The Department

Introduction

This 2013-14 annual report for the Department of History and Philosophy of Science (HPS) provides just a flavour of the many events that have happened this year. One of the main projects for the Department was the REF (Research Excellence Framework) submission, the results of which will be announced in December. The Department, as in previous exercises, submitted its staff and documentation to the Philosophy Unit of Assessment (32B). The results break down into three categories: Outputs; Impact; & Research Environment. The 2014-15 annual report will announce the results of the REF.

There were a number of achievements this year; most notably Simon Schaffer was awarded the Sarton Medal, the highest honour of the History of Science Society. This medal is given annually for lifetime scholarly achievement in the field of history of science. Besides outlining the remarkable range of his publications and his contributions to public awareness of the history of science, the award citation notes that Simon is “a dedicated and inspirational teacher, a cherished collaborator, a supportive advisor to droves of (undergraduate and graduate) students and colleagues alike, and a loyal friend.”

Other members of the Department were also to be congratulated this year: Anna Alexandrova won an Early Career Fellowship at CRASSH (Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities) for Easter term; Lauren Kassell was promoted to Reader in History of Science and Medicine and Tim Lewens was promoted to Professor. This year was clearly Tim’s year, as he was also appointed to a half-time post as Deputy Director of CRASSH for three years and he gave his Inaugural Lecture on Nature, Culture and Philosophy, which took place in June. It was followed by the Department’s very popular Garden Party at Peterhouse.

Celebrations of a different kind happened in December when the Department held ‘Cunninghamfest’, a 1-day event to honour the work of Andrew Cunningham. The programme involved talks from Ole Grell, Sachiko Kusukawa and Nick Jardine. Andrew was one of our Wellcome Trust Research Fellows in History of Medicine; he retired in December 2013 but will still be doing some lectures in the future.
Our PhD students have had a successful year as well. Leah Astbury was awarded first prize for her paper on 'Caring for Newborns in Early Modern England' in the Social History Society postgraduate conference paper competition. It will be published online and invited for submission as an article for the Society's journal, Cultural and Social History. William Carruthers was awarded a one-year Max Weber Fellowship at the Department of History and Civilization at the European University Institute in Florence, starting 1 September. He'll be extending his work on the development of the archaeology in Egypt during the Cold War, particularly in relation to the UNESCO-backed archaeological salvage campaigns of the 1960s in Egyptian and Sudanese Nubia. Jenny Bangham won an international prize for her thesis, which will be awarded in October 2014. The book exhibition on Crania Americana curated by James Poskett can be visited in the Whipple Library. Further student awards can be read in the Prizes, Projects and Honours section of the report on page 11.

More can be read on James Poskett’s exhibition in the Whipple Library’s report on page 31. This informative account covers the activities of the Library for the year, everything from affiliation with the University Library to involvement in the Cambridge Open Days.

The Whipple Museum has had another busy year with gallery developments, exhibitions and several popular outreach events, which have received some really positive feedback. The Museum’s report can be found on page 38.

We were fortunate enough to welcome two new University Teaching Officers into the Department this year. Richard Staley joined at the start of the academic year as University Lecturer in History and Philosophy of Science (Raising Lectureship). Richard has a PhD from Cambridge and was a Research Fellow on the
Department’s project on ‘Project on Innovation in Germany and Britain: Science, Technology and Society 1870-1920’ in the early 1990s, so it was lovely to welcome him back.

Marta Halina arrived in September 2014 ready to start in the next academic year. Marta came from the Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology Program at Washington University in St. Louis where she was a postdoctoral fellow. She accepted the appointment in HPS as University Lecturer in Philosophy of Psychology and Cognitive Science.

We also welcomed several other new (and returning) people: Boyd Brogan, Lorena Bushell, Clare Griffin, Marion Godman, Daniel Mitchell, Josh Nall, Jesse Olszynko-Gryn, Emma Perkins, Eran Tal and Gabriella Zuccolin. We said farewell to: Laura Dawes, Rohan Deb Roy, Elselijn Kingma, Hannah Newton, Chitra Ramalingam, Jenny Rampling, Andreas Sommer and Silvie Zamazalová. We hope that those who have left found their experience at the Department to be enriching and those that are arriving will take full advantage of the time they spend with us.

This report allows us to reflect on the contributions of the members of the Department, recognising the successes and achievements of everyone. This year the Department has enjoyed a rich and diverse culture, which ensures that we remain at the forefront of what we do and enables us to maintain our international reputation for exceptional teaching and research for many years to come.
Staff and Affiliates

Administrative Staff
Tamara Hug
Agnieszka Lanucha
Louisa Russell
David Thompson

Computing Staff
Mark Rogers

Library Staff
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Agnieszka Lanucha
Dawn Moutrey

Museum Staff
Steven Kruse
Alison Smith
Claire Wallace
Vashka dos Remedios

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Anna Alexandrova
Hasok Chang
Helen Curry
John Forrester
Nick Hopwood
Stephen John
Lauren Kassell
Tim Lewens
Simon Schaffer
Jim Secord
Liba Taub

Research Fellows and Teaching Associates
Scott Anthony
Salim Al-Gailani
Christina Benninghaus
Adrian Boutel
Chris Clarke
Andrew Cunningham
Rohan Deb Roy
Marion Godman
Clare Griffin
Elizabeth Hannon
Mike Hawkins
Ruth Horry
Natalie Kaoukji
Tiago Mata
Richard McKay
Daniel Mitchell
Hannah Newton
Jesse Olszynko-Gryn
Emma Perkins
Valentina Pugliano
Rob Rayley
Jennifer Rampling
Chitra Ramalingam
Andrea Salter
Andreas Sommer
Tomás Undurraga
John Young
Silvie Zamazalová

Affiliated Lecturers & CTOs
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Marina Frasca-Spada
Sachiko Kusukawa
Richard Serjeantson
Deborah Thom

College Fellows
Jonathon Birch
Jeremy Butterfield
David Feller
Peter Jones
Melanie Keene
Simon Mitton
Leon Rocha
Frances Willmoth

Emeritus Professors
German Berrios
Nick Jardine
Geoffrey Lloyd
Michael Redhead

Other UoC People who do HPS
Sara Baker
Nazim Bouatta
Michael Bravo
Angela Breitenbach
Adam Caulton
Tim Crane
Rebecca Fleming
Joel Isaac
Martin Johnson
Tony Lawson
David Leith
Lee Macdonald
Scott Mandelbrote
Peter Mandler
Alexander Marr
Francis Neary
Brian Pitts
Huw Price
Sujit Sivasundaram
David Sloan
Richard Smith
Emma Spar
Simon Szreter
Nic Teh

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Robert Anderson
Lisa Appignanesi
Debby Banham
Andrew Barry
Sanjoy Bhattacharya
Peter Bowler
Elma Brenner
Alex Broadbent
Kevin Brosnan
Janet Browne
Robert Bud
Tatjana Buklijas
Khadija Carroll La
Cristina Chimisso
Soraya de Chadarevian
Cristina Chimisso
Gloria Clifton
Alix Cohen
Peter Collins
Christopher Cullen
Silvia De Renzi
Katie Eagleton
Michael Edwards
Nader El-Bizri
Roger Gaskell
Sacha Golob
Jeremy Gray
Ole Grell
Philippa Hardman
Anne Harrington
Sonia Horn
Gill Hudson
Shelley Innes
Catherine Jami
Richard Jennings
Ludmilla Jordanova
Martin Kusch
Gerald Kutcher
Emese Lafferton
Elaine Leong
David Leith
Chris Lewis
Helen Macdonald
Lara Marks
Anita McConnell
Christina McLeish
James Moore
Adam Mosley
Ayesha Nathoo
Jaume Navarro
Onora O'Neill
John Parker
Alison Pearn
Sadiah Qureshi
Martin Rudwick
Staff and Affiliates

Christine Salazar  Laurence Totelin  Daniel Wilson
Anne Secord  Martin Underwood  Catherine Wilson
Alistair Sponsel  Andrew Wear  Lydia Wilson
Mark Sprevak  Rick Welch  Eli Zahar
Jacqueline Stedall  Paul White
Rebecca Stott  Sarah Wilmot

Beth Hannon and Vashka dos Remedios
Visitors and Students

Visiting Scholars and Students
José Ramón Marcaida
Miquel Carandell Baruzzi
Christina Brandt
Ken Corbett
Matteo Corso
Laura Di Paolo
Eduardo Escobar
Stuart Firestein
Clara Florensia
Federico Morganti
Crosbie Smith
David Teplow
Christina Toren

PhD students
Leah Astbury
Shahar Avin
Megan Barford
Katy Barrett
Riana Betzler
Ramona Braun
Sophie Brockmann
Toby Bryant
Michael Bycroft
Andrew Buskell
William Carruthers
Stephen Courtney
Catlin Doherty
Matthew Drage
Sebastian Falk
Carl Fisher
James Hall
Stephen Irish
Magali Krasny
Natalie Lawrence
Esther Momcilovic
Dmitriy Myelnikov
Eóin Phillips
James Poskett
Emma Pyle
Timothy Rees-Jones
Vashka dos Remedios

Alix Rogers
Christophe Schinckus
Kathryn Schoeft
Arianne Shahvisi
Minwoo Seo
Reuben Shiels
Tillmann Taape
Christopher Wagner
Michelle Wallis
Sophie Waring
Katharine Zimmerman
Lena Zuchowski

MPhil students
Julie Barzilay
Marion Boulicault
Alessa Colaiani
Brian Earp
Timothy Hyland
Michael McGovern
Raj Patel
Matthew Penfold
Daniel Simpson
Cynthia Tsay
Jack Wright

Part III students
Edward Bankes
Jenny Bulstrode
Filip Drnovsek Zorko
Abby Gibb
Juliet Griffin
Matthew Hay
James Hynard
Jessica Morley
Emma Naughton
Anna Robinson
Athiban Selvackadunco
Alice Udale-Smith
Jacob Waller
Owen Waugh

Part II students
Karolina Adamkiewicz
Markus Anderl Jung

Magali Krasny
and Andrea Salter
Comings and Goings

Boyd Brogan joined in September 2014 as a Research Associate working on Lauren Kassell’s Casebooks Project
Lorena Bushell started in January 2014 as the Whipple Museum’s new Learning Co-ordinator
Andrew Cunningham retired in December 2013
Laura Dawes left in November 2013 moving on to be a visiting scholar at CHSTM in Manchester
Rohan Deb-Roy also left in November 2013 to join the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science as a Postdoctoral Fellow
Clare Griffin joined as a Wellcome Trust Research Fellow in September 2013
Marta Halina accepted the appointment of University Lecturer in Philosophy of Psychology and Cognitive Science taking up the post in September 2014
Marion Godman joined the Department as a Teaching Associate in Philosophy of Science, starting in Michaelmas term 2013
Elselijn Kingma left in August 2013 and went on to work for the University of Southampton
Daniel Mitchell arrived in October 2013 as a Research Fellow
Josh Nall was appointed Assistant Curator in October 2013
Hannah Newton left in September 2014 and went on to work for the University of Reading
Jesse Olszynko-Gryn took on the role of Research Associate in History of Reproduction from October 2013
Emma Perkins became the new Research Associate working on the Diagrams, Figures and the Transformation of Astronomy, 1450-1650 project in October 2013. Her position ended in September 2014
Chitra Ramalingam left in August 2014 to become a lecturer in History of Science and Medicine at Yale and a Research Associate at the Yale Center for British Art
Jenny Rampling was appointed to the position of Assistant Professor in History at Princeton University, leaving the Department to take up the post in January 2014
Andreas Sommer left in May 2014 and was elected into a Junior Research Fellowship at Churchill College, Cambridge in October 2014
Richard Staley arrived in September 2013 as a University Lecturer in the History and Philosophy of Science
Eran Tal joined as a Marie Curie Fellow in July 2014
Silvie Zamazalová joined in October 2013 for six months as a Research Associate working on Eleanor Robson’s project
Gabriella Zuccolin came to the Department in February 2014 as a Wellcome Research Fellow

Josh Nall with one of our MPhil students
Roles and Responsibilities

Departmental Positions

Head of Department: Professor Jim Secord
Administrative Officer: Ms Tamara Hug
Director of Graduate Studies: Dr Nick Hopwood
MPhil Manager: Dr Lauren Kassell
Part III Manager: Dr Stephen John
Part II Manager: Professor Simon Schaffer
Part IB Manager: Dr Anna Alexandrova (M), Dr Helen Curry (L&E)
Staff Development Officer: Professor Jim Secord
Dignity Officer: Professor Hasok Chang and Professor Liba Taub
College Liaison Officer: Dr Anna Alexandrova
Chair Monitoring Committee: Professor Simon Schaffer
Graduate Training Officer: Dr Anna Alexandrova (M), Professor Hasok Chang (L&E)

HPS Board and Degree Committee

Chair of the HPS Board: Professor Simon Schaffer
Chair of the HPS Degree Committee: Dr Nick Hopwood
Professors and Readers: Professors John Forrester, Hasok Chang, Lauren Kassell, Tim Lewens, Jim Secord, Liba Taub
Curator and Director of the Whipple Museum: Professor Liba Taub
Secretary of the Board and Secretary of the Degree Committee: Ms Tamara Hug
Librarian: Ms Anna Jones
General Board Members: Professors Peter Mandler and Huw Price
Co-options: Drs Anna Alexandrova, Helen Curry
Elected Members: Mr Peter Jones, Dr Marina Frasca Spada, Dr Sachiko Kusukawa and Dr Christopher Clarke
Junior Members: Undergraduates: Ella Raff (Emmanuel), Edward Bankes (Pembroke) Graduate: Julie Barzilay (Darwin)

Philosophy Faculty Board

HPS Representative: Dr Stephen John

Examiners

NST Part IB History and Philosophy of Science
Senior Examiner: Professor Hasok Chang
Examiners: Professor Simon Schaffer, Drs Nick Hopwood, Helen Curry, Adrian Boutel and Marina Frasca Spada
NST Part II History and Philosophy of Science including BBS History and Ethics of Medicine

Senior Examiner: Dr Lauren Kassell
External Examiner: Dr Staffan Müller Wille (Exeter)
Examiners: Drs Stephen John, Richard Staley, Salim Al Gailani, Daniel Mitchell, Chris Clarke, Marion Godman and Professor Nicholas Jardine

MPhil/Part III in History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science, Technology and Medicine

Senior Examiners: Dr Helen Curry
External Examiners: Dr Emma Tobin (UCL)

Members of the Department enjoying the Garden Party at Peterhouse
**Prizes, Projects and Honours**

**Student Prizes**

*Alessandra Colaianni* and *Michael McGovern* were awarded the 11th Annual Rausing Prize for the best MPhil dissertations of the year.

*Michael McGovern* was awarded the 17th Annual Jennifer Redhead Prize for the best overall performance on the Essays component of the MPhil in History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science, Technology and Medicine.

*Shedeh Javadzadeh* and *Lara Spencer* were awarded the Jacob Bronowski Prize for the best overall performance in the HPS Part II course.

*Naomi Clothier* was awarded the Frances Willmoth Prize for the best performance in the dissertation component of the History and Philosophy of Science Part II course.

*Filip Drnovsek Zorko* was the winner of the Peter Lipton Prize for the best overall performance in the History and Philosophy of Science Part III course.

**New Research Projects**

**Wellcome Trust**

The Wellcome Trust has made a three-year Strategic Award of just over a million pounds for completion of the Casebooks Project.
Seminars and Special Lectures

Wellcome Lecture

Malcolm Nicolson (University of Glasgow) delivered the ninth Cambridge Wellcome Lecture in the History of Medicine on 16 January 2015 on ‘The clinic of the birth: obstetric ultrasound, medical innovation and the clinicoanatomical Project’

Rausing Lecture

Professor Gabrielle Hecht from the University of Michigan delivered the nineteenth Annual Hans Rausing Lecture in the McCrum Lecture Theatre, Bene’t Street on the subject “Waste, Value and Radioactive Excess in Africa”

Seminars, Graduate Workshops, Reading and Discussion Groups, and Language Groups

Departmental Seminars in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science organised by Helen Curry
Research Topics and Resources Seminars organised by Anna Alexandrova and Hasok Chang
Early Medicine Seminars organised by Lauren Kassell
History of Modern Medicine and Biology Seminars organised by Nick Hopwood and Helen Curry
Generation to Reproduction Seminars organised by Nick Hopwood and Lauren Kassell
Cabinet of Natural History organised by Natalie Lawrence
Twentieth Century Think Tank organised by Richard Staley
CamPoS organised by Huw Price, Jeremy Butterfield and Hasok Chang
Global Science (at CRASSH) organised by James Poskett, James Hall and others
Things: Comparing Material Cultures, 1500–1900 (at CRASSH) organised by Michelle Wallis, Lesley Steinitz and Sophie Waring
Field Notes: Histories of Archaeology and Anthropology (at CRASSH) organised by William Carruthers and others
HPS History Workshop organised by Andreas Sommer and Seb Falk
HPS Philosophy Workshop organised by Toby Bryant
Science in Print: Understanding Book Production from the Sixteenth to the Nineteenth Centuries organised by Roger Gaskell, Anna Jones and Jim Secord
Aims and Methods of Histories of the Sciences organised by Nick Jardine
Philosophy of Chemistry organised by Hasok Chang
Clouds and Climate Change organised by Richard Staley
Nature and Culture Reading Group organised by Beth Hannon and Christopher Clarke
Coffee with Scientists organised by Hasok Chang
History and Theory Reading Group organised by Megan Barford, Caitlin Doherty, Minwoo Seo and Eóin Phillips
Calculating People: A History and Philosophy of Social Science Reading Group organised by Hasok Chang and Anna Alexandrova
Twentieth Century Reading Group organised by Dmitriy Myelnikov and Kathryn Schoefert

Generation to Reproduction Reading Group organised by Nick Hopwood

Philosophy and History of Physics Reading Group organised by Hasok Chang, Nazim Bouatta and Jeremy Butterfield

Science and Literature Reading Group (at Clare College) organised by Liz Smith, Esther Momcilovic, Daniel Friesner, Julie Barzilay and Melanie Keene

Twentieth Century Think Tank organised by Noemi Tousignant, Branwyn Polekett and John Manton

AD HOC organised by Hasok Chang, Jenny Rampling and Anke Timmermann

Philosophy of Psychology Reading Group organised by Riana Betzler

CamPhor – Cambridge Phenomenology Reading Group organised by Andrew Buskell

Kant Reading Group organised by Thomas Land and Angela Breitenbach

Philosophy of Psychology Reading Group organised by Riana Betzler

Latin Therapy organised by Seb Falk

Greek Therapy organised by Liz Smith
Students

**Student Statistics**

Undergraduates
- Part IB .............................................54
- Part II ..............................................40
- Part II BBS: History and Ethics of Medicine ........................................15
- Part III ...........................................13

Graduates
- MPhil ...........................................11
- PhD .............................................53

**Examination Results**

**Part II**
- 1 .....................................................15 (37.5%)
- 2i ..................................................23 (57.5%)
- 2ii ............................................... 2 (5%)
- 3 ................................................... 0
- Fail ..............................................0

**Part II BBS: History and Ethics of Medicine**
- 1 .....................................................2 (13%)
- 2i ..................................................10 (67%)
- 2ii ............................................... 3 (20%)
- 3 ................................................... 0
- Fail ..............................................0

**Part IB**
- 1 .....................................................11 (20%)
- 2i ..................................................22 (41%)
- 2ii ...............................................19 (35%)
- 3 ...................................................1 (2%)
- Fail ..............................................1 (2%)

**Graduate Degrees Awarded**
- MPhil degrees awarded....................11
- Part III degrees awarded ..............13
- PhD degrees award .........................13
Part II Essay and Dissertation Titles

Primary Source Essays

Chaucer’s Treatise on the Astrolabe
- A discussion of the diagrams in Chaucer’s Treatise on the Astrolabe
- Who was Chaucer’s Treatise on the Astrolabe really written for?
- Why did so many manuscripts of the Treatise on the Astrolabe survive?
- A comparison of Chaucer’s ‘Treatise on the Astrolabe’ and Pèlerin de Prusse’s ‘Pratique de astralabe’

Astrological Casebooks
- Mental illness in Simon Forman’s casebooks
- Why was Simon Forman so popular?
- Evidence for the use of non-astrological signs in pregnancy cases from Simon Forman’s astrological casebooks
- Magic, sigils and witchcraft in Simon Forman’s casebooks
- Controversy and success: Simon Forman and the College of Physicians
- Witchcraft in Simon Forman’s casebooks
- "Will I have any children?" - an exploration of the ‘fertility’ cases in Simon Forman’s casebooks

The Board of Longitude: Materials and Documents
- John Harrison’s continuing attempts to secure the reward for the discovery of the longitude
- Is Jeremy Thacker’s ‘Longitudes Examin’d’ a genuine proposal, and why has it taken so long for its authenticity to be questioned?
- The Longitudes Examin’d: re-examin’d
- The success of a failed satire: Jeremy Thacker’s The Longitudes Examin’d
- Sycophants and critics: attitudes to the Board of Longitude as presented in British newspapers, 1714-1800
- Longitude: espionage and discovery
- Maskelyne’s objections to Harrison evaluated
- How did the London newspapers shape perceptions of the activities of the Board of Longitude in 1765?
- Did Maskelyne intentionally undermine Harrison’s chronometer?
- The strategies of John Harrison

Mach’s Contributions to the Analysis of Sensations
- "Cogito ergo sum”? Analysis of the understanding of self in Mach’s Analysis of the Sensations and comparison of Mach’s understanding of the self to other authors

Edwards, Bavister and Steptoe: IVF
- 'Test-tube timebomb': ‘The early stages of fertilisation in vitro of human oocytes matured in vitro' and the 1960s biological revolution
- The initial response of Christian churches in Britain to Edwards, Bavister and Steptoe's 1969
The British Catholic response to the 1969 Nature paper 'Early stages of fertilization in vitro of human oocytes matured in vitro'  
How, and to what extent, did Edwards, Bavister and Steptoe convince scientists in Britain and America that they had successfully achieved human in vitro fertilisation in 1969?  
Feminist assessments of the significance of the Edwards et al 1969 paper  
A comparison of assessments of 'Early stages of fertilisation in vitro of human oocytes matured in vitro' by Robert Edwards and Patrick Steptoe and Gena Corea  
How did journalists and newspaper readers react to the news in 1969 of the team in Cambridge fertilising an egg in a test-tube?  
'Early stages of fertilization in vitro of human oocytes matured in vitro' and the changing face of Nature in the 1960s

The Stanford School  
- Is the disunity of science dangerous?  
- Can virtue epistemology provide a demarcation criterion?  
- Is Sandra Mitchell's 'Integrative Plurality' compatible with John Dupré's conception of an ontologically pluralistic and disunified science?  
- Responses from relativism to Cartwright  
- Epistemological lessons from The Disorder of Things

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change  
- Does Kahan et al's Cultural Cognition theory explain the politically partisan responses to the IPCC's factual claims?  
- How does the perceived audience of the IPCC AR4 Synthesis Report affect its structure, and does it succeed in speaking to that audience?  
- Complexity or clarity: the problems facing the IPCC in the communication of probabilities  
- Can and should the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) be politically neutral?  
- Rehabilitating the ad hominem: an exploration of argumentation in the context of debates on the IPCC and climate change  
- The IPCC's Fourth Assessment Report: political player vs higher-level arbiter when compared with Al Gore's An Inconvenient Truth  
- Does the use of models in the IPCC's fourth synthesis report conflict with its aim to be objective?  
- Is the IPCC AR4 value laden? Inductive risk and the IPCC  
- Is it irrational to refuse to believe the IPCC report on the basis of the mistake about Himalayan ice caps?  
- To what extent is the UK's newspaper reporting of the Fourth Assessment Synthesis Report of the International Panel on Climate Change different from normal science reporting?  
- Should it matter if an IPCC author were found not to hold a PhD? Should it matter that there are so many authors?  
- How does the IPCC select authors to reflect scientific consensus?  
- Environmentalists and the IPCC
Galileo’s Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems

- Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems: was Galileo a scientist?
- The drama of dialogue
- The ornaments of scientific revolution: the role of rhetoric in Galileo's Dialogue
- Thought experiments in Galileo's Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems
- Underdetermination in Galileo's Dialogue
- Was Galileo inconsistent with the scientific method?
- What was it about Galileo's Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems that resulted in his trial and imprisonment?
- To what extent did Galileo engage in propaganda in his argument for diurnal rotation of the Earth?
- Audience, judge or ally? An exploration of Sagredo in Galileo's 'Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems'
- An unnecessarily inflammatory dialogue

Locke, Berkeley and Hume

- How convincing is Locke's primary-secondary quality distinction and the representational theory of perception that underpins it?
- Is it important for Berkeley to deny that some qualities of objects are perceived by more than one sense?
- Hume on the 'modern philosophy'

The Blue Marble

- Perceptions of Earth: The Blue and Black Marbles
- The Apollo 17 astronauts are the only three humans to have witnessed the full Earth with their own eyes. How did this fact affect the reception of the so-called Blue Marble photograph?
- A show of power: reading The Blue Marble as a map
- NASA Earth images: a comparison of The Blue Marble (1972) and The Day The Earth Smiled (2013)
- Sculpting the Blue Marble: a history of the creation of the Blue Marble image
- Re-examining the creation of the image AS17-148-22727, its diverse interpretations and its appeal in relation to NASA
- Interpreting the Blue Marble image through a close reading of the text 'On Photography' by Susan Sontag
- The Blue Marble and its role in developing late twentieth century environmental movements
- The disappearance of the Blue Marble as a historical artefact from popular consciousness
- Serendipity in science: Blue Marble and Pillars of Creation - their making and their impact
- Why are those who view Earth from space first-hand affected differently to those who view the Blue Marble photograph?
- In what ways and to what extent did the Blue Marble image challenge cartographic perspectives of the globe?
- To what extent is the UK's newspaper reporting of the Fourth Assessment Synthesis Report of the International Panel on Climate Change different from normal science reporting?
- The Blue Marble in environmental narratives: the importance of the Whole Earth Catalog covers in linking images of the Earth as seen from space to environmental themes
- The Blue Marble in environmental and political discourse
• Using the Blue Marble and other forms of space imagery to explore Christian and environmentalist concerns for the ecological state of the planet
• The illusion of a unifying Blue Marble; an ecofeminist perspective
• The Blue Marble and an isolated planet
• From the Blue Marble to Google Earth

Dissertations

• Priority of non-patient-centred values in surrogate decision-making: when, why and how?
• Natural history and anthropology on the Cambridge University exploring expedition to the Malay peninsula, 1899-1900
• What role do instruments play in narratives of survival? Worsley's sextant in the boat journey to South Georgia
• The social and political context of Japanese biological warfare and related research programmes from 1932 to 1945
• Bacteriology and photomicrography in the late 19th century
• Lucretius and the beasts: animals in De Rerum Natura
• The emergence of Francis Darwin
• Ida MacLean: women, Cambridge and science during the First World War
• The BBC documentary 'Something for Nothing' (1968) and the debate over the NHS
• Ethnography and politics in Joseph Beete Jukes' voyage aboard the HMS Fly (1842-46)
• When and why are ethnic inequalities in health morally problematic?
• The use of blood transfusions in World War II and analysis of the work of the Army Blood Transfusion Service in Britain
• JW Gregory: exploration and global geology in the late 19th and early 20th centuries
• Feminism and abortion law reform in 70s Britain
• Rigid bodies and reference frames in special relativity
• The atomic bomb and changing roles of science: seeing through Szilard's eyes
• A history of the legal use of compulsory sterilisation for eugenic purposes in Europe and North America
• Is the form of pluralism that Feyerabend proposes possible in practice?
• The prevention of malaria in colonial Sierra Leone
• How receptive was Charles Waterton to local knowledge during his travels in South America in the early 19th century?
• Should randomized controlled trials be used in studying development?
• The birth of Louise Brown on television
• Public resistance to polio vaccination in Northern Nigeria
• Framing fracking: science in the local newspaper of Boxtel, The Netherlands
• Emotional healing in modern medicine
• Robert Boyle as a bulwark against religious and political radicalism
• Hertha Ayrton and the interplay between science and gender
• Artifice and effects on stage in Elizabethan and Jacobean theatre
• What counts as science? Scientific exceptions to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling
• The British media coverage of the human papillomavirus vaccination programme, 2005-2009
• George Jacob Holyoake: science and The Reasoner, 1846-61
• "The difficulty of the market place": establishing electrotherapeutics as a reputable medical therapy in early Victorian England (1800-1860)
• Britain's role in the negotiations for Europe's participation in the American Post-Apollo Program
MPhil and Part III Essay and Dissertation Titles

