Officers and Council

- At the Anniversary Meeting on 23 November 2013 the Officers of the Society were re-elected.

- The Vice-Presidents retiring under By-law XVII were Mr R Fisher and Professor C K Kidd. Professor S J Connolly, BA, DPhil and Professor M T Vincent, MA, DPhil were elected in their place.

- The Members of Council retiring under By-law XX were Professor S Dixon, Professor K C Fincham and Dr J Lewis. Professor C R E Cubitt, BA, MA, PhD, Professor O P Grell, BA, MA and Professor N Tadmor, BA, MA, PhD were elected in their place.

- The Society’s administrative staff consists of Dr Sue Carr, Executive Secretary, Mrs Melanie Ransom, Administrative Secretary and Dr Jane Gerson, Research and Communications Officer.

- Kingston Smith were re-appointed auditors for the year 2013-2014 under By-law XXXIX.

- Brewin Dolphin Securities were re-appointed to manage the Society’s investment funds.

Activities of the Society during the year

In the current session the Society took some important steps towards fulfilling its strategy of improving its communications with the wider world, with the historical community, and with its own Fellows and Members, as discussed in last year’s report. A major overhaul of its web presence has been in the forefront of this strategy – first, establishing a presence in social media (Facebook and, of increasing importance, Twitter); second, commissioning a new website, which will be launched in autumn 2014. The website will include a diverse menu of new resources available to all: an archive of policy documents (the Society’s but also other scholarly and public bodies), on subjects ranging from the school curriculum to freedom of information; podcasts of all of the Society’s recent public lectures; information on upcoming events of interest to historians; application forms for proposing new Fellows and Members and applying for the Society’s early-career research grants and fellowships; a guide for early-career historians; and much more relevant not only to the Society’s activities but to the rich world of historical research beyond. Further enhancements to extend its usefulness to Fellows and Members are scheduled for 2014-15.

This enhancement of the website is part of a renewed effort on the Society’s part to improve the services we provide both to our members and to the wider community. For its members, the Society wishes to make easier and more regular communication between them and their Society, to encourage more participation in its governance and events, and where desirable to migrate its high-quality publications to new formats that will keep them vital in the 21st century. For the wider community, the Society wishes to provide
direct access to serious scholarship through its lectures (which will increasingly be available for free online) and publications (on Open Access to the greatest extent possible), and to serve as a gateway for news about history and historical events more generally.

In making these changes, the Society seeks both to perform the traditional functions of a learned society – support for research and publication, lectures and conferences, recognition of achievement through grants and prizes – and to continue to take on new functions called for in a rapidly changing academic and political landscape. One of the positive features of recent decades has been the growing recognition of historical research in libraries, archives and museums, and the Society is keen to recruit more Fellows and Members from among researchers in these places, as well as to provide distinctive forms of support for them (such as the Aylmer Seminar for archivists, historians, and archivist/historians, that we co-sponsor with the Institute of Historical Researcher and the National Archives). Less happily, as the network of higher education breaks up into competing institutions with their own interests and bottom-lines firmly in view, the Society is called upon more and more to perform functions formerly taken up by government bodies and the network of vice-chancellors, which establish and defend healthy norms for the discipline: access and choice in undergraduate and postgraduate provision for History; the centrality of academic freedom and quality in funding decisions; the importance of ethical peer-review in publication, hiring and promotion decisions; maintaining the conditions for a fulfilling academic career in history and ensuring such a career is open to all comers.

Increasingly, too, we have sought to represent the interests of high-quality historical scholarship in public-policy debates. The two issues that have dominated our agenda this year have been the school curriculum – where, working closely with the Historical Association, representing schoolteachers, we have been intimately involved in the reworking of the curriculum at all levels from Key Stage 1 to A-Level – and Open Access publishing – where we have sought to widen access without sacrificing academic freedom and quality through the wrong kind of regulation. More detailed information on both issues is provided below in the reports of the relevant committees. But we have also been engaged in more quiet work on many other issues: defending the freedom of historical research in Brazil and India; playing a role in upcoming commemorations of the centenary of the First World War and the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta; taking a leaf from the scientists’ book in raising questions about gender equality in the humanities; drawing attention to the effects of the quasi-privatization of English Heritage; arguing for the preservation of the decennial census; in association with the postdocs’ organisation History Lab Plus, drafting a code of practice for the employment of temporary staff in academic departments. In many of these initiatives the Society has worked increasingly closely with other learned societies in the arts and humanities, through the Arts and Humanities User Group (now Arts and Humanities Alliance).

None of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of our small staff – Sue Carr, Executive Secretary; Mel Ransom, Administrative Secretary; Jane Gerson, Research and Communications Officer – and our voluntary leadership, inside and outside Council.

Finally, this is the place to mark the loss on 9 April 2014 of Sir James Holt, President of the Society 1981-1985, a great medieval historian and a dedicated servant of the profession.
The Research Policy Committee continued to coordinate and advise on the Society’s relations with all the main bodies related to research funding and policy. In addition, we carried out research into the question of gender equality among historians. We also continued our fruitful collaboration with History Lab Plus to establish an online advice forum for ECRs.

**Gender Equality:** Stimulated by the Equality Challenge Unit’s decision to publish a Charter for Gender Equality in the Humanities and Social Sciences, an equivalent to the Athena SWAN Charter for STEM subjects, the RHS established its own working party on Gender Equality and Historians in UK Higher Education. The problem to tackle is that while History has a roughly equal gender balance among school and university students (both undergraduate and postgraduate), more than 60% of academic historians are men and only 21% of Professors of History are women. In spring 2014, we devised an online survey covering aspects of gender equality both at institutional level and across the wider discipline, for example, in relation to journals, conferences and networks. The survey was widely circulated and received an impressive 707 replies (21.2% of historians in UK HE, from HESA data). The sample divided 58% women, 42% men. The overwhelming majority of respondents, both men and women, identified a range of continuing barriers to gender equality, both formal and informal. The findings of a draft report and draft recommendations for action were discussed at an event in September 2014, with a view to publishing the final report will be published by the end of the year. It will contain a series of recommendations for Heads of Department/School, journal editors, conference organisers and everyone. The RHS hopes in future to undertake further work on other inequalities and how they affect the profession.

