

Department Newsletter

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STAFF AND STUDENTS

There will be a memorial service for Paul Broome on Tuesday 30th April 2002. The service will take place between 5.30pm and 6.30pm in the College Chapel. All are welcome to attend.

Tim Unwin gave his inaugural lecture on Thursday 7th March 2002. The lecture was entitled 'From Theory into Practice: Partnerships, Ethics and Basic Education in Africa'.

Felix Driver served as a member of the PDR panel, which reviewed the History Department at Royal Holloway, 7-8 March

On 20th March 2002, **Peter French & Felicity Callard** met with 14 students from Strodes College, Egham who visited the department for an introduction to 'Geography at University' session

Vandana Desai gave a talk at St. Paul's School on Monday 11th February 2002 on "Population Policies: Developing Countries".

Rob Potter and **Joan Phillips** met with Mr Herbert Yearwood, Deputy High Commissioner and Dr Rosamarie Mallett of the Institute of Psychiatry at the Maudsley, at the Barbadian High Commission, in order to discuss their current research into 'young' and 'foreign-born' returning nationals.

Danielle Schreve and Andy Currant ran a demonstration on Ice Age mammals for the Science Open Day on 9th March 2002.

David Simon was interviewed by South African Broadcasting Corporation TV on the implications for southern Africa and the New Plan for Africa's Development, of Zimbabwe's suspension from the Commonwealth. The interview was recorded on 21 March for broadcast in the Newshour programme on 24 March.

Harriot Beazley and **Mike Dolton** attended a workshop on understanding students' mental health run by the Counselling Service.

OUTSIDE ENGAGEMENTS

Olav Lian gave a research seminar entitled 'Reconstructing the Cordilleran Ice Sheet: information on thermal regime from subglacial sediments' Department of Geography, University of Reading, 26 February 2002.

Ed Derbyshire presented the opening address at the 30th Anniversary celebrations of the International Geoscience Programme, held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris 4-7 February, on 'IGCP: Retrospect and Prospect'. On 8 February he chaired his first meeting of the Committee for Research Directions of the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS). Also on 8 February, and continuing on 9 February, he chaired a meeting of the Managerial Group of the collaborative IGCP-IUGS-ICSU initiative 'CHANGES' (Carbon, Hydrology AND Global Environmental Systems).

Ed Derbyshire visited the Department for International Development on 11 March in order to discuss the policy, strategy and conduct of the United Kingdom's input into UNESCO's Science Sector Programme with Mr. Andrew Bennett (DFID) and Mr. Peter Upton (Director, Education and Training Group, The British Council and Secretary-General of 'UK-UNESCO'). The meeting was kindly and adroitly arranged by our Man in the Ministry, Professor Tim Unwin (IMFUNDO), who contributed to this valuable discussion.

Ed Derbyshire attended a meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Earth Sciences at the Houses of Parliament on 12 March on 'finding the silent witness - how forensic geology helps solve crimes'.

David Simon attended two seminars at the British-Angola Forum at Chatham House, London, on 12 March. Paulo Jorge (Secretary of the Political Bureau for International Relations of the MPLA) spoke on 'Angola's International Relations', and James Suzman (Cambridge) spoke on 'The fate of Angola's Bushman population'.

David Simon was a speaker, along with Charles Secrett (Director, Friends of the Earth UK) and Richard D. North (journalist and economist) on How Global Warming Will Affect Us All? at the Global Development Forum, held in St. James's, Piccadilly, on 26 March. David addressed the implications on the global South, in particular.

Danielle Schreve presented a paper at the Quaternary Research Association's Annual Discussion Meeting "Constructing Quaternary Chronologies" in Oxford, 3rd - 5th January 2002, entitled "Mammal-based chronologies: a key to correlation in the Pleistocene".

Danielle Schreve presented a seminar to the Department of Geography at the University of Southampton on 9th January 2002.

Danielle Schreve presented a seminar to the Department of Geography at the University of Sussex on 24th January 2002.

Danielle Schreve attended an Information and Brokerage meeting (at the Natural History Museum) for the new NERC initiative "Environmental Factors in the Chronology of Human Evolution and Dispersal" (EFCHEd) on 28th February 2002. EFCHEd has approximately £1.7 million to fund the study of the environmental background to human evolution over the last 5 million years. Danielle has been co-opted on to the EFCHEd Steering Committee to liaise between EFCHEd and the on-going Leverhulme funded Ancient Human Occupation of Britain project.

Felicity Callard gave a paper at the Royal Holloway Bedford Centre for the History of Women Interdisciplinary Staff seminar on Wednesday March 13 entitled 'Modernity's anxious individuals: women, men and agoraphobia'.

PUBLICATIONS

Sylvester O. Akhaine (ed)(2002) *Path to demilitarisation and democratic consolidation in West Africa*. Lagos: Centre for Constitutionalism and Demilitarisation (235pp).

