

LEICESTER RESEARCH GRANTS, BOOKS & PEOPLE

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Research Grant Summaries April / May 2006 Announced December 2005 & January 2006

RP13037

Dr J Pickerill

Department of Geography
Internet Activism; Anti-war
Movements in the Information Age
(in conjunction with Frank Webster
and Graham St John, City University)

This project aims to characterise and account for the distinguishing features of anti-war movements in Britain while showing particular concern for their use and adoption of new media/ICTs. It examines processes of informal political participation in often transitory and heterogeneous mobilisation round contentious issues. Of which the anti-war movements are a major - if understudied - instance. Using recent coalitions mobilised against wars, four foci are explored: representation, organisation, mobilisation and coalition building. Representation concerns how social movements present themselves internally and externally; organisation involves questions of management of affairs; mobilisation is about the conditions of activity amongst the social movements; and coalition building is about how alliances are created and maintained. This project is funded by the ESRC and started January 2006.

RA17040

Professor S Knell

Department of Museum Studies
British Academy Grant

The Museum: A World Forum

The Museum: A World Forum is a celebration of 40 years of Museum Studies at Leicester. The Department of Museum Studies pioneered a new academic discipline when it opened for business in 1966. Since then it has become the international centre

for the study of museums in a field that has expanded with great energy, particularly in the last decade. This celebratory conference brings together researchers from around the world to discuss and debate the many facets of the museum. A wide-ranging monograph defining the purposes of museums in the 21st century will result.

RP16201

Ms M Rosenthal

Department of Physics
and Astronomy

(Co-investigators: Dr J Tedds,
Physics & Astronomy)
**Einstein Year Project
Institute of Physics**

In 1905, Albert Einstein published three papers that changed our understanding of the Universe forever. The centenary of his "Miraculous Year," was designated the World Year of Physics by UNESCO. A launch event was held in Paris, which I attended, together with over 600 students from seventy countries.

Inspired by this conference, and with the help of Dr Gillian Butcher, I have put together a series of powerpoint presentations aimed at 14 to 16 year olds, based on the subjects of Einstein's three papers: Brownian Motion, the Photo-electric Effect and Relativity. The £500 grant from the Institute of Physics will allow us to travel to schools and show these presentations in an exciting an interactive way. These resources will also be freely available on the Internet for teachers to download and integrate into their lessons.

RP201032

Dr M Tretyakov

Department of Mathematics
**Numerics for Stochastic Partial
Differential Equations of Parabolic
Type**

Stochastic partial differential equations (SPDEs) are an essential tool in the description of complex systems affected by external or internal fluctuations arising in physics, chemistry, biology, finance. Effective numerical methods play crucial role in studying models described by SPDEs. Numerics for SPDEs is a relatively new area of stochastic numerical analysis and its further development is essential for both practice and theory. We well know how it is important to have a large arsenal of methods for deterministic equations. This is even more important in the case of SPDEs due to their higher complexity. The proposed research will develop the new approach to numerics for SPDEs and give new methods together with their rigorous analysis using novel ideas of layer methods.

RP16198

Professor C Binns

Department Physics and Astronomy
**Innovation Fellowship -
Demonstration of Nanostructured
Anti-Microbial Coatings**

Using a newly developed source capable of depositing large quantities of size-selected metal nanoparticles, the fellowship will assess the performance of thin films of silver nanoparticles as anti-microbial coatings. The ability of silver to kill infectious bacteria is well known but it has been discovered recently that silver in the form of nanoparticles with diameters of about 10nm (1,000 times smaller than the width of a human hair) is much more effective. Recent developments in the Physics

and Astronomy Department have enabled the efficient production of large quantities of nanoparticles that can be deposited on surfaces and the ability to size-select the particles will enable the anti-microbial performance of the films to be optimised.

RM63079

Dr C Stover

Department of Infection, Immunity
and Inflammation

**Mannan binding lectin (MBL)
deficiency in Atopic eczema sufferers
British Skin Foundation**

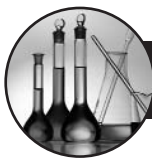
Atopic eczema is common, impacts considerably on quality of life and is frequently complicated by skin infections with *Staphylococcus aureus*, which may cause disease exacerbation. Mannan binding lectin (MBL) is a component of the innate immune defence system that is present in normal blood, binds to micro-organisms and supports their removal. Deficiency of MBL is common in the general population and in the light of past evidence we propose that it is a plausible player in infective exacerbations of atopic eczema. We will test this hypothesis by measuring MBL levels in cohorts of atopic eczema patients and matched healthy controls. Accumulating evidence suggests that Streptococcal infection may exacerbate chronic plaque psoriasis, which will be used as a disease control. This study may identify subgroups within these patients that may benefit from different regimes, including MBL replacement.