**Early Career Researchers:** In collaboration with History Lab Plus, the forum for postdoctoral researchers hosted by the IHR, a Code of Good Practice for Employing Temporary Teachers in History was launched this year, endorsed by History Lab Plus, the RHS and History UK. A copy will be available on our new website, which also has an extensive new section offering advice to ECRs on Presenting Your Work; Publishing and Open Access; Teaching; Applying for Grants; and Applying for Jobs. We hope that this will be a valuable single port of call for all ECRs seeking general information and advice about key aspects of the profession.

**Open Access Publishing:** HEFCE policy was announced in April 2014; the President prepared a briefing for all fellows and members (see the President’s report). The Society continued to review its own publishing in light of OA (see the report of the Publications Committee). Advice for Early Career Researchers on how OA affects them is included in the new section for ECRs on the website (see ECRs below).

**REF 2014:** A working party will be created to undertake a review of the whole process, as soon as the information becomes available, including the current shape of the discipline; the effects of the impact requirement; the effects of double-weighting; the consequences for ECRs; and equalities data.

**Research Councils:** A particular cause for concern this year was the AHRC Leadership Fellows Scheme, which has replaced the former Research Leave Scheme. It is unclear what is meant by “leadership”, which is now as important a criterion as intellectual merit in allocating awards. We are particularly worried about the effects on early career researchers, given that one hour a month’s mentoring is all that is required. The scheme as formulated seems unlikely to result in the AHRC supporting those who are most talented at research. A letter will be sent to HEFCE, after consultation with other learned
societies across the humanities, through the Arts and Humanities Alliance.

The Society joined other History societies at a meeting convened by the Economic History Association, attended by representatives of the AHRC and the ESRC, in December 2013. The main item of discussion was open access policy. The Society was also, as usual, represented at the annual AHRC meeting with subject associations in September 2014.

Use of Metrics in Research Assessment

The RHS responded to a HEFCE call for evidence to contribute to an independent review of the role of metrics. We strongly made the case that in History there is no reliable substitute for expert peer review, the main reason being that book citations cannot easily be captured, but books, especially monographs, are the most important means of disseminating historical research. The pace of publication in History means that it would be difficult to measure quantitatively the effects of even the most influential works within the course of one REF cycle. We drew upon the British Academy Report on Open Access, led by Chris Wickham, together with our own survey of leading History journals, to make related points about journal articles and the difficulty of capturing reliable data on half-lives. We identified a series of risks and undesirable consequences arising from any extension of metrics to research assessment in History. We concluded by stating the RHS’s support for the HEFCE-endorsed San Francisco Declaration, which repudiated the journal impact metric and called for expert peer review to be applied to all disciplines.

The RHS is carrying out work on peer review, consulting with journal editors, with a view to drafting a code of practice to help defend this crucial aspect of the historical profession.

Status of Important and Vulnerable Subjects (SIVS)

The RHS responded to a HEFCE call for information on SIVS, through the British Academy, expressing concern about various subjects closely related to History, especially modern languages.

Research Policy Forum: There will be a special section for Research Policy on the new RHS website, giving up-to-date information about all matters affecting historical research, with opportunities for fellows and members to contribute to discussion.

Thanks to all the members of the Committee for their hard work over the last year.

EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE, 2013-14

The Education Policy Committee considers all aspects of History in education from schools to postgraduate level, and continues to gain valuable input from its co-opted members, Dr Andrew Foster (representing the Historical Association), Dr Jason Peacey (History UK), Mr Peter D’Sena (the HEA Subject Lead for History), Dr Michael Maddison (Ofsted National Adviser for History), and Michael Fordham, senior teaching associate at the University of Cambridge Faculty of Education and co-editor of Teaching History.

2013-14 was another demanding and interesting year for those concerned with education policy, seeing a number of the policy issues concerning the school curriculum coming to conclusion. As in 2012-13 we worked very closely and effectively with the Historical Association, and we must thank its out-going president, Jackie Eales, for supporting this
collaboration, from which we think both sides have gained a great deal.

Following the finalization of the National Curriculum, attention this year focused on GCSE and A-level. We were once more able to make a significant contribution to debate and development through consultations, and also made separate representations to both the DfE and Ofqual at various points. As before, aspects of the process were extremely frustrating. It was clear that those leading reform were operating against very tight timetables (of their own making); and further complications arose from the ‘separation of powers’ between the DfE (designing subject content) and Ofqual (responsible for assessment) – changes made in one parties’ document sometimes had what appeared to be unnoticed implications rendering elements in the drafts issued by the other less appropriate. The speed of the process perhaps inevitably led to a slackening in the degree of consultation towards the end of the process, and when the new GCSE specifications finally appeared in the spring there were some rough edges, with quite a lot open to significant interpretation by awarding bodies.

