

# Newsletter

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## WELCOME

Welcome back to the Summer term, and to the latest issue of the School of History newsletter.

Since the last edition, we have appointed a number of new staff members, including a new Head of School.

We hope you find this newsletter informative and interesting, and look forward to sharing some more of our achievements next time.

In the meantime, I wish you a good term, and a successful end to the academic year.

**Professor Kenneth Fincham**  
Head of School

## School of History launches Summer School in Paris



**The University's Reid Hall Centre in Paris, where the Summer School will be held**

The School of History is set to launch its first Summer School this year, with Stage 2 and 3 students invited to apply to spend a week studying at Kent's Paris Centre, Reid Hall.

The School, which will run from **Monday 27th – Friday 31st July**, will give students the opportunity to examine elements of French and European history while staying in the heart of Paris itself, through a number of sessions led by School of History academic staff and PhD students.

Twenty students, selected on the strength of their applications, will also get to experience the culture and history of Paris with a number of trips to sites of historical interest such as the Palace of Versailles, the Louvre, and the Sainte-Chapelle, amongst others.

For more details see the [School of History's blog](#).

## Centres' annual lectures a success

### Centre for the History of the Sciences Annual Lecture: Wednesday 4 March 2015

Every year the Centre for the History of the Sciences hosts a lecture for the general public. This year, Dr Patricia Fara, author of the prize-winning *Science: A 4000 Year History*, gave a timely account of science in the Great War. She examined the question of women's participation in science and medicine during the War, and the extent to which it helped them in their battle for emancipation, and for the vote.

Fara reviewed the scientific opinion from the nineteenth century that was used to justify their non-participation (weak minds, weak bodies). However, once the men were away fighting these concerns evaporated in the face of evidence that women could and did perform scientific and medical roles. Fara was fascinating on how archival records cannot always be trusted: women were not always mentioned where the historian might expect, or were alluded to in the most frustratingly indirect ways, making it hard to reconstruct what they actually did.

Fara concluded that although women were active in some spheres – especially medicine – they did not manage very well in translating these successes into pressure for the vote. And, indeed, they were swiftly edged back out of their new-found roles once peace returned. The Victorian arguments had disappeared, and new, tacit forms of exclusion were practised instead. It was a sober conclusion to be reminded that women can still struggle to succeed in these fields.

**Dr Charlotte Sleigh**  
Director of the Centre for the History of the Sciences

### Centre for the Political Economies of International Commerce Annual Lecture: Thursday 2 April 2015

The School was privileged to hear a lecture from Professor Richard Carwardine, Fellow of the British Academy, former Rhodes Professor of American History at Oxford University, and President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford to commemorate a former professor of the School, Professor Roger Anstey.

Professor Carwardine spoke to the following title: 'The judgments of the Lord, are true and righteous altogether': The religion and politics of Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address. In a beautifully structured lecture, Professor Carwardine discussed the determinants and character of President Lincoln's religious faith and how these interacted with the onset of the United States Civil War.

Professor Carwardine offered the large audience of students, academics, and some members of the public a master class on how to use the select words of the past – in this case the well chosen and emotive words of President Lincoln's second inaugural address of March 1865 – to illuminate and vivify the grand drama of one of the bloodiest civil wars in human history. In weaving together Lincoln's emergent religious faith and the political conundrums that faced the American President, Professor Carwardine engaged both expert and non-specialist and honoured Professor Anstey's own work on the intersecting histories of religion and emancipation.

**Dr Will Pettigrew**  
Director of the Centre for the Political Economies of International Commerce

## News round-up

**Dr Juliette Pattinson** has been appointed as the new Head of School, and will be starting her role in August. The School has also recently appointed a number of new staff members. **Dr Mark Lawrence** (Military History), **Dr Amy Blakeway** (Early Modern), **Dr Emily Guerry** (Medieval History) and **Dr Andrew Cohen** (Imperial History) will all be starting with us in September, while **Francine Wise** will be joining us at the end of May as the new PA to the Head of School and Events Co-ordinator.

We will also be saying a sad farewell to some members of staff over the summer. **Dr Robert Hornsby** will be leaving to take up a permanent lectureship at the University of Leeds from 1 September, and **Dr Pratik Chakrabarti** will be leaving in the summer to take up a chair at the University of Manchester, along with **Joydeep Sen**, who will be working alongside Pratik on his project at Manchester. **Ollie Godsmark** will be coming to the end of his short-term contract in August, and finally **Ian Beckett** will be retiring.

## End of Year Celebrations

### End of Year Party

**Friday 5 June, 12-3pm**

The School is holding a party to mark the end of the academic year, and all students and staff are invited to come along and enjoy free pulled pork rolls (vegetarian options will also be available) courtesy of Pork and Co., and drinks.

The party will be held on the grass in front of the Library. All staff and students have received an email on the event, through which you should RSVP **before Friday 29 May** in order to book your food.

### Graduation Party

**Friday 17 July**

Following this year's Congregation service, the School's Graduation Party will take place the afternoon, as usual.

Please feel free to join us for a drink, and to celebrate our latest cohort of graduates.

## Dates for your diary

### South East Hub for History Conference 2015

**Thursday 11 June**

The 10th Annual South East Hub Postgraduate Conference is being held at the University of Kent, organised by some of our PhD students.

Keynote speaker will be Professor Peter Mandler, Professor of Modern Cultural History at University of Cambridge, and President of the Royal Historical Society.

The Conference will aim to provide postgraduate students and early career researchers from across humanities with a forum to present their research. This year, papers will demonstrate interdisciplinary methods or interpretations in historical research.

For more information see [here](#), or connect with them on Twitter: [@sehub2015](#).