RS15009

Professor B Gunter

Department of Media and
Communication

(Co-investigator: Dr A Hanson, Media
and Communication)



The Representation and Reception of Alcohol Advertising: A Study with Teenage Consumers

Alcohol Education and Research Council

Professor Barrie Gunter and Anders Hansen of the Department of Media and Communication have been awarded £46,745 by the Alcohol Education and Research Council to study the role played by alcohol advertising and marketing techniques in shaping the drinking habits of young people. This is an important project on a subject of much current debate and concern. The study will examine industry marketing data, the representation of top alcohol brands in advertising, the behaviour of young people in and around retail outlets that sell alcoholic beverages, and the meaning of alcohol brand advertising for young people. It hopes to provide insights into the significance of alcoholic beverage promotions as triggers to teenage drinking and about the types of advertising that hold strong appeals for young consumers.

RA15060

Dr N Aston

Department of History

'Religion and the arts in

Enlightenment Europe, 1700-1800

British Academy

My British Academy awards enables me to cover the costs of illustrations and picture permission rights for my book 'Religion and the arts in Enlightenment Europe, 1700-1800', commissioned by Reaktion Books of London, and due for publication next year. This has been a fascinating cross-disciplinary project for me that has

brought me into working contact on a regular basis with art historians in this country, on the continent, and in the United States. The study is based on my persuasion that current scholarship, whilst finally admitting the religiosity of the siècle des lumières, has yet to link its spirituality with the religious imagery of age. Scholars like the late Roy Porter have made the 'age of Enlightenment' a compelling subject for a whole new audience but I hope that my book will suggest that the era was much less secular than we tend to assume.

RA17041

Dr A Brysbaert

Department of Museum Studies

Technology and social agency of

Painted plaster from Tel Kabri, Israel

Wall painting studies in the Aegean and eastern Mediterranean Bronze Age have brought to light decorated plaster with 'Aegean-style' painting schemes at the excavations at Tell el-Dab'a (Egypt), Tell Alalakh, Miletus, Hattusha (Turkey), Qatna (Syria), and at Tel Kabri (Israel/Palestine).

Tel Kabri's present study is concerned with the Middle Bronze Age (MBA) paintings. Excavations (1986-1993, led by A. Kempinski and W.D.

Niemeier), had uncovered the remains of painted plaster on both floors and walls within a ceremonial room. These were decorated with floral and marbled motifs, boats, griffin wings and houses that bore much resemblance to the miniature wall paintings found on the Greek island of Santorini. Such evidence for artistic connections between the Aegean cultures and the ancient Near

East is unique in Israel/Palestine, and very rare elsewhere (see above). It therefore, provides a unique opportunity to retrieve critical data concerning the role of Aegean artisans in the political and cultural systems of the Levant when integrated into a comparative study trying to answer questions of travelling artisans, contacts and technological transfer (aspects of my PhD). This study combines the use of scientific data (from over 15 sites all together), experimental replication and social theory in order to answer questions about how and why technological transfer has developed and about the role of material culture and technology as ways of expressing dynamic social identities and of forging complex interwoven human relationships in pre-industrial societies in the eastern Mediterranean. The final results form the basis for a monograph, called: 'The Power of Technology and Social Agency in the Bronze Age Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean', worked on by the grant holder at the moment.

RS15008

Professor B Gunter

Department of Media and

Communication

The Changing Nature of Party Election Broadcasts: The Growing Influence of Political Marketing
Nuffield Foundation Grant

This project will analyse the contents of televised Party Election Broadcasts (PEBs) produced by the Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat parties during the May 2005 General Election. It represents a continuation of an earlier study that tracked changes

to the nature of PEB productions from 1979. During this period, PEBs have become shorter in duration and changed in respect of a number of production attributes. Increasingly, the major political parties' election broadcasts have adopted advertising formats and techniques. Such changes represent part of a wider growth in the use of marketing devices to sell political brands. The current study will examine whether this trend continued during the 2005 General Election.

RP16200

Professor C Binns

Department of Physics and

Astronomy

Surface Magnetic Structural Properties Studied With Metastable De-Excitation Spectroscopy

The project is a collaboration with the University of York to study the magnetism localised at the surface atomic layer of magnetic nanoparticles. These are tiny particles containing just a few hundred atoms and have been shown to display enhanced magnetic moments per atom compared to the bulk material. A question that has never been addressed however is whether this enhanced magnetism is spread throughout the particle or localised at its surface. By combining specialised instrumentation at the two Universities, this question can be answered. The work is of fundamental importance but is also applicable to future high-performance magnetic materials.

