

Dr Serena Bartys

Full Academic Resume

Personal Details

Date of Birth: 15 March 1972

Nationality: British

Qualifications

2004

PhD - University of Huddersfield.
'Psychosocial factors at work, musculoskeletal disorders and the implementation of occupational health guidelines'

1998

BSc (Hons) Psychology (2:1) – University of Coventry.

Current Post

Aug 2015 -

Principal Research Fellow in Work & Health
Centre for Applied Research in Health, School of Human & Health Sciences, University of Huddersfield.

Jul 16-Jul 17

Policy Fellow (full-time secondment),
Joint Work & Health Unit, Department for Work and Pensions.

Career History

Nov 10-Jul 15

Senior Research Fellow
Centre for Applied Psychological & Health Research, School of Human & Health Sciences, University of Huddersfield

Apr 09-Oct 10

Research Fellow
Centre for Health & Social Care Research, School of Human & Health Sciences, University of Huddersfield

Oct 07-Mar 09

Research Fellow in Psychosocial Oncology
Psychosocial Oncology and Clinical Practice Research Group, Cancer Research UK, University of Leeds.

Oct 03-Sep 07

Research Fellow in Public Health
Centre for Public Health Research, University of Salford.

Oct 98-Sep 03

Research Psychologist
Dept Behavioural Medicine, Hope Hospital, Salford Royal NHS Trust.

Specialist Expertise/Membership

- Organising Committee – UK Knowledge Mobilisation Forum (2019)
- Associate Editor – International Journal of Workplace Health (2019)
- Policy Fellow – Joint Work and Health Unit (2016-17)
- Associate Fellow – British Psychological Society (2016)
- Specialist member (return to work) - National Institute for Health & Care Excellence (NICE) Low Back Pain Clinical Guidelines Development Group (2014)
- Visiting Senior Research Fellow – University of Salford (2014)
- Executive Committee member – Society for Back Pain Research (2014-18)
- Chartered Psychologist – British Psychological Society (2013)
- Fellow – UK Higher Education Academy (2011)

Academic Awards

- UNICEF Wearables for Good Global Challenge Finalist 2015
“WAA! Wearable Anywhere Apgar”
- President's Award – Society for Back Pain Research Annual Conference, Dublin, Ireland 2014.
“A UK-Dutch study exploring the role of the family in supporting work participation for those with chronic musculoskeletal pain”
- Best Poster Prize - Work Disability Prevention and Integration Conference, Toronto, Canada 2014.
“‘I think positivity breeds positivity’: the role of significant others in supporting those with chronic musculoskeletal pain to stay at work”.
- BUPA *foundation* Health at Work Award 2005 – Highly Commended Doctorate.
“The implementation of occupational health guidelines principles for reducing sickness absence due to musculoskeletal disorders”.

Peer Review Activities

Funding bodies

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada – Insight Grant “Sustainable return to work for people with musculoskeletal and mental impairment: Improving communication and concertation among stakeholders” - \$371,973 (January 2019)

National Institute for Health Research – Programme Grant for Applied Research “Multicentre Research Programme to Enhance Return to Work after Trauma (ROWTATE) – £2,498,589 (December 2017)

National Institute for Health Research – Research for Patient Benefit “Impact of targeted GP Fit Note training on the mental health and return to work outcomes of employed patients with common mental health disorders (FATHOM): a feasibility before and after study” - £209,382 (August 2015).

Scottish Government Chief Scientist Office Project Grant Scheme “Comparing working and sick-listed employees suffering chronic pain: a mixed-methods developmental investigation of

biopsychosocial factors to inform Stage 1 of the MRC Complex Interventions Framework” - £104,500 (February 2015)

National Institute for Health Research – Public Health Research final report “Pilot Study of a randomised trial of a guided e-learning health promotion intervention based on management standards for the improvement of employee wellbeing and reduction of sickness absence” - £357,000 (January 2015).