MPhil Essay and Dissertation Titles

Julie Barzilay

*Essays*
What Mr Garrison saw: illuminating personal, pedagogical and political agendas in Wendell Phillips Garrison’s “What Mr Darwin Saw” (supervised by Jim Secord)
From amateur meteorologist to founding father: evolving uses of Guy Callendar’s seminal climate change paper over the past 75 years (supervised by Richard Staley)
Health and agency in the hills: Memsahibs’ pragmatism, authority and medical expertise in the British Raj (supervised by Simon Schaffer)

*Dissertation*
The rhetoric, media and literary culture of late 19th-century anti-vaccination campaign periodicals and publications (supervised by Jim Secord)

Marion Boulicault

*Essays*
Anti-essentialism, pluralism and the case of chemical kinds (supervised by Hasok Chang)
Why surgeries require surgeons: a ‘Menziesian’ defence of the agency theory of causation (supervised by Huw Price)
The contingency of logical necessity (supervised by Simon Schaffer)

*Dissertation*
Objectivity and value-free science (supervised by Stephen John)

Alessa Colaianni

*Essays*
The ‘hidden curriculum’ in medical education: origins, evolution and historical implications (supervised by Helen Curry)
Defining normal puberty in the 20th century: pubertal stages in American and British anthropology and pediatrics, 1900-1980 (supervised by Nick Hopwood)
The ethics of the ‘slow code’: can deception be justified? (supervised by Stephen John)

*Dissertation*
"Ritualistic comforting hand" or ‘crass dissimulation’? The 'slow code' in historical and sociological perspective
Brian Earp

Essays
Replication, falsification and the crisis of confidence in social psychology (supervised by Anna Alexandrova)
The medicalization of love (supervised by Marion Godman)
Gender and genital cutting: toward a non-sexist ethical framework (supervised by Stephen John)

Dissertation
Gender and genital cutting – ethics, science, anthropology (supervised by Marion Godman)

Timothy Hyland

Essays
The Eugenics Tree: the creation, use and fate of an icon (supervised by Nick Hopwood)
Zoroastrianism and science: Samuel Laing’s Problems of the Future (1889) (supervised by Jim Secord)
An escape from the war? Einstein, relativity and internationalism in the British press, 1919-1926 (supervised by Richard Staley)

Dissertation
Michael Angelo Garvey's 'Silent Revolution': technology, education and the future from the post-1848 'moment' (supervised by Jim Secord)

Michael McGovern

Essays
Amphibian a priori: the neurophysiology of vision at the limits of cybernetics (supervised by Nick Hopwood)
Stacks, pacs and system hacks: handheld calculators as an alternative history of personal computing (supervised by Richard Staley and Josh Nall)
Fake plastic trees? Classifying, calibrating and commoditizing gutta-percha in the Victorian British Empire (supervised by Simon Schaffer)

Dissertation
"The London/Baltimore link has been severed': the economies of human gene mapping and mainframe computing at the Moore Clinic, 1955-1973 (supervised by Nick Hopwood)

Raj Patel

Essays
Ontic structural realism and economics: the unwanted gift (supervised by Anna Alexandrova)
Epistemic relativism in Kuhn and the Edinburgh School (supervised by Hasok Chang)
Why privacy is not enough: Big Data and predictive analytics (supervised by Richard Staley)
Dissertation
Philosophical issues surrounding the use of neuroscience in prediction in the law (neuroprediction) (supervised by Marion Godman)

Matt Penfold

Essays
Above the evidence hierarchy (supervised by Anna Alexandrova)
The epistemic obligations of physicians (supervised by Stephen John)
Epistemic reliance and shared decision-making (supervised by Stephen John)

Dissertation
How useful can a general theory of evidence be? (Supervised by Hasok Chang)

Daniel Simpson

Essays
‘Contagious’ delusions? W.B. Carpenter and the politics of psycho-physiology in 19th-century Britain (supervised by Andreas Sommer)
Who was afraid of the Millennium Bug? Political, scientific and social responses to Y2k in Cambridge, 1998-1999 (supervised by Richard Staley)
Marketing L’Oreal and Lush: invocations of nature and the negotiation of efficacy in contemporary cosmetics advertising (supervised by Tiago Mata)

Dissertation
Transition of plastic from mainstream technology to conceptual, ideological and environmental crisis for capitalist production in 20th-century Britain (supervised by Richard Staley)

Cynthia Tsay

Essays
‘The great hippopotamus test’: Charles Kingsley and the reception of the Owen-Huxley debate (supervised by Jim Secord)
Disciplining ‘frosty life’: from ‘Life and Death at Low Temperatures’ to ‘Cryobiology’ (supervised by Nick Hopwood)
A decade of redefining public health and the environment: a history of the regulation of greenhouse gases in the United States under the Clean Air Acts, 1999-2009 (supervised by Helen Curry)

Dissertation
Women, science and propaganda since the 19th century (supervised by Patricia Fara)
Jack Wright

**Essays**
Double standards? Why do misrepresentations in economics face stricter criticism than those in other sciences? (Supervised by Anna Alexandrova)
A plurality of pluralisms: how do Kitcher and Longino’s versions of scientific pluralism succeed in democratising science? (Supervised by Hasok Chang)
Being a Wiki-worker: the procedure of Wikipedia, its influences and its epistemological effects (supervised by Stephen John)

**Dissertation**
Objective government: how has the Obama administration restored science to policy making? (Supervised by Tiago Mata)

**Part III Essay and Dissertation Titles**

**Edd Bankes**

**Essays**
Translating Scotland: the military survey of the Highlands, 1747-1755 (supervised by Simon Schaffer)
Can scientific inference be free of non-epistemic value judgments?
Which idealized models, if any, should we be realist about, and why?

**Dissertation**

**Jenny Bulstrode**

**Essays**
Science outdoors: understanding methods in the 20th- and 21st- century field sciences (supervised by Helen Curry)
Tracing culture behind John Evans’ theory of ancient stone implements (supervised by Simon Schaffer)
When did observation become an 'epistemic genre', and why?
'Tf one wants to know how scientific research actually works, one must begin with the characterization of an experimental system, its structure and dynamics, rather than address theory, or the relation between theory and experiment...' (Rheinberger, 1992). Assess this claim with reference to examples.

**Dissertation**
Men, mines and machines: Robert Were Fox, the dip-circle and the Cornish system (supervised by Simon Schaffer)
Filip Drnovsek Zorko

*Essays*
Herbert Spencer and the history of evolution (supervised by Jim Secord)
Species and higher-level taxonomy: rank freedom in current biological practice (supervised by Jonathan Birch)
'We wish we could think that these speculations were as innocuous as they are unpractical and unscientific, but it is too problematic that if unchecked they might exert a very mischievous influence' (*The Times*, 8 April 1871). Why did Darwin publish the *Descent of Man?*
Why do scientific revolutions pose problems for the idea that science makes progress?

*Dissertation*
Species concepts in biological practice: re-thinking monism and pluralism (supervised by Jonathan Birch)

Abby Gibb

*Essays*
The history of anti-doping sentiment in 20th-century international sport (supervised by Helen Curry)
The creationism movement: a UK perspective (supervised by Hasok Chang)
Can scientific inference be free of non-epistemic value judgments?
Why do scientific revolutions pose problems for the idea that science makes progress?

*Dissertation*
The sporting body and stories of exclusion: doping and disability (supervised by Stephen John)

Juliet Griffin

*Essays*
Recent literature on the concept of human nature - an analysis of the philosophical, biological and ethical aspects of the debate (supervised by Adrian Boutel)
Why paedophilia is not a unitary kind for evaluating moral responsibility (supervised by Marion Godman)
Can scientific inference be free of non-epistemic value judgments?
Why do scientific revolutions pose problems for the idea that science makes progress?

*Dissertation*
An ex ante contractualist approach to Rose's prevention paradox: risk thresholds for cancer screening programmes as a case study (supervised by Stephen John)

Matthew Hay

*Essays*
Climate science philosophy and the creation of global data: has an epistemology of observation been overlooked? (Supervised by Stephen John)
The reintroduction of the wolf into Scotland: an exploration of the conceptual wilderness of 'rewilding' (supervised by Helen Curry)
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Which idealized models, if any, should we be realist about, and why?

Dissertation
Stornoway and the North Atlantic storm-climate: a re-analysis of history's place in climate science (supervised by Richard Staley)

James Hynard

Essays
Speculation on sex in French Enlightenment texts (supervised by Margaret Carlyle)
Boundary work and epistemic communities in international scientific collaborations: the split site decision of the Square Kilometre Array project (supervised by Rob Doubleday)
We wish we could think that these speculations were as innocuous as they are unpractical and unscientific, but it is too problematic that if unchecked they might exert a very mischievous influence (The Times, 8 April 1871). Why did Darwin publish the Descent of Man?
In what ways and to what extent have pharmaceutical technologies and their users been co-constructed?

Dissertation
Sex in print in late 18th-century France (supervised by Emma Spary)

Jessica Morley

Essays
New medicinal comestibles in early modern Europe: the case of tobacco (supervised by Lauren Kassell)
Birth and its authorities, 1750-1830 (supervised by Margaret Carlyle)
When did observation become an 'epistemic genre', and why?
Why do scientific revolutions pose problems for the idea that science makes progress?

Dissertation
Robert S Whipple as collector, donor and historian (1871-1953) (supervised by Liba Taub, Josh Nall)

Emma Naughton

Essays
Imagining deep time: revivifying antediluvian monsters in the 19th century (supervised by Jim Secord)
Herodotean tall tales and figurative and literal truths (supervised by Liba Taub)
We wish we could think that these speculations were as innocuous as they are unpractical and unscientific, but it is too problematic that if unchecked they might exert a very mischievous influence (The Times, 8 April 1871). Why did Darwin publish the Descent of Man?
When did observation become an 'epistemic genre', and why?
Dissertation
Lost world fiction and the domestication of the dinosaur, 1880-1914 (supervised by Jim Secord)

Anna Robinson

Essays
Public science or public spectacle? A literature review of public lecture-demonstrations in the 18th century (supervised by Simon Schaffer)
"Educated at the shrine of nature": Eliza Brightwen's Bible Album and the study of natural theology (supervised by Jim Secord)
'We wish we could think that these speculations were as innocuous as they are unpractical and unscientific, but it is too problematic that if unchecked they might exert a very mischievous influence' (The Times, 8 April 1871). Why did Darwin publish the Descent of Man?
When did observation become an 'epistemic genre', and why?

Dissertation
Models of authority: the place of geological models in the visual language of geology (supervised by Josh Nall, Liba Taub)

Athiban Selvackadunco

Essays
The creativity of metaphors in science (supervised by Hasok Chang)
Hume's ideas of space and self in the Treatise (supervised by Marina Frasca-Spada)
Can scientific inference be free of non-epistemic value judgments?
Why do scientific revolutions pose problems for the idea that science makes progress?

Dissertation
Kant's Second Analogy and Newtonian physics (supervised by Marina Frasca-Spada)

Alice Udale-Smith

Essays
Is cosmology a science? A literature review of the interface between modern cosmology and philosophy (supervised by Hasok Chang)
Matilda, Matthew and more: collaboration and credit in the early Cavendish Laboratory (supervised by Richard Staley)
Can scientific inference be free of non-epistemic value judgments?
Why do scientific revolutions pose problems for the idea that science makes progress?

Dissertation
Separating theories and entities: the search for middle ground in the scientific realism debate (supervised by Hasok Chang)
Jacob Waller

*Essays*
- Paul Feyerabend and art: a literature review (supervised by Hasok Chang)
- The Sokal affair: a tale of orthodoxies and transgressions (supervised by Nick Jardine)

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*Dissertation*
- Thomas Carlyle and the 'hero as "man of science"' in the mechanical age (supervised by Jim Secord)
PhD Theses

Awarded

Jenny Bangham
Blood groups and the rise of human genetics in mid-twentieth century Britain (supervised by Nick Hopwood)

Katy Barrett
The Wanton Line: Hogarth and the Public Life of Longitude (Supervised by Simon Schaffer)

Sophie Brockmann
Surveying Nature: The Creation and Communication of Natural-Historical Knowledge in Enlightenment Central America (Supervised by Nick Jardine)

Michael Bycroft
Physics and natural history in the eighteenth century: the case of Charles Dufay (supervised by Hasok Chang)

William Carruthers
Egyptology, archaeology and the making of revolutionary Egypt, C1925-1958 (supervised by Eleanor Robson)

Sean Dyde
Brains, minds and nerves in British medicine and physiology, 1764-1852 (Supervised by John Forrester)

Ruth Horry
Transitions and transformations Assyriology, C1880-1913: artefacts, academics and museums (supervised by Eleanor Robson)

Katharina Kraus
Psychological knowledge in Kant’s critical thinking (supervised by Nick Jardine)

Emily McTernan
Equality and responsibility (supervised by Stephen John)

Josh Nall
News from Mars: transatlantic mass media and the practice of new astronomy, 1870-1910 (supervised by Jim Secord)

Emma Perkins
Non haberi sed esse: Tycho Brahe’s self-presentation through visual and material culture (Supervised by Nick Jardine and Liba Taub)
Arianne Shahvisi
On the nature and origins of thermodynamic asymmetry (supervised by Huw Price)

Joeri Witteveen
Rethinking “typological” vs. “population” thinking: A historical and philosophical reassessment of a troubled dichotomy (supervised by Tim Lewens)

Three of our PhD students Riana Betzler, Sophie Waring and Magali Krasny
Submitted

Shahar Avin
Breaking the grant cycle: on the rational allocation of public resources to scientific research projects (Supervised by Tim Lewens)

Dmitriy Myelnikov
Transforming mice: Technique and communication in the making of transgenic animals in the United States and Britain, 1974-88 (Supervised by Nick Hopwood)

Jesse Olszynko-Gryn
Pregnancy testing in Britain, c. 1900-67: laboratories, animals and demand from doctors, patients and consumers (Supervised by Nick Hopwood)

Eóin Phillips
Making time fit: Astronomers, Artisans and the State, 1780-1820 (Supervised by Simon Schaffer)

Sophie Waring
Thomas Young and the Board of Longitude in the age of reform (Supervised by Simon Schaffer)

Lena Zuchowski
On the Foundations of Chaos and Complexity: Definitions and Differentiations (Supervised by Jeremy Butterfield)
The Library

2013-14 was a year of significant developments in the Library, from affiliation to the University Library and extended opening hours, to our first participation in Open Cambridge and the launch of a new seminar series, all of which are described in more detail below. We continued to serve a wide range of readers from across the University, both students and staff, and trust that the Whipple also maintains its role as a congenial base for visitors to the Department. Although the number of HPS undergraduates was slightly down on previous years, we were proud of a good write-up in The Cambridge Student’s ‘Battle of the Bibliothèques’, which complimented the Library as “unassuming but not dull” and “a sea of serenity”. Instrumental in creating that successful atmosphere is the Library staff, which in 2013-14 comprised Anna Jones (Librarian), Dawn Moutrey (Library Assistant), Agnieszka Lanucha (Library and Departmental Assistant), and lunchtime invigilators Riana Betzler, Andrew Buskell and Sophie Waring.

Affiliation

The Whipple Library and its staff started the new academic year in a new relationship with the Department, having become an Affiliated Library of Cambridge University Library on 1 August 2013. The UL’s affiliation programme is a direct outcome of the General Board’s Review of Teaching and Learning Support Services (2008), which made various recommendations in the interests of the delivery of more effective and efficient library and other academic support services around the University to students and staff. By bringing the department and faculty libraries into closer relationship with the UL the aim is to improve the user experience
by enabling better coordination of acquisitions and other essential reader services. The historic ties between the Library and Museum, and with the rest of the Department mean that the Whipple enters into affiliation in a strong position, keen to benefit from central improvements in the interests of our uses, while also retaining the autonomy necessary to continue serving the research needs of the HPS community.

Most of the changes evident during the first year have been administrative, with the Librarian and Library Assistant becoming members of University Library staff, with line management from the School Librarian for Humanities and Social Sciences, Dr Linda Washington (sometime also Whipple Librarian). This has brought opportunities to serve on a number of additional committees, which in turn is helping to foster mutually beneficial relationships with staff at the main UL. Anna Jones was invited to contribute to a workshop on the processing of donations at the UL in March, and gave a short presentation on the work of the Whipple to the All Staff Briefings in May. We look forward to developing these relationships further as the affiliation programme develops over time.

**Extended opening hours**

We were extremely pleased to be able to extend the Library’s opening hours to 7pm on weekday evenings in full term from the start of the Lent Term, fulfilling a long-held ambition of several generations of student representatives and librarians alike. Although practical for the most important of reasons, synchronizing the Library’s closing time with that of the Department had meant that heavily timetabled students, especially those reading for Part IB, had limited opportunities to use the Library other than to collect or return an overnight loan in gaps between lectures. By extending opening until 7pm we are now more accessible to students attending late afternoon lectures, and also provide a more attractive regular work space for MPhil and Part III students and visitors who don’t have desks elsewhere in the Department, and who can benefit from working a longer day.

The Department’s support towards providing the infrastructure to enable evening opening was and remains crucial, from the conversion of the fire exit in the Storey’s Gate into an out of hours entrance with swipcard reader to providing funds for additional staffing to cover the extra hours. PhD students Andrew Buskell and Sophie Waring generously added two evening shifts a week to their lunchtime invigilating hours to relieve regular Library staff at the end of the standard working day.

**Acquisitions**

Among several generous donations received during the year, the Library was particularly pleased to receive a collection of 16 books in German on various topics in the Life Sciences from Dr Jonathan Harwood, formerly of the University of Manchester. Most were titles not otherwise held in Cambridge, so we are grateful to have had the chance to accession these books, and extend our thanks to Dr Harwood and to Dr Nick Hopwood for negotiating the donation and bringing the books to Cambridge.
A total of 507 books, pamphlets and theses, and 47 ebooks were accessioned by the Library in 2013-14. The proportion of ebooks increases as new titles are routinely published in both formats and we opt to purchase electronically those that will be of particular use in teaching. The stability of publisher platforms for accessing ebooks and variable licensing conditions affecting the facility to download remain concerns for the academic library community, but as Cambridge increases its coverage and expertise in this area we hope to have a positive influence in representing the realities of the end user experience to publishers and aggregators.

Notable among the acquisitions of 2013-14 was a rare copy of the second issue of Louis Auzoux’s *Leçons élémentaires d’anatomie et de physiologie* (1839), bound in its original paper wrapper, with printed advertisements on the back cover. The text relates directly to the Auzoux anatomical models held in the Museum, and will be used as part of an exhibition of Auzoux’s work planned by the Museum to coincide with the ‘Curating Cambridge’ festival in the Michaelmas Term 2014.

**Special collections**

**Conservation project**

The timing of the generous institution of the new Whipple Museum for the History of Science Conservation Fund, celebrated at a launch in March 2013, proved fortunate for the Library. Daniel Barbaro’s *La pratica della perspettiva* (Venice, 1568) is a noteworthy book in the Whipple collection, partly for its content – the woodcuts in Barbaro’s architectural treatise make it a good example of the developing use of illustrations in scientific books in the sixteenth century – but also because of its highly unusual binding.

Much valuable evidence of binding practice over time has been lost from early printed books that passed through the hands of early twentieth-century collectors who were susceptible to the temptation to improve the look of their treasures by having them rebound. To our great and lasting fortune, R.S. Whipple was not of such mind, and so many of his books are in original coverings, albeit in poor condition in several cases. Barbaro’s *La pratica* is a folio book printed on paper, bound in pasteboard and decorated with hand-coloured strips of parchment. Its quirky appearance makes it a popular book with visitors, and we became aware in the summer of 2013 that the loosening of a piece of parchment on the front board could lead to further damage if not attended to.
Colleagues at the Cambridge Colleges Conservation Consortium, based at Corpus Christi College were delighted to have the chance to examine the unusual binding at close quarters, and carried out a neat repair before returning the book in a specially fitted archival box to help protect it from further shelf wear. We are grateful to the donors who provided that books in the Whipple Collection should be eligible for treatment under the Conservation Fund, and to Liba Taub for allowing us to draw on this resource at an early stage.

Exhibitions

Women Popularisers of Science

The Library hosted two book displays in the small exhibition space on Level 1 in 2013-14. Dawn Moutrey (Library Assistant) prepared a sequence featuring ‘Women popularisers of science’ in September, including a number of eighteenth- and nineteenth-century works by women authors aimed at encouraging an interest in science among children and young adults. This served well to highlight to our incoming and regular users the pedagogical literature that is a strength of our special collections, and also proved popular with our first batch of Open Cambridge visitors.

Skulls in Print

In February 2014, HPS PhD student James Poskett launched ‘Transatlantic Professor: Samuel Morton between the United States and Britain’, a small exhibition examining the publication history and subsequent influence of Samuel Morton’s provocative treatise of 1839, *Crania Americana*. James had been delighted to discover when consulting the Whipple’s copy of the American edition of this book a few months earlier that it contains an additional set of loose plates used to promote the book before and after publication. Because the plates had a purpose separate from the volume itself it is rare to find the two together, so the copy has special significance for the Library as well as to James’s work.
The exhibition formed the basis of an interview James gave to the University research website about his work on Morton and scientific racism (http://bit.ly/1dfbWbk), which, by virtue of further promotion via social media led to further interviews with a Native American radio station and Brazilian newspaper O Globo (http://glo.bo/1osPRa8). Congratulations and thanks to James for his work in preparing and promoting the exhibition, and we hope its success will help encourage other students to take advantage of these opportunities to showcase their work to a wider audience.

Tom Telescope

The Department celebrated the re-opening of the refurbished Globe Gallery in the Museum on 24 October 2013 with a lecture by Jim Secord on the publication history of a series of books for children on Newtonian philosophy, authored by the pseudonymous ‘Tom Telescope’. The Library was delighted to host a small pop-up display of successive editions of Tom Telescope from our collections for the occasion, together with a number of other eighteenth and early nineteenth century books describing and illustrating the orrery.

Events & Outreach

Library visits have been a popular feature of the Open Cambridge heritage weekend in recent years, and we were very glad to be able to open the Whipple to members of the public on a drop in basis on Friday 13 September 2013. A leaflet was prepared to highlight particular features (including temporary displays) as people
walked round, and the Librarian offered informal tours at different times during the day. We were pleased with the total of 36 visitors for our first effort, and hope to repeat the event in future.

The Librarian prepared a short presentation, illustrated by examples from the Library’s special collections, for a visit of the Bolton Society (of chemical bibliophiles) to the Museum on 11 November 2013, and we were glad to welcome the 2013-14 cohort of Cambridge Graduate Trainee Librarians to the Library for their annual visit on 1 July 2014.

**User education – Science in Print series**

For several years the Library’s user education programme had been enhanced by a collaboration with HPS Affiliate Roger Gaskell who co-presented, with Jim Secord, a pair of workshops for the weekly Departmental Graduate Training Seminar on ‘How to use printed books as original sources’. The sessions looked at various aspects of the bibliography of books printed in the hand and machine press periods, using examples from the Whipple’s special collections, but the workshops were necessarily compressed, with much content to fit into a short space of time.

We were delighted to be able to extend this offering in 2013-14 into a discrete mini-series of four sessions called ‘Science in Print: Understanding book production from the sixteenth to the nineteenth centuries’, held in the Old Library during the Michaelmas Term. The series was open to students at all levels, as well as to postdocs, and by virtue of wide-reach marketing via hps-discussion, a full complement of 18 participants was signed up quickly, including several people from outside the Department, mostly graduate students and postdocs. The series filled an obvious gap since, although the University is rich in printed sources for research, there are relatively few opportunities to study book production in a systematic way.

The opening session surveyed techniques and developments during the hand press period illustrated by 15 examples from the Whipple collections, which people were invited to look at closely. Roger’s comprehensive discussion of printing and illustration techniques in week 2 was complemented by an optional field trip made possible by a further helpful collaboration with staff from the University Library Rare Books Room who led tours of the Historical Printing Room for those able to attend. We returned to the Whipple for a discussion of analytical bibliography and the advantages and disadvantages of using digital surrogates in the third session, and the series concluded with an introduction to nineteenth-century book production by Jim Secord. Good attendance across the sessions and positive feedback via a concluding survey attested to the success of the series, which we hope will become a regular feature of the Whipple’s user education programme in future. Sincere thanks are due to Roger Gaskell for the time and insights he shared to help make the series possible.

**Staff activities & development**

The Librarian represented the Whipple at the annual conference of the ‘Rare Books and Special Collections Group’ of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) in Canterbury in September 2013. The theme of the conference was ‘The Future of the Past: Digitisation of Rare and Special Materials’, and speakers from a range of large and small institutions with recent experience of digitising print and manuscript material made for a stimulating and informative two days.
All three permanent members of staff attended the annual libraries@cambridge conference on ‘Quality’ at the Computer Laboratory in West Cambridge on 9 January 2014, and two posters were submitted on behalf of the Library. Aga Lanucha’s explored possible uses of the social media site Pinterest in libraries, based on a joint presentation she gave to the Cambridge Librarians in Training group the previous September, while Anna Jones’s summarised the achievements of the ‘Science in Print’ series.
The Museum

Enjoyed the new Globe gallery – and everything else!’

‘Breathtakingly wonderful – displays like this move me to tears.’

‘Such an engrossing couple of hours – this museum is a gem.’

‘The museum is getting better and better.’

‘Many thanks. It would be wonderful if you could find a way to keep this superb museum open at the weekends when most people are actually able to visit. Had a great time!’

‘Excellent, so thoughtfully put together. Will be back when less tired!’

‘Utterly fascinating and a wonderful use of an afternoon. Thank you.’

‘A fine museum that is worth repeat visits.’


‘Perfectly formed, fascinating and free – thank you all!’

‘Museums at Night: Brilliant event. Fantastic to have experts explaining in such detail and so lucidly all about items in [the] museum.’

‘Waited 6 years to visit. Finally made it. All worthwhile.’

‘Wonderful exhibit for the curious mind.’

‘Great museum – needs more marketing!’

‘One of the most interesting museums I’ve visited!’

‘A great collection [and] a great team of curators!’

‘At last, I have visited this museum – 50 years after my BA! Wonderful collection!!’
**Special Projects**

**Gallery Development**

The Upper Gallery

The work on the Upper Gallery’s redisplay of ‘Globes’ was completed in the summer of 2013. Part-financed by a grant from the DCMS/Wolfson fund, the refurbishment has allowed us to purchase new ‘modular’ display cases which show off 46 globes from our collection to greater effect. The gallery is proving to be very popular with visitors and was celebrated with an opening event on 24th October 2013. The display is enhanced by a moving model of an ancient globe, on extended loan to us from the Excellence Cluster Topoi, in Berlin.

