

STAFF AND STUDENTS

Starr Douglas was successfully examined on her PhD Thesis on *Natural History, Settlement and Colonisation: Henry Smeathman and Sierra Leone in the Late Eighteenth Century*, by Dr Michael Bravo (Cambridge) and Dr Miles Ogborn (Queen Mary), 23 July. Felix Driver was supervisor and David Simon was advisor.

Jude Hill was successfully examined on her PhD Thesis on *Cultures and Networks of Collecting: Henry Wellcome's Collection*, by Professor David Livingstone (Queens, Belfast) and Dr Alison Blunt (Queen Mary), 22 July. Felix Driver was supervisor and Phil Crang was advisor. Jude was funded by ESRC.

Philip Crang, Felix Driver and Clive Gamble have all been appointed to the newly established AHRB Peer Review College .

David Simon was External Examiner for the Final Honours School in Geography, at the School of Geography and Environment, University of Oxford , 5-6 July.

OUTSIDE ENGAGEMENTS

Felix Driver was invited to participate in a workshop on English Travellers to the Ottoman Empire, with curators and researchers at the Victoria & Albert Museum , 6 July.

Felix Driver presented a paper on 'Winwood Reade (1838-1875) and the Martyrdom of Man', at a symposium organised by Peter Hulme at the University of Essex , "In the Margins of Anthropology: Writing, Travel, Empire, 1850-1940", 7-9 July.

On June 7th, **Rob Imrie** gave a lecture about 'Inclusive design' at Governor Ltd, a major property company based in Belgravia, London .

On June 15th, **Rob Imrie** visited Brentwood school in Brentwood, Essex, and gave four talks on studying for a geography degree. He also chaired a seminar with A2 pupils on the topic of 'globalisation and geography'.

Rob Imrie presented a paper on 'Contemporary design and New Urbanism' to architects at a workshop held on Friday July 9th at David Morley Architects, Hatton Place , London .

David Simon participated in the FCO Africa Policy Advisory Group's meeting on 21 July, which centred on a discussion of current issues with Chris Mullin, Minister of State for African Affairs.

Tim Unwin was a guest at a reception during the official visit of the President of Georgia, HE Mr. Mikheil Saakashvili and to mark the Inauguration of the British Georgian Society on 13th July.

Tim Unwin attended the annual British Council lecture hosted by Helen Kennedy QC, and delivered by the Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer, on 7th July at the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts.

Ed Derbyshire advised the BBC World Service and Radio 4 on aspects of desertification and dust storms at Bush House on 28 July.

PUBLICATIONS

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French P.W . (2004) The changing nature of, and approaches to, UK coastal management at the start of the twenty-first century. *The Geographical Journal* **170(2)** : 116-125

Mistry, J ., Simpson, M., Berardi, A. and Sandy, Y. (2004). Exploring the links between natural resource use and biophysical status in the waterways of the North Rupununi, Guyana . *Journal of Environmental Management* 72: 117-131.

Peter Jackson, **Crang, Philip** & Claire Dwyer (eds) (2004) *Transnational Spaces* (Routledge: London)

Book Reviews

French P.W . (2004) Coasts: form, process and evolution. Colin D. Woodroffe. *Quaternary Science Reviews* **23** : 1868-1869

Toby Butler wrote a book review of *Liquid History: The Thames Through Time* by S. Croad , published in the *London Journal* (p86-88, Vol. 28, No. 2, 2003)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Dr Helen Scalway has been awarded £4747 by AHRB under the Small Grants in the Creative & Performing Arts scheme, for a project on 'New Babel? Pattern, memory and the cosmopolitan city'.

VISITORS/MEETINGS IN THE DEPARTMENT

Dr. Mark Bush from Florida Institute of Technology visited the Department on Monday, 26 July to give a QUISS talk entitled 'Late Pleistocene Climate Change: A View From the Tropical Andes.' Dr. Bush is a colleague of Dr. Nick Branch and they have been collaborating on Peruvian archaeology.

Tim Unwin met with Joseph Salukvadze, Head of the Human Geography Department at Tbilisi State University , Georgia , on 1st and 8th July, to discuss research collaboration in the field of GIS and ICT4D.

On July 8th, **Rob Imrie** organised and presented a 3-hour workshop on 'health and welfare geographies' to A2 pupils and teachers from Lampton School , Hounslow, one of our partner schools. The event included a session on 'interpreting health inequalities', 'HIV/AIDS in Africa ', and 'how to write a research report'. In addition, **Tim Unwin** presented his latest work on 'ICTs and health and development in Africa', a session that went down very well with the pupils.

CONFERENCES-FIELDWORK-OVERSEAS

David Simon was in Lagos and Abuja , Nigeria , from 23-31 July, to act as resource person on a Governance training programme for civil society members from across Nigeria, presented by Sylvester Odion Akhaine and his staff at the Centre for Constitutionalism and Demilitarisation (CENCOD). The programme is funded by the Ford Foundation. Sylvester will be returning to RHUL a few days after David.

Toby Butler gave a joint presentation with sound artist Graeme Miller at the Oral History Society Conference in Bournemouth. The presentation discussed Miller's work *Linked*, an audio walk along the M11 Link Road in Hackney. For details of the free walk, which features sound and voices broadcast from lamp posts along the route of a motorway which destroyed hundreds of homes, see:

<http://www.linkedm11.net/>

Twenty staff, students and friends of the postgraduate Landscape Surgery spent an afternoon walking along the Thames from Hampton Court to Kingston on **Toby Butler** 's first 'memoriescape' soundwalk. Each member of the group was given a CD walkman and a map, showing them where to listen to each track of the CD along the walk. The CD featured edited interviews with people that live and work along the river, undertaken as part of Toby's PhD research. Questionnaires were completed to evaluate and improve the walk, which will eventually be made available to the public. Felix Driver very kindly had the group over to his house for drinks afterwards. Thank-you also to Jenny, who did a great job getting the maps

produced in time. Some staff from Royal Holloway drama department have since expressed an interest in trying the walk, and six sets of maps and CDs have been sent out to them.

Ed Derbyshire attended a Management Team meeting of the International Year of Planet Earth in the Division of Earth Sciences at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris on 26 and 27 July. He also held discussions on the role and contribution of UK Earth Science, in relation to UNESCO's Science Sector, with the Deputy Permanent Delegate of the UK to UNESCO.

Abdullah Adam-Bradford was the only non-African participant on the first Anglophone African Urban Agriculture Course in Nairobi , Kenya , 8-26 March 2004, where he participated as a member of the Kumasi (Ghana) team, which went on to secure US\$ 8,000 in International Development Research Centre (IDRC) funding after their city project proposal was ranked in second place behind Bamenda (Cameroon). The Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly and the International Water Management Institute will provide match funding of US\$ 4,000 and US\$ 2,500, respectively, for the Kumasi project. Other cities that also participated on the course included Accra (Ghana), Kampala , (Uganda), Kisumu, (Kenya), Msunduzi (South Africa) and Nairobi . For a brief report on the Anglophone Africa Training Course see:

http://www.cipotato.org/urbanharvest/2004course_highlights.htm

ANY OTHER NEWS

Due to refurbishments the computer lab will be based in Q136 for the month of August. Anyone with problems during this period can contact **Rosita Harvey** in room 167.

Professor David Rhind received the degree of Doctor of Science (Economics) *Honoris Causa* of the University of London during the College's Graduation Ceremony on 14th July.