National Institute for Health Research – Programme Grant for Applied Research “Better Outcomes for Older People with Spinal Trouble (BOOST)” - £1,936,177 (December 2013)

Journals/Publishers

Occupational & Environmental Medicine; Occupational Medicine; European Journal of Pain, Journal of Occupational Rehabilitation, BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders, BMC Medical Research Methodology, BMC Family Practice, Palgrave Macmillan

Funding

2024	'Feasibility and acceptability of ReWork: a novel, worker-led digital guide to support work ability. Swiss Re (£40k) (Consultancy, Academic Lead)
2023	'Self-management support to enhance work ability in people with long-term health conditions and disabilities'. NIHR Work & Health Development Award (£120k) (Co-Investigator)
2022	'ReWork: a novel, worker-led digital guide to support work ability. Swiss Re (£40k) (Consultancy, Academic Lead)
2020	'Development of an enhanced income protection product to support work participation for those with health conditions'. Knowledge Transfer Partnership – Swiss Re & University of Huddersfield. Innovate UK (£200k) (Enterprise, Academic Lead)
2019	"Improving initiation and delivery of supportive conversations about work and health in healthcare settings" Public Health England (£40k) (Consultancy, Principal Investigator)
2017	Policy Fellowship (Department for Work and Pensions) (£70k) (Consultancy, Principal Investigator)
2015	"Supporting Self-Management for Depression after Therapy (SMaRT): intervention development". NHS Yorkshire and Humber Commissioning Support (£10k) (named researcher).
2015	"Calderdale's Vital Signs Report: a guide to local charitable giving". Community Foundations for Calderdale. (£2.5k) (Consultancy, Principal Investigator).

- 2015 “Significant others’ and collaborative self-management of chronic musculoskeletal pain. UK Spine Societies Board Travel Fellowship to the University of Groningen, The Netherlands (£1k) (Principal Investigator).
- 2013 “Quantifying the effectiveness of telephone-based assessments in identifying return-to-work interventions for people with common health conditions”. The Department for Work and Pensions. (24k) (Consultancy, co-applicant).
- 2012 “The Healthy Halifax Lifestyle Survey.” NHS Calderdale & Calderdale Council (£120k) (Consultancy, Project Lead)
- 2011 “The influence of ‘significant others’ on illness perceptions and work participation in patients with persisting low back pain: a pilot study”. BUPA *foundation* Philip-Poole Seed Corn Fund (£20k) (co-applicant)
- 2010 “The influence of ‘significant others’ on back pain disability: a qualitative pilot study of illness perceptions.” BackCare. (£20k) (Principal Investigator)
- 2010 “Increasing response rates to lifestyle surveys: a review of methodology and ‘good practice’. The National Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Dataset Project”. NHS Calderdale. (£10k) (Consultancy, Project Lead)
- 2009 “A sexual health training needs analysis for those who work with young people in Kirklees.” NHS Kirklees. (£25k) (Consultancy, Project Lead)
- 2009 “Effectiveness of interventions to improve the uptake of immunisation in primary care, with specific focus on Mumps, Measles and Rubella (MMR).” NHS Calderdale. (£25k) (Consultancy, named researcher)
- 2008 Intervention guidance on workplace health promotion with reference to physical activity and what works in motivating and changing employees’ health behaviour.” National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE). (£76k) (co-applicant)
- 2006 “Setting standards for preventative services to improve child health in Greater Manchester.” The Association of Greater Manchester Primary Care Trusts. (£25k) (Consultancy, Project Lead)
- 2004 “Inequalities in a population screening program for the prevention of cardiovascular disease.” Department of Health – Public Health Initiative Project Award. (£30k) (Principal Investigator)

- 2003 “Concepts of rehabilitation for the management of common health problems.” Department for Work and Pensions (£80k) (Consultancy, named researcher)
- 1999 “Psychosocial obstacles to recovery from musculoskeletal disorders in industry”. Health and Safety Executive (£180k) (Consultancy, Project Lead)

Postdoctoral bidding activity

2003-2018 Bids submitted totalling over £15M (including major research council calls, nationally and internationally), both as PI and Co-I.

Outputs (please note, previous surname was McCluskey)

Journal Articles

Westwell, G., Burr, V. & Bartys, S. (2023).. *Addiction Research & Theory*. DOI:

<https://doi.org/10.1080/16066359.2023.2221030>

Bartys, S., Martin, R., Parker, C., Edmondson, A. & Burton, K. (2021). *Empathy is key: addressing obstacles to policy progress of ‘work-focused healthcare’*. *Evidence & Policy* (<https://doi.org/10.1332/174426421X16340308463939>)

<Y, Xie., Hutting, N., Bartys, S. & Johnston, V. (2021). *Interventions to promote work-focused care by healthcare providers for individuals with musculoskeletal conditions: a scoping review*. *Journal of Occupational Rehabilitation* (in press).

