

## **APT Psychology Conference.**

APT is organising the **Fifteenth Psychology conference** on Friday **20<sup>th</sup> April, 2012** starting at **10am** in the Lecture theatre, **LG024** [the same as in previous years], in the **David Kier building, Stranmillis Road entrance, Queen's University Belfast.**

### **Conference format.**

10-10.05am	Conference opening with introductions - Chris Gibbons	
10.05-10.55	Understanding the social processes that underpin compliance and obedience. The talk will focus mainly on compliance at the individual level but will also cover some of the evidence of these same processes within groups, as well as the ethical implications involved in such research. <i>Syllabus links – Spec A Social psychology – social influence and ethical issues in research; Spec A – Social influence – conformity, compliance and obedience</i>	Speaker – Dr Jackie Abell
11.05–11.55	Understanding romantic relationships; how they develop and breakdown. This talk will also include comment on sexual selection and parental investment and how earlier experiences can affect adult attachments. Julia will explain how students can make the best use of the knowledge they have for the exam. <i>Syllabus links – Spec A &amp; B relationships.</i>	Speaker - Julia Willerton Principal Examiner AQA, Spec A
12.05 – 12.55	Understanding and evaluating theories of perception. The focus will be on making accessible and understandable an area of psychology that many teachers avoid but which is on the syllabus and is part of most psychology degree programmes. <i>Approaches, Perspectives and Cognitive psychology in both Specifications</i>	Speaker Paul Gardner
1.-1.30pm	<b>Teacher Seminar</b> Julia Willerton will take questions on the syllabus and offer feedback on the common pitfalls and strengths from AS and A2 students' recent answers to module exams.	

Seminars will take place in the afternoon and students should be seated in one of the three venues – the main lecture theatre, or Seminar room A, or Seminar room B, by 2.10pm. The speakers will rotate between the three venues.

<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Lecture theatre (LG024)</b>	<b>Seminar Room A (DKB01.028 was 1010)</b>	<b>Seminar Room B (DKB01.043 was 1078)</b>
<b>Speaker</b>			
Chris Gibbons	2.10-2.30pm	2.35-2.55pm	3-3.20pm
Jackie Abell	2.35-2.55pm	3-3.20pm	2.10-2.30pm
Julia Willerton	3-3.20pm	2.10-2.30pm	2.35-2.55pm

### **Final Talk (Lecture theatre, LG25)**

3.30 – 4.15pm	Understanding the explanations for attraction and 'love'. This final talk will look at a range of explanations and evidence, including that that relates to an evolutionary basis.  <i>Syllabus links – Spec A A2 Model 4, social psychology; Spec B Module 4 Human relationships and for both - Perspectives, Approaches and the synoptic element.</i>	Speaker Dr Chris Gibbons
4.15-4.20pm	Final comments and conference feedback.	

Tickets cost £10 per student. For teachers there is no charge and refreshments and a lunch are provided for teachers. Book by emailing [c.gibbons@qub.ac.uk](mailto:c.gibbons@qub.ac.uk), and send monies, with cheques made payable to **Association for Psychology Teachers**, to 5 Mourne Wood, Rostrevor, Co Down. BT34 3GG.