Staff news:

- Many Congratulations to Liam Watson (Anthropology Office) is now the proud daddy of a baby boy. Janek arrived early on 5 March, weighing in at 7lb 11oz.

Student news:

- Ethnomusicology students participated in this year’s Saint Patrick’s Day Parade. Following discussions of a range of theories of carnival, the students took the School’s Boi-Bumbá, a subaltern Brazilian street musical drama, on parade as a means of gaining a first-hand experience of the empowering potential of the appropriation of the public space.

- Congratulations to Ruth Williams (MA Social Anthropology) and Marie Louise Boyle (PhD ICC), who have both been awarded William and Betty MacQuitty travel scholarships for 2011. Also to Bree Hocking (PhD Irish Studies) who has been awarded an Emily Sarah Montgomery Travel Scholarship, and to Genevieve Bigger (BA Social Anthropology), who has been awarded a Sir Thomas Dixon Travel Scholarship.

If you would like any more information on Newsletter items, or have any comments or queries, please contact us by email at: history@qub.ac.uk or anthropology@qub.ac.uk, or visit our website at http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofHistoryandAnthropology/

The School is also on Facebook at:
- History at Queen’s University Belfast
- QUB Anthropology
Oliver Carrington (BA History) has been offered an AHRC award to undertake an MA on ‘World History and Cultures’ at King’s College London.

Research news:

Publications - articles and chapters:


Research projects:

- The AHRC-funded project **DIPPAM - Documenting Ireland: Parliament People and Migration** (directed by Peter Gray) was launched at QUB, at an event introduced by Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Tony Gallagher. DIPPAM is a universally available virtual library of Irish and Irish-diasporic historical sources, featuring the EPPI collection of British official publications relating to Ireland 1801-1922, the Irish Emigration Database, and the Voices of Migration and Return oral history database, and can be accessed at [www.dippam.ac.uk](http://www.dippam.ac.uk). The resource was the product of a collaboration between QUB, University of Ulster, the Centre for Migration Studies, Omagh, and Libraries NI. As well as the QUB launch, DIPPAM public workshops were hosted by Libraries NI in Armagh, Newcastle, Coleraine, Strabane and Enniskillen.
Conferences, seminars and public lectures:

- On 25-26 March the School hosted an inaugural postgraduate conference organised by the Royal Irish Academy's Committee for Classical and Near Eastern Studies. Delegates from Ireland north and south, the US and Europe enjoyed two days of papers, lively discussion and a splendid dinner in the university's Great Hall. The keynote speaker was Professor Hannah Cotton-Paltiel, editor of the first volume of the Corpus Inscriptionum Judaeae, an outstanding and inspiring scholar who gave her lecture: 'The Conception of Jesus: a methodological study' to a packed council-chamber audience. The conference organisers, Dr Martine Cuypers (TCD) and Dr John Curran (Queen's), considered the event a great success and Professor Cotton-Paltiel paid tribute to the Queen's student helpers whom she said had represented the university with distinction.

- The multi-disciplinary conference, The Ideal Woman: Interrogating Femininity Across Disciplines and Time, took place in the Institute of Irish Studies, to celebrate 100 years of International Women’s Day. It was organised by Laura Gallagher (English), Maria Deiana (PISP) and Rachel Wilson (PhD History) and attracted postgraduate and academic speakers from Canada, America, Bosnia and the UK and Ireland. The keynote was given by Professor Jennifer Scanlon from Bowdoin College, Maine, and was entitled The ‘Uncanny Stranger on Display’: Language and Ideal Femininities. The funded by the First Mondays International Research Forum on Women, the Student-Led Initiative Fund and the Centre for the Advancement of Women in Politics (CAWP). The organisers would like to take this opportunity to thank their speakers, audience members, sponsors and supervisors, as well as the caterers at Krem and the many administrative staff members who helped, all of whom were invaluable in making the event successful.

Public lectures, conferences and seminars at QUB:

- Erica Doherty (PhD History) spoke on ‘The Irish Party’s ‘evil genius’; the political career of Thomas Power O’Connor, 1916–1918’ at the History Postgrad Seminar Series

- Paul Huddie (PhD History) spoke on ‘The shamrock and Sebastopol: the responses of Irish high politics to the Crimean War, 1854–6’ at the History Postgrad Seminar Series.

- Chris Loughlin (PhD History) spoke on ‘Beaten and crushed? Violence and intimidation against the Belfast labour movement, 1924–39’, at the History Postgrad Seminar Series

- Fiona Magowan presented a paper on ‘Moving colours of identity: the emotional dynamics of mobility, place and belonging in Australian Aboriginal art’, at the HERA international
symposium at QUB. The research was based on fieldwork conducted in Adelaide, Canberra, Sydney, Darwin and Galiwin’ku carried out in October-November 2010.

Jim O’Neill (PhD History) spoke on ‘Death in the Lakelands: War in Fermanagh 1593–4’ at the History Postgrad Seminar Series

The Institute for Cognition and Culture held a workshop on ‘Issues on Evolution, Learning and Culture’.

