



RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES ON RECONCEPTUALISING INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING



**ATLAS Special Interest Group
Volunteer Tourism Research Group**

The seminar series is organised by Dr Angela M Benson (University of Brighton) in collaboration with Dr Konstantinos Tomazos (University of Strathclyde) and Dr Mark Hampton (University of Kent). The event is supported by ATLAS Volunteer Tourism Research Group.

Presenting the fifth in a series of six seminars

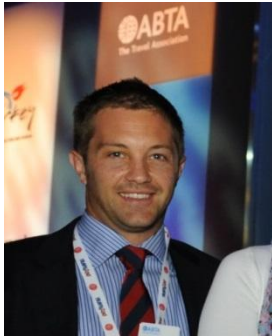
Seminar 5: Evaluation of Quality Initiatives in International Volunteering
FRIDAY 24th JUNE 2016
10.00 – 1600hrs
University of Kent, Canterbury

International Speaker - Professor Nancy McGehee Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, USA



Professor Nancy Gard McGehee is Professor and Head of the Hospitality and Tourism Management Department at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. She has conducted research in the area of volunteer tourism for nearly two decades and across several continents. Nancy serves on: editorial boards of several top tier journals, including the Journal of Sustainable Tourism and the Annals of Tourism research; the Volontourism Guideline Advisory committee for The International Ecotourism Society (TIES); the Board of Directors for Via International, San Diego CA and Tijuana, Mexico; the Advisory Board, Good Travel.Org, Wellington, New Zealand; and the Research Forum Coordinator, Volontourism.Org, San Diego, CA. She is the 2014 recipient of Virginia Tech's Alumni Award for Excellence in International Research.

Hugh Felton, ABTA, the leading association of travel agents and tour operators will talk on “Industry Perspectives on Best Practice”



Hugh gained his MSc Tourism Conservation and Sustainable Development at the University of Greenwich. Since January 2011 he is the Senior Sustainable Tourism Executive at ABTA. His current role has been coordinating ABTA’s Volunteer Tourism Guidelines in partnership with Responsible Hospitality Partnership and working on a range of sustainable tourism initiatives to ABTA Members manage their sustainable tourism impacts. Prior to this Hugh worked for as a TUI Specialist; Country Coordinator Madagascar for Frontier; Project Manager Costa Rica and Nicaragua for Raleigh International, Assistant Director, Global Adventures Project for AIFS UK and Resort Manager / Ski Product Manager - Pavilion Tours.

Dr Jim Butcher, Canterbury Christ Church University will be talking about ‘travel and volunteering: arguments against regulation’.



Jim Butcher is a Reader in the Geography of Tourism at Canterbury Christ Church University. He has written 3 books critically examining the moral and development claims of 'alternative' tourism. Most recently he co-wrote *Volunteer Tourism: the Lifestyle Politics of International Development* (Routledge, 2015) with Peter Smith, described by one reviewer as exploring 'how volunteer tourism involves the search for social meaning against the shrinking of the public political imagination'.

Dr Angela M Benson ISO convenor for International Volunteer Tourism Standards *will be talking about “the new international standards development and how we got there”*



Angela M Benson is a Principal Lecturer in Tourism at the University of Brighton where she has been since January 2004 having previously held the position of Senior Lecturer at the Southampton SOLENT University for 9 years. Prior to her career as an academic, she worked in Leisure Management. Angela has published extensively and was made an Adjunct Associate Professor of the University of Canberra, Australia in 2009 due to the joint research undertaken. She is the Founding Chair of the Association for Tourism and Leisure Education (ATLAS) Volunteer Tourism Research Group and a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. Due to her work in international volunteering she was made convenor for the SIO on International Volunteer Tourism in 2015.

HOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:

The event is *free*, but places are limited, so please book your place at

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/5-esrc-research-seminar-series-on-reconceptualising-international-volunteering-tickets-23448295483>

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2. Early Career Researchers
3. PhD Students
4. Master Students
5. People with Disability
6. Job seekers

Original receipts and proof of status would be required to support your claim.

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