinar. Emily also gave an oral presentation at 8th International Society for Physical Activity and Health Conference.

**Cassie Phoenix** has been invited to give a Keynote address at the 2022 European Association for Sport Sociology (EASS) and International Sociology of Sport Association (ISSA) World Congress of Sociology of Sport Conference in Tubingen, Germany.

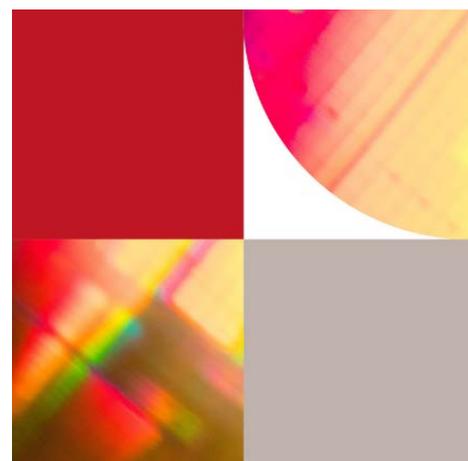
**Dr. Stacey Pope** was invited to become a policy advisor for Fair Game in October 2021. The role involves working with English Football League clubs and politicians to input into policy plans. She was also invited to become a member of the inaugural Advisory Board for Women's Football Education in November 2021, an organisation aiming to address the disparities in opportunities available to women players compared to men.

**Sophie Phillips** was invited to present her PhD research at Imperial College London's Child Health Unit Meeting. November 2021

**Prof. Brett Smith** was invited to give a keynote address at the European Congress on Adapted Physical Activity. Coimbra, Portugal. He was invited to write a chapter on narrative for the *Handbook of Health Psychology* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition). He was also invited to serve on the Moving Health Care Professionals advisory board, a programme led by Sport England and the Department of Health and Social Care.



Check the DSES News and Events page for all of the latest news stories



## Recent Research News

To raise awareness and disseminate work, the project **Moving Social Work** – funded by NIHR ARC NENC and Sport England – is now embedded in Disability Rights UK 'Get Yourself Active' website <http://www.getyourselfactive.org/resources/social-work/>

**Dr Karen Hind** has carried out some research around [repeated concussions in professional rugby players associated with poor mental health post retirement](#).

## Durham Roundtable on Politics of Localism in Sport and Physical Activity

In September, the Department of Sport and Exercise Sciences organised and co-hosted a roundtable forum on 'The Politics of Localism in Sport and Physical Activity'. The roundtable topic responded to the emergence of localism as an increasingly important feature of sport and physical activity policy in England over the last five years, and invited discussants were drawn from national and local organisations leading policy and practice for sport and physical activity, as well as a range of academics with relevant expertise drawn from different sectors and localities. Sharing learning was a key purpose for the roundtable, with the range of themes subsequently captured and disseminated here:

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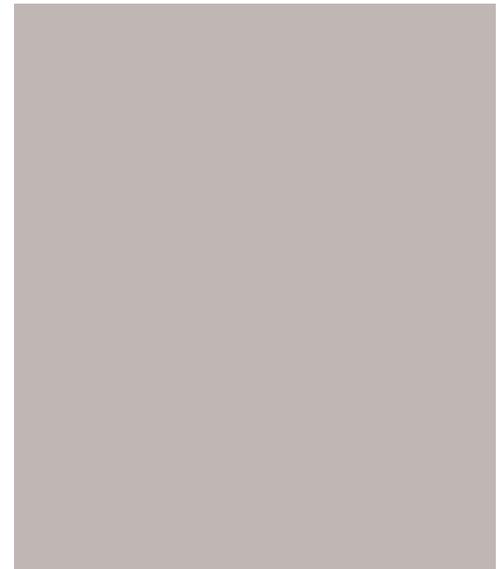
## DSES Research & expertise influences House of Lords Select Committee Report

A comprehensive House of Lords report calling on the government to develop a new 'national plan for sport, health and wellbeing' has taken account of submitted research evidence and recommendations made by DSES researchers, **Dr Iain Lindsey, Benjamin Rigby, Professor Brett Smith, Dr Emily Oliver** and **Dr Caroline Dodd-Reynolds**.

The report particularly acknowledges the need for greater co-ordination across governmental departments that was identified through Ben Rigby's doctoral research. To address this, the DSES submission suggested the creation of a new ministerial post with responsibility for sport, recreation and physical activity in the Department of Health and Social Care, and this has become a key recommendation of the House of Lords report.

The section of the report on PE and school sport also draws significantly on DSES [research on primary schools' use of national PE and Sport Premium funding](#). Limitations of accountability for spending that we identified through [commissioned research for the Sport and Recreation Alliance](#) is recognised in the report, as are concerns about the practice of buying-in external coaches to provide PE and school in primary schools. An extract from the DSES submission that calls for further engagement and regulation of external coaching companies is specifically cited to support a similar recommendation by the House of Lords Select Committee.

