

Department Newsletter

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Paul Broome, 7/9/1961-24/1/02

It is with great shock and sadness that we have to announce the sudden death of Paul Broome on Thursday 24th January 2002 from a suspected heart attack. As many will know, he slipped on black ice and suffered a fractured leg shortly after arrival in Washington, DC earlier in the month to commence a spell of field research. He returned home immediately to convalesce, but despite his other health problems, his death was totally unexpected.

Paul joined the Department in September 1998 as a student on the MSc Geography of Third World Development. However, even before the degree programme commenced, he was working part-time as computer specialist to enable the launch of a pilot distance learning experiment on the Master's that year. This evolved into a major commitment in terms of both time and energy, and he thrived on the challenge.

In September 1999, he won an ESRC doctoral studentship and commenced research on Knowledge-based Communities: Democratising Knowledge in International Waters under the supervision of David Simon. Despite a series of health problems, he persevered with total commitment, and was making considerable progress in this, his third year. His experience on the distance MSc as computer technician, software expert and tutor was being deployed as one aspect of his doctoral thesis, and he had gone to Washington DC to undertake further research on the role of the World Bank, Global Environment Facility and UNDP in the international waters arena. Paul also undertook tutorials with second year students. He will be sorely missed.

STAFF AND STUDENTS

The department welcomes **Dr Olav Lian** who has recently joined the department as a new lecturer, replacing Chris Turney. Olav obtained a BSc in Experimental Physics and a MSc in Physical Geography from Simon Fraser University, British Columbia, Canada. His PhD in the Geology Department at the University of Western Ontario, Canada focussed on Quaternary Stratigraphy, sedimentology and landform evolution. Since obtaining his doctorate, Olav has spent 2 years as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Wellington, New Zealand and more recently as a Sessional Lecturer back at Simon Fraser University. Olav brings with him a wealth of experience in sedimentology, stratigraphy, geomorphology and luminescence dating. One of his prime responsibilities will be to run and develop our Geochronology Laboratories.

Dr Joan Phillips joined the Department on 1st January 2002 as a Leverhulme Postdoctoral Research Fellow. Joan is a graduate of the Cave Hill Campus of the University of the West Indies, where she gained a BSc in Sociology and a MPhil in 1992 and 1996 respectively. She obtained her PhD in the field of gender, race, sexuality and development from Luton University in 2001.

Ingrid Swenson has been appointed to curate the Visualising Geography Project. She has previously organised exhibitions for the Whitechapel Art Gallery, The Institute of Contemporary art, the Craft Council, the Arts Council, The Serpentine Gallery and the Museum of Modern Art Oxford, lectured at Central St Martin's College of Art and Design and Acted as specialist researcher and consultant for BBC arts programmes. She will be working on the project part-time for 8 months from 1st February 2002.

Rob Potter has been invited to act as a Specialist Advisor to the LSE Promotions Committee, in respect of proposals for promotion within the Department of Geography and Environment 2001-2002.

Rob Potter was the External Examiner for Judy Rocke's PhD thesis under the title "Rural development: an appraisal of development options for southeast Trinidad." The public defense was held at the Mona, Jamaica Campus of the University of the West Indies on 7th November 2001.

Jonathan Pugh successfully defended his PhD thesis under the title, "Deconstructing participatory environmental planning: dispositions of power in Barbados and St Lucia." The examiners were Professor Dennis Conway of Indiana University and Dr Margaret Byron of King's College, London. Jon has now taken up an ESRC Research Fellowship in the Department with **Rob Potter** as Mentor.

Bridget Robison successfully defended her PhD thesis on media-military relations and the geopolitics of Bosnia 1992-1995 on December 17th. The examiners were Mike Heffernan (Nottingham) and Miles Ogborn (QMWC).

David Simon acted as external examiner for the PhD thesis of Roger Levermore (Geography, Plymouth) entitled 'The EU/South Africa Trade, Development and Co-operation Agreement: Decision-making, participation and perceived economic impacts' on 7 December. The internal examiner was David Pinder, and the supervisors Richard Gibb and Mark Cleary.