There was a certain irony that the Smith review of A-levels, a response in part to concern that a ‘race to the bottom’ between awarding bodies competing for market share, in the case of History at least saw those same bodies as the chief interlocutors of review. Nevertheless we were able to make our case for the importance of longer term perspectives as a key part of advanced historical understanding, and against undue focus on Britain. The final specifications insist on a chronological span of at least 200 years for the whole syllabus, and an indication that one element must cover 100 years; although this may seem unambitious when applied to some periods, it is clearly ambitious when applied to the more recent past. We welcome also a more appropriate approach to sources and improved assessment criteria, and the fact that Ofqual’s insistence that AS be coteachable may help this useful qualification survive. Some responses to the new regime from the awarding bodies have been encouraging in suggesting that there will indeed be a broadening of what is on offer, such as the new ‘African Kingdoms c 1400 – 1800’ topic proposed by OCR. Where such innovations are put forward by awarding bodies we have been happy to publicly articulate that they are in accord with our thinking, without endorsing or badging one awarding bodies offering above the others. Over the course of the year we have maintained a fruitful and we hope mutually beneficial dialogue with all the awarding bodies, partly through the service of RHS officers and fellows on advisory boards in a private capacity, and partly through our regular annual meeting with them all to discuss the state of play in A-level and GCSE. This was a very useful occasion in 2014, which as well as giving a reassuring picture of the health of the discipline in schools, provided a useful moment for consultation during the ongoing discussion of GCSE in particular.

The Society also collaborated with the Historical Association in convening another very useful meeting with representatives of the awarding bodies in the early summer, this time in the wake of the publication of the GCSE specifications. A report of the discussions was forwarded to Ofqual, and we are still awaiting a formal response at the time of writing. As with A-level, there was much to welcome in the new GCSE specification, again in terms of an insistence that students be exposed to a much broader range of history than has been the case for many in the past. However, this has come at the price of a complex and crowded specification, and there are some very peculiar features, such as the regrettable loss of the non-examination element, yet the survival of the insistence on study of a historical locality that surely made most sense as the basis for the coursework element. We await the publication of the first curricular responses to the new specifications later this year. One risk to which we will be alert will be the consequences that may follow from the unfolding of the wider programme of reform in secondary education of which the changes to History GCSE form a part. In the context of more
demanding performance measures for schools, any change in the perceived relative
difficulty of any one subject may have significant consequences in terms of schools
promoting the subject or discouraging students from taking it.

Taken as a whole, the engagement of the Society with the schools History curriculum has
reached new levels over the past few years. It has been an exciting and demanding time
for those involved, but looking back there is some satisfaction in the stronger connections
that have been forged with both policymakers and those involved in History education in
schools, our increased ability to offer good advice to colleagues in HE charged with
overseeing the transition to university as admissions tutors, and at least some areas of the
curricula from primary to sixth-form education where we can genuinely claim to have
‘made a difference’.

The Society also played an important role in developments in higher education policy for
History. The Vice-President Education served as co-chair with Professor Jane Longmore
of the panel charged with revising and updating the Quality Assurance Agency
benchmarking document for History in HE. This has proved a very valuable document
since its first appearance in defining the distinctive attributes, benefits and requirements
for high quality History teaching in HE. The latest revision, being finalised in autumn
2014, sees minor changes required to update the document to take account of changing
technology, equalities legislation, and the increased emphasis on employability, but it is
good to report that the QAA shared the view of the panel that the document was still
mostly fit for purpose as it stood.

Looking ahead, one source of concern must be the changes to the Higher Education
Academy enacted in the summer of 2014, which saw the support for subject specific
pedagogy withdrawn in favour of more generic themed work and a concentration on the
accreditation of university teachers. Opinions on the value of the work of the HEA vary
across the sector, but much of the work of the History subject centre and then the History
subject lead, Peter d’Sena, not least in organising valuable annual conferences on
teaching history in HE, had been valued by many. The RHS will take a keen interest in
ensuring that the legacy of material relating to historical pedagogy that emerged from the
HEA remains accessible, and will work with others, notably History UK, the IHR and the
Historical Association, to see if it should play a part in sustaining some of the work
previously supported by the HEA. In the interim, it has offered to provide a venue for the
continued meeting of the History Forum on policy and practice formerly supported by the
HEA.

It is also clear that 2014-15 should also see a renewed commitment to fact-finding on the
changing patterns of recruitment to both UG and PGT courses across the sector in
History. Recent changes to the rules governing the former and the knock-on effects of
changes to the fees regime and the economic climate more generally to the latter mean
that quite significant but commercially sensitive developments may well be taking place.
We plan to work with History UK to develop a clearer sense of what exactly may be
going on at a national level.

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE, 2013-14

The remit of this committee ranges across many activities of the Society. It receives
suggestions from Fellows and Council for paper-givers and makes recommendations to
Council on the Card of Session, taking into account the need for a balanced programme
in terms of chronological and geographical spread. In addition to the regular sessions held
at UCL and outside London, it is also responsible for the Prothero Lecture, the Colin Matthew Lecture and the Gerald Aylmer Seminar.

After discussion with the Literary Directors, the General Purposes Committee committed itself to deciding the Card of Session for two years ahead. Giving invited speakers more time to prepare, it was thought, would help ensure a high standard of papers for both delivery and subsequent publication.

The programme of lectures and visits for 2014 was confirmed, including visits to the University of East Anglia in April and the University of Huddersfield in October. Proposals for 2015 and 2016 have been discussed and speakers invited. Regional symposia and visits to the De Montfort University and the University of Northampton will take place in 2015. The Committee continues to review the purpose and success of both lectures and visits, and to consider ways of increasing their reach, for example through podcasting and repeat lectures. The Committee was pleased to receive several proposals for regional symposia, and would like to encourage more departments to make such proposals. The 2014 Gerald Aylmer Seminar was held in February on ‘The Global Archive’ and discussions with TNA and the IHR for the 2015 seminar are under way.

The Committee is also responsible for the appointment of assessors for the Society’s prizes, and receives their reports and proposals for award winners. It regularly reviews the terms and conditions of the awards.

The Society is extremely grateful to members of Council for their hard work in reading entries and selecting the prize winners.

