

LEICESTER RESEARCH GRANTS & BOOKS

Press Coverage of Research Grants

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ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANCIENT HISTORY

Professor L Foxhall
RA11070

San Salvatore: Greek Settlement in Upland Calabria
£19,386 *British Academy*

Dr M Pluciennik
RA11071

Archaeology of the Torricoda Valley
£18,400 *British Academy*

Dr S Tarlow

Co-investigator: University of Cambridge
RA11069

Changing Beliefs of the Human Body: A Comparative Social Perspective
£142,633 *Leverhulme Trust*

BIOCHEMISTRY

Professor I Eperon

Co-investigators: Professor N Samani, Cardiovascular Science / Professor N Proudfoot, Oxford
RM31147
Exon repetition: trans-splicing linked to cis-transcription
£186,508 *MRC*

Dr C Pritchard
RM31042

Supplement - Use of gene targeting to study the role of the Raf protein kinases in cell signalling
£44,686 *Cancer Research UK*

BIOLOGY

Dr RP Jarvis
RM48019

Supplement - Royal Society
Rosenheim Research Fellowship - Molecular - Genetic Analysis of chloroplast protein import in Arabidopsis Thaliana - Yr 5 expenses
£11,000 *Royal Society*

Dr E Mallon
RM48084

Competition and relatedness in the evolution of virulence
£14,366 *Royal Society*

BIOLOGY

Professor D Twell
RM48083 (previously announced)
£254,523 *BBSRC*

Functional analysis of two cell cycle regulators required for male-germ line development in Arabidopsis

Male fertility in plants as in animals depends upon the production of specialized sperm cells. Despite their vital importance in sexual reproduction little is known about how sperm cell development is regulated. This research aims to understand key processes that regulate plant sperm cell production. Through genetic screens in the model plant Arabidopsis thaliana (mouse-eared cress) we have identified the first examples of genes that regulate plant sperm cell production. The role of two of these genes that encode putative transcription factors (DUO1 and DUO2) regulating cell division will be investigated. We will examine the dynamics of DUO protein localisation, examine protein interactions and use DNA microarray technology to identify the target genes that may be regulated by DUO proteins. The results will contribute to our understanding of the mechanisms of male gametogenesis and cell cycle control in plants and will be of future value for the targeted manipulation of this key biological process.

Dr S Moller
RM48085

Automated fluorescence screening for plastid division mutants
£14,940 *The Royal Society*

CARDIOVASCULAR SCIENCE

Dr N Brindle
RM61045

Development of Novel Methods for Identification of Therapeutic Targets in Vascular Disease
£15,247 *Medisearch*

Professor LL Ng
RM61044

Urotensin-like peptides and prognosis after acute coronary syndromes (Fellowship - Dr Onkar Dhillon)
£93,331 *British Heart Foundation*

CELL PHYSIOLOGY AND PHARMACOLOGY

Dr N Davies
RM36080

Regulation of arterial Ca²⁺-activated K⁺ (Bkca) channels by angiotensin II
£71,308 *British Heart Foundation*

Dr R Evans
RM36032

Supplement - P2X Receptors For ATP Physiological Roles Regulation and Molecular Properties
£22,220 *The Wellcome Trust*

Dr T Herbert
RM36082

Glucagon like peptide-1 signalling via L-type voltage gated calcium channels in pancreatic-cells
£66,200 *Diabetes UK*

Dr M Mulheran
RM36048

Supplement - Characterising the mechanisms of established and potential neuroprotectants and tinnitolytics in the mammalian cochlea: physiology, pharmacology, pharmacokinetics
£46,072 *Action for Tinnitus Research*

Professor N Standen
Co-investigator: Dr M Dickens, Biochemistry
RM36079

Interrelationships between KATP channels and protein kinases in protection of isolated cardiac myocytes
£73,818 *British Heart Foundation*

Professor N Standen
RM36081

Travel Grant - to attend Biophysical Society Meeting and visit Universities of Vermont and British Columbia
£1,025 *Royal Society*

CHEMISTRY

Dr M P Lowe
RP10116

Case Studentship - New Bifunctional chelates of 68Ga for use in positron emission tomography
£15,000 *GE Healthcare*

Dr A Stuart
RP10022

Supplement - Fluorous-derivatised phase transfer catalysts
£9,730 *Royal Society*

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Dr N Ghani
RP202008

Theory and applications of containers
£161,508 *EPSRC*

Dr R Thomas
RP202009

Conference visit to DLT, Auckland
£1,200 *The Royal Society*

EDUCATION

Dr C Comber
RE10070

Videoconferencing Case Studies Evaluation Project
£10,210 *BECTA*

Dr C Comber

Co-investigator: Dr T Lawson
RE10071

Strategic Leadership of ICT Programme Evaluation and Impact Study
£29,366 *National College for School Leadership*

ENGINEERING

C Edwards
RP12110

Sliding mode observers for fault detection, isolation and sensor fault tolerant control in micro/nanosatellites
£13,108 *Royal Academy of Engineering/ Leverhulme Trust*





Professor I Postlethwaite
Co-investigator: Professor S Spurgeon, Engineering
RP12109
Summer School: Mathematics for robust and nonlinear control systems
£56,386 EPSRC

ENGLISH
Dr J Carroll
RA12026
40th International Congress on Medieval Studies
£400 British Academy