**Discover**

Following the success of the relining of the older display cases in the Upper Gallery and the New Gallery, with light coloured fabric, we made the decision to do the same with the display cases in *discover*. This has made the cases look much fresher and complements the displays in the rest of the Museum. This relining coincided with the exhibition ‘Discoveries: Art, Science & Exploration’ that was held at Two Temple Place, London and then at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge.

**Storage**

The work to replace the open shelving in the Whipple’s stores has continued over the last year with more ‘visible storage’ cabinets being located in Stores 1a and 1b. The School of Humanities and Social Sciences have awarded the Museum a further £7800 for more cabinets which will populate Store 1c and the Reserve Gallery. As part of the store moves and as a result of the Conservation Review undertaken last year, Whipple staff have been consolidating our objects containing plastic (which can be problematic from a conservation standpoint) and have been reviewing the way that these plastic items are stored. The Museum staff have also been reviewing the storage of items containing radon paint and have entered into talks with The Polar Museum about the possibility of sharing the storage of these items.

**Accreditation**

The Whipple has applied, successfully, to renew its Accreditation status. Thanks are due to Collections Manager, Claire Wallace, who prepared the application.
Exhibitions

Kitchen Chemistry

The Whipple Museum’s collaboration with the Department of History and Philosophy of Science continued in 2014 with the installation of a display about kitchen chemistry. Constructed by Salim Al-Gailani, Research and Teaching Associate in HPS, and based on work produced during his MPhil, this display of chemistry sets discusses the marketing of ‘career toys’, building citizen scientists, and chemistry experiments that could be done in the home, as well as chemical ‘magic’.

Discoveries: Art, Science & Exploration

Discoveries was the first major exhibition to bring together the collections of all eight University of Cambridge Museums. It ran from 31st January until 27th April at Two Temple Place, London and from 27th May until 27th July at the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. The exhibition was accompanied by a programme of events, at both venues, which included performing arts, workshops, talks, panel discussions and evening openings. The Whipple loaned 25 objects for this exhibition, including the Nairne and Blunt table orrery, a photographic portrait of R.S. Whipple, 6 framed Muggletonian prints and also a selection of microscopes and telescopes.

The Whipple was proud to have one of our Muggletonian prints featured on the cover of the catalogue that accompanied the exhibition and also on all of the marketing materials. More about the collections and objects that featured in the exhibition can be found at the Discoveries website:

http://www.museums.cam.ac.uk/discoveries/
Staff News

Josh Nall started working in the Whipple in October 2013 as the newly appointed Assistant Curator. Josh gave a very successful Departmental Seminar on 24th October about ‘A trip to Mars by aeroplane: genres of public astronomy and the practice of astrophysics in the fin de siècle’.

Lorena Bushell was appointed as the new Learning Co-Ordinator and joined the Whipple team in January 2014. This post is funded by the UCM Connecting Collections project.

Claire Wallace (Collections Manager) has joined the National Museums Directors Council (NMDC) Collections Managers Group and has attended meetings of this group in November 2013 and June 2014 on behalf of the Whipple. She also attends as the representative for the wider UCM consortium.

Steven Kruse (Museum Assistant) has started to work towards a MA in Museum Studies (Distance Learning) at the University of Leicester. Steven began the course in April 2014.

Rosanna Evans returned to help at the Whipple twice this year. She joined us for one week in December, helping to prepare for the re-lining of the display cases in the discover gallery. Since her graduation from Leeds University in June 2014 she has provided welcome assistance to the core Museum staff. Her main tasks have been to complete an inventory of the Howard Collection glassware and accessioning new objects into the collection.

Also as part of the Connecting Collections project, the Whipple welcomed Hannah Carney as a ‘Creative Apprentice’. Working with us during January 2014, Hannah was able to assist Claire Wallace, with the re-lining of the display cases in discover and the installation of the Whipple objects in the ‘Discoveries’ exhibition.

Training

20th September 2013
Understanding Museums – What can objects do for us? (Organised by SHARE East of England, held at The Botanic Garden, Cambridge) Steven Kruse attended this course. Participants were asked to take something of personal significance to the course. The discussion about these objects looked at the meaning of things and the stories attached to them and lead on to talking about how this influences thinking about museum objects.

4th October 2013
Understanding Museums – History and Context. (Organised by SHARE East of England, held at the Whipple Museum of the History of Science, Cambridge) Steven Kruse attended this course which looked at the history and context of museums from cabinets of curiosities to today and gave a broad introduction to the museum landscape.
14th October 2013
Emergency Planning Workshop, Fitzwilliam Museum. Claire Wallace attended a workshop about Emergency Planning in Museums. This workshop was run by Harwells, specialists in emergency recovery, and included a practical exercise. It was attended by colleagues across the UCM consortium.

18th October 2013
Understanding Museums – Structures and Governance. (Organised by SHARE East of England, held at The Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge) Steven Kruse attended this course which looked at who runs museums and how different museums are governed. This session looked at University, independent and local authority museums.

1st November 2013
Understanding Museums – Collecting, Caring & Exhibiting. (Organised by SHARE East of England, held at the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Cambridge) Steven Kruse attended this course which gave an introduction to museum ethics and thinking about what we do.

11th-12th November 2013
Museums Association Conference, Liverpool. Steven Kruse attended the annual Museums Association Conference. This was fully funded through the skills development strand of the UCM Connecting Collections project. The conference themes included: future of the sector funding, the strengthening of museums’ emotional impact, the possibilities of promotion of physical well-being in a museum context, and the future of technology use in the sector. There were also direct training opportunities and a trade exhibition.

15th November 2013
Understanding Museums – Advocacy, Communication and Building your Networks. (Organised by SHARE East of England, held at the Museum of Classical Archaeology, Cambridge) Steven Kruse attended this course, which looked at the increasing importance of networks, and of how we represent our organisation. This session was designed to build understanding and confidence.

29th November 2013
Understanding Museums – How can museums make a difference? (Organised by SHARE East of England, held at The Polar Museum, Cambridge) Steven Kruse attended this course which looked at the social, economic and cultural impact of museums.

14th February 2014
Webinar – Licensing Digital Content to Create Revenue. Claire Wallace took part in this ‘webinar’, part of the Collections Trust’s webinars on Collections Management. It focused on how museums can manage Intellectual Property Rights within a Collections Management Framework, to make better use of their collections and how licensing can provide opportunities for creative uses of the collection, including the generation of income.

5th March 2014
Webinar – Strategic Collections Management. Claire Wallace took part in this ‘webinar’, part of the Collections Trust’s webinars on Collections Management. Using examples, this webinar explored how collections
management can be linked to strategic objectives and also the concept of an integrated collections management framework.

20th March 2014

Webinar - Managing Archives in Museums. Claire Wallace took part in this ‘webinar’, part of the Collections Trust’s webinars on Collections Management. Using the collections at the Canal & River Trust as a case study, this webinar explored good practice in the management of both archives and archival material. It also explored the application of archival and museum management methodologies within a museum context, and the application of the SPECTRUM standard to archival material.

27th March 2014

Webinar – Buying Collections Management Software. Claire Wallace took part in this ‘webinar’, part of the Collections Trust’s webinars on Collections Management. This webinar summarized the project carried out by Edinburgh Museums and Galleries to identify and procure new Collections Management Software. It also discussed the outcome of a survey they conducted to find out how other museum and gallery services have approached the specification, implementation and updating of their systems.

April 2014

Museum Studies MA. Steven Kruse began a MA in Museum Studies at the University of Leicester. This course will take 2 years to complete by distance learning. It aims to develop ‘both philosophical approaches and the practical methods and skills necessary to become [a] creative and effective museum and gallery professional.’ Modules covered in this course include ‘Museum Communities and Contexts’, ‘Managing Resources in the Museum’, ‘Museum Communication and Audiences’, and ‘Museum Projects: the Case of Exhibition and Interpretive Planning’. The second year of the course will be spent completing a dissertation.

14th May 2014

Museums and Heritage Show (organised by the Museums Association and held at Olympia, London). Lorena Bushell attended this and heard speakers from different organizations deliver a series of presentations on engaging new visitors, making museums more accessible to children and young people, and undertaking audience research.

1st July 2014

Trails Text Workshop (organised by Text Workshop and held at The Foundlings Museum, London). Lorena Bushell attended this practical session which aimed to improve writing skills for designing museum trails and worksheets.
Outreach Events

The following events were supported by funding from the Connecting Collections project, made possible by a grant from Arts Council England [www.artscouncil.org.uk].

Festival of Ideas

In October 2013, the Whipple held two events as part of the University’s Festival of Ideas.

On 26th October the Whipple opened for a special Saturday opening. The event was attended by 161 people. We were also able to offer a ‘Make Your Own Sundial’ activity.

Jeremy Butterfield once again chose the Whipple Museum as a venue for communicating his project’s research. Nazim Bouatta gave a talk on 31st October entitled ‘Quantum Frontiers’ which was attended by 50 visitors. He asked questions such as: What happens to an atom if you keep splitting it? And how can philosophy have anything to do with the answer? This talk introduced the revolutionary ideas of quantum physics that describe the behaviour of atoms and their parts, and the parts of those parts, and so on. Present understanding of the very smallest parts depends on quantum ideas - and also philosophy.

The Whipple collaborated with The Polar Museum for a joint trail, linking the two museums and highlighting the similarities between the two collections. The Polar Museum held a panel discussion on 1st November, ‘Mapping the Past’, at which Emma Perkins from the Department of History and Philosophy of Science contributed a talk about her research on the Whipple’s globe collection.

Twilight at the Museum

At 4.30pm on 19th February 2013 the lights were dimmed for Twilight at the Museums. Armed with torches, visitors (especially the very young) enjoyed an unusual and atmospheric experience. A ‘life in the natural world’-themed trail led visitors around the galleries, enabling them to collect a sticker for each object they could find. If they acquired four stickers, they could claim a prize from one of the Whipple staff members. This was an extremely popular event with 953 people attending over the course of the evening. This made it a record day for attendance at the Whipple with over 1000 visitors coming to the museum in one day.

Cambridge Science Festival

In March 2014, the Whipple was involved in five events as part of the Cambridge Science Festival.

Adam Caulton, a philosopher of physics, gave a talk at the Whipple on 11th March about ‘The psycho-colours of vision’. He discussed what physics and psychophysics have contributed to our recent understanding of human
and animal vision. He asked ‘Why do most humans see in three primary colours? Could there be people who see in more than three? What can we say about what that would be like? Does a digital camera work like an eye?

**Feedback for ‘The psychophysics of vision’:**

‘Very good lecturer.’

‘Very clear and informative. Thank you.’

‘Very good overview of the area. Excellent examples to show how non-obvious is the difference between our colour perception and “real” colours.’


‘Amazing!’

Philosopher and physicist Brian Pitts gave a talk entitled ‘Poincaré and Einstein on geometry: how do they look today?’ on 12th March. He spoke about how the latest particle physics work on gravitation relates to the famous work of Einstein and Poincaré on geometry.

**Feedback for ‘Poincaré and Einstein on geometry: how do they look today?’:**

‘It is amazingly unbelievable how the professors give you so much information. Brilliant! Very well explained...to improve the lectures and make them more exquisite, in my opinion they should make the audience be a part of the lecture and come up with some activities to make it exciting, so the lecture would be unforgettable!’

On 13th March, Jeremy Butterfield spoke about ‘What is matter?’. The philosopher of physics discussed what modern physicists think particles are.

**Feedback for ‘What is matter?’:**

Really enjoyed the lecture- of course some of the ideas were beyond my understanding, but enjoyable food for thought.

Excellent, thought-provoking, brain-melting talk. Really made me understand why philosophy is related to physics. But my brain is too small to understand quantum physics! Thank goodness I don’t need to and can enjoy the journey. Thank you for your insight.

Excellent – and thanks for not using PowerPoint!

Very interesting and clearly described.
I very much enjoyed the talk. It gave a flavour of the mysteries we still face in understanding these things.

On 14th March, the Whipple’s Collections Manager, Claire Wallace took part in ‘Conservation Conversations’ at The Fitzwilliam Museum. She took along a selection of items from the Whipple’s collection that contain plastics that are beginning to degrade. Working with Jenny Marchant, a conservator from The Fitzwilliam Museum, she showed visitors the degradation that has already started to occur and discussed the decisions that are made when conserving and preserving the collection.

The Whipple Museum was open on Saturday 15th March as part of the interdisciplinary Science Festival celebrating the University’s contributions to Science. This was part of the Whipple’s continuing involvement with the Science Festival and it formed part of the Museum’s on-going outreach programme.

Opening the museum on a Saturday provided an opportunity for the Museum to expand its audience. Saturday openings have always been hugely popular and visitor feedback has shown an increasing demand for outreach of this kind. By offering events based on children’s handling activities, talks and tours, we attracted a new audience of first-time visitors who did not know the full extent of what the museum and its collection has to offer and who hopefully felt inspired to visit the museum again in the future. On this occasion, staff from the Museum of Zoology provided family activities linked to ‘nature’s patterns’ and guided tours of the Whipple’s collection were offered throughout the day. 298 people visited the museum overall.

‘Discoveries’ at Two Temple Place

Assistant Curator Josh Nall gave a gallery talk on 21st March at the ‘Discoveries’ exhibition at Two Temple Place, London, about his research into Wh.5857, the Muggletonian astronomical prints. This talk was repeated at the Fitzwilliam Museum on 18th June.

Museums at Night

On Friday 16th May, the Whipple Museum opened to the public to mark the national ‘Museums at Night’ event for the first time. Aimed at an adult audience, visitors were encouraged to ‘Meet the Researcher’ and had the opportunity to look around the Museum outside of normal opening hours. We had 90 visitors over the
course of the evening and we were very grateful to Seb Falk, Ruth Horry, Jenny Bulstrode, Michael McGovern and Melanie Keene for being our experts on the night. (Photo © Martin Bond)

Universities Week

On 10th June, Josh Nall was a member of a panel of curators and directors who lead a public discussion on ‘The Nature of Discovery’ at the Fitzwilliam Museum.

University Open Days

On 3rd and 4th July several members of Whipple staff took some objects over to the West Cambridge site where they could talk to prospective students about studying HPS. Anna Alexandrova also gave a talk in the New Gallery to other prospective students.

Summer at the Museums

On 4th and 18th August, Lorena Bushell, The Whipple’s newly appointed Arts Council of England (ACE)-funded Learning Co-Ordinator, ran two events called ‘Can you believe your eyes?’ Visitors were invited to explore the magical world of optical illusions through the amazing optical instruments at the Museum and visitors could make their own spyglasses and thaumatropes which they could then take home. Lorena was assisted by some volunteers recruited especially for the Whipple by the Widening Participation Officer within the University of Cambridge Museums (UCM) consortium team.

The Museum of Zoology visited the Whipple on 11th and 26th August as their museum is undergoing a large-scale redevelopment until 2016. Their events, ‘Microworlds’ invited visitors to zoom in on the miniature worlds of insects, worms and other invertebrates featured in their collection.

The Summer at the Museums events were all reported on the UCM blog (http://camunivmuseums.wordpress.com/tag/summer-at-the-museums/).

Open Cambridge

Josh Nall wrote a piece on the Ingeborg Brun globe of Mars (Wh.6211) for ‘My Museum Favourite’, which formed part of a UCM-wide trail. We were also open on Saturday 13th September when 102 people visited the Museum.

Alumni Festival

On 26th September, Josh Nall gave two tours of the Museum to alumni returning to the University for the Alumni Festival. 26 alumni attended these tours.
Other Events

Globes Gallery Opening

On 24th October, we held an event to herald the official opening of the new Globes gallery and to celebrate all of the gallery refurbishments that have occurred over the last four years. Jim Secord, Head of Department of the History and Philosophy of Science, gave a talk about ‘Tom Telescope’, and Liba Taub, Director and Curator of the Whipple, gave a speech detailing the achievements of the Museum staff.

SHARE course

On the 4th October 2013, one session of the six-week ‘Understanding Museums’ course (‘History of Museums’) organized by SHARE Museums East was held in the New Gallery.

‘Equatorie of the Planetis: Manuscript, Models and Digitisation’

On the 28th May 2014, a symposium celebrating the launch of the Peterhouse manuscript collection within the Cambridge Digital Library (http://cudl.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/peterhouse) was held at the Whipple. Speakers discussed the first manuscript to be digitized, the fourteenth-century astronomical treatise ‘The Equatorie of the Planetis’. The manuscript, together with a virtual model of the equatorium it describes is accessible at the above website. The Whipple was pleased to be able to offer a venue for this symposium which linked in to research carried out by Seb Falk on a replica equatorium (Wh.3271), colloquially known as ‘King Arthur’s Table’, that is in the Whipple’s collection.

Special Visits

On 17th October 2013, the Cambridge Home Schooling Network visited the Whipple to hold a session and use the handling trolleys. They enjoyed the handling objects so much that they booked to visit one day each month for the rest of the school year.

On 18th October, Claire Wallace gave a tour to a group from the Cambridge branch of the University of the Third Age.

Also on 18th October, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences held an Administrators meeting in the Whipple’s New Gallery. Josh Nall gave them a tour and we were pleased to be able to offer them a meeting space in such historic surroundings.

On 21st October, Simon Fourmy from The Wolfson Foundation visited the Whipple. Claire Wallace gave him a tour, focusing on the newly opened Globes gallery. DCMS/Wolfson donated £20,000 towards the funding of this gallery and Mr Fourmy was very keen to see the results of the refurbishment, describing it as ‘fabulous’.
Since January 2014, Lorena Bushell has delivered seven widening participation sessions for year 11 and year 12 students. The students involved were taking part in hosted visits to Newnham College, Downing College, Trinity Hall, and Clare College. All of these sessions were delivered in the Museum and were discussion-based. The goal of these sessions was not only to encourage students to aim high, but also to expose the students to subjects that they might not otherwise consider.

On 14\textsuperscript{th} March, Kathy Fawcett, Relationship Manager, Museums (South East) at Arts Council England, visited several of the University of Cambridge Museums, including the Whipple.

On 29\textsuperscript{th} August, John Orna-Ornstein, Director of Museums for Arts Council England, visited all eight of the University of Cambridge Museums, stopping for afternoon tea in the Whipple’s Victorian Parlour.

**Television, Radio and Magazine Appearances**

On 31\textsuperscript{st} October the Victorian Parlour was transformed into a Tudor workshop with Whipple objects being used as ‘props’ in the backgrounds of the shots.

On 7\textsuperscript{th} November, Jim Secord was interviewed by PBS for a forthcoming documentary on Darwin.

HPS’s Anne Secord was interviewed in the Museum by BBC Radio 4 about her research on Hobson and his book of British mosses (Wh.4577) on 29\textsuperscript{th} January.

Josh Nall was interviewed on 8\textsuperscript{th} August on Cambridge 105FM and on 16\textsuperscript{th} September on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire to promote the Whipple Museum and its summer programme of events.
Teaching and Research

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, and lecture-demonstration classes on instruments, models and collections are specifically offered for Paper 1. Students have the opportunity to work with the Museum’s collection as part of their studies and in recent years a number of undergraduates and postgraduate theses have been undertaken on objects in the collection.

Student and Staff Research

On 24th November Josh Nall (Assistant Curator) acted as chair and commentator for the session ‘Nurturing the Nation, Cultivating Innovation’, at the History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

On 29th January 2014, Hasok Chang held a Paper 8 lecture on Electrochemistry in the New Gallery. To help illustrate the points he was discussing, we displayed a Voltaic dry pile (Wh.1142), a gold-leaf electroscope (Wh.1399), an electrostatic generator (Wh.3784) and a battery of five Leyden jars (Wh.3702). Hasok also performed some of his own experiments.

On 3rd February, Daniel Mitchell gave a lecture about the importance of telegraph cables in the long nineteenth century. Claire Wallace (Collections Manager) was able to take along a section of the government telegraph cable to India by W. T. Henley (Wh.3921) and four sections of the Atlantic telegraph cable dating to 1865 (Wh.4481) so that the students could see how the cables were constructed.

On 24th June, Josh Nall chaired a panel discussion on ‘Use of instruments for demonstrating’, at the seminar Instruments and Institutes: Preserving and Promoting the History of Science, University of Aberdeen Museums.


A digital enhancement grant from the UCM consortium (see ‘Grants and Donations’) enabled Michael McGovern, Sophie Waring, and Allison Ksiazkiewicz to research various objects within the Whipple’s collection and write new content for the Museum’s catalogue and new articles for our Explore website; these will be online in 2015.

Research into visitors at the Whipple (the Clocking-in Machine experiment) by Niall Caldwell is being cited by scholars and practitioners in other countries as an example of the ‘New Museology’.
John Davis visited the Whipple to undertake some XRF analysis of Wh.1264 and other objects within the collection. His analysis confirmed previous research into Wh.0365, which had proposed that a 4-inch silver globe purportedly by Paulus de Furlanis, c. 1575, was, in fact, a modern fake, as earlier suggested by Robert Jenks, in an article, ‘An early Italian globe? A critical study of a terrestrial globe in the Whipple Museum’, in *The Whipple Museum of the History of Science: Instruments and Interpretations, to Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of R.S. Whipple’s Gift to the University of Cambridge* (edited and introduced with Frances Willmoth, Cambridge University Press, September 2006), pp. 211-231. The presence of 2.6% rhodium as a plating agent confirmed the object to have been manufactured in the early twentieth-century.

**MPhil Essays and Theses**

Jenny Bulstrode  
‘Men, mines and machines: Robert Were Fox, the dip-circle and the Cornish system.’

Michael McGovern  
‘Stacks, pacs and system hacks: Handheld calculators as an alternative history of personal computing.’

Jess Morley  
Robert S. Whipple as collector, donor and historian (1871-1953)

Anna Robinson  
‘Educated at the Shrine of Nature’: Eliza Brightwen’s Bible Album and the study of Natural Theology.

Anna Robinson  
‘Models of authority: the place of geological models in the visual language of geology.’

**Formal and Lifelong Learning**

With only eight school groups visiting the Whipple last year, it was clear that links between the National Curriculum and the Museum have to be established and promoted to Primary and Secondary schools. Lorena Bushell, is working on a new ‘Learning’ page for the Museum’s website. She has also developed three sessions (‘Earth and Space’, ‘Light’ and ‘Sound’) which can easily be taught in the galleries through the objects on display and those in the handling collection.

Before Lorena’s appointment in January 2014, the Whipple was already taking part in public engagement programmes through events such as the ‘Science Festival’, ‘Festival of Ideas’, ‘Open Cambridge’ and ‘Twilight at the Museums’. This year we have also contributed to ‘Museums at Night’ which was a great success.

On 18th February and 8th April, the Whipple was visited by groups of UCM work experience pupils. Claire Wallace and Lorena Bushell both gave tours to the pupils and gave short talks to give the pupils an idea about what it is like to work in a small museum.

A successful team of volunteers has been recruited to support Lifelong Learning events. They will help us to both improve the quality of events and increase the scope and capacity for each event.
Grants and Donations

Connecting Collections

As part of the UCM project ‘Connecting Collections’, the Whipple has had the opportunity to apply for some extra funding for special projects.

We were successful in the last academic year in gaining £10,000 funding for a Collections Access Project. The main aim of this project was to improve the standard of the Whipple’s current database in order to implement an online database of the museum’s collection. We hired several post-doctoral researchers and MPhil students on a part-time basis to work on this project. New Explore website content and an online database should be available on the Whipple’s website in 2015.

We received £500 funding to allow us to be open on occasional weekends throughout the year. We were also awarded an allowance of £800 to support workforce development and attendance at conferences.

The Whipple was also chosen as the venue for the University of Cambridge Museum’s Christmas gathering on Wednesday 11th December. This event provided a networking opportunity for all UCM staff and was well attended by all eight of the museums.

Whipple Museum of the History of Science Conservation Fund

Robert S. Whipple’s relatives continue to be involved in significant ways with the Museum. In November 2012 it was announced in the Reporter (http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/2012-13/weekly/6285/section7.shtml#heading2-15) that the Whipple Museum of the History of Science Conservation Fund had been established. This fund, set up by grandchildren and other relatives of Robert Whipple, is to be used for the conservation of the collection’s objects and archives. So far, the first objects within the collection to have benefitted from this donation are the Portuguese mariner’s compass (Wh.0328) and the Herschel telescope (Wh.0012).

The Whipple has continued to receive funding from Connecting Collections for several conservation interns to join us to help with various projects. In December 2013, Kloe Rumsey, Jenny Mathiasson, Carmen Vida and Jenny Marchant helped the Collections staff at the Whipple with the cleaning of objects and preparation of condition reports in advance of the ‘Discoveries’ exhibition at Two Temple Place. Work on identifying and isolating the plastics within our collection that are starting to degrade began in the spring. This was carried out by conservation interns Cathy Tully and Rebekah Parkinson.
The Whipple’s Collections staff, Claire Wallace and Steven Kruse, have been taking advice from conservators at the Scott Polar Research Institute and within Estate Management to improve the storage of objects containing radon paint.

**Other Donations**

We thank Anita McConnell and the Ann D Foundation for their continuing contributions.
Loans

The Whipple Museum continues to receive requests from other museums for the loan of objects from its collection, 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.

Loans out

University Library, Cambridge

*Read all about it! Wrongdoing in Spain & England in the Long Nineteenth Century,*

April 2013-January 2014

| Wh.2744 | Creamware phrenological head by Fowler, c. 1850 |
| Wh.6510 | Plaster phrenological bust ‘Pierre-Francois Lacenaire’ attributed to James De Ville, c. 1836 |

Two Temple Place, London


| Wh.0156 | Compound microscope, drum type |
| Wh.0684 | Single-draw brass achromatic refracting telescope |
| Wh.0723 | Compound microscope, Culpepper Nuremburg ‘toy’ type |
| Wh.0908 | Achromatic compound microscope, horizontal |
| Wh.1072 | Reflecting telescope, gregorian |
| Wh.1518 | Achromatic compound microscope, petrological |
| Wh.1535 | Achromatic compound microscope, petrological |
| Wh.1785 | Compound microscope, Culpepper type |
| Wh.1800 | Compound microscope, side pillar type |
| Wh.1820 | Simple microscope, screw barrel type |
| Wh.1835 | Refracting telescope |
| Wh.2734 | Compound microscope |
| Wh.2956 | Simple microscope, ‘Naturalist’s magnifier’ type |
| Wh.3802 | Photographic portrait of R.S. Whipple |
| Wh.3836 | [Achromatic] compound microscope |
| Wh.4407 | Compound microscope, Cary/Gould type |
| Wh.5612 | ‘Royal Century’ refracting telescope |
| Wh.5857 | 6 oil colour Muggletonian astronomical prints |
| Wh.6042 | The Open University McArthur microscope |
| Wh.6508 | Table orrery |
Milton Road Primary School, Cambridge
Loan box, March 2014
HC23  Simple botanical microscope with 13 microscope slides
HC24  Compound microscope

The Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge
Conservation Conversations, March 2014
Wh.6013.4  Protractor
Wh.6013.10 Protractor
Wh.6018  Stencil
Wh.6117  Safety goggles
Wh.6189.1 Protractor
Wh.6189.2 Protractor

The Polar Museum, Cambridge
Sea Monsters to Sonar: Charting the Polar Oceans, March-June 2014
Wh.3401  Walker’s Harpoon II depth finder, by T. Walker & Son

Historic Royal Palaces (Kensington Palace), London
Glorious Georges, April 2014-April 2015
Wh.0195  Simple pocket microscope, by George Lindsay

Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge
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Royal Museums Greenwich (National Maritime Museum), London

*Ships, Clocks & Stars: The Quest for Longitude*, July 2014-January 2015

Wh.0328  Portuguese mariner’s compass, by Joseph da Costa Miranda
Wh.2339  Portion of Babbage difference engine

**Loans in**

**Topoi, Berlin**

*Globes*, August 2013– ongoing

   Replica working model of an ancient globe fragment
# New acquisitions

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Individuals

Annual Reports of Members of the Department

Anna Alexandrova

This year I held sabbatical leave in Lent 2014 and a CRASSH Early Career Fellowship in Easter 2014. I used this time to work on my book manuscript and give a series of talks in UK and Europe. Using the grant from Newton Trust and Philomathia Program, Jack Wright and I have brought up to date the Philosophy of Economics section of PhilPapers.org of which we are co-editors. I also represented our department in the Cambridge-wide Open Day in July. I am excited to start working with two new PhD students Jack Wright and Hardy Schilgen.