### Women's History Network Annual Conference 2015

**Friday 4 - Sunday 6 September**

The WHN annual conference is taking place at University of Kent this year, with the theme of Female agency, activism and organisation, hosted by the School of History and the School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research.

Plenary speakers will include Professor Mary Evans (Kent), with her lecture: 'But We've Always Been Poor: Some Reflections on Women, Poverty and Austerity'; Professor Pam Cox (University of Essex), who will be speaking on: 'Translating Women's History for Television'; and Professor Clare Midgley (Sheffield Hallam University), who will deliver a talk on: 'Feminism, Religion and Empire after the Transnational Turn.'

For more information, and to book your place, please see [here](#).

## Professor unearths historical book used by Henry VIII

A School of History academic has unearthed a book used by Henry VIII, which helped change the course of English history.

Professor James Carley identified the text, featuring legal and philosophical advice by theologian William of Ockham, as the same one Henry VIII and his legal team used when gathering evidence to secure an annulment from Catherine of Aragon in the 1530s, a move which ultimately enabled England to break ties with Rome.

With the help of Dr David Shaw (an honorary senior Research Fellow of the School), Professor Carley identified the copy, currently residing in the library of Cornish National Trust property Lanhydrock, through a 1542 inventory of Henry's books, showing it had once been part of the king's library at his palace at Westminster.

Professor Carley is sure the book was consulted by the Tudor monarch whilst gathering evidence to undermine the authority of the Pope and support an annulment, which would leave him free to marry Anne Boleyn. The text contains marks and notes made by the King's advisors highlighting sections which support his desire for change.

Funding for the project was provided by the University of Kent, and the book will now be displayed in an exhibition, *Monarchy and the Book*, now running at the Victorian country house.



## Research News

Please find below a round-up of recent research and publication successes from the School. Unfortunately there's not enough room to include everything, however a full list can be found in the weekly *Research Digest News*.

**Dr Rebecca Higgitt** published an edited volume, *Maskelyne: Astronomer Royal* in November, and the exhibition she helped to co-curate at the National Maritime Museum won the British Society for the History of Science's Great Exhibitions prize.

She was also successful as a co-applicant, along with Dan Lloyd (Biosciences) and Darren Griffin (Biosciences and CISO), with an application to the Public Engagement with Research Fund for a material culture and display project called "Lab Rejects", being awarded £1,831.

**Dr Ben Marsh** gave an invited public talk entitled 'Escaping Slavery in the American South, 1776-1840' to the Dollar Historical Society. He also gave a research paper to the Stirling University Research Seminar.

**Professor James Carley's** article, 'William Peto, O.F.M.Obs., and the 1556 Edition of 'The folowinge of Chryste: Background and Context', has just appeared in the *Journal of the Early Book Society* 17 (2015). It is co-authored by Ann M. Hutchison.

His book, *Hannibal Gamon and Two Strays from the Library of King Henry VIII* is in page proof with the *Book Collector*.

Finally, Professor Carley gave the keynote address to the Courtauld Institute Conference on 'Religion, Art and Conflict: Disputes, Destruction and Creation', 5 December, 2014. "'So myserably peryshed in the spoyle": John Leland and John Bale on the Dissolution of the English Religious Houses'.

**Dr Omar Nasim's** most recent book, *Observing by Hand: Sketching the Nebulae in the Nineteenth Century*, has won the *Choice Magazine's* CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title Awards for 2014 in the categories for Art, History of Science, Physical Sciences, and Philosophy of Science.

He also took part in a BBC Radio 3 series on photographs that changed the world in February. Five radio essays were presented each day for a week by leading historians of photography.

**Dr Juliette Pattinson** hosted an AHRC-funded two-day symposium at the University of Strathclyde entitled *Masculinities at War: Men and Male Culture in the Second World War* on 8-9 Jan 2015.

Along with Arthur McIvor and Linsey Robb, Dr. Pattinson also finished writing the manuscript of *Men in Reserve*, a book on men in the reserved occupations in the Second World War which has been now sent out for external review before submission to the publishers.

**Dr Leonie Wells-Furby** has secured a contract from Boydell & Brewer for her monograph, *William Laud and Scotland 1617 – 1645*.

**Dr Julie Anderson** featured on the BBC One South East programme [VE Day: First Days of Peace](#) on Monday 12 May, chatting to writer Anthony Horowitz about post war recuperation in South East England.

She also appeared on BBC One in the North West, in the [same programme](#), this time discussing the vital role women played on the home front in WWII. Both episodes are available to view again on iPlayer until 10 June 2015.

**Professor Ulf Schmidt's** book *Secret Science: A Century of Poison Warfare and Human Experiments* is set to be published by Oxford University Press on 9 July. His research has also been used to inform an episode of BBC World Service's *Witness* radio series, titled [Chemical Weapons Tests at Porton Down](#).

**Professor Gaynor Johnson** delivered a lecture titled 'Never Complain, Never Explain: British Foreign Policy in the Twentieth Century', as part of the KIASH Inaugural Professorial Lecture series on 20 May.

**Professor Mark Connelly** was recently asked to chair a panel at the Franschhoek Literary Festival, where he was required to head up a discussion involving authors of books on the First World War.

**Dr Phil Slavin** identified and digitised several dozens of unused manorial documents during his recent research trip to the US. Primarily from late-medieval England, and deposited at the Kenneth Spencer Research Library, at the University of Kansas, the documents will shed light on agricultural history of East Anglia, in particular its dairy produce sector.

If you have a news item, an upcoming event, or simply an idea for something you'd like to see in the next issue of this newsletter, please get in touch with

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