The House of Lords Select Committee Report was published on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and is available [here](#) and the DSES submission is accessible [here](#)



## Postgraduate Researcher News

This has been another busy term for our postgraduate community. Some research and engagement highlights include:

- The involvement of four of our PhD students, **Natalie Konerth, Ian Entwistle, Thomas Goodbourn** and **Marianna Bottiglieri**, as authors in an article published in *Sports Medicine*. The research, titled “Mental health and wellbeing of retired elite and amateur rugby players and non-contact athletes and associations with sports-related concussion: the UK Rugby Health Project”, is led by Dr Karen Hind and provides a great example of enabling our PGRs to work on interdisciplinary data and build their publication profiles.
- **Gianmarco Dellacasa** has had an abstract accepted for the British Sociological Association's Annual Conference, focused on Building equality and Justice Now. The research presentation, titled “Collective Physical Activity’: a post-capitalist-oriented praxis for advancing social justice in the here and now”, will take place in April 2022.
- **Sophie Phillips** has published a second paper from her PhD research, titled ‘The validity, reliability, and feasibility of measurement tools used to assess sleep of pre-school aged children: a systematic rapid review’, in *Frontiers in Paediatrics*. In addition, she’s published research briefings for both Fuse (the Centre for Translational Research in Public Health: How should we measure physical activity and sedentary behaviour of pre-school aged children? [Access the Fuse brief here](#)) and NIHR’s School of Public Health Research: Measuring 24-hour movement of pre-school children: how do we measure sleep? [The NIHR SPHR research briefing can be accessed here](#)
- Three PGR students from DSES and Anthropology convened a seminar showcasing cross-disciplinary approaches to physical activity research for the Wolfson Research Institute’s seminar programme. Our thanks to **Gianmarco Dellacasa, Emily Tupper** and **Laura McGuire**.
- We’ve welcomed two additional students to our PGR community in November. **Shamira Naidu-Young** is undertaking a Laureus Sport-funded PhD with Dr Iain Lindsey, exploring the impact of sport development initiatives on girls and young women. **Isaac Eastham** joins our Masters by Research programme, and will research the measurement of breath acetone for detecting low carbohydrate availability following ‘train low’ strategies with Dr Lindsay Macnaughton.
- **Ben Rigby** co-authored an evidence submission with Iain, Brett, Emily and Caroline, published as part of the House of Lords’ Select Committee’s report ‘A national plan for sport, health and wellbeing’. As well as being referenced within the report, the written evidence is published online and available for inspection at the Parliamentary Archives.
- We have a number of PGR students engaging as PG Tutors this term, many for the first time. These paid roles provide fantastic opportunities for students to develop and evidence their pedagogical skills, as well as benefitting our undergraduates’ learning experiences.
- And finally, congratulations to first-year students **Rachel Kurtz** and **Gianmarco Dellacasa** for passing their progression reviews. We look forward to seeing your research continue to develop.



## New Colleagues

### **Dr Daniel Glassbrook** **Postdoctoral Research Associate**



#### **What excites you about joining the department?**

Durham University, and the Department of Sport and Exercise Sciences are both highly ranked on the world scale, and I'm excited to be a part of a department that is as well regarded as this. I have recently moved over from Australia, where I spent the last four years and I'm looking forward to meeting more of the department over the coming months

#### **Could you describe the research you are going to pioneer here?**

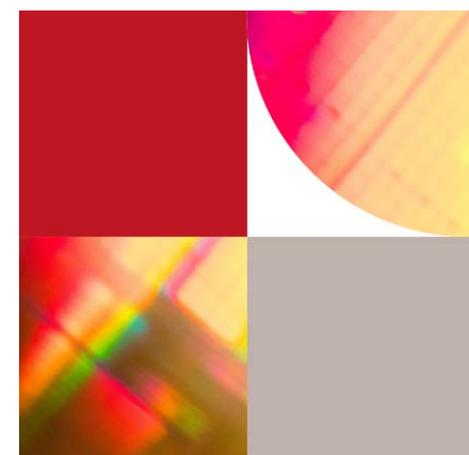
The projects I'm working on here are centered on sports related concussion. Concussion is an emerging research space, and there is lots of exciting research happening to try and understand this injury. I'm looking into both the management of concussion, post-injury, and the measurement/reporting of incidences. Outside of this, I have built a research profile in sport and exercise, and biomechanics and am always open to research in these spaces.

#### **Describe yourself in five words?**

Where is your accent from?

#### **What are your interests outside of academia?**

All things rugby. I've also signed up for a National Trust Membership, I'm a sucker for a day out at a heritage site, and learning more about history.





## Reminders

- RIS circulate weekly emails outlining funding opportunities and other updates, these are useful to keep up to date on research grant activities
- Ethics Training: the Research and Innovation Service team will be running an ethics training session on 14<sup>th</sup> January, titled 'Introduction to ethics, integrity, and responsible research and innovation' this is available for all staff and PGR students. Link to book a place can be found [here](#)
- A reminder to all staff to contact Lucy if you have any research news, updates and potential research briefing ideas. We have some useful resources in the department that may help to promote your projects.

We would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2022!



If you would like any information to feature in the next newsletter, please complete the following submission [form](#). If you would like to sign up to receive a copy of this newsletter, please contact Lucy at [ses.researchadmin@durham.ac.uk](mailto:ses.researchadmin@durham.ac.uk)



## Upcoming Events

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### January 2022

**Research Away Day**  
**5<sup>th</sup> January, Ushaw College**  
We look forward to beginning the year with our annual research awayday. An agenda will be circulated prior to the event.

**Research Seminar Series**  
**Every Wednesday, 10am-11am**

Watch out for the upcoming seminar series which will be circulated soon. We will be running the meetings in a hybrid format where possible, but if events have to change to online only, as much notice will be given as possible.

Please keep sharing ideas for different seminars you would like with Iain.

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