<Froud, R., Amundsen, PA., Bartys, S., Battie, M., Burton, K., Foster, NE. et al (2020) Opportunities and challenges around adapting supported employment interventions for people with chronic low back pain: modified nominal group technique, *Disability and Rehabilitation* (DOI: [10.1080/09638288.2020.1716863](https://doi.org/10.1080/09638288.2020.1716863))

<Swann, D., Meaton, J. & Bartys, S. (2019). WAAA! The conception and rapid development of a wearable for good technology. *Design for Health*, **2**;253-265.

<Lucock, M., Bartys, S., Cupac, J., Delgadillo, J., Denton, C., Gaines, S. et al (2018). Using implementation intentions for preventing relapse after psychological treatment for depression: the SMARt intervention. *Behavioural & Cognitive Psychotherapy*, **46**;626-632.

*Bartys, S., Frederiksen, P., Bendix, T. & Burton, K. (2017). System influences on work disability due to low back pain: an international evidence synthesis. *Health Policy*, **121**;903-912.

<Kirshbaum, M., Stead, M. & Bartys, S. (2016). An exploratory study of Reiki experiences in women who have cancer. *International Journal of Palliative Nursing*, **22**:166-72.

*McCluskey, S., de Vries, H.J., Reneman, M.F., Brooks, J. & Brouwer, S. (2015). “I think positivity breeds positivity”: a qualitative exploration of the role of family members in supporting those with chronic musculoskeletal pain to stay at work. *BMC Family Practice*, **16**:85.

- <Brooks, J., McCluskey, S., Turley, E & King, N. (2015). The utility of Template Analysis in qualitative psychology research. *Qualitative Research in Psychology* (DOI: 10.1080/14780887.2014.955224).
- <Ross, D., McCluskey, S., Fletcher-Cook, P. & Stephenson, J. (2014). The reliability of the Leeds Movement Performance Index (LMPI): a new tool for neurological physiotherapy. *Physiotherapy Theory and Practice*, **30**:581–587 (*joint publication with PhD student*).
- *McCluskey, S., Brooks, J., King, N. & Burton, K. (2014). Are the treatment expectations of 'significant others' psychosocial obstacles to work participation for individuals with persistent low back pain? *WORK: A Journal of Prevention, Assessment & Rehabilitation – Special Issue on Work & Disability* (DOI: 10.3233/WOR-131789). (*Invited Article*)
- <Brooks, J., McCluskey, S., King, N. & Burton, K. (2013). Illness perceptions in the context of differing work participation outcomes: exploring the influence of significant others in persistent back pain. *BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders*, **14**, 48.
- <Greenhalgh, J., Abhyankar, P., McCluskey, S., Takeuchi, E. & Velikova, G. (2012). How do doctors refer to patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) in oncology consultations? *Quality of Life Research* (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s11136-012-0218-3>)
- *McCluskey, S., Brooks, J., King, N. & Burton, K. (2011). The influence of 'significant others' on persistent back pain and work participation: a qualitative study of illness perceptions. *BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders*, **12**, 236. (*Highly Accessed*)
- *McCluskey, S. & Topping, A.E. (2011). Increasing response rates to lifestyle surveys: a pragmatic evidence review. *Perspectives in Public Health*, **13**, 89-94.
- <Dugdill L, Brettle A, Hulme C, McCluskey S & Long AF. (2008). Workplace physical activity interventions: a systematic review. *International Journal of Workplace Health Management*, **1**, 20-40. (*Invited Article*)
- *McCluskey, S., Baker, D., Percy, D., Lewis, P. & Middleton, E. (2007). Reductions in cardiovascular risk in association with population screening – a 10-year longitudinal study in the United Kingdom. *Journal of Public Health*, **29**, 379-387.
- =Baker D, Middleton E, McCluskey S, Lewis P. (2007). The impact of screening on population health and inequality: evidence from the Stockport Screening Programme, UK. *Italian Journal of Public Health*, **27**.
- *McCluskey, S., Burton, AK. & Main, CJ. (2006). The implementation of occupational health guidelines principles for reducing absence due to musculoskeletal disorders. *Occupational Medicine*, **56**, 237-242.
- *Bartys, S., Burton, K. & Main, C. (2005). A prospective study of psychosocial risk factors and absence due to musculoskeletal disorders – implications for occupational screening. *Occupational Medicine*, **55**, 375-379.

