

BSA SOCIOLOGY OF ALCOHOL FOUNDING MEMBERS

Amanda Atkinson

Amanda Atkinson is a Researcher at Liverpool John Moore's University. Her work covers a broad range of areas including young people's alcohol use and related leisure, media representations of alcohol/drugs and gender and alcohol use. Her current work involves examining how alcohol is represented in media consumed by young people, young people's own interpretations of these portrayals and the production of such alcohol-related media content. Previous work has involved developing and undertaking primary and secondary research into a number of areas including drug and alcohol use and related violence, youth gangs and domestic violence.

Angus Bancroft

Angus is the author of *Drugs, Intoxication and Society* (Polity 2009), which marshals historical, anthropological, psychological and sociological evidence to examine intoxication as a social phenomenon, the global War on Drugs, and the rise of the pharmaceutical society. He teaches a course in the Sociology of Intoxication and is currently planning research on alcohol use transitions.

Ben Baumberg

Having written on alcohol for the European Commission/World Health Organization 2006-2010, Ben realised there are several problems that can only be tackled by sociological analysis. Firstly, there is little understanding of the role of the alcohol industry and Corporate Social Responsibility; the existing analysis is either simplistically pessimistic or simplistically optimistic. Secondly, there is almost no analysis of alcohol and pleasure, reflecting the dominance of public health and criminological perspectives. Finally, drinking behaviour and drinking-related harm are seen as a function of policy, individual risk factors and a generic 'culture'/peer pressure. Deeper theorising and analysis of the role of less specifically 'alcohol-related' factors (e.g. poverty, work stress, gender roles) is almost entirely absent. This is obviously a huge agenda, but the BSA study group will be invaluable in making a start.

Elizabeth Ettorre

Elizabeth has been Professor of Sociology at the University of Liverpool since 1st October 2006. She received a BA in Sociology from Fordham University, New York, USA in 1972. In 1978, she was awarded her PhD in Sociology from the London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London. She also has a Certificate in Dynamic Psychology of Counselling which was gained in 1989 from the Lincoln Clinic and Institute for Psychotherapy, London. In her career, she has worked in the UK, USA and Finland and is an active member of the International Sociological Association, European Sociological Association (member of Executive committee, Treasurer from 2003-5 and Chair of Sociology of Health Research Network 2005-present), British Sociological Association, American Sociological Association, Society for the Study of Social Problems (co-chair Health, Health Policy and Health Services Division from 2005-5 and Member of Committee of Committees 2006), Sociologists for Women in Society, British Sociological Association MEDSOC Group and The Westermarck Society (Finland). She lived and worked in Finland from 1991-1998. Given that she has a Docent appointment in Sociology at both Abo Academy (Turku) and University of Helsinki, she continues collegial contact with her Finnish colleagues. She also has an honorary appointment at the Institute of Scientific Analysis, San Francisco, California, USA. As part of her commitment to drug misuse research, she was a Trustee of the Harbour Centre, a local non-statutory Alcohol and Drug Advisory Service in the Plymouth area from 1998-2006. She is currently a member of the Advisory Group for the Schools Health Education Unit, Exeter since 2001.

Jeff Fernandez

Jeff is currently working for Islington with the Whittington Hospital as the Nurse Consultant in substance misuse. He has worked in the addictions field for the last fifteen years to date, across drug and alcohol treatment pathways. Jeff has developed services in both areas with a focus on making services more accessible and bedded in equal opportunities.

Jeff is currently developing the new access service in Islington called ISIS. He is also developing a clinical governance framework for the alcohol services across Islington. This is to make Islington an innovative borough in providing services in the field of addictions.

Jeff has also written extensively in the field of addictions and continues to research and develop this avenue.

Mark Freestone

Mark originally trained as a sociologist with core interests in social theory and the ethnographic method. He now works as a clinician-researcher in forensic mental health services for personality disorder, and on an NIHR-funded study of the epidemiology of violence at Queen Mary, University of London.

Katherine Jackson

Katherine is an NIHR Doctoral Research Fellow in the Institute of Health and Society, Newcastle University. She is currently in the first year of studying for a (part time) PhD entitled 'A sociological exploration of women, alcohol and stress; towards developing a self care intervention'. Katherine has a first degree in Sociology and has worked as a contract researcher for the past six years. Her PhD topic was developed from her research interests to date on gendered health inequalities, self care interventions and alcohol use.

