

LEICESTER RESEARCH GRANTS AND BOOKS

PRESS COVERAGE OF RESEARCH GRANTS

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ARCHAEOLOGY

Dr E Sauer

Alchester Roman Fort II: AD 44 Britain's Earliest Roman Tree-Ring Date

The Roman army invaded Britain in AD 43. This was the beginning of almost four centuries of Roman rule. Many Roman military bases of the second half of the first century and subsequent centuries, mainly in western and northern Britain, are well known. However, until recently little was known about the speed at which the invasion army advanced and how much resistance it encountered during the very first years of the conquest.

Recent excavations at Alchester by a team from the University of Leicester's Department of Archaeology and Ancient History have substantially added to our knowledge of the Roman invasion of Britain. An analysis of the tree-rings allowed Ian Tyers (Sheffield University) to date two gate posts from the main gate (porta praetoria); both of them had been felled between October AD 44 and March AD 45, almost certainly still in autumn AD 44. The finds from the fortress provide unique insights into an un-written chapter of British history and into the inter-relation between the invaders and the indigenous population.

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BIOLOGY

Dr R P Jarvis

Supplement - Additional Expenses, Rosenheim Research Fellowship

£4,000(supp) *Royal Society*

CHEMISTRY

Dr E Hope

Supplement - University Research Fellowship

£7,311 *Royal Society*

DR A M STUART

Fluorous-Derivatised Phase Transfer Catalysts - Supplement - Expense Claim

£10,974 *Royal Society*

CHEMISTRY, UNIVERSITY OF YORK

Dr P Dyer, Dr P J Dyson

Tailored Monomers Towards Controlled Growth of Well Defined Substituted Poly (Paraphenylenevinylene) Polymers

£57,141.50 *EPSRC via University of York*

CHILD HEALTH

Dr C Beardsmore

Travel Support for UK ECMO Trial

£3,667 *Institute of Health Sciences*

Supplement - Respiratory Function in Infants Following ECMO

£11,750 *University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust (Glenfield Hospital)*

Prof M Silverman, Dr J Grigg

The Role of Air Pollution in Initiating Paediatric Respiratory Disease

£5,000 *Leicester City Council*

CHILD HEALTH WITH INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH AND POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT, LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL

Prof M Silverman, Dr J Grigg, Dr L Rushton, Mr A Russell

Role of Air Pollution in Initiating Paediatric Respiratory Disease

Recent research conducted in the Department of Child Health at the University of Leicester has shown that the lungs of very young children contain particles derived from diesel engines (PM10s) which can affect the way their lungs develop. We have surveyed the respiratory health of thousands of children in Leicestershire on several occasions over the last few years. At the same time the City Council has developed a precise way of predicting the level of exposure of children in the region, to air pollutants, including tiny particles. This project will allow us to marry

together, the information collected from these two sources, and to answer the question: What is the role of air pollution in respiratory illness in young children?

This is the first time a study of this kind has been carried out on this scale, world-wide. The results will strengthen programmes to reduce traffic pollution near children's homes and schools.

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ECONOMIC & SOCIAL HISTORY

Dr C Anderson

Indian Convict Settlements in SE Asia and the Andaman Islands, 1802 - 1937

£4,991 *British Academy*

EDUCATION (EMDU) WITH CARDIFF UNIVERSITY

Prof L Bell

Evidence Informed Policy and Practice

This DfEE funded project will establish a School Leadership Review Group which will conduct systematic literature reviews into leadership and management in schools in order to identify and review primary research evidence related to effective school leadership and management strategies for raising standards of pupil performance in a variety of schools. The main focus of the reviews will be on head teachers and senior managers but, where appropriate other studies will be considered. Reviews will take account of policy contexts, school types and international evidence. The Group will be linked to the Evidence Informed Policy and Practice Unit at the London Institute of Education who will provide information technology support.