*Bartys, S., Baker, D., Lewis, P. & Middleton, E. (2005). Inequity in recording of cardiovascular risk factors in a local population-based screening program – a 10-year longitudinal study. *European Journal of Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation*, **12**, 63-67.

<Waddell, G., Burton, A.K., Aylward, M., Bartys, S. & Main, C.J. (2003). Screening to identify people at risk of long-term incapacity. *Disability Medicine*, **3**, 72-83.

Research Reports

Bartys, S. (2022). *Development of an enhanced income protection product to support work participation for those with health conditions*. Knowledge Transfer Partnership – Swiss Re & University of Huddersfield. London: Innovate UK

Bartys, S., Edmondson, A., Martin, R., Parker, C. & Burton, K. (2019). *Conversations about Work in Healthcare: when, where, what & by whom*. London: Public Health England.

McCluskey, S., Bolger E. & Duncan, S. (2015) *Calderdale's Vital Signs Report: a guide to local charitable giving*. Community Foundations for Calderdale

<Burton, A.K., Kendall, N.A.S., McCluskey, S. & Dibben, P. (2013). *Telephonic support to facilitate return-to-work: what works, how and when?* London: Department for Work and Pensions.

<Brooks, J., McCluskey, S., King, N. & Burton, K. (2012). *Beliefs about illness amongst significant others and their influence on work participation outcomes for back pain patients: a pilot study*. The University of Huddersfield & theBUPAfoundation.

=Bareham, A., McCluskey, S., Stephenson, J. & Topping, A. (2012). *Healthy Halifax Lifestyle Survey*. The University of Huddersfield, NHS Calderdale & Calderdale Council.

*McCluskey, S., Brooks, J., King, N. & Burton, K. (2011). *The influence of 'significant others' on back pain disability and return to work: a qualitative pilot study of illness perceptions*. The University of Huddersfield, BackCare & NHS Blackburn with Darwen.

*McCluskey, S., Williams, J., Nyawata, I. & Topping, A. (2009). *A Sexual Health Training Needs Analysis in Kirklees: a mixed-methods design*. The University of Huddersfield & NHS Kirklees.

*McCluskey, S. & Topping, A. (2009). *Increasing response rates to lifestyle surveys: A review of methodology and 'good practice' (The National Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Dataset Project)*. The University of Huddersfield & NHS Calderdale.

<Morrell, J., McCluskey, S., Lui, S., Topping, A. (2009). *Effectiveness of interventions to improve the uptake of immunisation in primary care, with specific focus on Mumps, Measles and Rubella (MMR)*. The University of Huddersfield & NHS Calderdale.

<Dugdill, L., Brettle, A., Hulme, C., McCluskey, S., Long, AF. (2007). *A review of effectiveness of workplace health promotion interventions on physical activity and what works in motivating and changing employees' health behaviour*. London: National Institute of Clinical Excellence.

*McCluskey, S. & Baker, D. (2007). *Setting standards for preventative services to improve child health in Greater Manchester*. The University of Salford & The Association of Greater Manchester Primary Care Trusts.

*McCluskey, S. (2005). *Inequalities in a population based screening program for the prevention of cardiovascular disease*. London: Department of Health.

=Burton, A.K., Bartys, S., Wright, I. & Main, C.J. (2005). *Obstacles to recovery from musculoskeletal disorders in industry. Research Report 323*. London: Health and Safety Executive.

<Waddell, G., Burton, A.K. & Bartys, S. (2004). *Concepts of rehabilitation for the management of common health problems: evidence base*.

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/+http://www.dwp.gov.uk/medical/publications/rehab-appendices/contents.pdf>

Book Chapters

* Bartys, S. & Jensen-Stochkendahl, M. (2018). Work-focused healthcare for low back pain. *International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine Online Textbook*.

*Bartys, S., Main, C.J. & Burton, A.K. (2000). Pain management in occupational settings. In Main, C.J. & Spanswick, C.C. (Eds.). *Pain Management: an interdisciplinary approach*. Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh.

