

## **BSA Auto/Biography Study Group**

### **Annual Report for Year 2016**

#### **1. Established:**

1992

#### **2. Membership Figure (2016):**

**Members of BSA 15 / Non-Members of BSA 57**

**Associate Members: 69.**

#### **3. SG Expenditure:**

**SG Income:**

**SG Balance: £10,986**

#### **4. Aims of Study Group:**

The aim of the Study Group is to foster an interest in and bring together those looking analytically and sociologically at all forms of biography and autobiography, the relationship between different genres of representing lives, and the interrelation of biography and autobiography.

#### **5. Review of Year:**

(i) Several notable study group events were held during the year including a major three-day summer residential conference at Wolfson College, Oxford July 15-17 entitled *Auto/Biography and the Presentation of the Self*. The Keynote and Phil Salmon Memorial Lecture was given by Professor David Morgan. A Christmas one-day conference was held at the Friends House, Euston on *Auto/Biographical Methodologies*. The Group also held book launches for several of its members at these conferences.

(ii) The Study Group held, with the Centre for Biography and Education at the University of Southampton, a number of workshops and seminars aimed at postgraduate students and research training provision.

#### **6. Membership**

The Study Group charges an annual subscription for Auto/Biography Group Members who wish to receive (in addition to all regular mailings, news, communications and details of events) at discount the *Auto/Biography Yearbook* and other Study Group Publications. The subscription is also used to assist, where possible, those members unable to meet full conference fees.

Subscription rates are:

BSA Members:	£20
Non-BSA Members	£25
BSA Overseas Members:	£25

Non-BSA Overseas Members: £35

### **7. Auto/Biography Monograph Series**

The Study Group publishes high quality Monographs. Four have so far appeared:

Josie Abbott (2009)

*The Angel in the Office:*

*the life and work of the office secretary in Victorian and Edwardian Times*

Maria Tamboukou (2010)

*Visual Lives:*

*Carrington's Letters, Drawings and Paintings*

Jenny Byrne (2012)

*We Just Gelled – the story of 5/67:*

*A biographical and Durkheimian analysis of a school reunion*

Gayle Letherby (2015)

*He, Himself and I:*

*reflections on inter/connected lives*

Hilary Dickinson and Michael Erben (2016)

*Nostalgia and Auto/Biography:*

*considering the past in the present*

### **8. Key Activities during year 2016:**

In addition to the Conferences mentioned in **section 5** the ninth *Auto/Biography Yearbook* was published. The *Yearbook* proved very popular and soon sold out. Income from the sales of the *Yearbook* beyond the Study Group membership are used to maintain the current policy of not increasing membership subscriptions. The purpose of the *Yearbook* is to publish each year some of the best articles on auto/biography produced in the preceding year. As such each *Yearbook* contains up-to-date work that has not been published elsewhere and is representative of the wide range of research activity that is the hallmark of the BSA auto/biographical enterprise. The *Yearbook* is fully refereed and is edited by Andrew Sparkes.

### **9. Forthcoming:**

Future Events:

The BSA Auto/Biography Annual Summer Conference will be held at Wolfson College, Oxford:

Title: Auto/Biography and Gender  
Dates: 19th to 21st July, 2017.

BSA Auto/Biography London Day Conference will be held at Friends House, London.

Title: To be Decided  
Date: Friday 8th December 2017

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