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Cover photograph: inside the new Whipple Library building
The Department

Introduction

As we go to press it has been exactly one year since the sudden death of Peter Lipton and a time when we wondered if the Department would ever be the same again. What followed this tragic event was a most extraordinary year in which the Department has undergone some dramatic changes in personnel, in its facilities, and in the courses we offer.

We have to give special thanks to John Forrester, whose life changed overnight when he suddenly had to take over as Head of Department. With no handover period, he was up-to-speed remarkably quickly and has done a wonderful job leading the Department in difficult circumstances.

The most notable physical change has been the opening of our incredible new library, which happened in September 2008. This is something the Department had dreamed about for the past 20 years, and it is a fantastic new resource. We would like to take this opportunity to pay special thanks to the teams of planners, architects, surveyors and contractors who have been instrumental in making this dream come true.

Part of the space previously occupied by the old library is planned to be a new gallery for the museum, but we are still waiting to hear if we have been successful in applying for funding for the refurbishment of this and other museum accommodation. So watch this space literally to see how these plans progress.

During the year we put a lot of energy into planning, and getting permission for, a new Part III in HPS. We have finally been given formal approval, and our first intake of students will be in October 2009. The Department will be holding an open meeting in January 2009 to answer any questions from Directors of Studies about course content and progression requirements.

We wait with bated breath for the outcome of the 2008 RAE, to be announced at 5pm on 18 December 2008, which will affect our funding status. The Department has achieved a 5* ranking in the past two exercises, and although the way the marks will be given this time round makes a 5* ranking impossible, we are still keeping our fingers crossed for an equivalent and excellent result. Thanks again to everyone who contributed to the submission.

Once again this has been a year with lots of new projects and lots of new people and lots of people who had been around for ages. We would like to take this opportunity to give our very sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Department over the past year, in particular those who picked up additional jobs as a result of the sudden reorganisation and those who struggled on with their work while they grieved – it’s what makes this such a great Department.

TH, 25 November 2008
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Eleanor Robson
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Jim Secord
Liba Taub

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Alisha Rankin
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Sophie Weeks

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Debby Banham
Emm Barnes
Andrew Barry
German Berrios
Sanjoy Bhattacharya
Peter Bowler
Robert Bud
Jeremy Butterfield
Cristina Chimisso
Harry Collins
John Cornwell
Christopher Cullen
Soraya de Chadarevian
Silvia De Renzi
Ipek Demir
David Dewhirst
Mary Dobson
Matthew Donald
Catherine Eagleton
Roger Gaskell
Axel Gelfert
Faye Getz
Jeremy Gray
Ole Grell
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Annette Imhausen
Shelley Innes
Catherine Jami
Peter Jones
Harmke Kamminga
Gerald Kutscher
Emese Lafferton
David Leith
Geoffrey Lloyd
Helen Macdonald
Matteo Mameli
Scott Mandelbrote
Anita McConnell
Raymond Mercier
Simon Mitton
Jim Moore
Adam Mosley
Jaune Navarro
Richard Noakes
Onora O’Neill
Alison Pearn
Katy Price
Sadiah Qureshi
Jason Rampelt
Michael Redhead
Eyveleen Richards
Ruth Richardson
Martin Rudwick
Colin Russell
Christine Salazar
Anne Secord
Karin Tybjerg
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Andrew Wear
Paul White
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Paolo Badalotti
Justin Cruickshank
Steffen Ducheyne
Sven Dupré
Valerie Harwood
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Frans Lundgren
Juan Mayoral de Lucas
Patricia Osseweijer
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Koen Vermeir

**Visiting Students**
Bruno Atalic
Lydia Barnett
Victor Gijsbers
Michael Lenko
Valentina Pugliano
Valentine Reynaud
Kelly Whitmer

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Salim Al-Gailani
Katherine Angel
Caroline Baumann
Geoffrey Belknap
Mirjam Brusius
Joanna Burch Brown
Yoon Choi
David Clarke
Mike Collins
Robert Cord
Sophia Davis
Bonnie Evans
Tom Eyers
David Feller
Sacha Golob
Boris Jardine
Natalie Kaoukji
Melanie Keene
Jeremy Kessler
Elselijn Kingma
Sharon Ku
Wang-Yen Lee
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Christina McLeish
Iris Montero-Sobrevilla
Sasha Mudd
Lisa Mullins
Sam Nicholson
Signe Nielsen
Margaret Olszewski
Arash Pessian
Jennifer Rampling
Nicky Reeves
Leon Rocha
Joab Rosenberg
Joe Sandham
Alireza Taheri
Adam Toon
Julie Walsh
Billy Wheeler
Nicholas Whitfield
Lydia Wilson
Alexander Wragge-Morley

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Patrick Avila
Daisy Barton
Cressida Gaukroger
Natasha Goldberg
Ruth Hibbert
Jiri Hudecek
Joanna Korman
Allison Ksiazkiewicz
Lee Macdonald
Don Pyper
Alix Rogers
Robin Scheffler
Kathryn Tabb
Katie Taylor
Ariane Tschumi
Natalie Vokes

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Philip Antrobus
Catriona Armstrong
Jonathan Birch
Samuel Borin
Rebecca Brown
Alice Clarke
Mary Cohen
Matthew Cottingham
Matthew Drage
Beatrice Heller
Paul Holmes
Aditaya Kumar
Ee Mae Lim
Mhairi Murdoch
Emma Perkins
Bartosz Podkowa
Chloe Purcell
John Reicher
Caoimhe Rice
Joshua Rubenstein
Julia Ruston
Alice Sharratt
Ben Weaver
Jack Young
Comings and goings

Sorin Bangu joins us in October 2008 as a Teaching Associate in philosophy of science.

Richard Barnett joined us in September 2008 as a Teaching Associate in history of modern medicine and science.

Elma Brenner joins us in October 2008. She has been awarded a Wellcome research fellowship to work on ‘Leprosy and society in Rouen, c.1100–1500’.

Alex Broadbent has been appointed to the post of Teaching Associate in philosophy and sociology of science and technology from October 2008.

Tatjana Buklijas moves to New Zealand in October 2008, but will continue a ‘virtual’ involvement in the Department’s From Generation to Reproduction project.

Ruth Horry left the Whipple Museum in August 2008 to become an MPhil student in the Department.

Martin Kusch starts a two-year major leave fellowship in October 2008.

Agnieszka Lanucha joined us as the Department’s cleaner in December 2007.

Josh Nall was appointed to a permanent post of Museum Assistant in August 2008.

Martin Peterson returned to Sweden in September 2008, but will be retaining a link with the Department through a visiting scholars’ programme that is currently being set up.

Hilary Powell joined us in July 2008. She has been awarded a Wellcome research fellowship to work on ‘The hagiography of healing: miracle narratives as discourses on disease and disability’.

Rob Ralley finished his Wellcome fellowship in August 2008 but will be returning in November to work on Lauren Kassell’s Casebooks pilot project.

Nicky Reeves has been appointed to the post of Teaching Associate in history of science, 1600–1850, from September 2008.

Sarah Robertson joined us in August 2008 as a Museum Assistant in the Whipple Museum.

Simon Schaffer starts a two-year major leave fellowship in October 2008.
Roles and responsibilities

Departmental positions

Head of Department: John Forrester
Chairman of the HPS Board: Martin Kusch
Secretary of the Board: Tamara Hug
Director of Graduate Studies: Nick Jardine
Secretary of the Degree Committee: Tamara Hug
MPhil Manager: Eleanor Robson
Part II Manager: Martin Kusch
Part IIB Managers: Stephen John, Simon Schaffer

HPS Board and Degree Committee

Professors and Readers: John Forrester, Nick Jardine, Martin Kusch, Simon Schaffer, Jim Secord, Liba Taub
Curator and Director of the Whipple Museum: Liba Taub
Administrative Officer: Tamara Hug
Librarian: Tim Eggington
General Board Members: Malcolm Longair, Adam Tooze
Co-options: Kevin Brosnan, Vanessa Heggie, Lauren Kassell, Halvard Lillehammer, Eleanor Robson
Elected Senior Members: Alex Broadbent, Marina Frasca-Spada, Mark Sprevak, Laurence Totelin
Elected Junior Members: Jenny Rampling (Graduate); Alice Clarke, Alice Sharratt (Undergraduates)

Philosophy Faculty Board

HPS Representative: Kevin Brosnan
Examiners

NST Part IB History and Philosophy of Science
Senior Examiner: Eleanor Robson
External Examiner: Professor John Dupré (University of Exeter)
Examiners: Alex Broadbent, Paul Dicken, Stephen John, Sadiah Qureshi, Simon Schaffer

NST Part II History and Philosophy of Science
Senior Examiner: Marina Frasca-Spada
External Examiner: Professor John Christie (University of Leeds)
Examiners: Kevin Brosnan, John Forrester, Martin Kusch, Nick Jardine, Ayesha Nathoo, Rob Ralley

BBS Part II History, Ethics and Medicine
Senior Examiners: Vanessa Heggie, Stephen John
External Examiner: Dr Ulf Schmidt (University of Kent)

MPhil
Senior Examiner: John Forrester
External Examiner: Dr Greg Radick (University of Leeds)
Prizes, projects and honours

Student prizes

Katie Taylor was awarded the Eleventh Annual Jennifer Redhead Prize for the best performance in the essay component of the MPhil.

Jiri Hudecek and Katie Taylor were jointly awarded the Fifth Annual Rausing Prize for the best performance in the dissertation component of the MPhil.

Jonathan Birch, Matthew Drage and Julia Ruston were jointly awarded the 2008 Jacob Bronowski Prize for the best performance in the HPS Part II course.

Jonathan Birch was awarded the Second Annual Frances Willmoth Prize for the best performance in the dissertation component of the HPS Part II course.

Emma Perkins and Katie Taylor were jointly awarded the Tenth Annual Waterman Prize for the best work using the collection of the Whipple Museum.

Kathryn Tabb was the winner of the First Templeton Essay Prize, awarded by the Darwin Correspondence Project for the best essay about Darwin and religion.

New research projects

Arts and Humanities Research Council

Isaac Newton Trust

Leverhulme Trust
Major Research Leave Fellowship, Simon Schaffer, September 2008 to August 2010, £88,642

Museums, Libraries and Archives Council
‘Opening Up Collections’, Liba Taub, October 2008 to September 2009, £15,000

Royal Society
Science of Sound Exhibition, Liba Taub, November 2008 to October 2010, £2,500

Wellcome Trust
Casebooks Pilot, Lauren Kassell, November 2008 to June 2009, £29,906
Conference Grant (for M. Pelling), Lauren Kassell, May 2009, £3,010
Ischia Summer School, Nick Hopwood, April 2009 to September 2009, £15,280
History of Medicine Fellowship: ‘The Hagiography of Healing: Miracle Narratives as Discourses on Disease and Disability’, Hilary Powell, July 2008 to June 2010, £104,895

**Prizes and honours**

**Tim Lewens** was awarded a Pilkington Teaching Prize at a ceremony on 11 June 2008. Pilkington Prizes are awarded annually by the University to recognise outstanding contributions to the development of teaching.

**Martin Rudwick** was awarded the 2007 Sarton Medal of the History of Science Society and the Prix Eugène Wegmann of the Société Géologique de France. He was also elected a Fellow of the British Academy.
Seminars and special lectures

Rausing Lecture

Professor John Krige of the Georgia Institute of Technology gave the Thirteenth Annual Hans Rausing Lecture in the History of Technology and Industry on 22 May 2008. The title of the lecture was ‘Shaping postwar Europe: science, technology and American soft power’.

Wellcome Lecture

Dr Simon Szreter of St John’s College, Cambridge, gave the Third Cambridge Wellcome Lecture in the History of Medicine on 29 November 2007. The title of the lecture was ‘Proving a negative? How important was sexual abstinence during the fertility decline?’.

Seminars, reading groups and workshops

Departmental Seminar in History and Philosophy of Science organised by Lauren Kassell
Research Topics and Resources Seminars (first two weeks of Michaelmas Term) organised by Nick Jardine and Eleanor Robson
History of Medicine Seminars (Michaelmas and Lent Terms) organised by Vanessa Heggie, Lauren Kassell, Ayesha Nathoo, Rob Ralley and Laurence Totelin
From Generation to Reproduction (Michaelmas and Lent Terms) organised by Jim Secord
Psy Studies Seminar: History of Psychiatry, Psychology, Psychoanalysis and Allied Sciences, organised by John Forrester and Deborah Thom
Cabinet of Natural History organised by Salim Al-Gailani
Epistemology Reading Group (Michaelmas Term) organised by Peter Lipton
History of Science Workshop (Lent and Easter Terms) organised by Iris Montero
Philosophy Workshop organised by Mark Sprevak
Relativism Group (Lent and Easter Terms) organised by Martin Kusch
Metaphysics of Science Reading Group (Lent and Easter Terms) organised by Alex Broadbent
Science and Literature Reading Group organised by Daniel Friesner and Melanie Keene
History and Theory Reading Group organised by Marina Frasca-Spada, Nick Jardine and Signe Nipper Nielsen
Scientific Images Discussion Group (Lent and Easter Terms) organised by Mirjam Brusius
Kant Reading Group organised by Angela Breitenbach
Latin Therapy Group organised by Jenny Rampling (language tutor: Debby Banham)
German Therapy Group (Lent and Easter Terms) organised by Mirjam Brusius
# Students

## Student statistics

### Student numbers

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Part II essay and dissertation titles

Primary source essays

Paper 1: Letters, Queries and Reports from Assyrian Scholars
Adapa and the fish-men sages
Asipu: sorcerer, physician, holy cleanser
Divination in military decision making in relation to conflicts with Mannea
Exispicy and its practitioners in neo-Assyrian society
Human and divine in medical diagnosis and prognosis
Petitionary rhetoric: a comparison of two scholars’ styles
Status, nationality and conventionality: the authors of astrological reports
The role of royal women in the correspondence of Assyrian scholars

Paper 2: Fontenelle, A Discovery of New Worlds
A Discovery of New Worlds: an investigation of peoples and their cultures
Fontenelle’s A Discovery of New Worlds and France under Louis XIV
Fontenelle’s use of analogy and other devices
Many faces: the moon and plurality
The place of Fontenelle’s Entretiens in the history of the plurality of worlds debate before 1700

Paper 3: Charles Darwin’s Letters: A Selection
An exchange between a naturalist and a Rajah: Darwin’s queries on the Dyaks of Sarawak
How did Charles Darwin moderate the religious interpretations of Origin of Species by correspondence?
How did Darwin cope with the theological dispute over his work?
Lyell and Darwin’s immediate exchanges over the Origin of Species
Was Darwin ‘muddled’ about Design?

Paper 4: Gould and Lewontin, The Spandrels of San Marco and the Panglossian Paradigm
Epistemological and metaphysical objections to natural selection
Evolutionary phenomena are better explained with reference to constraints than solely through the analysis of adaptive processes

Paper 5: Boghossian, Fear of Knowledge: Against Relativism and Constructivism
Boghossian and the Azande
Boghossian vs. Kalderon: who’s afraid of the big bad fact?
Does ‘blind entitlement’ lead to epistemic absolutism?
Does ‘blind entitlement’ work as an argument against epistemic relativism?
Epistemic relativism, Kuhn and radical scepticism
Fear of truth: against mythology and absolutism
Oracles and the Azande: relativistic challenges in chapters 5-7 of Paul Boghossian’s Fear of Knowledge

Paper 6: Freud, Notes Upon a Case of Obsessional Neurosis
Irrationality and the Rat Man
Lacking ‘the serious stamp of science’? The Ratman and scientific investigation
Obsessional acts, religious practices and the Rat Man case history
The problems of resistance and free choice in the case of the Rat Man
The relationship between neurosis and religion in the context of Sigmund Freud’s analysis of the Rat-man
What is the role of the Rat Man case history in the overall development of Freud’s ideas of obsessional neurosis?
What prior experiences lead the Rat Man to the symptoms of his obsessional neurosis?
**Paper 7: Hippocrates, On Regimen**
A discussion of the representation of the soul in Hippocrates, *On Regimen*
Is the Hippocratic treatise *Regimen* influenced by the philosophy of Heraclitus?

**Paper 8: Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Physical Deterioration**
Concepts of heredity in the 1904 Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Physical Deterioration
Control and causes of alcoholism in the 1904 report on physical deterioration
Military concerns in the Report
‘The Irish problem’: a discussion of attitudes towards the Irish in the 1904 Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Physical Deterioration
Were the Jews considered degenerate in the 1904 Report of the Interdepartmental Committee on Physical Deterioration?
What were the measures suggested by the Committee for cookery lessons and why might they have been chosen?

**Paper 9: Snow, The Two Cultures and the Scientific Revolution, and Leavis, Two Cultures? The Significance of C.P. Snow**
Industrialisation, alienation and the scientific revolution: making sense of Snow’s *Two Cultures*
Science and the Third World: perspectives of Snow and Leavis in the ‘Two Cultures’ debate
The careerism of C.P. Snow
The role of ‘understanding’ in the Two Cultures controversy
The Two Cultures debate as a clash of worldviews

**Dissertations**
A Marxist analysis of the sociology of Linux
An exploration of a 17th-century terrestrial globe held in the Whipple Collection
‘Because’ without ‘cause’: the uses and limits of non-causal explanation
Biography of the theremin
Communicating scientific novelty in the fiction of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Damaris Masham and her philosophical relationships, c.1680-1708
Doctor-patient relationships and paternalism in the Royal College of General Practitioners, 1950s-1970s
Following Betty: an attempt to understand the success of a scientific paper
Generation, power and the devil: women in early modern England
History of schizophrenia
Medical justifications for physical education in working class schools between 1870 and 1914
Methodology in Ibn al-Haytham’s *Optics*: on mathematical and physical principles, ocular anatomy and experimentation
Models of the human eye
Philosophy versus backgammon: should we shift between types of thinking?
Reactions to the atomic bomb
Saul Kripke’s problem of other minds
Science, religion and evolution in the Victorian popular press
The causal exclusion argument
The control of female fertility in classical Greece: theories and practicalities
The effect of ideologies on beliefs about units of selection in evolutionary biology
The knowledge argument for dualism
The social dynamics of research and development policies: a special case study on Malaysia and Singapore
The Vegetarian Society and the diet of the working poor at the end of the 19th century
Was Thomas Gemnus’ *Compendiosa totius anatomea delueatie aere exarata* a plagiarism?
MPhil essay and dissertation titles

Andrew Aghapour

*Essays*
- Lewes, Comte and phrenology (supervised by Jim Secord)
- Evaluating psychology and religious cognition: the relationship between Bayer’s account and memetic theory (supervised by Matteo Mameli)
- Foucault’s genealogy of the soul (supervised by John Forrester)

*Dissertation*
- Darwinizing religion? (supervised by Matteo Mameli)

Patrick Avila

*Essays*
- Can the capabilities approach capture the moral difference between the use of pre-implantation genetic diagnosis for sex selection and deaf selection? (supervised by Martin Peterson)
- What it means to wear a face: facial allograft transplantation and identity (supervised by Stephen John)
- ‘Apples and oranges’ revisited: genetic causation and the concept of genetic disease (supervised by Kevin Brosnan)

*Dissertation*
- Relational conceptions of justice and capabilities: when health inequalities matter (supervised by Stephen John)

Daisy Barton

*Essays*
- The conjunction objection to constructive empiricism (supervised by Peter Lipton)
- Education and *The Two Cultures* (supervised by Helen Macdonald)
- The ability hypothesis: a critical assessment (supervised by Mark Sprevak)

*Dissertation*
- Explanation and model organisms (supervised by Kevin Brosnan)

Cressida Gaukroger

*Essays*
- Is causation like colour? (supervised by Peter Lipton)
- Joseph Cornell and the 17th-century collector (supervised by Patricia Fara)
- Responses to Kripke on other minds (supervised by Martin Kusch)

*Dissertation*
- Responses to Molyneux’s problem (supervised by Marina Frasca-Spada)

Natasha Goldberg

*Essays*
- What makes an improbable event surprising? (supervised by Peter Lipton)
- One or two? Conjoined twins and the concept of the person (supervised by Martin Kusch)
- Longing for Eden: the myth of nature as idyll in contemporary popular and academic discourse (supervised by Angela Breitenbach)

*Dissertation*
- A critique of the theory of conceptual metaphor proposed by George Lakoff and colleagues (supervised by Eleanor Robson)

Ruth Hibbert

*Essays*
- Mental states as non-causal explanations of behaviour (supervised by Peter Lipton)
- ‘Interactional expertise’ and ‘trading zones’: a critical assessment (supervised by Martin Kusch)
- A problem for evolutionary ethics (supervised by Kevin Brosnan)

*Dissertation*
- Is the self a centre of narrative gravity? (supervised by Matteo Mameli)
Jiri Hudecek

*Essays*
- Practical mathematics in one foot: the story of the first patented slide rule design (supervised by Eleanor Robson)
- Sixteenth-century Chinese mathematical practice in the compilation *Suanfa Tongzong* (supervised by Catherine Jami)
- Axioms and algorithms: evolution and later use of a theorem in David Hilbert’s *Foundations of Geometry* (supervised by Jeremy Gray)