Other outputs

Etuknwa, A., Burton, AK. & Bartys, S. (2023). *The smart return-to-work plan. Part 2: the build*. Occupational Health at Work, 19:16-25.

Burton, A.K. & Bartys, S. (2022). *The smart return-to-work plan. Part 1: the concepts*. Occupational Health at Work, 19(2): 22-27.

Bartys, S. & Burton, AK. (2021) *Work-focused healthcare: legacy of OH knowledge can help overcome obstacles to policy progress*. Occupational Health at Work, April/May (vol. 17/6).

*McCluskey, S. (2015). The role of 'significant others' in the management of persistent musculoskeletal pain. *BodyinMind, University of South Australia*
<http://www.bodyinmind.org/?s=mcccluskey>

*McCluskey, S., de Vries, H., Reneman, M., Brooks, J. & Brouwer, S. (2015). A UK-Dutch study exploring the role of the family in helping those with persistent musculoskeletal pain to stay at work. *Bone and Joint Journal*, **97B(Suppl 2)**, 20.

*McCluskey, S. (2013). Do we need to talk to 'significant others'? *Annals of Family Medicine*, **11** (DOI: 10.1370/afm.1518).

*McCluskey, S. (2013). Keep on Running. Health and Wellbeing initiatives need a long-term focus to succeed properly. *Employee Benefits Magazine*, August.

*McCluskey, S., Brooks, J., King, N. & Burton, K. (2013). The influence of 'significant others' on work participation in those with back pain. *Bone and Joint Journal*, **95B(Suppl 17)**, 23.

*McCluskey, S., Brooks, J., King, N. & Burton, K. (2013). "He's only young and he wants to work but no-one'll hire him with a bad back, will they?" Findings from an exploratory study of 'significant others' illness perceptions in relation to work disability due to low back pain. *Bone and Joint Journal*, **95B(Suppl 4)**, 17.

*Bartys, S., Burton AK. & Main, CJ. (2005). Occupational case management can reduce sickness absence. *European Journal of Public Health*, **15**, 62.

*Bartys, S., Baker, D., Percy, D. & Lewis, P. (2005). Reduction in cardiovascular risk in association with population screening – a 10-year longitudinal study in the United Kingdom. *Circulation*, **111**, e255.

*Bartys, S., Baker, D. & Lewis, P. (2004). Inequity in recording of cardiovascular disease risk factors in a population-based screening programme. *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, **58(Suppl II)**, A26.

*Bartys, S. (2003). Organisational obstacles to recovery from musculoskeletal disorders in industry. *Occupational Health Review*, **103**, 27-30.

*Bartys, S. (2003). Psychosocial risk factors and absence due to musculoskeletal disorders. *Occupational Health Review*, **106**, 31-34.

Conference Presentations

Mar 2024 Health & Wellbeing at Work Annual Conference, Birmingham, UK. "*Returning to work after sickness absence: smart plans empower worker and workplace*".

Aug 2023 Department for Work & Pensions seminar series (virtual). "Supporting workers with health conditions to have a good return to work: a new approach". (*Invited talk*).

Jun 2023 Society for Occupational Medicine Annual Conference, Edinburgh, UK. "Digital support for early return to work: from design to implementation.