Research grants January 2006

Archaeology and Ancient History

Barton H Dr

RA11057

The Use of Carbohydrates by Tropical Hunter Gatherers

£4,902 Wellcome Trust

Hopkinson T Dr

University of Durham

RA11081

Knowledge Knappers: The Role of the Purposeful Agent in the Transition from the Lower to Middle Palaeolithic and the Emergence of Prepared Core Stone Reduction Technologies

£31,245 Cambridge Templeton Foundation

Horning A Dr

RA11080

Cultures of Contact

£500 British Academy

Biochemistry

Harrington C Dr

Co-Investigator: Prof G Roberts,

Biochemistry

RM31164

New Bio-Inorganic Mass Spectrometry Facility for the Centre for Chemical Biology

£71,500 BBSRC

Cancer Studies and Molecular Medicine

Ablett S Dr

RM60008

Supplement - High risk neuroblastoma

study of SIOP Europe

£25,595 CRUK

Pringle J Dr

RM60074

Masters Course Bursary Fund

£1,000 CRUK

Shaw J Dr

Co-Investigator: Prof R Walker, Cancer

Studies & Molecular Medicine

RM60076

Plasma DNA as a sensitive and tumour-

specific marker in breast cancer patients

£20,900 Medisearch

Cardiovascular Science

Lambert D Dr

RM61061

Urotensin II Receptor Desensitisation

£25,708 British Journal of

Anaesthesia

Cell Physiology and Pharmacology

Challis J Prof

RM36083

Evaluation of the Antibody

Immunocapture Technique of DeLapp et

al. to Assess Ga-Specific [35S]-GTPyS

Loading

£75,000 GlaxoSmithKline

Standen N Prof

Co-Investigator: Dr N Davies, Cell

Physiology and Pharmacology

RM36095

Glucose and the regulation of vascular

voltage-activated (Kv) potassium channels

£7,765 Medisearch

Chemistry

Ball S Dr

RP10129

Reactive Halogens in the Marine

Boundary Layer (RHAMBLE)

£65,594 NERC

Hope E Prof

RP10128

PacifiChem2005 - conference grant

£1,060 Royal Society

Monks P Dr

Co-Investigator: Dr J Kaduk, Geography

RP10130

Oxidant and particle photochemical

processes above a South-East

Asian tropical rain forest (OP3-Danum-08)

£165,748 NERC



Engineering

Quian Quiroga R Dr
RP12130
Neural Coding of Visual Inputs
in the Human Medial Temporal Lobe
£125,567 EPSRC

History

Aston N Dr
RA15060
Religion and the Arts in
Enlightenment Europe
£7,000 British Academy

Infection, Immunity, Inflammation

Barer M Prof
Co-Investigator: Dr P Bradding,
Infection, Immunity, Inflammation
(Clinical)
RM63075
Targeting Refractory Cell Populations
in Tuberculosis by Monitoring
Mycobacterial Lipid Bodies
£63,807 British Lung
Foundation

Brunskill N Dr

Co-Investigator: D G Willars, Cell
Physiology and Pharmacology
RM63078
Defining the Cellular Mechanisms
of C-Peptide Action in the Kidney:
Understanding Potential Reno-Protective
Effects in Diabetic Nephropathy
£210,340 MRC

Schwaeble W Prof

RM631008
Supplement - MASP2 Antibodies
and Assays
£18,300 Omeros Corporation

Stover C Dr

RM63079
Do Low Serum Levels of Mannan-
Binding Lectin Relate to Outcome
of Atopic Eczema?
£5,960 British Skin Foundation

Labour Market Studies

James N Dr
RS141025
Learning Transitions: The Impact of
Drama on the Development of Skills
amongst Young Offenders
£17,640 Arts Council/NIACE

Management Centre

Fethi M Dr
RS101010
Efficiency and productivity analysis in
international perspective
£1,467 British Academy

Media and Communication Research

Gunter B Prof
RS15008
The Changing Nature of Party Election
Broadcasts: The Growing Influence of
Political Marketing
£1,655 Nuffield Foundation

Gunter B Prof

Co-Investigator: Dr A Hansen, Mass
Communication Research
RS15009
The Representation and Reception of
Alcohol Advertising: A Study with
Teenage Consumers
£46,745 Alcohol Education and
Research Council

Museum Studies

Brysaert A Dr
RA17041
Technology and Social Agency of
Painted Plaster from Tel Kabri,
Israel/Palestine
£2,694 British Academy

Physics and Astronomy

Binns C Prof
RP16200
Surface Magnetic and Structural
Properties Studied with Metastable De-
Excitation Spectroscopy
£22,052 EPSRC

Bunce E Dr

RP162047
Comparative planetary x-ray emissions
£168,647 PPARC

Fraser G Prof

RP16199
Daniel Brandt PhD Studentship - SRC-
2005-041
£17,000 EADS Astrium

Remedios J Dr

Co-Investigator: Dr M Chipperfield,
University of Leeds
RP16204
Acetone and Peroxyacetyl Nitrate in the
Upper Troposphere: MIPAS Satellite
Retrievals and 3D Model Studies
£140,338 NERC

Research Grants December 2006

Archaeology and Ancient History
Hopkinson T Dr
University of Birmingham
RA11077
The National Ice-Age Network
£71,824 English Nature/English
Heritage

