

## **STAFF AND STUDENTS**

Royal Holloway at the RGS-IBG Conference 2005

Abdullah Adam-Bradford, Duncan McGregor and David Simon gave a paper entitled 'Waste in a peri-urban context: developing community-based solutions in Kumasi, Ghana'

**Stephen Bell** gave a paper entitled 'Umwana akuba ingoma, Umukhulu washina? Young people negotiating everyday socio-cultural power structures in rural Uganda'.

**Pippa Biltcliffe** co-convened a session on 'Art and belonging(s)'.

**Pippa Biltcliffe** and **Alasdair Pinkerton** convened sessions on 'Postgraduate research in social geography', 'Postgraduate research in economic geography' and 'Postgraduate research in environment and society'.

**Luke Dickens** gave a paper entitled 'Post-graffiti: reinterpreting art and belonging in contemporary public space'.

**Klaus Dodds** gave a paper entitled 'Dr Brian Roberts goes to Washington : Britain and the Antarctic Treaty, 1959'.

**Felix Driver** organised a plenary session devoted to geography and architecture, in which the keynote speaker was Tony King (SUNY)

**Rebekah Fox** gave a paper on 'Non-human ethics: decisions in the medical treatment of companion animals'.

**Hilary Geoghegan** and **Pippa Biltcliffe** convened a session on 'Spaces of knowledge, communities of knowing' in which Pippa gave a paper entitled 'From the smoking room to the collector's club: Victorian art collection and the gentlemanly spaces of connoisseurship' and Hilary presented a paper entitled 'Woolly hats, riovet-counters and curators: the spaces, materials and knowledges of enthusiasm'.

**David Lambert** gave a paper entitled 'Creating a national hero: surrogacy, history and memory in the postcolonial Caribbean'.

**Wen I Lin** gave a paper on 'Housing inequalities in China's gradual transition'.

**Bertie Mandelblatt** gave a paper entitled 'Irish bouef sale and cassava: networks, creolization and diasporic culinary culture in the Franco-Caribbean'.

**Justin Spinney** gave papers on 'Networks of practice: the role of embodied experience in constructing the tourist space of Mt Ventoux' and on 'Sensory overload: the embodied perception and negotiation of space by cyclists in London '.

**Karen Till** gave a paper entitled 'Spectral ground: excavation and ruins in Berlin and Capetown'.

**Tim Unwin** and Dorothea Kleine convened a session on "Spaces and flows of technological transformation: a 'development' perspective", during which Tim also presented a short paper on "The role of partnerships in ICT4D".

Katie Walsh gave a paper entitled 'Expatriate intimacy: the gendered negotiation of inter-personal relationships'

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## PUBLICATIONS

Gilbertson, D., Bird, M., Hunt, C., McLaren, S., Pyatt, B., **Rose, J., Stephens, M.** (2005) *Past human activity and geomorphological change in a guano-rich tropical cave mouth: the Late Quaternary succession in Niah Cave , Sarawak . Asian Perspectives, 44 (1), 16-41.*

**Stephens, M., Rose, J.** (2005) *Modern stable isotopic ( $d18O$ ,  $d2H$ ,  $d13C$ ) variation in terrestrial, riverine, estuarine and marine waters from north-central Sarawak , Malaysian Borneo. Earth Surface Processes and Landforms, 30 (7), 901-912.*

**Stephens, M., Rose, J.,** Gilbertson, D., Canti, M. (2005) *The micromorphology of cave sediments in the humid tropics: Niah Cave , Sarawak . Asian Perspectives, 44 (1), 42-55.*

**Selinger, M.** (2005) *Developing an understanding of blended learning: a personal journey .* In C. Bonk and C. Graham (Eds) *Handbook of Blended Learning: Global Perspectives, Local Designs.* San Francisco , CA : Pfeiffer Publishing.

**Selinger, M** ( 2005) *ICT in the global classroom.* In S. Wheeler (Ed) *Transforming Primary ICT.* Exeter : Learning Matters.

**Selinger, M** (2005) *Addressing Key Skill Shortages in the International Information Technology Industry.* In R. Paton, G. Peters, J. Storey & S. Taylor *Handbook of Corporate University Development: Managing Strategic Learning Initiatives in Public and Private Domains.*

## REVIEWS

**Felix Driver**, review of *Postcolonial geographies*, eds A Blunt & C McEwan, *Social & Cultural Geography* 6 (2005) 302-4.

**Felix Driver**, review of *Verandahs of power: colonialism and space* in urban Africa, by G Myers, *Geography* 89 (2004) 192-3.

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## GRANTS AND AWARDS

**Alasdair Pinkerton** has been awarded a three month extension to his ESRC PhD studentship to enable him to work with the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (September-December 2005). Alasdair will be working on Internet-related issues and helping to provide advice for relevant parliamentary committees.

**Phil Crang** has been awarded an AHRC Collaborative Research Training scheme grant of £2,000 to support an interdisciplinary postgraduate conference in Cultural Geography to be run in collaboration with Queen Mary & Westfield College in 2006.

HEFCE awarded the Department half a million pounds to support the Department's new initiatives in high-precision dating, environmental archaeology monitoring and qualitative methods. A special thank you to **Phil Crang, Clive Gamble** and **Robin Hunter** for all their hard work in coordinating the proposals.

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## VISITORS/MEETINGS IN THE DEPARTMENT

Professor David Barker, Dept of Geography and Geology, University of the West Indies, visited the Department on 4 August to take forward planning of a research conference on the nature and implications of climate change in the Caribbean (to be held at UWI, July 2006) with **Duncan McGregor** and David Dodman (UWI). He also discussed possible joint research directions with Duncan and **Savitha Ganapathy** based on the Department's aerial photograph archive.

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## CONFERENCES-FIELDWORK-OVERSEAS

**Katie Walsh** gave a paper at the 3rd Symposium on the Politics of Friendship at Monash University, Melbourne, with the title: 'Meeting 'like-minded' people: negotiating friendship in a (trans)national community'.

**Tim Unwin** gave the keynote address on "ICT for teacher training: the role of partnerships" at the EU-China Gansu Basic Education Project International Conference in Lanzhou from 22-24 August, during which he also presented a short paper on sustainability and chaired one of the conference sessions. While in Lanzhou he met with Chen Fahu and Pan Baotian from Lanzhou University, both of whom have previously been visitors to our Department, and in Beijing he met with Peter Shelley, a former Master's student who is now working in the DFID Office in China.

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## ANY OTHER NEWS

Congratulations to Richard and Sue Hodgkins on the birth of their little girl, Frances Rachel, who was born on the 8th of August.