£20,000 *Department for Education and Employment via Institute of Education*



University of Leicester



ENGINEERING

Dr J A M Bleijs

RAIS - Power-Electronic Network Interface for Medium and Large Photo-Voltaic Arrays

Worldwide a significant proportion of the daily electricity consumption can be supplied from solar energy, using photo-voltaic (PV) cells arranged in medium and large scale arrays, integrated in building roofs and facades where suitable. Research, undertaken by Dr Hans Bleijs and Dr John Gow of the Electrical & Electronic Power Engineering Group in collaboration with Alstom Power Conversion Ltd and funded by EPSRC's Renewable and New Energy Technologies programme, has led to the development of a novel structure and circuit topology for a power-electronic interface between the DC output of PV arrays and the AC utility grid, consisting of modular DC/DC converters supplying the solar power from sub-arrays to a common DC/AC grid inverter. This follow-up grant is aimed at a transfer of acquired knowledge and the commercial exploitation of the developed technology by the industrial partner through a 1-year secondment of Dr Gow.

£31,978 EPSRC/Alstom

ENGINEERING, PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY

Dr E M Warrington, Dr A J Stocker, Prof T B Jones

Prediction Techniques for the Influence of Off-Great Circle Propagation on HF Radio Systems

When ionospheric conditions support off-great circle propagation, considerable problems can arise in a number of HF radio systems. For example, in radiolocation, large bearing errors occur resulting in significant errors in the estimates of the position of the transmitter of interest, often by many hundreds or even thousands of kilometres. In communications links employing directional antennas, a reduction in received signal strength occurs since the signals no longer arrive from the expected direction.

Studies recently undertaken at the University of Leicester indicate that the off-great circle propagation effects are due to several mechanisms that are related to the prevailing geophysical conditions. These mechanisms are not included in the various radio propagation prediction codes which are currently available and, consequently, cannot readily be accounted for by system designers and operators. The purpose of this investigation is to develop new propagation prediction tools to enable these effects to be fully taken into account.

The work to be undertaken in this investigation is of international interest and

will be the subject of collaborations within the new European COST-271 initiative on the effects of the upper atmosphere on terrestrial and earth-space communications.

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ENGLISH LOCAL HISTORY

Dr H S Fox

Rural Settlements in Medieval Devon 500-1500: A Study in Local History

£4,417 British Academy

EPIDEMIOLOGY & PUBLIC HEALTH (UKCCSG)

Dr S Ablett

Supplement Year 4 - Treatment of Mature-B-Cell Lymphoma in Children

£8,145 Cancer Research Campaign

Dr S Ablett, Dr E Shafford

Supplement Year 4 - SIOP Study of the Treatment of Hepatoblastoma Hepatocellular Carcinoma in Children

£36,446 Cancer Research Campaign

Prof M Clarke, Dr K Abrams, Prof C R Pinkerton

Supplement - UKCCSG Administrative Office

£6,378 Cancer Research Campaign

GENERAL PRACTICE

Dr K Stevenson

Patient Generated Quality Standards in Primary Care

£59,735 NHS Trent

GENETICS

Dr R H Borts

Molecular and Genetic Analysis of the Functions of MutL Homologues in Yeast - Prize Studentship Ms E R Hoffman

Mismatch repair genes (MutL and MutS homologues) are involved in genetic (in)stability at many levels. In humans and higher organisms these genes evolved from bacterial genes whose primary role is to recognise and direct the correction of errors made when DNA is copied. In this guise they are important stabilising genes. Defects in them can lead to new mutations and cancers. The ability to recognise imperfectly paired DNA is also used to compare DNA strands during the process of recombination thus preventing poorly paired DNA from interacting. In this guise they are also stabilising, and are an important component to maintaining genetic diversity in the form of species. Another role that they play is in the mechanics of recombining strands of DNA. In this role they are involved in generating novel combinations of

genes thus the genetic diversity upon which evolution can act. This grant uses the model organism *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* to determine how these diverse functions are carried out by the mismatch repair genes. £42,791 Wellcome Trust

PROF E J LOUIS

Transfer - Comparative Genomics of the Genus *Saccharomyces*

£83,652 BBSRC

GEOGRAPHY WITH KING'S COLLEGE, LONDON

Prof A J Parsons

Jornada Basin: LTER IV

The Jornada Basin in southern New Mexico is one of the Long Term Ecological Research sites established and funded by the National Science Foundation for the past 18 years. The particular interest in this site is to understand desert ecosystems and the processes of vegetation change that have occurred over the past 100 years. Funding has just been approved for a fourth 6-year period in which the focus of the research will be upscaling of interactions and biogeochemical fluxes from plant and patch scales to landscape scales. The group at Leicester is coordinating the investigations into water, sediment and nutrient fluxes (being conducted by members of the Geography Departments at Leicester, King's College, London and SUNY Buffalo) that will form part of this multidisciplinary research project involving scientists from a diversity of backgrounds and research institutions. Our aim in this phase of the project is to quantify water, sediment and nutrient transfers across vegetation-community boundaries that will allow us to gain a better understanding of the functioning of desert ecosystems and the processes of environmental change.