*Dissertation*
- Historiography in the practice of mathematics: claims about Wu Wenjun’s method (supervised by Christopher Cullen)

Joanna Korman

*Essays*
- A critique of Stephen Turner’s *The Social Theory of Practices* (supervised by Martin Kusch)
- A critique of Judith Rich Harris’s *No Two Alike* (supervised by Kevin Brosnan)
- Intentionality and self-harm (supervised by John Forrester)

*Dissertation*
- Folk psychology and psychiatric explanation (supervised by Martin Kusch)

Allison Ksiazkiewicz

*Essays*
- ‘Saved by servitude’: displays of the horse at the Natural History Museum in London (supervised by Jim Secord)
- Optics and the persistence of vision (supervised by John Forrester)
- Bergson and animal consciousness in *Creative Evolution* (supervised by Nader El-Bizri)

*Dissertation*
- Antediluvian lizards and George Fleming Richardson’s *Geology for Beginners* (supervised by Paul White)

Lee Macdonald

*Essays*
- A comparison of the administrative and organisational developments of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich and the United States Naval Observatory in the period 1881-1910 (supervised by Simon Schaffer)
- Why, and to what extent, did the reflector fail to displace the refractor as the astronomical telescope of choice between 1856 and 1914? (supervised by Simon Mitton)
- C.P. Snow, Fred Hoyle and *The Black Cloud*: the Two Cultures in 1950s science fiction (supervised by Helen Macdonald)

*Dissertation*

Don Pyper

*Essays*
- Pastoral power (supervised by Simon Schaffer)
- Anaesthetic angst: the politics of painless parturition in mid-Victorian Britain (supervised by Vanessa Heggie)
- Maudsley’s mutable minds (supervised by John Forrester)

*Dissertation*
- Prescriptive power: electricity, English identity and social reform in Britain, 1890-1900 (supervised by Simon Schaffer)

Alix Rogers

*Essays*
- The role of public participation in bioethics public policy: the case of the HFEA and cytoplasmic human-animal hybrids (supervised by Stephen John)
- IVF pre-embryos in the law: a comparison of UK and US approaches (supervised by John Forrester)
- Art, display of the human body, and public decency: the case of the human foetus earrings (supervised by Ayesha Nathoo)

*Dissertation*
- Transformation of human biological materials into property under the Human Tissue Act (2004): what can we learn from artistic and educational exhibitions of biological materials? (supervised by Stephen John)
Robin Scheffler

*Essays*
F.C. Bartlett, social constructivism and crises in post-WWI Great Britain (supervised by Simon Schaffer)
Supervenience and reduction in fitness (supervised by Kevin Brosnan)
Finding out about an x-ray powder diffraction camera (supervised by Liba Taub)

*Dissertation*
Humour in the Sir William Dunn Institute of Biochemistry: reading *Brighter Biochemistry*, 1923-1931
  (supervised by Vanessa Heggie)

Kathryn Tabb

*Essays*
Crafting commitment: the institutionalisation of mental illness in the United States (supervised by John Forrester)
Why *Orchids*? Darwin’s analysis of the selection processes acting upon pollenizers (supervised by Jim Secord)
Authority, authenticity and authorship in the 21st-century encyclopaedia (supervised by Eleanor Robson)

*Dissertation*
Reasoning with madmen: elements of Darwin’s theory of mental psychology (supervised by John Forrester)

Katie Taylor

*Essays*
Mogg’s celestial sphere (1813): a catalogue of conversation (supervised by Liba Taub)
F.R. Parrington and the career of palaeontology at the Cambridge University Museum of Zoology
  (supervised by Jim Secord)
Names and things (supervised by Sachiko Kusukawa)

*Dissertation*
Mathematics, cosmology and an instrument in Thomas Digges’ *Alae seu scalae mathematicae* (1573)
  (supervised by Nick Jardine)

Ariane Tschumi

*Essays*
Constructing cultural authority: J.D. Hooker, the X and the Athenaeum ballot, 1856-1877 (supervised by Jim Secord)
Selling malaria: rhetoric and the Global Malaria Eradication Programme, 1955-1968 (supervised by Ayesha Nathoo)
P.M.S. Blackett and the development of the Ministry of Technology (supervised by John Forrester)

*Dissertation*
P.M.S. Blackett: advocate for international development (supervised by Ayesha Nathoo)

Natalie Vokes

*Essays*
Biological information in systems biology (supervised by Kevin Brosnan)
Ceteris Paribus laws and the process of experimentation (supervised by Martin Kusch)
Remodelling the electrocardiograph at the Cambridge Scientific Instrument Company in the early 20th century
  (supervised by Jim Secord)

*Dissertation*
Reductionism in biology (supervised by Kevin Brosnan)
PhD theses

Awarded

Ben Irvine
‘The naturalisation of transcendental idealism’ (supervised by Peter Lipton)

Wang-Yen Lee
‘Simplicity and adductive arguments for scientific realism’ (supervised by Peter Lipton)

Christina McLeish
‘Empty threats: reference failure and scientific realism’ (supervised by Peter Lipton)

Nick Tosh
‘History, truth and reasons: a critique of historiographical antirealism’ (supervised by Nick Jardine)

Submitted

Katherine Angel
‘Psychosomatic histories and the causes of contemporary biomedicine’
(supervised by John Forrester)

Natalie Kaoukji
‘Flying to nowhere: mathematical magic and the machine in the library’
(supervised by Simon Schaffer)

Melanie Keene
‘Object lessons: sensory science education, 1830-1870’ (supervised by Jim Secord)

Elselijn Kingma
‘Health and disease: defining our concepts’ (supervised by Tim Lewens)

Nicky Reeves
‘Constructing an instrument: Nevil Maskelyne and the zenith sector, 1760-1774’
(supervised by Simon Schaffer)

Adam Toon
‘Models as make-believe’ (supervised by Martin Kusch)
The Library

Annual report of the Whipple Library

Introduction

Summer 2008 finally saw completion of the Department’s new Library. Apart from the day-to-day running of the Library, realisation of this project provided the principal focus for Library staff activity this year. To assist with the extra work required for planning, preparations and the move itself, the Library was fortunate in having further staff. In addition to its permanent staff, Tim Eggington (Librarian), Dawn Moutrey (Library Assistant) and Steve Kruse, the Library was grateful for the services of Jenny Downes, and over the summer Katie Tabb and Agnieszka Lanucha.

Electronic developments

During the course of the year further Whipple journal subscriptions became available online whilst some significant enhancements were made to the provision of electronic resources by the UL. Particularly important amongst these were the following (links to which can be found on the Whipple Library web page):

- Dictionary of Medical Biography
- Cambridge Histories Online
- UK 19th Century Periodicals
- Iter bibliography
- Iter italicum

In addition, subscriptions were made to full runs of Cambridge University Press and Springer Journals. These most welcome developments were made possible by the existence of the new university-wide Journals Coordination Scheme.

Journals

The Librarian continued to take part in meetings with other SHSS librarians to prepare for the School’s admission to the University’s Journals Coordination Scheme, which is now scheduled to take place at the beginning of the new academic year, 2008-9. Each departmental or faculty library in the School will transfer money it now spends on journals into a fund from which journals will be acquired centrally. It is hoped that this will maximise the University’s buying potential, and facilitate the acquisition of journal bundles.

The Whipple Library will continue to subscribe to some of its journals independently. The following new Whipple subscription was taken out this year:

- The Bulletin of the Scientific Instrument Society
Transfers, gifts and accessions

The Department continued to fulfil its official role in advising science departments in their disposal of books. Following from this the Department received a significant number of transfers from the Medical Library (200 books) and the Department of Physiology Library (45 books).

During the course of the year the Library received a number of donations for which it is extremely grateful. Two of these are of particular significance, both in terms of size and content. The first was a consignment of 306 books relating to the history of science from the collection of the late Professor Stephen Mason, the author of *History of the Sciences*. The second was a collection of 550 philosophy books from the library of the late Professor Peter Lipton. The Whipple is especially thankful to Diana Lipton for this donation. Taken together these gifts constitute a considerable addition to the Whipple Library.

The Whipple continued to benefit from the support offered by Cambridge University Press to College and University libraries, through the allocation of £2,600 for the purchase of Press titles.

The Whipple made the following rare book acquisitions this year:

- Schott, Gaspar. *Mechanica hydraulico-pneumatica* (Wurzburg, 1657)

New Whipple Library

Following some years of planning, we now have a new Library. This has been made possible by the Department’s 2006 strategic research infrastructure bid for £1.7 million and by the permission given by the University for us to utilise the old Heycock Theatre for this purpose.

The aim of this project has been to create a library responsive to changing user needs and able to accommodate space requirements for the next 20 years. In the new scheme, the Heycock Theatre has been refurbished to form the main Whipple Library reading room. The collections and reading areas are arranged over four mezzanine levels, utilising the entire height of the old lecture theatre, which in its refurbished state constitutes a very attractive space. Three quarters of the collection and half the reader spaces are now located in here along with the library offices and reception area. The refurbished Heycock is linked (via a bridge) to the old library space, which has been reorganised. Half of the old library remains as a further library reading room (holding the remainder of the open-shelf collection and reader spaces), with the rest forming a new gallery for the Whipple Museum. In the new library spaces we are able to shelve nearly all our books on open access (excepting rare books) and allow the collection to grow. Most importantly, readers have a greatly improved environment in which to work.
News

Reserve Gallery reopens
Following two years of building work to improve accessibility to the museum, the Reserve Gallery was re-opened to the public in October 2007. The reconditioned gallery now boasts a new display on the famous precision instrument firm E.R. Watts and Son. Thanks to the generous support of Bill Mellor, the Whipple has been able to create a special display for an object on loan from the Science Museum: the 1905 Master Test Circle, cut on the No.1 Dividing Engine of E.R. Watts and Son. (See ‘Loans’ section for more information.)

Launch of two new projects
In December 2007 the Whipple launched a new project, ‘The Science of Musical Sound’, made possible by a grant from the Newton Trust (see ‘Grants’ section for more information). The Science of Musical Sound project aims to increase research in, and public understanding of, the history of interaction between music and science. Dr Torben Rees has joined the Museum as a Research Fellow dedicated to the project, and has already helped organise and run a number of events, including concerts and lectures.

Thanks to the generous support of Dr Anita McConnell and the Ann D Foundation, the Whipple was able to launch a second special project in the summer of 2008. Aimed at increasing public access to the Whipple’s diverse and impressive collection of globes, the project began with the hiring of Katie Taylor as a summer intern. Katie has been working on producing short articles on a variety of globes in the Museum’s collection, which will be published in the Explore section of the Whipple’s website. As part of the project, the Whipple has begun to conserve globes held in the collection, and has engaged a specialist conservator, Sylvia Sumira, with support from the PRISM Fund (for Preservation and Restoration of Industrial and Scientific Material).

We are particularly pleased to note that we have now received notification of additional support for these two projects for the coming year from the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA).

New staff team
The academic year 2007/08 saw considerable change to the Whipple’s team of staff. In October 2007 the Museum bid farewell to its Collections Manager, Lisa Newble, who has joined Stanford University’s Archaeology Centre as Curator of Collections. Ruth Horry, Museum Assistant, departed too at the end of August 2008 in order to begin study for the MPhil in History and Philosophy of Science. Sarah Robertson and Josh Nall took up their posts as Museum Assistants in August 2008. Josh had been working on a temporary contract in the Museum since June 2007, and now joins as a permanent member of staff. Sarah has arrived from St Andrews, where she managed a local history collection after studying for the Master’s degree in Museum Studies.
These new permanent members were augmented over the summer with the arrival of the summer interns, Katie Taylor and Emma Perkins. The Museum also employed its first ever official ‘Graduate Trainee’, Jenny Downes, who joined the Museum in February 2008 following the successful completion of her PhD, leaving in April to take up a curatorial position at the University of Aberdeen.

Throughout the year the museum has also received invaluable assistance, on a variety of projects, from its volunteers: Sophia Davis, Margaret Olszewski and Boris Jardine, doctoral students in the Department; Jonah Lipton, undergraduate at Oxford University; Dr Catherine (Katie) Eagleton, of the British Museum; Dr Anita McConnell, retired Curator at the Science Museum; and Don Unwin, formerly of the Cambridge Scientific Instrument Co. We are very grateful to all of our volunteers.

Visit of the Mayor

The Mayor of Cambridge, Jenny Bailey, paid a visit to the Whipple on 17 April 2008 as part of her campaign to support all of the city’s museums. Of particular interest to the Mayor was the Museum’s newly acquired meteorological monitoring station (HC87), transferred to the Whipple by Cambridgeshire County Council from the churchyard of Great St Mary’s, where it had stood since 1908. The station now stands in the courtyard of the History and Philosophy of Science Department.

Update on our plans for the future

The New Gallery

Now that the Whipple Library has taken over its new space in the former Heycock Lecture Theatre, the Museum has gained a new space (one half of the old library). This space will soon be transformed into The New Gallery. We hope that The New Gallery will be open to visitors in the spring of 2009.

Main Gallery refurbishment

We are aiming to raise funds for the redevelopment and refurbishment of the Main Gallery (a large schoolroom, built in 1618 and now Grade II listed). Redevelopment will enable us to bring the Main Gallery to the standard of our other galleries, developed with Designation Challenge Fund (DCF) support; the Main Gallery was last refurbished in the 1970s. With further help from DCF, we have worked with a design firm to develop detailed plans for a new Main Gallery that will enable us to increase the number and variety of artefacts on display, as well as provide interactive exhibits. We are currently working to raise £1.76 million to redevelop the Main Gallery, and create a new research facility.

The renowned Whipple collection is actively used by research students, academic staff, postdoctoral researchers and international scholars. Currently 20% of the Whipple collection is available on secure open access. Our aim is to use this new space to increase the percentage of the collection on display to 30%, and also to provide much-needed facilities to work with these objects. By reconfiguring the space and providing improved conditions for the collection we will accommodate more easily the needs of our researchers. We await news in regarding our success in obtaining a CIF 4 grant to enable us to enhance our research facilities.
Proposal for the Gallery of the History of Cambridge Science

At the meeting of the HPS Board on 3 March 2008, a proposal to establish a Gallery of the History of Cambridge Science was considered and welcomed. This proposal envisions taking advantage of the discussion of strategic planning for the long-term future of the New Museums Site to propose a major extension of the Whipple Museum, to be located in buildings adjacent to the Museum and Department, which would be linked to an established protocol for the preservation of the scientific heritage of the University and would allow the preservation and display of material artefacts associated with the history of Cambridge science, both for teaching and research purposes and as a major new gallery open to the public.

The Board approved the following proposals as set out in the Memorandum’s conclusion:

1. The selection of material artefacts from the University’s scientific departments for preservation in collaboration with those departments and others, in accordance with a permanent University protocol and policy to be drawn up following research and consultation;
2. To provide a centralised home for these artefacts, which will allow conservation and exhibition, teaching and research, and preservation of this heritage under optimum conditions (including adequate storage facilities);
3. To open a new Gallery, adjacent to the present Whipple Museum, devoted to the exhibiting and conserving of material artefacts associated with the history of Cambridge science; the Gallery will provide public access, including outreach to the Cambridge area, with ample space for permanent and temporary exhibitions and for storage; staffing dedicated to curatorial, research and outreach functions will be an essential requirement.

We look forward to being able to act on these very welcome proposals.

Teaching and exhibitions

Departmental teaching

The Whipple Museum plays an important role in teaching within the Department of History and Philosophy of Science. Lecturers use the Museum displays and the collection to illustrate their own lectures, whilst the Director offers lecture-demonstration classes on instruments, models and collections for Papers 1, 2 and 3. Students have the opportunity to work with the Museum’s collection as part of their studies and in recent years a number of undergraduate and postgraduate theses have been undertaken on objects in the collection.

Student and staff research

Undergraduate dissertations

Emma Perkins    An Exploration of a 17th-Century Terrestrial Globe Held in the Whipple Collection (Wh. 2691)
Chloe Purcell   Models of the Eye in the Whipple Museum (Wh. 6068; 6194; 5825; 2037; 6202)

MPhil essays

Katie Taylor  Mogg’s Celestial Sphere (1813): A Catalogue of Conversation (Wh.5620)
Jiri Hudecek  
*Practical Mathematics in One Foot: The Story of a Slide Rule from the 18th Century* (Wh.1451)

Natalie Vokes  
*Remodelling the Electrocardiograph at the Cambridge Scientific Instrument Company* (Wh.2250; 2284; 4067; 4094; 4112; 4113; 4127)

Robin Scheffler  
*Finding Out About an X-ray Crystallography Camera* (Wh.3469)

**Prizes**

The Waterman Prize is awarded to the student who makes outstanding use of the Whipple collection. For the academic year 2007-08, Katie Taylor and Emma Perkins were the joint recipients of the 10th Waterman Prize, for their work mentioned above. In addition, Katie Taylor received the 11th Annual Jennifer Redhead Prize, for the highest mark on the essay component of the MPhil.

**Publications**

Tony Freeth  
*The Antikythera Mechanism: Decoding an Ancient Greek Mystery* (2008)  
(to coincide with the special exhibition described below)

**Papers given at conferences**

Josh Nall  

**Case Studies III from the Whipple Museum of the History of Science**

On 12 June 2008 the Whipple Museum hosted its third one-day conference dedicated to research conducted on objects from the Whipple’s collection. Katie Taylor, Jiri Hudecek, Emma Perkins and Robin Scheffler all presented papers based on their research conducted as part of their studies in the Department (see above). They were joined by current PhD student Boris Jardine, who presented a paper on Wh.1709 entitled ‘Time or travel? A faulty Elizabethan sundial in the Whipple Museum’.

**Special exhibitions**

On 31 July 2008 the Whipple Museum opened an exhibition on the Antikythera Mechanism – an ancient Greek astronomical calculating machine – produced to coincide with the latest publication in *Nature* (454: 614-617) by the Anitkythera Mechanism Research Project (AMRP). The exhibition looks at past and present research into the Mechanism through a poster display, alongside a case of Whipple objects that contextualises its place in history. Visitors can also watch a documentary film on the AMRP’s latest research, which has been produced by *Nature*. The exhibition is scheduled to run until the end of the year. The Whipple is particularly grateful to the sponsors of this special exhibition: Volume Graphics GmbH and X-Tek Systems.

**Outreach and events**

**Hub outreach funding**

During 2007–08 the Whipple Museum was pleased by continuing support for outreach initiatives from the local hub of the Renaissance Community Learning and Outreach Fund (administered by the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council – MLA). A grant running from April 2007 until March 2008 was used to support two events that formed part of the Museum’s ‘Science of Musical
Sound’ project, and in April 2008 the Whipple was successful in securing a further £2,036 to support another year of events.

On 5 March between 5.30pm and 7pm the Whipple ran a special public event in the Main Gallery. Professor Jim Woodhouse of the Department of Engineering gave a talk entitled ‘Why is the violin so hard to play?’ to a full house of 78 visitors, discussing some of the science behind the art of violin playing. The lecture was preceded by a performance of a string quartet composed of current Cambridge University students. Some members of the audience had their own instruments in tow.

On 2 April the Whipple again used the Main Gallery to host a public event. Rather than having a seated concert, the Whipple’s own Dr Torben Rees gave a performance of jazz accompanied by the Andrew Bowie Quartet, with the public invited to drop in and listen to the music whilst walking around and exploring the collections. The aim of the evening was to build new audiences, and 78% of those who attended were new visitors.

On 16 July the Whipple held another highly successful drop-in evening concert, this time hosting a performance of Gypsy jazz by the Hot Club of Cambridge.

Over January and February 2008, four University of Cambridge museums collaborated thanks to Hub funding, working in partnership with Centre 33 to provide artist-led workshops for a group of young carers aged 8-12. Ruth Horry led the Whipple’s involvement, running a workshop making sundials, taking inspiration from the Whipple’s collection.

Other events and outreach
Six University museums and collections extended their opening hours into the early evening on 13 February, turning down their lights to provide an unusual and exciting experience for visitors. This was the second successful ‘Twilight at the Museum’ event, with the Whipple’s outer space themed trail proving a fantastic hit. Once again, the Whipple was the darkest museum!

On 15 March the Museum held its annual Saturday opening as part of the Cambridge Science Festival. It proved to be the Museum’s busiest day of the year, seeing 440 visitors – including 181 children – pass through the door. Yet again, this event would not have been possible without the generous help of the Museum’s student volunteers, drawn from the HPS Department.

Another event in the Whipple’s ongoing ‘Science of Musical Sound’ project took place on 1 May. Andrew Barker, Professor of Classics at the University of Birmingham, spoke in the Department about some of his recent research into ancient Greek experiments into acoustics.

On 13 June the Whipple took part in the ‘Conversazione’, the annual public exhibition by the Cambridge Natural History Society. Held in the University Zoology Department, the Whipple took along examples from its collection of zoological teaching diagrams, to display alongside information about the Museum’s diverse natural history collection.

