Congratulations to all our Class of 2012 graduating students. The School’s graduation ceremony on 5 July saw degrees awarded to 8 PhDs, 2 MAs and 153 BAs. Well done to all!

QUB History in World Top 100

History at Queen's University Belfast has been ranked in the Top 100 History Departments worldwide in the QS World University Rankings 2012, for the second year running. For details, see http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2012/subject-rankings/arts-humanities/history/.

Student news:

Congratulations to Robin McCallum (MA Modern History 2012), who has won an Economic History Society Bursary to support his PhD research at Queen’s on English medieval towns.

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
- QUB History and Anthropology Alumni
Staff news:

We welcome five new members of teaching staff to the School in September:

**Dr Adam Cathcart** joins us as a temporary lecturer in Asian History, having previously taught at Pacific Lutheran University. Adam holds his PhD from Ohio University, and a specialist in the history of 20th-Century Chinese nationalism and Sino-North Korean relations in the 1940s-50s. He has published widely in these fields and edits web journals on Chinese-North Korean and Chinese-Japanese relations. He is currently completing two monographs, on *Bonds of Brotherhood: Sino-North Korean Relations, 1945-1953* and *Against the Sun: Chinese Nationalism in the Shadow of Japan, 1945-1952*.

**Dr Elaine Farrell** holds her MA and PhD from Queen’s, was a temporary lecturer in History in 2010-11 and returns to the School as a lecturer in Irish Social and Economic History. She held an IRCSS postdoctoral research fellowship at UCD in 2011-12. Her main research interests are in 19th and 20th-Century Irish social history, particularly Irish women’s history. Her research focuses on the family, sexuality, infancy and childhood, and crime and punishment. Her doctoral thesis examined the crime of infanticide in post-Famine Ireland, and will be published shortly by Manchester University Press as *‘A Most Diabolical Deed’: Infanticide and Irish Society, 1850-1900*.

**Dr Jonathan Lanman** joins the School as a joint lectureship appointment in Anthropology and in the Institute of Cognition and Culture. Jonathan took his MSc and DPhil at Oxford, and joins us from Oxford University’s Institute of Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology, via a Visiting Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at the University of British Columbia’s Psychology Department held in 2011-12. He is interested in applying the theories and tools of both social and cognitive anthropology to issues in the study of religion, atheism, morality, and intergroup relations. His DPhil research yielded both a descriptive and explanatory account of atheism in the contemporary West, which he is writing up as a monograph. At present, he is collaborating with anthropologists and psychologists on an ESRC Large Grant, entitled ‘Ritual, community, and conflict’, to ascertain the effects of ritualized behaviour on ingroup cohesion and outgroup hostility across a range of contexts.

**Dr Olwen Purdue** rejoins the staff as a lecturer in Irish Social and Economic History, after holding a temporary appointment in 2011-12. Her research interests include land and power, poverty and welfare, and urban change in late C19th-early C20th Ulster. Her QUB doctoral research was published by UCD Press in 2009 as *The Big House in the North of Ireland: Land, Power and Social Elites 1870-c.1960*. Olwen’s recent research has focussed on questions of poverty and empowerment: in the ways in which the poor increasingly utilised the welfare system as part of their ‘economy of make-shifts’; the ways in which the administration of the Irish poor law became increasingly contested by social and economic elites and political movements; and in the experience and relief of poverty in the contested political space of C19th Belfast. She is CI on the AHRC-funded project *‘Welfare and public health in Belfast and the its region, c.1800-1973’*, and is completing an edited volume on the emergence of Belfast as a dynamic industrial city at the end of the 19th century.
Dr Alexander Titov joins us as a temporary lecturer in Modern European History. Alex holds a PhD from University College London and is a specialist in 20th-Century Russian History. He has worked previously at the Universities of Leeds and Birmingham and at UCL. His research interests are in the history of Russian political thought and contemporary nationalist ideologies; he has also researched and published on the Soviet political history, particularly party reforms under Nikita Khrushchev. He is currently working on a monograph on Khrushchev for the Routledge ‘Historical Biographies’ series and an intellectual biography of Lev Gumilev (1912–92), a distinguished Russian intellectual historian, philosopher, and anthropologist.