Professor A Cocks
RP12112
Engineering the green state (Case Studentship Farhad Motazedian)
£48,257 EPSRC

Dr H Dong
RP12111
Development of a multi-sensor single-pan scanning calorimeter
£14,968 The Royal Society

Dr A Mondal
RA12025
Amitav Ghosh: Negotiating Humanist and Postmodern Postcolonialism
£14,013 AHRB

EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PUBLIC HEALTH
Dr S Ablett
RM60057
Newcastle Pharmacology Studies
£20,250 Cancer Research UK

GENETICS
Professor C Kyriacou
Co-investigators: Dr KS Lilley, University of Cambridge & Dr M Harvey, MRC
RM33093
The circadian proteome
£354,173 BBSRC

GEOGRAPHY
M Phillips
RP136338
International Conference of Critical Geography
£700 British Academy

Dr J Ryan
RP13030
Photography and Exploration
£4,442 The British Academy

Dr J Ryan
RP13031
Photography and the representation of famine in India
£2,400 Royal Geographical Society

GEOLOGY
Dr TS Brewer
RP14066
The JOI Alliance: Systems Integration and a Riserless Vessel for IODP
£138,210 Columbia University

Dr C Moon
RP14072
Commonwealth Fellowship: Dr M Arif
£1,750 Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK

Addendum:
This grant was reported incorrectly in the last edition.

GEOLOGY
Dr T Brewer
RP14064
The JOI Alliance: Systems Integration and a Riserless Vessel for IODP
£105,094 Columbia University

Professor D Siveter
Co-investigator: Dr S Gabbott,
Geology
RP14073
The preservation and palaeobiology of Cambrian animals
£12,000 Royal Society

Health Sciences
Professor R Baker
RM62046
Primary Care Collaborating Centre
£199,358 NICE via RCGP

Dr S Davies
Co-investigator: Clive Hollin
RM21032
Supplement - Arnid Lodge admission cohort: reconviction and intervening treatment
£33,000 Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust

Dr E Draper
RM62058
National Paediatric Intensive Care Database Wales
£18,000 Health Commission Wales

Dr E Draper
RM62057
National Paediatric Intensive Care Database Edinburgh
£10,000 NHS Lothian

Professor D Field
Co-investigator: Dr E Draper
RM13087
Trent Neonatal Study
£13,375 Leicestershire, Northampton and Rutland SHA

Professor C Jagger
RM62026
Supplement - Support for LPCRA older person's research programme
£5,000 Leicestershire Primary Care Research Alliance

Dr J Moore
RM62059
Sure Start health checks
£1,200 SureStart

Dr MD Tobin
RM13025
Supplement - The genetic regulation of arterial pressure of the humans in the community (graphic study)
MRC/Trent Special Training Fellowship in Health Services Research and Health in the Public
£152,818 MRC

HISTORY
Dr S Ball
RA15047
The Anatomy of Conservatism: The Conservative Party 1918-1945
£14,013 AHRB

Professor C Dyer
RA15050
Medieval Settlements and Landscapes in the Whittlewood Area
£1,000 Aurelius Trust

Professor C Dyer
Co-investigator: Dr H Fox
RA15051
Support for Conference: W.G. Hoskins and the Making of the British Landscape
£450 Medieval Settlement Research Group

Professor C Dyer
RA15052
Support for Conference: W.G. Hoskins and the Making of the British Landscape
£953 British Academy

Dr H Fox
Co-investigator: Professor C Dyer
RA15052
Support for Conference: W.G. Hoskins and the Making of the British Landscape
£953 Historical Geography Research Group

Dr J Hinks
RA15048
Book Trade Communities in English Provincial towns: 1695-1850
£3,970 British Academy

Infection, Immunity, Inflammation (Clinical)
Professor P Andrew
RM15027
Supplement - Pneumococcal Factors and Adhesion Molecules in Pneumococcal Colonisation of the Nasopharynx and Bronchopneumonia
£4,667 The Wellcome Trust

Dr A Bevington
RM63143
Enhancement of the anabolic effect of insulin-like growth factor I by gene-silencing of the PIT2/Ram-1 phosphate transporter
£1,997 Peel Medical Research Trust

Dr P Freestone
RM15021
Supplement - The effects of catechomine stress hormones, ionotropes and their metabolites on the physiology and virulence of coagulase-negative staphylococci
£1,820 The Wellcome Trust

Dr R James
RM63051
Novel immunodiagnostic technology - Innovation Fellowship
£11,963 HEFCE

Professor C O'Callaghan
Co-investigator: Professor P Andrew, III
RM63048
Adhesion and invasion by pneumococci of the respiratory epithelium of children with primary ciliary dyskinesia
£60,000 The Children's Research Fund

Dr C Ockleford
RM63052
EMBIC The Control of Embryo Implantation
£29,411 EU

Dr K Rajakumar
Co-investigator: Professor M Barer, III
RM63053
Identifying and exploiting novel genomic sequences present in bacteria causing human blood stream infections
£15,924 Medisearch

Professor A Wardlaw
RM63045
Patterns of Eosinophil, mast cell and T cell migration in 3D collagen cells
£8,335 UHL Trust

Labour Market Studies
Professor A Felstead
RS141021
Labour Market and Training Profiles of Selected Sector Skills Councils
£6,950 NIACE