Starting in July, the Museum once again took part in the joint University museums’ summer trail. ‘Museum Point to Point’ was based on a horsey theme, and coordinated by the Museums Development officer, Dr Liz Hide, as a way of encouraging new visitors to the University museums.
Grants

AHRC
Following our application for the second round of Arts and Humanities Research Council Core Funding, the Whipple was awarded £30,236 for this academic year. This funding is paid to the University of Cambridge on behalf of the Whipple; £1,100 comes to the Whipple directly and is earmarked for publicity and marketing, based on the recommendations of the referees.

Newton Trust
In December 2007, the Newton Trust awarded £34,747 over three years towards equipment and the salary of Dr Torben Rees to work as a (part-time) Research Fellow in the Whipple Museum, under the direction of Dr Liba Taub, on a project entitled ‘The Science of Musical Sound’. Dr Rees is researching the rich history of interaction between music and science and is working to enhance the Museum’s collections and displays in this field. Dr Rees has also organised various musical events in the Museum as well as instigating an ongoing programme of lecture-concerts.

DCF Audience Development
In August 2008 the Whipple Museum was awarded a grant of £15,000 as part of the 2008–09 ‘Audience development funding for non-hub museums with Designated collections’ funding stream. This funding has been granted to support two key projects currently being undertaken by the Museum, focusing on (1) ‘The Science of Musical Sound’ and (2) further engagement with our globe collection, particularly through our website. The money will pay for two interns to work over the summer of 2009 helping to develop the ‘globes’ section of our website, as well as pay for material to help develop and deliver audience activities relating to Science of Musical Sound.

PRISM
The Whipple received two PRISM (Preservation and Restoration of Industrial and Scientific Material) awards during 2007–08: a grant of £4,750 towards the purchase of a 1913 globe of the Planet Mars by Ingeborg Brun, and a grant of £4,640 towards the conservation of eight globes in the Whipple Collection.

Donations
We are grateful to special friends of the Whipple for the following gifts:

The Ann D Foundation has once again given a generous gift to the Museum, to be used at the Museum’s discretion. As in the past, we are intending the Foundation’s gift to help fund student work in the Whipple. A past donation from the Foundation enabled Emma Perkins to be employed behind-the-scenes in the Museum during summer 2008; Emma worked primarily in the reserve stores, updating the inventory of the collection.

Dr Anita McConnell, an Affiliated Scholar in the Department, has made a further donation to the Whipple, this time to fund a summer post for a student to work on our ‘globalisation’ project, creating a new section of the Explore website, devoted to globes in our collection. This donation enabled Katie Taylor to work on the project during the summer of 2008.
As in previous years, the Whipple is very grateful to Trevor Philip & Sons for continuing to support the annual award of the Waterman Prize, given in recognition of the best student work produced on holdings in the collection each year.

Loans

Loans out

It was another busy year of loan requests for the Museum, further evidence of how highly regarded the collection is both nationally and internationally. The Whipple contributes material to exhibitions in other institutions in order to encourage new research in and public enjoyment of its collection. Below is a list of the borrowing institutions, exhibitions held and the objects borrowed during this academic year.

**Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences, Cambridge**

*Woodward’s Study*: September 2002 – August 2008

- Wh.0035  Set of drawing instruments, Dutch, c. 1700
- Wh.0875  Compound microscope, tripod type, c. 1690

*International loan: Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany*

*Objects in Transition*: August 2007 – September 2007

- Wh.1581  Three wooden geological models by Thomas Sopwith, 1841
- Wh.6117  Safety goggles owned by the geologist Brian Harland, c.1980

**Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle**


- Wh.5765  Botanical teaching model, *Morus nigra, L.* (mulberry), possibly by Auzoux, 19th century

*International loan: Palais des Beaux Artes, Brussels*


- Wh.0328  Portuguese mariner’s compass by Jose da Costa Miranda, 1711

**Kettle’s Yard Art Gallery, Cambridge**


- Wh.3759  Boxed set of geometric solids, German, 19th century
- Wh.5358  Three Arabic manuscript pages (.3/.4/.11) with astronomical illuminations, 19th century copies of 18th century images

Loans in

With the generous support of Bill Mellor, the Whipple was also able to facilitate the arrival of an object on loan from the Science Museum. In December 2007 the Museum took delivery of the 1905 Master Test Circle cut on the No.1 Dividing Engine of E.R. Watts and Son, which is now on loan to us for an initial period of five years. The Circle is on display in the Reserve Gallery, alongside a variety of instruments made in the metrology lab of E.R. Watts and Son.
Mr and Mrs Theo Cutting have very kindly made a loan to the Museum of Basil Brown, *Astronomical Atlases, Maps & Charts: an Historical & General Guide* (London: Search Publishing Company, 1932). This volume is now in the Whipple Library, and may be consulted by readers by application to the Library staff.

**Staff training**

On 22 January 2008 Ruth Horry and Josh Nall attended a one-day training course on Integrated Pest Management in Museums, at the National Racehorse Museum, Newmarket. The course was run as a collaborative project between Suffolk and Cambridgeshire County Council Museums Development Officers.

**New acquisitions**

- 6147 Hamann Manus R, mechanical calculator, 1953 (c)
- 6148 Facit CA1-13 desk-top electromechanical calculator, 1957 (c)
- 6149 Mechanical calculator by London Computator Corporation Ltd, 1940 (c)
- 6150 Surface thermocouple pyrometer by Cambridge Instrument Co. mid 20th century
- 6151 ‘Lunatellus’, a geared planetary model, by John Davis, circa 1869; with J. Davis, *Elements of Astronomy* [1869]
- 6152 Students A.C. Bridge Network, by H. Tinsley & Co. Ltd., mid 20th century
- 6153 Security cradles and cases for HP pocket electronic calculators, early to mid 1970s
- 6154 2 slide rules by Pickett & Eckel, 1959 (c)
- 6155 Exactus stylus mechanical adding machine, 1950s/60s
- 6156 Curta Type 1 mechanical calculator, 1969 (c)
- 6157 Cartographic fire screens, French, 1775 (c)
- 6158 Box of printed cards of Beazely’s curve tables, 1878
- 6159 Framed painting of ‘The Astronomy Lecture’, French, mid 19th century
- 6160 Walker’s geological balance, in wooden box.
- 6161 Hewlett Packard 41C, electronic pocket calculator, 1979 (c)
- 6162 Casio fx-995, electronic pocket calculator, early 1980s
- 6163 Texas Instruments TI-5020, electronic pocket calculator, 1983 (c)
- 6164 Auzoux anatomical model of the human ear, 1895
- 6165 Auzoux model of silk worm (Bombyx sericaria), in box, early 20th century
- 6166 Soroban, 20th C
- 6167 Simmons shielded hot-wire anemometer, by H. Tinsley & Co. Ltd., mid 20th century
- 6168 Ferranti clip-on ammeter, mid twentieth century
- 6169 Easy slide Bristow coil (medical shocking coil) by Stanley Cox, early to mid 20th century
- 6170 Lineman’s testing set, early to mid 20th century, unknown maker
- 6171 Decibel meter, by The General Electric Company (G.E.C.)
- 6172 3 boxes of assorted material (slides, notebooks, letters, photographs, models) belonging to the biochemist, chemical pathologist & blood specialist Herman Lehmann
- 6173 Four stamps issued in 1989 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Royal Microscopical Society, on 1st day cover, issued by Cambridge Instruments
- 6174 Kata thermometer by Casella, mid to late twentieth century
- 6175 Zinc Oxide tape and acid bottle used by Brian Harland for numbering samples
- 6176 Pocket stereoscope (a.k.a. stereoscopic viewer) used by Brian Harland
- 6177 Large pocket chisel used by Brian Harland
- 6178 Zoological wall chart depicting the life history of ankylostoma
- 6179 Zoological wall chart depicting the anatomy of the female and male rhabditis
- 6180 Zoological wall chart depicting carnivora teeth.
- 6181 Zoological wall chart depicting the anodon (multiple diagrams)
- 6182 Zoological wall chart depicting the head and mouth appendages of the cockroach
Zoological wall chart depicting the urodela (necturus)
Zoological wall chart depicting the acanthias
Zoological wall chart depicting the frog
Zoological wall chart depicting the cranial nerves of the frog
Zoological wall chart depicting the development of the polygordius
Zoological wall chart depicting the larval forms of crustacea (multiple diagrams)
Two transparent green 360° protractors used by Brian Harland, mid 20th century
Hand-coloured engraving of John Flamsteed’s house in Greenwich park; by I. Simon; English; mid-18th century
Model of human embryo; second half 20th century
Model of human embryo; second half 20th century
Anatomical moveable ‘atlases’ of the human body, with accompanying handbooks, Bailliere, Tindall & Cox, late 19th century
Anatomical model of human eye, by ‘Auzoux S.A. Paris’, c.1900
Chemical equivalents slide rule, by Martin Ehrmann, Austria, c.1820s
Set of 6 botanical teaching diagrams (one mycological), formerly used in Downing College, Cambridge, late 19th century
Centrifugal force demonstration apparatus, by Deleuil, Paris, c.1820–c.1900
The ‘A.L.’ chronohelion, dyptych dial (simple sundial), by E.J. Arnold & Son, early 20th century
Newnes Practical Mechanics magazine, March 1939, ‘To the Moon in a Space Ship’
Print of black and white etching of a phonograph
6-inch ‘Kinderglobus’ globe for children, by Stellanova, early 21st century
Eye model comprising of ivory or horn cylinder containing various anatomical components, by J. Mayriugk (sp?), 1824
Zoological wall chart depicting the digestive system of the rabbit
Zoological wall chart depicting various growth stages of the neuroptera
Zoological wall chart depicting radiolaria
Zoological wall chart depicting the skate venous system
Zoological wall chart depicting the circulatory systems of the selachian, gadus and ceratodus fish species
Zoological wall chart depicting the hind limb muscles of the frog
Zoological wall chart depicting the heart circulatory system of the ceratodus, molge, rana and chamaeleo
Zoological wall chart depicting cephalopods
8-inch globe of the planet Mars, by Ingeborg Brun, 1913, after the maps of Percival Lowell
4 French cartographic puzzles, with the original box cover; circa 1870
‘Popular Experiments in Dynamics’ model kit, by George C. Sherrin (kit produced by George Philip & Sons), 1926
Whipple Temperature Indicator, by Cambridge Instrument Company, 1951
Printed paper and card celestial planisphere by G. Thomas, after the celestial charts of Camille Flammarion; French; c.1890
‘Hygrorule’ humidity slide rule by Short and Mason, London; English; 1924-1960
Trombone by Rudolph Koenig for demonstrations of the interference of sound waves [Acoustic interferometer]; French; c.1889
Handbill produced by the Nottingham Anti-Compulsory Vaccination Society; English; c.1900
Pamphlet, William J. Hammer collection of electric light bulbs; American; 1906
Microscope slide containing microphotograph of two views of the planet Mars, by E. Wheeler, c. 1876
6 × manuscript pages from Arabic book with later illustrations of medical procedures, pages are probably late 18th/early 19th century, illustration is much later, probably 20th century
50cm linear measurement scale for calibration, by Adam Hilger, c. 1925
Brass surveyor’s cross, in the shape of a sphere, 19th or early 20th century
Set of four tuning forks for the production of Lissajous figures by reflection, by Rudolph Koenig, c.1870
model of a cell; c.1950s
Paper-on-wood sector made by Giacomo Lusuerg; 17th century
Perrin’s ‘Phantom Eye’; ophthalmological demonstration model
Individuals

Annual reports of members of the Department

Salim Al-Gailani

Salim Al-Gailani organised the Cabinet of Natural History seminars in 2007-08, and was active in running the Cambridge Interdisciplinary Reproduction Forum (CIRF).

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

April 2008
Al-Gailani, S. ‘Teratology for the clinic: J.W. Ballantyne’s “antenatal pathology and hygiene”’, American Association for the History of Medicine, Rochester, New York

June 2008
Al-Gailani, S. ‘Topographical anatomy and the visual culture of Edinburgh obstetrics’, Scientific Images Discussion Group, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge

July 2008

September 2008
Al-Gailani, S. ‘A petition for the unborn: antenatal hygiene and the obstetrician’, Society for the Social History of Medicine Annual Conference, Glasgow

Debby Banham

It was my intention to keep this year free to write my Anglo-Saxon farming book (Banham, D. and Faith, R. (forthcoming) Anglo-Saxon Farms and Farming, Oxford University Press), but other things keep creeping in, like organising and speaking at conferences, teaching and examining, so I haven’t got as much done as I hoped. So now I’m definitely keeping my head down and not taking anything else on.

Publications

Reviews

In Press

Articles in books

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

March 2008
Banham, D., Jones, P. and Pilsworth, C., organisers, The ‘Missing Link’: Medicine in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages, King’s College, Cambridge
Banham, D. ‘Sign language and Benedictine ideology in Wulfstan’s Life of St Æthelwold’, Leaders of the Anglo-Saxon Church conference, Manchester Centre for Anglo-Saxon Studies
May 2008

July 2008
Banham, D. ‘Oxen and ploughs: why cattle were so important in Anglo-Saxon England’, International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds

Andrew Barry

Andrew Barry co-convenes the research group on Technological Natures in the School of Geography, University of Oxford, and directs the MSc programme in Nature, Society and Environmental Policy. In 2007-8 he was a member of the advisory board for the British Film Institute’s Bfi Inview project.

Publications

Articles in journals
(translated into Turkish in Tesmeralsekde 3 (2008), 50-66)

In Press

Articles in books

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

October 2007
Barry, A. ‘Oil explorations’, Department of Sociology, Lancaster University

February 2008
Barry, A. ‘Transparency and discretion’, public seminar, Centre for the Analysis of Risk and Regulation, LSE

March 2008
Barry, A. ‘Sociology: an experimental science’, conference on Gabriel Tarde, CRASSH/St Catharine’s College, Cambridge

April 2008
Barry, A. ‘Between geoscience and economics: the political metrology of oil reserves’, American Association of Geographers conference, Boston
Barry, A. ‘Cracks in the system’, seminar at the Departments of International Affairs and Anthropology, New School University, New York

August 2008

Peter Bowler

Peter Bowler is currently serving on the Sub-Panel for History in the Research Assessment Exercise. He has been on leave from Queen’s, Belfast, for the last academic year and is putting the final touches to the manuscript of his forthcoming book, Who Writes for Science: Scientists and Popular Science Writing in Early Twentieth-Century Britain, which will be published by University of Chicago Press.

Publications

Books
Angela Breitenbach

In 2007-08 Angela Breitenbach organised the Kant Reading Group and lectured for Part II, Papers 5 and 9. Her research examines a Kantian approach to environmental philosophy.

Publications

Articles in books

Articles in journals
Breitenbach, A. ‘Two views on nature: a solution to Kant’s antinomy of mechanism and teleology’, British Journal for the History of Philosophy 16 (2008), 351-369

In Press

Articles in journals

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

January 2008
Breitenbach, A. ‘Natural purposes, Kantian analogies and environmental ethics’, Departmental Seminar, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge

March 2008
Breitenbach, A. ‘Kant and the limits of causality’, British Society of the History of Philosophy, York

Alex Broadbent

In October 2007 Alex obtained his PhD, and began work as a Research Fellow in the Department. He was funded by the PHG Foundation on the project Philosophical Issues in Epidemiology. In September 2008 he takes up a two-year teaching post in the Department.

Publications

Articles in journals

Reviews
Broadbent, A. ‘A note on epidemiological caution’, British Medical Journal online (2008), http://www.bmj.com/cgi/eletters/335/7630/1116-b#191569

In Press

Articles in journals

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

November 2007
Broadbent, A. ‘The difference between cause and condition’, European Philosophy of Science Association First Conference, Madrid

January 2008
Broadbent, A. ‘Epistemological issues in epidemiology’, at a meeting convened by the PHG Foundation in the Department
February 2008

March 2008
Broadbent, A. ‘Causation and the killing of Camper’, introductory philosophy talk to sixth-formers, Oakham School
Broadbent, A. ‘Philosophical issues in epidemiology’, briefing to the Senior Development Team at the PHG Foundation

May 2008
Broadbent, A. ‘Causation in fact: the real problem’, Centre for Law and Political Philosophy, Cambridge

June 2008
Broadbent, A. ‘Factual causation v legal causation’, at a workshop of the Edinburgh Festival of Legal Theory
Co-organised workshop ‘Causation in law and philosophy’ at the Edinburgh Festival of Legal Theory

January–June 2008
Convened the Metaphysics of Science Reading Group in the Department

Kevin Brosnan

Publications

Articles in journals
Brosnan, K. ‘Justice and education’, Theory and Research in Education 1 (2003), 245-264

In Press

Articles in journals

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

January 2008
Brosnan, K. ‘Dissolving a dilemma: why Darwinian considerations don’t confront moral realism with hard choices’, King’s College London

April 2008
Brosnan, K. ‘Assessing the impact of evolutionary theory on the epistemic status of moral intuition’, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting

June 2008
Brosnan, K. ‘Why evolutionary considerations support the reliability of moral intuition’, Evolution and the Metaphysical Conditions of Ethics, CRASSH workshop, University of Cambridge

Mirjam Brusius

Mirjam Brusius is about to complete her first year of the AHRC-funded Collaborative Doctoral Project ‘Beyond the photograph: science and the antique in the work of William Henry Fox Talbot’ (HPS / British Library, supervised by Professor Simon Schaffer and Dr Katrina Dean). She initiated the Scientific Images Discussion Group, tutored the German Therapy group and co-organised an interdisciplinary graduate conference on ‘Challenges of the 21st Century’ in Cambridge.

Publications

Articles in books

Articles in journals
Reviews

In Press
Articles in books

Reviews

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences
September 2007

December 2007

January 2008
Brusius, M. ‘Preserving the forgotten – William Henry Fox Talbot, photography and the antique’, British Society for the History of Science Postgraduate Conference, University of Leeds

March 2008
Brusius, M. ‘Preserving the forgotten – William Henry Fox Talbot and the antique – and what is has to do with photography’, History of Science Workshop, University of Cambridge
Brusius, M. ‘One scientific image that made a career: William Henry Fox Talbot’s “Patroclus” and the common ground between photography and the antique’, ‘Invisible Seminar’, publication project on scientific images for a special issue of Nuncius: Journal of the History of Science (2009), Max-Planck Institute of the History of Science, Berlin

April 2008
Brusius, M. ‘Jan Vermeer’s images of scientists and Pascal’s “esprit de finesse”: art, philosophy and science in the Dutch Golden Age’, Scientific Images Discussion Group, University of Cambridge

May 2008

June 2008
Brusius, M. ‘Capturing time: William Henry Fox Talbot’s universal scholarship and the common ground between photography and the antique’, Lunchtime Seminar, Darwin College, University of Cambridge

July 2008
Brusius, M. ‘“Susceptible of an almost unlimited variety”: Fox Talbots “Patroclus” und die frühe Fotografie von Skulptur’, Dissertantenkolloquium Prof. Dr Herta Wolf, Universität Duisburg-Essen

September 2008
Robert Bud

Publications

*Articles in journals*
Bud, R. ‘Upheaval in the moral economy of science? Patenting, teamwork and the World War 2 experience of penicillin’, *History and Technology* 24 (2008), 173-190

*In Press*

*Articles in books*

*Lectures, Seminars and Conferences*

*October 2007*
Bud, R. ‘Trust and science at the Science Museum’, *Trust in Science*, interdisciplinary workshop, Toronto

*March 2008*
Bud, R. ‘Science at the Science Museum’, *Patrimoine scientifique et technique, culture et société*, CNAM, Paris

*May 2008*
Bud, R. ‘Patenting the Sun: controversies over patenting in medicines in the 1920s and 1930s, the case of Vitamin D’, *Living Properties: Making Knowledge and Controlling Ownership in the History of the Biological Sciences*, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin

*July 2008*
Bud, R. ‘Applied science: an idea whose time had come’, Three Societies meeting, Oxford

*September 2008*
Bud, R. ‘Biotechnology: prehistory, from ancient times to 1970’, *Biotechnology: Past, Present & Future*

*Exhibitions*

*May 2007 – May 2008*

Tatjana Buklijas

In September 2007 Tatjana Buklijas gave a lecture course on ‘Disease, society and population’ to postgraduate students in history at the University of Dubrovnik and in Lent Term 2008 on ‘Dissecting anatomy’ to HPS Part II Paper 8 students. She co-organized, with Maryon McDonald, a one-day workshop on ‘Anatomy in Context’ at McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research. She sat on the JRF Arts and Humanities Committee of Clare Hall.

