

STAFF AND STUDENTS

Mike Dolton attended the Educational Support Office Working Group meeting on Tuesday 20 May.

On 29 May, **David Simon** was external examiner for the PhD thesis, *Post-apartheid development in South Africa: 'top-down' meets 'bottom-up' in the Western Cape* by David Bek (supervisors, Cheryl McEwan and Nick Henry).

OUTSIDE ENGAGEMENTS

On 1 May, **David Simon** served on the interview panel for the RGS/IBG Slawson Awards 2003, which funds doctoral students undertaking research in developing countries.

David Simon and David Mandiyanike attended the annual Canon Collins Memorial Lecture, held at SOAS on 28 May. Brian Raftopolous, of the University of Zimbabwe and Chair of the Crisis in Zimbabwe Co-ordinating Committee, spoke on 'Education and the Crisis in Zimbabwe'. Andrew Meldrum, the recently-expelled Guardian/Observer/Economist journalist, also spoke.

Felix Driver gave a lecture on 'Distance & disturbance: travel, exploration and knowledge in the nineteenth century' to the Royal Historical Society, Oxford Brookes University, 2 May.

Felix Driver chaired a meeting at the Victoria & Albert Museum of the Academic Advisory Board to the AHRB Centre for the Study of the Domestic Interior, 21 May 2003.

Danielle Schreve spoke to the Cambridgeshire Geology Club on 12th May about 'Life in the Ice-Age: new finds of fossil mammals from central England'.

Danielle Schreve attended the LTSN-GEES New Lecturers Course at Hornton Grange, University of Birmingham on 19th-20th May.

Danielle Schreve attended a 2 day meeting at the Royal Society on 'The Evolutionary Legacy of the Quaternary Ice Ages', 21st-22nd May.

PUBLICATIONS

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Reviews

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F. Driver, review of G. Williams, *Voyages of Delusion: The Search for the North-West Passage in the Age of Reason*, *Times Higher Educational Supplement*, 16 May 2003

Schreve, D.C. 2003. Review of Agustõ, J. and Antñn, M. 2002. *Mammoths, Sabertooths and Hominids. 65 million years of mammalian evolution in Europe*. Columbia University Press. *The Holocene* 13, 303-304.

CONFERENCES-FIELDWORK-OVERSEAS

Tim Unwin attended part of the Field Symposium on Human Impact and Geological Heritage held in Estonia from 12th-17th May 2003, convened by the Institute of Geology at Tallinn Pedagogic University, the Institute of Ecology at Tallinn Pedagogical University, the Geological Surevy of Estonia, and the INQUA Commission on Glaciation.

Scott Elias was invited to speak at a meeting in Fairbanks, Alaska, sponsored by the University of Alaska, during the week commencing 19th May. The topic of the meeting was 'Paleoenvironments of Beringia'.

From 5-9 May, **David Simon** acted on an interdisciplinary, international specialist panel convened in Colombo, Sri Lanka, to assess over 500 research grant concept notes submitted to the first round of the Challenge Programme on Water and Food. This innovative, cross-cutting programme has been established by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) to foster interagency and collaborative research involving NGOs and universities as well as the CGIAR centres. The Challenge Programme is based at the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) in Colombo.

GRANTS

David Mandiyanike won the Slawson Award 2003 (£3000) under the auspices of the Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers). The award is for his forthcoming fieldwork in Zimbabwe.

David Mandiyanike received a grant of £200 from the Sarah and Rodger Bancroft Trust towards his tuition fees. He wishes to thank everyone for their support and encouragement, especially in those instances when the going was really tough.

Jay Mistry received £10,728 from the Department of International Development (DFID) and £1600 from the British Academy to fund speakers to attend the International Conference on Tropical Savannas and Seasonally Dry Woodlands she is co-organising in Edinburgh this September.

VISITORS TO THE DEPARTMENT

On 19 May, **Dr. Odame Larbi** (Ministry of Lands, Ghana, and Visiting Research Fellow, University of Wolverhampton) visited CEDAR, presenting a lunchtime seminar on Compulsory Land Acquisition and Land Use in Ghana, participating in discussion on master's student dissertation presentations.

OTHER NEWS

Melanie Price is now on maternity leave and should be returning in January 2004. **Denise Bennett** will be covering for Melanie during her absence.

Congratulations to **Toby Butler and Liz** on the birth of their little boy **Josh** on Wednesday, 28th May 2003. Both Mother and child are doing fine.