Dr J Sung
RS141018
Supplement: A Comparative Assessment of International Policy Approaches to Skills Leading to the Development of Policy Recommendations for the UK
£19,197 Sector Skills Development Agency

LAW
Dr S Da Lomba
RL10031
Border Control, Immigration, Security and the EU Asylum Policy
£400 British Academy

Life Long Learning
Dr P Poplawski
RE03004
International DH Lawrence Conference
£500 British Academy

MATHEMATICS
Dr R Marsh
Co-investigator: Dr J Scott,
Mathematics
RP201024
Cluster algebras and applications
£170,744 EPSRC

Dr Tretyakov
RP201023
Stochastic numerics and dynamics
£11,987 Royal Society



MODERN LANGUAGES

Dr M Spunta
RA14008
Between 'spazio de affezione' and
Postmodern Disillusionment -
Narrating the Po Valley after Celati
£400 *British Academy*

MUSEUM STUDIES

Dr S Dudley
RA17032
Materiality, Space and Time in
Nationalist Exile in Thailand
£2,650 *British Academy*

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

Professor C Binns
RP16167
NANOSPIN: Self-Organised Complex
Spin Magnetic Nanostructures
£292,556 *EU*

Professor C Binns
RP16168
XMCD Study of magnetic
nanoparticles embedded in magnetic
£978 *CCLRC*

Professor C Binns
RP16169
Atomic Structure of Co Nanoclusters
embedded in an FE Matrix;
Composition dependence
£978 *CCLRC*

Dr J Pye
Co-investigators: Professor G Fraser,
Professor M Ward, Mr T Stevenson
RP16109
JWST-MIRI Project, Phase-BCD
Interim funding
£399,255 *PPARC*

Dr J Remedios
RP16128
MIPAS Level 2 Product Validation
(REF SRC-2003-014)
£8,725 *ESA*

Professor T Robinson
RP16120
SPEAR operations phase
£32,000 *PPARC*

POLITICS
Professor J Dumbrell
RS30013
Issues in American Foreign Policy
£870 *British International
Studies Association*

Dr P Lynch
Co-investigator: Dr R Whittaker
RS30015
The Conservatives in the European
Parliament: Pariahs or Poodles of the
Party Leadership?
£3,723 *British Academy*

Dr T Lynch
RS30014
Political Science Association National
Conference
£400 *British Academy*

R Negrine
RS30016
Turkey and the EU: An Analysis of
Media Representation of Turkey's Bid
to Join the EU.
£6,930 *British Academy*

Psychology
Dr C Bilby
Co-investigator: Jessica Woodhams,
Psychology
RM43023
Juvenile Sex Offending
£480 *Leicester Youth Offending
Service*

Dr C De Lillo
RM43024
Executive control, grouping and
hierarchical organisation in serial short-
term memory for spatial locations
£42,893 *BBSRC*

Staff Distinctions

► **Professor Martin Barstow (Physics and Astronomy)** has been appointed for three years as a European Space Agency representative to the Space Telescope Users Committee. He has also been appointed to lead a DFES/BNSC/PPARC initiative in Space Education.

► **Professor Paul Cullis (Chemistry)** has been invited to serve for two years on the Royal Society of Chemistry's Organic Division Committee as the Bio-organic Group Representative.

► **Professor Ian Postlethwaite (Engineering)** has been invited to Chair the Defence Technology's Research Advisory Board, in the context of the establishment by the MOD of the Systems Engineering for Autonomous Systems (SEAS) Defence Technology Centre (DTC).

► **Dr Rosie Sage (Education)** has been selected to head the Tertiary Level Universalization Programme in Cuba and Latin America for teachers of students with special needs and special educational needs; she will initially train all the Heads of Schools of Education in the sixteen universities in Cuba, as well as others from the Latin American countries. This project is being funded by the Cuban Government.

Student Distinctions

► **Richard Branch (M.Phys. Physics with Astrophysics 4)**, James Aldroft, Daniel Brandt and Keith Sprake (M.Phys. Physics with Space Science and Technology 4) have been selected to perform an experiment of their own design on the next European Space Agency Zero-G flight campaign.

► **Musarat Awan (Ph.D. student, Cardiovascular Sciences)** has for the second year running been awarded the Vernon Prize, the Nottingham Research Trophy for The Best Clinical Research Presentation entitled 'Can Patching be improved in amblyopia treatment?' at the 9th Nottingham Eye Symposium and Research Meeting.

► **Tom McLaughlin and Hayley Roberts (LL.B. 2)** were runners-up in the Finals of the National Client Interviewing Competition for England and Wales 2005.

► **Sebastian Torres (Ph.D. student, Economics)** has been offered a place at the next Royal Economics Society Easter School on Modern Theories of Macrodynamics and Growth (this place has been won against fierce international competition).

Professor Tony Arnold

Chair in Accounting and Business History in the Management Centre.

Commencing: 1 Sept 2005.

Previous Post: Professor in the School of Business and Economics and also Director of the Centre for Business History, Exeter University.

► Tony has written widely in the academic literature, in such journals as 'Accounting and Business Research, Critical Perspectives in Accounting and Economic History Review' and has recently co-authored a biography of the Victorian entrepreneur, George Hudson.



Professor Michael Wang BSc (Hons), MSc (Clin.Psy), PhD, C. Psychol., FBPsS

Professor of Clinical Psychology, School of Psychology

Commenced: 1 May 2005

Previous Post: Head of Department and Clinical Course Director, Department of Clinical Psychology, University of Hull.