Hastings Donnan has been appointed Director of the University’s new Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation and Social Justice, with effect from 1 August. He will be on secondment from the School for the period 2012-17.

Research news:

Publications – books:

- **Brian Campbell**, *Rivers and the Power of Ancient Rome* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2012), 608pp. ISBN: 9780807834800. Figuring in myth, religion, law, the military, commerce, and transportation, rivers were at the heart of Rome’s increasing exploitation of the environment of the Mediterranean world. This book explores the role and influence of rivers and their surrounding landscape on the society and culture of the Roman Empire. Examining artistic representations of rivers, related architecture, and the work of ancient geographers and topographers, as well as writers who describe rivers, Campbell reveals how Romans defined the geographical areas they conquered and how geography and natural surroundings related to their society and activities. In addition, he illuminates the prominence and value of rivers in the control and expansion of the Roman Empire—through the legal regulation of riverine activities, the exploitation of rivers in military tactics, and the use of rivers as routes of communication and movement. Campbell shows how a technological understanding of—and even mastery over—the forces of the river helped Rome rise to its central place in the ancient world.

- **Jonathan Skinner** (ed.), *The Interview: An Ethnographic Approach* (Oxford: Berg, 2012), 288pp. ISBN: 9781847889409. What are new interview methods and practices in our new 'interview society' and how do they relate to traditional social science research? This volume interrogates the interview as understood, used - and under-used - by anthropologists. It puts the interview itself in the hotseat by exploring the nature of the interview, interview techniques, and illustrative cases of interview use. This important volume leads the reader from an initial scrutiny of the interview to interview techniques and illustrative case studies. It is experimental, innovative, and covers in detail matters such as awkwardness, silence and censorship in interviews that do not feature in general interview textbooks. It will appeal to social scientists engaged in qualitative research methods in general, and anthropology and sociology students using interviews in their research and writing in particular.

This groundbreaking collection of essays casts light on the long shadow of naturalistic monism in modern thought and culture. It argues that when the philosophical proposition of the unity of all matter and thought a single, universal substance fused with scientific empiricism and Darwinism in the mid-nineteenth century, it led to the formation of a powerful worldview. Compelling essays by leading international scholars investigate the articulation of monism in science, philosophy, and religion and its impact on range of social movements from socialism and early feminism to imperialism and eugenics.

Monism: Science, Philosophy, Religion and the History of a Worldview provides a broad and comprehensive chronological, disciplinary and geographic map of a century of monism, while at the same time showing innovative new directions in the interdisciplinary study of the modern intersections of science, religion, philosophy and culture. This volume originates from a Wiles Colloquium *The Monist Century 1845-1945: Science, Secularism and Worldview*, convened by Todd Weir at QUB in 2009.

Publications - articles and chapters:

- Elaine Farrell, ‘“The fellow said it was not harm and only tricks”: The role of the father in suspected cases of infanticide, 1850-1900’ in *Journal of Social History*, xlv (summer 2012), pp 990-1004.
- Sean O’Connell, ‘The business of working-class credit: sub-prime markets in the United Kingdom since 1880’ in J. Logemann (ed.), *The Development of Consumer Credit*.


Conferences, seminars and public lectures:

Dominic Bryan gave a paper at the Canadian Association for Irish Studies in Ottawa, Ontario, on ‘St Patrick the meaningless saint: thoughts on global Irishness’.

Frances Harkin (PhD Irish Studies) gave a paper at the 4th International Sport, Race and Ethnicity Conference, University of Ulster, on ‘A sporting diaspora: The role of the Gaelic Athletic Association in London’.


Karst de Jong (PhD History) spoke on ‘The Irish lawyer-group in Jamaica (1692-1729)’, at the Society of Caribbean Studies Conference, University of Oxford.