Publications

*Articles in journals*
Buklijas, T. and Lafferton, E. ‘Introduction to the special section on science, medicine and nationalism in the Habsburg Empire from the 1840s to 1918’, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences* 38 (2007), 679-686

Buklijas, T. ‘Surgery and national identity in late nineteenth-century Vienna’, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences* 38 (2007), 756-774


*Reviews*
**In Press**

**Reviews**


**Lectures, Seminars and Conferences**

**September 2007**
Buklijas, T. ‘Znanstvena disciplina i urbana preobrazba: anatomija u Beču’, Historični seminar, Znanstvenoraziskovalni centar SAZU, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Buklijas, T. ‘Anatomical disciplinary transformations in the first half of the twentieth century’, Anatomy in Context Workshop, Department of Social Anthropology and HPS, University of Cambridge

**October 2007**
Buklijas, T. ‘Dissection, discipline and urban transformation: anatomy in Vienna between 1848 and the rise of Fascism’, Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine, University of Manchester

**November 2007**
Buklijas, T. ‘Orthopaedic surgery, the mechanical body and the empire in the late nineteenth-century Vienna’, History of Science Society Annual Conference 2007, Washington DC

**July 2008**
Buklijas, T. ‘Locating a discipline: anatomy in Vienna’, Australian Historical Association Biennial Conference, Melbourne

**Joanna Burch Brown**

Joanna Burch Brown joined the Department in Lent Term as a first year PhD student. In 2008 she served on the steering committee for an annual conference at Mansfield College in Oxford entitled *Environmental Justice and Global Citizenship*. She also served as a director for Forest Farm Peace Garden, a registered charity in East London.

**In Press**

**Articles in books**

**Conference reports**

**Lectures, Seminars and Conferences**

**March 2008**
Burch Brown, J. ‘Consequences, climate change and limits to knowledge: ethics under partial ignorance’, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 10th Anniversary Conference, Vrije University, Amsterdam

**May 2008**
Burch Brown, J. ‘Consequences, climate change and limits to knowledge: ethics under partial ignorance’, James Martin Advanced Research Seminar Series, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford

**September 2008**
Burch Brown, J. ‘Objective consequentialism, climate change and uncertainty’, *The Ethics of Risk: Consequentialism, Contractualism and Beyond*, University College London
Jeremy Butterfield

The articles listed below are all available on the Pittsburgh e-archive in philosophy of science.

Publications

Articles in journals

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

November 2007

June 2008
Butterfield, J. ‘Catastrophe theory: some philosophical morals’, Philosophy of Physics Seminar, University of Oxford

July 2008

Cristina Chimisso

Cristina Chimisso is a senior lecturer in European Studies and Philosophy at the Open University and affiliated research scholar at the Department of History and Philosophy of Science, Cambridge. She also gives two or three lectures a year in the Department (Paper 9). She is a member of the management committee of the British Society for the History of Philosophy, of which she was the secretary 2002-2008. She is also a participant in the ESF Research Networking Programme (2008-2013) ‘The Philosophy of Science in a European perspective’.

Publications

Books

Reviews

In Press

Articles in journals

Reviews
Chimisso, C. Review of P. Corfield, *Time and the Shape of History*, in *Isis*

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

November 2007
Chimisso, C. ‘Bachelard between history of the mind and phenomenotechnique’, Department of Politics and Philosophy, Manchester Metropolitan University

June 2008
Chimisso, C. ‘Scientific rationality and philosophy: Gaston Bachelard’s “new scientific mind”’, Faculty of Social Sciences, The Open University
Sophia Davis

Publications

*Articles in journals*

*In Press*

*Articles in journals*

*Lectures, Seminars and Conferences*

*October 2007*
Davis, S. ‘Oral histories’, MPhil Research Methods Seminar, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge

*January 2008*
Davis, S. ‘Military landscapes and secret science: mythical and empirical histories of the Suffolk coast’, History of Science Workshop, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge

Soraya de Chadarevian

Publications

*Articles in books*

*Articles in journals*
de Chadarevian, S. ‘Storia di una scoperta’, *Rendiconti – Classe di Scienze Matematiche e Naturali* 139 (2005), 17-30 [appeared 2008]

*Reviews*

*In Press*

*Articles in books*
de Chadarevian, S. ‘“Alte” and “neue” Biologie oder wie molekular ist die Molekularbiologie?’ in A. Ofak and P. von Hilgers (eds) *Rekursionen in der Geschichte des Wissens*, Munich: Fink Verlag (revised version of an article previously published in English)

de Chadarevian, S. ‘Microstudies versus big picture accounts?’, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences* (contribution to special issue co-edited with H.-J. Rheinberger, *Disciplinary Histories and the History of Disciplines: The Challenge of Molecular Biology*)
de Chadarevian, S. and Rheinberger, H.-J. ‘Introduction’, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences* (introduction to guest-edited issue)

*Lectures, Seminars and Conferences*

*April 2008*
de Chadarevian, S. ‘Biology in the atomic age’, Colloquium in the History of Science and Medicine, Yale University
May 2008
de Chadarevian, S. ‘Karyotyping human populations in the 1960s’, Third International Workshop on Genetics, History and Public Understanding, Barcelona

June 2008
de Chadarevian, S. ‘Visualizing human chromosomes II: banding, patterns and computers’, at workshop Graphing Genes, Cells and Embryos II, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin

July 2008
de Chadarevian, S. ‘DNA and history: reflections on an interdisciplinary debate’, Three Societies meeting, Oxford (contributor and organiser of the session ‘DNA and History’)

Mary Dobson

Publications

Books

Michael Edwards

Michael Edwards was Director of Studies in History for Christ’s College in the Lent and Easter terms. He lectured on ‘Psychology and political thought in early modern Europe’ in the History Faculty in Michaelmas 2007.

Publications

Articles in books

Articles in journals
Edwards, M. ‘Digressing with Aristotle: Hieronymus Dandinus’ De corpore animato (1610) and the expansion of late Aristotelian philosophy’, Early Science and Medicine 13 (2008), 127-170

In Press

Articles in books

Reviews

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

February 2008
Edwards, M. ‘Time and the soul in Early Modern Europe, in and between disciplines’, Political Thought and Intellectual History Seminar, Faculty of History, University of Cambridge

May 2008
Edwards, M. ‘Body, soul and anatomy in late Aristotelian psychology’, Mellon Conference on ‘Hylomorphism’, California Institute of Technology, USA

July 2008
Nader El-Bizri

I am currently a Visiting Professor in Visual Studies at the University of Lincoln, and I continue to hold a senior Research Associate post in philosophy at the Institute of Ismaili Studies in London, and a Chercheur Associé affiliation in history of science at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) in Paris. In 2008 I launched the new Oxford University Press *Epistles of the Brethren of Purity* series, which I serve as General Editor. I am also the Co-Editor of a book series in phenomenology (Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht), and I serve on the Editorial Boards of *Toposophia* (architecture and philosophy, Lexington Books, Maryland), the *Isma’ili Texts and Translations Series* (I.B. Tauris, London), and the *Encyclopaedia Islamica* (E.J. Brill, Leiden). In 2008 I continued to act as consultant to the Aga Khan international awards in architecture (Geneva), and I assisted Oxford Scientific Films (Southern Star group) in producing a BBC Four documentary (TV series) on ‘Arabic sciences’.

**Publications**

*Articles in books*


*In Press*

*Books*


*Articles in books*


*Articles in journals*

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

November 2007
El-Bizri, N. ‘Avicenna’, guest on BBC Radio 4, In Our Time, with Melvyn Bragg
http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/history/inourtime/inourtime_20071108.shtml
El-Bizri, N. ‘Intellectual inspirations or creative impasses? Interrogations around architecture and the humanities’, keynote speaker, interdisciplinary international conference on The Role of the Humanities in Design Creativity, Faculties of Art, of Architecture and Design, of Media, and Humanities, University of Lincoln

March 2008
El-Bizri, N. ‘Rethinking Avicenna’s ontology from the standpoint of Heidegger’s critique of metaphysics?’, invited speaker, international colloquium: Heidegger and the Contemporary Religious Situation, Centre for Theology & Modern European Thought, University of Oxford, Trinity College, Oxford

April 2008
El-Bizri, N. ‘L’optique dans les sources arabes: histoire de la pensée scientifique’, presentation at the Ecole Normale Supérieure, CAPHES (Centre d’Archives de Philosophie, d’Histoire et d’Editions des Sciences), Paris

May 2008

June 2008
El-Bizri, N. ‘Reconsidering the notion of space in Ibn al-Haytham’s Optics’, invited speaker, international colloquium: La Science de l’Optique de l’Antiquité au XVIIème siècle (L’ottica dall’antichità al XVII secolo), Departments of Philosophy and Mathematics, Università di Milano, Milan

September 2008
El-Bizri, N. ‘The Epistles of the Brethren of Purity’, invited speaker, Graduate Programme in Islamic Studies and Humanities, The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London

Samantha Evans
Editor, Darwin Correspondence Project

Publications

Books

Patricia Fara

Publications

Articles in books

Articles in journals
Fara, P. ‘Hidden depths: Halley, hell and other people’, Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences 38 (2007), 570-583
Fara, P. ‘Looking for Aristotle’, Endeavour 32 (2008), 44-46
Fara, P. ‘Baron Kelvin of Largs: an economical engineer’, Endeavour 31 (2007), 22-23

Reviews
Fara, P. Review of J. Golinski, British Weather and the Climate of Enlightenment, for H-Net, July 2008

In Press

Books

Articles in journals
Fara, P. ‘Mary Somerville: a scientist and her ship’, Endeavour (2009)
Fara, P. ‘Cartesian visions’, Endeavour (2009)

Reviews
Fara, P. Review of A. Tosi, Portraits of Men and Ideas: Images of Science from the Renaissance to the Nineteenth Century, in Nuncius
Fara, P. Review of N. Chambers (ed.) The Scientific Correspondence of Sir Joseph Banks, 1765-1820, in Medical History

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences
March 2008
Fara, P. ‘Hyenas and Minervas: women, science and history’, Cambridge Science Festival

April 2008
Fara, P. ‘Women, science and Frankenstein’, Open University conference at the British Library

May 2008
Fara, P. ‘Triangulations: plants, poetry and politics in the late eighteenth century’, Cabinet of Natural History, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge

June 2008
Fara, P. ‘Women in science’, Cheltenham Science Festival

July 2008
Fara, P. ‘Under Newton’s apple tree’, Cambridge Science Summer School

John Forrester

John Forrester was Chair of the Board of History and Philosophy of Science and of the HPS Degree Committee in Michaelmas Term and was appointed Head of Department following Peter Lipton’s sudden death at the end of November. He was an Examiner for NST Part II HPS and Senior Examiner, MPhil in History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science, Technology and Medicine. He continued to co-convene (with Deborah Thom) the Psy Studies Research Seminar on History of Psychiatry, Psychoanalysis, Psychology and Allied Sciences. He continued to act as co-convenor, with Professor Mary Jacobus of the Faculty of English and Dr Andrew Webber, Department of German, of an interdisciplinary group, Culture and History of Psychoanalysis, sponsored by CRASSH, and its reading group, which across the year was devoted first to Latin American psychoanalysis, then to a reading of Lacan, Seminar VII: The Ethics of Psychoanalysis and finally to a series of readings following on from the Lacan. He continues to edit the journal Psychoanalysis and History. He continued to act, for a final year, as External Examiner, MSc Psychoanalytic Studies, University of Essex.
Publications

**Articles in books**

**Articles in journals**
Forrester, J. ‘The destiny of psychoanalysis and the failure of scientific naturalism’, *Philoctetes* 2 (2008), 30-37

**Lectures, Seminars and Conferences**

*April 2008*
Forrester, J. ‘Women and the reception of psychoanalysis in Cambridge in the early twentieth century’, paper presented by videolink to Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women, Brown University

*May 2008*
Forrester, J. ‘Metaphors in history and science: history of memory, history as memory’, presentation and discussion, History and Theory Reading Group, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge

*July 2008*

Axel Gelfert

Axel spent the past academic year as a Visiting Fellow in the Department of Philosophy, National University of Singapore, where he has since been appointed to a tenure-track Assistant Professorship as part of a new Research Cluster ‘Science, Technology and Society’. In July 2008, he co-organised a conference on ‘Science, Technology and Values in Asian Development’.

Publications

**Articles in books**

**In Press**

**Articles in books**

**Articles in journals**
Gelfert, A. ‘Indefensible middle ground for local reductionism about testimony’, *Ratio*
Gelfert, A. ‘Rigorous results, cross-model justification, and the transfer of empirical warrant’, *Synthese*

**Reviews**
Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

November 2007
Gelfert, A. ‘Local reductionism, epistemic injustice, and the epistemology of testimony’, invited talk, Institut für Philosophie, Freie Universität Berlin
Gelfert, A. ‘Coherence and indirect confirmation across scientific models: a case study and its epistemological implications’, EPSA07: 1st Conference of the European Philosophy of Science Association, Complutense University, Madrid, Spain

Jeremy Gray


Publications

Articles in books

Articles in journals

In Press

Books

Articles in books

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

April 2008
Invited Visiting Scholar in the History of Mathematics at various Danish universities: ‘The origins of topology’, Copenhagen University; ‘Mathematics and modernism’, Roskilde University; ‘Douglas and minimal surfaces’, Odense; and ‘The history of projective geometry’, Aarhus University

May 2008
Gray, J.J. ‘Shaping complex analysis: from research to textbook’, German Mathematical Society conference, Oberwolfach, Germany

June 2008

Vanessa Heggie

Publications

Articles in journals
Heggie, V. ‘“Only the British appear to be making a fuss”: the science of success and the myth of amateurism at the Mexico Olympiad, 1968’, Sport In History 28 (2008), 213-235
Reviews

In Press

Articles in books

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

December 2007
Heggie, V. ‘A history of sports medicine in Britain (yes, all of it)’, Regimens of Health, Warwick University

March 2008
Heggie, V. ‘Volunteers for science: a medical history of the Olympic Games’, Sport, Medicine and Immortality, UCL/British Museum

May 2008
Heggie, V. ‘Abnormal to supernormal: the medical construction of the athletic body in 20th-century Britain’, CRASSH Health and Welfare Research Seminar, University of Cambridge

July 2008
Heggie, V. ‘Gentlemen and amateurs; GPs, the voluntary tradition, and resistance to specialisation in sports medicine’, Three Societies Conference (BSHS, CSHPS, HSS), University of Oxford
Heggie, V. ‘An international health service: medicine and modernity at the 1948 Olympiad’, *Olympic City*, Centre for Contemporary British History, London

Nick Hopwood

Nick Hopwood, a senior lecturer in the Department, spent the year on research leave finishing a book on *Pictures of Evolution and Charges of Fraud*. He carried on managing our Wellcome history of medicine enhancement award and, with Martin Johnson (PDN) and Sarah Franklin (LSE), started a Wellcome-funded project on mammalian embryology and IVF in postwar Britain. He continued to sit on the Wellcome Library Advisory Committee and joined the Wellcome History of Medicine Strategic and Enhancement Awards Sub-Committee.

In Press

Articles in books

Articles in journals
Hopwood, N. ‘Model politics’, *Lancet*

Reviews

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

November 2007
Nielsen, S.N. and Hopwood, N.  Organized the CIRF interdisciplinary workshop on reproduction at CRASSH
Hopwood, N. ‘A troublesome icon of knowledge’, at ‘Telling the past now: historiographies for the 21st century’, University of Aarhus, Denmark

April 2008
Hopwood, N. ‘Anatomist holds model embryo: interpreting a marble portrait from 1900’, AAHM annual meeting, Rochester, N.Y.
June 2008
Hopwood, N. ‘Copying pictures, evidencing evolution: from alleged forgeries to textbook illustrations’, keynote lecture, 5th European Conference of the Society for Literature, Science and the Arts, Berlin
Hopwood, N., Schaffer, S. and Secord, J. Organized a workshop in the Department on ‘Seriality and scientific objects in an age of revolution, 1780-1848’, with support from the Wellcome Trust, Max Planck Society and Cambridge Victorian Studies Group

Annette Imhausen

Publications

Articles in books

Reviews
Imhausen, A. Review of T. Pommerening, Die altägyptischen Hohlmaße, in MAA Reviews (http://www.maa.org/maa%20reviews/dah.html)

In Press

Articles in books

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

December 2007
Imhausen, A. ‘Transmission of mathematical knowledge from Mesopotamia to Egypt: a procedure from demotic BM10399 in comparison with its hieratic and Mesopotamian predecessors’, 3rd London Ancient Science Conference, University College London

Shelley Innes

Publications

Books

Reviews

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

October 2007
Innes, S. ‘From printed page to podcast: bringing Darwin’s letters to the world stage’, To Publish Scientific Correspondence, symposium arranged by the Swedish Linnaeus Society at the Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm

July 2008
Innes, S. ‘Beauty and the seed’, Darwin Bicentenary launch, Morison Rooms, Cambridge University Library
Nick Jardine served as Departmental Director of Graduate Studies, and as a member of the Botanic Garden Syndicate and of the General Board Library Committee. With Marina Frasca-Spada he has continued to edit *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* and *Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences* with the help of the many members of the Department who are Assistant, Consulting and Advisory Editors. He has played a part in the organisation of the Latin and Greek Therapy Groups, the Cabinet of Natural History, and the new History and Theory Reading Group. The British Academy and the CNRS have continued to support the project ‘Conflict and priority in early-modern astronomy’, carried out in collaboration with Alain Segonds (CNRS, Paris), Miguel Granada (University of Barcelona), Dieter Launert (Gymnasium, Meldorf), and Adam Mosley (University of Swansea). A new project with Sachiko Kusukawa, Liba Taub and Isabelle Pantin (Paris-X), ‘Diagrams, Figures and the Transformation of Astronomy’, has been set up with AHRC funding.

**Publications**

**Books**

**Articles in books**

**Articles in journals**

**Reviews**

**In Press**

**Articles in books**
Jardine, N. ‘Philosophy of the history of science’ in A. Tucker (ed.) *Blackwell Companion to Philosophy of History and Historiography*

**Lectures, Seminars and Conferences**

**February 2008**
Jardine, N. ‘Truth to nature: types and individuals’, History and Theory Reading Group, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge

**May 2008**
Jardine, N. ‘God’s ideal reader: Kepler and his serious jokes’, Medieval and Early Modern Workshop, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge

**July 2008**
Jardine, N., ‘Commentary on session “Kepler’s constellations: bridging the disciplinary divide”’, Three Societies Conference, Oxford
Richard Jennings

Richard Jennings continues to supervise about half of the HPS Part IB students in philosophy of science, and directs the studies of about a third of them. He is also Director of Studies in philosophy for Peterhouse. In addition to giving Department lectures on Ethics in Science, he runs workshops on Ethical Problems in the Use and Practice of Science for the Graduate Programme at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute. He gives a course of four lectures on Ethics in/of Physics to the graduate and Part III Physics students. He gives an introductory course of eight lectures on Professional Practice and Ethics to the first year Computer Science Tripos students, and examines this subject. He continues to play an active role in the Ethics Expert Panel of the British Computer Society (BCS), which takes a proactive part in advising the BCS on issues of professional ethics. In July and August he taught History of Natural Philosophy to US students participating in the Pembroke/King’s 2008 summer school programme, which included examining and marking; and in August and September he taught a course on Darwin to students from the University of California Irvine.

In Press

Reviews
Jennings, R. Review of R. Dechenne and P. Riley, GM Contamination – Imports of Food and Feed at Risk, in SGR/AESR Newsletter

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences
October 2007
Introduced and led discussion of the film Dr Strangelove for Cambridge University Student Pugwash Society
January 2008
Rapporteur at ‘Thought Leadership Debate’ sponsored by the BCS at the Royal Society, London
February 2008
Scientists for Global Responsibility stall at ‘The Works’ – Cambridge University’s alternative careers fair
May 2008
Workshops on Ethical Conduct of Research, Welcome Trust Sanger Institute
June 2008
Workshops on Ethical Problems in the Use and Practice of Science, Welcome Trust Sanger Institute
July 2008
Jennings, R. ‘An outline of ethics in science’, Jesus College Summer School Course

Peter Jones

Publications

Articles in books

In Press

Articles in books

Articles in journals

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

November 2007
Jones, P.M. ‘Medical literacies and medical culture’, VARIENG workshop, Helsinki, Finland

May 2008

July and August 2008
Jones, P.M. ‘Bloomsbury and English culture in the twentieth century’, Pembroke/King’s Programme, Cambridge

Lauren Kassell

Lauren Kassell has been promoted to a Senior Lectureship. In March she joined the History of Medicine Funding Committee at the Wellcome Trust.

Publications

Articles in books

Reviews

In Press

Books

Articles in books

Articles in journals

Reviews

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

November 2007
Kassell, L. ‘Astrology, medicine and the English casebook, 1500-1700’, at an international conference on The Importance of Medical History: Transnational and Cross-cultural Perspectives on a Multi-faceted Discipline, SIES, Mumbai
Melanie Keene

Melanie continues her work with the Outreach and Education Committee of the British Society for the History of Science, and the History of Science Section of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. This year’s activities have included lurking in graveyards, talking to Welsh schoolchildren about astronomy, and dealing with an overwhelming response to a survey of scientific songs. (Yes, she has heard of Tom Lehrer’s ‘The Elements’.) With Daniel Friesner, she helped organise the departmental Science and Literature Reading Group. She submits her PhD in September.