Biochemistry

Carr M Dr
RM31162
Celltech Studentship - Catherine Hall
£30,000 Celltech

Critchley D Prof

RM31163
Genetic, cellular & structural approaches
to study the role of the cytoskeletal
protein talin in integrin-mediated
adhesion.
£200,000 CRUK

Biology

Cann A Dr
RM31165
Assessed online discussion groups in
biology education
£3,905 Higher Education
Academy, Centre for
Bioscience

Heslop-Harrison P Prof

RM48098
CNIC Biotechnology Conference, Cuba
£650 The Royal Society

Smith C Dr

RM48100
Mating system and effective population
size
£1,500 The Daiwa Anglo-
Japanese Foundation

Cancer Studies & Molecular Medicine

Ablett S Dr
Co-Investigator: Dr P Brock, Cancer
Studies & Molecular Medicine
RM60025
Supplement - PLADO 16 An intensified
chemotherapy regimen for high risk
hepatoblastoma patients. (SIOPEL 4)
£27,035 CRUK

Ablett S Dr

RM60071
ESSG 1 - European Paediatric Soft
Tissue Sarcome Study Group
£26,000 Cancer Research UK

Cell Physiology and Pharmacology

Hamann M Dr
Co-Investigator: Dr M Mulheran
RM36093
Long term changes in synaptic activity
induced by noise: a cellular approach
£15,034 MEDISEARCH

Geography

Pickerill J Dr
RP13037
Virtual interface for a set-top box agent
£15,596 ESRC

Health Sciences

Khunti K Dr
RM62081
Clinical lead for primary care diabetes &
cardiovascular research
£29,050 Leicestershire Primary
Care Research Alliance

Khunti K Dr

RM62082
Funding for research nurse fellow in
primary care
£26,573 Leicestershire Primary
Care Research Alliance

Khunti K Dr

RM62083
Priority & Needs Funding: Statistical
Support
£5,000 Leicestershire Primary
Care Research Alliance

Infection, Immunity, Inflammation

Wallis R Dr
Co-Investigator: Prof W Schwaeble,
Infection, Immunity, Inflammation
RM631010
Molecular analysis of complement
activation via the lectin pathway
£314,248 The Wellcome Trust

Mathematics

Tretyakov M Dr
RP201032
Numerics for Stochastic Partial
Differential Equations of Parabolic Type
£75,788 EPSRC

Museum Studies

Dudley S Dr
RA17039
Materialising Exile: Material Culture and
the Embodied Experience of Karenni
Refugeeness
£6,033 AHRC

Knell S Prof

RA17040
The Museum: A World Forum
£2,000 British Academy

Physics and Astronomy

Binns C Prof
RP16198
Innovation Fellowship - Demonstration
of nanostructured anti-microbial coatings
£13,530 HIRF

Rosenthal M Ms

Con-Investigator: Dr J Tedds, Physics &
Astronomy
RP16201
Einstein talk
£500 Institute of Physics

Psychology

Colley A Prof
RM43033
Gender and Accommodation Effects in
Communication using Cameraphones
£7,481 British Academy

Garland K Dr

RM43032
The Effects of Processing Priming and
Inherent Processing Bias on Recognition
Memory Performance
£6,922 The Nuffield Foundation

North A Dr

RM43034
Demographic Predictors of Music Style
Preferences
£6,254 British Academy



Obituaries

Mr. W.M. Teasdale

Notice

► We have learnt, with great regret, of the death on Sunday, 19 February, of Mr. W.M. Teasdale. Bill Teasdale joined the University in July 1969 as a Chief Technician in the Department of Geology. He was promoted to Departmental Services Manager in October 1992. Bill retired at the end of March 1998, and was subsequently employed on an Associate contract from May 1998 to March 2001.



Bill Teasdale: Respected and admired by all

Bill Teasdale: 30th August 1939 - 19th February 2006

Chief Technician and Departmental Services Manager, Department of Geology

Bill Teasdale died on Sunday 19th February from a brain tumour that took hold over the last five months of his life. He faced his illness with a courage and fortitude that gave to those who cared for him, while desperate at what he had to suffer, strength from his strength.

He was a Durham lad, and in his youth served in the Merchant Navy, then becoming a trainee engineering technician at Durham University. He became a radio operator during his national service in the Royal Air Force and served as a Leading Aircraftsman with the Search and Rescue Section in the UK and Middle East before returning to Durham as an Engineering Technician. At the time, the Geology Department at the University of Leicester was beginning its major expansion of the late 1960s and beyond, and Professor Peter Sylvester-Bradley was looking for a vigorous, multi-talented leader for the growing technical services required for its support.

In 1969 Bill was appointed Chief Technician at the remarkably young age of 29, and was at the heart of the department's life for over 30 years, from its early expansive days until his retirement in 2001 and the burgeoning, internationally recognized Department of Geology that it is today.