£54,496 National Science Foundation via New Mexico State University

GEOLOGY

Dr P K Harvey

Wireline Logging in the Ocean Drilling Programme

£142,130 Columbia University

DR C J MOON

Research Support Grant for Commonwealth Fellowship - Dr M T Shah

£2,500 Association of Commonwealth Universities



MANAGEMENT CENTRE (ECONOMICS)

Mr M Burridge, Dr N K H Tang

E-Business Management Laboratory for East Midlands SMEs

Mark Burridge from the University's Management Centre together with Nelson Tang from Aston University Business School have been awarded a research grant from the Centre for Enterprise to explore the potential benefits of electronic business (e-business) for Lawrence Automotive Ltd. In particular the research will explore the implication of e-business for both the suppliers and customers of this Nottingham based automotive supplier. An e-business simulation model will be developed which will help management to understand the level of data interchange currently possible on the internet as well as any technical limitations to expansion. In addition, the model will allow management to put their knowledge of e-business to the test. A programme of events will be organised around the E-Business Management Laboratory so that other small and medium sized enterprises in the East Midlands Region can also begin to appreciate the benefits and limitations of e-business.

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MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE

Prof S C Koenig

Representations of Affine and of Finite Hecke Algebras - Visiting Fellowship, Dr A Mathas

£6,044.40 EPSRC

MEDICINE & THERAPEUTICS

Dr B Leckie

Renin-Binding-Protein as a Modulator of Intracellular Production of Angiotensin II

We will look at the role of a natural inhibitor of the enzyme renin in reducing the formation of angiotensin within heart and blood vessel cells. One of the actions of the renin-angiotensin system is to stimulate the growth of heart and blood vessel cells and this can contribute to the development of cardiovascular disease. We will engineer cultured heart cells to make the inhibitor and see if this reduces the amount of angiotensin formed by the cells. We will also synthesize peptides based on the structure of the natural inhibitor and see if this has a similar action in reducing the unwanted growth effects of the intracellular renin-angiotensin system.

£104,698 British Heart Foundation

Prof A Wardlaw, Dr C Brightling, Dr S Pavord

Supplement Year 2 - Characterisation of the Clinical and Immunopathological Features of Eosinophilic Bronchitis

£59,384 National Asthma Campaign

MICROBIOLOGY & IMMUNOLOGY

Dr W Schwaeble

Structure, Function and Phylogeny of MASP-3, A Novel Serine Protease Involved in the Lectin Pathway of Complement Activation - Prize Studentship Mr M R Dahl

£88,184 Wellcome Trust

ONCOLOGY

Prof W Steward

R115777-INT-16: Phase II Trial of Gemcitabine Plus R115777 on Time to Deterioration in Patients with Advanced Colorectal Cancer

£12,500 Janssen-Cilag

Prof W Steward, Dr K O'Byrne

An Open Label Pharmacokinetic/ Pharmacodynamic Study of PKC412 Monotherapy in Patients with Advanced Colorectal Carcinoma and Liver Metastasis

£54,440.52 Novartis Pharmaceuticals AG

PTK787/ZK 222584 in Combination with Chemotherapy; A Phase 1B, Open Label, 2-Arm, Dose-Escalating Study in Patients with Advanced Colorectal Cancer

£106,531.80 Novartis Pharmaceuticals AG

Dr R P Symonds

IB-367 Rinse/PG-015

£106,480 Intrabiotics Pharmaceuticals Inc.

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

Dr C Binns, Prof C Norris

JREI - Photoelectron Microscopy of Nanostructures

There is enormous interest worldwide in materials that are assembled from nanoscale particles that contain just a few hundred atoms. A thin film made by depositing pre-assembled atomic clusters has properties that are completely different to those of a film produced by depositing atoms of the same material. A leading research group in this field is the Condensed Matter Physics group at Leicester.

One of the key requirements in this research is the ability to characterise the nanostructured materials with a technique that can image structures down to a few nanometres across, that is 1000 times smaller than would be visible with an optical microscope. The JREI grant supports a collaboration between the Leicester group and industry to develop a photoelectron microscope that can separately image different chemical species with a spatial resolution of 20 nm - that is, distinguish features less than 100 atoms across.