Publications

**Articles in books**

**Articles in journals**
Keene, M. ‘Science in song’, *Viewpoint* 86 (June 2008), 1-3

**Lectures, Seminars and Conferences**

*October 2007*
Keene, M. ‘Candles, soap, and cups of tea: the objects of nineteenth-century chemical education’, Departmental Seminar, Division of HPS, University of Leeds

*November 2007*

*February 2008*
Keene, M. ‘The fossilised fakir’, Discussing Popular Science, Imperial College, London

*March 2008*
Keene, M. ‘Every boy & girl a scientist’, Masterclass talk for school pupils, Cambridge Science Festival
Keene, M. ‘Enchanted objects: the fairy-land of Victorian science’, British Society for Literature and Science Conference, Keele University

*July 2008*
Keene, M. ‘How to handle nineteenth-century objects’, Three Societies Conference, University of Oxford

*September 2008*
Keene, M. “‘The bare fingers’: hands-on education in Victorian Britain”, British Association for Victorian Studies Conference, University of Leicester
Participant in ‘The Business of Bodies’ educational role-play drama, BA Festival of Science, Liverpool
Keene, M. “‘The ear of reason”: how Mary Roberts heard *Voices from the Woodland*, Victorian Bodies and Things: Victorian Literature and the Matter of Culture conference, University of Oxford

Martin Kusch

In 2007-8 Martin Kusch acted as Part II Manager, as Staff Development Officer, and (from January 2008) as Chairman of the HPS Board. In October 2007 he was offered, and he accepted, the position of ‘distinguished visiting fellow’ of the Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies for the academic year 2008-9. In May 2008 he was elected to the position of external member of the Finnish Academy of Sciences and Letters. He will be on leave 2008-10.
Publications

Articles in books

In Press

Articles in books

Reviews
Kusch, M. Review of M. Fricker, Epistemic Injustice, in Mind (2009)

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

October 2007
Kusch, M. ‘Cardinal Bellarmine and epistemic relativism’, conference on Brecht and Wittgenstein, Clare Hall, Cambridge

November 2007
Kusch, M. ‘Replacement relativism revisited’, First European Conference for the Philosophy of Science, Madrid

January 2008
Kusch, M. ‘Epistemic relativism defended’, Relativism Group, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge

April 2008
Kusch, M. ‘Epistemic relativism defended’, Department of Philosophy, University of Alberta, Edmonton

May 2008
Kusch, M. ‘Epistemic relativism defended’, Department of Philosophy, University of Tilburg

July 2008
Kusch, M. ‘Marginalien zum Relativismus’, Department of Philosophy, University of Vienna
Kusch, M. ‘Reflexivity, relativism, microhistory: three desiderata for historical epistemologies’, conference on What (Good) is Historical Epistemology?, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin

Wang-Yen Lee

Wang-Yen obtained his PhD in July 2008 and has since taken up a postdoctoral fellowship at the Department of Philosophy, National University of Singapore.

Publications

Articles in journals

In Press

Articles in journals
Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

November 2007
Lee, W.-Y. ‘The probative force and dialectical value of structure-orientated second-order abductive arguments for scientific realism’, First Conference of the European Philosophy of Science Association, Complutense University, Madrid

July 2008
Lee, W.-Y. ‘The conditional nature of reliabilist knowledge undermines the reliabilist solution to the problem of induction’, Fifth Ghentian Conference in the Philosophy of Science – Induction: Historical and Contemporary Approaches, Ghent University, Belgium

September 2008
Lee, W.-Y. ‘The metaphysics of modality and the coherence of scientific models’, Model-Based Representation in Science, Department of Philosophy and ‘Science, Technology and Society’ Research Cluster, National University of Singapore

Tim Lewens

Tim Lewens was on sabbatical leave for 2007-8, part of which he spent as a Chercheur Invité at the Institut d’Histoire et de Philosophie des Sciences et des Techniques, Paris. He has completed his editorial work updating the philosophy of biology section of the Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy, and he remains an Associate Editor of Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences. He continues as a committee member of the British Society for the Philosophy of Science. He won a 2008 Pilkington Prize for teaching excellence.

Publications

Articles in books

Articles in journals

Online article

Reviews

In Press

Articles in books

Articles in journals
Lewens, T. ‘In memoriam: Peter Lipton’, Philosophy of Science 75 (2008)
Lewens, T. ‘Seven types of adaptationism’, Biology and Philosophy (2009)

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

November 2007
Lewens, T. ‘Are there natural inequalities?’, Institut d’Histoire et de Philosophie des Sciences et des Techniques, Paris
Lewens, T. ‘What’s wrong with typological thinking?’ Division of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Leeds

February 2008
Lewens, T. ‘What are natural inequalities?’, Department of Philosophy, University of Bristol

April 2008
Lewens, T. ‘The risks of enhancement’ Swedish/Danish Risk Conference, Luleå, Sweden
May 2008
Lewens, T. ‘Foot on natural goodness’, La notion de fonction: des sciences de la vie à la technologie, Collège de France, Paris

June 2008
Lewens, T. ‘Evo-devo and typological thinking: an exculpation’, Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge
Lewens, T. ‘Wimsatt on modularity and technology’, Maison de la Recherche, Université Paris-Sorbonne (Paris IV)

September 2008
Lewens, T. ‘Natural selection then and now’, Evolutionary Perspectives on Epigenesis Conference, University of Bergamo, Italy

Geoffrey Lloyd

Publications

Books

Articles in books

Articles in journals

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

October 2007

November 2007
Lloyd, G.E.R. Workshop on Les Lieux de Savoirs, EHESS Paris

February 2008

March 2008
Lloyd, G.E.R. Workshop on ‘What is comparative philosophy?’, Wolfson College, Oxford

April 2008
Lloyd, G.E.R. ‘Variazioni cognitive’, two seminars, Università di Palermo

June 2008
Lloyd, G.E.R. ‘Las aspiraciones de la curiosidad’, UNED Madrid

July 2008
Scott Mandelbrote

Scott Mandelbrote is a Fellow and Director of Studies in History at Peterhouse, where he is also Tutor for Undergraduate Admissions and Perne Librarian. During the academic year 2007-8, he held a Leverhulme Research Fellowship.

Publications

Articles in books

Articles in journals

Reviews

In Press

Books

Articles in books

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

October 2007
Mandelbrote, S. ‘The origins of Newton’s heterodoxy reconsidered’, Princeton University
Mandelbrote, S. ‘New perspectives on Isaac Newton’, Yale University
Mandelbrote, S. ‘Vossius and the Septaguint’, University of Amsterdam and Constantijn Huygens Instituut, The Hague

November 2007
Mandelbrote, S. ‘English, French and Flemish scholarship and Palmyra’, Université libre de Bruxelles

December 2007
Mandelbrote, S. ‘Christian Hebraists and the reception of the work of Elias Levita in the seventeenth century’, Oxford Centre for Hebrew Studies

March 2008
Mandelbrote, S. ‘The posthumous heterodoxy of Thomas Burnet’, Oxford University

May 2008
Mandelbrote, S. ‘The reception of Newton’s works on the Continent’, Ruhr-Universität-Bochum

July 2008
Mandelbrote, S. ‘Bondage in Babylon: the Bible, freedom of conscience, and ideas of civil liberty in England, 1640-1800’, Yale University
Juan Vicente Mayoral de Lucas

I have been a Spanish Ministry of Education and Science Postdoctoral Researcher (Visiting Scholar) at HPS since 1 September 2007 (and until 31 August 2008), and a Research Associate at Darwin College since 5 October 2007.

Publications

**Articles in books**


**Articles in journals**


In Press

**Articles in books**


**Articles in journals**

Mayoral de Lucas, J.V. ‘Intensions, belief and science: Kuhn’s early philosophical outlook (1940-45)’, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

*November 2007*

Mayoral de Lucas, J.V. ‘Pragmatismo y relativismo: la via no constructivista’, Third International Seminar on Pragmatism and Positivism, University of Castilla–La Mancha, Toledo, Spain

*January 2008*

Mayoral de Lucas, J.V. ‘Boghossian on relativism and epistemic justification’, Relativism Group, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge

*February 2008*

Mayoral de Lucas, J.V. ‘“Dear Tom, Dear Richard”: the Kuhn-Rorty exchange (1976-86)’, Darwin College Humanities Group, Cambridge

Anita McConnell

I have been assisting the Whipple Museum with retrospective documentation and adding to display labelling.

Publications

**Books**


**Articles in books**


**Articles in journals**


**Reviews**

**Lectures, Seminars and Conferences**

*January 2008*
McConnell, A. ‘The scientific apparatus employed on the voyage of HMS Chanticleer in 1828’, Department of Maritime Studies, University of Exeter

*June 2008*

*September 2008*
McConnell, A. ‘“Storm warning”: the marine barometer as a guide to seafarers’, 3ème congrès, Société française d’histoire des sciences et techniques, Paris

**Raymond Mercier**

Work on the critical edition of Ptolemy’s *Handy Tables* continues, in collaboration with Anne Tihon, Université Catholique of Louvain la Neuve, Belgium. In September the first fascicule goes to the publisher Peeters (Leuven, Belgium). Further fascicules are in preparation.

I contributed the character Greek zero sign (U+10186) to Unicode 5.0. The proposal can be read on my website www.raymondm.co.uk.

**Publications**

**Articles in books**

**Lectures, Seminars and Conferences**

*February 2008*
Mercier, R. ‘Indian astronomy’, Ancient India and Iran Trust, Cambridge

**Iris Montero Sobrevilla**

Iris organised the History of Science Workshop seminars at HPS in 2008, and was part of the organising committee of the Society for Latin American Studies’ postgraduate conference to be held in Cambridge in 2009. She coordinates the Short Story Workshop of the Cambridge University Mexican Society.

**Lectures, Seminars and Conferences**

*February 2008*
Montero Sobrevilla, I. ‘Transatlantic hum: Mexican hummingbirds and the French encyclopaedic project’, Cabinet of Natural History, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge

*March 2008*
Montero Sobrevilla, I. ‘European categories and Creole science: Alzate responds to the *Encyclopédie Méthodique*’, Mexico and the Enlightenment symposium, University of Warwick, Warwick Venice Centre

*May 2008*
Montero Sobrevilla, I. ‘The peripheral/postcolonial standpoint’, History and Theory Reading Group, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge
June 2008

James Moore

Publications

*Articles in books*

*In Press*

*Books*

*Articles in books*

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

*February 2008*
Darwin Familiarisation Colloquium, for Darwin200, Natural History Museum, London

*May 2008*
Moore, J. ‘Darwin and evidence’, staff briefing, Natural History Museum, London

*July 2008*
Guest field trip, BIOL S-112 Study Abroad at Oxford: Darwin and the Origins of Evolutionary Biology (Dr Andrew Berry), Harvard University Summer School, Cambridge, England

Lisa Mullins

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

*June 2008*
Mullins, L. ‘Mathematics for God, King, and Country: Fontenelle’s éloges at the Académie Royale des Sciences’, Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Mathematics, University of British Columbia

Mullins, L. ‘Making science history: Fontenelle and the Histoire et Mémoires of the Académie Royale des Sciences’, Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, University of British Columbia
Ayesha Nathoo

Ayesha Nathoo started a three-year Research Fellowship at Clare Hall, Cambridge in October 2007. During 2007-08 she lectured for Part II Paper 8, co-organised the History of Modern Medicine seminars, and was an MPhil supervisor and Part II examiner.

In Press

Books

Articles in journals
Nathoo, A. ‘Face transplantation: learning from the heart’, *Wellcome History* 39 (2008), Winter issue feature article

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

November 2007
Nathoo, A. “‘A year of resurrection, a year of grotesque horror’: heart transplants and the media in 1968”, Departmental Seminar, History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge

June 2008
Discussant with Professor Lesley Sharp at symposium on *Strange Harvest: Organ Transplants, Denatured Bodies and the Transformed Self* (Sharp 2006), Trinity College, Cambridge

Signe Nipper Nielsen

Signe Nipper Nielsen has together with Nick Jardine and Marina Frasca-Spada established and convened the new History and Theory Reading Group in 2007-2008. She is a member of the Cambridge Interdisciplinary Reproduction Forum (CIRF) committee, and in November 2007 she co-organised the CIRF interdisciplinary workshop on reproduction at CRASSH with Nick Hopwood. She has been a visiting PhD student at the Medical Museion, University of Copenhagen, in July and August 2008 and a visiting PhD student at the Saxo Institute, Section of History, University of Copenhagen, in September and beginning of October 2008.

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

October 2007
Nielsen, S.N. ‘History and empathy’, History and Theory Reading Group, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge

Nielsen, S.N. Commenting on the special exhibition ‘Ægløsninger’, on reproductive technologies, ‘At få børn med teknologien: Steno Museets særudstilling til debat’ (‘Reproducing with technology: debating the special exhibition at the Steno Museum’), symposium at the Danish National Museum for the History of Science and Medicine, Steno Department for Studies of Science and Science Education, University of Aarhus, Denmark

November 2007
Nielsen, S.N. ‘The concept of the early modern “foetus”’, Interdisciplinary Workshop on Reproduction, Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Cambridge

April 2008

September 2008
Nielsen, S.N. ‘Thomas Bartholin and uncertain birth products in the 17th century’, *Text and Image in Early Modern Society* graduate conference, University of Sussex
Richard Noakes

Richard Noakes, a lecturer in history at the University of Exeter’s Cornwall Campus, and an associate member of HPS, spent much of this year setting up teaching modules in a new history department. He was successful in his bid to secure a large award from the AHRC for ‘Connecting Cornwall: Telecommunications, Locality and Work in West Cornwall, 1870-1918’, a collaborative research project with the University of Exeter and the Porthcurno Telegraph Museum.

Publications

Articles in journals

In Press

Reviews
Noakes, R. Review of The English Mechanic and World of Science, vols 1-124 on 14 DVDs, in British Journal for the History of Science (December 2008)

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

July 2008
Noakes, R. ‘The “borderland of physics and psychology”: late nineteenth-century psychical research and the classification of the sciences’, meeting of the BSHS, CSHS, and HSS, Keble College, Oxford

Alison Pearn

Assistant Director, Darwin Correspondence Project

Publications

Books

Reviews

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

September 2007
Pearn, A.M. ‘Read the book? Now see the podcast. Bringing Darwin’s letters to the world stage’, Editing the Victorians conference at De Montfort University, Leicester

February 2008
Pearn, A.M. ‘The Darwin Bicentenary: hagiography and how to avoid it’, Darwin Industries conference, Aarhus Universitet, Denmark

April 2008
With Craig Baxter, led a workshop on dramatising Darwin’s correspondence at ‘Taking science to the stage: theatre, outreach and communication’, one-day seminar held by the Aarhus Network for Science, Technology and Medicine Studies
Martin Peterson

Martin Peterson has completed both his books (see below) and published a couple of articles.

Publications

Books

Articles in journals
Peterson, M. ‘Parity, clumpiness, and rational choice’, *Utilitas* 19 (2007), 505-513
Peterson, M. ‘The moral importance of selecting people randomly’, *Bioethics* 22 (2008), 321-327

In Press

Books

Katy Price

I was on research leave from Anglia Ruskin from September 2007 to June 2008, with an AHRC Research Leave Award for the second semester. During this period I was a visiting scholar at the University of Sheffield, hosted by the Department of English Literature and the Humanities Research Institute. The year was spent completing a book manuscript on Einstein in popular culture.

Publications

Articles in journals

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

October 2007

February 2008
Price, K. ‘Einstein’s relativity and the labour of readers’, Discussing Popular Science, Science Communication Group, Imperial College London
Price, K. ‘Mass culture, modernism and popular physics’, Department of English, University of Keele

Rob Ralley

Publications

Articles in books

In Press

Books
Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

July 2008
Ralley, R. ‘Animals, vegetables, minerals and demons in late medieval magic’, International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds

Jennifer Rampling

Jenny was awarded the 2008 Partington Prize by the Society for the History of Alchemy and Chemistry (SHAC), and co-opted to the SHAC Council as its first student representative. She is a research associate of the Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at UCL, and in 2008-9 will be a Roy G. Neville Fellow at the Chemical Heritage Foundation, Philadelphia. She continued to organise the weekly Latin Therapy seminars for 2007-8, and co-convened the twice-termly Medieval and Early Modern Interdisciplinary Workshops (M&EM), hosted by CRASSH and HPS and supported by the Society for Renaissance Studies. This year she also took the opportunity to improve her rusty German with the Certificate course in the Department of Modern and Medieval Languages.

Publications

Articles in journals

Reviews

In Press

Articles in books

Articles in journals

Reviews

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

October 2007
Rampling, J. ‘A medieval and early modern toolkit’, Research Topics and Resources Seminar, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge
Rampling, J. ‘Alchemy and medicine’, Pembroke College, Cambridge

February 2008
Rampling, J. ‘Making sense of medieval alchemy’, Graduate Research Forum, Clare College, Cambridge

April 2008
Rampling, J. ‘Cracking alchemical codes’, St Catharine’s College, Cambridge

May 2008
Rampling, J. ‘Reinventing Ripley’s alchemy, 1471-1652’, History of Chemistry seminar, Maison Française d’Oxford and University of Oxford Faculty of History

June 2008
Rampling, J. ‘Cracking alchemical codes’, Christ’s, Homerton and Jesus Colleges, Cambridge
Rampling, J. ‘The sceptical alchemist’, Vice-Chancellor’s summer reception, Cambridge
Michael Redhead

In 2008 Professor Redhead was awarded a Leverhulme Trust Emeritus Fellowship and appointed a trustee of the Archive Trust for Research in Mathematical Sciences and Philosophy.

Publications

*Articles in journals*

*In Press*

*Books*
Redhead, M., Debs, T. and Groom, S. *God, Belief and Explanation*, Harvard University Press

*Articles in books*
Redhead, M. ‘The vacuum in antiquity and in modern physics’ in *Bell Festschrift*

Nicky Reeves

**Lectures, Seminars and Conferences**

*November 2007*
Reeves, N. ‘The difficulties of telling history through objects: some thoughts on the display of astronomical and navigational instruments in museums’, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich

*July 2008*
Reeves, N. ‘Moving things around and moving around things: travel and the construction of the zenith sector telescope’, Sixth Three Societies Conference: *Connecting Disciplines* (joint meeting of the British Society for the History of Science, the Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science and the History of Science Society), Keble College, Oxford

Frances Reynolds

Since September 2007 I have worked part-time as a Research Fellow on the five-year AHRC-funded project *The Geography of Knowledge in Assyria and Babylonia: A Diachronic Comparison of Four Scholarly Libraries, c.700-200 BC*. My other posts include the Shillito Fellowship in Assyriology at the Oriental Institute, University of Oxford. In December I was re-elected as Chair of the Development Committee of the British Institute for the Study of Iraq.

**Publications**

*Websites*

*Articles in books*

*Articles in journals*
In Press

Articles in books


Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

February 2008

Reynolds, F.S. ‘The Sumerians: Iraq’s first civilization’, Organizer and Chair, British Institute for the Study of Iraq and Birkbeck College Study Day, University of London

Eleanor Robson

In September I began a five-year AHRC-funded research project, The Geography of Knowledge in Assyria and Babylonia: A Diachronic Comparison of Four Scholarly Libraries, c.700-200 BC. The project’s co-director is Professor Steve Tinney of the University of Pennsylvania, and its researchers are Philippe Clancier, Graham Cunningham and Frances Reynolds, who are based here in Cambridge.

Publications

Books


Websites


Articles in books


Articles in journals


Reviews


In Press

Books

Articles in books

Articles in journals

Reviews

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

September 2007

October 2007
Robson, E. ‘Patronage, priests, and politics: contexts of Mesopotamian scholarship’, *Mesopotamia and the History of Science* seminar series (series co-organised with Andrew George), School of Oriental and African Studies

February 2008
Robson, E. ‘The three S’s: signs, sums and Sumerian in an ancient scribal school’, *The Sumerians* study day, Birkbeck College

June 2008
Robson, E. ‘Current debates in Babylonian mathematics’, TOPOI Senior Fellow’s Seminar, Freie Universität Berlin
Robson, E. ‘The geography of knowledge in Assyria and Babylonia: Assyriology meets history of science’, TOPOI Senior Fellow’s Lecture, Freie Universität Berlin

July 2008
Robson, E. ‘Scholarship and power: geographies of knowledge in the first millennium BC’, *Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale*, Universität Würzburg

Leon Rocha

Leon Rocha was a visiting PhD student at the Department of Chinese Language and Literature of Shanghai Fudan University from August to November 2007. He was hosted by Professor Yuan Jin, and conducted research at the Shanghai Library, the Shanghai Municipal Archives, and the National Library of China in Beijing. He was also the founder of the Modern China Reading Group (MCRG), which was supported by the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH) in Cambridge.