Eric Morier-Genoud organised an event with four speakers (scholars and politicians) to launch his book Sure Road? Nationalisms in Angola, Guinea-Bissau and Mozambique, in Maputo, Mozambique (right). The event was sponsored by the Swiss embassy in Mozambique and the Instituto de Estudos Sociais e Economicos (IESE) in Maputo; he also co-organised a workshop at IESE on ‘Provincial wars? Local dynamics of the armed conflict in Mozambique, 1977-1992’.

Dr Morier-Genoud gave a lecture entitled ‘The Catholic Church in post-colonial Mozambique. Between Socialism, War and Democracy’ at St Augustine College, Johannesburg, and also co-organised an event with three speakers to launch his book Embroiled. Swiss Churches, South Africa and Apartheid, at the WISER institute of Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg, South Africa. The event was sponsored by the Swiss embassy in South Africa.

Sinead O’Sullivan gave talks given at Berkeley and Stanford Universities in California on ‘Glosses in the Medieval West’ and ‘Deciphering and encoding knowledge in Carolingian glosses’. Stanford has agreed to sponsor a colloquium on glosses to be held there in 2014-15. A colloquium and a workshop at Berkeley will be organised by Dr O’Sullivan and Dr Natalia Lozovsky, Berkeley.

Jonathan Skinner presented a paper at the Dance Research Forum Ireland in Londonderry on ‘Fitness by disguise: Indigenous and exotic dance health practices amongst senior citizens’; gave a talk at the London Anthropology Day, British Museum, on ‘Maze breaks in NI: Terrorism and tourism in the shadows of modernity’; and chaired a panel at the EASA conference at the University of Nanterre, Paris, on ‘Hesitation and uncertainty in bodily practice’.

Paulo Sousa was invited to give the Cognition and Culture Public Lecture at Aarhus University, Denmark. The topic of his lecture was ‘Moral norms in cognition and culture’.
Research Projects:

Jonathan Lanman has been awarded (as a PI along with Harvey Whitehouse (Oxford) and David Sloan Wilson (Binghamton University)) a £1million research grant from the John Templeton Foundation on ‘Religion’s impact on human life: Integrating proximate and ultimate perspectives’. This grant will initially run for 3 years and be hosted at the Institute for Cognition and Culture.

Completed PhDs:

- **Elina Rowley**, ‘Human-shark relations in coastal Queensland: recreation and conservation at the Great Barrier Reef’ (Anthropology. Supervisor: Dr John Knight).

External appointments:

- **Keith Jeffery** was external examiner for a University of London PhD.
- **Liam Kennedy** was guest editor of a special issue of the Italian journal of historical demography, *Popolazione e Storia* devoted to European population censuses.
- **Sinead O’Sullivan** was appointed a Research Affiliate at the Centre for Classical and Near Eastern Studies, University of Sydney, Australia.

International connections:

- The 12th Institute of Irish Studies International Summer School took place at QUB 16 July – 4 August. In a major collaboration with the Fulbright Commission we are now also a Fulbright Summer Institute and 6 students from the United States arrived on Fulbright scholarships a week before everyone else. In total we had 46 students of whom 19 took the optional Irish history classes in the second week. This year’s Summer School included trips to the new Titanic Belfast, the Causeway Coast and visits to the Apprentice Boys Memorial Hall and Free Derry Museum in Derry/Londonderry.
  One of the highlights of the Summer School was a talk from prize-winning film maker Alison Millar. She spoke to students about the making of recently screened BBC documentaries *‘The Men who Won’t Stop Marching’* as well as *‘The Father, the Son and the Housekeeper’*.
  One of the objectives of the Summer School is to attract students to return for further study at QUB. Since 2000, four have returned to study for PhDs (in Anthropology and Irish Studies) and twelve to do MAAs in Politics, English, Film Studies, Law and Planning as well as in Irish Studies.
- **Adam Cathcart** engaged in collaborative research with students at Yonsei University Graduate Journal of International Studies in Seoul, S. Korea; met with Chinese students at U.S. Consulate in Chengdu, PRC, and gave presentation at that venue; continued efforts to push cultural diplomacy with the DPRK (Democratic People’s Republic of Korea), including meetings with North Korean musicians in China.
- **Kirsty McCluskey** (PhD History) was supported by a Santander Travel Grant in travelling to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in August to carry out research for her dissertation. She was able to conduct research on former president Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, who is a key case study in her survey of childhood memoir by socialist leaders.
Eric Morier-Genoud took part as a senior adviser in the workshop organised by the Nigeria Research Network (Oxford University/dRPC) on ‘Interfaith relations in Northern Nigeria: From research to policy and practice’ at the Netherlands embassy, Abuja, Nigeria, 1-2 August.