Bill was respected and admired by all: for his management and leadership of the technical services within the Department, a role that expanded hugely as the Department grew to the high technology centre that it now is; for working his technicians hard while keeping their confidence and respect; for his sense of fun and belief that work should be well done and enjoyed; for his easy maintenance of departmental continuity as Heads of Department (nine of them!) rotated above him; for his remarkable expertise in machine engineering (as well as the development, maintenance and repair of all manner of geological equipment, he designed and built with his staff a towable, hydraulically operated, seismic shothole drill for geophysical research); but above all for his fostering and maintaining an exceptionally happy and unified staff during his time at Leicester.

Bill came to Leicester with Helen, his wife, and they befriended generations of graduates and staff during their time together here. Her death in 1997 devastated him. He faced it with great help from friends, and, with Pat, his companion of recent years, had enormous hope for the future. In his all too short retirement, he built and kitted out from scratch, a magnificent narrowboat. His illness struck him down when tomorrow held so much. He will be missed by all too many.

• *Professor Peter Maguire, Department of Geology*

Professor Christopher Hughes

► Professor Christopher Hughes, who died on 12 November 2005 at the age of 87, was an eminent scholar of Swiss government and had an unforgettable impact on the lives of his colleagues and students in the University of Leicester. He spent almost the whole of his university career at Leicester, arriving in the Politics Department in 1956 and retiring in 1981.

In 1962 he was appointed Professor and Head of Department, which post he held until 1974.

In the Second World War he was, as a young officer, captured at the fall of Singapore by the Japanese and spent three and a half years in a prisoner-of-war camp. Like many prisoners of the Japanese he suffered terribly. He was subjected to medical experiments, buried up to his neck in sand, and three times condemned to death. One can only speculate about the effects of these horrific experiences on the rest of his life.

In thought and deed he was a complex of intricate paradoxes, predictably unpredictable. He resisted change in traditional institutions like universities ("change is always for the worse, but it's never as bad as you expect"). Yet at the same time he was an extraordinary individualist who enjoyed challenging orthodoxy and authority. In his behaviour, appearance and speech he was unambiguously upper crust. His father had been a lieutenant-colonel in the Royal Army Medical Corps and he himself had been to Wellington College, a school closely linked with the army, and University College, Oxford. He believed that gentlemen were most fitted to become members of a university and he found it difficult to adjust to the fact that University of Leicester in the fifties and after had few gentlemen among its staff and students and increasing numbers of the lower classes and of women. He was conscious of his status and felt a constant mission to try to improve his colleagues and students intellectually. He was often courteous, charming and kind to them, but in evaluating a person's work his urbanity could on occasion be spiked with disconcerting barbs. He shared with other heads of department of his time the belief that he was entitled to be an autocrat. His colleagues were welcome to advise, but he as head would make his own decisions, which were frequently idiosyncratic and sometimes perverse.

Administratively, if that is the word, he lived in a world of his own. He replaced filing trays with a turkey dish and used the filing cabinet only to store a bottle of sherry and some glasses. He was not as a lecturer and tutor always perfectly clear, lacking in speech the lucidity of his writing. Yet he fascinated the disciples of the abstruse Hegelianism that he espoused. He believed that tutorials should be at the centre of university education and saw his role in them as challenging orthodoxies in order to encourage students to think for themselves. Sometimes he said (was it just a joke?) that lecturers should give some bad lectures in order to drive students to use the University Library. In general, his colleagues and students often found it difficult to be sure whether his idiosyncratic statements and behaviour sprang from intrinsic mischievous eccentricity, or whether he was acting a part to make a point.

Although he published principally on government, he insisted that the study of politics should be grounded in philosophy. His mind was original, creative and witty. He kept doves called Faith, Hope and Joy and he explained that Hope was always the first to fly away. In his work and throughout his life in general he was a unique eccentric.

• *John Day*



Professor P Nowell-Smith

► We have learnt, with great regret, of the death on 16 February of Professor Patrick Nowell-Smith. Professor Nowell-Smith joined the University of Leicester as Professor of Philosophy in 1957 and left in 1964 to take up a post at the University of Kent at Canterbury. During his time at Leicester he served as Dean of the Faculty of Arts from 1960 to 1963.

Mrs. F.D. Fawcett

► We have learnt, with great regret, of the death of Mrs Frances Dorothea Fawcett, BSc Mathematics 1929. Until her death Mrs Fawcett had been the University's oldest living graduate and, on 15 March 2006, would have celebrated her 100th birthday.

Miss K. Bryan

► We have learnt, with great regret, of the death of Miss Katie Bryan. Katie graduated in June 2005 with a BSc in Biological Sciences (Genetics).

Mr Martin Fitch

► We have learnt, with great regret, of the death of Martin Fitch. Martin was a Research Associate in the Centre for Utility Consumer Law from August 1999 until September 2001.