Publications

Articles in journals

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Lectures, seminars and conferences

February 2014
Anna Alexandrova ‘Values Fit for Science: The Case of Child Well-being’ Moral Sciences Club, Cambridge (Feb 4th) and Moral Philosophy Seminar, Oxford (Feb 10th)

March 2014
Anna Alexandrova and Robert Northcott ‘Armchair Science’ Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics Seminar, Rotterdam (Mar 10th)

June 2014
Anna Alexandrova ‘What is child well-being?’ Royal Institute of Philosophy Workshop: Time and Well-being, Birmingham, June 6th 2014
July 2014
Anna Alexandrova and Robert Northcott ‘Armchair Science’, British Society for Philosophy of Science, refereed conference presentation

Public Engagement and Impact


Salim Al-Gailani

Publications

Edited works
(with Angela Davis) “Transforming Pregnancy Since 1900,” special issue of Studies in History and Philosophy of Science Part C: Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences 27 (2014)

Articles in journals

Reviews

Lectures, seminars and conferences

October 2013
“Maternal Imprinting and the Making of Antenatal Care in Britain around 1900” (paper presented at Imagining the Unborn from the Early Modern Period to the Present conference, University of Marburg, Germany, 10–11 October, 2014)

June 2014
“Chemistry Education: Books and Objects” (paper presented at the Association for the Discussion of the History of Chemistry, University of Cambridge, 2 June 2014)
Public Engagement and Impact

Curated case study on “Kitchen Chemistry” at the Whipple Museum of the History of Science, University of Cambridge, installed August 2014

Scott Anthony

I am a Research Associate on the ERC-funded ‘Economics in the Public Sphere’ project based at HPS. Over the past year I have been writing a series of articles about the visualisation of economics in the 1970s and 1980s as part of a larger investigation of ‘everyday’ economic knowledge. I have also been developing a side project about economics and film that will culminate in a series of screenings in March 2015. In 2013/14 I served as an examiner in the History Faculty and was co-convenor of the Public and Popular History seminar at Cambridge and the Public History seminar at the Institute of Historical Research.

Publications

Articles in journals

Reviews

Public Engagement and Impact

Advised on, and then wrote, the Royal Mail’s Great British Film Special Stamp issue, April 2014 http://shop.royalmail.com/great-british-film/great-british-film-presentation-pack/invt/20140503
Alexi Baker

Alexi Baker was a post-doc on the AHRC-funded project ‘The Board of Longitude 1714–1828: Science, Innovation and Empire in the Georgian World’ with Professor Simon Schaffer in 2010-2013. She is now an HPS Affiliate and a Mellon/Newton Interdisciplinary Research Fellow at CRASSH in 2013-2015. In addition to her work at CRASSH, Dr Baker is editing and half-authoring the Board of Longitude project book (Palgrave Macmillan 2015) and continues to contribute to the University Library’s digitisation project ‘Navigating 18th Century Science and Technology: the Board of Longitude’. Dr Baker is convening an interdisciplinary conference on June 18-20, 2015 - Objects in Motion: Material Culture in Transition (http://www.crassh.cam.ac.uk/events/25668) - for which she has received a conference grant from CRASSH.

Publications

*Articles in journals*

*Chapters in books*

*Reviews*

*Lectures, seminars and conferences*

*November 2013*
Alexi Baker, “What is the History & Philosophy of Science?” (an Early Modern Interdisciplinary roundtable discussion with Simon Schaffer, Leah Astbury and Michelle Wallis, at St John's College Cambridge on November 27, 2013)

*January 2014*

*February 2014*
Alexi Baker, “Craft, commerce and community: the ‘scientific’ instrument trade in early modern London” (a paper presented at the Early Modern Philosophy and the Scientific Imagination seminar at the University of London on February 8, 2014)
April 2014
“Movement and interconnectivity in the ‘scientific’ instrument trade of early modern London” (a pre-circulated paper presented at the workshop “The Landscape of Occupations in Pre-Industrial Britain and Continental Europe, c. 1400-1750” at the University of Exeter on April 8, 2014)

July 2014
“Jane Squire: class, gender, and religion in the search for the longitude” (a paper presented at the Annual Conference of the British Society for the History of Science at St Andrew's University on July 4, 2014)

September 2014
“Early modern ‘science’ and technology in motion” (a paper presented at Larry Stewart's workshop “Spaces of Science” at the University of Saskatchewan on September 5, 2014)

Public Engagement and Impact


Participated in the “Curators on the Gangplank” timed talks public event at the Dark and Stormy Late opening of the National Maritime Museum on July 24, 2014


Debby Banham

Debby had another busy but enjoyable year, with teaching at Madingley Hall (medieval Latin and palaeography) and King’s College, London (MA palaeography), a trip to Oxford to celebrate the completion of the Dictionary of Medieval Latin from British Sources, her first full harvest of historic cereals, including rye that was taller than her, the final proofs of her book (nearly 20 years in the making) on Anglo-Saxon farming, and, at the end of September, another trip to Oxfordshire to film monastic sign language for a TV series on medieval monasticism. All this plus Latin Therapy, where we read about some very peculiar animals (barnacle goose, walrus, pangolin).

Publications

Chapters in books

Lectures, seminars and conferences

*April 2014*

*May 2014*
Debby Banham, ‘Gender and food production in early medieval England’ (paper presented at the Gender and History Seminar, University of Cambridge, 22 May, 2014)

*July 2014*

Public Engagement and Impact

“Making a living in the early middle ages”, University of Cambridge sixth-form conference, Wrexham, 8 January 2014
‘Early medieval Cambridge’ walk, Sutton Trust Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic Summer School, 15 July 2014
‘The first thousand years of handwriting in England’ (talk to Saffron Walden Museum Society, 8 September 2014)

Alex Broadbent

Alex received a University of Johannesburg Vice Chancellor’s Distinguished Award for Most Promising Young Researcher of the Year in November 2013. He was awarded an National Research Foundation of South Africa P-rating at the end of 2013 (highest for career stage) and received an Elsevier Young Scientist Award. He was elected to the South African Young Academy of Sciences in November 2013 and served as Co-Chair 2013-2014. He was Head of the Department of Philosophy Jan-Dec 2014 and took on a three-year term as Vice Dean Research for the Faculty of Humanities in May 2014, both at the University of Johannesburg.

Lectures, seminars and conferences

*October 2013*
Alex Broadbent, ‘Epidemiological Evidence in Law’ (paper presented at seminar in University of Birmingham)

*November 2013*
Alex Broadbent, ‘What is a Good Prediction?’ (paper presented at seminar in Washington University, St Louis).
Alex Broadbent, ‘Causation, Explanation and Population Health’ (paper presented at Columbia University Epidemiology Seminar Series)
Alex Broadbent, ‘Statistical Evidence in Law’ (paper presented at HPS seminar in University of Toronto)

January 2014
Alex Broadbent, ‘Health as a Secondary Property’ (paper presented at Philosophical Society of Southern Africa Annual Conference, Bloemfontein)

June 2014
Alex Broadbent, ‘Risk Relativism and Physical Law’ (paper presented at workshop on Prediction in Epidemiology and Healthcare at King’s College, London)

July 2014
Alex Broadbent, ‘Is Stability a Stable Category in Medical Epistemology?’ (paper presented at New Thinking About Scientific Realism conference, Cape Town)

August 2014
Alex Broadbent, ‘Defining Measures of Causal Strength’ (paper presented at the World Congress of Epidemiology, Anchorage).

Public Engagement and Impact

Comments on various public health matters on philosepi.wordpress.com
Co-organiser of conference Science and Society in Africa, Cape Town
Member of the South African Young Academy of Sciences (and Co-Chair 2013-2014)

Tatjana Buklijaš

Tatjana Buklijaš is a research fellow at Liggins Institute, University of Auckland. She also teaches a course on Heredity, development and evolution to third-year medical students and an annual symposium on evolutionary medicine to second-year medical students in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, University of Auckland. Following the birth of her son Mark Chong Lee in July 2013, she was on maternity leave until March 2014.

Publications

Articles in journals

Reviews


**Lectures, seminars and conferences**

*October 2013*


**Soraya de Chadarevian**

**Publications**

*Edited works*


*Articles in journals*

Soraya de Chadarevian, “Chromosome surveys of human populations: Between epidemiology and anthropology,” *Studies in History and Philosophy in the Biological and Biomedical Sciences* 47 (2014), 87-96


*Chapters in books*


*Reviews*

Lectures, seminars and conferences

October 2013
Soraya de Chadarevian, “The future historian: reflections on the archives of contemporary sciences,”
(keynote lecture presented at the Wellcome Library Symposium Making the History of the Postwar Life Sciences: Methods, Sources, and Opportunities, London, October 26, 2013).

October / November 2013
Soraya de Chadarevian, Final commentator at workshop Historizing big data (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, October 31 – November 2, 2013).

November, 2013
Soraya de Chadarevian, Commentator, at session “Managing risk and uncertainty in postwar biomedicine,” (History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Boston, 21-24 November, 2013)

December 2013

April 2014

April 2014

May 2014

June 2014
Soraya de Chadarevian, Final commentator (commentary presented at conference “In-n-out of California: circulating things and the globalization of the West Coast - take 2,” Drexel University, Philadelphia, June 16-17, 2014).
Public Engagement and Impact


Hasok Chang

This is my fourth year in post in HPS, during which I maintained a full schedule of activities both inside and outside the department.

It was a significant year for public engagement and international recognition. I received the Fernando Gil International Prize in the philosophy of science, given by the Portuguese government and the Gulbenkian Foundation, for my book *Is Water H2O?* (2012), and delivered the prize lecture in Lisbon in March 2014. I conceived and delivered a 12-part television lecture series titled *Science Meets Philosophy*, which was broadcast in the spring of 2014 on EBS-TV (Educational Broadcasting System), a national channel in South Korea; this was an introduction to the philosophy and history of science for the public, and I also completed the manuscript of a book based on the series. In March/April 2014 I spent three weeks as a short-term visiting professor for the “DK-Plus” doctoral programme in science studies at the University of Vienna. Various speaking engagements took me to Greece, Portugal, Germany, Austria, the Netherlands, the United States, Brazil and South Korea, as well as various locations in the UK.

In professional service, I continued as President of the British Society for the History of Science, completing my 2-year term on 1 September 2014. I also continued in my key roles in the Society for Philosophy of Science in Practice, in the International Committee for Integrated HPS (which held its 5th biennial conference in Vienna in June 2014), and in the UK Network for Integrated HPS (which held its 9th annual workshop in Leeds in April 2014). I have continued to serve on the governing Council of the Society for History of Alchemy and Chemistry. From January 2014 I have served on the Nominating Committee for the Philosophy of Science Association.

Within Cambridge I jointly led the Cambridge Philosophy of Science (CamPoS) network in its second year of activity, including the weekly seminar series. My collaborative agreement with the Department of Chemistry continues. With the impetus of the academic visits of Prof. David Teplow and Prof. Stuart Firestein to HPS for the in 2013–14 academic year, I have started up the Coffee with Scientists reading group, which has attracted the attention of many scholars in HPS and many other departments/faculties. Within HPS I continue to play a leading role in the running of AD HOC (history of chemistry) and the Philosophy and History of Physics reading group.

In the administration of the Department, I served as Part IB Senior Examiner, Dignity Officer (along with Liba Taub), Paper 8 Manager, and Paper 6 Co-manager (with Marion Godman); while Anna Alexandrova was on leave I also filled in as the Graduate Training Coordinator, and oversaw the overhaul of the Graduate and Postdoc Training programme. I also represented HPS on the PBS Tripos Management Committee, and served
as the external DoS for HPS at St Catharine’s College. In classroom teaching I delivered a full load of lectures (10 for Part IB, 7 for Paper 6, 12 for Paper 8), and all of the Paper 8 Primary Source teaching including supervisions. I also did my share of teaching and supervisions for Part III, MPhil and PhD students.

Publications

Books

Articles in journals

Chapters in books
Hasok Chang, “Epistemic Activities and Systems of Practice: Units of Analysis in Philosophy of Science After the Practice Turn”, in Léna Soler, Sjoerd Zwart, Michael Lynch and Vincent Israel-Jost, eds., Science After the Practice Turn in the Philosophy, History and Social Studies of Science (London and Abingdon: Routledge, 2014), 67–79

Lectures, seminars and conferences

October 2013
“What Characterized my Stanford Philosophy-of-Science Education and Experience?”, for the “Next Generation(s)” panel, conference on the Stanford School of the Philosophy of Science, at Stanford University, USA, 25 October 2013 (by videoconference)

November 2013
December 2013
“잊혀진 과학지식의 재현 (The Re-creation of Forgotten Scientific Knowledge)”, at Yonsei University
(융합기술연구소, 연세대학교), Seoul, South Korea, 11 December 2013

과학, 철학을 만나다 (Science Meets Philosophy), a series of 12 lectures for EBS television, recorded with live audiences on 10–20 December 2013

February 2014
“The Progress and Foundations of Scientific Knowledge: Popper, Kuhn and Beyond”, Philosophy of Science Seminar, Dept of Philosophy, University of Edinburgh, 6 February 2014

March 2014
“The Many Uses of the History of Science”, presentation at the opening symposium of the Stevin Center for History of Science and Humanities, VU Amsterdam, 18 March 2014
“Realism in the Context of Chemistry”, Workshop on Scientific Realism, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, Lisbon, 20 March 2014
“History and Philosophy of Science in the Service of Scientific Pluralism”, Fernando Gil International Prize Lecture, at the Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, Lisbon, 20 March 2014
“Bringing History and Philosophy of Science Back Together”, SAHFC/CIUHCT, University of Lisbon, 21 March 2014

April 2014
“Respecting Past Science”, to Sonia Horn’s graduate seminar at the Medical University of Vienna, 7 April 2014
“Temperature: From Quality to Quantity”, KLI Colloquium, Konrad Lorenz Institute, Vienna, 8 April 2014
Discussion of “Putting Science Back in History of Science”, DK-plus PhD Programme in science studies, University of Vienna, 9 April 2014

May 2014
“Can We Make Sense of Measurement outside of a Realist Framework?”, at the workshop “Experiment, Conceptual Change, and Scientific Realism”, University of Athens, 2 May 2014
“Philosophy of Science: Philosophy as Complementary Science”, in the seminar series “Approaches to Philosophy”, Dept of Philosophy, Birkbeck College, London, 6 May 2014

June 2014
“From Epistemic Iteration to Pluralism concerning Epistemic Objects”, invited talk at the conference “Mathematising Science: Limits and Perspectives II”, University of East Anglia, Norwich, 1 June 2014

July 2014
“The Rising of Chemical Natural Kinds Through Epistemic Iteration”, International Society for the Philosophy of Chemistry Summer Symposium, at the London School of Economics, 8 July 2014
“From Incommensurability to Pluralism”, for the conference “Science — The Big Questions Revisited” (in honour of Paul Hoyningen-Huene), at the Leibniz Universität Hannover, 18 July 2014
“Is Water H2O?”, for the summer school “Plato’s Academy: Pathways to Knowledge”, Athens, 22 July 2014
August 2014

“Science, Philosophy and History”, China–UK Development Centre Academic Seminar Summer School, at Clare Hall, Cambridge, 19 August 2014


September 2014

“What Does Pluralism Tell Us About How To Do Philosophy of Science?”, keynote talk for the conference “Approaches within Philosophy of Science”, UCL, 3 September 2014

“Volta, Batteries, and the Marvels of Current Electricity”, International Conference on the History of Physics, sponsored by the Institute of Physics, at Trinity College, Cambridge, 4 September 2014

Public Engagement and Impact

과학 철학을 만나다 (Science Meets Philosophy, in Korean): a series of 12 hour-long lectures for EBS-TV (Educational Broadcasting System), a state-run national channel in South Korea, broadcast weekly from 22 February 2014. http://home.ebs.co.kr/sciencephilosophy/main


“Science, Philosophy, and Common Sense” (all-school assembly), for the annual “Science for the 21st Century” lecture series, Northfield Mount Hermon School, Massachusetts, 26 February 2014


Gloria Clifton

I am an affiliated research scholar of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science of the University of Cambridge, as well as being an emerita curator of the National Maritime Museum, Royal Museums Greenwich, London SE10 9NF.

I am a Member of Council for the Hakluyt Society and one of three series editors for the volumes published by the Society, detailed below.

I am also a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and an honorary member of the Scientific Instrument Society.

Publications

Edited works
Articles in journals

Lectures, seminars and conferences

November 2013

Public Engagement and Impact

The lecture for the Scientific Instrument Society in November 2013 was a public lecture, with non-members present. I have also acted as a volunteer at the National Maritime Museum, including informal mentoring of interns and answering public enquiries.

Helen Anne Curry

This year was my second in the department, and a very busy one. The highlight was introducing, with the help of my colleagues, a Part II paper on the history of science and technology in the twentieth century. I was also able to begin a new research project on the history of efforts to conserve genetic diversity, and to share this work in a number of seminars. In addition to my teaching and research, I continued to serve on the Cambridge Forum for Sustainability and Environment and perform various roles as a fellow of Churchill College.

Publications

Articles in journals
Helen Anne Curry, "Industrial Evolution: Mechanical and Biological Innovation at the General Electric Research Laboratory," Technology and Culture 54, no. 4 (October 2013): 746–781
Helen Anne Curry, "Radiation and Restoration; or, How Best to Make a Blight-Resistant Chestnut Tree," Environmental History 19, no. 2 (April 2014): 217–238
Helen Anne Curry, "From Garden Biotech to Garage Biotech: Amateur Experimental Biology in Historical Perspective," British Journal for the History of Science 47, no. 3 (September 2014): 539–565

Reviews
Lectures, seminars and conferences

November 2013
"Atoms in Agriculture" (paper presented at the Agrarian Studies Colloquium, Yale University, 1 November 2013)

January 2014
"Tinkering with Genes and Chromosomes in the Lab and Garden," (lecture for the Egenis/Symbiology Seminar Series, University of Exeter, 28 January 2014)

February 2014
"Endangered Crops: Agricultural Crises and Genetic Conservation in 20th Century America," (lecture at the Centre for the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, University of Manchester, 4 February 2014)
"Hybrid Corn and Endangered Maize: Historical Perspectives on the Conservation of Plant Genetic Resources” (lecture for the Cambridge Conservation Seminar, University of Cambridge, 26 February 2014)

March 2014
"X-rayed Maize and Mutant Marigolds: A History of Early Plant Biotechnologies and their Popular Reception" (lecture at the Institute for the History of Medicine and Science, University of Valencia, 25 March 2014)
"From Garden Biotech to Garage Biotech," (seminar at the Centre for History of Evolutionary Studies, Department of Science and Technology Studies, University College London, 29 March 2014)

June 2014
"Artificial Mutation and Natural Evolution" (plenary talk at the workshop "The 'Artificial' and the 'Natural' in the Life Sciences, c. 1850–1950," University of Exeter, 26–27 June 2014)

July 2014
"Atoms in Agriculture: Nuclear Science as Agricultural Outreach in the United States, 1945–1960" (lecture at the Munich Center for Technology in Society and Deutsches Museum (Munich), 14 July 2014)

September 2014
"Corn, Conservation, and the Cold War: American Efforts to Preserve Plant Genetic Diversity, 1940–1965" (conference paper at European Society for the History of Science Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 4–6 September 2014)
Patricia Fara

Publications

**Articles in journals**

**Reviews**
http://lareviewofbooks.org/review/scraping-whitewash
Patricia Fara, Review of *Before Galileo: The Birth of Modern Science in Medieval Europe*, by John Freely

**Lectures, seminars and conferences**

*September, 2014*
Patricia Fara, “A lab of one’s own? Women and science in World War I” (Keynote address at WISRnet conference, Royal Society)

*July 2014*
Patricia Fara, “Philosophy, plants and power in Hanover-upon-Thames” (Georgian Princesses conference, Hampton Court)

**Public Engagement and Impact**

I have given several public lectures, including: “Newton & Newtonianism”, presented to the Manchester Literary & Philosophical Society and also to the Lichfield Science Society; and “4000 years in 400 pages”, presented at the Grantham Festival of Light; “Electricity in the eighteenth century” for a public audience at Kew Gardens.

I have featured in several radio and TV programmes. These include: being interviewed about Hasok Chang and HPS for Korean TV; being interviewed in a London studio for a BBC documentary on Einstein & 20th-century scientists; contributing to an *In our Time* (Radio 4) programme about the History of the Eye.

On popular books: I edited Usborne’s *The Story of Science* (a children’s book on the history of science)
John Forrester

In Michaelmas Term, John Forrester and Peter Mandler (Faculty of History) were joint Mellon Teaching Fellows, CRASSH, University of Cambridge, where they led a Research Seminar on ‘The Uses of Psychoanalysis’. From January 2014 to September 2014 he was on Research Leave.

He continued to chair the Department’s REF Unit of Assessment Committee, overseeing the Department’s REF submission in the autumn of 2013.

Publications

Chapters in books


Other Publications

‘Editorial’ Psychoanalysis and History 16(2) (2014): 133-6
‘Editorial’ Psychoanalysis and History 16(1) (2014): 1-4

Lectures, seminars and conferences

‘Sites of the Unconscious: Hypnosis and the Emergence of the Psychoanalytic Setting’ (Author's talk: Andreas Mayer introduced by John Forrester, Freud Museum, London, 28 October 2013)
‘Freud in Bloomsbury’ (Talk, Freud Museum, London, 8 November 2013)

Clare Griffin

From November 2013 I have been a member of the Early Slavic Studies Book Prize Committee, which awards an annual prize to a translation of an Early Slavic text or a monograph on an Early Slavic Studies topic.
Lectures, seminars and conferences

November 2013
“The Russian State and the Early Modern Drug Trade”, (paper presented at the Wellcome Trust Unit for the History of Medicine Departmental Seminar Series ‘Structures of Medical Knowledge’, University of Oxford [Invited], November 4, 2013)

January 2014

May 2014
“Unseen Editors: The Importance of Latin-Russian Translators in the Exchange of Medical Knowledge in Seventeenth-Century Russia”, (paper presented at the workshop Cultures of Translation: Practices of Adaptation and Translation in the Slavic Cultures between the Fourteenth and the Seventeenth Centuries, University of Manchester, May 16, 2014)

June 2014
“Global Medicine? The Early Modern Drug Trade and Muscovy”, (paper presented at the workshop Continuity and Change in Russian Therapy, University of Oxford [Invited], June 5-6, 2014)
“‘Is That a Magic Herb?’ The Role of European Science in 17th-Century Russian Witchcraft Trials”, (paper presented at the seminar series Global Science, Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH), University of Cambridge [Invited], June 10, 2014)

July 2014
“Medicine or Poison? Strong Medicines and Fears of Poisoning at the Seventeenth Century Russian Court”, (paper presented at the Society for the Social History of Medicine Annual Conference, University of Oxford, July 10-12)

September 2014
“Foreign Expertise and Knowledge Exchange in the Seventeenth-Century Chancery System”, (paper presented at the symposium Information Technologies and Transfer in Russia, 1450-1850, University of Cambridge, September 5-6 2014)

Public Engagement and Impact

Editor, H-Net Early Slavic Posting on and moderating an e-mail list, maintaining a web page of links to resources relevant to Early Slavic Studies, which is open to both academics and the public. 2014-present. https://networks.h-net.org/h-earlyslavic

Co-translator with the rest of the Latin Therapy group of, and introducer to an autopsy text on the Latin Therapy Blog, February 14, 2014, http://latintherapy.blogspot.co.uk/2014/02/poison-or-plague-in-st-petersburg.html

Vanessa Heggie

In late 2013 Vanessa was awarded a Visiting Fellowship at the Sydney Centre for the Foundations of Science, and will be spending three months there in 2015 working with Prof. Warwick Anderson on topics relating to physiology and race. She was also asked to be a member of the judging panel of the History of Science Society’s Suzanne J. Levinson Book Prize, and successfully applied to become the Book Review Editor of Social History of Medicine.

Publications

Books

Articles in journals

Chapters in books

Reviews

Lectures, seminars and conferences

November 2013
“Higher and Colder: The success and failure of boundaries in high altitude and Antartic research stations” (paper presented at Homes for Science: The anthropology of tropical and Arctic field stations in Finse, Norway)
April 2014
With R. Higgitt “Challenging Audiences; lessons from blogging at the intersection of history and science”
(paper presented at the Institute of Historical Research, London)

Public Engagement and Impact

Public Lecture: “The Long History of Medicine: Response to Alice Robert’s The Incredible Human Journey”
GRAB (Great Read At Birmingham) Conference, March 2014

Blog Posts:
“Forget Testosterone, there’s another ‘T’ we need to tackle to make sport fair” H-Word, Guardian, 30 April 2014 http://www.theguardian.com/science/the-h-word/2014/apr/30/forget-testosterone-theres-another-t-we-need-to-tackle-to-make-sports-fair
“Summer Holidays and the History of Science” H-Word, Guardian 22 August 2013 http://www.theguardian.com/science/the-h-word/2013/aug/22/vacation-holiday-history-science-medicine,
Nick Hopwood

Nick Hopwood was promoted to Reader in History of Science and Medicine, with effect from October 2014. He served as director of graduate studies (including chairing the HPS degree committee and sitting on the School graduate committee) and continued to manage our Wellcome Trust strategic award on ‘Generation to Reproduction’, which will now run for an extra two years, till 30 September 2016. With Rebecca Flemming and Lauren Kassell he signed a contract with CUP for the main output from this grant, a large edited book on Reproduction: Antiquity to the Present. He saw his own Haeckel’s Embryos: Images, Evolution and Fraud through the press, for publication by Chicago in February 2015. He completed a stint as external examiner for BSc and MSc courses at CHSTM, University of Manchester, and continued as a member of the Wellcome Trust Medical Humanities and Social Science Selection Panel, which involved five days of interviews this year; he was also co-opted for one day onto the Trust’s Medical Humanities Interview Committee for research fellowships. He rejoined the editorial board of Annals of History and Philosophy of Biology.