David Simon was Intercollegiate Examiner for the PhD thesis of Yonn Dierwechter (LSE), *The spatiality of informal sector agency: planning, survival and geography in black metropolitan Cape Town*, on 18 December (supervisors Andy Thornley and Jenny Robinson). The external examiner was Nigel Thrift (Bristol).

Ed Derbyshire has accepted an invitation to serve as Chairman of the Committee for Research Directions of the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS). He has also accepted an invitation to represent the IUGS in the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP).

Tim Unwin has been invited onto the Editorial Board of *Treballs de la Societat Catalana de Geografia*.

Felix Driver has been appointed to the Academic Advisory Board of the AHRB Centre for the Study of the Domestic Interior, a joint venture of the Royal College of Art, the V&A Museum and Royal Holloway

OUTSIDE ENGAGEMENTS

Andy Bradford attended a meeting of the Appropriate Development Panel at the Institute of Civil Engineers, London on 12th December 2001. The meeting was titled 'Shit Happens' and addressed sustainable sanitation solutions for developing countries.

David Gilbert gave the opening lecture at the Annual Conference of London Local Historians organised by the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society at the Museum of London, on 17th November 2001. The lecture was titled 'Heart of Empire – a guided tour of Imperial London.'

David Gilbert gave an invited seminar on 20th November 2001 at the Department of Geography in Reading University. The talk was titled 'Baedekerizing' the Modern Metropolis: French and English travel literature and the tourist spectacle of New York City, 1893-1939.' He was then treated to a Thai meal and Reading FC beating Tranmere 4-1, setting a new benchmark for Departmental hospitality.

David Gilbert was an invited guest at the opening of the new 'World City 1789-1914' gallery at the Museum of London, 6th December 2001.

David Simon attended the Christmas Party for South African students in the UK, hosted by the SA High Commission and Canon Collins Educational Trust, on 18 December.

David Hilling continues to serve on the DEFRA/DTLR Water Freight Study Group, as a member of the British National Committee of the International Navigation Association, as a member of the Parliamentary Waterways Group, as a council member of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion and as UK Vice President of the European River-Sea Transport Union. He is in his sixth and final year as Honorary Secretary/Treasurer of the Geographical Club (RGS/IBG).

David Hilling spent a day at Tring School giving mock interviews to university candidates in geography and social science.

Tim Unwin presented a seminar entitled "Labelling Australian Wine" at the Menzies Centre for Australian Studies, on 16th January 2002.

Rob Kemp participated in the Quaternary Research Association Discussion Meeting on 'Constructing Quaternary Chronologies' held at the University of Oxford on January 3-5 2002.

Nick Branch gave a lecture entitled "Dover Bronze Age Boat Archaeological Project" as part of the Royston Pike Lecture Series, Elmbridge Borough Council, Esher on 9 January 2002.

Nick Branch gave a lecture entitled "Recent archaeological excavations at Swalecliffe, Kent" to the Council for British Archaeology on 2 December 2001.

On 13th December 2001 **Vandana Desai** gave a talk to Sixth form students of Heathside School, Weybridge, on "Population Policies in Developing Countries".

On 4th December 2001 **Vandana Desai** was a panel member to decide progression of Sui-Mee Chan's thesis on 'The Careers and Everyday Work Experiences of Black Staff in Higher Education' from MPhil to PhD at Centre for Ethnic Studies, Royal Holloway. The other panel members were John Edwards and Prof. Kate Loewenthal (Psychology dept).

Felicity Callard delivered a paper on 29th January 2002 as part of the Cultural and Historical Geography series in the UCL geography department. The paper was entitled 'Anxiety and spatiality: from agoraphobia to panic disorder'

PUBLICATIONS

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CONFERENCES-FIELDWORK-OVERSEAS

Ed Derbyshire attended the Second session of the UNESCO World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST) in Berlin, 17-19 December.