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Ancient Starch Research

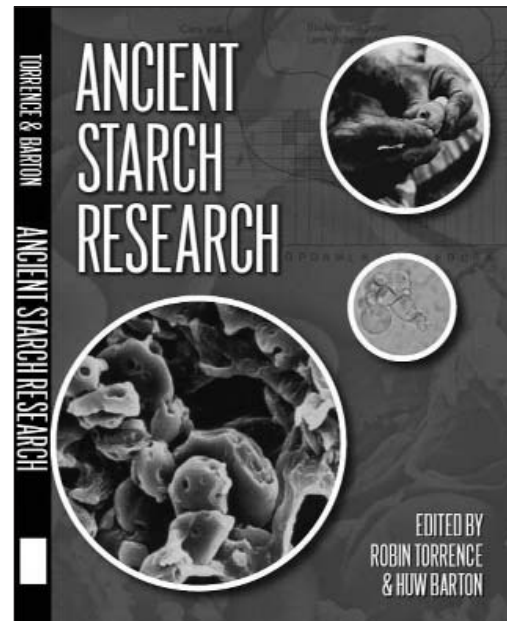
Editors: Robin Torrence & Huw Barton, Publishers: Left Coast Press, Inc, ISBN: 1-59874-018-0, Price: £43.00 (Hardback)

► What role did plant resources have in the evolution of the human species? Why and how have plants been managed and transported to new environments? Where, how, and why were plants domesticated and why do the patterns vary in different parts of the world? What is the relationship between the intensification of food production and the rise of complex societies? Numerous new studies are using starch granules discovered in archaeological contexts to answer these questions and improve your knowledge of past human behavior and environmental variation. Given the substantial body of successful research, the time has clearly come for a comprehensive description of ancient starch research and its potential for

archaeologists. This book fills these roles by describing the fundamental principles underlying starch research, guiding researchers through the methodology, reviewing the results of significant case studies, and pointing the way to future avenues for research.

The joint product of over two dozen archaeological scientists, *Ancient Starch Research* aims to bring the important new field of ancient starch analysis to the attention of a wider range of scholars and to provide them with the information needed to embark on their own research.

Dr Huw Barton is a Wellcome Trust University Fellow in Bioarchaeology in the School of Archaeology and Ancient History at the University of Leicester

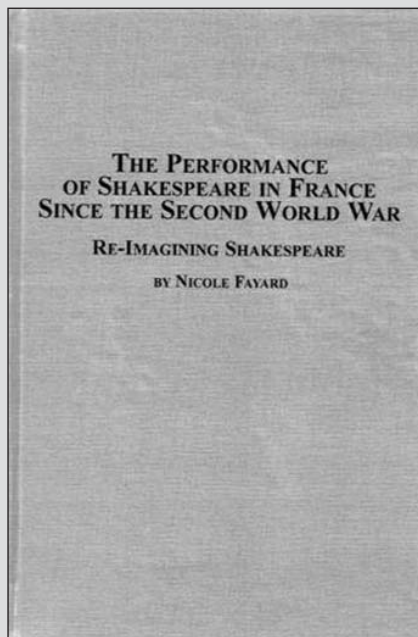


The Performance of Shakespeare in France Since the Second World War: Re-imagining Shakespeare

Author: Nicole Fayard, Publishers: Mellen Press, ISBN: 0-7734-5891-3, Price: £89.95

► Much has been written on Shakespeare's global, overarching influence on 20th century theatre. In France, the transformations of the stage in the 20th century have been accompanied by increased interest in his plays. In sharp contrast with the reviling of Shakespeare's 'foreignness' in previous decades, by the late 1940s French academics and directors began to speak of a need for his theatre. Theatre practitioners and critics continue today to regard him as a leading figure on the French stage and have ensured that his theatre has continued to thrive. However, despite reaching unprecedented heights by the end of the century, the sheer scale of the vogue for Shakespeare and the reasons behind his success in France today had not been thoroughly addressed. This book provides a comprehensive survey and critical evaluation of Shakespearean

production in France from the 1960s to the end of the twentieth



century. Through a study of the specifics of a large number of productions, the work theorises the

strategies used by each new wave of directors to influence the Shakespearean repertoire and generate new appropriations of Shakespeare's theatre, from critical interpretations of his plays in the light of the theories of Bertolt Brecht and Jan Kott in the 1960s and the iconoclastic radicalisations of the 1970s to the self-referential post-modern 'theatre of images' of the 1980s and 1990s and the playful and radical appropriations of the young directors of the 1990s. In a final section, the book moves beyond essentialist categories to replace the directors' expressions of admiration for Shakespeare in the wider French cultural discourse. Interpreting the evidence in the light of theories of cultural materialism, the study suggests that Shakespearean production has been maintained by belief in the mythical status of Shakespeare. Imposing new visions of his theatre has enabled directors

to redefine the field of Shakespearean production, explaining the paradox that Shakespearean production both remains constant and is continually transformed.