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

February 2008
Rocha, L.A. ‘Zhang Jingsheng and the “sexual field” in 1920s China’, History of Science Workshop, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge
March 2008
Rocha, L.A. ‘Medical advertisements in the Shenbao, 1920s’, Translations and Transformations: China, Modernity and Cultural Transmission Workshop 1, CRASSH, University of Cambridge

April 2008

May 2008
Rocha, L.A. ‘Xing is sex and human nature: the discourse of sex in China in the 1920s’, Postgraduate Seminar, Birkbeck Institute for Gender and Sexuality, University of London

June 2008
Rocha, L.A. ‘Zhang Jingsheng’s Sex Histories (Les Chroniques de la vie sexuelle de Zhang Jingsheng)’, Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, University of British Columbia, Vancouver
Rocha, L.A. ‘The many faces of “Mr Science” in China: the “science and philosophy of life debate”’, Annual Conference of the Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, University of British Columbia, Vancouver

July 2008
Rocha, L.A. ‘Sex and revolution in 1920s urban China’, 12th International Conference on the History of Science in East Asia, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore

Martin Rudwick
Professor Emeritus of History of Science, University of California, San Diego

Martin Rudwick was awarded the 2007 Sarton Medal of the History of Science Society; this is the first time that the Society’s highest award has been given to a British historian of science since Sir Geoffrey Lloyd received it in 1987. He was also awarded the Prix Eugène Wegmann of the Société Géologique de France, and was elected a Fellow of the British Academy.

Publications

Books

In Press

Articles in books

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

October 2007
Rudwick, M.J.S. ‘Conybeare and the Geological Society’s debates in the 1820s and 1830s’, Symposium on William Daniel Conybeare (1787-1857), Leeds Humanities Research Institute, University of Leeds

November 2007
Rudwick, M.J.S. ‘On taking the “geological deluge” seriously; or, geology without Genesis’, annual meeting of the History of Science Society, Washington D.C.
Rudwick, M.J.S., leader, historical geological field-trip, ‘The Isle of Wight, as unravelled by early Society members’, bicentennial conference of the Geological Society of London

April 2008
Rudwick, M.J.S. ‘Deluc on geohistory and the historicity of Genesis’, workshop on ‘Jean-André Deluc (1727-1817) and the emergence of modern science’, Musée Voltaire, and European Institute, Université de Genève
May 2008
Rudwick, M.J.S. ‘4004 BC and all that: the historicizing of nature in the science of geology’, first annual ‘Capstone’ lecture, History of Science Department, Harvard University

June 2008

July 2008
Rudwick, M.J.S. ‘The reconstitution of the sciences of the earth around 1800’, symposium on The Birth of the Sciences in the Age of Revolutions?, Three Societies joint meeting, Oxford

Christine F. Salazar

Publications

Books

In Press

Articles in books

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

December 2007, January 2008
Two seminars (Hippocrates and Galen) for the ‘Reading group: Medieval and Early Modern Medical Texts’, Medizinische Universität Wien, Vienna, Austria

March 2008
Salazar, C.F. ‘Paul of Aegina on venomous animals’, The ‘Missing Link’: Medicine in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages (workshop), Cambridge

May 2008
Participation in the workshop ‘Tandheelkunde in de Grieks-Romeinse Oudheid’ (‘Dentistry in Greco-Roman Antiquity’), held by the Werkgezelschap Antieke Geneeskunde, University of Leiden, The Netherlands

Simon Schaffer

In January 2008 Simon Schaffer was the Harry Camp Lecturer at the Stanford Humanities Center, while in February–March 2008 he was an invited visitor at the Centre Koyré, EHESS, Paris.

Publications

Books

Articles in books

Articles in journals
Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

October 2007
Schaffer, S. ‘Asiatic enlightenment and British myth’, Distinguished Visiting Speaker Series, Glasgow University Arts and Humanities Graduate School

December 2007
Schaffer, S. ‘Information order in the scientific revolution’, Department of History and Welsh History, Aberystwyth University
Schaffer, S. ‘Public experiments and trials of social order’, Institute for the Study of Science, Technology and Innovation, Edinburgh University

January 2008
Schaffer, S. ‘Newton on the beach’ and ‘Newton on the Ganges’, Harry Camp Lecture Series, Stanford Humanities Center
Schaffer, S. ‘Hill stations and imperial sciences’, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Exeter, Cornwall campus

February 2008
Schaffer, S. ‘What’s the colour of light?’, Science Gallery, Trinity College Dublin

March 2008
Schaffer, S. ‘Cosmologie impériale et deuxième revolution scientifique’, Centre Koyré, Paris

May 2008
Schaffer, S. ‘Go-betweens’, International Workshop, CSIC Madrid

June 2008
Schaffer, S., co-organiser, conference on Seriality and Scientific Objects (with Jim Secord and Nick Hopwood), Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge

July 2008

Anne Secord

Publications

Articles in journals

Reviews
Secord, A. Review of D. Jones, The Botanists and Mountain Guides of Snowdonia, in Archives of Natural History 35 (2008), 185-186

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

October 2007
Discussant on panel following performance of Steve Waters’ Out of Your Knowledge (a play about John Clare’s walk out of Essex), The Junction, Cambridge

July 2008
Chair of session on ‘Lay participation in the history of scientific observation’, The Three Societies Conference: Connecting Disciplines, University of Oxford
Jim Secord

Jim Secord was elected a Professorial Fellow at Christ’s College in July 2008. As Director of the Correspondence of Charles Darwin, during the past year he has overseen the publication of two volumes of selected letters (Origins and Evolution) and Charles Darwin: The Beagle Letters (Cambridge, 2008), as well as the continuing series of the complete correspondence. He is serving as an academic advisor to the Fitzwilliam Museum exhibition ‘Endless Forms’, on Darwin and the visual arts, and to the July 2009 Darwin Festival. As one of the principal investigators on the Leverhulme-funded ‘Past versus Present’ project of the Cambridge Victorian Studies group and the Wellcome-funded ‘Generation to Reproduction’ project, he also organised several day meetings and seminars.

Publications

Books

Articles in journals

Reviews
Secord, J. ‘The geohistorical revolution’, essay review of M. Rudwick, Bursting the Limits of Time: The Reconstruction of Geohistory in the Age of Revolutions, in Metascience 16 (2007), 375-386
Secord, J. Review of D. Knight, Communicating Science, in British Journal for the History of Science 41 (2008), 144-145

In Press

Books

Articles in books

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

March 2008
Secord, J. ‘Daston and Galison on objectivity’, History and Theory Reading Group, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge

May 2008
Secord, J. ‘Life on the moon in the age of reform’, Historical Association and York Philosophical Society, York

June 2008
Secord, J. ‘Learned pigs and learned societies: conversation and the making of knowledge’, Learned Societies, Associations and Clubs in Nineteenth-Century Europe, University of Cambridge
Secord, J. ‘Closing remarks’, workshop on Seriality and Scientific Objects, 1780-1848, University of Cambridge

July 2008
Secord, J. ‘What we do and why we do it’, Darwin Project event, Cambridge University Library

September 2008
Secord, J. ‘The laboratory of print: knowledge, communication and history’, plenary lecture, Print Culture/STEM Conference, Madison, Wisconsin
Emma Spary

Publications

**Articles in books**

**Reviews**
Spary, E.C. Review of A. Cooper, Inventing the Indigenous: Local Knowledge and Natural History in Early Modern Europe, in History of Science 46 (2008), 369-370

**In Press**

**Books**

**Articles in books**

**Lectures, Seminars and Conferences**

**October 2007**
Spary, E.C. ‘The trouble with pleasure: utility, idleness and the crafting of French natural knowledge’, keynote address at conference Leisure in the 18th Century, Hamburg

**December 2007**

**January 2008**
Spary, E.C. “‘French” coffee? Civilisation, cultivation and colonialism from the Levant to the Antilles, 1670-1730”, conference Chillies, Chocolate and Tomatoes: Global Cultures of Food after Columbus, University of Warwick, Venice

**February 2008**

**May 2008**

**July 2008**
Mark Sprevak

Mark Sprevak organised an international conference, Computation and Cognitive Science, which took place 7–8 July 2008 in King’s College, Cambridge. The conference explored philosophical and historical underpinnings of the notion of computation in the cognitive sciences. The format of the conference was selected to encourage productive discussion: all papers pre-circulated and presentations on the day were kept brief. The format worked well, and a special issue of Studies in History and Philosophy of Science will appear based on the conference. Mark Sprevak also continues to supervise and lecture for HPS and the Philosophy Faculty, and he directed studies in philosophy for King’s College in Lent Term.

Publications

Articles in journals
Sprevak, M.D. ‘Chinese rooms and program portability’, British Journal for Philosophy of Science 58 (2007), 755-776

In Press

Articles in journals
Sprevak, M.D. ‘Computation, individuation, and the representation condition’, Studies in History and Philosophy of Science
Sprevak, M.D. ‘Inference to the hypothesis of extended cognition’, Studies in History and Philosophy of Science

Reviews
Sprevak, M.D. Review of A. Wells, Rethinking Cognitive Computation: Turing and the Science of the Mind, in British Journal for Philosophy of Science

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

November 2007
Sprevak, M.D. ‘Vehicle externalism and functionalism’, NTNU Trondheim, Norway

April 2008
Sprevak, M.D. ‘Extended cognition and functionalism’, Philosophy Workshop, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge

July 2008
Sprevak, M.D. ‘Alternative cognition and extended cognition’, British Society for the Philosophy of Science, St Andrews

Jacqueline Stedall

Publications

Books

Articles in journals
Stedall, J. ‘Notes made by Thomas Harriot on the treatises of François Viète’, Archive for the History of Exact Sciences 62 (2008), 179-200

In Press

Books
Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

October 2007
Stedall, J. ‘Mathematics in the Hellenistic world: the Greek legacy’, Manchester Metropolitan University

November 2007
Stedall J. and du Sautoy, M. Discussion on Isaac Newton’s life and work, for The Story of Maths, BBC Two

January 2008
Stedall, J. ‘The algebra of Robert Recorde’, Centre d’Études Supérieures de la Renaissance, Tours

July 2008
Stedall, J. ‘Robert Recorde’s geometry’, joint conference of WALMATO and BSHM, Gregynog

Liba Taub

Liba Taub is Director and Curator of the Whipple Museum, and Reader in HPS. In March 2008 she again organised, with Aude Doody (UCDublin), an international conference on scientific and medical writing in Greco-Roman antiquity, this time held at Newnham College. She was the History of Science Society representative on the organising committee for the Tri-Society meeting held in Oxford in July 2008. She serves on the NASA Fellowship Committee for the History of Science Society, as well as the Wissenschaftliche Beirat of the Deutsches Museum, and the Dibner Prize Committee of the Society for the History of Technology (SHOT). She has been invited to serve on the Editorial Board of Artefacts and the Nominating Committee for the IUHPS/DHST. She continues to serve as an elected member of the University Council, and is a member of the UK Spoliation Advisory Panel. She is also Director of Studies in HPS for Trinity Hall and Newnham College, where she is an Assistant Tutor and Fellow.

Publications

Books

Articles in books

Reviews

In Press

Books
Taub, L. and Doody, A. (eds) Authorial Choice, Authorial Voice: Greco-Roman Scientific and Medical Writing, Trier: Wissenschaftlicher Verlag

Articles in books
Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

March 2008
Organiser (with Aude Doody, University College Dublin) of a third international Workshop on Greco-Roman scientific and medical writing, Newnham College, Cambridge, with support from Newnham College, the Wellcome Trust Enhancement Award in the History of Medicine held in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science (Cambridge), the School of Classics of University College Dublin, and the Classics Faculty (Cambridge)
Organiser (with Paul Cartledge, Classics Faculty) of a one-day conference, Reflections on the Work of Geoffrey Lloyd, made possible through the joint support of the Faculty of Classics and the Department of History and Philosophy of Science

May 2008
Taub, L. “Eratosthenes sends greetings to King Ptolemy”: reading the contents of a “mathematical” letter’, Workshop on Scientific Writing in the Roman Empire, School of Classics, University of St Andrews

July 2008
History of Science Society programme representative for the Three Societies (History of Science Society/British Society for the History of Science/Canandian Society for the History of Science) meeting held at Keble College, Oxford

Laurence Totelin

Publications

Articles in books

Articles in journals
Totelin, L. ‘Sex and vegetables in the Hippocratic gynaecological treatises’, Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences 38 (2007), 531-540

In Press

Books

Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

March 2008
Totelin, L. ‘Fertility and sex: the symbolism attached to some ingredients of the Hippocratic gynaecological recipes’, Gender in Medicine Seminar Series, The Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at UCL
Totelin, L. ‘Tell me your name and I’ll tell you what you are: naming pharmacological recipes in the Graeco-Roman traditions’, Workshop on Ancient Greek and Roman Medical and Scientific Writing, University of Cambridge

August 2008
Totelin, L. ‘Hippocratic and Aristophanic recipes: same difference’, XIIIth Colloquium Hippocraticum, University of Texas at Austin

John van Wyhe

This year was spent mostly editing, not only Darwin Online, but two books on Darwin with CUP. Due to the increasing pressures, as the Darwin bicentenary approaches, I had to step down as editor of the BSHS monograph series and Director of the BSHS Wheeler Library. Amongst many other projects I am helping with the restoration of Darwin’s rooms at Christ’s College so that they can be opened to the public in 2009.

Publications

Books edited

**Articles in books**

**Reviews**
vvan Wyhe, J. ‘A reception study in the making? The unprecedented reception of Darwin’s private papers online’, *Viewpoint: Newsletter of the British Society for the History of Science*, no. 86 (June 2008), 5

**In Press**

**Books**

**Articles in books**
vvan Wyhe, J. ‘Johann Gaspar Spurzheim’ in *Neue Deutsche Biographie*

**Articles in journals**
vvan Wyhe, J. ‘The complete work of Charles Darwin online’ [response to Jonathan Smith review], *Journal of Victorian Studies*
van Wyhe, J. ‘The real Charles Darwin’, *BBC History Magazine*

**Lectures, Seminars and Conferences**

*November 2007*
vvan Wyhe, J. ‘Rediscovering Darwin: the real story of Darwin’s finches’, 11th Annual Grant Lecture, Grant Museum of Zoology, University College London

*February 2008*
vvan Wyhe, J. ‘A century of celebrating Darwin: the evolution and extinction of historical myths’, *Darwin Industries Inc. Getting in Gear for 2009*, University of Aarhus, Denmark

*May 2008*
vvan Wyhe, J. ‘Charles Darwin – his life and legacy’, Residencia de Estudiantes, Madrid, Spain

*July 2008*
vvan Wyhe, J. ‘“Almighty God! What a wonderful discovery!” Did Charles Darwin really believe life came from outer space?’, British Society for the History of Science annual conference, Oxford

**Sophie Weeks**

Sophie Weeks is currently completing a book entitled *Francis Bacon’s Science of Magic*. She is also editing (with Rhodri Lewis and Daniel Andersson) volume 5 of the Oxford University Press edition of Francis Bacon’s complete works, which comprises Bacon’s early philosophical writings to about 1611. In September 2009 she takes up a Lectureship in History of Science at the University of Leeds.

**Publications**

**Reviews**
In Press

**Articles in books**


**Reviews**


**Lectures, Seminars and Conferences**

*April 2008*

Weeks, S. and Kenny, C. ““Twisting the lion’s tail”: Baconian experimentalists in the seventeenth century”, HPS Informal Seminar, University of Leeds

*July 2008*

Weeks, S. ‘Francis Bacon on the unity of nature’, Sixth Joint Meeting of the BSHS, CSHPS, and HSS, Keble College, Oxford

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Paul White

**Publications**

**Books**


**Articles in books**


**In Press**

**Articles in journals**

White, P. ‘The face of physiology’, *19: Interdisciplinary Studies in the Long Nineteenth Century*

**Lectures, Seminars and Conferences**

*September 2007*

White, P. ‘Emotion in the age of objectivity’, IRTN workshop, Birkbeck

*November 2007*

White, P. ‘Darwin’s readers’, History of Science Society annual meeting, Washington D.C.

*December 2007*

White, P. ‘The evolution of wonder’, IES 19th century seminar, UCL

*May 2008*

White, P. ‘A life in letters’, Residencia Estudiantes, Madrid

White, P. ‘Science and the circle of friendship’, University of Sussex

*July 2008*

White, P. ‘Darwin and the churches’, University of Galway

White, P. ‘The poetics of physiology’, Three Societies meeting, Oxford
Lectures, Seminars and Conferences

November 2007
Wragge-Morley, A. ‘Making knowledge of nature: the mountain debate, 1680-1700’, Graduate Research Seminar, St Catharine’s College, Cambridge

January 2008
Wragge-Morley, A. ‘Joseph Wright of Derby’s An Experiment on a Bird in the Air Pump’, History of Scientific Images Seminar, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge

February 2008
Wragge-Morley, A. ‘Robert Hooke’s Micrographia’, History of Scientific Images Seminar, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge

May 2008
Wragge-Morley, A. ‘What can we do with interdisciplinarity?’, Thinking Society, University of Cambridge

June 2008

July 2008
Wragge-Morley, A. ‘Thomas Burnet, his opponents and the aesthetics of mountain scenery’, Three Societies Conference, Keble College, University of Oxford
Wragge-Morley, A. ‘Re-reading the books of nature and scripture: artisanal and bodily approaches to seventeenth-century design arguments’, Ian Ramsey Centre Conference 2008: God, Nature and Design: Historical and Contemporary Approaches, St Anne’s College, University of Oxford

E.G. Zahar

Publications

Books
Seminar Programmes

Michaelmas Term 2007

Departmental Seminars

Seminars are held on Thursdays from 4.30 to 6.00pm in Seminar Room 2, with tea beforehand from 4pm in Seminar Room 1. Organised by Lauren Kassell.

18 October  Alice Jenkins (University of Glasgow and CRASSH, Cambridge)  
Sybil in particulars and generals: inductive logic and Victorian narrative

Much of the triumphalism of early Victorian writing about physical science came from a belief that modern inductive reasoning gave much stronger methodological underpinnings than those supporting earlier science. While not claimed to be infallible, inductive science was held to incorporate methods for allowing for and dealing with fallibility, so that errors could be rectified without fundamental principles being affected. In the words of the Scottish writer James Douglas, an advocate for progressive education, ‘being rooted in nature, inductive philosophy has the principle of growth in it’. All the scientific disciplines, it was widely argued, were now founded on this logic; indeed it was the defining quality of a modern scientific discipline that it be so founded. And induction was also being taken up by practitioners of other kinds of knowledge, who were spreading the benefits of its secure method well beyond the sciences.

Following work by Susan Faye Cannon, recent scholarship by Jonathan Smith, Laura J. Snyder, Mary Poovey and others has questioned the usefulness of nineteenth-century inductivism for practising scientists. I will argue that the interesting point about the early Victorian period’s tendency to rally round the banner of induction is less its practical effects on the history of scientific discovery than its role in constructing standards for measuring the difference between modernity and pre-modernity, and for disseminating a narrative pattern which seemed to represent the shape which authoritative knowledge should take. Both these effects of the triumph of induction were felt extensively in culture outside scientific circles. My paper investigates the effects of the spreading prestige of inductive reasoning from science into other areas of knowledge production, particularly those predicated on narrative. As my title suggests, I will focus especially on the role of the inductive method in the ‘social problem’ or ‘condition of England’ novel of the 1840s and 50s.

25 October  Jonathan Dancy (University of Reading and University of Texas at Austin)  
Practical reasoning and inference

One way of capturing the force of practical reasoning, or deliberation, is to think of it as inference (e.g. the practical syllogism). I reject this inferential model, and offer another, under which the force of reasoning is of a rather different sort. The conclusion of a process of deliberation can, on this new model, be an action, and such deliberation can have a structure, but it is not inferential structure.

1 November  Alisha Rankin (Trinity College, Cambridge)  
Panacea’s daughters: gentlewomen healers and experiential knowledge in early modern Germany

A number of learned physicians in sixteenth-century Germany sang the praises of a particular type of healer: a gentlewoman who made medicinal remedies and handed them out to the sick poor (also helping ill aristocrats and patricians in the bargain). This paper examines the topos of the gentlewoman-healer, arguing that aristocratic women gained respect as medical practitioners not in spite of their gender, but because of it. Particularly, it focuses on gentlewomen’s reliance on experience and empirical observation to confirm the success of their medical remedies, categories that overlapped with a new interest in observation in learned medical spheres.

8 November  Francesco Guala (University of Exeter)  
Are there Lewis conventions?

David Lewis’ analysis of conventions has been influential both in the philosophy of social science and in social science itself. In particular, it has illustrated the potential of game theoretic models in social ontology as well their limitations, and the importance of history for the analysis of social institutions. But are there any genuine Lewis-Conventions? In this paper I show how this question can be investigated using simple experimental techniques, and criticize those philosophers who try to refute Lewis’ theory using the traditional tools of language analysis and intuition.
In December 1967 a relatively unknown surgeon, Christiaan Barnard, transplanted the heart of a young, female road-accident victim into a 54-year-old Cape Town grocer, Louis Washkansky. The operation received media attention that was unprecedented for a medical undertaking, transforming Barnard and Washkansky into international celebrities overnight. Although Washkansky lived for only 18 days with his new heart, in 1968 over 100 transplants were performed worldwide. Most of the recipients died within days or weeks of their revolutionary surgery and from the end of 1969 the procedure was all but abandoned for a decade. In the already turbulent period of the late 1960s, human heart transplantation proved to be an ethical minefield that challenged existing notions of life and death. I argue that the public nature of this controversial surgical feat fundamentally changed medical-media relations and directly affected the outcome of the heart-transplant enterprise. This talk aims to shed new light on arguably the most famous operation of the twentieth century, and its repercussions for media and medical history.

