

Department Newsletter

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STAFF AND STUDENTS

Peter French has been promoted to Senior Lecturer with effect from 1st August 2002.

Tim Unwin has been elected as an Honorary Member of the Estonian Geographical Society for his contributions to the development of geographical science in Estonia.

Mike Dolton attended the Educational Support Network Training session on 16 April.

OUTSIDE ENGAGEMENTS

David Simon attended Management Committee meeting of the Canon Collins Educational Trust for Southern Africa, in London on 15th April 2002.

David Simon served on the interview panel for the Slawson Awards (for doctoral research in developing countries), at the RGS-IBG on 24 April.

David Simon attended the quarterly meeting of the editorial board of the Journal of Southern African Studies, held at the ICS, London on 26th April.

Nick Branch was invited to the 25th anniversary party of the Cusichaca Trust (a rural development agency working in Peru). The party was hosted by the Peruvian Society and was attended by HRH Princess Anne.

PUBLICATIONS

Andy Bradford (2002) Review of Southern Alliance for Indigenous Resources (SAFIRE) and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) (2001) Permaculture in Refugee Situations: A Refugee Handbook for Sustainable Land Management. Permaculture Magazine, No.31, p.55.

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DFM McGregor & J Quashie-Sam 2002 'Start with the children'. pp3-5 in Poverty Reduction through Partnerships in Natural Resources Research. Natural Resources Systems Programme: Research Highlights 2000-2001. DFID.

Unwin, T. (2002) Parker, N. and Armstrong, B. (eds) (2000) Margins in European Integration, Basingstoke: Macmillan, in: Progress in Human Geography, 26(1), 141-142

Reviews

David Simon (2001) Review of Jocelyn Alexander, JoAnn McGregor and Terence Ranger, *Violence and Memory: one hundred years in the 'dark forests' of Matabeleland* (James Currey, Oxford, 2000), *Leeds African Studies Bulletin*, No. 64, December, pp. 108-9.

CONFERENCES-FIELDWORK-OVERSEAS

Jude Hill presented a paper entitled 'Cultures and Networks of collecting: tracing the lives of Henry Wellcome's collection' at: The AAG conference, Los Angeles, 19th March 2002 and The Annual Conference of the Association of Art Historians, 5-7 April, 2002, University of Liverpool.

Charles Howie (RHUL/RHIER and Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester) is doing fieldwork in An Giang Province, in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam from April to July 2002. He is attached to An Giang University, where he helped with staff development and curriculum development from February to April. His PhD topic is: Decision-making by small scale farmers in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam. In January he gave a paper entitled: *Doing research in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam, and doing a PhD in England are not the same things: some reflections on the tensions of serving two masters* at the Rural Geography Research Group (RGRG) postgraduate forum of the Royal Geographical Society/Institute of British Geographers' Annual Conference, in Belfast [see links from http://www.royagcol.ac.uk/~charles_howie]. He also had two book reviews accepted by *Land Degradation and Development*. The books were: *The Mekong River basin: case studies in biodiversity and ecologically sustainable development* by David Bowden, Australian Association for Environmental Education, Manly NSW Australia; and *Development of Farming Systems in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam* edited by Vo-Tong Xuan and Sheigo Matsui, Ho Chi Minh City Publishing House, Vietnam, both linked to http://www.royagcol.ac.uk/~charles_howie. He is looking forward very much to returning to 'cool' Britain in July; a drop of 10-20 degrees from the daily 35-40 will be most welcome, but he will miss swimming in the Mekong River!

VISITORS TO THE DEPARTMENT

Maano Ramutsindela (PhD 1999) visited **David Simon** and **Klaus Dodds** on 8 April 2002, while in the UK for a conference. He has settled in very well at the University of Cape Town and is currently researching transfrontier conservation areas and parks in southern Africa.

GRANTS

Nick Branch, Barbara Silva, John Lowe, Rob Kemp, Chris Green, Adrian Palmer and Frank Meddens have received this years Gilchrist Fieldwork Award from the Royal Geographical Society for a project entitled 'The past and present environment of the Machu Picchu Sanctuary, Peru'. The award is worth £10,000.

Felicity Callard has been awarded a short-term research fellowship of \$1000 from the

Francis Clark Wood Institute for the History of Medicine (part of the College of Physicians, Philadelphia) to conduct research in their Historical Medical Library.

OTHER NEWS

Congratulations to **Peter French** and Helen Oxendale who got engaged on 2nd April, 2002.