Davies, S. M. Branch, N. P. Lowe, J. J., Turney, C. S. M. 2002 Towards a European tephrochronological framework for the Last Termination and early Holocene. In D.R. Gröcke & M. Kucera (eds) *Understanding climate change: proxies, chronology and ocean-atmosphere interactions*. *Philosophical Transactions of The Royal Society of London Series A*, v. 360, pp. 767-802.

Klaus Dodds (2002) La cartographie comme prétexte: le role du Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey en Antarctique (1945-1962) *Géographie et Cultures* 40: 109-126. (Abridged and translated version of a paper published in *Ecumene* 2000).

K Dodds and L Manovil 'Recent developments in relations between Argentina, Britain and the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic' *Polar Record* 38: 153-156.

Felix Driver, 'Geography, Enlightenment and improvement' [review article], *Historical Journal*, 45, 1 (2002), pp. 229-233.

Potter, R.B. and **Phillips, J.L.** (2002): 'Social dynamics of 'foreign born' and 'young' returning nationals to the Caribbean: outline of a research project.' CEDAR Research Paper number 37, 29pp.

Potter, R.B. (2002): 'The nature of development and development studies', 'Theories and strategies of development', 'Industrialization and employment', 'Urbanization', 'Environment', pp 1-2, 59-60, 181-182, 241-242 and 273-274 in **Desai, V.** and **Potter, R.B.** (eds): *The Companion to Development Studies*; Arnold: London and Oxford University Press, New York.

Colantonio, A. and **Potter, R.B.** (2002): Participatory planning in 'special period' Cuba: The experience of three workshops for Neighbourhood change in Havana', CEDAR Research Paper number 36, 40pp.

Sampson Edusah and **David Simon** (2001) *Land use and land allocation in Kumasi peri-urban villages*. CEDAR/IRNR Kumasi Paper 9 (21pp)

David Simon (2002) "Are they fit to eat?" Reflections on researching development - environment discourses, power relations and people, pp. 29-42 in A. Närman and K. Karunanayake (eds) *Towards a New Regional and Local Development Research Agenda*. Dept of Geography, Univ. of Gothenburg, Publications Series B, No. 100 and Centre for Development Studies, University of Kelaniya, Publication No. 1.

CONFERENCES-FIELDWORK-OVERSEAS

Peter French and **Ed Maltby** visited northern France from 17th-19th March for a postgraduate support visit. This also included meetings with various staff from Cemegraff and the University of Rennes.

Duncan McGregor, **David Simon** and **Don Thompson** were in Kumasi, Ghana from 27 February to 8th March (DS from 2 -8 March) to run the final dissemination workshop for their DFID-funded project on peri-urban natural resource management at the watershed scale, and to undertake a final round of visits to their study villages. **Andy Bradford** accompanied them to spend a month there as reconnaissance and initial field research for his PhD on community-based waste recycling in peri-urban Kumasi.

Danielle Schreve has been engaged in various small-scale excavation and sampling exercises during March, including Bradley Fen (near Whittlesey, Cambs), Bacon Hole and Minchin Hole on Gower (South Wales) and Marks Tey (Essex).

Siwan Davies took part in a 'virtual workshop' on practical techniques for detecting, extracting and geochemically analysing microscopic volcanic glass as part of the Commission on Tephrochronology and Volcanism's TEFRATRACE project at Queen's University Belfast. This international workshop was organised by Dr Chris Turney and Dr Valerie Hall (QUB) and will be available on the internet from April 15th (<http://www.qub.ac.uk/arcpal/Tephra/Tephratrace/Home.htm>).

Klaus Dodds attended the Third Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting organised by the European University in Florence and Montecatini Terme 20-24 March 2002. He presented a paper on 'Island others in the Mediterranean'.

Sarah Cant attended the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, which was held in Los Angeles (19-23 March). She presented a paper entitled 'British Speleologies: geography under-the-ground, 1935-1950' in the full-day session 'Empires of Science' (sponsored by the AAG Historical Geography Specialty Group, History of Geography Specialty Group and the Political Geography Specialty Group).

VISITORS TO THE DEPARTMENT

Anders Närman (Univ. of Gothenburg) met with **David Simon** at Heathrow Airport on 15 March to discuss progress on their respective collaborative research projects in Sri Lanka, and plans for teaching a development theory course at Makerere University, Uganda, later this year.

Paul Robson from Action for Rural Development and the Environment in Angola gave a lunchtime seminar on Tuesday 19th March 2002. The seminar was entitled 'War and the City: displacement, poverty and survival in urban and peri-urban Angola'.

Joseph Ahmed Turay from the University of East Anglia gave a lunchtime seminar on Friday 8th March 2002. The seminar was entitled 'Child soldiers in the civil war in Sierra Leone'.

OTHER NEWS

Congratulations to **Richard Hodgkins** and Sue Thomas who got married on Thursday 28th March 2002 in Iceland.