£149,813 EPSRC

Prof D Llewellyn-Jones, Dr A Holland, Prof A Wells

Supp. - GERB Award

£20,900 NERC

Prof A Wells

SWIFT XRT Thermal Design

£8,867 The Pennsylvania State University

PSYCHOLOGY

Dr A North

Sound Vitamins - Physical, Cognitive and Psychological Well-Being in the Elderly: The Effect of Auditory Stimulation via Global Networks

£53,663 CEC

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Mrs M Hunter-Carsch, Mr C Comber

Out of School Study Support Projects Evaluation

£16,000 Leicester City Council

SOCIOLOGY (CENTRE FOR LABOUR MARKET STUDIES)

Dr A Felstead

SKOPE Skills Survey 2001

The main objective of the project is to conduct a new survey with an achieved sample of 4,360 working individuals (Skills Survey 2) in Britain in 2001. This will build on the existing dataset for 1997 and as such begin to provide an on-going data source that can track a wide range of skills over time. The project has four main aims. First, to monitor the detailed usage of skills including computer skills, communication skills, problem-solving skills, verbal and numerical skills, manual skills, teamworking skills and task variety. Second, to monitor the changing demands for qualifications at various levels, changes in the learning time in jobs and changes in the required training periods for jobs in Britain. Third, to develop further understanding of the skill system in Britain by enabling key analyses of the antecedents and impacts of skills (including the respective roles of education, off-the-job training and work-based learning), of the changing links between skills and pay, and of the relationships between skill upgrading and other changes in the workplace. Fourthly, the project will make incremental improvements on the job analysis based survey methods that were developed and used in the 1997 survey.

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Research

SURGERY

Dr J Evans, Mr M M Thomson (Supervisor), J T Powell

Joint BVF/RCS Research Fellowship - The Role of Inflammation on Metalloprotease Expression in Abdominal Aneurysms

An abdominal aneurysm is a swelling of the main blood vessel in the body. Once the aneurysm reaches a certain size it has a tendency to rupture, which is a major cause of sudden death.

We are investigating the factors that cause the aneurysm to grow and whether there are any drugs which may be used to prevent this growth.

£40,441 Royal College of Surgeons of England

Dr R F L James, Dr S M Swift, Prof P R F Bell

Supplement - Maintenance of the Human Islet Facility and Supply of Human Islets

The Department of Surgery has developed a world-wide reputation for the development of techniques required to isolate the insulin producing cells from the human pancreas.

Since 1996 we have been able to co-ordinate the procurement of human pancreata for the isolation of these cells which have become essential tools in developing new treatments for diabetes.

Because of our depth of experience in this

field we have also been selected to set up the new islet transplantation protocol that has been developed in Edmonton, Canada for the treatment of Type 1 diabetes.

£4,405(supp) British Diabetic Association

URBAN HISTORY

Prof R Rodger

East Midlands Oral History Archive

£370,500 Heritage Lottery Fund



Books

KEITH JOSEPH

Andrew Denham & Mark Garnett (Department of Politics)
Acumen Publishing, March 2001,
price £25.00 (hardback)
Available from the Bookshop
ISBN 1 902683 03 X

Hailed by Margaret Thatcher as the founder of modern Conservatism, Keith Joseph (1918-94) is commonly ranked among the most influential politicians of the late-twentieth century. A hugely complex and enigmatic figure Joseph was almost unique among Mrs Thatcher's senior ministers in refusing to write his own memoirs.

This long-awaited biography provides an authoritative and meticulously researched assessment of a career littered with controversy and of a character as intriguing and radical as his intellectual rival, Enoch Powell.

'A thought-provoking and distinguished book.'
Professor Ben Pimlott,
Goldsmiths College,
University of London.



- Mark Garnett is Lecturer in Politics at the University of Leicester. He has written extensively on Conservative Party history including *Whatever Happened to the Tories?* (with Ian Gilmour), and most recently, *Alport: A Study in Loyalty*. He is currently writing, with Ian Aitkin, the authorised biography of Lord Whitelaw.
- Andrew Denham is Lecturer in Politics at the University of Nottingham. He has written widely on Conservative policy-making, in particular the role of think tanks. His books include *British Think Tanks and the Climate of Opinion* (with Mark Garnett) and *Think Tanks of the New Right*.