► Michael Wang is Professor of Clinical Psychology in the School of Psychology, University of Leicester. He is a former Chair of the Division of Clinical Psychology of the British Psychological Society. Prof. Wang is also a full practitioner member of the BPS Division of Clinical Neuropsychology and a member of the BPS Division of Health Psychology.

He is experienced in the neuropsychological examination of traumatic brain injury, is a registered cognitive-behavioural psychotherapist and has worked as a clinical psychologist for more than 25 years. Prior to his appointment in Leicester he was Director of the 6-year, integrated Doctoral Clinical Psychology Training Course at the University of Hull. Throughout his academic career he has maintained an Honorary Consultant role in the NHS, treating patients with anxiety disorders, depression and obsessional compulsive disorder.

He was born and educated in Sheffield and then obtained his three degrees from the University of Manchester: following his graduation with a BSc in Psychology in 1978 he began his professional postgraduate training in Clinical Psychology in the Faculty of Medicine. Subsequently he completed a research PhD which investigated learning and memory in alcoholics.

Over recent years Prof Wang has gained an international reputation for his research on cognitive and memory function during general anaesthesia. In 2004 he organized the 6th International Symposium on Memory and Awareness in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care – the foremost international forum for clinical research in this particular field. He has held appointments on a number of prominent committees in the British Psychological Society including the professional accrediting body for clinical psychology training, and a committee that is in the process of determining national standards for competence in the use of neuropsychological tests. In 1999 he was made Fellow of the British Psychological Society. He is an active Christian and is married with four children, three of whom are currently at university.





Tourism and Intercultural Exchange: Why Tourism Matters

Gavin Jack (University of Leicester) & Alison Phipps (University of Glasgow)

Channel View Books, 30 May 2005

Hardback ISBN 1-84541-018-1 £59.95, Paperback ISBN 1-84541-017-3 £24.95, Ebook ISBN 1-84541-019-X £59.95

Key Features

- Examines the intercultural exchange inherent in the tourism experience
- Draws on both empirical data and a range of theoretical frameworks
- Explores how tourism shapes our view of everyday life

► This book asks the question; why is it that tourism matters? It looks at how it is we do tourism and learn to be tourists when we are on holiday. Tourism is a dynamic way of being that may facilitate or hinder intercultural exchange. The ways in which we do tourism and the places in which we are tourists raise practical, material and emotional questions about tourist life. This book draws on both empirical work and a range of theoretical frameworks, arguing that tourism matters precisely because of the lessons it can teach us about living everyday life with others.

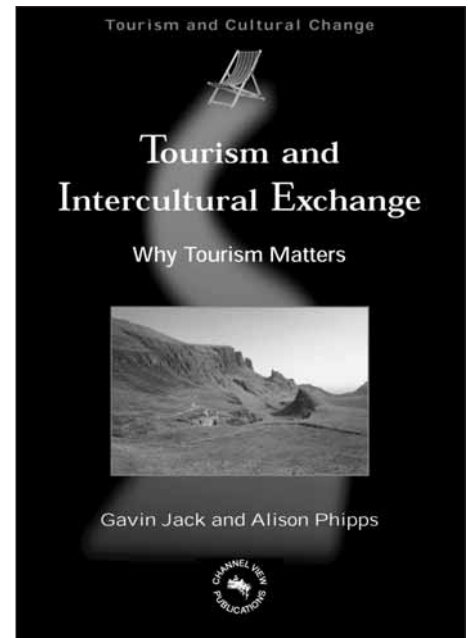
- *Gavin Jack is Lecturer in Critical Marketing at the University of Leicester Management Centre, UK.*
- *Alison Phipps is Senior Lecturer and Director of the Graduate School for Arts and Humanities, University of Glasgow, Scotland.*

“With brilliant theoretical acuity, rich ethnographic data and critical insight, Gavin Jack and Alison Phipps illuminate the dynamics of the material and affective dimensions of tourist experience. It is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand the complex nature of tourism and how it is inextricably linked to intercultural communication.”

Abhik Roy, Howard University, USA.

“Gavin Jack and Alison Phipps have carefully unpacked for us the full complexity of the tourist encounter and ‘Tourism and Intercultural Exchange’ should be an indispensable item in the baggage of any serious student or scholar of tourism studies and indeed of anyone who is concerned about culture, society and tourism in the contemporary world.”

Michael Cronin, Dublin City University, Ireland.



The Spanish Inquisition

Helen Rawlings

Blackwell Publishing, May 2005

ISBN: Hardback 0-631-20599-3 £45.00, Paperback 0-631-20600-2 £14.99

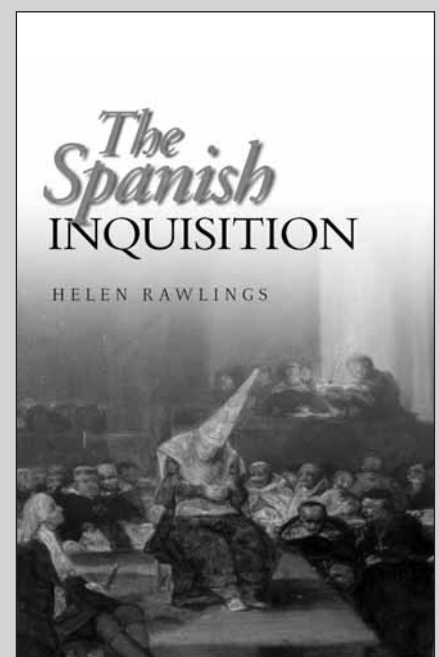
► The Spanish Inquisition has long held the reputation for being a barbarous, repressive instrument of racial and religious intolerance, which regularly employed torture as well as the death penalty as punishments and severely restricted Spain's development for generations.

