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PROFILE OF MEMBER

Sarah is a Cognitive Psychologist. Broadly, her research interests concern how higher order cognitive processes, such as executive processes, awareness of memory and subjective experiences associated with remembering, interact with memory function. She is particularly interested in the concept of everyday memory and understanding how memory works in the context of carrying out everyday tasks (such as taking medication) and remembering past personal events that are significant for maintaining identity.

Past research projects include investigating prospective memory (ability to remember to perform actions in the future), autobiographical memory (ability to recall past personal events) and metamemory (awareness of memory function) in individuals with Parkinson's disease. In addition Sarah has taken an experimental approach to investigating tip-of-the-tongue experiences and subjective experiences associated with remembering in people with Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease- with a view to appreciating the impact this might have on memory performance. Current projects include investigating cognitive rehabilitation of everyday memory. Sarah has recently extended her research interests to include examining evidence based therapeutic arts based initiatives in dementia care and applying cognitive approaches to developing practice development tools such as life history documents in the workplace.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

The interaction of higher order cognitive processes with memory and cognitive function, and how understanding these relationships may be useful for cognitive rehabilitation in aging and dementia

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KEY PUBLICATIONS (maximum 5)

Smith SJ, Souchay C, Moulin CJA (2011) Metamemory and prospective memory in Parkinson's disease. *Neuropsychology*. 25(6) 734-740 <http://psycnet.apa.org/journals/neu/25/6/734/>

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Smith SJ, Souchay C, Conway MA (2010) Improving metamemory in aging and Parkinson's disease. *Age and Ageing*. 39(1) 116-119 <http://ageing.oxfordjournals.org/content/39/1/116.short>

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RELEVANT RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Please indicate for past 5 years only (i) Grants Awarded: Names of Investigators; Years; Title of Project; name of awarding agency. (ii) PhD and other projects: Title; start or completed date

CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS/ONGOING PROJECT TITLE

I am interesting in how metamemory and higher order cognitive processes are useful for rehabilitation. I am interesting in the concept of "training" everyday memory function and the factors that influence this, I have an ongoing collaboration with Dr Poliakoff at the University of Manchester to investigate these effects in people with Parkinson's disease. I have recently become involved with understanding the usefulness of reminiscence and music on functional outcome. Consequently I am also interested in how we can measure the effects of any type of intervention on an individual's everyday functioning.

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