Conference, seminar and lecture contributions:

Fran Abbs (MA Modern History) spoke on a panel at the Temple University Fifteenth Annual Barnes Club Graduate Student Conference, Philadelphia, USA.

Catherine Clinton was invited to participate in an international conference to inaugurate the new Center for Race and Democracy at Arizona State University. The conference, ‘Barack Obama and Democracy II’, is part of an ongoing network of scholars, spearheaded by Matthew Whitaker at ASU and Peniel Joseph at Tufts University, who are tracing the historic issues during the Obama presidency. While in Tempe, Clinton met up with recent QUB Irish History MA Natalie Wilcoxen (right, with CC), an ASU alumna, who attended the conference.

Keith Jeffery spoke on secret intelligence and special operations in the Second World War at the Military History Seminar, NUI Maynooth; on MI6 and the armed services at the Military History Society of Ireland, Griffith College, Dublin; and on MI6 and the Middle East at the Middle East Studies Seminar, King’s College London.

Dale Montgomery (PhD History) presented a paper entitled ‘Power and identity: the Blueshirts in a post-colonial context’ at the Pacific Coast Conference of British Studies at the University of Washington in Seattle WA, USA.


External appointments:

Katie Barclay has become co-editor of Women’s History Magazine.

Paul Corthorn has become an editor of the Labour History Review.

Fearghal McGarry was appointed to serve on the International Assessment Board evaluating the Irish Research Council for Humanities and Social Sciences (IRCHSS) Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme 2011; and was appointed to editorial board for the Irish Newspapers digital archive project.
International connections:

- **Catherine Clinton** completed her two years service to the Teaching American History Grant administered by the *Gilder Lehrman Institute* in New York and the *New York Department of Education*. She has lectured in twelve workshops on incorporating American history into the classroom within the structure of curriculum in the K-2 grades in New York Public Schools. Her essay, ‘Women and homefront: new Civil War scholarship’, appearing in *History Now*, the quarterly online American history journal for teachers published by the Gilder Lehrman Institute, was part of the teacher’s resource package. ([http://www.gilderlehrman.org/historynow/12_2010/index.php](http://www.gilderlehrman.org/historynow/12_2010/index.php)) Her participation was solicited both as a scholar and as author of prize-winning books for children.

- **Lisette Josephides** visited *Minzu University, Beijing*, and attended two business meetings, one to review the ongoing MA collaboration between Queen’s and Minzu and another to reach agreement over the new BA 2+2 collaboration. The proposed 2+2 collaboration, according to which students from Minzu would join the second and third years of the Anthropology BA and graduate with a degree from Queen’s, was agreed in principle, with the expectation that uptake will begin in September 2011. Opportunities for staff collaboration were also discussed. Lisette also held an initial meeting with the Dean of History, who expressed serious interest in our MA programmes in Modern History and Irish Studies, both of which she believed would be relevant to students from Minzu. This new collaboration will be developed further when David Hayton visits Minzu in September.

While in Beijing, Lisette gave presentations to three major academic agencies, introducing them to Queen’s University in general and to the School’s MAs in Social Anthropology and Modern History in particular. She also gave recruitment talks to large numbers of students at Minzu University, promoting the School’s undergraduate and MA degrees. As a result of these efforts, nine students have already applied to MA programmes in the School and more have applied to other Schools at Queen’s.

As part of the MA agreement Lisette taught a ‘mini-module’ in MA Anthropology for students intending to enrol in the degree. In addition, students were offered full-time English language tuition by **Dr Colin Cummings**, a graduate of Queen’s and qualified language teacher.

- **Our 2010-11 Charles Wallace Fellow**, **Dr Sanghamitra Choudhury** has arrived. She is teaching in Delhi and is from Assam, India, where her research is based. Her research topics include:
Peace Building and Conflict Transformation in India's north east; Ethnic conflict and migration; Human rights with particular reference to Falun Gong in China, Humanitarian law and governance; Gender and empowerment; Social entrepreneurship in conflict zones. She has also recently written and presented on Folk Music as a Reflection of Social Identity of Western Assam; and agency and identity in Goalparia folk music.

Knowledge transfer / research impact:

- **Dominic Bryan**, ‘A day that unites and divides us all’ [on Irish Studies St Patrick’s Day project], *Irish News*, 17 March 2011

- **Sean Connolly** contributed a note on St Patrick’s day to the OUP author’s blog, and was immediately attacked by an irate Scotsman. See [http://blog.oup.com/2011/03/17-march/](http://blog.oup.com/2011/03/17-march/)

- *BBC History Magazine* carried an article on **Elaine Farrell’s** research into infanticide in 19th-century Ireland

- **Peter Gray** spoke to *Good Morning Ulster* (Radio Ulster, 25 March) on the launch of the Dippam website.

