



Christine Broughan is a pedagogical researcher at Coventry University. She has a three year secondment to the iPED (inquiring pedagogies) network and has a key role in exploring the issues of Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) student progression and achievement. She is interested in research that explores the student experience at university and a key aspect of her role is to support academic staff in evaluating curriculum design and pedagogical practices. She has extensive project management experience and is currently involved with externally funded projects in excess of £1M.

Christine has taught at all levels from transition to university to doctoral supervision during the past 15 years. Her background is teaching Critical Social Psychology and she has taught at the University of Oxford, Coventry University and the Open University. Her doctorate examined the psychological aspects of alternative therapies and she was awarded a travel grant to work with Professor Graham Bell at the University of New South Wales. More recently her role has developed in a cross-University capacity to work with individuals, teams and departments to improve the student learning experience in Higher Education. This strategic role involves as much about change management as pedagogical theories.

Christine publishes in the fields of social psychology and pedagogical research. Her co-edited book *Academic Futures: Inquiries into Higher Education and Pedagogy* was published in 2009 and she recently published a chapter on the *Tensions, Challenges and Future Directions of Higher Education*. She recently guest Edited the International Journal of Web Based Communities: special issue on “Web Based Research Networks and Learning Communities” She has presented on *Student Retention* and *Addressing the needs of BME students in HE* at both national and international conferences. She has been awarded an Applied Research Fellowship Award by Coventry University to travel to Australia to extend her work on cultural diversity and student retention.

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