This year the Committee has also considered broader administrative and developmental issues aimed at raising the Society’s profile within the academic community. Several initiatives have resulted from the questionnaire circulated to the membership. Work on the website and on the database of Fellows and Members, past and present, has continued.

Consideration was also given to the establishment of a prize for Public History. It is hoped that this initiative, which emerged from an approach from the Public History Seminar of the Institute of Historical Research, will lead to the announcement of a new prize for an exhibition, television or radio series or programme, with nominations from the broader historical community.

Meetings of the Society

At the ordinary meetings of the Society the following papers were read:

Prothero Lecture: ‘The feudal revolution and the origins of Italian city communes’, Professor Chris Wickham (10 July 2013)

‘Preachers and hearers in revolutionary London in the 1640s and 1650s’ Professor Ann Hughes (27 September 2013)

At the Anniversary Meeting on 22 November 2013, the President, Professor Peter Mandler delivered his first address on ‘Educating the Nation I: Schools’.

‘Apocalyptic thinking in England around the year 1000’, Professor Catherine Cubitt (7 February 2014)
‘The Uses of Foreigners in Communist China’, Professor Dr Julia Lovell (19 May 2014)

The Colin Matthew Memorial Lecture for the Public Understanding of History was given on Tuesday 29 October 2013 by Dr Joe Moran ‘The Private Diary and Public History’. These lectures continue to be given in memory of the late Professor Colin Matthew, a former Literary Director and Vice-President of the Society.

Prizes

The Society’s annual prizes were awarded as follows:

The Alexander Prize for 2013 attracted eight entries and was awarded to David Veevers for his article “The Company as their Lords and the Deputy as a Great Rajah”: Imperial Expansion and the English East India Company on the West Coast of Sumatra, 1685-1730’, in The Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History, 41: 5 (2013).

The judges’ citation read:

This article captures the reader’s attention from the very first sentence. It is beautifully written, it is expertly researched and it is full of vivid and illuminating detail. At the same time, it has something genuinely new and important to say about the relationship between the East India Company’s directors in London and their servants on the ground in Asia - and about the consequences which the latter’s remarkable freedom of action could often have for the native rulers and peoples with whom they came into contact. In short, the author has produced a first class piece of scholarship which is thoroughly readable too. The judges were delighted to recommend that this sparkling essay should be awarded the Royal Historical Society’s Alexander Prize 2013.

The judges nominated a proxime accessit:


The David Berry Prize for an article on Scottish history for 2013 attracted six entries and was awarded to Jimmi Østergaard and Stuart Ward (University of Copenhagen) for their paper “‘Crammed and Restricted at Home?’ Scottish Separatism at Empire’s End (2013).

The judges’ citation read:

This elegantly-written and closely argued essay challenges the idea that the end of the British Empire was a factor in events which seemed to hint at the break-up of the United Kingdom. The authors use the lens of the growth of Scottish separatism in the late 1960s, especially the victory of the Scottish National Party at the Hamilton by-election in November 1967, to test this hypothesis. They conclude that the rhetoric of the SNP in this crucial phase in their history did not draw on the example of decolonisation in contexts such as Ghana, Kenya or Malaysia. They move beyond this point, however, to add complexity and intellectual depth to the discussion of important aspects of British political culture in the late twentieth century. They note the rise of new nationalism in the ‘Dominions’ as a challenge to the idea of a ‘British world’. The themes raised in these debates were not a direct influence on the SNP, in the view of the authors, but provided a ‘key formative context’ for their activities in this period. This important essay
complicates and enriches the scholarly fields of modern Scottish history, the process of
decolonisation and the debate about the nature of Britishness. As the debate over Scottish
‘independence’ descends further into simplicities, subtle and probing contributions such
as this are of profound importance.

The Whitfield Book Prize for a first book on British history attracted thirty-four entries.
The prize for 2013 was awarded to:

Scott Sowerby for *Making Toleration: The Repealers and the Glorious Revolution*,

The judges’ citation read:

Scott Sowerby’s monograph, *Making Toleration. The Repealers and the Glorious
Revolution*, brings to the study of the Revolution of 1688-9 a strikingly fresh perspective.
Through an extraordinary feat of research in local record offices as well as national
repositories, it presents a wholly new picture of the supporters of James II’s policy of
religious toleration, often dismissed as opportunists or ‘collaborators’, as constituting a
coherent and potentially effective movement. In a careful, clear, and sophisticated
analysis of the complex interactions between localities and court and between the Church
of England, dissenters and the fear of ‘popery’, he shows how it was in fact the agenda
created by James’s supporters that made the granting of a degree of religious toleration a
necessary means of cementing the new regime of William and Mary. The result is a
modestly stated but compelling argument for moving away from any lingering perception
of the Revolution as a straightforward contest between the forces of reaction and
progress.

The judges nominated two *proxime accesserunt*:


The Gladstone Book Prize for a first book on non-British history attracted forty-four
entries.

The Prize for 2013 was awarded to:

Sean A Eddie for *Freedom’s Price: Serfdom, Subjection, and Reform in Prussia, 1648-

The judges’ citation read:

Sean A. Eddie convincingly recasts the way the 'classical' case of serfdom in Prussia
should be interpreted. Rather than seeing Prussian 'subject' peasants as oppressed and
unfree, especially in the wake of the so-called Second Serfdom around 1650, the
book demonstrates that they fared much better economically than their 'free' neighbours
while benefitting from valuable legal rights. Rather than suffering from intensified
exploitation before the enfranchisement of 1807-21, the tenured peasants are shown to
have been able to drive a hard bargain, exchanging their freedom for security and easy
access to noble capital. This was repeated during the later enfranchisement when peasants
were able to significantly influence the price of their freedom and freeholds. Not content with simply considering the Prussian case, Eddie contextualises the significance of reforms over two hundred years through comparison with Scotland, Austria and Revolutionary France. Compellingly argued and skilfully written, Eddie fundamentally challenges existing orthodoxies to produce a provocative, wide-ranging and important work.