There’s a moment in the history of early modern philosophy when the idea that humans are subject to the commands of God is challenged and rejected. Can we locate it? Perhaps the earliest philosopher who wholeheartedly gives up this orthodox view is Benedict Spinoza. In this paper I examine Spinoza’s wide-ranging argument for his claim that all laws, in the sense of commands, are made and imposed by human beings rather than by the deity. I show how he defends this conclusion by embedding it in his wider metaphysics and politics. I go on to examine some consequences of this move, concentrating on the instabilities it produces in Spinoza’s distinction between reason and imagination.

One of the main conclusions of the author’s *Fertility, Class and Gender in Britain 1860-1940* (CUP 1996) was that some form of sexual abstinence in marriage had probably been an important, integral feature of birth control in Britain during the secular national fertility decline. This conclusion followed as an inference from innovative demographic analysis of the mass of quantitative data generated by the 1911 census, alongside reconsideration of the implications of certain contemporary qualitative sources and aspects of the period’s cultural history and gender politics. However, how can we ever prove this negative – that married couples in the privacy of their marriages increasingly refrained from sex during the period 1860-1940? How can we obtain positive confirmation of something people did not do – in a culture which generally did not talk about the subject? In order to attempt to address this, the author secured ESRC funding for a novel oral history project, carried out during 1998-2000, by the author and Dr Kate Fisher (University of Exeter). About 90 married persons born in the first quarter of the twentieth century were interviewed and asked to talk about sex in their marriages. Both men and women, middle and working-class, from the industrial north and the affluent south were interviewed. This lecture, drawn from a chapter drafted for a forthcoming co-authored book, will give a first presentation of what the respondents said about the relationship between birth control and abstinence in their marriages.

There will be tea before the lecture, at 4pm in Seminar Room 1, and a drinks reception afterwards, at 6pm in Seminar Room 1.

**Special Seminars**

**Hans Radder (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)**

The material realisation and conceptual interpretation of observational processes

3pm, Monday 15 October, Seminar Room 1

This paper presents a philosophical account of observation. The argument is that a human observer may be seen as a self-interpreting observational instrument which has arisen in the course of a material and socio-cultural evolution and which actively engages the world in attempts at materially realising and conceptually interpreting observational processes.

**Jim Flynn (University of Otago)**

Saving equality from the dustbin of history: a refutation of the ‘meritocracy thesis’ from *The Bell Curve*

2pm, Friday 7 December, Maxwell Lecture Theatre, SPS
Research Topics and Resources Seminars

Seminars on research topics and resources in history and philosophy of the sciences and medicine, for all new graduate students, are held in the first two weeks of term, on Thursdays at 4pm in Seminar Room 2. Tea is available from 3.45pm in Seminar Room 1. All welcome.

Each seminar will consist of short informal talks presenting research methodologies and areas. The Research Guide is on the HPS website at www.hps.cam.ac.uk/research.

Organised by Nick Jardine and Eleanor Robson.

4 October  
Nick Jardine: Reading groups, seminars and other resources; Peter Lipton: How to write a philosophy essay; Ruth Horry: Working on Whipple Collection objects; Stephen John: Bioethics; Ayesha Nathoo: Modern medicine and media research

11 October  
Eleanor Robson: History and translation; Patricia Fara: Scientific images; Sacha Golob: Reading Continental philosophy; Jenny Rampling: A medieval and early modern toolkit; John Forrester: Lost in trivia

History of Medicine

Seminars are on Tuesdays from 5.00 to 6.30pm in Seminar Room 1. Tea is available from 4.40pm. All welcome!

Early Medicine and Natural Philosophy
Organised by Lauren Kassell, Rob Ralley and Laurence Totelin.

9 October  
Alec Ryrie (Durham University)  
Fraud, sorcery and medicine in the 1540s: the double life of Gregory Wisdom

30 October  
Adrian Wilson (University of Leeds)  
Interrogating the prehistory of Caesarean section

20 November  
Lindsey Fitzharris (University of Oxford)  
Through the eyes of a seventeenth-century physician: reassessing John Webster

History of Modern Medicine and Biology
Organised by Ayesha Nathoo and Vanessa Heggie.

16 October  
Bonnie Evans (HPS, Cambridge)  
How psychology lost its drive: the establishment of child psychiatry at the Maudsley Hospital, 1923-1938

6 November  
Sanjoy Bhattacharya (Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine, UCL)  
Global prescriptions, local adaptations: South Asia, the WHO and the global programme to eradicate smallpox

27 November  
Duncan Wilson (University of Manchester)  
The science of self-destruction: animal suicide and the human condition

From Generation to Reproduction
This seminar, which is funded by our Wellcome enhancement award in the history of medicine, is a forum for discussion of how, since 1500, our world of reproductive practices and controversy was created.

Seminars are on Tuesdays from 5.00 to 6.30pm in Seminar Room 1. Tea is available from 4.40pm. All welcome! Organised by Jim Secord.

23 October  
Evelleen Richards (University of Sydney)  
Do females have a choice? Darwin, the breeders and the problem of female choice

13 November  
Solveig Jülich (Stockholm University)  
Questioning the images of life before birth: Lennart Nilsson’s fetal photographs in public debate
Cabinet of Natural History

Seminars are held on Mondays at 1pm in Seminar Room 1. You are welcome to bring your lunch with you. Organised by Salim Al-Gailani.

8 October  Pietro Corsi (University of Oxford)
‘Objects, images, books’. Networks of validation in mid-nineteenth-century geology: Italy, France, England

15 October  Carlos López Beltrán (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)
Hippocratic bodies: Castas and temperament in the New Spain

22 October  FUNGUS HUNT

29 October  Helen Cowie (University of Warwick)
‘Peripheral vision’: science and Creole patriotism in eighteenth-century Spanish America

5 November  Sam Alberti (Manchester Museum)
Practice and technique in the twentieth-century natural history museum

12 November  Lawrence Dritsas (University of Edinburgh)
‘Ecological reconnaissance’: expert visitors to Northern Rhodesia in the 1950s

19 November  David Allan Feller (HPS, Cambridge)
The hunter’s gaze: establishing a ‘period eye’ in Charles Darwin’s scientific methodology

26 November  Kathleen Walker-Meikle (University College London)
Animals in medical experiments in the Middle Ages

Psy Studies

History of Psychiatry, Psychology, Psychoanalysis and Allied Sciences

Seminars are held on Wednesdays at 5pm in Seminar Room 1. Tea is available from 4.40pm. All welcome. Organised by John Forrester and Deborah Thom.

17 October  Peter Mandler (Faculty of History, Cambridge)
Margaret Mead amongst the natives of Great Britain

31 October  John Forrester (HPS, Cambridge)
1919: psychology and psychoanalysis, Cambridge and London

14 November  Katherine Angel (HPS, Cambridge)
The discomforting past of peptic ulcer: histories of psychosomatic medicine and H. pylori

Epistemology Reading Group

We will be reading from Paul K. Moser (ed.) The Oxford Handbook of Epistemology (OUP, 2002). The book is available in paperback, and two copies are on reserve in the Whipple Library. Each meeting of the group will focus on one essay, with a member of the group offering a preliminary evaluation, followed by a general discussion.

Meetings will take place on Thursdays at 2pm in Seminar Room 1 and are open to all. Organised by Peter Lipton.

4 October  William G. Lycan, ‘Explanation and Epistemology’

11 October  Philip Kitcher, ‘Scientific Knowledge’

18 October  Alvin Goldman, ‘The Sciences and Epistemology’

25 October  Peter Klein, ‘Skepticism’

1 November  Albert Casullo, ‘A Priori Knowledge’

8 November  Ernest Sosa, ‘Tracking, Competence, and Knowledge’

15 November  John Greco, ‘Virtues in Epistemology’

22 November  Richard Foley, ‘Conceptual Diversity in Epistemology’
Philosophy Workshop

The PW is a fortnightly peer group seminar devoted to the discussion of on-going work by researchers in philosophy. Short papers will normally be circulated by e-mail one week in advance of each meeting, where the author will give a brief synopsis. The aim of the seminar is to provide a forum for informal, constructive interaction amongst those currently engaged in philosophical research.

Meetings take place every other Wednesday at 1pm in Seminar Room 1, and are open to all researchers. For more information, or to add your name to the list of e-mail recipients, contact Mark Sprevak.

17 October  Berry Groisman (DAMPT, Cambridge)  
Is teleportation a (quantum) mystery?

31 October  Charlotte Werndl (Faculty of Philosophy, Cambridge)  
The special kind of unpredictability of chaotic systems

14 November  Louise Braddock (Girton College, Cambridge)  
Psychological identification and numerical identity: the unlikely connection

28 November  Mike Collins (HPS, Cambridge)  
The primacy of secondary qualities

Science and Literature Reading Group

This term we will be reading about astronomers and astronomy. All the texts are available online; copies will also be placed in the Whipple Library box file. We meet on Mondays from 7.30 to 9pm in the upstairs seminar room of Darwin College. All are welcome!

Organised by Daniel Friesner (Science Museum) and Melanie Keene (HPS). For further information, visit our weblog: http://sci-lit-reading-group.blogspot.com

15 October  Dante Alighieri, Purgatory (c. 1321), Canto 4  
John Milton, Paradise Lost (1674), Book 8, lines 1-197

29 October  Thomas Hardy, Two on a Tower (1882), Chapter 4  
George Meredith, ‘Meditation under stars’ (1888)

12 November  Leonid Andreieff, To the Stars (1905), especially Act IV  
The most easily available English translation is by A. Goudiss, in Poet Lore, Winter 1907. You can find it by logging on to Periodicals Archive Online, and then searching under author ‘Andreieff’.

26 November  William Wordsworth, ‘Star Gazers’ (1807)  
Walt Whitman, ‘When I heard the learn’d astronomer’ (1865)  
Virginia Woolf, ‘The Searchlight’ (1943)

Latin Therapy

The Latin Therapy Group meets on Fridays at 4pm in the HPS Lodge to practise the art of translation, improve our Latin grammar, and determine who deserves more sympathy on account of the difficulty of their sources – all in a mutually supportive environment!

Each week we study a classical, medieval or early modern text related to the history of science, often selected by members of the group as part of their research. We warm up with a short introductory piece before moving onto the main text – aiming to produce a working translation each week. Latin texts are circulated in advance, and further support is provided by our language tutor, Debby Banham. All are welcome to attend.

This term a behind-the-scenes trip to the British Museum is planned, giving therapists the opportunity to select and examine favourite items from the collection, and to practise some on-site translation of inscriptions. For more information, and to be added to the mailing list, please contact Jenny Rampling. Information is also available on the Latin Therapy website, www.hps.cam.ac.uk/latintherapy.
History and Theory Reading Group

The group will discuss articles (their own, and those of others) relating to problems of historical research, interpretation, explanation and narration. Articles will be placed well in advance in a History and Theory box in the Whipple. We meet on Fridays, 2.30pm to 4pm in the Lodge.

Organised by Marina Frasca-Spada, Nick Jardine and Signe Nipper Nielsen.

12 October  **Signe Nipper Nielsen:** History and empathy


26 October  **Salim Al-Gailani:** History and reading


9 November  **Nick Tosh:** Anachronism


This paper defends the right of historians to make use of their knowledge of the remote consequences of past actions. In particular, it is argued that the disciplinary cohesion of the history of science relies crucially upon our ability to target, for further investigation, those past activities ancestral to modern science. The history of science is not limited to the study of those activities but it is structured around them. In this sense, the discipline is inherently ‘present-centred’: its boundaries are determined, in part, by judgements inaccessible to the historical actors. Present-centredness of this sort, it is urged, should not be regarded as a problem; its methodological consequences are minimal.
Lent Term 2008

Departmental Seminars

Seminars are held on Thursdays from 4.30 to 6.00pm in Seminar Room 2, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, Free School Lane, Cambridge. There is tea beforehand from 4pm in Seminar Room 1. Organised by Lauren Kassell.

17 January  Harry M. Marks (Johns Hopkins University)
Biographical medicine: London consultants explain disease

It is a truism of medical historiography that, with the rise of pathological anatomy in early nineteenth-century Paris, physicians focused their attention on the signs of the physical body, neglecting patients’ accounts of experience which had dominated in a client centred medicine. At best, an interest in the biography of disease survived on the margins of clinical practice, far away from the centres of hospital medicine. This paper examines the activities of a group of prominent London consultant physicians – William Gull, Sam Wilks and James Paget – who after years of doing and teaching morbid anatomy, turned to natural history to understand the variable manifestations of disease in their patients. They turned as well to organizing British general practitioners in a programme of research into the biography of disease. While an interest in natural history is not unknown in the second half of the nineteenth century, I will argue that this turn to the natural history of disease was rooted in the distinctive career paths of London consultants who spent multiple decades doing morbid anatomy before developing their clinical practices. It was the limitations of morbid anatomy, as they saw it, which led them to their interest in biographical medicine. Beyond the relevance of this story to medical history, I would like to explore two issues: 1) remnants of the zeitgeist – how do we best account for intellectual/epistemological developments in a discipline which resemble contemporaneous developments in other disciplines, without resorting to difficult claims about influence and/or zeitgeist? 2) Survivals: how do we best understand the survival, beyond the immediate milieu in which they originate, of heterodox intellectual traditions like the one analysed in this paper?

24 January  Angela Breitenbach (Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge)
Natural purposes, Kantian analogies and environmental ethics

Recent theories in environmental ethics are divided over the question whether we can ascribe intrinsic value to nature. According to anthropocentric approaches the sole locus of value is the human being and any obligation to protect our natural environment is ultimately reducible to a concern about humans. Biocentric accounts, by contrast, claim that nature has an absolute and intrinsic worth and that human beings therefore have a direct duty towards nature. While the anthropocentric perspective may be criticised for presenting nature merely as a resource for satisfying human needs and desires, biocentric approaches face the apparently insuperable problem of justifying the existence of independent value in nature. In this paper I develop an account which aims to overcome these difficulties by attributing to nature a value that is independent of its usefulness to human beings without making this value independent from the rational valuer. The account is inspired by Kant’s analogical conception of purposes in nature. This may come as a surprise to those who view Kant as the chief exponent of anthropocentrism.

31 January  Jon Agar (University College London)
Thatcher, scientist

Did it matter that Margaret Thatcher, three times British prime minister, staunch opponent of socialism, fervid proponent of markets rather than governments as the agents of choice and change, had trained and worked as a research scientist? In the immense literature on Thatcher and Thatcherism, no author emphasizes, or even discusses in any depth, the connection between Thatcher, scientist, and Thatcher, politician. This paper reviews the evidence for a connection, and offers an interpretation of an important episode in the formation of British science policy that, I argue, has broad repercussions for how historians might revise the understandings of a salutation in twentieth-century political and economic history.

7 February  David Bloor (University of Edinburgh)
Rival theories of the aerofoil: 1909-1926

From the early years of aviation through World War One, until c. 1926, British and German experts in aerodynamics disagreed about how an aircraft wing generates lift. The British developed the discontinuity theory, the Germans the circulation theory. I shall describe the course of this divergence and seek to explain it in terms of differing mathematical traditions and their respective institutional roots. It emerges that the more successful theory was based on the least realistic physics. Welcome to relativism at 30,000 feet!
14 February  Tara Nummedal (Brown University)
Contracting the philosopher’s stone: fraud, risk and profit in early modern alchemy

For the princes who sought to hire alchemists, build laboratories, and fund substantial alchemical operations in the early modern Holy Roman Empire, the question of fraud was crucial. The possibility of hiring a false alchemist rather than a real one haunted princely desires to put alchemy into practice, yet patrons had few obvious resources for determining whether or not an individual was a fraud (or Betrüger). In this paper, I will examine the methods alchemical patrons and practitioners devised to minimize risk, as well as the consequences of those methods for the practice and meaning of alchemy in early modern central Europe.

21 February  Andreas Mayer (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin)
Walking as a problem of the nineteenth century

As with so many other human activities that are both mechanical and meaningful (e.g. sleeping and dreaming, sexual acts, artistic creation, the execution of music or the manifestations of religion), the inhabitants of the nineteenth century turned walking into a problem waiting for a scientific solution. Neither entirely transparent and fully conscious, nor completely shrouded in mystery, the act of walking was supposed to have its secret. How such a mundane activity became a problem for a variety of scientific disciplines in Western countries will be the subject of my talk.

6 March  Colin Jones and Emily Richardson (Queen Mary, University of London)
The politics and physiology of laughter in eighteenth-century France: the Saint-Aubins’ Livre des Culs

The Saint-Aubins formed a dynasty of artists and craftsmen in eighteenth-century France. The best-known of them is Gabriel, who currently has an international exhibition devoted to him (New York, Paris). He and his brothers kept a number of sketch-books, one of which, owned by Waddesdon Manor, is the subject of the talk. The Livre de caricatures tant bonnes que mauvaises is largely the work of Charles-Germain de Saint-Aubin, though it is in essence a collective work seemingly produced both by and for what Antoine de Baecque has termed a ‘society of laughers’. The brothers are said to have referred to it as their livre de culs. Although there are indeed some arses in the book – including some famous ones, knowledge of whose depiction would have ended the Saint-Aubins in the Bastille – the characteristic of the work is its festive, humorous and frequently satirical character. The kind of caricature and satire it exemplifies is quite rare in France (England was different in this respect). In this paper, we will seek to examine the work and to place it in the context of French eighteenth-century medical, philosophical and political debates about laughter.

History of Medicine

Seminars are on Tuesdays from 5.00 to 6.30pm in Seminar Room 1. Tea is available from 4.40pm. All welcome!

Early Medicine and Natural Philosophy
Organised by Lauren Kassell, Rob Ralley and Laurence Totelin.

15 January  Cathy McClive (Durham University)
Negotiating masculinity: hermaphrodites and sexual difference in early modern France

5 February  Natacha Massar (Free University of Brussels)
Serving men, serving gods: doctors and musicians in the ancient Greek world

26 February  Sasha Handley (University of Manchester)
Thomas Willis and the pathology of sleep disorders

History of Modern Medicine and Biology
Organised by Ayesha Nathoo and Vanessa Heggie.

12 February  Sarah Hodges (University of Warwick)
Biotrash: medical garbage in India

4 March  Amanda Rees (University of York)
Working with beasts: animal societies in 20th-century popular culture
From Generation to Reproduction

This seminar, which is funded by our Wellcome enhancement award in the history of medicine, is a forum for discussion of how, since 1500, our world of reproductive practices and controversy was created.

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29 January Lynn Morgan (Mount Holyoke College)  
Embryo genesis: how a handful of scientists produced an American origin story

19 February William MacLehose (Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine)  
Reproduction and religion: paediatrics and devotion to the Christ Child in the Central Middle Ages

Cabinet of Natural History

Seminars are held on Mondays at 1pm in Seminar Room 1. You are welcome to bring your lunch with you. Organised by Salim Al-Gailani.

21 January Nicola Gauld (Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge)  
‘What is meant by this system?’ Charles Darwin and the visual re-ordering of nature

28 January Elise Juzda (Faculty of History, Cambridge)  
Skulls, science and the spoils of war: frontier violence and the creation of the US Army Medical Museum’s cranial collection, 1869-1900

4 February Simon Naylor (University of Exeter)  
Cartographies of a scientific county: mapping Cornwall

11 February Adelene Buckland (Cambridge Victorian Studies Group)  
Gideon Mantell, Thomas Hardy, and the politics of geological knowledge

18 February Brigitte Resl (University of Liverpool)  
Distancing animals in medieval chronicles

25 February Iris Montero Sobrevilla (HPS, Cambridge)  
Transatlantic hum: Mexican hummingbirds and the French encyclopedic project

3 March Gail Davies (University College London)  
Locating species identity: towards a biogeography of transgenic life

10 March Allison Ksiazkiewicz (HPS, Cambridge)  
Saved by servitude: the display of horses at the Natural History Museum in London

Psy Studies

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30 January Martin Dehli (Freelance historian, Berlin)  
‘Out of the shadows’: Alexander Mitscherlich and psychoanalysis in Germany after 1945

13 February Julia Borossa (Middlesex University)  
Colonising and de-colonising psychoanalysis in the 1950s: Masud Khan amongst the British

27 February Barbara Wurm (University of Vienna)  
The psycho-reflexology of film: Soviet non-fiction cinema of the 1920s

12 March Alexandra Lembert (University of Leipzig)  
Exploring the human psyche: psychology and British psychic detective fiction at the turn of the 20th century

19 March George Makari (Weill Medical College of Cornell University)  
Revolution in mind: making the psychoanalytic field, 1870-1945
Relativism Group
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22 January Martin Kusch will give a talk entitled ‘Epistemic relativism defended’
29 January Juan Vicente Mayoral de Lucas will give a talk entitled ‘Boghossian on relativism and epistemic justification’
12 February Discussion of J. MacFarlane, ‘Relativism and Disagreement’, Philosophical Studies 132 (2007), 17-31
19 February Justin Cruickshank will give a talk entitled ‘Epistemic relativity, epistemic exemplars, and problem solving’
4 March Richard Raatzsch will give a talk entitled ‘Lear’s madness’

Metaphysics of Science Reading Group
This new group aims to further our understanding of topics in this fruitful but occasionally tricky research area. The focus is on topics of contemporary interest. No special scientific or technical knowledge is required. Meetings will take place on Mondays, 1.00-2.30pm in the HPS Lodge. All welcome. Organised by Alex Broadbent.