This book traces the history of the Spanish Inquisition from its establishment in 1478, through its agenda against dissenters, to its demise and abolition in the early nineteenth century. Drawing upon the findings of recent scholarship, it aims to demonstrate that the Inquisition was a far less brutal mechanism of ideological control than hitherto envisaged. From the mid-sixteenth century onwards it

largely fulfilled a pedagogical role in society, instructing Spaniards on how to lead orthodox lives. They in turn, as informants, used the institution to bring their wrath to bear on their enemies.

While the Spanish Inquisition will never be condoned by history, thanks to the findings of modern research at least the myths surrounding its record can now be separated out from the reality.

- *Helen Rawlings is a Lecturer in Spanish in the School of Modern Languages.*
- *The cover illustration is from Tribunal of the Inquisition by Francisco de Goya (1816).*





Staring at Ceilings - A Young Man's War Against Cancer

Jonathan James Kay, with Brenda Kay
Troubador
ISBN: 1-904744-89-3 £8.50

▶ Jonathan James Kay grew up in Grantham, Lincolnshire and came to the University to study Media and Society but whilst in the second year developed the symptoms of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia, a very rare cancer of the blood.

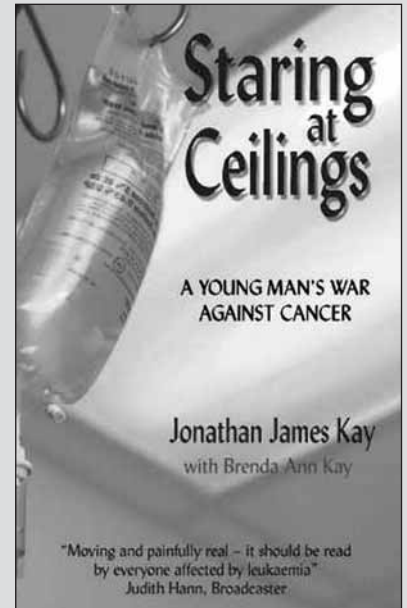
After a year of treatment he returned to the University but by now his friends had graduated and left Leicester and so he decided to complete his course in Greenwich. Here Jonathan achieved First Class Honours whilst undergoing out-patients treatment.

During his hospital treatment he wrote a diary which was published in the Punk Fanzine 'Fracture'. Jonathan died aged 23.

His diary and email progress reports form the basis of his book 'Staring at Ceilings: A Young Man's War Against Cancer' and Jonathan's mother Brenda has added her own feelings and observations.

Jonathan's words are often humorous, sometimes sad, sometimes angry, but they are always human. They especially challenge us to think about how we treat those who become ill.

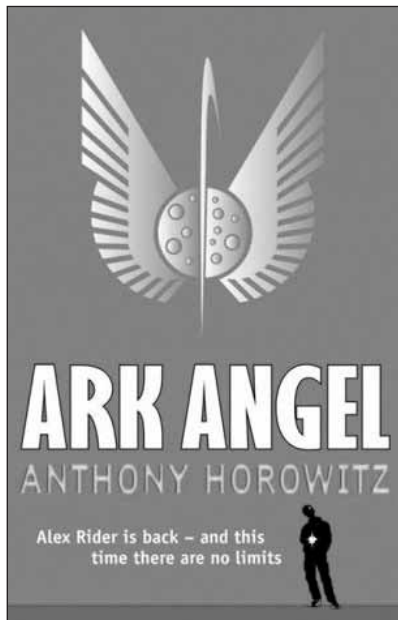
- Proceeds to the Leukaemia Research Fund (Registered charity 216032)
- Buy at www.troubador.co.uk



Ark Angel

Anthony Horowitz
Walker Books
ISBN: 0-7445-8324-1 £6.99

The sixth book in the Alex Rider series and Alex finds himself in the middle of a war that seems to be connected to the space hotel, Ark Angel.

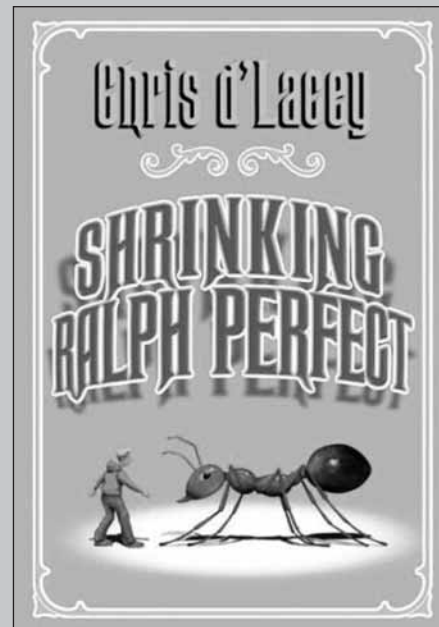


Acknowledgements

... *"The last chapters couldn't have been written without Professor George Fraser, director of the University of Leicester Space Research Centre, and Derek Pullan at the University of Leicester Research Office. Anyone with an interest in space should make a beeline for the Leicester Space Centre, where you will see a module very similar to the one in which Alex travelled."* ... **AH**