LET THE BULLETIN COVER YOUR BOOKS

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LEASING AND LENDING: THE CASH ECONOMY IN FOURTH-CENTURY BC ATHENS

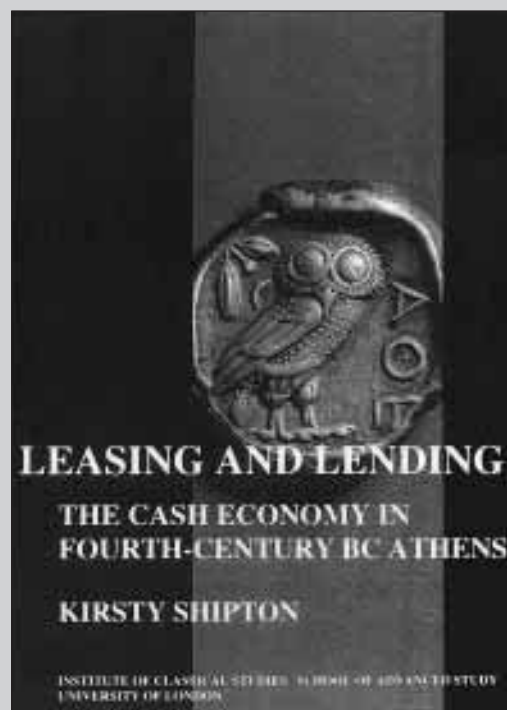
Dr Kirsty Shipton (School of Archaeology and Ancient History)

Institute of Classical Studies, School of Advanced Study, University of London, December 2000, £35 (hardback)

ISBN 0 900587 85 7

Leasing and Lending proposes a new approach to the cash-based economy of fourth-century BC Athens. Focusing on the leases of the silver mines and public land by the state, and loans made by private individuals, the book reveals how the public and private, landed and non-landed, and urban and rural economies of classical Athens were interconnected. A new methodology, which allows socio-economic comparisons between the individuals involved in these major cash-based activities, provides fresh insights into the social configuration of the ancient Athenian economy.

The research on which *Leasing and Lending* is based has involved the compilation of new databases, contained in the appendices, which provide a fresh analysis of the silver mine records, the public land leases, and the *horoi* documents. The main text also incorporates a wide range of newly analysed economic data.



- *Dr Shipton is a Lecturer in Ancient History, and Visiting Fellow (2001/2) of the School of Advanced Studies, University of London.*
- *To order this book contact the Publications Department, Institute of Classical Studies, School of Advanced Study, University of London, email icls.publications@sas.ac.uk.*

SOCIAL SECURITY LEGISLATION 2000

(General Editor: David Bonner, Department of Law)

Volume I: Non Means Tested Benefits

David Bonner (Department of Law), I Hooker, Robin White (Department of Law)

Volume II: Income Support, Job-seeker's Allowance, Tax Credits and the Social Fund

P Wood, R Poynter, N Wikeley, D Bonner

Volume III: Administration, Adjudication and the European Dimension

M Rowland and R White
Sweet and Maxwell, November 2000, each volume £55

Available from the Bookshop
ISBN 0421 825200 (Vol 1)

These three volumes, which total in excess of 3,000 pages, represent the fifteenth edition of well established texts produced annually with mid-year

supplements which provide the authoritative treatment of social security legislation in England, Wales, and Scotland. The books contain the legislation used in appeal tribunals, before the Social Security Commissioners, and in the courts, together with expert commentary on the interpretation of those provisions.

The books are issued to decision-makers within the Benefits Agency, to tribunals hearing appeals at local level, and to Social Security

Commissioners. They are also sold through the Child Poverty Action Group and bookshops to advisers in the field. They are a key point of reference to anyone working in the field of social security. The commentary is frequently cited in tribunals and courts in making decisions on social security claims.