- **Keith Jeffery** gave a reading for Amnesty International at *Glasgow Book Festival*; spoke in a session on MI6 book with Peter Hennessy also at Glasgow Book Festival; was a panel member for ‘Seven Days’, a *BBC Radio Ulster* current affairs discussion programme; and was interviewed on the *BBC Radio 4 ‘Document’* programme on the Lockhart Plot.

- **Fearghal McGarry** spoke on Sean MacDermott's revolutionary career at the *Sean MacDiarmada CLG*, Belfast.

Student societies:

- The **History Society** and the **Anthropology Society** hosted a joint *Formal* on 30 March at the Belfast Hilton. It was hugely successful - there was a lot of support from staff which was fantastic to see and everyone had a great time. After our four delicious courses we had an award ceremony where **Niall Collins** and **Christie Hyland** were voted Prom King and Queen, and then guests were treated to a fantastic set from a local band *Eskimo Falls*, who along with bagpipe player and Anthropologist Jeremy got everyone up dancing. The History Society in particular feels that this has been the pinnacle of a fantastic year and we look forward to seeing what Henry Adams as 2011-12 History Society President has in store.
Six out of seven of the US history masters students (Aurelia Aubert, John Beecher, Ellen Donnelly, Blake Hill, Laura O'Neill and James Wilkey – Fran Abbs was at a conference in Philadelphia) attended the School's Formal along with Dr Anthony Stanonis and Professor Catherine Clinton.

Alumni news:

- **School Alumni Day** – we will shortly be sending out invitations to our first School Alumni day on 25 June to all School alumni we have contacts for; please let us know if you are able to come, or send back the form with information about yourself if you’d like to keep in touch with the School.

- Many thanks to four of our alumni who participated in our ‘History Careers Day’ on 2 March (organised by Greta O'Donnell, Careers Advisor for History and Marie Coleman, the school’s History Careers Liaison Advisor). Four recent Queen’s History alumni - Graeme Hamilton (Solicitor, Hewitt and Gilpin), Gareth Mason (Head of History, Dominican College, Fortwilliam), Shane Quinn (Belfast Buildings Preservation Trust) and Lisa O’Kane (Accountant, Ernst & Young) spoke to a number of undergraduates, postgraduates and recent graduates.

Recruitment activities:

- In March two groups of students from the South Eastern Regional College campuses in Lisburn and Bangor visited the school. They attended a modern Irish history lecture and had a tour of the McClay Library, Students’ Union, Student Guidance Centre and University Bookshop. All of these students are taking the Queen’s Access course as part of the university’s Widening Participation Unit and hope to come to Queen’s to study for their degrees. The visit was facilitated by Marie Coleman, the school’s Access Officer for History.

- Keith Jeffery gave a lecture on Ireland and the First World War to a Sixth Form History Conference at Royal School Dungannon.

- Fearghal McGarry spoke on the Easter Rising to secondary schools in Clones and Monaghan.

Forthcoming events in April:

- **School of History and Anthropology, China Lecture**: Professor Liu Mingxin (Minzu University, Beijing) will give the first China Lecture on ‘Chinese Anthropology: Past, Present and Future’ on 13.4@4.30.

- **School of History and Anthropology, India Lecture**: Professor Dipankar Gupta, Senior Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, ‘Caste in India: From System to Identity’. 14.4@6.00pm in the Canada Room, QUB.
School of History and Anthropology, Erasmus Lectures: **Professor Jiří Brňovják**, (University of Ostrava, Czech Republic) ‘The New Nobility. The acquisition of noble titles in the Bohemian Lands between the 17th and 19th centuries’, 6.4@8pm; **Professor Jana Grollová**, (University of Ostrava, Czech Republic), ‘Moravian Brethren in the context of the development of Czech devotion: Current state and perspectives of Czech history.’, 7.4@8pm.

**Anthropology Seminars: Sanghamitra Choudhury** (Charles Wallace Fellow), TBA, 5.4@4.15; **Dipankar Gupta**, (Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi), ‘Vanishing Village: Country-Town Nexus in India’ 12.4@4.15.

**International Research Forum on Women seminar: Zoe Whitley** (Curator, Victoria and Albert Museum): ”‘Jolie laide’: Repulsion and attraction to difference and disability in fashion imagery’, 4.4 @4pm

**Institute for Cognition and Culture Seminar: Frank Hindriks** (Department of Philosophy, University of Groningen, Netherlands), ‘Normativity in action: how to explain the Knobe Effect’, 8.4@3pm.

**History Postgraduate Seminars: Daniel Brown** (QUB), ‘The evolution of formulae and protocol in the charters of Hugh de Lacy, earl of Ulster 1191-1243’, 8.4@4pm.

**Medieval Cultures Forum: Mary Garrison** (York), ‘Alcuin’s library’, 15.4@4pm

**Ulster Society for Irish Historical Studies: Malgorzata Krasnodebska-D’Aughton** (UCC) ‘Poverty and property: a study on a 14th-century Irish pilgrimage account’, 7.4@8pm

*Easter Break is 18 April to 6 May.*

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