This original study makes a significant contribution to the study of Shakespeare's place in France, surveying forty years of changes and innovations in Shakespearean theatre production. It also opens up a new area of debate within the established field of Shakespearean studies, relocating it in the arena of cultural politics in France. It would be of particular interest to scholars in the following areas: Shakespeare studies in France; theatre studies; history of 20th century French theatre; history of 20th century French cultural policy; semiotics; literary theory; the work of Georges Lavaudant, Daniel Mesguich and Stéphane Braunschweig; Shakespeare and cultural materialism. The book contains a valuable database recording new Shakespearean productions in France between 1960 and 1997.



Events

INAUGURAL LECTURE - 02/05/2006 17:30

"Ones, Halves and Zeroes: Numbering Identity in 1950s American Culture", an Inaugural Lecture by Professor Martin Halliwell, Professor of American Studies

On **Tuesday 2nd May 2006** Professor Martin Halliwell, Professor of American Studies at the university of Leicester, will give his free lecture entitled 'Ones, Halves and Zeroes: Numbering Identity in 1950s American Culture' which is open to the public.

It will be held at 5.30pm in Lecture Theatre 1 in the Ken Edwards Building.

A reception will follow at 6.30pm in the Park Side Lounge on the fifth floor of the Charles Wilson Building

NEW EVENT IN THE CAFÉ PIAZZA - 03/05/2006 18:30

**Folk in the Piazza 3rd May 2006
Featuring Keith Kendrick and Sylvia Needham**

Tickets on sale now ONLY £5 from Café Piazza or call 0116 252 2203

- Doors open 6.30pm,
- Music from 7.45pm
- Tickets only £5.00 available in advance from Cafe Piazza or on the door.
- Hot and Cold food and full bar available.

Free parking on campus
Charles Wilson Building
Entrance 2 University Road
Leicester

INAUGURAL LECTURES IN MANAGEMENT - 04/05/2006 11:15

Information about lectures to be given by Management Professors on 4 May 2006

11.15 - Introduction and welcome

11.30 - Professor Martin Parker, Professor of Organisation and Culture

- "Challenging Orthodoxy: The Mafia as an Excellent Organisation"

12.30 - Lunch

2.00 - Professor Colin Williams, Professor of Work Organisation

- "Challenging Orthodoxy: the future of work"

3.00 - Tea

3.30 - Professor Tony Arnold, Professor of Accounting and Business

History

- "Challenging Orthodoxy: why (financial) accounting education should not be 'relevant'"

4.30 - Tea

5.00 - Professor Alan Bryman, Professor of Organisational and Social Research

- Challenging Orthodoxy: of Methods and Methodology

Coffee, tea and lunch will be provided

A reception will follow at 6.00pm in the Park Side Lounge on the fifth floor of the Charles Wilson Building.

INAUGURAL LECTURE - 09/05/2006 17:30

'Stickleback Studies; Making small facts speak to large issues', a lecture by Professor Paul Hart, Professor of Fish Biologies and Fisheries

Professor Paul Hart will be giving his free lecture entitled 'Stickleback Studies; Making small facts speak to large issues' which is open to the public on Tuesday 9th May 2006.

SPECIAL LUNCH SEMINAR -- STAYING ON: WOMEN ENDURING THE ACADEMY - 17/05/2006 12:30

A chance to hear about research into the roles and position of women in geography, with conclusions that cross most disciplines of science.

Given that most women were excluded from becoming Fellows of the Royal Geographical Society until 1913, what progress has been made in gendering the geography academy by 2006? Is the geography academy equally 'open' to women and men, which women, and what are the terms of inclusion? What identities do women have to perform to 'fit in' and progress up the career ladder? How possible is it for women to combine a successful career with other 'reproductive' and caring roles? How must the enduring masculinism of the academy change if it really wants to move beyond rhetoric to include, and retain, a diversity of women on their own terms?

We are pleased to welcome our own Dr Clare Madge to debate these issues with us based on the research she and others have completed to date. Dr Madge is a feminist geographer here at the University with interests in Africa, cyberspace and geographies of the academy. She is joint treasurer and membership secretary (with Claire Dwyer) of the Women and Geography Study Group of the Royal Geographical Society/Institute of British Geographers. The issues she will be discussing are relevant to women across the sciences.

Staff and students, bring your lunch (we'll have other goodies as well) and join us on May 17th at 12:30 pm in the Physics Meetings Room, first floor of the Physics Building, for this one hour seminar.