Publications

Reviews

Lectures, seminars and conferences

June 2014
Sarah Franklin, Nick Hopwood and Martin Johnson, organized ESRC-funded IVF Histories and Cultures Seminar 1; own talk on “What Did Robert Edwards See When He Looked at Embryos?” (Christ’s College, Cambridge, June 23–24, 2014)

July 2014
Lauren Kassell, Nick Hopwood and Rebecca Flemming, organized authors’ workshop for Reproduction: Antiquity to the Present (Department of HPS, University of Cambridge, July 3–5, 2014)

Sonia Horn

EC- Mobility Grant by “ICARUS – International Centre of Archival Research” to support a visiting fellowship at Clare Hall Cambridge Octore 2014 – April 2015 (granted in Spring 2014)
Publications

Books
Sonia Horn, Bader, Medicus, Primar. Begleitbuch zur Ausstellung im Niederösterreichischen Landesmuseum (St.Pölten 2014)

Chapters in books
Sonia Horn, „…reineres Licht über die Wissenschaften im Erzstifte zu Köln…“. Medizin, Gesundheitswesen und Aufklärung an der Maxischen Akademie in Bonn und der medizinisch- chirurgischen Josephsakademie in Wien. In: Andreas BERGER (Hg.) Beiträge der Tagung zum 625- jährigen Bestehen der Universität Köln (2014 Böhlau Köln)

Lectures, seminars and conferences

November 2013
Sonia Horn, “Psychosomatik in der Gastroenterologie - Die vergessene Domäne der Europäischen medizinischen Tradition (Psychosomatic medicine in gastroenterology - The forgotten domain of the European medical tradition) Lecture at the 5th training course of the Austrian Society of Psychosomatic Medicine in Gastroenterology: "Diagnosis and psychosomatic aspects of functional gastroenterological disorders" (30.11.2013 Linz/ Austria)

May 2014
Sonia Horn: “Why there is no Carnival in Hollabrunn – a plea for a multidisciplinary approach in the historiography of epidemic diseases.” Paper given at the conference “Contagium between Prague and Vienna: Medicine and Infectious Diseases in Early Modern Central Europe (Charles University Prague, 14. – 15.5.2014)

July 2014

Public Engagement and Impact

Organisation: Lange Nacht der Forschung Österreich (Reseracher’s Night Austria) 4.4.2014 for Gabriele Possanner Institute for Interdisciplinary Research. (http://www.gabrielepossanner.eu/lange-nacht-der-forschung/)
Nick Jardine

In September 2013, on completion of his contract as Senior Consultant to the Cambridge Scientific Heritage Project, Nick was re-employed by the University for a year as a Director of Research. He has continued with lecturing, graduate supervision, and helping with the organisation of seminars and workshops, notably the Cabinet of Natural History, Latin and Greek Therapy, and Aims and Methods of Histories of the Sciences. The two long-term projects of which he was PI, the BA-funded Conflict and Priority in Early-Modern Astronomy and the AHRC-funded Diagrams, Figures and the Transformation of Astronomy 1450-1650, were brought to successful completion in the course of the year. Thanks to co-organisers Sachiko Kusukawa, Liba Taub, the late Alain Segonds (CNRS, Paris) and Isabelle Pantin (ENS, Paris) and to collaborators including Renee Raphael, Isla Fay, Emma Perkins, Katie Taylor, Seb Falk, Christopher Lewis, Elisabeth Leedham-Green, Karen Bowen, Susannah Gibson, Miguel Granada, Adam Mosley, Katherine Harloe and Karin Tybjerg, the projects have hosted numerous international meetings and conferences, and have produced a flood of publications. The Diagrams project has completed a substantial database of astronomical images with accompanying texts, translations, commentaries and a glossary. Nick is on the Botanic Garden Syndicate, and devotes ever more time to the study of fungi. He is writing up his long-promised book *On Histories of the Sciences*.

Publications

**Books**

*Christoph Rothmann’s Discourse on the Comet of 1585: An Edition and Translation with Accompanying Essays*  
(with M. A. Granada and A. Mosley), Leiden, Brill, 2014

**Edited works**

*Recent Material Heritage of the Sciences*, special section of *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*, 44/4 (2013) (ed. and intro. with Lydia Wilson)

*Observing the World through Images: Diagrams and Figures in the Early-Modern Arts and Sciences*, Leiden, Brill, 2014 (ed. and intro. with Isla Fay)

**Articles in journals**


Johann Baptist Hebenstreit’s Idyll on the temple of Urania, the frontispiece of Kepler's *Rudolphine Tables*, Part

**Chapters in books**

How to present a Copernican comet: The form and tactics of Christoph Rothmann’s *Dialexis* on the comet of 1585, in *Celestial Novelties on the Eve of the Scientific Revolution* (eds. D. Tessicini and P. Boner), Florence, Olschki, 2013, 159-183

**Richard C. Jennings**

Richard Jennings directs the studies for about a quarter of the HPS IB students and supervises them in philosophy of science. He is Director of Studies in Philosophy for Girton College, Homerton College, Murray Edwards College, and Queens’ College. He runs workshops on Ethical Conduct and the Ethics of Scientific Practice for the Graduate programme at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute as well as for the final year and first year graduate students in the University of Cambridge, Department of Physics.

**Publications**

**Edited works**

Richard C. Jennings (Edited with Peter Evans and David Bennett) *Feeding 9 billion: The contribution of new genetic technologies to global food production* (Cambridge CB1 2BH, UK: Banson, August 2014)

**Articles in journals**


**Lectures, seminars and conferences**

**January 2014**

Caius College MCR/SCR research talks: “When is a controlled experiment not a controlled experiment”, Senior Parlour, Gonville & Caius College

**February 2014**

“Ethics in Physics” two workshops on ethical issues that arise in the conduct of physics research, Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge

**March 2014**

“Ethics in Physics” two workshops on ethical issues that arise in the practice of physics, Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge

**May 2014**

Workshops on Ethical Conduct of Research, Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute
June 2014
Workshops on Ethical problems in the Use and Practice of Science, Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute

Public Engagement and Impact

November 2013
Cambridge Society for the Application of Research Debate. Opposed motion “his House believes that the UK should support research into, and the use of, genetically-modified food”
Houses of Parliament: Address to the Ugandan Government Science and Technology Committee on their National Biotechnology Bill: “Social and Scientific issues in the debate over Genetically Modified food crops”

Stephen John

Publications

Articles in journals

Chapters in books

Lectures, seminars and conferences

April 2014
Stephen John, “Lies, damned lies and statistics: is it possible to communicate risk accurately?” (paper presented at the Philosophy seminar of the Technical University of Eindhoven)
Stephen John, “Non-domination and non-interference” (paper presented at the “Republic of Health” conference, University of Southampton)

June 2014

Stephen John, “Is personalised cancer screening possible? Is it desirable?” (paper presented at “Philosophical issues in personalised medicine Workshop” LSE)

Lauren Kassell

She secured a £1 million Strategic Award from the Wellcome to complete and extend work on the Casebooks Project: A Digital Edition of Simon Forman’s and Richard Napier’s Medical Records, 1596-1634 (http://www.magicandmedicine.hps.cam.ac.uk/).

As a Principal Investigator on the Wellcome Strategic Award on ‘Generation to Reproduction’, headed by Nick Hopwood, (http://www.reproduction.group.cam.ac.uk/), she is contributing to re-writing the history of reproduction from antiquity to the present. She joined the Advisory Board of the Bulletin of the History of Medicine. She was MPhil Manager and Senior Part II Examiner. She was the ‘borrowed papers’ representative on the HSPS Management Committee and represented the Department on the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Research Committee. Her work as Tutorial Bursar at Pembroke continued.

Publications

Edited works

Reviews
Lectures, seminars and conferences

March 2014

May 2014

June 2014

Public Engagement and Impact

‘And the doctor noted her words …’ http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X6fO1m91UM A short animated film about the Casebooks Project, written by Lauren Kassell, directed by Mr Binns, produced by Beakus, released January 2014

Melanie Keene

Melanie Keene became Graduate Tutor at Homerton College. She lectured and supervised on the history of education for the Faculty of Education. She edited three issues of Viewpoint, the magazine of the British Society for the History of Science, and served on its Outreach and Education Committee, helping to judge the 2014 Great Exhibitions Prize.

Publications

Articles in journals

**Chapters in books**


**Lectures, seminars and conferences**

**January 2014**

‘The singing scientists’ (paper presented at Homerton College Research Seminar, 14th January)

**March 2014**

‘Dinosaurs Don’t Die: the Crystal Palace monsters in children’s literature, 1854-2001’ (chapter discussed at History of Science Workshop, HPS, Cambridge, 12th March)

**April 2014**


**June 2014**

‘Chemistry education – books & objects’ (introduction to meeting of AD HOC seminar, HPS, Cambridge, 2nd June)

‘From candles to cabinets’ (paper presented at Royal Society of Chemistry Historical Group meeting on ‘Chemistry as a Hobby’, 19th June)


**July 2014**

‘Object lessons go to school’ (paper presented at the Annual Conference of the British Society for the History of Science, St Andrews, 3rd-6th July)

‘Fiction and facts in fairyland’ (paper presented at the Inaugural Conference of the International Comission on Science and Literature, Athens, 9th-11th July)

**September 2014**


**Public Engagement and Impact**

Assistant, ‘Victorian Science Spectacular’, Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea Celebration of Science, September 228th 2013

Pre-film talk, ‘Growing up in postwar Britain’, Cambridge Arts Picturehouse, April 16th 2014
Talk on ‘The Singing Scientists’ as part of Cambridge Alumni Festival, September 27th 2014

Sachiko Kusukawa

I was awarded the Pfizer prize for my book, *Picturing the Book of Nature: Image, Text, and Argument in Sixteenth-Century Human Anatomy and Medical Botany* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2012) and received a grant from the AHRC for a research project, “Making visible: the visual and graphic practices of the early Royal Society” (2015-2019), hosted at CRASSH.

Publications

*Articles in journals*

*Chapters in books*

*Reviews*

*Lectures, seminars and conferences*

*January 2014*

*March 2014*
“The Pictorial Practices of the early Royal Society” (paper presented at the annual meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, held at New York)

*May 2014*
“William Courten and Natural History” (Paper presented at the Cabinet of Natural History, Dept of History and Philosophy of Science, Cambridge).
Public Engagement and Impact

“Vivitur ingenio: the 500th Anniversary of Andreas Vesalius (1514-64)” (on-line exhibition of historical medical books in the Rare Books Library, with some items borrowed from elsewhere)

https://exhibitions.lib.cam.ac.uk/vesalius/

Reported at: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-30027161

Geoffrey Lloyd

Publications

Books

Articles in journals

Chapters in books

Reviews

Lectures, seminars and conferences

November 2013
G.E.R. Lloyd “Greek and Chinese science”, Sidney Sussex Greats talk, November 26

February 2014
G.E.R. Lloyd “Images and Argument in ancient science”, talk at University College London February 10
June 2014
G.E.R. Lloyd Commentator at a conference on Pneuma and Heat in Ancient Science, Prague June 12-14

September 2014

Scott Mandelbrote

Scott Mandelbrote is Fellow and Director of Studies in History at Peterhouse, where he is also Fellow Librarian. He is a co-director of the ‘Bible and Antiquity in the Nineteenth Century’ project, funded by the ERC and based at CRASSH, and an editorial director of the Newton Project, based at the University of Sussex. He was Polonsky Fellow at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies during January-June 2014.

Publications

Books


Edited works


Chapters in books


Reviews


Lectures, seminars and conferences

October 2013


‘Religion and the Reception of the “General Scholium”, conference to mark the tercentenary of the publication of the “General Scholium”, in the second edition of Newton’s Principia, University of King’s College, Halifax, Nova Scotia [co-convened the conference; sponsored by SSHRC]

November 2013

‘From Alexandria to Urbino: The Letter of Aristeas, Biblical Translation, and the Renaissance Court’, seminar on the Bible in Art, Music, and Literature, University of Oxford

‘Scholarship, the Church Fathers, and Politics around 1700’, Faultline1700 expert workgroup, University of Utrecht

December 2013


January 2014

Concluding round-table presentation participant, conference to mark the centenary of the birth of Hugh Trevor-Roper, University of Oxford

March 2014


April 2014

‘The Old Testament and its ancient versions in manuscript and print in the West, c. 1480- c. 1780’, Intellectual History seminar, University of Edinburgh

May 2014

‘The later history of the manuscript of the “Equatorie of the Planetis”’, study day on the “Equatorie of the Planetis”, Whipple Museum and Peterhouse, Cambridge [convened the study day]
June 2014
‘The Greek Bible and the Reception of Josephus’, seminar on the early modern reception of Josephus, Exeter College, Oxford, and Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies
‘The Library of Konstantin Tischendorf, Sinai, and Early Modern Scholars’, conference on ‘the Persistence of the Past in Nineteenth-Century Scholarship’, Bible and Antiquity group, CRASSH [co-convened the conference]
‘Centre and Periphery in Early Modern History of Science and Intellectual History’, conference on ‘Studies of Knowledge in Eurasia, Asia, and Africa: Issues of Methodology and Future Perspectives’, Max-Planck-Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte, Berlin

July 2014
‘Henry Savile and Thomas Bradwardine’, conference on Henry Savile and Isaac Casaubon, Merton College, University of Oxford

September 2014
‘John Wilkins and the Gardens of Wadham College’, conference to mark the tercentenary of the birth of John Wilkins, Wadham College, University of Oxford

Public Engagement and Impact
Regular contributions to the blog of the Perne and Ward libraries at Peterhouse (http://perneward.wordpress.com); digital edition of ‘the Equatorie of the Planetis’ (Cambridge Digital Library); talks and exhibitions for the Saffron Walden Society (July 2014) and the Stoke Poges Society (September 2014).

Anita McConnell
Anita continues to take a close interest in the ongoing Board of Longitude project.

Lectures, seminars and conferences
July 2014
Round Table discussant at the Tercentenary Conference on the history of the Board of Longitude and the determination of longitude at sea, Royal Greenwich Museum, 15-16 July

Richard A. McKay
Following the first full year of his Wellcome Trust fellowship, Dr. Richard A. McKay reduced his academic workload to 50% full-time in January 2014 in order to divide his time more effectively between his academic work, family responsibilities, and his academic/career/life coaching practice. Nonetheless, he took up the position of Director of Studies for HPS at Magdalen College in Michaelmas 2013 and also supervised two Part II dissertations over the course of the academic year. Two outputs of his doctoral research, long in the pipeline, finally saw the light of publication in late 2013. First, a higher education module, commissioned by the U.S.
National Library of Medicine as part of an online exhibition on the history of the American AIDS epidemic, went online in the autumn. Second, his 2014 * Bulletin of the History of Medicine* article was released as an online preprint in December 2013, ten days before the cut-off for the department’s REF submission. In addition to presenting a number of seminar and conference papers in the UK, US, and Australia, Dr. McKay compiled and submitted a response to the HEFCE consultation on open access monograph publishing on behalf of the Society for the Social History of Medicine, as part of his responsibilities as the Society’s Policy Development Officer.

**Publications**

*Articles in journals*

*Lectures, seminars and conferences*

**November 2013**
Richard A. McKay, “‘V.D. is no camp’: Creating and Communicating Knowledge About Same-sex Venereal Disease Transmission in the Anglo-American World, c.1939–1984” (paper presented at the Deparmental Seminar, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge, November 28, 2013)

**January 2014**

Richard A. McKay, “Comment on ‘Quarantine: Local and Global Histories,’ by Professor Alison Bashford” (presentation at Global Science Seminar, CRASSH, January 21, 2014)

**April 2014**
Richard A. McKay, “‘Flush out “the gay ones”’: Venereal Disease Investigation and Homosexual Activity in Post-WWII North America” (paper presented at the History of Medicine Seminar, Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, University of Oxford, April 28, 2014)

**July 2014**
Chaired two panels at “Disease, Health, and the State,” the biennial meeting of the Society for the Social History of Medicine, University of Oxford & Oxford Brookes University, July 10-12, 2014

**August 2014**
Public Engagement and Impact

Contributed guidance on archival holding and images for Surviving and Thriving: AIDS, Politics, and Culture online exhibition, U.S. National Library of Medicine, October 2013,
http://www.nlm.nih.gov/survivingandthriving/
As Policy Development Officer for the Society for the Social History of Medicine, compiled and submitted the Society’s response to a HEFCE consultation on the issues raised by open access monograph publishing, September 2014

Simon Mitton

I am a Life Fellow (St Edmund’s College), and my academic field is, broadly speaking, the history of astronomy. I tend to work mostly on the 20th century because I have degrees in physics and in astrophysics. The narrative style that I have developed places an emphasis on individuals as practitioners. By contrast, most history of astronomy written at a popular level by professional physicists emphasises instrumentation, experimentation, equations, and observatories. My current research project is on the history of cosmology 1915 – 1965, the half century bracketed by the publication of the general theory relativity to the discovery of the cosmic microwave background My teaching is what professional astronomers describe as Outreach.. In Outreach we engage with passengers on cruise ships, schools, amateur astronomers, literary festivals and the general public. Together with Dr Jacqueline Mitton I have lectured to about 1500 members of the public, notably on Queen Mary 2 (Cunard) and Balmoral (Fred. Olsen). I served as Vice-President of the Royal Astronomical Society until May 2014, and was elected to Council of that Society (two-year term). I am Chairman of the RAS Library Committee, which has responsibility for £10m of heritage assets (Harrison chronometer, rare books, Herschel archives, and special collections).

Publications

Reviews
MARTIN MOBBERLEY It Came From Outer Space Wearing an RAF Blazer! (Biography of Patrick Moore) Springer, 2013. Published in Journal of the British Astronomical Association

Lectures, seminars and conferences

October 2013
‘Astronomy’ four introductory lectures on astronomy and the history of astronomy, delivered as Royal Astronomical Guest Lecturer, RMS Queen Mary 2, Southampton – New York. Attendance 400 – 480 passengers
January 2014
American Astronomical Society meeting at National Harbor, Maryland. Paper read before the Historical Astronomy Division of the AAS: ‘How Beatrice Tinsley Destroyed Sandage’s Quest for a Standard Candle’

May 2013
‘Astronomy’ ten introductory lectures on astronomy, the history of astronomy, and maritime delivered jointly with Dr Jacqueline Mitton, during 19-day voyage on Balmoral. Yokohama – Hawaii – San Diego. Attendance up to 300 passengers.
Invited speaker, Oxford Literary Festival
Invited speaker for a literary lecture at Blackwell’s, Oxford

James Moore

By ensuring a sympathetic juxtaposition of Darwin’s doubts and fears with those of extreme creationists in America – ‘a refreshingly unusual approach to a polarizing subject’ (New York Times) – Jim played a pivotal role, as historical consultant, script editor and interviewee, in the nationwide success of Antony Thomas’s 90-minute tv documentary (Rare Day for HBO Documentary Films) transmitted 10 February 2014 to mark Darwin’s birthday.

Publications

Chapters in books

Lectures, seminars and conferences

October 2013
Guest lecture (with Randal Keynes OBE, Alister Hay, London Wildlife Trust and Angela Huxley Darwin), ‘Visit to Down House, the Home of Charles Darwin’, Master Sciences De l’Universe, Environnement, Ecologie (SDUEE) and Departement des langues, Sorbonne-Université Pierre et Marie Curie (Paris 6), 7 October 2013
13th annual Blodwen Lloyd Binns (BLB) lecture of the Glasgow Natural History Society, Institute of Biodiversity, Animal Health and Comparative Medicine, University of Glasgow, 23 October 2013
Horning Lecture, sponsored by the Horning Endowment in the Humanities, Department of History, Oregon State University, Corvallis, 29 October 2013

November 2013
Seminar, Department of Philosophy, University of California, Davis, 1 November 2013
Lunchtime discussion group, Department of Integrative Biology, University of California, Berkeley, 4 November 2013
Guest lecture, Department of Integrative Biology, University of California, Berkeley, 4 November 2013
Fossil Coffee seminar, Museum of Paleontology, University of California, Berkeley, 5 November 2013
Guest lecture, ‘The Pursuit of Happiness and Knowledge: Charles Darwin and Walt Disney’ (Prof. Brian Alters), Department of History, Chapman University, Orange, California, 7 November 2013

Center for the History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science, Technology and Medicine, Department of Liberal Studies, California State University, Fullerton, 7 November 2013

Lunchtime discussion group, Center for Biology and Society, School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University, Tempe, 12 November 2013

Lecture, Center for Biology and Society, School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University, Tempe, 12 November 2013

Dinner discussion group, United Congregational Church of Christ, Iowa City, Iowa, 17 November 2013

Discussion group, Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, Department of History, and Museum of Natural History and Biology, University of Iowa, Iowa City, 18 November 2013

Lunchtime discussion group, Departments of History and Religious Studies, University of Iowa, Iowa City, 19 November 2013

Guest lecture, ‘Science and Theology’ (Prof. Celia Deane-Drummond), Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, 20 November 2013

Guest seminar, Evolution Working Group lunch, sponsored by The Philip S. and Joan C. Coogan Endowment for Excellence in the History of Medicine, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, 20 November 2013

December 2013


Guest lecture, Department of Genetics, University of Georgia, Athens, 11 December 2013

July 2014


Public Engagement and Impact

Public lecture, sponsored by Crossing the Social/Biological Divide, The Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, The Old Capitol Museum, Darwin Day, The Department of Religious Studies, The Delta Center, The Department of History and The History of Medicine Society, University of Iowa, Senate Chamber, Old Capital Museum, Iowa City, 18 November 2013

Coogan Public Lecture, sponsored by The Philip S. and Joan C. Coogan Endowment for Excellence in the History of Medicine, John J. Reilly Center for Science, Technology, and Values, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, 20 November 2013

Public lecture, sponsored by Johnson Lecture Series and Department of History, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, 4 December 2013

Public lecture, Highlands Biological Station, Western Carolina University of the University of North Carolina, Highlands, North Carolina, 7 December 2013

Ayesha Nathoo

I have been awarded a 3-year Wellcome Trust Research Fellowship, starting in October 2014, for the project: “Cultivating Relaxation in Twentieth-Century Britain” at the Centre for Medical History, University of Exeter.

I am also collaborating with the Hubbub group at the Wellcome Collection, London, exploring notions of ‘rest’ and its opposites: www.hubbubgroup.org.

Jaume Navarro

In April 2014 I organized a workshop in San Sebastian (Spain) called “The Promises of Science”, for which I raised 1000 euros from different funding bodies.

I was also awarded a return fellowship by the Humboldt Stiftung in Germany to spend 2 months at the MPIWG at the end of 2014.

I also organized a one-day workshop on “Ether and Modernity”, in February 2014, as part of my research as Marconi Fellow at the Bodleian Library in the year 2013.

Publications

Edited works

Chapters in books

Reviews
Lectures, seminars and conferences

*October 2013*
Invited speaker at the International Brandt Ritchie Workshop of Physics, 1—4 October, 2013, Donostia-San Sebastian. Talk: “Niels Bohr in Manchester. A hundred years of the quantum atom”

*November 2013*

*February 2014*

*March 2014*
Invited Speaker at the Catedra Cultura Ciència i Religió, Universitat Internacional de Catalunya, Barcelona, 17 March 2014. Talk: “Las Promesas de la Ciencia”

*April 2014*

*June 2014*

*September 2014*


XII Congreso de la Sociedad Española de Historia de la Ciencia, Madrid, 10-12 September 2014. Session organizer (with Javier Ordóñez): “Ciencia y Creencia en la Gran Guerra: estándares y propaganda”. Talk: “Ciencia, Guerra y Religión en España durante la Gran Guerra”.

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Public Engagement and Impact


J. Brian Pitts

Publications

Articles in journals


J. Brian Pitts, “Irrelevant Conjunction and the Ratio Measure or Historical Skepticism,” *Synthese* 190 (2013): 2117-2139

Chapters in books

Lectures, seminars and conferences

January 2014
‘Real Change Happens in Hamiltonian General Relativity’ (Department of Philosophy, University of Minnesota, January 23, 2014)

February 2014
Invited discussion leader on Bimetric Gravity, Massive Gravity, and Galileons at workshop ‘The Structure of Gravity and Spacetime’ (Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University, part of Oxford-Cambridge project ‘Establishing the Philosophy of Cosmology’, funded by the John Templeton Foundation, February 6-7, 2014)

March 2014

April 2014
‘Calculemus! Applied Mathematics as the Foundation for Hamiltonian General Relativity and Spinors’ (Department of Applied Mathematics, University of Western Ontario, April 24, 2014)
‘The Synergy of Philosophy and Science: A Case Study in Space-time Physics’ (Department of Philosophy, University of Western Ontario, April 25, 2014)

May 2014
‘Real Change Happens in Hamiltonian General Relativity’ (Sigma Club, London School of Economics, May 15, 2014).

June 2014
‘Historical and Philosophical Insights about General Relativity and Space-time from Particle Physics’ (paper presented at SILFS 2014: Triennial International Conference of the Italian Society for Logic and Philosophy of Sciences, University of Rome ‘Roma TRE’, June 20, 2014)

July 2014
‘Real Change in Hamiltonian General Relativity’ (paper presented at The British Society for the Philosophy of Science Annual Conference 2014, Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge, July 10, 2014)

September 2014

Public Engagement and Impact

James Poskett

James is a PhD candidate working on global histories of science from 1750 to the present day. His doctoral thesis engages with these concerns from the perspective of phrenology. It is provisionally titled ‘Bumps beyond borders: phrenology and the making of a global science 1815-1922’. James also convenes the Global Science seminar series at the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH) at the University of Cambridge. In 2013-2014 he held research fellowships at the Philadelphia Area Center for the History of Science and the Countway Library, Harvard University.
Publications

Reviews


Lectures, seminars and conferences

March 2014
James Poskett, “National types: the transatlantic publication and reception of Crania Americana (1839)”, Cabinet of Natural History, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge, UK, 10 March 2014.

April 2014

May 2014

June 2014

July 2014
James Poskett, “‘The minds of men are on the move’: phrenology in Bengali print culture 1845-1850”, British Society for the History of Science Conference, University of St Andrews, UK, 4 July 2014.

Public Engagement and Impact

Exhibition of books at the Whipple Library, James Poskett, “Transatlantic Professor: Samuel George Morton between the United States and Britain”, Whipple Library, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge, UK, February 2014 onwards


Exhibition of anthropological instruments at the Whipple Museum, featured as part of the University of Cambridge Black History Month Trail, James Poskett, “Scientific racism in the nineteenth century”, Whipple Museum, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge, UK, July 2014 onwards

Valentina Pugliano

Wellcome Trust Research Fellowship start date: 1 November 2013.

Publications

Reviews


Lectures, seminars and conferences

November 2013


March 2014

“Medical practice in the Ottoman provinces: The view from the Venetian fondaco”, invited paper presented at the workshop The Arts of Healing in the Mediterranean, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, 28 March 2014

“Venetian doctors in Ottoman lands: Early modern medicine and science on the move”, invited seminar paper presented at the Early Modern European Seminar, University of Cambridge, March 13, 2014

May 2014

Chair of Panel “Global Exchanges”, Global Italy, Cambridge Italian Research Network, University of Cambridge, 23 May 2014
Sadiah Qureshi

Publications

Chapters in books

Lectures, seminars and conferences

October 2013
Sadiah Qureshi, “‘Just Arrived... the Only Specimens of this Race ever Beheld...’: Empire, Anthropology and Collecting Peoples in Nineteenth-Century Britain” (paper presented at the Anthropolgy at Birmingham research seminar, University of Birmingham, October 15, 2013)

Sadiah Qureshi, “‘Exterminate all the Brutes’: Settler Colonialism and the Future of Endangered Races” (paper presented at the History Research Seminar, University of Manchester, October 17, 2014)

February 2014
Sadiah Qureshi, “Personal Politics and the Teaching of Genocide”, (paper presented for a workshop on Commemoration and Conflict: Challenges for HE Practitioners in History, Area Studies and Philosophical and Religious Studies, University of Birmingham, February 19, 2014)

March 2014
Sadiah Qureshi, “‘Just Arrived... the Only Specimens of this Race ever Beheld...’: Empire, Anthropology and Collecting Peoples in Nineteenth-Century Britain” (paper presented at the History Research Seminar, University of Liverpool, March 20, 2014)

April 2014
Sadiah Qureshi, “Doomed to Die: Endangered Races, Science and Modern Settler Colonialism” (paper presented to the Twentieth-Century Histories of Knowledge About Human Variation seminar, Max Planck Institute, Berlin, April 24, 2014)

May 2014
Sadiah Qureshi, “Modern Settler Colonialism and the Future of Endangered Races” (paper presented at the Global Science CRASSH Graduate Research Group, University of Cambridge, May 27, 2014)
Sadiah Qureshi, “What is History?” (lecture for the IF University Summer School, June 10, 2014)

Public Engagement and Impact

Sadiah Qureshi, “Peoples on Parade” (public talk at Derby Museums, October 19, 2013)

Jennifer Rampling

Jenny completed her research fellowships at HPS and Clare Hall, and moved to the US to take up an assistant professorship in the history of early modern science at Princeton University. She also survived her first full year as Editor of Ambix and co-editor (with Lawrence Principe) of the new monograph series Sources of Alchemy and Chemistry: Sir Robert Mond Studies in the History of Early Chemistry. She served as Programmes Coordinator for the BSHS, and sat on the Council of the Society for the History of Alchemy and Chemistry, the Programs Committee of the HSS Forum for the History of the Chemical Sciences, and the Commission on Bibliography and Documentation of the IUHPS/DHST. She organised panels on “Communicating Chymistry” at the RSA Annual Meeting and on “Recycling Ideas, Images, Objects and Spaces” at the BSHS Annual Conference; consulted on an EU-funded project on Greek alchemy at the National Hellenic Research Foundation; and won a grant to recreate medieval alchemical experiments.