Knowledge transfer / research impact:


He also published ‘Boom or bust on the Sino-NK frontier?’ in The DailyNK (a leading news outlet in Seoul run by North Korean defectors), 31 August.

James Davis produced a podcast on ‘The Peasants’ Revolt, 1381’ for the Historical Association.

John Wilson Foster was history consultant (and joint text-writer) for Belfast City Council’s first ‘Decade of Centenaries’ exhibition (1912-1914), Belfast City Hall, August 2012-January 2013.

Peter Gray gave a talk on ‘The legacies of 19th-Century Irish history in contemporary Northern Ireland’ to 38 BDE, Thiepval Barracks, Lisburn.

Eric Morier-Genoud wrote an article ‘Wiriyamu: uma massacre por esclarecer?’ in the weekly newspaper Savana (Maputo, Mozambique), 16 June; he was interviewed in the weekly newspaper Canal de Moçambique (Maputo), No. 158, 25 July; and wrote an article ‘Igrejas e Estado em Moçambique após a indepêdencia’ for the same newspaper, 29 August.

Olwen Purdue featured in the second episode of the BBC1 documentary series, Britain’s Hidden Heritage, which aired on 26 August with an audience of over 4 million. Presented by Paul Martin, this national series explores lesser-known parts of the UK’s built heritage. This episode focused on the history and significance of Mount Stewart, Co. Down, and the Londonderry family who lived there.

Jonathan Skinner was elected to the Executive Committee of the Belfast Argentine Tango Society. He was also invited to act as resident DJ at the weekly Tango Café in the QUB Student’s Union in July.

Recruitment news:

Jonathan Skinner represented the School at the London Anthropology Day in June.

This year’s QUB Open Days for 6th Form Students are on 6-7 September. For details see: http://www.whatsonatqueens.com/home/events/CurrentEvents/EventStore/Name,261651,en.html

Alumni news:

Claire Allen (PhD History, 2010) has been appointed as an Archive Assistant jointly at Warwick County Record Office and the Cadbury Special Collections at the University of Birmingham.

Clare Morrison (BA History and Politics, 2010) has been appointed as a History Teacher at Canterbury Academy in Kent. Clare is a former President of the QUB History Society.
Ashleigh Simpson (MA Modern History, 2010, BA Ancient/Modern History, 2009) has taken up a post in Policy and Public Affairs for the Royal College of General Practitioners.

Forthcoming events in September:

- **Jewish Community, Identity and Memory: Perspectives from Belfast**, 11 Sept, McClay Library, QUB.
  Details at: [http://www.qub.ac.uk/mh//Events/#qub_event_311681](http://www.qub.ac.uk/mh//Events/#qub_event_311681)

- **History Postgraduate Seminar**: Lisa Butterly (NUIM), ““An important work of architecture will create polemics”: the architectural discourses of the County Louth Mental Home (1933)”, 28.9@4pm, Humanities Postgrad Centre, 18 College Green.

Irish Studies Summer School 2012:

Irish Studies Summer School students meet the Vice-Chancellor, Sir Peter Gregson (left), and visit the Giant’s Causeway (below).