This term we will be reading from Huw Price and Richard Corry (eds), Causation, Physics and the Constitution of Reality: Russell’s Republic Revisited, Oxford University Press 2007. The first chapter is a short and approachable summary of the topics covered in the collection.

21 January Causation as Folk Science – John Norton
28 January What Russell Got Right – Christopher Hitchcock
4 February Causation with a Human Face – Jim Woodward
11 February Isolation and Folk Physics – Adam Elga
18 February Agency and Causation – Arif Ahmed
25 February Causation in Context – Peter Menzies
3 March Causal Perspectivalism – Huw Price
10 March Causation, Counterfactuals, and Entropy – Mathias Frisch

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23 January Sophia Davis (HPS, Cambridge)
Military landscapes and secret science: mythical and empirical histories of the Suffolk coast
6 February Robin Scheffler (HPS, Cambridge)
Political radicalism and scientific discovery: the Cambridge Biotheoretical Gathering, 1932-1937
20 February Leon Rocha (HPS, Cambridge)
Zhang Jingsheng and the ‘sexual field’ in 1920s China
5 March Mirjam Brusius (HPS, Cambridge)
Preserving the forgotten: Fox Talbot’s interest in the antique – and what it has to do with photography
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30 January  **Mike Collins (HPS, Cambridge)**  
The primacy of secondary qualities

13 February  **Martin Peterson (HPS, Cambridge)**  
Subjective probability and action guidance

27 February  **Sasha Mudd (HPS, Cambridge)**  
Practical judgement: a Kantian perspective

12 March  **Mark Sprevak (HPS, Cambridge)**  
Mind-dependence and realism about the mind

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**Science and Literature Reading Group**

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21 January  We will look at the rise and fall of the ‘solar system’ model of atomic structure, as it was presented in the popular journal Scientific American  
S. Dushman, ‘Beyond the Microscope’ (June 1922, pp. 372-3).  
A. T. Merrick, ‘Solar Systems Inside the Atom’ (February 1925, pp. 80-1).  
‘Our Point of View: Whose Fault is It?’ (November 1931, p. 299).

4 February  Psychological roots of complementarity  

18 February  Some literary uses of the new physics  

3 March  Two stories about multiple worlds and uncertainty  
Kant Reading Group

The Kant Reading Group will be reading the Dialectic of the Critique of Practical Reason and the Introduction to the Doctrine of Virtue this term. We are meeting on Tuesdays, 1.00–2.30pm in the HPS Lodge. Everyone welcome! For more information or if you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Angela Breitenbach.

22 January Analytic of Pure Practical Reason Critical Elucidation of the Analytic of Pure Practical Reason (V 89-106). Presentation: Sasha Mudd
29 January Dialectic of Pure Practical Reason, Chapter 1 and Chapter 2, I-II (V 107-119). Presentation: Alix Cohen
12 February Dialectic of Pure Practical Reason, Chapter 2, VI-IX (V 132-148). Presentation: Angela Breitenbach
11 March The Metaphysics of Morals, Part II Metaphysical First Principles of the Doctrine of Virtue, Introduction, XII-XVIII (VI 399-413)

Latin Therapy

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Each week we study a classical, medieval or early modern text related to the history of science, often selected by members of the group as part of their research. We warm up with a short introductory piece before moving onto the main text – aiming to produce a working translation each week. Latin texts are circulated in advance, and further support is provided by our language tutor, Debby Banham. All are welcome to attend. From time to time the group also organises social events and field trips. Details of past events and publications, together with a host of Latin-related links and resources, can be found on the group’s website at www.hps.cam.ac.uk/latintherapy. For more information, and to be added to the mailing list, please contact Jenny Rampling.

History and Theory Reading Group

The group will discuss articles (their own, and those of others) relating to problems of historical research, interpretation, explanation and narration. Articles will be placed well in advance in a History and Theory box in the Whipple. We meet on Fridays, 2.30pm to 4pm in the HPS Lodge. Organised by Marina Frasca-Spada, Nick Jardine and Signe Nipper Nielsen.

15 February Lisa Mullins: History and narrative

German Therapy

German Therapy in Lent Term will be on Wednesdays at 9am in the HPS Lodge.

German Therapy is open to anyone who would like to learn how to read and understand original German sources and discuss possibilities of translating them to English. Last term we read and translated Wittgenstein’s Philosophical Investigations and a short text by Kant. Members are very welcome to bring a text which is currently part of their research. We also do exercises to improve or brush up our grammar and reading skills. The course does not require an advanced level of German. All are welcome to attend. For further information please contact Mirjam Brusius.
Scientific Images Discussion Group

The group aims to deal with the methods, treatment and interpretation of scientific images. We will work with original objects and paintings in the Fitzwilliam and the Whipple Museum and also give students the opportunity to present papers on images that are part of their research.

Meetings will take place fortnightly, Thursdays 10-11.30am, Seminar Room 1, HPS. Each presenter will choose a text to be prepared by the group for their topic. You will find these texts a week in advance in the group’s box in the Whipple Library.

The topic this term will be ‘Art and Science in the 17th and 18th centuries in Northern Europe’. One talk in each session will be related to this topic. In the second part of the session presenters can bring their own image to discuss, no matter which region and period.

If you want to give any talk next term, join the group, or be put on the mailing list, please contact us. Organised by Mirjam Brusius.

Wednesday 23 January, 11am-12.30pm, new courtyard entrance (left) Fitzwilliam Museum, visit of the exhibition ‘From Reason to Revolution: Art and Society in Eighteenth-Century Britain’
1. Etching by Valentine Green, after the painting by Joseph Wright, ‘Experiment with an Airpump’ (Alexander Wragge-Morley, HPS)

7 February
1. Talk on methods for image research (Geoff Belknap, HPS)
2. Robert Hooke’s “Micrographia” (Alexander Wragge-Morley, HPS)

21 February
1. Anamorphoses (Chitra Ramalingam, Department of the History of Science, Harvard University)
2. Exhibiting Difference: A Portrait of George Alexander Gratton the ‘Spotted Negro Boy’ (Temi Odumosu, Department of History of Art)

6 March
1. Mogg’s Celestial Sphere (1813): The Construction of Polite Astronomy (Katie Taylor, HPS)
2. ‘Simultaneous equations’. On a plate from ‘The method of fluxions and infinite series: with its application to the geometry of curve-lines / By the inventor Sir Isaac Newton, as translated by John Colson (1736)” (David Allan Feller, HPS)
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Departmental Seminars

Seminars are held on Thursdays from 4.30 to 6.00pm in Seminar Room 2, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, Free School Lane, Cambridge. There is tea beforehand from 4pm in Seminar Room 1. Organised by Lauren Kassell.

1 May  Andrew Barker (University of Birmingham)
Rolling up the history of a science: Greek musical theorists on their predecessors

Like other ancient scientists and philosophers, Greek musical theorists comment from time to time on the work of earlier writers. This paper is an attempt to explore some aspects of their treatment of them, and in particular the extent to which we can credit them with a recognisably ‘historical’ perspective. I shall first sketch in outline the approaches taken by a few individual theorists, treating them as representative of different schools of thought and different periods. I shall conclude that they show very little sign of interest in the ways in which the discipline has developed over time, in the relative chronology of the predecessors they mention, or in the ways in which their ideas and approaches differ; and they rarely quote directly from their writings. I shall suggest some broad-brush explanations of why they proceed as they do. Then I shall look in rather more detail at one exceptional case. There is one writer who mentions the work of earlier ‘authorities’ very much more frequently than most, and adorns his presentation with a lavish selection of quotations from them; the writer is Porphyry, in his commentary on Ptolemy’s Harmonics. Aside from his habit of frequent quotation, however, we shall find very similar symptoms even in Porphyry, and we shall find reasons for pressing the question why he incorporates such a rich harvest of quotations into his text, as others do not. The reasons he offers himself are thoroughly unconvincing.

8 May  John Dupré (University of Exeter)
What is an organism?

Although philosophers of biology have spent considerable effort problematizing such key biological concepts as the gene and the species, they have generally treated the organism as fairly unproblematic. This talk aims to end this complacency. Recent work on symbiosis, especially with regard to the typical functioning of microbes in multispecies communities (biofilms) and in mutualistic relation with the more charismatic eukaryotes that have always attracted more than their fair share of attention, suggests that the lines we draw round cooperating groups of cells to demarcate organisms are, if not arbitrary, at least underdetermined. What we call an organism is a cooperative aggregation of diverse lineages, but there is no unequivocal criterion for which of these are part of the whole. Or so I shall argue.

15 May  Sylvia Berryman (University of British Columbia)
The ‘mechanical hypothesis’ in Ancient Greek natural philosophy

I argue that the impact of the mechanics of the Hellenistic period on ancient natural philosophy has been underappreciated, and that the reasons for its rejection by the philosophical schools of late antiquity need to be re-examined. Traces of a ‘mechanical hypothesis’ can be found in late antiquity; attention to this helps us understand the role of the discipline of mechanics in the history of natural philosophy. The reason for the Neoplatonist rejection of the generality of mechanical theory stem from some unsolved problems and counter evidence, rather than a blanket rejection of mechanics as mere art, as marvellous, or as working ‘against nature’.

29 May  James Delbourgo (McGill University and Visiting Fellow, CRASSH)
Slavery in the cabinet of curiosities: Hans Sloane’s Atlantic world

The history of science has rarely if ever explored the links between making natural knowledge and the practice of African slavery in the early modern era. Science and slavery would seem to have represented opposite extremes of hierarchies of work and skill: the agency of rational ingenuity versus the regimented command of productive hands and bodies. By the eighteenth century, figurative chains of being contrasted the apex of Newtonian genius with the nadir of ‘Hottentot savagery’. The varied career of the naturalist-collector Hans Sloane (1660-1753) provides a rich opportunity to explore how worlds of slavery and science were, however, connected rather than separate. Best known for assembling the collection of natural specimens and artificial curiosities that formed the basis of the British Museum, Sloane spent fifteen months in Jamaica during 1687-1689 and, in the aftermath of this voyage, appears to have become the first person in western Europe to collect, preserve and describe artefacts pertaining specifically to slavery: nooses and whips to discipline and execute Africans; their musical instruments and culinary utensils; clothing and weaponry used by Maroon rebels in Jamaica; and also African human remains, including skin, foetal and genital material. Sloane thus anticipated abolitionist campaigners later in the century, who collected and displayed the instruments of enslavement. His career invites exploration of how slavery was made public through objects of curiosity well before abolitionist debates made such artefacts triggers of political concern. The paper aims to raise several related questions: how slavery both supported the practice of natural science and stimulated thinking about ‘race’; how natural history’s
regimes of collection, description and preservation enabled invisible instruments of economic utility to become visible objects of curiosity and, ultimately, politics; and how enslaved African agency both made and contested knowledge in the Atlantic world.

12 June  
**Serafina Cuomo (Birkbeck, University of London)**  
A Roman engineer’s tales

I will look at one object, a broken column found in Algeria and dating from the second century AD, from three different points of view, with the aim of exploring the various ways in which we can write the history of ancient technology today. The column is inscribed on its three sides, and tells the story of Nonius Datus, a military engineer who designed and, over the years, guided the completion of an aqueduct in the ancient Roman town of Saldae, on the Algerian coast. Firstly, I will look at how the column can be, and has been, used to derive ‘straightforward’ information about aqueducts, tunnels and water supply administration in Roman times. Next, I will explore the ways in which technology can be considered an instrument of empire, and reveal the afterlife of Nonius Datus’ column in the nineteenth century, when the French army engineers decided to provide Saldae (by then Bougie) with a new aqueduct. Finally, I will focus on Nonius Datus as an individual, and on what he (emphasize he) may have thought he was doing by leaving a ‘technological’ monument behind.

**Thirteenth Annual Hans Rausing Lecture**

**John Krige (Georgia Institute of Technology)**  
Shaping postwar Europe: science, technology and American soft power  
Thursday 22 May at 4.30pm, Mill Lane Lecture Room 1

**Cabinet of Natural History**

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28 April  
**Neil Rennie (University College London)**  
Mary Read and Anne Bonny: two eighteenth-century pirates

12 May  
**Stéphane Schmitt (Université Paris Diderot)**  
Buffon and Martinet’s *Natural History of Birds* (1765-1783): text, images and collections

Wed 14 May  
**Ralph Kingston (Auburn University)**  
Trip to Stowe landscape gardens

19 May  
**Patricia Fara (Clare College and HPS, Cambridge)**  
Spaces of geography in early nineteenth-century Paris

26 May  
**Michael Stevens (University of Otago)**  
Triangulations: poetry, plants and politics in the late eighteenth century

2 June  
**Garden Party: 12noon in Gonville and Caius Fellows’ Garden**  
Featuring an informal talk by **David Allan Feller (HPS, Cambridge)**: ‘The Memoirs and Natural History Observations of Ox, an English Dogge and Traveler’

**Psy Studies**

**History of Psychiatry, Psychology, Psychoanalysis and Allied Sciences**

Seminars are held on Wednesdays at 5pm – but note the early start for Barbara Wurm’s talk – in Seminar Room 2. Tea is available from 4.40pm. All welcome. Organised by John Forrester and Deborah Thom.

30 April  
**Barbara Wurm (Internationales Forschungszentrum Kulturwissenschaften, Vienna)**  
The psycho-reflexology of film: Soviet non-fiction cinema of the 1920s  
At 4.30, prior to the talk, Barbara Wurm will show an edited version of *Mekhanika golovnogo mozga (The Mechanics of the Brain)* by Vsevolod Pudovkin, USSR 1925/26. Her paper will follow on directly.

14 May  
**Gavin Miller (Manchester Metropolitan University)**  
Scottish psychotherapy: communion, community and communication
Relativism Group

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6 May  Hazim Shah (University of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur) will give a talk entitled ‘Science, Modernity and Universalism: The Janus Face of Modern Science’.


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This term we will be exploring science and poetry. In the first three meetings, we will look at Robert Crawford (ed.), Contemporary Poetry and Contemporary Science (OUP, 2006). A copy of the book is available on reserve in the Whipple Library. We will explore the whole book, but in particular the following. Please feel free to bring along other poems that you would like to discuss.

28 April Miroslav Holub, ‘Rampage, or Science in Poetry’ (pp. 11-24)
Robert Crawford, ‘Biology’, with introduction by Rona R. Ramsay (pp. 69-71)

12 May Jocelyn Bell Burnell, ‘Astronomy and Poetry’ (pp. 125-140)
John Burnside, ‘Steinar Undir Steinahlithium’, with introduction by R.M.M. Crawford (pp. 107-109)

26 May Kay Redfield Jamison, ‘Contemporary Psychology and Contemporary Poetry: Perspectives on Mood Disorders’ (pp. 191-203)
Paul Muldoon, ‘Once I looked into your eyes’, with introduction by Warren S. Warren (pp. 167-169)

9 June The final meeting will be a creative writing workshop. Please bring along your own poems and writings! We hope to have a creative writing tutor present, to facilitate the discussion.

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30 April Katie Taylor (HPS, Cambridge)
Thomas Digges’ astronomy

Thu 15 May Patrick Boner (Bayerische Akademie der Wissenschaften)
Finding favour in the heavens and earth: Georg Stadius, Johannes Kepler and the composition of astrological calendars in early modern Graz

28 May Lydia Wilson (HPS, Cambridge)
The natural and the divine in Al-Farabi’s classification of knowledge

11 June Valentina Pugliano (University of Oxford)
‘In shape vnparfett that nature hathe not drest’: vision, experience and incongruous anatomies in early modern England
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7 May Elly Kingma (HPS, Cambridge)
A social construction of health

21 May Paul Dicken (HPS, Cambridge)
Constructive empiricism as an epistemological thesis

4 June Sasha Mudd (HPS, Cambridge)
Reason in action: a Kantian view of norms

Metaphysics of Science Reading Group

The group will meet four times fortnightly this term, Mondays 1.00-2.30pm in the HPS Lodge. We will be reading from Cause and Chance: Causation in an Indeterministic World, edited by Paul Noordhof and Phil Dowe. The book is on reserve in the Whipple Library and photocopies are also available for easy copying (since the book is only available in hardback). All welcome. Organised by Alex Broadbent.

28 April ‘Counterfactuals and the benefit of hindsight’ by Dorothy Edgington
12 May ‘Chance-lowering causes’ by Phil Dowe
26 May ‘Routes, process and chance-lowering causes’ by Christopher Hitchcock
9 June ‘Prospects for a counterfactual theory of causation’ by Paul Noordhof

Latin Therapy

The Latin Therapy Group meets on Fridays at 4pm in the HPS Lodge to practise the art of translation, improve our Latin grammar, and determine who deserves more sympathy on account of the difficulty of their sources – all in a mutually supportive environment!

Each week we study a classical, medieval or early modern text related to the history of science, often selected by members of the group as part of their research. We warm up with a short introductory piece before moving onto the main text – aiming to produce a working translation each week. Latin texts are circulated in advance, and further support is provided by our language tutor, Debby Banham. All are welcome to attend, however rusty your Latin.

From time to time the group also organises social events and field trips. Details of past events and publications, together with a host of Latin-related links and resources, can be found on the group’s website at www.hps.cam.ac.uk/latintherapy.

For more information, and to be added to the mailing list, please contact Jenny Rampling.

German Therapy

German Therapy is open to anyone who would like to learn how to read and understand original German sources and discuss possibilities of translating them to English. Last term we read and translated Wittgenstein’s Philosophische Untersuchungen and some short texts by Kant and Heidegger. Members are very welcome to bring a text which is currently part of their research. We also do exercises to improve or brush up our grammar and reading skills. The course does not require an advanced level of German. All are welcome to attend.

Meetings will take place on Thursdays, 9.00-10.30am in Seminar Room 1, starting on 24 April. The texts can be found in the German Therapy box in the Whipple Library. We will translate a short extract of Nietzsche’s Fröhliche Wissenschaft on 24 April (please prepare).

For further information please contact Mirjam Brusius.
History and Theory Reading Group

The group will discuss articles (their own, and those of others) relating to problems of historical research, interpretation, explanation and narration. Articles will be placed well in advance in a History and Theory box in the Whipple.

We meet on Fridays, 2.30pm to 4pm in the HPS Lodge. Organised by Signe Nipper Nielsen.

2 May  John Forrester: Metaphors in history and science: history of memory, history as memory

16 May  Iris Montero Sobrevilla: The peripheral/postcolonial standpoint

30 May  Paul White: Emotional economies

Scientific Images Discussion Group

This seminar aims to discuss the relationship between history and philosophy of science and the visual image. Almost all of us come across scientific images in our research; there is, however, no clear consensus of how best to incorporate visualisation into fields of studies. If we do not want to consider scientific images merely as illustrations of a text, how can we use appropriate methods and concepts in order to get results beyond the pure text? The group aims to face these challenges and deal with the methods, treatment and interpretation of scientific images, that will include images as a constitutional part of knowledge and evidence as well as images of the fine arts reflecting science. All welcome.

Meetings will take place four times each term, Thursdays, 11am-1pm in Seminar Room 1. Each presenter will choose a text to be prepared by the group for their topic. You will find these texts a week in advance in the group’s box in the Whipple Library.

If you want to give a talk, join the group, or be put on the mailing list, please contact Mirjam Brusius.

24 April  1. ‘Editing early-modern astronomical diagrams’ (Boris Jardine)
2. ‘Jan Vermeer’s images of scientists and Pascal’s “esprit de finesse”: art, philosophy and science in the Dutch Golden Age’ (Mirjam Brusius)
8 May  1. ‘Portrait of a spark: William Armstrong’s photographs of electricity (1897)’ (Chitra Ramalingam)
2. ‘The problem with periodicals in the 19th century’ (Geoff Belknap)
22 May  ‘Guide dogs for the sighted: the role of canis familiaris in constructing images of Victorian town and country’ (Allison Ksiazkiewicz, David Allan Feller)
12 June  1. ‘Topographical anatomy and the visual culture of Edinburgh obstetrics’ (Salim Al-Gailani)
2. ‘Modernist aesthetics, Marxist science’ (Boris Jardine)

Kant Reading Group

The Kant Reading Group will be meeting on Tuesdays, 1.00–2.30pm in the HPS Lodge. Everyone welcome! For more information, or if you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Angela Breitenbach.