

BSA Sociology of Alcohol Study Group Annual Report (2022/2023)

Name: Sociology of Alcohol Study Group

Established: July 2011

Number of members: We currently have 93 people registered with the Jiscmail list, 14 of these are BSA Members and 79 are Non BSA Members

Income: On the 1st January 2023 we started with a study group account balance of £1,666.92. No costs have been incurred in the last year.

Key aims of the Sociology of Alcohol Study Group include:

- To support and promote the emergent subject field of sociology of alcohol and related fields
- To support researchers in the sociology of alcohol and related fields
- To support the aims of the BSA

Review of the year:

- We regularly maintain the study group Twitter / X account which has over 1,400 followers. This helps to maintain the profile of the study group, and links with other BSA study groups.
- We also have an active Jiscmail list and circulate relevant messages when received.
- Our focus this year has been planning for a large in-person event in Summer 2024 on the topic of 'Drinking spaces: Past, Present and Future'. The event will be a collaboration with the Drinking Studies Network 'drinking spaces' cluster. The planning of the event is being led by Claire Markham supported by Kat Jackson and Samantha Wilkinson. This event will be held in Nottingham, which we feel will be accessible to potential attendees from across the UK.
- We also actively link with and engage with other relevant organisations. Claire Markham and Sam Wilkinson hold roles in the International Drinking Studies Network. Sam Wilkinson is a Co-Convenor of the 'Identities and Diversity' Cluster. Kat Jackson is actively involved in and has published with a BSA group concerned with integrating sociological concepts and theories into Public Health.
- The convenors have published the following work in the field of alcohol and sociology during this year:

Markham, C (2024) Realities or mythologies: England's village pubs and counterurbanisation. Habitat International. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.habitatint.2024.103106>

Jackson K, Kaner E, Yardley L, Gilvarry E, Hanratty B and O'Donnell A (2023) Understanding people's experiences of the formal health and social care system for co-

occurring heavy alcohol use and depression through the lens of relational autonomy: a qualitative study. *Addiction*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/add.16350>

Powell K, Fox N, Bhanbhro S, Chauhan A; Goldschmied A, **Jackson K**, Paton A, Salway, S (2023) Sociologists in public health: marginal observers or mainstream collaborators? *Perspectives in Public Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/17579139231204245>

Wilkinson, S. (2024). Relational Drinking Geographies: Towards Vital Flows and ‘Open’ Methods. *Dialogues in Human Geography*. Invited commentary.

Wilkinson, S. and Wilkinson, C. (accepted subject to minor revisions). Intergenerational Drinking Geographies. In Howland, P. (Ed.) *'It's five o'clock somewhere': Time and Beverage*. Routledge.

Wilkinson, S. and Wilkinson, C. (in press) Researching with young people into alcohol, drinking and drunkenness. *Handbook of Sensitive Research in the Social Sciences*. Edward Elgar Publishing. Invited contribution

Wilkinson, S. and Wilkinson, C. (2023). Researching Atmos-spheres of Alcohol Consumption. In Steadman, C. and Coffin, J. (Eds.). *Consuming Atmospheres: Designing, Experiencing, and Researching Atmospheres in Consumption Space*. Routledge.

Concluding remarks:

An ambition of the current convenors is to make the group as accessible as possible to early career researchers, people with lived experience of heavy alcohol use and people working outside academia. While we haven't held any event this year, there has been activity 'behind-the-scenes' to plan the face-to face event to be held in summer 2024 and we are outward facing through our social media accounts, our JiscMail and our links and collaborations with other national and international groups.

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