- Nov 2022 New Frontiers for Digital Mental Health: NIHR MindTech MIC National Symposium. "ReWork: a co-produced digital guide for supporting early return to work."
- Sep 2022 Vocational Rehabilitation Association seminar series (virtual). "Earlier early intervention – an evidence-based approach to RTW from an income protection viewpoint". (*Invited talk*).
- Jul 2022 Health Claims Forum, London, UK. "How to make early intervention even earlier: promoting day 1 return-to-work self-management in workers absent with a health condition"
- May 2022 Department for Work & Pensions seminar series (virtual). "An insurance-led approach to reducing sickness absence". (*Invited talk*)
- May 2022 UK Knowledge Mobilisation Forum, Liverpool, UK. "Supporting early return to work using a knowledge mobilisation methodology".
- Nov 2021 Work Wellness Institute, Canada (virtual). "Supporting a self-management approach to early return to work using a digital tool".
- Oct 2021 European Pain Federation's Societal Impact of Pain Annual Meeting, Malta "Influencing employment policy" (*Invited keynote*)
- Jun 2021 Vocational Rehabilitation Association Annual Conference, London, UK "Development and implementation of a novel return to work support package to improve income protection insurance in the UK"
- Feb 2021 MRC Versus Arthritis Centre for Musculoskeletal Health and Work Annual Meeting, Southampton, UK (virtual) "Development and implementation of a novel return to work support package to improve income protection insurance in the UK"
- Nov 2020 Disability & Work in Canada International Conference "Development and implementation of a novel return to work support package to improve income protection insurance in the UK"
- Sep 2019 11th Congress of the European Pain Federation, Valencia, Spain "Prevention of work disability: implementing a 'whole-systems' approach" (*Invited workshop*)
- Mar 2019 UK Knowledge Mobilisation Forum, Newcastle, UK "Good Work, Good Health: getting 'all key players' onside"
- Nov 2017 Society for Back Pain Research Annual Conference, Northampton, UK "Work-focused healthcare for low back pain: evidence-based recommendations for policy and practice"

- Sep 2017 14th International Forum for Back and Neck Pain Research in Primary Care, Oslo, Norway.
"Putting the 'social' into biopsychosocial-informed policy and practice aimed at tackling work disability due to low back pain: an international evidence synthesis"
- Nov 2016 Society for Back Pain Research Annual Conference, Preston, UK
"Putting the 'social' into psychosocial-informed policy and practice aimed at tackling work disability due to low back pain: an international evidence synthesis.
- Sep 2016 Work Disability Prevention and Integration International Conference, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
"Making Every Contact Count: social assets in tackling work disability due to low back pain"
- Jun 2016 Multinational Association for Supportive Cancer Care, Adelaide, Australia
"An exploratory study of Reiki experiences in women who have cancer"
- Jun 2016 14th International Forum for Back and Neck Pain Research in Primary Care, Buxton, UK.
"Working with pain: is harnessing social support a new tool for the biopsychosocial box?" (*Workshop host*)

"It's a family affair: a UK-Dutch study examining how 'significant others' support working with pain".
- Apr 2016 Britspine Annual Conference, Nottingham, UK.
"I think positivity breeds positivity': a qualitative exploration of the role of family members in supporting those with chronic musculoskeletal pain to stay at work". (*Society for Back Pain Research Travel Fellowship presentation*)
- Dec 2015 British Association of Sports & Exercise Science Conference 2015, St George's Park, UK.
'Supervised exercise for older women treated for breast cancer: results from a pilot randomised controlled trial'.
- Sep 2015 Work, Health & Wellbeing Conference 2015, Salford, UK.
'The influence of 'significant others' on work participation' (*Invited Keynote*)
- Sep 2015 Physiotherapy UK Annual Conference, Liverpool, UK.
'An assessment of the measurement properties of the LMPI (Leeds Movement Performance Index): a new tool for neurological physiotherapy' (*joint presentation with PhD student*)
- Jun 2015 Complementary and Alternative Medicine Strategic Direction and Development Conference, London, UK.
'An exploratory study of Reiki experiences in women living with cancer'.

- Jun 2015 The Society for Research in Rehabilitation, Newcastle, UK.
 'Is it possible to measure the quality of our patients' movement? The development of the Leeds Movement Performance Index (LMPI)' (joint presentation with PhD student)
- Mar 2015 British Psychosocial Oncology Society Annual Conference, Leeds, UK.
 'Supervised exercise for older women treated for breast cancer: preliminary results from a pilot randomised controlled trial' (joint presentation with PhD student)
 'An exploratory study of Reiki experiences in women living with cancer'.
- Nov 2014 Society for Back Pain Research Annual Conference, Dublin.
 'A UK-Dutch Study exploring the role of family support in helping those with chronic musculoskeletal pain to stay at work'. (President's Award)
- Sep 2014 Work Participation and Musculoskeletal Pain: the influence of 'significant others' and implications for vocational rehabilitation. The Canadian Institute for Relief of Pain and Disability (Invited Presentation).
- Sep 2014 Work Disability Prevention and Integration Conference, Toronto, Canada.
 "I think positivity breeds positivity": the role of significant others in supporting those with chronic musculoskeletal pain to stay at work' (Best Poster Prize)
- Sep 2014 British Psychological Society Division of Health Psychology Annual Conference, York, UK.
 "Family support in maintaining work participation for those with chronic musculoskeletal pain"
- May 2014 Vocational Rehabilitation Association Annual Conference, London, UK.
 "Telephonic support to facilitate return-to-work: what works, how and when?" (Invited Presentation)
- Mar 2014 Health and Wellbeing at Work 2014, Birmingham, UK
 "The influence of the family on sickness absence"
 (Invited Presentation)
- Oct 2013 Physiotherapy UK 2013, Birmingham, UK
 "The Leeds Movement Performance Index (LMPI): an exploration of the clinical validity of an original tool for specialist neurological physiotherapy"
 (joint presentation with PhD student)
- Sep 2013 The British Pain Society Special Interest Group in Pain Management Programmes Annual Meeting, Jersey, UK.
 "The role of 'significant others' in vocational rehabilitation for patients with persistent back pain" (Invited Presentation)