The Society’s Rees Davies Essay Prize for the best article based on a conference paper delivered by a recipient of a Royal Historical Society travel grant attracted thirteen entries.

The Prize for 2013 was awarded to:

Mara Gregory for her essay on “‘Beamed Directly to the Children’: School Broadcasting and Sex Education in Britain in the 1960s and 1970s”.

The judges’ citation read:

This highly accomplished thesis analyses the production, content and reception of sex education broadcasts by the BBC during the 1960s and 1970s. The author explores these programmes and the controversy they generated as a lens onto wider social debates about sexual behaviour, the ‘permissive society’ and ideas about childhood. In an innovative approach that brings together analysis of production, content and reception, the author both makes a distinctive contribution to the historiography of sex education and provides evidence relating to broader questions about the respective roles of the state and the family in private life. By integrating findings from hitherto under-explored sources from the BBC Archives, Family Planning Association papers, Institute of Education records and Department of Education and Science documents, as well as the press and a selection of the actual broadcasts, the author offers a comprehensive account of debates among a wide range of adults: teachers, parents, policy-makers, journalists and the newspaper-reading public. She also teases out, so far as is possible, the reactions of the young people who were the targets of the initiative. The approach adopted, which enables us to appreciate the complexity of the filters through which this supposedly ‘direct’ sex education was mediated, could potentially be fruitful for research into other periods and contexts.

The judges named a proxime accessit

Alexander Lee for his essay ‘Pope Hadrian I: Construction of a Papal Image’

In order to recognise the high quality of work now being produced at undergraduate level in the form of third-year dissertations, the Society continued, in association with History Today magazine, to award an annual prize for the best undergraduate dissertation. Departments are asked to nominate annually their best dissertation and a joint committee of the Society and History Today select in the autumn the national prizewinner from among these nominations. The prize also recognizes the Society’s close relations with History Today and the important role the magazine has played in disseminating scholarly research to a wider audience. Thirty-two submissions were made.

The Prize for 2013 was awarded to:

Anna Field (Cardiff University) for her dissertation ‘Masculinity and Myth: the Highway-women in Early Modern England, 1681-1800’.
An article by the prize-winner presenting his research will appear in *History Today* in 2015.

The German History Society, in association with the Society, agrees to award a prize to the winner of an essay competition. The essay, on any aspect of German history, including the history of German-speaking people both within and beyond Europe, was open to any postgraduate registered for a degree in a university in either the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland.

The prize for 2013 was awarded to Patrick Milton for his essay “Intervening against Tyrannical Rule in the Holy Roman Empire during the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries.”

The Frampton and Beazley Prizes for A-level performances in 2013 were awarded to the following on the basis of nominations from the examining bodies:

**Frampton Prize:**

OCR: Charles Harrison (Tiffin School, Kingston upon Thames), David Klemperer (Magdalen College School, Oxford) and Dominic Taylor (Eton College)

AQA: Natalie Stuart (Stratford upon Avon Grammar School for Girls)

WJEC: Peter Lloyd-Williams (Cardiff High School)

**Beazley Prize:**

SQA: Marcia McSwegan (Whitehill Secondary School, Glasgow)

The Director of the IHR announced the winners of the Pollard Prize 2013 awarded annually to the best postgraduate student paper presented in a seminar at the IHR, and the Sir John Neale Prize for the best essay on the study of 16th century England by a postgraduate student.

The Pollard Prize for 2013 was awarded to Joanna Warson for her paper on 'Beyond cooperation and competition: Anglo-French relations, connected histories of decolonisation and Rhodesia’s Declaration of Independence, 1965-1980' (Modern French History seminar). The article will appear in *Historical Research* in 2014.

The runners up were: Jacqueline Bemmer for her paper on 'The Irish hostage security and inter-territorial alliances' (Earlier Middle Ages seminar) and Catherine Chou for her paper on 'The parliamentary mind and the mutable constitution' (Parliaments, Politics and People seminar)

The Sir John Neale Prize for 2013 was awarded to Daniel Bamford (Independent scholar) for 'Partly by our authority and partly by his dexterity: English mediation in the Ottoman-Polish crisis of 1590’.

**PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE 2013-14**

The Publications Committee remains responsible for the ongoing programme: Professor Emma Griffin represents the Society’s interests on the *Studies in History* Editorial Board,
while Dr Ian Archer edits *Transactions*, and they share responsibility for Camden volumes. Professor Stephen Taylor is Honorary Academic Editor of the Bibliography of British and Irish History (BBIH).

*Transactions*, Sixth Series, Volume 22 was published during the session, and *Transactions*, Sixth Series, Volume 23 went to press.

In the Camden, Fifth Series *Observing Vatican II: the Confidential Reports of the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Representative Bernard Pawley, 1961-5*, eds, Andrew Chandler and Charlotte Hansen (vol. 43), and *The Letters of Lady Anne Bacon*, ed. Gemma Allen (vol. 44) were published during the session.


The past twelve months have seen a fairly steady flow of good quality proposals, some in an advanced state of preparation. The calendar for 2015-16 and 2016-17 is currently filled, though the Literary Directors continue to welcome new proposals for texts which relate to any area of British history.

The *Studies in History* Editorial Board continued to meet throughout the year. The following volumes went to press during the session for publication in 2014:

- *London Zoo and the Victorians, 1828-1859*, Takashi Ito
- *Victorian Radicals and Italian Democrats*, Marcella Sutcliffe
- *John Wyclif on War and Peace*, Rory Cox

The Series Convenor, Professor John Morrill, stepped down in 2014 after ten years of service. A small party was held in his honour at the Society’s Offices in May and John was warmly thanked for his years of tireless service to the series. The series has a number of manuscripts under development, but a number of these have been with their authors for a lengthy period and it must be feared that not all will make it to publication. The flow of good quality proposals has slowed over the past twenty-four months and following consultation with the SIHS editorial board, the RHS publications committee and Council, Professor Andrew Pettegree is exploring the possibility of transforming the SIHS into an Open Access monograph series.

