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STAFF AND STUDENTS

On 11th January, **David Simon** attended the celebration at Senate House of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies and opening of its Diamond Jubilee Seminar Series on the Monarchy and the Commonwealth by HRH Princess Anne (the Chancellor of the UoL), Prof Geoffrey Crossick (the Vice-Chancellor), Chief Emeka Anyaoku (former Commonwealth Secretary General) and Prof Philip Murphy (Director of ICS).

Katie Willis presented a talk at Charters school in Sunningdale on 18th January on 'Bridging the development gap: Gender inequality in the Global South'.

Katie Willis was external examiner for Lucy Jackson's PhD at the Aberystwyth University. The thesis was entitled 'Alternative sites of citizenship: Emotions, performance and belonging for female migrants'. The other examiner was Professor Lynn Staeheili (Durham University).

Duncan Depledge was interviewed by the Voice of Russia London alongside Charles Emmerson (Chatham House) and Mikhail Babenko (WWF Russia) for a debate about the Arctic - the broadcast went out on 19 Jan.

Welcome to **Dr. Freiderick Glüger** on a Capes Scholarship from Brazil, who will be working with Klaus Dodds

Welcome to **Dr. Paulina Nordström** from the University of Turku, Finland working with Mustafa Dikeç.

Welcome to **Dr. Razamin Ramli** from the University Utara,

Malaysia who will be working with Tim Unwin on ICT and rural community based tourism.

Welcome to **Dr. Azra Naseem** who is with the Department on a Charles Wallace Fellowship from the Aga Khan University and will be working with Tim Unwin on e-learning.

Welcome to **Dr. Llaría Amerise** from the University of Calabria working with Tim Unwin on multivariate approaches for measuring the digital divide.

OUTSIDE ENGAGEMENTS

Felix Driver became, on 1 December, a founder member of the newly established International Society for the History of the Map (<http://ishm.elte.hu/>).

Felix Driver chaired a session at a conference on 'Wallich and Indian Natural History: Collection Dispersal and the Cultivation of Knowledge', held at the Natural History Museum and the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 6-7 December.

Felix Driver attended a meeting of the Advisory Board of the Centre for Arts and Humanities Research, Natural History Museum, 14 December.

Felix Driver has been invited by ESRC to undertake a review of research over the last ten years in the fields of historical geography and in the history & philosophy of geography as part of an International Benchmarking Review of UK Human Geography.

NOTICES

INAUGURAL LECTURE - Prof. Katie Willis, 'Migration as Freedom/Migration for Freedom: Perspectives on Gender and Migration in Latin America and Asia - 8th March - 6:15pm - Windsor Bldg Auditorium

Department of Geography Seminar - Diana Mitlin, Institute for Development Policy & Management IDPM, University of Manchester - 'Finance, Power & community Savings: Understanding Approaches to Urban Poverty Reduction' - 22.2.12 at 1pm, Room QB170

Politics, Development & Sustainability (PDS) Group Seminar - Discussion of Pre-circulated Papers - Diana Mitlin, Institute for Development Policy & Management IDPM, University of Manchester - 22.2.12 at 2pm, QB170.

Alumni-Student Evening (Employability Spring Programme 2012) - 1st March, 5:30 to 8:30, QB170.

Felix Driver was appointed external assessor for the proposed new MA on Human Geography: Society, Space & Culture, at Queens University Belfast.

Katherine Brickell held a HARC funded 1-day workshop at Bedford Square entitled "Accommodating Strangers? Home, Belonging and the Politics of (In)Hospitality"

Stephen Jones co-organised and presented at a DARG (Developing Areas Research Group) postgraduate workshop on "Careers in International Development for Geographers" at the RGS-IBG on 6th Jan.

Stephen Jones gave a lunchtime presentation to WaterAid staff in the London office on "Doing a PhD and implementing the Sustainability Framework with WaterAid in Mali: Ideas, progress and challenges" on 17th Jan.

Stephen Jones gave a presentation with Prof Richard Carter of WaterAid and Cranfield University on "Organisational change for improved programming" at the Sustainable WASH Learning Event organised by IRC, Water for People, WaterAid, Global Water Challenge and Aguaconsult at Arup on 31st Jan.