- May 2013 Higher Education Academy Social Sciences Conference: Teaching Research Methods, Liverpool, UK.
 “The ‘cognitive apprenticeship’ model and postgraduate research supervision: mind the gap” (*joint presentation with PhD student*)
- Apr 2013 4th UK-Dutch Rehabilitation Meeting, Harrogate, UK
 “Chronic musculoskeletal pain and work participation” (*Symposium*)
- Nov 2012 Society for Back Pain Research Annual Conference, Isle of Man, UK
 “The influence of ‘significant others’ on persistent back pain and work participation: the role of treatment expectations”
- Oct 2012 Work Disability Prevention International Congress, Groningen, The Netherlands.
 “The organisational and family context for musculoskeletal disability: can communication be improved to address individual-level differences in the social and workplace environment?” (*Topical Workshop*)
 “The influence of ‘significant others’ on persistent back pain and work participation: a qualitative study of illness perceptions”.
- Sep 2012 University of Huddersfield Research Festival.
 “The influence of ‘significant others’ on recovery from persistent back pain in disability benefit claimants”.
- Jul 2012 Festival of Public Health UK, Manchester, UK.
 “Healthy Foundations life-stage segmentation model toolkit: an effective tool for public health interventions?”
- Apr 2012 The British Pain Society Annual Scientific Meeting, Liverpool, UK.
 “The influence of ‘significant others’ on persistent back pain and work participation: a qualitative study of illness perceptions”.
- Apr 2012 Royal College of Nursing Annual International Research Conference, London, UK.
 “Segmentation in communities with the greatest health inequalities: so what for public health interventions?”
- Nov 2011 Society for Back Pain Research Annual Conference, Cambridge, UK.
 “*He’s only young and he wants to work but no-one’ll hire him with a bad back, will they?*” Findings from an exploratory study of ‘significant others’ illness perceptions in relation to work disability due to low back pain.
- Oct 2011 International Society for Quality of Life Research 18th Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado, USA.
 “How do doctors integrate health-related quality-of-life data into oncology consultations?”

- Sep 2011 Assets for Health and Wellbeing Across the Lifecourse International Conference, London, UK.
 ""My neighbours all look out for me as I try to do". Important 'community assets' for health: findings from the Healthy Halifax Lifestyle Survey".
- Sep 2011 The British Psychological Society Division of Health Psychology Annual Conference, Southampton, UK
 ""I get depressed sometimes just looking at him..he's only young and he wants to work but no-one'll hire him with a bad back, will they?": Exploring the illness perceptions of significant others in relation to persistent back pain and work participation".
- Oct 2010 Primary Care Musculoskeletal Research Congress, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.
 "The influence of significant others on back pain disability: a qualitative pilot study of illness perceptions – preliminary findings".
- Mar 2010 European Academy of Occupational Health Psychology, 9th Annual Conference, Rome, Italy.
 "The influence of significant others on back pain disability: a qualitative pilot study of illness perceptions".
- Oct 2009 International Conference on Communication in Healthcare (ICCH), Miami, USA.
 "The use of patient-reported outcome measures in communication about quality of life in oncology".
- Apr 2009 The British Psychological Society Annual Conference, Brighton, UK.
 "Talking about quality-of-life – the development of a communication training program for oncologists".
- Dec 2008 British Psychosocial Oncology Society Annual Conference, Leeds, UK.
 "Talking about quality-of-life – the development of a communication training program for oncologists".
- Oct 2008 International Society for Quality-of-Life Research Annual Conference, Montevideo, Uruguay.
 "What do doctors do with quality-of-life data during consultations?"
- Oct 2008 National Cancer Research Institute Conference, Birmingham, UK.
 "Doctor-patient communication and quality of life – development of a training programme for oncologists".
- Jun 2008 COMPASS Collaborative Annual Scientific Meeting, Edinburgh, UK.
 "Doctor-patient communication and quality of life – development of a training programme for oncologists".