Publications

Articles in journals

Chapters in books
Lectures, seminars and conferences

October 2013
Jennifer M. Rampling, “Practically making the philosophers’ stone: recreating alchemical experiments” (Royal Society of Chemistry lecture, Department of Chemistry, Cambridge)

November 2013

December 2013
Jennifer M. Rampling, “Unlocking the secrets of alchemy in early modern England” (ASH Colloquium, Clare Hall, Cambridge)

February 2014
Jennifer M. Rampling, “Recovering alchemical knowledge in early modern England” (Departmental Seminar, Indiana University, Bloomington)
Jennifer M. Rampling, “The making of English alchemy: mineral and vegetable stones” (Program Seminar in History of Science, Princeton)

March 2014
Jennifer M. Rampling, “The Ripley Scrolls unrolled: alchemy, art and patronage in early modern Europe” (60th Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, New York)

May 2014
Jennifer M. Rampling, “Pseudo-Lullian alchemy and the nature of ‘mercury’ in medieval Europe” (Sources of Alchemy conference, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore)

June 2014
Jennifer M. Rampling, “When Hermes met Hippocrates: medical alchemy and chemical medicine in early modern Europe” (National Hellenic Research Foundation/University of Athens, Greece).
Jennifer M. Rampling, “Alchemy, experiment, and replication” (National Hellenic Research Foundation/University of Athens, Greece)

July 2014
Jennifer M. Rampling, “Alchemy as matter theory and natural magic” (Bucharest-Princeton Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Bran, Romania)

August 2014
Jennifer M. Rampling, “What did alchemy learn from medicine? Disciplinary exchanges in late medieval Europe” (Crossing Oceans international conference, São Paulo, Brazil)
Nicky Reeves

In November 2013 Nicky left Cambridge to take up the post of Curator of Scientific and Medical History Collections at The Hunterian, University of Glasgow.

Publications

Reviews

Lectures, seminars and conferences

September 2014
Nicky Reeves, "Museums and the Display of Disability" (Panellist, Public Panel Debate at Leeds City Museum), Rethinking Patent Cultures: Disability, Prosthesis, & Patenting, September 18-19, University of Leeds)

Public Engagement and Impact


Simon Schaffer

Simon Schaffer continued in 2013-14 as principal investigator on the AHRC project The Board of Longitude 1714-1828: science, innovation and empire in the Georgian world, jointly with the National Maritime Museum, and as co-investigator on the AHRC project Exploring traditions: sources for a global history of science. From October 2013 he supervises a new collaborative doctoral award with the Science Museum on Technologies of flight, held by Caitlin Doherty, and is a member of the editorial board of the Science Museum Group eJournal. In November 2013 he was awarded the George Sarton Medal by the History of Science Society. In March-April 2014 he was Directeur d’études invité at the Centre Alexandre Koyré, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales. In 2013-14 he joined the advisory board of the St Cross Centre for History and Philosophy of Physics, Oxford and the advisory council of the Forschungszentrum Gotha der Universität Erfurt. Together with Jim Secord, in July 2014 he helped launch a new book series from Cambridge University Press, Science in history.
January 2014 he appeared on BBC Radio 4 *Word of Mouth* (“How accurate are scientific metaphors?”); in March 2014 on Radio France Culture *La Fabrique de l’Histoire* (“La fabrique des sciences modernes”); in June 2014 on Radio France Culture *Les Lundis de l’Histoire* (“Lieux, pratiques et spectacles de la science”); in June 2014 on BBC Radio 4 *In our Time* (“Robert Boyle); and in August 2014 on BBC TV *Coast* (“Sea and the City”). In June 2014 he was the Marc Bloch Lecturer at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris. In 2013-14 continued as Chair of the HPS Board and Manager of the Part II course in HPS.

**Publications**

**Books**

**Articles in journals**

**Chapters in books**

**Lectures, seminars and conferences**

*October 2013*
Simon Schaffer, “Newton’s Time” (Centre for Maritime History, Institute of Historical Research London, October 22, 2013)

*November 2013*
Simon Schaffer, “Newton et les Longitudes” (Maison des Sciences de l’Homme Lorraine, Nancy, November 12, 2014)
Simon Schaffer, “History and the History of Science” (Interdisciplinary Seminar, St John’s College Cambridge, November 27, 2013)
Simon Schaffer, co-organiser of workshop on “Exploring Traditions” (CRASSH, Cambridge, November 30, 2013)

*December 2013*
Simon Schaffer, “Finitism and Orientalist Natural History” (Institut für Philosophie, Universität Wien, December 5, 2013)

*January 2014*
Simon Schaffer, “Global Science and its History” (Erasmus Society, Queens’ College Cambridge, January 28, 2014)
February 2014
Simon Schaffer, “Original or Authentic? The Emergence, Formulation and Realisation of Ideas” (Central St. Martin’s, University of the Arts London, February 21, 2014)
Simon Schaffer, “Interdisciplines and Indiscipline” (Science, Technology and Innovation Studies, University of Edinburgh, February 24, 2014)

March 2014

April 2014
Simon Schaffer, “La Numérisation des Archives” (Bureau des Longitudes, Paris, April 1, 2014)
Simon Schaffer, “Histoires Naturelles et Taxonomies Coloniales” (EHESS, Paris, April 1, 2014)
Simon Schaffer, “Administration Coloniale et Sciences de Précision” (EHESS Paris, April 8, 2014)

May 2014

June 2014
Simon Schaffer, “Global Science and the Imperial Meridian” (Forschungszentrum Historische Geisteswissenschaften, Goethe Universität Frankfurt-am-Main, June 25, 2014)

July 2014
Simon Schaffer, “Automata in History: the Kinetic Arts of the Enlightenment” (Kettle’s Yard, Cambridge, July 3, 2014)
Simon Schaffer, “Clockwork Automata of the Enlightenment” (British Horological Institute, Ipswich Branch, July 22, 2014)

September 2014
Simon Schaffer, “Man is Not Lost: Finding the Longitude with the Cambridge Digital Library” (University of Cambridge Alumni festival, September 26, 2014)

Liba Taub

Liba Taub is Director and Curator of the Whipple Museum of the History of Science, and Professor of History and Philosophy of Science. A Fellow of Newnham College, she is Director of Studies in HPS and Graduate Tutor. During 2013-14 she completed her second two-year appointment as the Einstein Visiting Fellow at the TOPOI (Berlin) Excellence Cluster devoted to the Formation and Transformation of Space and Knowledge in Ancient Civilizations. She serves on the Wissenschaftliche Beirat of the Deutsches Museum (Munich) and the UK Spoliation Advisory Panel, as well as various University and College committees.

Publications

Reviews
http://jha.sagepub.com/content/44/3/368.citation

Public Engagement and Impact

Public lecture: “Claudius Ptolemy: His View of the World”, Keynote address to launch the Ptolemaeus Arabus et Latinus 25-year research project funded by the Bayerische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Deutsches Museum, Munich, 14 February 2014

Tomás Undurraga

Publications

Books
Chapters in books

Reviews

Lectures, seminars and conferences

November 2013


December 2013

February 2014
Variedades de capitalismo na Argentina e Chile (1975-2010). Public Lecture at Universidade Estadual de Maringá, Brazil. Feb. 19, 2013


May 2014
“The journalistic field in Brazil: a preliminary overview”. May 21. Internal workshop about “the GRID”. Economics in the Public Sphere, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge
June 2014
“The Brazil Case Study: an ethnography of Valor Economico’s newsroom”. Mid-project Workshop, Economics in the Public Sphere, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge, 23 and 24 June 2014.

July 2014

Public Engagement and Impact


Rick Welch

Rick Welch is Dean of Arts and Sciences Emeritus and Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. He is a Resident Member of Clare Hall and an Affiliated Research Scholar in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at Cambridge.

Rick Welch continues with a research project, funded by the Wellcome Trust, dealing with the lexical aspects of the history of physiology.

Lectures, seminars and conferences

April 2014
Attended the conference on Philosophy of Biology UK 2014, Christ’s College, Cambridge, March 31 – April 1, 2014. Chaired a session on “Metagames”
Paul White

Publications

Edited works
Paul White et al. eds., The Correspondence of Charles Darwin, vol. 21 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014)

Chapters in books

Lectures, seminars and conferences

February 2014
Paul White, “The archaeology of sympathy: commentary” (Nineteenth century seminar, Birkbeck College, London)

Catherine Wilson

My research interests include historical epistemology; atomism and matter theory; early modern philosophy (Descartes, Locke, Leibniz, Kant); 18th century anthropology and life science. Papers in press are on Newtonian matter theory, the concept of the organism, and the aesthetics of science. Also forthcoming is A Very Short Introduction to Epicureanism. for the OUP series.

I spent Fall 2013 at an NEH sponsored seminar on ‘The New Materialism’ Rice University, Texas, USA, From March to July I was a Visiting Professorial Fellow at the Institute of Philosophy, SAS, University of London working on a project on Metaethics. In August 2014 I gave a postgraduate Seminar on Science and Metaphysics in the 17th and 18th Centuries, at the University of Bergen, Norway.

Publications

Articles in journals
Catherine Wilson, ‘Mach, Musil and Modernism,’ Monist, special issue on Robert Musil, ed. Bence Nanay, 97 (2014) 138-155
Catherine Wilson, ‘Materialism-Animalism-Socialism: The Anthropology of Marx and Engels,’ Social Science Journal (China) 2013: (6)

**Chapters in books**

**Reviews**

**Lectures, seminars and conferences**

**November 2013**
Catherine Wilson, ‘External Reasons: A Problem from Williams’ Philosophy Colloquium, Rice University, (USA)

**February 2014**
Catherine Wilson, ‘External Reasons: A Problem from Williams’ Philosophy Colloquium, King’s College, London

**March 2014**
Catherine Wilson, ‘External Reasons: A Problem from Williams’ Philosophy Colloquium, University of Reading, Catherine Wilson, ‘‘Materialism, Animalism, Socialism: the Anthropology of Marx and Engels’ Lecture, University of Ghent
Catherine Wilson, ‘The Doors of Perception and the Artist Within’ Seminar, University of Antwerp

**April 2014**
Catherine Wilson, ‘External Reasons: A Problem from Williams’ Lecture, Marist College (USA)

**May 2014**
Catherine Wilson, ‘Epicurean Political Philosophy.’ Philosophy Colloquium, University of Konstanz, Germany
Catherine Wilson, Concluding Comments conference on ‘Medicine and the Mind’ Warburg Institute, London

**July 2014**
Catherine Wilson, ‘External Reasons: A Problem from Williams.’ Institute of Philosophy, School of Advanced Study, London

**Public Engagement and Impact**

Informal consultation on ethical perspectives and risk, for NHS.
John Young

I co-wrote the application that secured a £1,000,000 Wellcome Trust Strategic Award to complete the Casebooks Project by 2017.

Public Engagement and Impact

Attended and helped field questions following presentation by Lauren Kassell and Michael Hawkins on ‘The Casebooks Project’ at the ‘Digital Approaches to Premodern Medicine and Health’ workshop, 23 May 2014, at the Wellcome Library, London

With Michael Hawkins and Robert Ralley, hosted a poster about the project at the PublicHealth@Cambridge Network showcase event (http://www.publichealth.cam.ac.uk/2014-network-showcase-event-27th-may/) at the Sainsbury Laboratory, Cambridge, on 27 May 2014

Gabriella Zuccolin

I have been awarded a Wellcome Trust Research Fellowship and joined the Department of History and Philosophy of Science in February 2014.

Publications

Chapters in books


Reviews


Lectures, seminars and conferences

October 2013

Gabriella Zuccolin, “Gendering Renaissance Medicine: Vicarious Menstruation and Anomalous Bleeding” (Early Medicine Seminars, HPS, University of Cambridge, October 22, 2013)

April 2014

Gabriella Zuccolin, “Medicina a corte nei secoli tardomedievali” (History of Medieval Philosophy Seminar Series, Philosophy Faculty, University of Pavia, Italy, April 16, 2014)
September 2014
Gabriella Zuccolin, “A Pedagogic Project for a 15th Century Court: Michele Savonarola as Self-Translator” (paper presented at the 6th International Conference of the European Society for the History of Science – ESHS: Communicating Science, Technology and Medicine, Lisbon, Portugal, September 4-6, 2014)
Gabriella Zuccolin, “Medicina e Filosofia: Secoli XIII-XV” (paper presented at the 21st annual meeting for the Societá Italiana per lo Studio del Pensiero Medievale – SISPM: Philosophy and Science in the Middle Ages, Salerno, Italy, September 9-12, 2014)

Public Engagement and Impact

Blog contributions
Seminar Programmes

Michaelmas Term 2013

Seminars

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 Helen Curry.

24 October  Josh Nall (HPS, Cambridge)
‘A trip to Mars by aeroplane’: genres of public astronomy and the practice of astrophysics in the fin de siècle

31 October  David Teplow (UCLA)
A California Yankee in King Arthur’s Court (with apologies to Mark Twain), or why a molecular neurobiologist landed in HPS

7 November  John Doris (Washington University in St Louis)
Talking to our selves: reflection, scepticism and agency

14 November  Feredica Russo (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
Causal assessment and the question of stability

21 November  Laurence Totelin (Cardiff University)
The love of plants: from love to sex in the history of botany

28 November  Richard McKay (HPS, Cambridge)
‘VD is no camp’: creating and communicating knowledge about same-sex venereal disease transmission in the Anglo-American world, c.1939–1984

Seminar Programmes are sent out at the start of every term to the names on our mailing list. Please contact the Department if you would like to be added to or removed from the mailing list, or if you change your address. Seminar information is also available at www.hps.cam.ac.uk/seminars

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Abstracts

24 October  Josh Nall (HPS, Cambridge)

‘A trip to Mars by aeroplane’: genres of public astronomy and the practice of astrophysics in the fin de siècle

In 1901, visitors to Buffalo’s Pan-American Exposition were able to take a journey into space. Trips aboard the airship *Luna* were made by ‘a combination of electrical mechanism and scenic and lighting effects ... to produce the sensation of leaving the Earth and flying through space amidst stars, comets and planets’. Although easily dismissed as mere popular spectacle, I will argue that after 1870 emergent forms of mass media – ranging from the material culture of public expositions to newspapers, globes, magic lantern lectures, encyclopaedias, and mass-circulation periodicals and books – were integral to the development and success of a new type of imaginative astronomical practice. In the wake of fierce contests over the use and validity of new experimental astrophysical techniques in the science, this imaginative, publically-oriented astronomy was posited by some as a viable solution to the discipline’s growing crisis of identity. By exploring the wide variety of media that made this new, contested knowledge travel, I will show how practitioners both for and against imaginative astronomy engaged with genres of public science as part of their work to forge rival identities for themselves and their competing sub-disciplines. The paper suggests that the general strictures of astronomy’s cultural marketplace – the resources and constraints this public sphere provided – were embedded within, and therefore constitutive of, debates over the practice of this ‘new astronomy’.

31 October  David Teplow (UCLA)

A California Yankee in King Arthur’s Court (with apologies to Mark Twain), or why a molecular neurobiologist landed in HPS

It is obvious that to study the history or philosophy of science, science itself must first exist. It is much less obvious to many, and especially to students, that to ‘do science’ optimally requires an equally deep grounding in the history and philosophy of science. What applies to students applies no less, and possibly even more, to professors in the natural sciences. In this seminar, I discuss the clinical and scientific history of Alzheimer’s disease, with special reference to controversies that have arisen from one of the most common and insidious errors of scientific practice, misassumption. Misassumptions will be exemplified through the consideration of a priori bias and inappropriate adherence to dogma. Examples of Kuhn-like paradigm shifts will be discussed. Concluding remarks will address the current state-of-the-art in Alzheimer’s disease research and offer suggestions for facilitating progress towards a cure.

7 November  John Doris (Washington University in St Louis)

Talking to our selves: reflection, scepticism and agency

In philosophy, agents are often distinguished by a propensity for reflection – conscious and self-conscious mentation effecting control of behaviour. In psychology, quantities of research on parallel processing suggest that the philosophical conception of agency is empirically inadequate; much human behaviour is not consciously controlled, and is evaluatively incongruent with the deliverances of reflection. A psychologically lifelike conception of agency will therefore de-emphasize reflection; instead, the forms of self-direction marked with the honorific morally responsible agency emerge in the social dialogue by which humans regulate their behaviour.
Causal assessment and the question of stability

Causal assessment is the problem of establishing whether a relation between (variable) X and (variable) Y is causal. This problem, to be sure, is widespread across the sciences. According to the ‘received view’, invariance under intervention provides the crucial test to decide whether X causes Y. This account of invariance has been criticised, among other reasons, because it makes manipulations on the putative causal factors fundamental. Consequently, the account is ill suited to those contexts where manipulations are not performed, for instance the social sciences. In this talk, I explain why stability is an important feature of causal relations (in social contexts and elsewhere). I then discuss how to extend the received account of invariance, in a way that manipulations on the putative causal factors are not methodologically fundamental, and yet invariance remains key for causal assessment.

21 November  Laurence Totelin (Cardiff University)

The love of plants: from love to sex in the history of botany

Love and sex were concepts prevalent in botanical writing well before Erasmus Darwin composed his Love of the Plants. Here I focus on the Greek and Roman tradition of plant love. While the Greeks and Romans were completely ignorant of what we now recognise as the principles of plant sexuality and pollination, they used sexual vocabulary in their description of plants. Some of the passages where this imagery is used are well known: in particular passages relating to the reproduction of the fig and the palm trees. I want to cast my net wider and show that love rather than sex is the prevalent concept in ancient botany. For beside sexual lust, ancient plants felt maternal love, filial love, hatred and friendship. I will show that this anthropomorphism in the description of plant relationships has various roots: some to be found in philosophy (where the concepts of sympathy and antipathy are important); some in poetry; some even in economic thought. My sources will be varied, ranging from the classic History of Plants of Theophrastus (fourth century BCE), to less well-known astro-botanical texts, and passing by the poems on grafting by Columella (first century CE) and Palladius (fifth century CE).

28 November  Richard McKay (HPS, Cambridge)

‘VD is no camp’: creating and communicating knowledge about same-sex venereal disease transmission in the Anglo-American world, c.1939–1984

In 1964, the Mattachine Society of New York – then one of the United States’ largest groups advocating for the public understanding of homosexuals – found itself under pressure to address the issue of venereal disease (VD). Amid nation-wide concern that VD rates had been increasing steadily for a number of years, several reports highlighted the seemingly new and prominent role of homosexual men in the spread of sexually transmitted infections, particularly syphilis. At a time when homosexual relations were still penalized by law and many gay men were deeply uneasy about co-operating with public authorities, the New York Mattachine Society collaborated with the city’s health department to publish an informational leaflet, entitled ‘VD is no camp’, which was aimed specifically at this group. This presentation will examine the delicate navigations undertaken by members of the Mattachine Society to produce and distribute its leaflet. It will contrast the organisation’s collaboration with the city’s health department, on the one hand, with the suspicion of public health authorities advocated by its Californian contemporaries on the other. The presentation’s focus on these debates will highlight the need to complicate a conventional historical periodization which implies that VD did not emerge as a serious concern for men having sex with men until the 1970s. Finally, by tracing the leaflet’s circulation
beyond US borders, the presentation suggests that a transnational framework may be important when analyzing responses to VD during the middle decades of the twentieth century.

**Cabinet of Natural History**
This research seminar is concerned with all aspects of the history of natural history and the field and environmental sciences. Seminars are held on **Mondays at 1pm in Seminar Room 1**. You are welcome to bring your lunch with you.
Organised by Natalie Lawrence.

14 October  **Scott Mandelbrote (History, Cambridge)**  
The illustration and publication of Robert Morison’s *History of Plants* (1672–99)
21 October  **Kathryn Ticcihurst (University of Sydney)**  
Anthropological field work in ‘mixed race’ Aboriginal communities in Australia, 1940–65
28 October  **Damian Hughes (De Montfort University)**  
Hidden in plain sight: early ecology as visual science
4 November  **Charissa Varma (Darwin Correspondence Project)**  
Willi Hennig and philosophy
11 November  **Anna Maerker (King’s College London)**  
‘Dangerous and improper material’: models, preparations and the relationship between object and user in 18th- and 19th-century anatomical collections
25 November  **Andrew Buskell (HPS, Cambridge)**  
Bringing up the body: psychology and embodiment in the 20th century
2 December  **Francis Neary (HPS, Cambridge)**  
The sources of Charles Darwin’s work on animal reasoning

**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 on **Thursdays 10 & 17 October 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 introducing some basic topics and methodologies. The seminars are complemented by an online guide at [www.hps.cam.ac.uk/research](http://www.hps.cam.ac.uk/research).
Organised by Anna Alexandrova and Hasok Chang.

10 October  **Matthew Lane**: Research skills training offered by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences  
**Patricia Fara**: Scientific images  
**Jonathan Birch**: Naturalistic philosophy  
**Nick Jardine**: Brief overview of HPS research resources
17 October  **Anna Alexandrova**: Introduction to research resources for philosophers  
**Josh Nall and Seb Falk**: Researching in the Whipple Museum  
**James Poskett**: Global histories of science  
**Dmitriy Myelnikov**: Researching the history of 20th-century biology
Early Medicine Seminars
Seminars are on Tuesdays from 5.00 to 6.30pm in Seminar Room 1. Tea and biscuits are available from 4.40pm. All welcome!
Organised by Lauren Kassell.

22 October  Gabriella Zuccolin (Open University)
Gendering Renaissance medicine: vicarious menstruation and anomalous bleeding

19 November  Mark Jenner (University of York)
Polite and excrement labour? Sanitary services in London c.1650–c.1830

History of Modern Medicine and Biology Seminars
Seminars are on Tuesdays from 5.00 to 6.30pm in Seminar Room 1. Tea and biscuits are available from 4.40pm. All welcome!
Organised by Nick Hopwood and Helen Curry.

8 October  Christoph Gradmann (University of Oslo)
Reinventing infectious disease: antibiotic resistance and drug development at the Bayer Company, 1940–1980

5 November  Christina Brandt (Ruhr University Bochum)
The ‘premature arrival of the future’: temporalities of cloning in 1970s life sciences and culture

Generation to Reproduction Seminars
These seminars, on Tuesdays from 5.00 to 6.30pm in Seminar Room 1, are funded by our Wellcome Trust strategic award in the history of medicine (www.reproduction.group.cam.ac.uk). Tea and biscuits are available from 4.40pm. All welcome!
Organised by Nick Hopwood and Lauren Kassell.

15 October  Lisa Smith (University of Saskatchewan)
The lived experience of fertility problems in the 18th century

12 November  Sandra Eder (University of Zurich)
The birth of gender: transforming sex at Johns Hopkins in the 1950s

Generation to Reproduction Reading Group
This group discusses pre-circulated papers, classics as well as our own work, in the area of our Wellcome Trust strategic award in the history of medicine (www.reproduction.group.cam.ac.uk). We also hold work-in-progress sessions.
This term’s meetings will be at 5.00–7.00pm (tea from 4.50) on Tuesdays 29 October and 26 November in Seminar Room 1.
CamPoS
CamPoS (Cambridge Philosophy of Science) is a network of academics and students working in the philosophy of science in various parts of Cambridge, including the Department of History and Philosophy of Science and the Faculty of Philosophy. For further details of the composition and activities of CamPoS, see [www.camposgroup.org](http://www.camposgroup.org). The Wednesday afternoon seminar series features current research by CamPoS members as well as visitors to Cambridge and scholars based in nearby institutions. If you are interested in presenting in the series, please contact Christopher Clarke. If you have any queries or suggestions for other activities that CamPoS could undertake, please contact Huw Price, Jeremy Butterfield or Hasok Chang.
Seminars are held on **Wednesdays, 1.00–2.30pm in Seminar Room 2.**

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Seminars at CRASSH

Global Science
Science operates on a global stage, but this is not a recent phenomenon. Our research group explores the relationship between global history and science studies. Science here is broadly construed. Histories of natural knowledge, technology and medicine all fall under the remit of this group. By adopting this approach we look to invite discussion on the relationship between the politics of globalisation and the making of the very category of ‘science’. What counts as science is precisely the product of a series of uneven historical encounters. Often the transit of scientific material, from books to barometers, relied on the lopsided development of colonialism and global capitalism. We therefore hope to trace, not only the movement of science across borders, but also the limits of the apparent globalisation of scientific knowledge.

In 2013–2014 we bring together speakers from history, geography and anthropology. By drawing on academics from across disciplines, we offer a new base for the growing network of academics working on global histories of science.

Seminars are held on alternate Tuesdays, 12.00–2.00pm in Room SG1, Alison Richard Building, West Road. Organised by James Poskett, James Hall and others.

Website: www.crassh.cam.ac.uk/page/1219/global-science.htm

15 October  Eóin Phillips (HPS, Cambridge)  
Sujit Sivasundaram (History, Cambridge)  
Feeling between the lines: astronomical situation and global history in the Pacific

29 October  Ruth Prince (African Studies, Cambridge)  
Traditions of health and biomedicine in modern East Africa

12 November  Megan Barford (HPS, Cambridge)  
Michael Bravo (SPRI, Cambridge)  
The surveyors’ St Lawrence, 1830–1850

26 November  Tara Alberts (University of York)  
Lauren Minsky (New York University Abu Dhabi)  
Finding effective cures in Southeast Asia, 1500–1700: theories and practices

Things: Comparing Material Cultures, 1500–1900
The seminar meets alternate Wednesdays, 12.00–2.00pm in Room SG1, Alison Richard Building, West Road. Organised by Michelle Wallis, Lesley Steinitz and Sophie Waring.

23 October  Ulinka Rublack (History, Cambridge)  
Spike Bucklow (Hamilton Kerr Institute, Cambridge)  
Reconstructing things: from colourful clothes to paintings and pigments

6 November  Tim Knox (Director of the Fitzwilliam Museum)  
Nicholas Tromans (Curator of the Watts Gallery)  
Housing things: reconstructing the interiors of the Soane Museum and the Watts Gallery
20 November  Sally-Ann Ashton (Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge)  
Jean Michel Massing (History of Art, Cambridge)  
Carved things, carved identities: early modern Luso-African ivories and the history of African combs

4 December  Nicholas Thomas (Director and Curator of the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Cambridge)  
Anita Herle (Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Cambridge)  
Things between places: artefacts from Oceania and the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology

Field Notes: Histories of Archaeology and Anthropology

The seminar meets alternate Mondays, 5.00–7.00pm in the Seminar Room, Alison Richard Building, West Road. Organised by William Carruthers and others.