Shrinking Ralph Perfect

Chris D'Lacey
Orchard Books
ISBN: 1-8436-2660-8 £4.99



▶ There's something a bit weird about Ralph's new neighbour, Jack Bilt, and it isn't long before Ralph finds out the strange secret. Jack Bilt has managed to get his hands on a powerful miniaturisation device and has been using it on people! He's been moving around the country to hide the fact that he has created a mini work-force to work on a miniaturised house. Once the house is complete, he plans to use it as a fairground attraction, rather like an old-fashioned freak show. Time is running out, and soon Ralph finds himself miniaturised too...

- Chris D'Lacey works in Infection Immunity & Inflammation at the University and this is his fourteenth book for children.



Rod Branson

► Mr Rod Branson, technician in the Department of Geology, retired from the University at the end of March after 35 years sterling service.

Rod is known to many staff and students throughout the University in his capacity as technician with responsibility for the day to day running of the Scanning Electron Microscope laboratory in Geology.

Rod joined the Department of Geology as 'printing/photographic technician in 1970 and it was through those skills that he was selected to oversee operations when the Department acquired an SEM in 1986.

Rod is a man of many talents and interests and will be much missed. Staff and students of the Geology Department turned out in full force to a buffet lunch in the Department to wish Rod and his family all the best for the future on the occasion of his retirement.

Rod Branson directing attention to the brand new Geology Department SEM together with Professor David Siveter, Professor Richard Aldridge and Dr Sarah Gabbott.



Hilary Whitbread

► Just before Easter, almost 200 hundreds friends and colleagues gathered to wish Hilary Whitbread "Goodbye and good luck" on the occasion of her retirement from the University, after almost 28 years service.

Hilary joined the University in April 1977 as Senior Clerk in the Secretarial and Planning Office, her first job after graduating with a degree in Prehistory and Archaeology.

Within three years, she was successful in her application for the post of Chief Clerk and assumed general oversight of that section of the Secretarial and Planning Office that dealt with work arising from Senate and the Establishment Board. In January 1988 she was promoted to the academic related structure, and in this role was responsible for supporting the entire recruitment and selection process for all advertised posts – from preparing the advert and further particulars to servicing the selection boards to overseeing the production of letters of appointment. She was also the University's Staff Correspondent for the Universities Statistical Record, was responsible for updating the University's entry in the Commonwealth Universities Year Book, maintained the academic staff entry in the University Calendar and, in her spare time, organised the ushers for degree ceremonies.

As the University grew, Hilary's responsibilities consolidated around academic and senior staff matters. In this role, she had oversight of the detailed arrangements for the selection of Chairs and was, for many senior people, the face of the University of Leicester for a number of years. As a consequence of Hilary's professionalism, dedication and personal warmth, there are countless people around the world whose perception of the University of Leicester is overwhelmingly positive. Latterly, the focus of Hilary's responsibilities shifted to the academic-related and support staff and she extended still further the circle of staff who found in her a source of sympathetic advice and support.

In an entertaining speech, Hilary thanked everyone she had worked with over the years for their friendship and support. She was presented with flowers, a gold bracelet (a gift from the University in recognition of her long service) and a cheque representing the contributions of more than 250 friends, colleagues and former colleagues (which, she tells us, she will use to set herself up with computer equipment so that she can keep in touch with everyone by email!).

Alison Hall (Director of Personnel Services)

Hilary (Right) receives her bouquet from Alison



Gillian Standley

► Gillian Standley has retired from Undergraduate Admissions in the School of Historical Studies.

Gillian Standley, who worked for the Department of History from 1982 until 2002 and then for the School of Historical Studies, retired on Friday 29 April 2005.

The photograph was taken at the reception held for her many friends and colleagues on this occasion. In his vote of thanks, Professor Richard Bonney thanked Gillian for her many years of dedicated service to the cause of History in its broadest sense at the University, and also for her work for the Faculty and the University at large.

Thanks in no small measure to her diligence, History had traditionally been able to recruit substantial numbers of well-qualified undergraduates at Leicester. Gillian had always been prepared to carry the bad news as well as the good to the several Heads of Department for whom she had worked. Her frankness as well as her loyal service had won her great respect among academic and clerical colleagues alike.

Gillian Standley receives flowers from Revd Professor Richard Bonney (Professor of Modern History, Director of the Centre for the History of Religious and Political Pluralism).





A complete list of events can be viewed in Events Diary at <http://ebulletin.le.ac.uk>

21 June

CAFE SCIENTIFIQUE GRAND SUMMER SOLSTICE PUB QUIZ & OPEN MIKE NIGHT – 7pm

For our last event before the summer break, we're planning to hold a science-themed pub quiz, but between rounds there'll also be a chance for you to stand up and strut your stuff!

If you've come to Cafe Scientifique Leicester you already know that we like to throw the odd fun or fascinating 'featurette' into the evenings now and then. Now we want you to have a go!

It can be just about anything with a vaguely scientific theme: "science headlines"; "baffling word of the week"; "molecule of the month"; "mad experiment"; "book, TV or film review"; "improbable research"; "can anybody explain..."; "something amazing I read about the other day"; "a riddle for the audience"... the possibilities are endless. It can be funny, controversial, mind-blowing or just a question you've always wanted to ask.