- *David Bonner is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Law and Robin White is Professor of Law in the Department of Law.*





FOCUS ON QUEBEC 2. FURTHER ESSAYS ON QUEBECOIS SOCIETY AND CULTURE

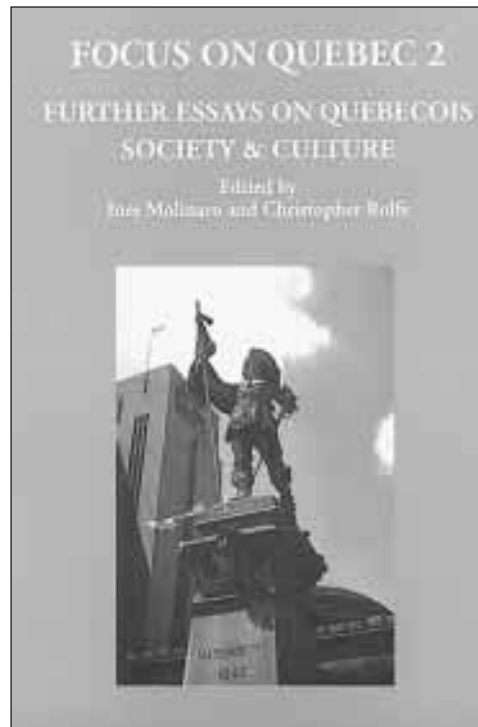
Edited by Ines Molinaro (Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge) and Christopher Rolfe (Centre for Quebec Studies, School of Modern Languages)

Edinburgh, Le GRECF, December 2000, £8.00 (paperback)

Available from the Bookshop
ISBN 0 9509063 8 7

This is the second volume of essays on Quebec to be edited/co-edited by Christopher Rolfe in the last two years. The six pieces selected for this volume were initially delivered at conferences in Cambridge and at the Centre for Quebec Studies here in Leicester and encompass political, legal, historical and literary themes.

Two of the essays are by colleagues from Leicester. Dr Robert Kenny's *The Edifying Spectacle: Images of Le Sauvage and La Nouvelle France in the Theatre World of Early Eighteenth-Century France*



provides a well-documented and immensely entertaining account of how popular theatre took up and reworked themes from accounts written by travellers to Canada. Céline Gagnon's *Orality and Narrative in Yves Thériault's Radio Drama Le Samaritain* is an insightful reading of one of the many radio plays written by one of French Canada's most prolific writers.

The volume also presents an essay by Pierre Nepveu, one of the most important contemporary Quebec intellectuals. Nepveu, who has twice been awarded the Governor General's Award, provides a characteristically poised and sensitive piece entitled *Writing and Reading in the Year 2000: A Survey of Quebec's Mindscape*. The volume

will be of interest to those interested in the multidisciplinary field of Quebec Studies.

A DICTIONARY OF PSYCHOLOGY

Professor Andrew M Colman
(School of Psychology)
Oxford University Press,
February 2001, £25.00

Available from the Bookshop
ISBN 0 19 866211 4

In addition to standard psychological terms, this dictionary includes the technical terminology of psychiatry, psychoanalysis, neuroanatomy, neurophysiology, psychopharmacology, and statistics. Important terms and concepts are attributed to their originators or discoverers, and the definitions attempt to provide enough information to enable the serious reader to grasp the significance of the underlying concepts.

The entries are far more extensively cross-referenced than has been customary in earlier dictionaries of psychology. The cross-referencing is intended to



encourage the use of the dictionary as an aid to serious scholarship. Etymologies are supplied for difficult words, and many of the entries are illustrated with line drawings or halftones.

Mental disorders are covered comprehensively, with definitions based on the American

Psychiatric Association's *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM-IV) and the World Health Organization's *Diagnostic Criteria for Research* (ICD-10). Definitions of Freudian terms are supplemented by quotations from key passages in *The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud*, Jungian terms by quotations from *The Collected Works of C G Jung*, and so on. The psychoanalytic entries include terms introduced by Adler, Erikson, Klein, Fairbairn, Winnicott, Kohut, Lacan, and Reich.

An appendix contains the most comprehensive list of phobias (with etymologies) and phobic stimuli yet published. A second appendix contains an extensive list of over 700 abbreviations and symbols commonly used in psychology, cross-referenced to corresponding entries in the main body of the dictionary.