The Society acknowledges its gratitude for the continuing subventions from the Economic History Society and the Past & present Society to the *Studies in History* series.

As in previous years, volumes in the *Camden* and *Studies in History* Series were offered to the membership at a favourably discounted price. Many Fellows and Members accepted the offer for volumes published during the year, and the advance order for further volumes to be published in the year 2013-2014 were encouraging. Boydell and Brewer’s decision to republish a number of titles in a paperback format has proved extremely successful and it is intended to extend the selection from the backlist that will be made available in this form. Next year will see some of the series become available as e-publications for the first time, and the Committee is evaluating the likely the impact of developments in open access publishing on its series.

During 2014 the Bibliography of British and Irish History (BBIH) continued to develop...
smoothly, thanks above all to the work of Peter Salt, Simon Baker and the team of academic section editors. Just over 14,000 records have been added to the database this year. This represents a decrease on the final figure for 2013 (over 16,000), but this figure was inflated by the transition to a new feed for the details of many articles, which has significantly increased the speed with which new articles are added to the Bibliography. Brepols (our publisher) continues to make minor improvements to the user interface. The major development this year, however, has been a new input platform, which we expect to come into operation in 2015. The Project Board, bringing together the academic project team, Brepols and representatives of various user groups, met as usual in July and provided further useful feedback and advice on the development of the Bibliography.

Finance

FINANCE COMMITTEE 2013-14

The Finance Committee approves the Society’s accounts each financial year and its estimates for the following year. This year, as before, the accounts were professionally audited by Kingston Smith. They are presented on the RHS website together with the Trustees’ Annual Report.

The Society’s expenditure was broadly in line with estimates. Income was somewhat higher than anticipated, due once again to greater than expected revenue from the joint publishing agreement with Cambridge University Press (as a result of the on-going sales of the new digital archive). The recent increase in subscriptions also resulted in substantially higher revenue. The Society is declaring a surplus of £xxxxx for the year 2013-14.

The Society has run a surplus for a number of years, which has allowed it to build up a significant cash reserve. Finance Committee recognises that the coming years will be much more challenging financially than recent years, particularly as the windfall income from the digitisation component of the publishing agreement with Cambridge University Press declines sharply. In addition the Society has during the year made considerable progress on a thorough overhaul of its communications strategy and back-office functions that entails considerable expenditure. It is for this reason that the Society anticipates continuing to hold a substantial cash reserve in the expectation that it will be drawn down in future years to cover a series of planned in-year deficits. We had in fact anticipated running a deficit in 2013-14 but some of the expenditure relating to the changes in our new communications strategy and back-office functions will not now be incurred until 2014-15. The deficit for 2014-15 is therefore likely to be substantial given that much of the anticipated expenditure will occur in this financial year.

The value of the Society’s investments rose to £2.78 millions in June 2013, an increase from the previous year's figure of £2.62 million. The Society, as in previous years, drew £78,000 from the portfolio to support its activities. The Society's portfolio is invested for the long-term and members of Finance Committee are confident that the current spread of investments is appropriate. Finance Committee adopted a new Investment Policy during the year. This policy lays down the important role played by income from the investment portfolio in supporting the Society’s activities, and notes that it is managed with the objective of preserving (and ideally enhancing) its real value over time. Such a strategy ensures a balance between the needs of current and future beneficiaries.

Council records with gratitude the benefactions made to the Society by:
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 2013-14

The following were elected to the Fellowship:

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Over the year ending on 30 June 2014, 127 Fellows and 131 Members were elected, and the total membership of the Society on that date was 3,530 (including 2,077 Fellows, 653 Retired Fellows, 98 Emeritus Fellows, 85 Corresponding and Honorary Fellows, 11 Honorary Vice Presidents, 36 Associates and 570 Members).

Council was advised of and recorded with regret the deaths of 2 Honorary Vice-Presidents, 5 Fellows, 11 Retired Fellows, 1 Life Fellow and 2 Associates.

The Society exchanged publications with 15 societies, British and foreign.

Grants

RESEARCH SUPPORT COMMITTEE 2013-14

The Committee met five times in the course of the year to distribute research funds to early career historians (primarily research students but also recent PhDs not yet in full time employment). The committee reviewed all applications and made 142 awards to researchers from 50 different institutions. 16 of these grants were to support research within the UK, 35 to support research outside the UK, 52 to allow advanced doctoral students to attend conferences in order to deliver papers, and two, the Martin Lynn...
Scholarship, to support research in Africa. In addition, the Committee made 37 awards to conference and seminar organisers both to support the participation and attendance of early career researchers and to fund sessions designed to develop students’ skills for academic employment. The topics funded by the Committee reflect the Society’s contribution to a wide spectrum of sub-fields within the historical discipline, as well as to interdisciplinary research with a substantial historical component. Successful applicants’ end-of-award reports show how Society funding enables early career researchers to conduct original archival research and/or to gain feedback on their work in international settings. The quality of applications is very high and regretfully some applications cannot be funded. For the last two years, however, research support funds have been enhanced by generous grants from History Workshop Journal and Past & Present, each of £5000. Awards made under the HWJ grant prioritise self-funded PhD students, not in receipt of research council or other institutional funding; awards made under the P&P grant allow us to provide support to researchers registered at institutions outside the UK. The Society expresses its deep gratitude to these journals for their help in assisting our initiatives in this area.