You can spend 30 seconds explaining a baffling word, or up to 10 minutes on something more meaty. Whatever you would like to do, get in touch with us first at info@cafescientifiqueleicester.com or join the discussion on our web-board www.cafescientifiqueleicester.com/content.htm

The event is free, as usual, and takes place at the LCB Depot cafe-bar, 31 Rutland St, Leicester town centre (please see our website for a map, and for pictures of previous events). Food can be purchased from 6 - 7.30pm. Regrettably, over 18s only.

23 June

FOUNDATION DEGREE IN MANAGING VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS OPEN DAY – 12:00 Noon

The University of Leicester's Institute of Lifelong Learning are holding open days at Vaughan College for its Foundation Degree in Managing Voluntary and Community Organisations. The University will be holding another open day at Vaughan College on 15th July. They will be lunch time sessions, between 12.00 noon and 2.00pm. Staff will be able to advise on any aspects on the degree programme. A limited number of bursaries will be available for the September intake. To find out about this contact Mick O'Hara at CVS Community Partnership (0116 2341577).

The Foundation Degree is a three-year part time degree course designed to improve the management skills of staff working in the voluntary sector. The course is modular based and progresses through two levels to complete the programme. The teaching takes place at Vaughan College and the whole of the course is taught by staff who work in or have close links with the voluntary sector. This innovative programme will also be available to the voluntary sector in Northamptonshire from this September.

If you would like to discuss any aspects of the Foundation Degree Programme, contact Sue Livingston, Course Administrator on 0116 2525908 or Malcolm Flaherty, Programme Manager on 0116 2525901. If you would like to meet with any of the staff, arrangements can be made to visit your organisation.

This course offers a unique opportunity to build the management capacity of the voluntary sector. The students involved recognise how this knowledge is already making a huge difference to the way they work within their own organisations. Sign up now for an exciting new Foundation Degree programme.

25 June

HOMECOMING

Homecoming on Saturday June 25 is the University of Leicester's annual alumni reunion, celebrating the continuing academic excellence of the University and providing former students with the opportunity to catch up with their friends and the city they called home during their undergraduate years.

More details and booking forms on www.le.ac.uk/alumni/events.html

27–28 June

INTERROGATING THIRD SPACES IN LANGUAGE TEACHING, LEARNING AND USE – 9am

The newest of the University of Leicester School of Education's centres is raising its profile through an international conference. The conference marks the establishment of the Centre for English Language Teacher Education and Applied Linguistics (CELTEAL).

The conference will explore the 'third spaces' - linguistic spaces

University of Leicester degree ceremonies – Summer 2005

Tuesday 12 July, 3.00 p.m.

All undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in American Studies, Archaeology and Ancient History, Historical Studies and History of Art (Faculty of Arts), and Geography and Politics (Faculty of the Social Sciences)

Faculties of Education and Continuing Studies and Law

Thursday 14 July, 3.00 p.m.

All undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in English, Modern Languages, Combined Studies, Humanities and Museum Studies (Faculty of Arts, but including M.Sc. Museum Studies), and Psychology (Faculty of Medicine and Biological Sciences)

Friday 15 July, 11.00 a.m.

All undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in the Faculty of Medicine and Biological Sciences, other than in Psychology

Friday 15 July, 3.00 p.m.

All undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in Economics, Mass Communications, Labour Market Studies and Sociology (Faculty of the Social Sciences)

Wednesday 13 July, 11.00 a.m.

All undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in Criminology and Management (Faculty of the Social Sciences)

Wednesday 13 July, 3.00 p.m.

All undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in the Faculty of Science (including B.A. Mathematics)

Thursday 14 July, 11.00 a.m.

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outside what is generally considered the norm, which have traditionally been seen as problematic: such as the mixing of two languages rather than the single use of either an indigenous or an adopted language.

Four international experts in this field will be speaking at the conference. They are: Adrian Holliday, Bonny Norton, Ben Rampton and Helen Spencer-Oatey

CELTEAL: its2005@le.ac.uk
www.le.ac.uk/se/conference/its2005/

3 July

BOTANIC GARDEN OPEN DAY

The open day promises a host of activities: falconry demonstrations, face painting, horticultural society displays, guided tours, bouncy castle, Fibonacci pavement, brass band and much more.

Admission £3 for adults, children free. Refreshments available throughout the day. Botanic Garden Open day Sunday 3rd July 11am-5pm.

15 July

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Last in the series, see 23 June above.

13–20 August

KODÁLY, THE WHOLE MAN, AND HIS INSPIRATIONAL GIFT TO THE 21ST CENTURY

The 17th International Kodály Symposium is taking place this summer at Leicester University from August 13 - 20th 2005, under the auspices of the British Kodály Academy and the International Kodály Society, with the support of the Hungarian Cultural Centre.

There will be papers and workshops given by eminent Kodály scholars and practitioners from all over the world, as well as regular evening concerts to be given by great artists.

This will be a unique occasion showing how this great Hungarian teacher, composer, ethnomusicologist and wonderful human being has had a dramatic effect on people's understanding of the value of music education for all. The British Kodály Academy is dedicated to the dissemination of Kodály's philosophy of music education, and to making it available to those who want to find the best way forward in music education, both in the UK and across the globe.