This lunch seminar is one in a series hosted by the Faculty of Science's new Women in Science, Engineering and Technology group. The lunches are informal gatherings of women from across the University and are always a friendly networking opportunity for staff and students alike. Please visit <http://www.le.ac.uk/ph/str3/SETWomen/> for more information or contact Tania Burchell on str3@le.ac.uk

2006 SLUCKIN LECTURE - 25/05/2006 16:30

Information about this year's Annual Sluckin Lecture

Distinguished scientist and renowned television presenter, Professor Aubrey Manning, is to deliver the 2006 Sluckin Lecture. Professor Manning is one of the country's leading authorities on animal behaviour,

"The Animals and Ourselves"

- Professor Aubrey Manning OBE FRSE FIBiol, University of Edinburgh
- Ken Edwards Building, Lecture Theatre 3
- Thursday, 25 May at 4:30pm



LUNCH SEMINAR -- CAREERING INTO SPACE: A WOMAN POSTGRADUATE IN PLANETARY PHYSICS - 14/06/2006 12:30

A chance to hear from an inspiring young woman scientist about her award-winning career in space science.

The planet Saturn is over 800,000,000 miles from Earth and is over nine times as big across. It has its own magnetic field, like the Earth, but nearly 600 times stronger. Even that far from the Sun, faint streams of charged solar particles distort Saturn's magnetosphere. The Cassini space probe recently flew just 50,000 miles above Saturn and recorded the distortions for the first time in 23 years, incidentally about the same age as the author of the recent and acclaimed scientific papers on the subject.

Caitriona Jackman is a postgraduate researcher in Planetary Physics in the

Physics & Astronomy Department here at the University of Leicester. She is this year's recipient of the Margaret Day fellowship, the top award from the British Federation of Women Graduates for outstanding female PhD students in their final year. She will be talking to us about her exciting work that has brought her much deserved attention from scientists around the world.

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People Extra

Leicester Man to Participate in Citizenship Event at Hiroshima Anniversary

▶ A University of Leicester student is travelling to Hiroshima, on the occasion of the anniversary of the atomic bomb being dropped on the city, to take part in a network on global citizenship.

Ibrahim Umar, from Gembu in Nigeria, will be in Japan from 4-9 August to take part in the forthcoming International Network of Universities (INU) Global Citizenship Student Seminar on global citizenship.

"I am very delighted to emerge as the University's first choice candidate. I hope to give University of Leicester effective representation as well as gain a wealth of knowledge and a rewarding experience from the trip."

Ibrahim was selected from students across the University. His supervisor, Professor Martin Parker, who is Director of Research at the University of Leicester Management Centre, said:

"I am really pleased for Ibrahim. This award reflects really well on him, and also on the Centre's PhD programme. We have a large number of overseas PhD students who are studying various aspects of cultural understanding and social change. Perhaps some of these people might become the global citizens that the Hiroshima conference hopes for."

The conference will bring together participants from the INU's 13 universities in 8 countries and distinguished guest speakers from around the world for 5 days of discussions, workshops and site visits. Mr Umar's PhD research concerns corporate social responsibility in the petroleum industry.



Ibrahim Umar

Eric Lewinsohn

▶ Eric Lewinsohn who gained a BA from Leicester at the age of 77, and then went on to gain a Masters, has died, aged 86.

Mr Lewinsohn spent years as a Holocaust educator and set up a prize fund at a local college for young people to study the Holocaust.

As a boy Mr Lewinsohn witnessed the birth of the Nazi regime but escaped from Berlin in 1938, aged 19. His mother and father, Fritz and Blanka Lewinsohn, perished in the Auschwitz death camp four years later, in 1942.

For his MPhil, Mr Lewinsohn visited Prague, Terezin and built up many contacts across Europe.

International Honour Bestowed on University of Leicester English Student

▶ A University of Leicester doctoral student has scooped a rare and prestigious international prize- one of only two to be awarded outside of the USA

Erika Corradini, a PhD student in the Department of English, won the David R. Tashjian International Travel prize for her paper on Anglo-Saxon Studies. The prize will allow her to participate to the 41st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo in May.

Erika said:

"The prize is a very important achievement for me because, in a way, it represents a recognition that the work that I have done so far is appreciated by academics and medieval specialists. The prize represents a most welcome financial help that will enable me to attend a prestigious conference."

Erika's tutor, Professor Elaine Treharne, said:

"Erika thoroughly deserves this award for her genuine intellectual ability. She is a great asset to the university and her win is incredible considering that only two prizes of this kind are awarded outside of the USA."

Whilst Erika's win does not surprise Professor Treharne, Erika admits she was so shocked at being awarded such an honour that she initially thought it was a mistake! She said:

"When I saw it by chance on the conference programme online, I seriously thought it was a mistake. The deadline within which they should have announced the winners was long gone, so I thought I didn't make it. So first thing I did was to double check with the session organizer that it was not a misprint. Then I got in touch with the award committee and they confirmed it was right. After all this I was obviously very happy!"

The English Department at the University of Leicester is no stranger to success, having been consistently judged as Excellent in all areas of its teaching; it is rated a prestigious 5 for the quality of its nationally and internationally renowned research in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise. The Department is highly regarded by employers for offering a well-respected, comprehensive degree and continues to be one of the UK's leading providers of English at degree level.

- Belinder Kaur Lidher

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