Catherine Nash convened a day long session at the Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers Annual Conference in Belfast entitled 'Genetic Geographies'

and presented a paper in the session on her recent research entitled 'Mapping origins: genetic tests for the 'indigenous' sons and daughters of Europe'.

Rob Imrie attended the RGS/IBG conference in Belfast and presented a paper 'entitled "Governing the cities and the urban renaissance'. He was also a discussant for the session on evaluating British urban policy.

David Simon attended the RGS/IBG Annual Conference at Queen's University Belfast, from 3-4 January. David presented a paper jointly with **Paul Broome** and Janot Mendler entitled 'Virtual development and virtual geographies: using the Internet to reach interactive geography courses in the global South' within the session on Teaching the Geography of Developing Areas. David also attended the AGM of the Developing Areas Research Group.

Sarah Cant presented a paper entitled 'The tug of danger with the magnetism of mystery': descends into 'the comprehensive, poetic-sensuous appeal of caves' at the RGS/IBG Annual Conference on 4 January (Queens University, Belfast). The paper was part of a full-day session entitled 'Seductions and Subjectivities: geographical encounters of travel and leisure'. She was awarded a bursary of £75 by the Social and Cultural Geography Research Group of the RGS/IBG as contribution towards the cost of attending the conference.

Jill Fenton presented a paper at the RGS/IBG Annual Conference at Queen's University Belfast entitled: mapping utopian/dystopian architectural space in contemporary surrealist Paris. The session was entitled Diabetics of utopia and dystopia, organised by the Urban Geography Research Group and History and Philosophy of Geography Research Group.

Rob Potter visited the Department of Geography and Geology of the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Jamaica, between 1st and 9th November 2001. As well as examining a PhD thesis, Rob gave a lunchtime seminar on "Tales of two societies: young returning nationals to the Eastern Caribbean". He also attended a two-day field course to the north of Jamaica. Whilst at Mona he spoke with several postgraduates concerning their research and met with Dr John Rapley (Department of Government) and David Dodman (School of Geography, Oxford) concerning their research.

David Simon was in Kumasi, Ghana, from 13-19 January to work on the second DFID-funded research project in which he is involved. This 9-month project, on the preparation of sustainable natural resource-based livelihood strategies, is held by the Centre for the Development of People, one of our local NGO partners, with David as subcontractor. It ends this month. David liaised with peri-urban communities participating in the projects, acted as joint facilitator for a training workshop for community representatives with responsibility for aspects of project implementation, and drafted sections of the final report.

VISITORS TO THE DEPARTMENT

Professor Richard Harris (McMaster University, Canada) visited **Rob Potter** to discuss research on British colonial housing 1930s-1960s on 3 December 2001. Richard also gave a seminar whilst he was here.

Professor Dennis Conway (Indiana University) visited **Rob Potter** and reviewed the possibilities of joint comparative research on young Returning Nationals, to include Trinidad.

Professor Jayanta Bandyopadhyay (Indian Institute of Management, Centre for Development and Environment Policy) visited **Rob Potter** and also met with **Vandana Desai**. Professor Bandyopadhyay is a member of the International Editorial Advisory Board of Progress in Development Studies.

The Cedar Annual Lecture was presented by Simon Maxwell, Director of Overseas Development Institute, London and took place on 22nd November 2001. The talk was entitled '*Is the boundary between developed and developing countries disappearing?*'

GRANTS

Felix Driver has been awarded £1600 by the British Academy in support of the conference on *Tropical Views & Visions: Images of the Tropical World*, to be held at the National Maritime Museum, 12-13 July 2002.

Catherine Nash, Felix Driver and **Kathy Prendergast** have been awarded £46,940 by the AHRB for a project called 'Visualising Geography'.

Rob Imrie has been awarded a three year ESRC Collaborative studentship with effect from October 2002. The project is entitled 'An urban renaissance? Land ownership, sustainable cities and public spaces'

OTHER NEWS

Congratulations to **Felix Driver** and **Luciana Martins** who had a baby boy, Thomas, on 6th December 2001.

Congratulations also to **Harriot Beazley** who married Eric Laurent in Bali on 3rd January 2002.