Further information at www.crassh.cam.ac.uk/page/1113/field-notes.htm

14 October  Astrid Swenson (Brunel University)  
Of cats, cathedrals and crusaders: rethinking approaches to ‘heritage’ through representations of restoration in Cyprus

28 October  Miquel Carandell Baruzzi (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)  
People and Places Reading Group: Experts, politicians, labs and media in late 20th-century palaeoanthropological knowledge production

11 November  Helen Roche (Classics, Cambridge)  
Narrating the fall of empires in Weimar and National Socialist racial ideology

25 November  Debbie Challis (UCL)  
Skull triangles: Flinders Petrie, craniometry and race
Graduate workshops and seminars

HPS History Workshop
Need help writing a tricky part of your argument? Need some fresh ideas and references? Or simply want to see how your early-career colleagues approach the writing process? The History Workshop is an informal setting to discuss our written works-in-progress on any area of the history of science, technology and medicine, and share feedback. A draft PhD chapter, article or conference paper will be circulated by email before each meeting. We’ll then discuss it together over tea and biscuits at 5pm on alternate Wednesdays in Seminar Room 1.
Contact Andreas Sommer or Seb Falk if you are interested in sharing your work in this forum, or would like to be added to the mailing list.

23 October  Zina Ward (Philosophy, Cambridge)
The changing face of Penfield’s homunculus
6 November  Margaret Carlyle (HPS, Cambridge)
Illustrating Enlightenment science: women at the margins in 18th-century France
20 November Allegra Fryxell (History, Cambridge)
‘The past which gnaws into the future’: figuring ‘time’ in late 19th-century philosophy and psychology
4 December  Sophie Waring (HPS, Cambridge)
Finding space to swing a pendulum: the Board of Longitude and 19th-century geodesy, weights and measures

HPS Philosophy Workshop
Would you like to get feedback on your work-in-progress in a friendly and supportive atmosphere? Texts will be circulated one week in advance and discussed over tea and biscuits in Seminar Room 1 on alternate Wednesdays, 5–6pm. Share a draft of your MPhil essay, PhD chapter, potential article, or any research-in-progress in the philosophy of science, broadly construed.
Organised by Toby Bryant.

Graduate Training
Training workshops for the Department’s graduate students and postdoctoral researchers are held throughout the academic year. Most, but not all, are on Fridays at 1pm.
The full programme is available at www.hps.cam.ac.uk/students/training.

Science in Print: Understanding Book Production from the Sixteenth to the Nineteenth Centuries
A series of five sessions led by Roger Gaskell, Anna Jones and Jim Secord on Tuesdays at 11am in the Whipple Library, starting on 5 November.
Understanding the book as a physical object is a vital complement to the study of its contents, helping to locate its economic and social context, its audience, and ultimately its historical significance. Using examples from the Whipple Library’s rare book collections and the University Library’s Historical Printing Collection, this workshop series will explore some bibliographical techniques to identify and describe the structure and production of printed material from the hand press (16th–18th centuries) and mechanized (19th century) periods.
Particular attention will be given to illustration processes. Sessions will be organised thematically as follows, and can be attended individually, but participants will benefit from attending the whole series if possible:

- 5 November  Survey of the hand press period
- 12 November  Book production in the hand press period
- 19 November  Field trip to UL Historical Printing Room to see hand press in action*
- 26 November  Analysis of hand press period books
- 3 December  Nineteenth-century book production

This series is open to all (undergraduates, graduates and beyond). Please contact Anna Jones to register your interest as places may be limited to ensure all have full access to the examples.

* This session will take place in the Historical Printing Room at the University Library – booking compulsory.

**Aims and Methods of Histories of the Sciences**

A series of six workshops led by Nick Jardine on **Mondays at 11am in Seminar Room 1**, starting on 28 October.

These workshops are for discussion of the identity, aims, methods and problems of the history of science. In the first, NJ will give an overview of the formation of history of science as a discipline. In the second, we shall discuss problems of anachronism. Possible subsequent topics include ‘sociological approaches to the history of science’, ‘Big Pictures versus microhistories’, ‘histories of the circulation of scientific knowledge’, ‘the purposes of the history of science’. Suggestions for topics and readings will be welcome as will volunteers to introduce topics.
Reading and discussion groups

Nature and Culture Reading Group
Meetings will take place on Tuesdays, 1.00–2.00pm in Seminar Room 1. For further information contact Beth Hannon or Christopher Clarke.

15 October  Defining Religion in Anthropology

22 October  Defining Religion II
McCUTCHEON, RUSSELL T. 2012 ‘More than a shapeless beast: Lumbering through the academy’ Chapter 1 from *Critics Not Caretakers: Redescribing the Public Study of Religion* (SUNY Press)

29 October  Religious Symbols: Structural Functionalism

5 November  Religious Symbols: Geertz and Hermeneutics

12 November  Interpreting Religious Behaviour
Winch, Peter 1964 ‘Understanding a Primitive Society’ *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 1: 307–324

19 November  Interpreting Irrational Behaviour
Risjord, Mark 2000 chapter 4 from *Woodcutters and Witchcraft: Rationality and Interpretive Change in the Social Sciences*

26 November  Cognitive Approaches to Religion
Boyer, Pascal 2001 Excerpt from ‘What are the Origins?’ chapter 1 in *Religion Explained: The Evolutionary Origins of Religion* (Basic Books) 1–51

3 December  Cognitive Approaches to Religion II

History and Theory Reading Group
Meetings take place on alternate Fridays, 3.30 to 5.00pm in Seminar Room 1. Organised by Minwoo Seo, Eóin Phillips and Megan Barford. All welcome!

18 October  Giorgio Agamben, ‘What is a paradigm?’
Paul Veyne, ‘Foucault revolutionises history’ in Arnold Davidson, *Foucault and His Interlocutors* (1997)

1 November

15 November

29 November

**Calculating People: A History and Philosophy of Social Science Reading Group**

**Social and Individual Agency in Epistemology**

We will meet on Thursdays, 2pm–3.30pm in Seminar Room 1 on the dates listed below; additional meetings may be organised if there is interest. Organised by Hasok Chang and Anna Alexandrova.

10 October
Hasok Chang, ‘Philosophy of Scientific Practice: The Challenge of the Social’ (manuscript)

17 October

31 October

21 November

**Twentieth Century Reading Group**

The group discusses books and papers relating to the history and historiography of 20th-century science, technology and medicine, broadly construed. Readings can be found in advance in our Whipple Library box.

Meetings are every other Thursday from 1–2pm in the Lodge Seminar Room.
Organised by Dmitriy Myelnikov and Kathryn Schoefert.

17 October
Introduced by Helen Curry
– Introduction
– Chapter 1, Cold War Game

31 October
Introduced by Michael McGovern
– Introduction
– Chapter 2, The Black Art of Programming
– *Optional:* Chapter 4, Tower of Babel

14 November Introduced by **Salim Al-Gailani**
– Chapter 4, *Trisomie vingt-et-un*
– Chapter 5, Into the mainstream

28 November Introduced by **Dmitriy Myelnikov**
– Chapters TBC

**Science and Literature Reading Group**
We meet on **Mondays from 7.30 to 9pm in the Godwin Room at Clare College (Old Court).** Organised by Liz Smith (Darwin Correspondence Project), Esther Momcilovic (HPS) and Daniel Friesner (Science Museum).
All welcome!

21 October Do objects exist when I am not perceiving them?
E.M. Forster, *The Longest Journey* (1907), Chapter 1
Ray Bradbury, ‘No particular night or morning’, in *The Illustrated Man* (1951)
These readings are available online: follow the links from www.hps.cam.ac.uk/seminars/slrg.html

18 November The birth of cyberpunk

**Twentieth Century Think Tank**
The Twentieth Century Think Tank (TCTT) offers broad coverage of 20th- and 21st-century topics in the history, philosophy and sociology of science, technology and medicine. The regular programme of papers and discussions takes place on Thursday (fortnightly) over lunch.
This term’s meetings take the form of a *Postcolonial Science Reading Group.*
Meetings are held every other Thursday, 1–2pm in Seminar Room 1. All welcome!
Organised by Noemi Tousignant, Branwyn Poleykett and John Manton.

10 October Issues and approaches

24 October Science as liberation

7 November Science as hierarchy

21 November  

**Philosophy of Psychology Reading Group**  
*Measurement and Mis-measurement in Psychology*

We meet on **Thursdays, 11am–12noon in Seminar Room 1**. Organised by Riana Betzler.

10 October  
**Introduction to philosophy of psychology**  

17 October  
**Measurement in Psychology 1**  

24 October  
**Measurement in Psychology 2**  

31 October  
**Psychometrics**  

7 November  
**Measuring Difficult Things: Empathy**  

14 November  
**Measuring Difficult Things: Wisdom**  

21 November  
**Mis-measurement: Replication issues in social psychology**  

And some relevant popular press articles about the issue:


Kahneman’s open letter: A proposal to deal with questions about priming effects.

28 November Mis-measurement: Fallacies in perception research


**CamPhor (Phenomenology) Reading Group**

This reading group examines the use of Phenomenology and Phenomenological tools within contemporary philosophy, with a particular emphasis on Phenomenology’s relevance to debates within the philosophy of science.

In Michaelmas Term, we will be reading work by John Haugeland, predominantly those essays collected in his posthumously published book *Dasein Disclosed* (edited by Joseph Rouse). The primary focus of this term’s readings will be how Haugeland’s existential conception of ‘understanding’ illuminates issues within the philosophy of science. At the same time however, the group aims at a greater understanding of this philosopher’s contribution to a rapprochement between phenomenology and contemporary analytic philosophy.

Photocopies of the relevant chapters can be made available by request.

Meetings are **every Friday from 12–1pm in Seminar Room 1**. You are welcome to bring your lunch with you. Organised by Andrew Buskell.

Readings from:


18 October Haugeland J. ‘Two Dogmas of Rationalism’, available online

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Kant Reading Group

In Michaelmas Term we will read the Transcendental Aesthetic of the *Critique of Pure Reason*. Since this is a short, but very dense text, we will supplement it with a few additional primary passages as well as selected secondary literature. Our focus will be on a careful analysis of Kant’s arguments. Topics to be discussed include the following: the distinction between intuitions and concepts; the notion of a pure intuition; Kant’s philosophy of geometry; and Transcendental Idealism.

Meetings are held in the **Lodge Seminar Room, 3.30–5.00pm on Tuesdays**. They begin with a short presentation and are followed by general discussion. All are most welcome. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Thomas Land.

15 October  Tr. Aesthetic, §§1, 2 and 4 (focus on the first two Space Arguments and the first two Time Arguments)


22 October Tr. Aesthetic, §§2 and 4 (focus on the last two Space Arguments and the last two Time Arguments)

Lanier Anderson, ‘The Wolffian Paradigm’

29 October ‘The Discipline of Pure Reason in its Dogmatic Use’ (A712/B740–A738/B766)


5 November Tr. Aesthetic, §3


12 November Tr. Aesthetic, A26/B42–A30/B45 and §§6–8


26 November Desmond Hogan, ‘How to Know Unknowable Things in Themselves’, *Nous*, 43:1 (2009), 49–63

3 December TBC
Philosophy and History of Physics Reading Group

We meet on Tuesdays, 2.00–3.00pm in Seminar Room 1. Organised by Jeremy Butterfield, Hasok Chang and Nazim Bouatta.

This term we will be reading Richard Staley, *Einstein’s Generation: The Origins of the Relativity Revolution* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2008). This book is available for purchase (in paperback); there will also be copies on reserve in the Whipple Library.

AD HOC

AD HOC is a history of chemistry reading group based in Cambridge and London. While our main focus is historical, we also consider the philosophical, sociological, public and educational dimensions of alchemy and chemistry. This term’s theme is ‘Early Modern Chemistry’.

The group meets several times per term, on Mondays, 5pm–6.30pm in Seminar Room 1. Readings are available from the Whipple Library, and also circulated via our mailing list. A parallel series of meetings is held in London. For details visit our website, www.hps.cam.ac.uk/adhoc.

Organised by Hasok Chang and Jenny Rampling.

Thursday 10 October (7pm):
’Practically Making the Philosophers’ Stone: Recreating Alchemical Experiments’
Lecture by Jennifer Rampling (HPS, Cambridge), sponsored by the Royal Society of Chemistry.
Venue: Department of Chemistry, Lensfield Road.

21 October Anke Timmermann (Cambridge University Library)
Rhyming recipes and alchemy

11 November Stephen Clucas (Birkbeck, University of London)
John Dee and alchemy

2 December Simon Werrett (University College London)
Early modern pyrotechnics
Simon Werrett, *Fireworks: Pyrotechnic Arts and Sciences in European History* (Chicago, 2010), Introduction and Ch. 1 (‘“Perfecting the Pyrotechnique story”: The Ingenious Invention of Artificial Fireworks’), pp. 1–46.
Language groups

Latin Therapy
Latin Therapy is an informal reading group. All levels of Latin (including beginners) are very welcome. We meet every Friday in the Lodge Seminar Room from 4.00 to 5.30pm, to translate and discuss a text from the history of science, technology or medicine. If a primary source is giving you grief, we’d love to help you make sense of it over tea and biscuits! Thus we provide a free translation service for the Department, and a means for members to brush up their skills.

More information can be found at our website: www.hps.cam.ac.uk/latintherapy. To be added to the mailing list, or to suggest a text, please contact Seb Falk.

Greek Therapy
Greek Therapy meets every Wednesday during term time in the Lodge Seminar Room from 5.30 to 7pm. We are an informal group for beginners and for experienced readers of Greek seeking to brush up their skills – all levels are welcome. Sessions usually involve a basic grammar session at the beginning followed by reading through a more advanced text (often, but not always, Plato); this term we will be reading Plato’s *Crito*. For more information or to be added to the mailing list, please email Liz Smith. Please note that there will be no session on Wednesday 30 October.
Lent Term 2014

Seminars

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 Helen Curry.

16 January  Ninth Cambridge Wellcome Lecture in the History of Medicine
Malcolm Nicolson (University of Glasgow)
The clinic of the birth: obstetric ultrasound, medical innovation and the clinico-anatomical project

23 January Phyllis Illari (UCL)
Information channels and biomarkers of disease

30 January Alice Bamford (English, Cambridge)
Demotic mathematics and modernism’s shipwrecked poetics of insurance

6 February Geoffrey Cantor (UCL)
New perspectives on the Great Exhibition

13 February Shane Glackin (University of Exeter)
Two views of linguistic science and its data

20 February Catherine Jami (CNRS-SPHERE, Paris)
Science and empire: the view from Beijing, c. 1700

27 February Stephen Pumfrey (Lancaster University)
Harrisonomastix: dismantling the connection between experimental religion and experimental science in early modern England

6 March Rae Langton (Philosophy, Cambridge)
Generic speech acts and social kinds

Seminar Programmes are sent out at the start of every term to the names on our mailing list. Please contact the Department if you would like to be added to or removed from the mailing list, or if you change your address. Seminar information is also available at www.hps.cam.ac.uk/seminars

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Abstracts

16 January Seventh Cambridge Wellcome Lecture in the History of Medicine
Malcolm Nicolson (University of Glasgow)
The clinic of the birth: obstetric ultrasound, medical innovation and the clinico-anatomical project

Ultrasonic images of the fetus are now ubiquitous. Like many innovations in medical imaging, the origins of obstetric ultrasound are often located in medical physics and engineering rather than to clinical medicine. I will argue, by contrast, for the crucial role of clinical pathology in the invention of diagnostic ultrasound. Several authors, notably Foucault in The Birth of the Clinic, have described the impact on 19th-century medicine of systematic correlation between lesions revealed upon dissection and signs and symptoms observed while the patient was still alive. Laboratory medicine is widely presented as having eclipsed the clinico-anatomical project in the 20th century. This lecture will show that clinical pathology continued to inspire innovation in medical imaging after 1950. It will also argue that ultrasonic scanning is more like traditional forms of physical examination than is usually assumed.

Discussion led by Malcolm Nicolson: James Young Simpson, the practice of gynaecological examination, and the 19th-century medical gaze

Thursday 16 January at 11.30am in Seminar Room 1 – all welcome

Historians of gynaecology and obstetrics enjoy relating tales of the 18th-century man-midwife fumbling blindly under bedclothes or petticoats. Such stories serve to mark a vivid contrast between an older, backward form of practice and a reformed gynaecology led by far-sighted men like James Young Simpson, Edinburgh Professor of Midwifery and pioneer of obstetric analgesia. It is assumed that Simpson, as a disinterested scientific clinician, would have had unrestricted access to the bodies of his patients. The removal of prudish hindrances signals how far gynaecology had emancipated itself from a benighted past. However, reading Simpson, it is evident that, in mid century, the practitioner’s ability to examine female patients remained constrained by social conventions. Thus, the extent to which Simpson’s practice represents a complete departure from older modes of gynaecological work has been exaggerated. By the 1850s, the medical gaze had gained only partial and conditional access to the female body.

23 January Phyllis Illari (UCL)
Information channels and biomarkers of disease

Current research in molecular epidemiology uses biomarkers to model the different disease phases from environmental exposure, to early clinical changes, to development of disease. The hope is to get a better understanding of the causal impact of a number of pollutants and chemicals on several diseases, including cancer and allergies. In a recent paper Russo and Williamson (2012) address the question of what evidential elements enter the conceptualisation and modelling stages of this type of biomarkers research. Recent research in causality has examined Ned Hall’s distinction between two concepts of causality: production and dependence (Hall, 2004). In another recent paper, Illari (2011b) examined the relatively under-explored production approach to causality, arguing that at least one job of an account of causal production is to illuminate our inferential practices concerning causal linking. Illari argued that an informational account solves existing problems with traditional accounts.

This paper follows up this previous work by investigating the nature of the causal links established in biomarkers research, examining the methodologically innovative current FP7 project EXPOsOMICS.
We argue that traditional accounts of productive causality are unable to provide a sensible account of the nature of the causal link in biomarkers research, while an informational account is very promising.

30 January  **Alice Bamford (English, Cambridge)**

Demotic mathematics and modernism’s shipwrecked poetics of insurance

‘Demotic’ or vernacular mathematics names the mathematical ideas and practices that are woven into literature: counting, statistics, half-forgotten schoolroom geometry, measurement and risk. In this paper I will unpick the ideas about probability that literary modernism inherits from mathematical probability theory, statistics, accident insurance and 19th-century philosophy. Adolphe Quetelet believed that the mean values of society’s gathered facts could form the contours both of the ‘average man’ and of a refined literary method. The literary future of the average man didn’t, of course, play out quite as Quetelet expected. Nonetheless the average man, the Gaussian distribution and the ‘law of large numbers’ have had a literary history. I will sketch one version of this history through a reading of Robert Musil’s *The Man Without Qualities* (1930–43) before looking at the grammar of probability as it is lived with, habituated and estranged by modernism’s ‘insurance men’: Leopold Bloom, Wallace Stevens and Franz Kafka. The categories I will propose (‘demotic mathematics’ and the ‘poetics of insurance’) are tentative attempts to take the history and sociology of applied mathematics into account when reading literature written ‘in the landscape of the curve’.

6 February  **Geoffrey Cantor (UCL)**

New perspectives on the Great Exhibition

The Great Exhibition of 1851 is widely regarded as a major public event that has provided a common focus for scholars studying diverse aspects of 19th-century history. However, despite an extensive secondary literature the meaning of the Exhibition has proved elusive and research has concentrated on a few disparate areas to the neglect of many others. In gathering material for a recently-published documentary history of the Exhibition I became increasingly aware of the vast range of meanings that contemporaries attributed to it – scientific, technological, social, political, religious, etc. – while historians have added further perspectives. The problem of engaging the Exhibition is compounded by the extensive range of sources that it generated, some of which have been neglected by historians; in particular commentaries in the contemporary periodical literature and the accounts written by visitors. Thus, for example, in contrast to the narratives manufactured by the Exhibition’s organisers, visitors’ accounts show how individuals with different backgrounds and interests navigated the Exhibition. Drawing on a variety of sources this paper will offer some new perspectives on the Exhibition and its significance for the history of the mid-19th century.

13 February  **Shane Glackin (University of Exeter)**

Two views of linguistic science and its data

According to the increasingly radical view of Noam Chomsky and his followers, the only proper object of a truly scientific biolinguistics is the ‘I-language’; the internal neurological structures possessed by individual mature speakers, and realised in their substantially-overlapping idiolects. According to a rival view, advanced by Stephen Anderson, Eva Jablonka, and myself, it makes neither conceptual nor evolutionary sense to think about the I-language in isolation from the public language object – corresponding more or less to Saussure’s *langue* – of which it forms part.
As I further argue here, we cannot even have a **coherent** science concerned solely with idiolects. Chomsky advocates a ‘Galilean’ understanding of science, in which no individual datum or observation need tally exactly with the predictions of ‘idealised’ covering laws; but the idea that linguistics is concerned only with the I-language is belied by linguists’ real-life methodology, which could not even make sense of linguistic data considered independently of the wider, norm-giving, linguistic community. Specifically, the ubiquitous process of identifying aberrant or ‘ungrammatical’ utterances presumes a normative status for grammatical rules which is explicitly eschewed by Chomsky, and available to linguists only on a communitarian understanding of language as a necessarily public phenomenon.

20 February  **Catherine Jami (CNRS-SPHERE, Paris)**

Science and empire: the view from Beijing, c. 1700

Twentieth-century historiography of imperialism has consistently depicted China as patient rather than as agent. This view ignores the fact that from the mid-17th century onwards, Beijing was the centre of a large and aggressively expanding empire, an empire unique in that the great majority of its conquests remain intact to the present day. The neglected example of this great land empire enables us to transcend the stereotype of science and empire studies as mainly or solely concerned with the expansion of European powers overseas. In this talk, I will show how the sciences of empire were constructed during the first century of the Qing dynasty (1644–1911). Conversely, I will explore the extent to and the ways in which the Qing expansion in central Asia broadened the Chinese world of knowledge.

27 February  **Stephen Pumfrey (Lancaster University)**

*Harrisonomastix: dismantling the connection between experimental religion and experimental science in early modern England*

The main purpose of this seminar is to demonstrate the power of research methods being developed at Lancaster University which apply computer linguistic analyses to scientific (and other) texts made available via *Early English Books Online*. The seminar will focus on early modern English discourses of experiment. I will argue that these methods have refuted the claim of Prof. Peter Harrison (*Intellectual History*, 2011: doi: 10.1080/17496977.2011.623882) that discourse of ‘experimental philosophy’ was facilitated by an earlier discourse of ‘experimental religion’.

6 March  **Rae Langton (Philosophy, Cambridge)**

Generic speech acts and social kinds

Generics are a primitive default mode of generalizing: ‘Tigers have stripes’, ‘Birds fly’, ‘Mosquitoes carry the West Nile virus’. They pick up on significant or striking properties, and link them to a psychologically salient kind. Current work in psychology reveals their role in ‘essentialist’ thinking about natural and social kinds. I want to focus on their social role – e.g. ‘Women can’t do science’, ‘Hispanics are lazy’ – connecting this with their force when used in illocutionary speech acts. In the social domain generic speech acts can be powerful tools for the expression and creation of social norms, group prejudice, stereotyping, and hate speech. Their subtle workings make them hard to notice, and hard to fight. This talk will identify some problems, but thoughts about remedies will be welcome.
Cabinet of Natural History
This research seminar is concerned with all aspects of the history of natural history and the field and environmental sciences. Seminars are held on Mondays at 1pm in Seminar Room 1. You are welcome to bring your lunch with you.
Organised by Natalie Lawrence.

20 January  Gowan Dawson (University of Leicester)
Citizen Cuvier: radical appropriations of Georges Cuvier’s law of correlation in Edinburgh and London, 1801–1837

27 January  Cassandra Gorman (English, Cambridge)
The atom as metaphor: responses to atomism in 17th-century English literature

3 February  Anna Marie Roos (University of Lincoln)
The elephant in the room: historians and scientists working together

10 February  Joydeep Sen (University of Kent)
Philology, mythology and geology in colonial India

17 February  Margaret Carlyle (HPS, Cambridge)
Skeletons in the cabinet and the Grand Tour of anatomy

24 February  Cabinet outing: Linnean Society

3 March  Jon Agar (UCL)
What counts as threatened? Population biology, objectivity and the sixth extinction

10 March  James Poskett (HPS, Cambridge)
National types: the transatlantic publication and reception of Crania Americana (1839)

Twentieth Century Think Tank
The Twentieth Century Think Tank (TCTT) offers broad coverage of 20th- and 21st-century topics in the history, philosophy and sociology of science, technology and medicine. The regular programme of papers and discussions takes place on Thursday (fortnightly) over lunch.
This term’s meetings are devoted to an exploration of atomic lives/the atomic age, and will complement a related set of readings in the Twentieth Century Reading Group, which meets on alternate Thursdays.
Think Tank meetings are held every other Thursday, 1–2pm in Seminar Room 2, beginning in the third week of term. All welcome! Organised by Richard Staley.

30 January  Richard Maguire (University of East Anglia)
Framing the nuclear: the psychology of British governmental nuclear decision making

13 February  Milena Wazeck (University of East Anglia)
Acid fallout: the 1980s US scientific and political debates on the atmospheric transport of sulphur dioxide

27 February  Adrian Bingham (University of Sheffield)
‘The monster’? The British popular press and nuclear culture, 1945–1960s
Early Medicine Seminars
Seminars are on Tuesdays from 5.00 to 6.30pm in Seminar Room 2. Tea and biscuits are available from 4.40pm. All welcome!
Organised by Lauren Kassell.

4 March Sandra Cavallo (Royal Holloway)
From the individual to the collective: changing ideas of complexion in the Italian health-advice literature of the long 16th century

History of Modern Medicine and Biology Seminars
Seminars are on Tuesdays from 5.00 to 6.30pm in Seminar Room 2. Tea and biscuits are available from 4.40pm. All welcome!
Organised by Helen Curry and Nick Hopwood.

21 January Dmitriy Myelnikov (HPS, Cambridge)
The multiple inventions of transgenic mice

25 February Niki Vermeulen (University of Manchester)
From reductionism towards integration: systems biology as a scientific social movement

Generation to Reproduction Seminars
This term we have two joint events at different times and in different places from usual.
Monday 27 January, 5.15pm
Helen King (Open University)
One-sex, two-sex, them and us? Changing sex and challenging ‘Making Sex’
Joint event with CIRF and the Classics Faculty (c caucus).
Note: This seminar is at 5.15pm in Room G21 in the Faculty of Classics (Sidgwick Site).
Tuesday 18 February, 8.30pm
Alexandra Walsham (History, Cambridge)
Spiritual genetics: hereditary sin and religious genealogy in early modern England
Joint event with the Comparative Social and Cultural History Seminars on ‘Generations’.
Note: This seminar is at 8.30pm in the Senior Parlour, Gonville Court, Gonville and Caius College.

