
Tutor Biographies



Dr Clare Wilkinson

Clare is an Associate Professor in Science Communication. Clare is a sociologist whose research interests include the relationship between science and society, media representations of science and public engagement. Her work has explored a variety of scientific and medical fields including nanotechnologies, genetics, robotics and medical education. Clare has published in journals including *Science Communication*, *Public Understanding of Science*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Qualitative Health Research and Health*, *Risk and Society*. She co-wrote the book *Nanotechnology, Risk and Communication* with Alison Anderson, Alan Petersen and Stuart Allan for Palgrave Macmillan, and is currently authoring a book (with Emma Weitkamp) for Manchester University Press. Clare is the Programme Leader for the postgraduate science communication programmes based at UWE, Bristol.



Dr Erik Stengler

Erik Stengler is Senior Lecturer in Science Communication. His special interests in this area include Science Museums and Planetariums, Science in Film and, more broadly, how to succeed in communicating science to those not particularly interested in it.

Erik has extensive experience in Communicating Science informally in Science Centres, through Outreach Projects and in the Media. He has been project manager of various initiatives that range from a Science Van to Courses on Science in the Movies, including a TV children's show; theatre plays; science programmes for senior citizens, in prisons or in leisure environments; and educational partnerships with Science Historians. Erik has also been involved in the training of museum explainers and in various teacher training programmes.

Erik's scientific background is that of an astrophysicist, with a PhD in the field of Observational Cosmology, using quasars as background beacons to study large scale objects in their line of sight.



Dr Emma Weitkamp

Emma is an Associate Professor in Science Communication at UWE with an interest in science writing. Her current research includes managing the Science for Environment Policy news alert service which provides the latest environmental research to policy makers around the world. The service has over 18,000 subscribers. She is currently part of the evaluation team for the Food for Life Partnership and Food Growing Schools: London projects and runs science outreach projects in local schools. Emma also runs bespoke training in science writing and contributes to the Science Communication Masterclass run by the unit.



Dr Ann Grand

Ann Grand is a Research Fellow in the Science Communication Unit. Ann recently completed her PhD research, based in the SCU. Her project looked at ways in which the emerging ideas and practice of open science can be a medium for public access to and involvement in the process of science and an innovative method for real-time science communication.

Ann also looks after the Learning Labs project, offering creative placement opportunities for our Science Communication students, and (under Dr Clare Wilkinson) acted as internal evaluator for the Science for Environment Policy service evaluation. She also lectures occasionally on the MSc modules and supervises students through their projects.



Dr Margarida Sardo

Margarida is a Research Fellow in the Science Communication Unit. She is currently developing ideas for collaborative projects with academic and research staff and teaches occasionally on the MSc in Science Communication. Margarida is a biologist whose research interests include good practice in science communication, informal learning, generic venues in science communication, science contributions to environmental policy-making, evaluation methodologies and evaluation and innovative strategies for public engagement.



Laura Fogg Rogers

Laura Fogg Rogers is a Research Fellow in Science Communication. She is a trained science journalist with extensive experience of working in the media and with the public. She has over ten years' experience designing and delivering innovative science communication projects for a range of audiences, including young people, in the UK and New Zealand. Her research focuses on learning and engagement - examining the impact of formal and informal learning programmes and public engagement on researchers, schools and the public. Laura's current projects include: Robots vs Animals, bringing together the Bristol Robotics Laboratory and Bristol Zoo Gardens to inspire young people in engineering; Children as Engineers, piloting a programme to boost communication skills and engineering knowledge for engineers and teachers respectively; and the evaluation of the Royal Society Education Outreach training course.