The committee also reviewed the forms used by applicants for grants, streamlining and clarifying wherever possible. The coming year will see a significant overhaul of the way in which the application process is administered, coinciding with the development of the Society’s new website. The new website should also enable the Society to publicise the outcomes of the research it funds and to highlight the ways in which early career researchers have benefited from the Society’s support.

For the academic year 2013-14, the Royal Historical Society Centenary Fellowship was awarded to Emilie Murphy (University of York) for research on ‘Music and post-Reformation English Catholics 1575-1640’.

The Society’s P J Marshall Fellowship was awarded to Stewart McCain (University of Oxford) for research on ‘The Language Question under Napoleon’.

Travel to Conferences
- Temilola Alamunu, University of Exeter
  Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Toronto, 22nd-25th May 2014
- Judith Allan, University of Birmingham
  The 60th Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, New York, 27th-29th March 2014
- Vellore Arthi, University of Oxford
  Allied Social Science Associations Annual Conference, Philadelphia, 3rd-5th January 2014
- Leah Astbury, University of Cambridge
  60th Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, New York, 27th-29th March 2014
- Lauren Banko, SOAS
  Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, 10th-13th October 2013
- Daliah Bond, University of Aberdeen
  Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Puerto Rico, 24th-27th October 2013
- Kristin Bourassa, University of York
  Society for French Historical Studies, Montreal, 24th-27th April 2014
- Sheryl Buckley, University of Salford
  Dissent!, Aalborg University, Denmark, 16th-17th January 2014
o Louisa Cantwell, University of Cambridge
o Andru Chiorean, University of Nottingham
  Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies 2013 Convention, Boston, USA, 21st-24th November 2013
o David Churchill, The Open University
  European Social Science History Conference, Vienna, 23rd-26th April 2014
o Defne Cizakca, University of Glasgow
  Revolutions in the Balkans: Revolts and Uprisings in the Era of Nationalism 1804-1908, Athens, 31st October – 2nd November 2013
o Liesbeth Corens, University of Cambridge
  Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Puerto Rico, 24th-27th October 2013
o Antonino Crisa, University of Leicester
  European Social Science History Conference (ESSHC), Vienna, 23rd-26th April 2014
o Heather Crowley, Cardiff University
  Leeds International Medieval Congress, Leeds, 7th-10th July 2014
o Lucinda Dean, University of Stirling
o Adam Dighton, University of Salford
o Carolyn Dougherty, University of York
  European Business History Association, Uppsala, Sweden, 22nd-24th August 2013
o Charlotte Faucher, Queen Mary, University of London
  “War and Peace in French History”. The 60th Annual Meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies, Montreal, 24th-27th April 2014
o Alex Ferguson, University of Southampton
o Cynthia Fry, University of St Andrews
  Early Stuart Politics: the Anglo-Spanish and Anglo-French marriage negotiations and their aftermath, c.1604-1630, University of Kent, 10th-12th April 2014
o Steven Gray, University of Warwick
  Navy and Nation: 1688 to the present, Royal Museums Greenwich, 25th-27th July 2013
o Emily Hansen, University of York
  Reception and Performance of Classical Drama in Early Modern England, Exeter, 19th-20th June 2014
o Katherine Har, University of Oxford
  International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, 8th-11th May 2014
o Philippa Hellawell, King’s College London
  Learned Societies and Academies, Travel and Travellers, Exploration and Explorers, 1600-1900, Clermont-Ferrand, 15th-17th November 2013
o Anne Holdorph, University of Southampton
International Federation for Research in Womens’ History and the Womens’ History Network Annual Conference, University of Sheffield, 29th August – 1st September 2013

- Samantha Hughes-Johnson, Birmingham City University
  The Sixtieth Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, New York, 27th-29th March 2014

- Grace Huxford, University of Warwick
  International Conference on New Narratives of the Cold War, Lausanne, 16th-17th July 2014

- Victoria Jackson, University of Birmingham
  Annual Lecture Series of the Silver Society of Canada, Toronto, 16th April 2014

- Emily Jones, University of Oxford
  History of British Political Thought, California, 17th-19th October 2013

- Andre Keil, Northumbria University

- Kimberley-Joy Knight, University of St Andrews
  *Histoire et informatique: textométrie des sources médiévales*, Rome, 2nd-6th June 2014

- Megan Leyland, University of Leicester
  North American Conference on British Studies, Portland, Oregon, 8th-10th November 2013

- Adam Marks, University of St Andrews
  Early Stuart Politics: the Anglo-Spanish and Anglo-French marriage negotiations and their aftermath, c.1604-1630, University of Kent, 10th-12th April 2014

- Margery Masterson, University of Bristol

- Helen McKee, Newcastle University
  Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Merida, Mexico, 26th-30th May 2014

- John Morgan, University of Warwick
  Transforming Food and Fiber: Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, Provo, Utah, 19th-22nd June 2014

- Eva Namusoke, University of Cambridge

- Emily Orr, Royal College of Art / Victoria & Albert Museum
  67th Annual Conference of the Society of Architectural Historians, Austin, Texas, 9th-13th April 2014

- Simon Parsons, Royal Holloway, University of London
  The Third International Symposium on Crusade Studies, St Louis, Missouri, 28th February – 1st March 2014

- Benjamin Roberts, Teesside University
  Social History Society Conference / Edwardian Culture Network Conference, Northumbria / Liverpool, 8th-10th April 2014 / 10th-11th April 2014