Innes M. Keighren presented a paper entitled "Circulating seditious knowledge: the 'daring absurdities, studied misrepresentations, and abominable falsehoods' of William Macintosh" to the Human Geography Seminar Series, School of Geographical Sciences, University of Bristol, 24 January 2012.

Innes M. Keighren served on the judging panel for the Association of American Geographer's Historical Geography Speciality Group Student Paper Awards (Ralph Brown Award and Andrew Hill Clark Award).

Tim Cresswell gave an invited lecture at the Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

on January 26th. This was followed by a workshop on January 27th on "Where are we in space and place?"

Leonhardt van Efferink gave an invited lecture about Country Risk Analysis to 30 economics students at Maastricht University. The four-hour interactive event included one individual assignment and two group assignments.

Leonhardt van Efferink gave a talk on British newspaper discourses on Afghanistan in 1842 during a PhD seminar of the Politics and International Relations department of RHUL.

OVERSEAS ONLY - FIELDWORK/CONFERENCES



2012 Spain Field Trip - Geography 1st Year Undergraduates
Spain Field Trip videos available at
<http://www.youtube.com/user/RHULGeography>

Katherine Brickell has held meetings in Phnom Penh, Cambodia associated with her ESRC-DFID funded research on domestic violence law. This included a consultative meeting with UN Women, UNDP, and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (German Society for International Cooperation) alongside talks with the Deputy British Ambassador, The Cambodian Ministry of Women's Affairs and local NGOs.

Duncan Depledge attended the Arctic Frontiers 2012 Conference in Tromsø, Norway. He co-presented a paper titled 'Into the

Arctic: the northward course of global capitalism' with Peder Roberts from the University of Strasbourg. Following the conference he participated in the Young Scientists Forum run by the ARCTOS Research Network.



Duncan Depledge chaired a session at Arctic Frontiers as part of the section on 'Society, Politics and Economy' during the Science session plenary.

PUBLICATIONS

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GRANTS AND AWARDS

Lise Andreassen has been awarded an RGS-IBG Postgraduate Research Award worth £2000. The research is entitled 'Optimisation of low and zero carbon energy technologies in the home'.

Stephanie Morrice has been awarded an RGS Award. Stephanie's research concerns the emotional impact of major disasters, particularly relating to the remaking of homes in their aftermath. She's working on disaster sites in Australia and New Zealand, and is currently a visiting researcher at the University of the Sunshine Coast.

Louise Henderson, recently successfully examined for her PhD, has won the 2012 Andrew Hill Clark Award presented annually by the Historical Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers for the best conference paper in historical geography by a PhD student during the preceding year. Her paper, "'Popularising' Geography in the 1870s: From Our Ocean Highways to the Geographical Magazine", was delivered to the RGS-IBG Annual Meeting in a session on popular geographies which Louise convened. This is the second time a Royal Holloway student has won this prestigious international award.

Tim Cresswell has been awarded an AHRC research fellowship for his project "MarketPlace: Material Culture, Representation and Performance in Maxwell Street" (£82,147). The fellowship covers the period March - November 2011.

Anja Kanngieser has been awarded an ESRC post-doctoral fellowship for the project "Creative Experiments in Making Worlds" (£83,500). Anja will begin work in the Department on June 30th. The mentor and PI on the grant is **Tim Cresswell**.

Bradley L. Garrett has been shortlisted for the Royal Geographical Society Journey of a Lifetime award and will be attending training at BBC Radio 4 on February 8th. The final outcome of the award will be decided on that day.

VISITORS - MEETINGS IN THE DEPARTMENT

Prof Derek Gregory, University of British Columbia presented the Departmental Seminar on 12th January entitled 'The Distance of Death: from Vietnam to Afghanistan - Pakistan'.

Susan Parnell, University of Cape Town presented the Politics, Development & Sustainability (PDS) Group Seminar on 16th January entitled '(Re)theorising cities from the global south: looking beyond neoliberalism'.

ANY OTHER NEWS

Bradley L. Garrett released his new film Crack the Surface II. This film was shot in collaboration with his project participants over the summer of 2011 while doing urban exploration in the United States. It can be viewed at <http://vimeo.com/35626914> .

Congratulations to **John Abraham** and his wife Elizabeth on the birth of their daughter Evelyn, a little sister for Angie.