Contact: British Kodály Academy, 13 Midmoor Road, London SW19 4JD

020 8971 2062 (Fax 020 8946 6561) symposium2005@aol.com



Obituaries

► MS L BLOXHAM

We have learnt, with great regret, of the death of Ms Lisa Bloxham. Ms Bloxham graduated from the University of Leicester with a BA in Sociology in 1996. Lisa was the partner of James Hamill in Politics, and leaves two sons aged 8 years and 22 months.

The funeral was held on Friday, 15 April, at Kettering Crematorium. Donations to an animal charity, Heart Foundation, or any charity of your choice, c/o Midland Co-operative Funeral Service, 92a London Road, Kettering NN15 7QD (01536 513123).

► DR AKB EVANS

We have learnt, with great regret, of the death on Tuesday, 3 May of Dr Babette Evans, FSA, FRHistS. Dr Evans joined the then University College Leicester in 1946 as an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of History, and was promoted to a Lectureship in 1948, and to a Senior Lectureship in 1962. In addition to holding the position of Head of the Department of History during the 1970s, she served as Dean of the Faculty of Arts between 1978 and 1981. Dr Evans retired from the University in 1982.

The funeral was held at Gilroes Crematorium, Leicester, on Tuesday, 17 May. Donations to LOROS should be sent c/o A.J. Adkinson & Son, Funeral Directors, 12 London Road, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 5DG (0116.2712340).

► MR W FLEMMING

We have learnt, with great regret, of the death on 16 March of Wilfred Fleming. Mr. Fleming was appointed to a Lectureship in Education in the then University College Leicester in September 1950. He retired from the University in December 1975.

The funeral service was at St Guthlac's Church, Knighton on Wednesday 13 April. Donations may be made to the Aged Pilgrim Homes, Evington, and sent c/o Ginns and Gutteridge Funeral Directors, 13 Main Street, Leicester LE5 6DN (0116 273 4684).

For more information, the family have set up a webpage www.websdone.net/Wilfred

► DR P LEARY

We have learnt, with great regret, of the death of Dr Paris Leary. Dr Leary joined the University in October 1965 as a Lecturer in American Literature in the Department of English, and retired in December 1988.

The funeral took place on Friday, 22 April, at the Russian Orthodox Church (St Aiden and St Chad's), Nottingham. Donations to the Altar and Refurbishment Fund of St Aiden and St Chad's should be sent c/o AJ Adkinson & Son, 12 London Road, Oadby, Leicester LE2 5DG (0116 271 2340). Cheques should be payable to St Aiden and St Chad's.

► MR CHARLES PALMER CBE

We have learnt, with great regret, of the death on 2 April 2005 of Mr Charles Palmer, CBE. Honorary

Graduate Charles Palmer, who received an honorary degree of Master of Arts from the University at last summer's degree congregations, died at the age of 85.

Charles Palmer served cricket as a player and administrator for more than half a century, playing for England and Leicestershire County amongst others.

He led the county to their highest Championship finish ever - sixth - in 1952, and surpassed this with third position the following year. He was selected to tour the West Indies in 1953/54 and played his only Test before returning to county cricket and, in 1954, produced his best bowling in one of the more remarkable spells in cricketing history. Going on to allow his main bowlers to change ends, he bowled Peter May, and proceeded to take the next seven wickets without conceding a run (7 out of 8 bowled). But he was more of a batsman than a bowler and made 33 first-class centuries in his career.

After retiring from the game in 1957 he was elected to the Committee as Joint Honorary Secretary and was elected Chairman of the Club in 1964, a position he held for 15 years. During this period he was elected President of the MCC and Chair of the ICC (International Cricket Conference). He was also Chair of the Cricket Council and Chair of the Test and County Cricket Board. He was elected President of Leicestershire Cricket Club in 1986 and retired in 1993.

► DAME MIRIAM ROTHSCHILD CBE FRS

We have learnt, with great regret, of the death on 20 January 2005 of Honorary Graduate Dame Miriam Rothschild CBE FRS. She received an honorary degree of Doctor of Science from Leicester in 1987.

Dame Miriam Rothschild CBE FRS, aged 96, was a passionate conservationist known mainly for her work on fleas and butterflies. She was a self-taught scientist and her research into parasites earned her the title 'Queen of Fleas'.

Dame Miriam had published more than 300 papers on a wide range of subjects. She authored the Catalogue of the Rothschild Collection of Fleas - it appeared in six volumes over a period of 30 years.

Her famous garden at Ashton Wold was an example of cultivation in sympathy with wildlife.

► MR G WHEAT

We have learnt, with great regret, of the death on 17 April of Graham Wheat. Mr Wheat joined the University in September, 1997, and worked as a Porter.

The funeral took place on Monday, 25 April, at Gilroes Crematorium, Leicester. Donations, to LOROS, should be sent c/o A.J. Adkinson & Son, Funeral Directors, 12 London Road, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 5DG (0116.2712340).



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Telephone Des Martin on 0116 288 9548 for details.

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VAUGHAN COLLEGE on St Nicholas Circle can offer rooms of varying sizes with audiovisual equipment; catering for up to 60 people; a variety of cold buffets available; licensed premises; competitive prices and value for money plus friendly and flexible service. If you would like to find out more please contact the College Manager on 0116 251 7368

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