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Editorial

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Welcome to the fifth issue of the Journal of Applied Psychology and Social Science (APASS). The aim of APASS is to provide a forum for post-graduate students to publish their work; this may be primary or secondary research, opinions piece or commentaries. This online journal is designed to offer postgraduates and staff the opportunity to disseminate their work and share good practice. It gives a forum to advancing research and research based activities across the sector whilst also helping to promote the employability of the students on our courses.

We received very positive feedback from our first four editions which further demonstrates some of the excellent work our staff and students are undertaking. We are proud to be able to showcase the excellent work of both our MSc and PhD students as well as our staff in this edition; indeed this is reflected in the increased rate of submissions.

The first paper presented involves an empirical piece of work exploring the effect of blood in eye witness testimony. Katie-Louise Peacock presents an interesting and critical piece that tests whether the presence of blood in a crime scene can impact on the way witnesses recall details about the crime; it includes a discussion of the applications of this within the Criminal Justice System.

The second paper reports the results of critical exploration of the diagnostic criteria of depression in relation to non-Western cultures. Emily Watson critically evaluates the evidence of depression in Asian American and Indian American cultures as well as considering how appropriate the DSM criteria are for diagnosing and treating depression.

The third paper presents a discussion about the use of deliberative inquiry in research done within organisational settings, specifically the Police. Rob Ewin explores the challenges he faced implementing the methodology within his PhD research exploring vulnerability within the Criminal Justice System.

Our fourth and final paper for this issue involves a quantitative, empirical investigation of the perceptions of child to parent violence. Gerard McElhone presents a vignette based study exploring how the perceptions of this type of violence are affected by gender of the participant, perpetrator and victim.

I hope you enjoy the latest edition of APASS and that you will consider submitting to the journal for a future edition. All papers submitted to the journal are peer reviewed anonymously so I would like to end on a note of thanks to our team of reviewers who have kindly given their time to support the creation of this edition.