Louise Laverty

Louise is currently a Research Assistant based at the Health and Community Care Research Unit at the University of Liverpool working on a qualitative study exploring perceptions and influences of alcohol in local neighbourhoods among pupils, parents and teachers. She is also a part time PhD student and will be carrying out a longitudinal qualitative study using ethnographic methods to explore alcohol and underage drinking in local communities.

Anthea Martin

Anthea is currently a PhD student at Middlesex University, exploring the use of contingency management for hepatitis B vaccination with people attending NHS services for heroin dependency. Her main areas of interest are problem substance use, blood borne viruses, harm reduction, and user involvement. Anthea is particularly interested in qualitative and mixed methods research, and in discursive and poststructuralist approaches.

Lyndsey Moon

Lyndsey is a senior lecturer at Roehampton University in Therapeutic Studies and also teaches at Warwick University where she held an ESRC Senior Fellowship and is applying for further funding. She is a Peer reviewer for the ESRC and also a member of Women of Substance, which is part of the broader London alliance GLADA. Lyndsey has worked in drug and alcohol for over 20 years in NHS and Voluntary Sector organisations.

Val Owen-Pugh

Val is currently working as lecturer in counselling and psychotherapy. Her research interests lie on the boundaries of the psychological and the social, for example: counselling in society; group processes; training and HRD issues in counselling, the development of psychotherapy

professions; social diversity and cultural differences in counselling; the organisation and management of mental health service provision; Elias's figurational social theory and its potential application to small-group dynamics, professional development relationships, and counselling and psychotherapy practice; distributed, situated and organisational learning in relation to therapy practice. She is currently writing a paper (in conjunction with one of her students and based on her students qualitative research) on the male experience of alcoholism.

Karl Spracklen

Karl Spracklen is a Principal Lecturer in Socio-Cultural Aspects of Sport and Leisure at Leeds Metropolitan University. His research interests range across leisure studies and include real ale and whisky tourism. He is the Chair of the Leisure Studies Association and has published extensively on sociology of leisure. His recent monograph *The Meaning and Purpose of Leisure* (Palgrave, 2009) developed a Habermasian theory of communicative and instrumental rationality in leisure choices.

Patsy Staddon

Patsy is both a sociologist and an 'ex-alcoholic'. She was awarded her PhD, 'Making Whoopee? An exploration of understandings and responses around women's alcohol use' in August 2009 at the age of 65, which she explains by the years of fieldwork required at a younger age. She is currently editing a book and completing journal articles and book chapters. She is also a Visiting Fellow at the University of Plymouth, a Research Associate at the University of the West of England, and a Director of Shaping Our Lives, the national service user controlled organisation which campaigns for a social approach to disablement, mental health and substance use issues.

Thomas Thurnell-Read

Thomas' work broadly covers gender and masculinity in relation to tourism, leisure and consumption. His interest in the sociology of alcohol and drunkenness largely stems from his doctoral research, a qualitative study of British stag tourism in Eastern Europe. Through looking at the stag tour as a premarital ritual, this has included addressing issues of sexuality, intimacy and friendship. Alcohol is central to all of these themes with the pursuit of collective drunkenness integral to the stag tour group's construction of a collective masculinity.

Thomas' interest in developing sociological understandings of alcohol consumption and drinking culture are ongoing. For instance, he is currently developing research undertakings to study the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) in order to explore the social and cultural position of the campaign and how the consumption of real ale is linked to notions of masculinity, locality, national identity and nostalgia.

Jonathan Twirler

Jonathan is particularly interested in the pursuit of discourse surrounding 'Institutional Drinking' (viz. Sports/Educational and Vocational) and also the use of alcohol as self-medication surrounding issues of physical and mental trauma.

Orientations to the Alcohol group were-in my case at least- developed following University (College) at Durham in the late '70's and in the military in the '80's where alcohol was never far from the thoughts and grasp of many....

Currently Jonathan is working in a Youth Offending Service in the North West and many of the issues surrounding 'transgressions' by the Young Persons feature alcohol as a significant 'mover'.