

## **STAFF AND STUDENTS**

**Eleanor Brown** successfully defended her thesis entitled *Balglass: A Flagship site for the Quaternary of Central Scotland*, on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2002.

**Paul Kelsch**, PhD student in the department and now lecturer in architecture in Baltimore, was successfully examined on his PhD thesis entitled *Cultivating Natural History: The Construction of Nature in Four American Forest Landscapes*, 12 November. The examiners were William Cronon, Frederick Jackson Turner Professor of History, Geography & Environmental Studies at Wisconsin, and Dr David Demeritt at Kings London. Paul's thesis was supervised by Denis Cosgrove.

**Sarah Cant** has been successfully examined on her PhD thesis on the *Cultural Geographies of Caving*, on 15 November. The examiners were Dr David Matless (Nottingham) and Dr David Demeritt (Kings). Sarah was an ESRC-funded student, supervised by Denis Cosgrove and Catherine Nash.

**Tariq Jazeel** has been successfully examined on his PhD thesis entitled *Being Sri Lankan: Three Cultural Geographies*, on 15 November. The examiners were Dr Jim Duncan (Cambridge) and Dr Alison Blunt (Queen Mary). Tariq was an ESRC-funded student, supervised by Denis Cosgrove and Catherine Nash.

**Felix Driver** acted as External Examiner for the Globalisation and Development MSc, the Cities & Cultures MSc, and the Geography MSc, Queen Mary, University of London, 1 November.

**Felix Driver** acted as External Examiner for the Shape of the World course at the Open University, 19 November.

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## **OUTSIDE ENGAGEMENTS**

**David Simon** attended a discussion with Robert Fowler, Canadian Ambassador to Italy and previously to the UN, on the G8 countries' response to the New Economic Partnership for Africa's Development, at Chatham House on 7 November.

**David Simon** participated in the British-Angola Forum's international conference 'Towards Sustainable Peace: A challenge for Angola and the international community' at Chatham House on 12-13th November. He chaired the session on the government's peace-building efforts, in which speakers included the Angolan minister for war veterans and ex-combatants and a former UN Special Representative to Angola.

**David Hilling** has continued to 1) represent the European River-Sea Transport Union on the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers steering committee for the establishment of a UK Short-

Sea Promotion Centre 2) serve on the DfT's Water Freight Forum (former Freight Study Group) and 3) advise Wynn's abnormal indivisible loads consultancy on movement of heavy loads by water.

**Felix Driver** attended an advisory board meeting of the AHRB Research Centre for the Study of the Domestic Interior, Victoria & Albert Museum, 13 November.

**Mike Dolton** attended the 'Inclusive Fieldwork and Expedition Workshop' at the RGS on 6th November 2002.

**Catherine Nash** gave a research seminar in the Department of Geography, National University of Ireland, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland on 22nd November.

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## PUBLICATIONS

**Bradford, A.M.** (2002) *Yen Mantamu Ahonidie. Environmental Sanitation. Information Leaflet No. 1.* Center for Developing Areas Research (CEDAR), Department of Geography, Royal Holloway, University of London and International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Accra, Ghana.

**Bradford, A.M.** (2002) *Efie Nwira Ne Yiyie Ne Ne PorAee-hye. Household Waste Separation and Composting. Information Leaflet No. 2.* Center for Developing Areas Research (CEDAR), Department of Geography, Royal Holloway, University of London and International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Accra, Ghana.

**Bradford, A.M.** (2002) *Se Wobesi Aye PorAee Adaka. How to Build a Compost Container. Information Leaflet No. 3.* Center for Developing Areas Research (CEDAR), Department of Geography, Royal Holloway, University of London and International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Accra, Ghana.

**Klaus Dodds** (2002) On Her Majesty's Secret Service, The World Of James Bond, *Geographical*, Dec 2002, pp17-23

**Felix Driver** and **Luciana Martins**, 'John Septimus Roe and the art of navigation, c.1815-1830', *History Workshop Journal*, 54 (2002), 144-161

**Felix Driver** and David Feldman, 'Editorial', *History Workshop Journal*, 54 (Autumn 2002), iii-iv.

**French P.W.** (2002) Coastal Environments: Geomorphological contributions to coastal management. Chapter 10 in Rogers A. & Viles H. (eds) *The student's companion to Geography* (2nd Edition). Blackwells, Oxford.

The publication *Landing: eight collaborative projects between artists and geographers* was published on 13th November. The publication documents the work carried out during the *Visualising Geography* project. A reception to celebrate its publication and the completion of the project took place on 13th November at the Royal Geographical Society and was very well attended, with over a hundred guests. Prof. Denis Cosgrove gave a short presentation to

mark the occasion and other guests included the Principal Prof. Stephen Hill and a wide range of academics, artists, friends and family.

### **Reviews**

**French P.W.** (2002). review of Houston J.A., Edmondson S.E. & Rooney P.J. (2001) Coastal dune management: shared experience of European Conservation Practice. *Environmental Conservation* 29(3): 400-402

**Unwin, T.** (2002) Review of Granberg, L., Kovàch, I. and Tovey, H. (eds) *Europe's Green Ring: perspectives on rural policy and planning*, Aldershot: Ashgate, 2001, in: *Slavonic and East European Review* 80(4), 788-790

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## **CONFERENCES-FIELDWORK-OVERSEAS**

**Klaus Dodds** is currently a visiting Erskine Fellow at the University of Canterbury and has been teaching on the Graduate Diploma of Antarctic Studies. He has also given an open lecture at the University and a seminar at the Department of Geography. Later on he presents a lecture to the New Zealand Antarctic Society based at Wellington.

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## **GRANTS**

**Rob Imrie**, in conjunction with colleagues from Sheffield Hallam University, University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and Cardiff University, has been awarded a research contract, by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, for £48,266. The project is for 6 months and is entitled 'Planning and diversity: policies and procedures'.

**Rob Imrie** has been awarded £15,808 from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation for a 4 month project investigating 'Housing design and Part M of the building regulations'.

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## **VISITORS TO THE DEPARTMENT**

Gary Gaile (University of Colorado) gave a seminar entitled 'Comparative Ecological Challenges to Structural Adjustment', on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2002.

Dr Jane Jacobs (Edinburgh University) presented the 2002 Gordon Manley Lecture on 'Psychogeographies of Globalisation?', Monday 11 November.

Professor William Cronon (Fredrick Jackson Turner Professor of History, Geography & Environmental Studies, Wisconsin) led a workshop on the writings of Raymond Williams at 'Landscape Surgery', Bedford Square, 12 November. Also participating were Jane Jacobs (Edinburgh), David Matless (Nottingham), David Demeritt (Kings), Denis Cosgrove (UCLA), Paul Kelsch (Baltimore), and 15 PhD students and staff of the SCG.

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## **OTHER NEWS**

This year's summer school will focus on Environmental Archaeology and will take place in the Department on June 24th 2003.