- Nov 2006 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Boston, USA.
"Social distribution of coronary heart disease: A 10-year longitudinal study in the United Kingdom".
- Sep 2006 Society for Social Medicine Annual Meeting, Leeds, UK.
"The social patterning of coronary heart disease – implications for risk assessment".
- Apr 2005 American Heart Association 45th Annual Conference on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention, Washington D.C. USA.
"Reduction in cardiovascular risk in association with population screening – a 10-year longitudinal study in the United Kingdom."
- Nov 2005 European Public Health Association 13th Annual Conference, Graz, Austria.
"Occupational case management can reduce sickness absence".
- Sep 2004 Society for Social Medicine Annual Meeting, Birmingham, UK.
"Inequity in recording of cardiovascular disease risk factors in population-based screening program."
- Mar 2004 Managing Sickness Absence, London, UK.
"Psychosocial factors and sickness absence". (*Invited presentation*)
- Nov 2003 Society for Back Pain Research Annual Conference, London, UK.
"The implementation of occupational health guidelines in an attempt to reduce absence."
- Apr 2003 Ergonomics Society Annual Conference, Edinburgh, UK.
"The influence of psychosocial risk factors on absence due to musculoskeletal disorders".
- Nov 2002 Society for Back Pain Research Annual Conference, Leeds, UK.
"Do psychosocial factors influence sickness absence due to low back pain?"
- Apr 2002 Ergonomics Society Annual Conference, Cambridge, UK.
"Organisational obstacles to recovery ('black flags') from musculoskeletal disorders."
- Feb 2002 BritSpine Annual Conference, Birmingham, UK.
"Organisational obstacles to recovery ('black flags') from musculoskeletal disorders."
- Nov 2001 Society for Back Pain Research Annual Meeting, Bristol, UK.
"Organisational obstacles to recovery ('black flags') from back pain in industry".

- Jun 2001 International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine Annual Meeting, Edinburgh, Scotland.
“Are occupational psychosocial factors related to back pain and sickness absence?”
- Apr 2001 Ergonomics Society Annual Conference, Cirencester, UK.
“Are occupational psychosocial factors related to back pain and sickness absence?”
- Nov 2000 Society for Back Pain Research Annual Meeting, Manchester, UK.
“Are psychosocial blue flags related to back pain and sick leave?”

Research Supervision/Examination

Director of Studies

PhD - (Denise Ross) “The development of the Leeds Movement Performance Index (LMPI): a new measure for use in neurological physiotherapy” (completed)

PhD – (Kevin Kipling) “Exercise in older women with breast cancer” (completed)

PhD – (Nafisa Zaman) “Self-management of long-term conditions in family members of those with dementia” (VC-fee waiver) (completed)

MSc – (Kate Bear) “Remote working and managing health”

MSc – (Kirsty Cronin) “Are NHS Health Checks Effective? A Patient Perspective” (completed)

MSc – (Sarah Persad-Collen) “Joint Working Relationships between GPs and Adult Psychosis Services” (completed)

Co-supervisor

PhD – (Justin Reynolds) “Alcohol consumption in the ex-mining communities of Doncaster, The Dearne Valley and Barnsley in post-Thatcher Britain: a socioeconomic analysis” (VC fee-waiver) (completed)

PhD – (Gary Westwell) “Motivating factors for alcohol abstinence and recovery” (completed)

Examining

K Al-Turki – *An investigation into the perceptions of smokers and health care professionals on the smoking cessation program in Saudi Arabia*. PhD, The University of Huddersfield, 9th April 2013.

Teaching

MSc in Social Research Methods & Evaluation (distance learning)

BSc Psychology