Generation to Reproduction Reading Group
This group discusses pre-circulated papers, classics as well as our own work, in the area of our Wellcome Trust strategic award in the history of medicine (www.reproduction.group.cam.ac.uk). We also hold work-in-progress sessions.
This term’s meetings will be at 5.00–7.00pm (tea from 4.50) on Tuesdays 11 February and 11 March in Seminar Room 1.
CamPoS
CamPoS (Cambridge Philosophy of Science) is a network of academics and students working in the philosophy of science in various parts of Cambridge, including the Department of History and Philosophy of Science and the Faculty of Philosophy. For further details of the composition and activities of CamPoS, see www.camposgroup.org. The Wednesday afternoon seminar series features current research by CamPoS members as well as visitors to Cambridge and scholars based in nearby institutions. If you are interested in presenting in the series, please contact Christopher Clarke. If you have any queries or suggestions for other activities that CamPoS could undertake, please contact Huw Price, Jeremy Butterfield or Hasok Chang. Seminars are held on Wednesdays, 1.00–2.30pm in Seminar Room 2.

22 January  Mauricio Suarez (Complutense University of Madrid)  
Propensities and pragmatism
29 January  Lisa Bortolotti (University of Birmingham)  
The epistemic innocence project
5 February  Tim Lewens (HPS, Cambridge)  
TBC
12 February  Sophia Efstatiou (Norwegian University of Science and Technology)  
TBC
19 February  Alexander Bird (University of Bristol)  
Inference to the best explanation and paradigms
26 February  Leon Horsten (University of Bristol)  
TBC
5 March  Caterina Marchionni (University of Helsinki)  
TBC
12 March  Theo Kuipers (University of Groningen)  
Nomic truth approximation by revising models and postulates in the light of increasing evidence
Global Science
Science operates on a global stage, but this is not a recent phenomenon. Our research group explores the relationship between global history and science studies. Science here is broadly construed. Histories of natural knowledge, technology and medicine all fall under the remit of this group. By adopting this approach we look to invite discussion on the relationship between the politics of globalisation and the making of the very category of ‘science’. What counts as science is precisely the product of a series of uneven historical encounters. Often the transit of scientific material, from books to barometers, relied on the lopsided development of colonialism and global capitalism. We therefore hope to trace, not only the movement of science across borders, but also the limits of the apparent globalisation of scientific knowledge.

In 2013–2014 we bring together speakers from history, geography and anthropology. By drawing on academics from across disciplines, we offer a new base for the growing network of academics working on global histories of science.

Seminars are held on alternate Tuesdays, 12.00–2.00pm in Room SG1, Alison Richard Building, West Road. Organised by James Poskett, James Hall and others.

Website: www.crassh.cam.ac.uk/programmes/global-science

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Things: Comparing Material Cultures, 1500–1900
The seminar meets alternate Wednesdays, 12.00–2.00pm in Room SG2, Alison Richard Building, West Road. Organised by Michelle Wallis, Lesley Steinitz and Sophie Waring.

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Kate Retford (Birkbeck)  
Polite things (to talk about): conversation pieces

12 February  Sarah Ann Robin (Lancaster University)  
Sally Holloway (Royal Holloway)  
Romantic things

26 February  Tara Hamling (University of Birmingham)  
Catherine Richardson (University of Kent)  
Domestic things

Field Notes: Histories of Archaeology and Anthropology

The seminar meets alternate Mondays, 5.00–7.00pm in Room SG1, Alison Richard Building, West Road.  
Organised by William Carruthers and others.  
Website: www.crassh.cam.ac.uk/programmes/field-notes

20 January  Richard Staley (HPS, Cambridge)  
Simon Schaffer (HPS, Cambridge)  
Physics, anthropology and the cultural history of mechanics, 1870–1930

3 February  Alice Stevenson (UCL)  
Ruth Horry (HPS, Cambridge)  
Archaeological context in motion: Egyptian field sites and the world’s museums, 1880–1930

17 February  Christina Riggs (University of East Anglia)  
Chris Wingfield (Archaeology, Cambridge)  
Beautiful burials, beautiful skulls: the aesthetics of the Egyptian mummy

3 March  Stephen Quirke (UCL)  
Kate Nichols (CRASSH, Cambridge)  
Egyptian archaeology under British military occupation, 1882–1956
Graduate workshops and seminars

**HPS History Workshop**

Need help writing a tricky part of your argument? Need some fresh ideas and references? Or simply want to see how your early-career colleagues approach the writing process? The History Workshop is an informal setting to discuss our written works-in-progress on any area of the history of science, technology and medicine, and share feedback. A draft PhD chapter, article or conference paper will be circulated by email before each meeting. We’ll then discuss it together over tea and biscuits at **5pm on alternate Wednesdays in Seminar Room 1**.

Please contact Andreas Sommer or Seb Falk if you are interested in sharing your work in this forum, or would like to be added to the mailing list to receive the papers before the seminars.

- **29 January** Clara Florensa (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
  - Spaces for debate between science and religion in Franco’s Spain: the intellectual conversations of Poblet (1959–1961)

- **12 February** Ken Corbett (University of British Columbia)
  - Sensible error and other silly notions: galvanizing time in Victorian London

- **26 February** Kathryn Schoefert (HPS, Cambridge)
  - Grünthal, Nikolai Hartmann and Schichtenlehre: instituting brain anatomy in a 1950s Swiss psychiatric hospital

- **12 March** Melanie Keene (HPS, Cambridge)
  - Dinosaurs don’t die: the Crystal Palace monsters in children’s literature, 1854–2001

**HPS Philosophy Workshop**

Would you like to get feedback on your work-in-progress in a friendly and supportive atmosphere? Texts will be circulated one week in advance and discussed over tea and biscuits in **Seminar Room 1 on alternate Fridays, 12–1pm** (please note the new day and time). Share a draft of your MPhil essay, PhD chapter, potential article, or any research-in-progress in the philosophy of science, broadly construed. Organised by Toby Bryant.

- **24 January** Brian Earp (HPS, Cambridge)
  - The medicalisation of love

- **7 February** Matt Penfold (HPS, Cambridge)
  - TBC

- **21 February** Marion Boulicault (HPS, Cambridge)
  - TBC

- **7 March** Andrew Buskell (HPS, Cambridge)
  - The prospects for Darwinian imperialism

**Philosophy of Chemistry**

Hasok Chang leads a series of four Graduate Seminars on **Mondays at 5pm in Seminar Room 2** on the dates listed below.

This series is intended to provide an introduction to key issues in the philosophy of chemistry, especially for those whose primary interests are in related fields such as the history of chemistry, the philosophy of physics or biology, and chemistry itself. Philosophical issues will always be formulated and illustrated through episodes
from the history of chemistry, especially from the 18th century onward. The following questions will provide running themes for all sessions. How do general epistemological and metaphysical issues in the philosophy of science apply to chemistry? How does chemistry relate to other sciences? How can the history and the philosophy of chemistry interact productively?

- 20 January  The relation between chemistry and physics
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**Clouds and Climate Change**

Richard Staley leads a series of four Graduate Seminars on **Tuesdays at 2pm in Seminar Room 1**, weekly from 18 February.

This workshop follows both clouds and the science of climate change through nature, laboratory, computer representation, policy and public engagement, examining revealing episodes from the 19th century through to the present which have often turned on arguments about both the distant past and near future. Our dual focus will allow us to tackle issues critical to current understandings of the sciences, and to explore some of the key virtues and limitations of the historiography of the physical sciences. Particular themes will include politics and infrastructural sciences, and the early anthropogenic hypothesis.

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Nature and Culture Reading Group
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This term the reading group will focus on developmental systems theory and its critics. We will be discussing various readings from Cycles of Contingency: Developmental Systems and Evolution, edited by Susan Oyama, Paul E. Griffiths and Russell D. Gray. Please contact Beth Hannon if you have any difficulty locating the readings.

21 January   Lewontin, R.C., ‘Gene, Organism, and Environment: A New Introduction’ (pp. 55–7) and ‘Gene, Organism, and Environment’ (pp. 59–66)
4 February   Griffiths, P.E. and Gray, R.D., ‘Darwinism and Developmental Systems’ (pp. 195–218)
11 February  Wimsatt, W.C., ‘Generative Entrenchment and the Developmental Approach to Evolutionary Processes’ (pp. 219–37)
18 February  TBC
             Introduced by Riana Betzler
25 February  Sterelny, K., ‘Niche Construction, Developmental Systems, and the Extended Replicator’ (pp. 333–49)
4 March      Taylor, P., ‘Distributed Agency within Intersecting Ecological, Social, and Scientific Processes’ (pp. 313–32)
11 March     Godfrey-Smith, P., ‘On the Status and Explanatory Structure of Developmental Systems Theory’ (pp. 283–97)
History and Theory Reading Group
Meetings take place on alternate Fridays, 3.30 to 5.00pm in Seminar Room 1. Organised by Minwoo Seo, Eóin Phillips and Megan Barford. All welcome!

14 February Pierre Bourdieu, [selections from] *Outline of a Theory of Practice* (1972)
Antonio Gramsci, [selections from] *Selections from Prison Notebooks* (1971)

Twentieth Century Reading Group
The group discusses books and papers relating to the history and historiography of 20th-century science, technology and medicine, broadly construed. This term, we explore the themes of atomic lives and the atomic age to complement talks given at the Twentieth Century Think Tank, which meets on alternate Thursdays. We will read selected chapters (to be confirmed) from the books below. Readings will be made available in advance in our Whipple Library box.
Meetings are held every other Thursday, 1–2pm in the Lodge Seminar Room.
Organised by Dmitriy Myelnikov and Kathryn Schoefert.

23 January Introduced by Richard Staley
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27 January  Tillmann Taape (HPS, Cambridge)
Distilling reliable remedies: Hieronymus Brunschwig’s Liber de arte distillandi between alchemical learning and craft practice

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The London branch of the group will also continue to have its monthly meetings.

Philosophy of Psychology Reading Group

Moral Psychology

We meet on Thursdays, 11am–12noon in Seminar Room 1, except for the meeting on 16 January, which will be in the Lodge Seminar Room. Organised by Riana Betzler.


- 16 January Introduction & Chapter 1: Evolution of Morality
- 23 January Chapter 2: Multi-system Moral Psychology
- 30 January Chapter 4: Moral Emotions
- 6 February Chapter 5: Altruism
- 13 February Chapter 6: Moral Reasoning
- 20 February Chapter 10: Responsibility
- 27 February Chapter 11: Character
- 6 March Chapter 12: Well-Being

CamPhor – Cambridge Phenomenology Reading Group

In Lent Term we will be investigating the thought of French philosophers and historians of science from the first half of the 20th century. In particular, we will be looking at a particular lineage of thinkers: Gaston Bachelard, Georges Canguilhem and Michel Foucault.

Of specific interest this term is the way in which these thinkers conceptualised the epistemic dimension in the history of science: whether they saw science as a continuous process of accumulation, or whether this process was punctuated, disrupted, or in other ways impeded – and if so, what their solution to such disruptions might be.

Photocopies of the relevant chapters can be made available by request.

Meetings are on Fridays from 12–1pm in Seminar Room 1. You are welcome to bring your lunch. Organised by Andrew Buskell.


**Philosophy and History of Physics Reading Group**

We meet on **Tuesdays, 2.00–3.00pm in Seminar Room 1**. Organised by Hasok Chang and Jeremy Butterfield.

In the first half of this term we will be finishing our study of Richard Staley, *Einstein’s Generation: The Origins of the Relativity Revolution* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2008) in weeks 1–3, followed by the reading of an article by Daniel Mitchell and Graeme Gooday on classical and modern physics. In the second half of the term, Richard Staley will offer a Graduate Seminar series on ‘Clouds and Climate Change’.

**Science and Literature Reading Group**

We meet on **Mondays from 7.30 to 9pm in the Godwin Room at Clare College (Old Court)**.

All this term’s readings are available online: follow the links from www.hps.cam.ac.uk/seminars/slrg.html Organised by Liz Smith (Darwin Correspondence Project), Esther Momcilovic (HPS) and Daniel Friesner (Science Museum). All welcome!


James Clerk Maxwell, ‘Answer to Tait’

Robert Frost, ‘A Wish To Comply’ (1947)


**Kant Reading Group**

Meetings are held in the **Lodge Seminar Room, 3.00–4.30pm on Tuesdays**. They begin with a short presentation and are followed by general discussion. All are most welcome. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Thomas Land.

The topic for this term will be recent work on Transcendental Idealism.
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Easter Term 2014

Seminars

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 Helen Curry.

24 April  Harvey Brown (University of Oxford)
How trees defy gravity: conceptual and historical remarks on the theory of the ascent of sap

1 May  Emma Perkins (HPS, Cambridge)
‘For the sake of ornament’: iconography in Tycho Brahe’s Astronomiae instauratae mechanica

8 May  Jennifer Tucker (Wesleyan University)
Facing facts: the great Tichborne trials and the rise of modern visual evidence

15 May  Nancy Cartwright (Durham University and UCSD)
There are mechanisms – and then there are mechanisms

Seminar Programmes are sent out at the start of every term to the names on our mailing list. Please contact the Department if you would like to be added to or removed from the mailing list, or if you change your address.

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Abstracts

24 April Harvey Brown (University of Oxford)
How trees defy gravity: conceptual and historical remarks on the theory of the ascent of sap
The ability of trees to suck water from roots to leaves, sometimes to heights of over a hundred meters, is remarkable given the absence of any mechanical pump. In this talk I deal with a number of issues, of both a historical and conceptual nature, in the orthodox Cohesion-Tension (CT) theory of the ascent of sap in trees. The theory relies chiefly on the exceptional cohesive and adhesive properties of water, the structural properties of trees, and the role of evaporation (‘transpiration’) from leaves. But it is not the whole story. Plant scientists have been aware since the inception of the theory in the late 19th century that further processes are at work in order to ‘prime’ the trees, the main such process – growth itself – being so obvious to them that it is often omitted from the story.

1 May Emma Perkins (HPS, Cambridge)
‘For the sake of ornament’: iconography in Tycho Brahe’s Astronomiae instauratae mechanica
In 1598, having lost the favour of the Danish king and consequently the vast income that supported his astronomical observatories, Tycho Brahe published his Astronomiae instauratae mechanica. Dedicated to Holy Roman Emperor Rudolph II and circulated among the highest nobility in Europe, this lavish publication provided detailed descriptions and illustrations of Tycho’s astronomical instruments in an attempt to procure patronage. These instruments have long been celebrated by historians of astronomy for their innovative design and capacity for precision measurement, yet their often highly decorative appearance, apparent from the striking images provided in the Mechanica, is frequently dismissed as mere ornament. By considering a selection of instruments, I will argue that far from being an irrelevant luxury, the iconography employed by Tycho was in fact a vital means of self-presentation, through which he attempted to convey not only his superiority as an astronomer, but the underlying worth of his endeavour. His instruments thus provided a particularly appropriate medium through which to appeal for financial support. This argues for a more sophisticated appreciation of Tycho’s instruments and instruments in the Renaissance more generally, not simply as tools of precision measurement, but also as vehicles for self-expression and promotion.

8 May Jennifer Tucker (Wesleyan University)
Facing facts: the great Tichborne trials and the rise of modern visual evidence
The paper investigates the role of photography and other forms of visual evidence and display in the celebrated 19th-century trials in Britain of the ‘Tichborne Claimant’. Familiar to historians as the longest legal proceedings of the Victorian age, a popular cause that attracted working-class support, the Tichborne trials (1871–1874) were also a landmark in the emergence of modern visual culture, concepts of evidence and new methods of historical narration. Analysis of some of the central images from the case frames a discussion of historical methodologies at the heart of current Victorian visual studies, history of science and technology, public history, legal studies and social and cultural history.
Mechanisms are all the rage in philosophy of science now and in a number of scientific domains as well. What then is a mechanism? I shall describe three senses common in philosophy: 1) invariant relations (sponsored by James Woodward), 2) causal processes (probably the usual sense in medical literature) and 3) relatively fixed arrangements of parts that act together to afford or explain causal regularities (defended by William Bechtel and by MDC: Machamer, Craver and Darden). I claim these are distinct senses. But Peter Menzies claims that by employing a ‘structural equations’ framework, one can in one fell swoop use 1) the invariant-relations idea to give a much needed explication of the idea of ‘action’ central to 3) and thereby give a much needed account of how mechanisms in sense 3) explain causal regularities.

I think Menzies is really dealing with 2) causal processes all along; his account has no space for 3) parts and their actions. But we need to keep this third sense of ‘mechanism’ centre-stage because it is correct that it is mechanisms in this sense that underwrite the familiar causal processes we rely on throughout daily life and much of science and policy. Without attention to the mechanisms (sense 3)) that afford causal regularities we have no idea how far they stretch nor when and where they will break down. Looking at Menzies’ valiant attempt, as I shall do, and seeing how, if I am right, it fails shows just how true this is. I shall illustrate with some examples from child welfare and development policy.

**Cabinet of Natural History**

This research seminar is concerned with all aspects of the history of natural history and the field and environmental sciences. Seminars are held on **Mondays at 1pm in Seminar Room 1**. You are welcome to bring your lunch with you.

Organised by Natalie Lawrence.

28 April  **Sachiko Kusukawa (Trinity College, Cambridge)**  
William Courten (1642–1702) and natural history  

5 May  **Lee Jung (Needham Research Institute)**  
Between universalism and regionalism: Nakai Takenoshin’s research on colonial Korean plants and Japanese universal systematics  

12 May  **Mimi Winick (Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey)**  
Studied enchantment: the conjectural method in late Victorian scholarship  

19 May  **Michael Bravo (Scott Polar Research Institute)**  
Apollonian vision and polar projections: some reflections on cosmography, instruments and empire  

26 May  **Francis Neary (HPS, Cambridge)**  
The sources of Charles Darwin’s work on animal reasoning  

2 June  **Thomas le Roux (Maison Française d’Oxford)**  
Industrial pollution and politics in France: the great shift, 1750–1830  

Friday 13 June  Cabinet Party, 12.30–3pm, Caius Fellows’ Garden  
Speaker: **James Hall (HPS, Cambridge)**
Twentieth Century Think Tank

The Twentieth Century Think Tank (TCTT) offers broad coverage of 20th- and 21st-century topics in the history, philosophy and sociology of science, technology and medicine. The regular programme of papers and discussions takes place on Thursday (fortnightly) over lunch.

Think Tank meetings are held **every other Thursday, 1–2pm in Seminar Room 2**. All welcome! Organised by Richard Staley.

1 May  **Helen Curry (HPS, Cambridge)**  
X-rayed maize and mutant marigolds: a history of early plant biotechnologies

15 May  **Donald MacKenzie (University of Edinburgh)**  
A sociology of algorithms: high-frequency trading and the shaping of markets  
(draft paper online)
Seminars at CRASSH

Global Science

Science operates on a global stage, but this is not a recent phenomenon. Our research group explores the relationship between global history and science studies. Science here is broadly construed. Histories of natural knowledge, technology and medicine all fall under the remit of this group. By adopting this approach we look to invite discussion on the relationship between the politics of globalisation and the making of the very category of ‘science’. What counts as science is precisely the product of a series of uneven historical encounters. Often the transit of scientific material, from books to barometers, relied on the lopsided development of colonialism and global capitalism. We therefore hope to trace, not only the movement of science across borders, but also the limits of the apparent globalisation of scientific knowledge.

In 2013–2014 we bring together speakers from history, geography and anthropology. By drawing on academics from across disciplines, we offer a new base for the growing network of academics working on global histories of science.

Seminars are held on alternate Tuesdays, 12.00–2.00pm in Room SG1, Alison Richard Building, West Road. Organised by James Poskett, James Hall and others.

Website: www.crassh.cam.ac.uk/programmes/global-science

29 April  Diederick Raven (Utrecht University)
Simon Schaffer (HPS, Cambridge)
The Needham Question: an anthropological answer

13 May  Dhruv Raina (Jawaharlal Nehru University)
George Gheverghese Joseph (University of Manchester)
The modernity of calculus in India and beyond: 19th-century beginnings, late 20th-century debates

27 May  Sadiah Qureshi (University of Birmingham)
Britta Schilling (History, Cambridge)
‘Exterminate all the brutes’: modern settler colonialism and the future of endangered races

10 June  Clare Griffin (HPS, Cambridge)
‘Is that a magic herb?’ The role of European science in 17th-century Russian witchcraft trials

Things: Comparing Material Cultures, 1500–1900

The seminar meets alternate Wednesdays, 12.00–2.00pm in Room SG1, Alison Richard Building, West Road. Organised by Michelle Wallis, Sophie Waring and others.

Website: www.crassh.cam.ac.uk/programmes/things

7 May  Maya Corry (History of Art, Cambridge)
Victoria Mills (Darwin College, Cambridge)
Gendered things
21 May  Anna Maerker (King’s College London)  
Margaret Carlyle (HPS, Cambridge)  
Bodily things

4 June  Elizabeth Haines (Royal Holloway, University of London, and the Science Museum)  
Juliette Kristensen (Goldsmiths, University of London)  
Matthew Paskins (UCL)  
100 hours of things: materiality, expertise and encountering objects

Field Notes: Histories of Archaeology and Anthropology

The seminar meets alternate Mondays, 5.00–7.00pm in Room SG1, Alison Richard Building, West Road. Organised by William Carruthers and others.
Website: www.crash.cam.ac.uk/programmes/field-notes

28 April  Khadija von Zinnenburg Carroll (Installation artist)  
Adrien Sina (Curator and art historian)  
Michal Murawski (Social Anthropology, Cambridge)  
Nikolai Ssorin-Chaikov (Social Anthropology, Cambridge)  
Movements between art and anthropology: conceptual art and ethnographic inquiry

12 May  Jennifer Baird (Birkbeck, University of London)  
Sudeshna Guha (Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Cambridge)  
Still lifes and stage sets: authority and authenticity in archaeological photographs

Wednesday 28 May in Seminar Room S1
Martijn Eickhoff (Radboud University Nijmegen)  
Helen Roche (Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge)  
Witness to a Greater Germanic past? The SS-Ahnenerbe and the archaeological research sites of Dolni Věstonice and Solone

Thursday 29 May in Seminar Room SG2
Marianne Sommer (University of Lucerne)  
Jim Secord (HPS, Cambridge)  
Paper trails: objects, narratives and visualizations of human deep time in early 20th-century America
Graduate workshops and seminars

HPS History Workshop

Need help writing a tricky part of your argument? Need some fresh ideas and references? Or simply want to see how your early-career colleagues approach the writing process? The History Workshop is an informal setting to discuss our written works-in-progress on any area of the history of science, technology and medicine, and share feedback. A draft PhD chapter, article or conference paper will be circulated by email before each meeting. We’ll then discuss it together over tea and biscuits at 5pm on alternate Wednesdays in Seminar Room 1.

Please contact Andreas Sommer or Seb Falk if you are interested in sharing your work in this forum, or would like to be added to the mailing list to receive the papers before the seminars.

7 May  Michael McGovern (HPS, Cambridge)
The first Human Genome Project: computers and the mapping of human genes, 1950–1970

21 May  Caitlin Doherty (HPS, Cambridge)
Pastoral modernism: the flying machine’s arrival over the English countryside

4 June  Federico Morganti (Sapienza University of Rome)
The unknowable, the new reformation, and the rationale for religious freedom: the place of religion in Spencer’s philosophy

18 June  Linda Ratschiller (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)
Imagining ill bodies: the Basel Mission doctors and images from the Gold Coast, 1885–1914

HPS Philosophy Workshop

Would you like to get feedback on your work-in-progress in a friendly and supportive atmosphere? Texts will be circulated one week in advance and discussed over tea and biscuits in Seminar Room 1 on alternate Fridays, 12–1pm. Share a draft of your MPhil essay, PhD chapter, potential article, or any research-in-progress in the philosophy of science, broadly construed. Organised by Toby Bryant.

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24 April Introduced by Michael McGovern
Hallam Stevens, Life out of Sequence: A Data-Driven History of Bioinformatics (Chicago: Chicago University Press, 2013)
Chapter 1, ‘Building Computers’
Chapter 2, ‘Making Knowledge’

8 May Introduced by Helen Curry
Chapters to be confirmed

Generation to Reproduction Reading Group
This group discusses pre-circulated papers, classics as well as our own work, in the area of our Wellcome Trust strategic award in the history of medicine (www.reproduction.group.cam.ac.uk). We also hold work-in-progress sessions.
This term’s meetings will be at 5.00–7.00pm (tea from 4.50) on Tuesdays 6 and 20 May in Seminar Room 1.

Nature and Culture Reading Group
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This term’s reading group will focus on the theme of sex and gender. Please contact Beth Hannon if you have any difficulty locating the readings. All are very welcome to attend.
22 April Lloyd, Elisabeth (1993) ‘Pre-Theoretical Assumptions in Evolutionary Explanations of Female Sexuality’, *Philosophical Studies*, 69, pp. 139–53

**Philosophy and History of Physics Reading Group**

We will meet at the usual time of **2.00–3.00pm on Tuesdays in Seminar Room 1**. During Easter Term we will read Hasok Chang, *Is Water H₂O? Evidence, Realism and Pluralism* (Dordrecht: Springer, 2012).
Organised by Hasok Chang and Jeremy Butterfield.

**Philosophy of Psychology Reading Group**

We meet on **Thursdays, 11am–12noon in Seminar Room 1**. Organised by Riana Betzler.

1 May 11–12.30 (note the extended time)
**Saulo de Freitas Araujo (Federal University of Juiz de Fora, Brazil)** will give a talk:
‘Kant’s influence on the development of Wilhelm Wundt’s scientific psychology:
integrating history and philosophy of psychology’
Chair: Andreas Sommer

Abstract: That Kant has played a major role in the history of philosophy since the end of the 18th century is a well-known and undisputed claim. Not so obvious, though, and to a certain degree overlooked in the literature,
is his influence on the historical development of the empirical sciences. My main goal is to disclose a very close relationship between Kant’s critical philosophy and the historical development of scientific psychology, by focusing on Wilhelm Wundt, one of its leading figures in the second half of the 19th century. I will show that Wundt’s reading of Kant’s *Critique of Pure Reason* led him to question his early psychological programme, based on a theory of the unconscious, and later to reject it. In other words, I will argue that Kant interrupted Wundt’s dogmatic slumber by showing him that logical forms cannot be confused with objects given in experience. Consequently, Wundt was forced to develop a new conception of scientific psychology, which made him famous and spread worldwide as a model of the ‘new’ psychology. This episode offers a good example of Kant’s positive influence on psychological discussions in the 19th century, especially in the German tradition, and of how to integrate history and philosophy of psychology.


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16 May Jan Golinski, ‘Sensibility and Climatic Pathology’ in *British Weather and the Climate of Enlightenment* (Chicago, 2007)


**CamPhor (Phenomenology) Reading Group**

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28 April  **Robert Anderson (Clare Hall, Cambridge)**  Chemistry in workers’ institutions

2 June  **Melanie Keene (Homerton College, Cambridge)**

**Salim Al-Gailani (HPS, Cambridge)**

Chemistry education – books and objects

_in collaboration with the Whipple Museum and Whipple Library_

Kant Reading Group

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This term we explore how scientific texts have been rewritten for juvenile audiences in the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries, as well as analysing a work written by two young people themselves.

12 May  **What Mr Darwin Saw**

Charles Darwin, _Journal of researches into the natural history and geology of the countries visited during the voyage of H.M.S. Beagle round the world_ (1845 edn). Read the preface and chapter 1 (Porto Praya).


Mick Manning and Brita Granström, _What Mr Darwin Saw_ (2009).

9 June  **Entomological adventures**

_Alexander Teixeira de Mattos, The Life of the Fly... by J. Henri Fabre_ (1913). Read chapter 7, ‘The Pond’, but feel free to skim the rest of the book as well.

_Louise Seymour Hasbrouck, Insect Adventures_ by J. Henri Fabre (1917). Read the preface and chapter 1 (‘My First Pond’). Feel free to skim the rest of the book.
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*Members of the Department enjoying the gardens of Peterhouse after Tim Lewens’ Inaugural Lecture*