

Staff and Students

Tim Unwin has been invited to serve on the reference panel for the EuroAfrica-ICT (START) initiative under the IST Programme of the European Commissions 6th RTD Framework Programme, FP6 and FP7.

Clive Gamble presented his Inaugural Lecture at Royal Holloway on March 22nd entitled 'Social brains and geographical minds: an evolutionary story'.

Alasdair Pinkerton successfully defended his PhD on Radio Geopolitics: The BBC World Service and Britain's 'Voice Around the World'. His examiners were Prof. M. Ogborn, QMUL and Dr. Marcus Power, Durham University and he was supervised by Klaus Dodds.

Matthew Tye, a second-year undergraduate, has been awarded the Max Cary Memorial Award by the Royal Holloway Academic Awards Group for photographic work with refugees and asylum-seekers arising from this year's Glasgow field-course.

Danielle Schreve participated in a Timeteam special 'Britain's Drowned World' which was broadcast on the 24th of April on Channel 4.

Outside Engagements

Tim Cresswell gave a keynote address at a Graduate School Training seminar at the University of Oulu, in Finland on May 24. His address was titled: Place, Practice and Persistence at Maxwell Street, Chicago.

Tim Cresswell gave a keynote address at the International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission on The Cultural Approach in Geography conference - The Changing Cultural Geographies of Place, Region and Mobility, May 25–26 2007, Oulu, Finland. His talk was titled: Constellations of Mobility: Towards Cultural Kinetics.

Felix Driver presented a public lecture on 'Africa and the book: Missionary Travels', organised by the University of Basel Centre for African Studies in collaboration with the Carl Schlettwein Foundation and the Basler Afrika Bibliographien, 29 May

Clive Gamble presented a lecture on 'Social brains and anthropological minds' at St Cross College Oxford in honour of Professor Wendy James and Professor Chris Gosden March 13th

Clive Gamble presented 'Human migration: the spread of early humans across the world' at Cambridge University Government Policy Forum, Sidney Sussex on March 30th

Clive Gamble was interviewed on BBC Radio 4 'Material World Human dispersal and evolution' on April 5th.

Clive Gamble presented the Radio 3 Essay, on ‘Strange encounters: John Evans and breaking the time barrier’, April 16th

Clive Gamble presented ‘The archaeology of our social brains: an evolutionary story at the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland Edinburgh on April 23rd, and Aberdeen on April 24th

David Simon gave a seminar on ‘(Post)development and Postcolonialism’ in the inaugural joint Geography/International Politics seminar at the University of Wales Aberystwyth on 30 May.

David Simon chaired the selection panel for the Slawson Awards for postgraduate research abroad at the RGS-IBG in London on 3rd May.

David Simon attended the editorial board meeting of the Journal of Southern African Studies, of which he is senior editor, in London on 4th May.

David Simon has joined the Royal Society’s Global Environmental Research Committee and attended his first meeting on 21 May.

David Simon participated in the meeting of the Editorial Working Group of the Review of African Political Economy, University of Birmingham, on 25th May.

David Simon attended the spring meeting of the UoL Subject Area Board in Physical and Mathematical Sciences at Senate House on 24th May.

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Publications

Hoffecker, John, and **Elias, Scott**, 2007. *The Human Ecology of Beringia*. Columbia University Press, 304 pp.

Clive Gamble 2007 *Origins and Revolutions: Human Identity in Earliest Prehistory*. New York, Cambridge University Press

Felix Driver and Graeme Wynn, ‘Editorial: the Journal of Historical Geography, Reed Elsevier and the arms trade’, *Journal of Historical Geography*, 33 (3), 2007, 463-5

David Simon (2007) ‘Cities and global environmental change: exploring the links’, pp. 75-79 in Simon, D. (ed.) ‘Urbanization and global environmental change: 21st century challenges’, *The Geographical Journal* 173(1), pp. 75-92.

David Simon (2007) ‘Urbanisation and global environmental change: new intergenerational challenges’, *International Journal of Green Economics* 1(3/4), pp. 299-306.

David Simon (2006) ‘Sustainable development: theoretical construct or attainable goal?’ in M.M. Das (ed.) *Population Resources and Development; a geographical perspective*. Eastern

Book House, Guwahati, India, pp. 1-17 (Reprint of 1989 Environmental Conservation article).

Unwin, T. (2007) Partnerships for Education – a new global alliance, eGov Monitor, May 2007 (<http://www.egovmonitor.com/node/10734>)

Book Review

Clive Gamble ‘No Neolithic Revolution’ Review feature on P.Bellwood First Farmers: the origins of agricultural societies. Cambridge Archaeological Journal 17: 91-3

Grants and Awards

The NERC RESET consortium bid for £3.4m led by **John Lowe** has been successful. The proposal is a high-profile collaborative venture led by Royal Holloway Geography, also involving Oxford archaeology, Southampton oceanography, the Natural History Museum and Royal Holloway geology. RESET stands for RESponse of humans to abrupt Environmental Transitions. At its core is an interdisciplinary research programme, led by geographers and archaeologists, on the use of tephrochronology in the integrated study of relationships between environmental change and human development in prehistory.

Fieldwork-Conferences-Overseas

Tim Unwin participated as one of the 15 members of the International Advisory Panel on Education for All, which met for the first time at UNESCO in Paris on 21st May.

Visitors-Meetings in the Department

Rob Batchelor, PhD Student at RHUL presented the QUISS Seminar on 23rd May. The title of his Seminar was ‘Middle Holocene Environmental Changes and the History of Yew Woodland in the Lower Thames Valley’.

Any Other News

Congratulations to **Liz Hamilton** and family on the birth of their little boy Benjamin, who was born on the 24th of May and weighed in at 7lb 12oz.