

Geography Department News

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STAFF AND STUDENTS

Welcome to **Peter Dell'Osa** who will be the Project Manager for ICT4D working with **Tim Unwin**.

OUTSIDE ENGAGEMENTS

Clive Gamble has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the British Museum for a 4-year term commencing 2nd August. This is a great honour and mark of esteem - many congratulations! http://www.britishmuseum.org/the_museum/management_and_governance/trustees.aspx

Varyl Thorndycraft attended the 3rd International Symposium of the British Hydrological Society: Role of Hydrology in Managing Consequences of a Changing Global Environment (July 19-23rd 2010, Newcastle upon Tyne) and presented the following poster and talk: Thorndycraft, V.R., Ruiz Villanueva, V. & Field, A. Palaeoflood hydrology and flood response to past climatic variability: Conceptual framework and preliminary results of the River Till case study (NE England).

Felix Driver chaired a session on 'The ecology of empire: mixing and moving nature's objects' at the Anglo-American Conference of Historians meeting on Environments, 1 July.

Felix Driver gave a seminar and a collections workshop on indigenous contributions to European mapping in the University of London Rare Books School course on Mapping Land & Sea before 1900, at the RGS-IBG, 8 July.

Felix Driver attended a meeting at the Natural History Museum to consider potential research

collaborations with the Arts & Humanities Research Centre, 8 July.

Klaus Dodds presented a talk on Antarctic/South Atlantic geopolitics to the Permanent Joint Headquarters of the Ministry of Defence (Northwood) on 22 July 2010. He also had a private meeting with Commander of Joint Operations, Air Marshall Sir Stuart Peach. Sir Stuart is a geography graduate from the University of Sheffield.

Klaus Dodds appeared on BBC World Service's One Planet programme (8th July 2010) talking about the Arctic and contemporary interest in the region's resource and shipping potential.

Ed Derbyshire attended the second progress meeting of the consultants and staff advising BP on the extension of its Sangachal refinery oil and gas site in Azerbaijan, held at Atkins Geotechnics, Epsom on 20 July.

FIELDWORK- CONFERENCES OVERSEAS

David Simon participated in the editorial board meeting on the UN-HABITAT State of African Cities 2010 report, of which he is an author, at the UN Offices in Nairobi, 5-7 July.

Jessica Jacobs presented a paper Re-branding the Arab City: Modernity and Heritage in Amman and Damascus on Monday 19th July as part of the joint panel 'Urban Spaces of Identity versus Spaces of Urban Identity in the

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NOTICES

Start of 2010/11 Academic Year - 20th September 2010.

Arab World" at the World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES), Barcelona, 19-23 July 2010. The panel was organised by Nadine Ala Al-Hamarneh and Nadine Scharfenort from CERAW - Institute of Geography at University of Mainz, Germany.

Bradley L. Garrett conducted two weeks of ongoing ethnographic fieldwork on an urban exploration road trip to Poland from 23rd July - 5th August, visiting nearly 50 derelict sites in Europe with 3 project participants. This final field expedition was supported by the University of London Central Research Fund.

Bradley L. Garrett hosted a film training course for the UCL Anthropology Department at Emerging Social Structures and New Anthropologies Marie Curie Doctoral Training School in Budapest, Hungary From 1st-4th July.

PUBLICATIONS

Bonnah Nkansah, G. and **Unwin, T.** (2010) The contribution of ICTs to the delivery of Special Educational Needs in Ghana: practices and potential, *Journal of Information Technology for Development*, 16(3), 191-211

David Simon (2010) 'The challenges of global environmental change for urban Africa', *Urban Forum* 21(3): 235-248. DOI 10.1007/s12132-010-9093-6.

David Simon and Hayley Leck (2010) Urbanizing the global environmental change and human security agendas, *Climate and Development* 2(3): 263-275.

Gamble, D.W. , Campbell, D. , Allen, T.L. , Barker, D., Curtis, S., **McGregor, D.** and Popke, J. (2010) 'Climate Change, Drought, and Jamaican Agriculture: Local Knowledge and the Climate Record', *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*,

DOI:
10.1080/00045608.2010.497122

Hatfield, M.E. 2010. Children moving 'home'? Everyday experiences of return migration in highly skilled households. *Childhood* 17 (2), 243-257.

Cresswell, T. (2010) "Downward Straits" and "Poised in an Infinite Ocean" in fast forward 2. The Power of Motion, Editors: Ingvild Goetz und Stephan Urbaschek (Ostfildern, Hatje Cantz).

Bradley L. Garrett, Michael Anton, Terri Moreau, Ellie Miles, Alison Hess and Amy Cutler have had their project London's Olympic Waterscape permanently featured on the British Library website as part of the 'Sport and Society' section:
<http://www.bl.uk/sportandsociety/legacy/articles/waterways.html>

Book Review

David Simon (2009) Review of J. Foster: Washed with Sun; Landscape and the making of white South Africa (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2008), *Geographical Journal* 175(3), pp. 239-240.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Bradley L. Garrett won a £1000 fieldwork award from the University of London Central Research Fund further research on Place Hacking: Tales of Urban Exploration.

ANY OTHER NEWS

Bradley L. Garrett hosted Urban exploration: behind the scene, a video installation and photography exhibit during the London Festival of Architecture. Featured in the Transparency and the City: Public Spaces or Forgotten Places? display at the Alan Baxter gallery in Farringdon, London, 21st June-2nd of July.

Congratulations to Natalie and **Simon Armitage** on the birth of their baby girl Emily Charlotte, who arrived on the 10th of July, weighing 7lb 6oz.



Graduation 2010