BEYOND THE EASEL: Decorative Painting by Bonnard, Vuillard, Denis, and Roussel, 1890-1930
Gloria Groom, Nicholas Watkins (History of Art Department), Jennifer Paoletti, Therese Barruel
Yale University Press, March 2001, £50

Available from the Bookshop
ISBN 0 86559 189 X

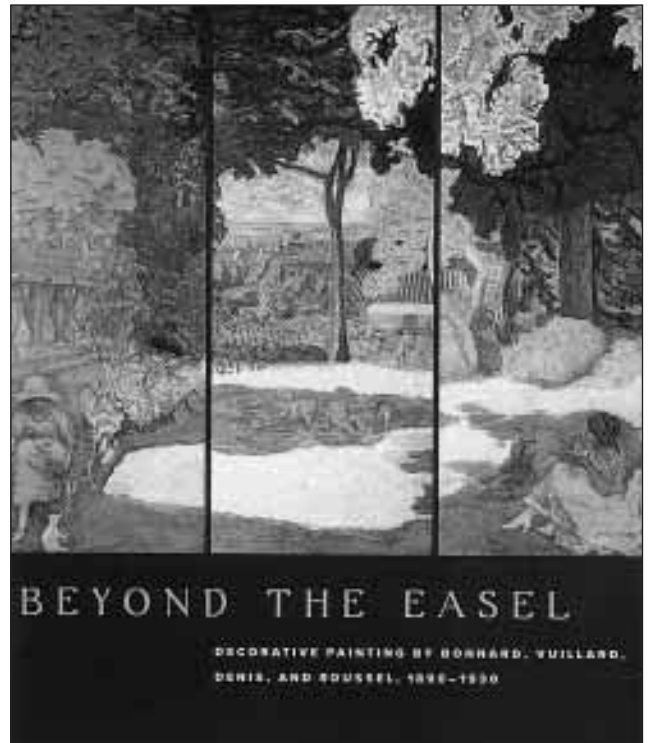
The Art Institute of Chicago is currently staging a stunningly beautiful ground-breaking exhibition of decorative painting by four French contemporaries and close friends; Pierre Bonnard (1867-1944), Edouard Vuillard (1868-1940), Maurice Denis (1870-1943) and Ker Xavier Roussel (1867-1944).

Nicholas Watkins has contributed an essay, *The Genesis of a Decorative Aesthetic*, to the accompanying 289-page catalogue. His essay - one of three - lays the groundwork for the exploration of decorative painting in the larger context of late nineteenth-century aesthetics and artistic practices.

Decorative painting has been largely overlooked in the histories of modern art, partly because it was purposively intended to slip between categories and styles. Inspired by Paul Gauguin these four precocious young artists banded

together, with other friends, while still art students in Paris, to form in 1888 the Nabis group. They aimed to produce a radically novel decorative art form. The catalogue also includes many examples of these paintings in colour together with biographies of the artists.

- *The Exhibition is at The Art Institute of Chicago until May 16. From June 26 - September 9 it will be at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Nicholas Watkins gave the Opening Gala Address to 300 people on February 25 at The Art Institute of Chicago.*



THE COMPLETE PICTURE: *The book cover features Mediterranean by Pierre Bonnard. The exhibition presents a first opportunity for this reassembled triptych, complete with original columns, to be seen in public.*

'At the beginning of the nineties, a war cry rang from one studio to another: "Away with easel pictures! Away with that unnecessary piece of furniture!" Painting was to come into the service of all the arts, and not be an end in itself. "The work of the painter begins where that of the architect is finished. Hence let us have walls that we may paint them over... There are no paintings, but only decorations." '

AHEAD OF THE FIELD

Professor of Archaeology is the recipient of one of the first new Larger Research Grants

ONE of the first-ever winners of a British Academy's new Larger Research Grant is Professor Graeme Barker FBA, with his project, *The Wadi Faynan Landscape Survey*.

An award of £13,535 goes to this project. Successful projects - 47 from 33 higher education institutions - came from across the social sciences and humanities, and ranged from a study on the aspirations of inner-city school leavers to an interdisciplinary examination of Saharan rock art to work in early human contacts between southern Europe and Africa.

The Larger Research Grant scheme was launched in June 2000 to support individual scholars in personal

research, especially pilot projects and field studies. "We were only able to support half of the alpha-rated applications in this first round", said Professor Roger Kain, chair of the Academy's grants committee. "This illustrates both how competitive the new scheme is and that the British Academy has identified a real need".

Professor Barker confirmed his delight at receiving this award. "This has been a large and complex project involving academics from a dozen universities," he said. "This grant will enable us to maintain the project's momentum whilst working on the fieldwork results and to bring the project to publication." He added: "During the the refereeing process, it was graded by the Academy as one of the best conceived multi-disciplinary projects they had encountered."



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