- Charlie Rozier, Durham University
  Leeds International Medieval Congress, Leeds, 7th-10th July 2014
o Victoria Smith, University of Oxford
   Splendid Encounters: Diplomats and Diplomacy in Europe, 1500-1750, Warsaw, Poland, 20th-21st September 2013

o Allison Stagg, UCL

o Declan Taggart, University of Aberdeen
   Arnamagnæan Summer School in Manuscript Studies, Arni Magnusson Institute for Icelandic Studies, Reykjavik, Iceland

o Steven Taylor, University of Leicester
   MOMS/SSHM Postgraduate/Early Career History of Medicine Conference, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada, 12th-14th September 2013

o Elaine Tierney, University of Sussex / Victoria and Albert Museum
   Bangor Conference on the restoration: the image of monarchy in Britain and Ireland, 1649-1714, Bangor, 29th-31st July 2013

o Pheroze Unwalla, SOAS
   2013 Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 10th-13th October 2013

o Janet Weston, Birkbeck, University of London
   European Social Science History 2014, Vienna, 23rd-26th April 2014

o Rebecca Williams, University of Warwick
   Spaces of Technoscience, Singapore, 21st-23rd July 2014

o Malgorzata Wloszycka, University of Southampton
   Jews and Gentiles in East Central Europe in the Twentieth Century, Prague, 26th May - 1st June 2014

o Danelle van Zyl-Hermann, University of Cambridge
   African Studies Association 56th annual meeting: Mobility, Migration and Flows, Baltimore, USA, 21st-24th November 2013

Research Expenses within the UK

o Ved Baruah, Cardiff University
   Archives in London, 14th-30th October 2013

o Katherine Basanti, University of Aberdeen
   Archives in London, June 2014

o Carol Beardmore, University of Leicester
   Archives in Dorchester, December 2013

o Fiona Duncan, University of Stirling
   Archives in London, 2nd-6th August 2013

o Hannah Fitzpatrick, University of St Andrews
   Archives in London and Cambridge, 28th October – 2nd November 2013

o Emily Hansen, University of York
   Archives in Shrewsbury, Woking, Cambridge and Chichester, 24th July – 23rd August 2013

o Dennis Huggins, University of Roehampton
   Archives in London, July, September and December 2013

o Charles Jones, University of St Andrews
Archives in Windsor, London and Southampton, October – November 2014
  o Louise Kettle, University of Nottingham
  Archives in London, November 2013
  o Robin McCallum, Queen’s University Belfast
  Archives in Bristol, 30th September – 6th October 2013
  o Geoff Monks, University of Leicester
  Archives in Norfolk, January 2014
  o Edward Owens, University of Manchester
  Archives in Gloucester, London and Windsor, 5th-24th August 2013
  o Jamie Perry, University of Birmingham
  Archives in Reading, Oxford and London, July 2013
  o Giada Pizzoni, University of St Andrews
  Archives in London, Arundel and Chichester, August 2013
  o Jack Saunders, UCL
  Archives in Coventry, August and September 2013
  o Audrey Thorstad, University of Leeds
  Archives in Stafford and Chichester, 13th-19th January 2014

Research Expenses outside the UK

  o Carla Aloe, University of Birmingham
  Archives in Massachusetts, USA, 24th March – 8th April 2014
  o Anna Barry, Oxford Brookes University
  Archives in New York City, October 2014
  o Stuart Butler, University of Manchester
  Archives and interviews in Australia, 1st-30th October 2014
  o Morwenna Chaffe, University of East Anglia
  Archives in Durham, North Carolina, USA, 3rd-17th April 2014
  o Rachel Chin, University of Exeter
  Archives in France, July 2014
  o Sophie Cooper, University of Edinburgh
  Archives in Australia, 20th October – 10th November 2014
  o Clarck Drieshen, University of Leeds
  Archives in Belgium, May – June 2014
  o Stefania Gargioni, University of Kent
  Archives in France, May – June 2014
  o Adrian Garvey, Queen Mary, University of London
  Archives in Boston, 15th-21st September 2013
  o James Hall, University of Cambridge
  Archives in Delhi, Kolkata and Chennai, India, 11th January – 8th March 2014
  o Cornelis Heere, London School of Economics
  Archives in Australia, September – October 2014
  o Amy Kavanagh, King’s College London
  Archives in Delhi and Kolkata, 11th-25th November 2013
  o Matthew Kerry, University of Sheffield
  Archives in Oviedo and Madrid, Spain, 30th December 2013 – 17th January 2014
  o Daliany Kersh, University of Roehampton
Archives and interviews in Cuba, October 2014
  o Julia Leikin, University College London
  Archives in St. Petersburg and Moscow, Russia, January – June 2014
  o Saskia Limbach, University of St Andrews
  Archives in Germany, May – June 2014
  o Jimena Lobo Guerrero Arenas, University of Bristol
  Archives, museums and workshops in Seville, 1st November 2013 – 30th January 2014
  o Chi Hung Luk, University of Oxford
  Archives in Beijing, Nanjing, Hangzhou and Fuzhou, September 2013 – April 2014
  o Natalie Lussey, University of Edinburgh
  Archives in Chicago and New York, USA, 11th February – 30th March 2014
  o Niall MacGalloway, University of St Andrews
  Archives in Italy, 18th-26th May 2014
  o Claire Melland, University of Leicester
  Archives in Maryland, Kansas and Boston, USA, 20th September – 25th October 2013
  o Elisabeth Mincin, University of St Andrews
  Archives in the Vatican City, 13th-17th January 2014
  o Brendan Murphy, University of Sheffield
  Archives in Germany, 15th-27th June 2014
  o Jack Noe, University of Leeds
  Archives in Austin, USA, April 2014
  o Steven Parfitt, University of Nottingham
  Archives in Washington, DC, 1st – 29th September 2013
  o Andrew Phemister, University of Edinburgh
  Archives in Boston and Yonkers, USA, 7th April – 11th May 2014
  o Zoi Pittaki, University of Glasgow
  Archives in Greece, May – September 2014
  o Benjamin Pope, Durham University
  Archives in Nuremberg, Germany, 14th March – 17th April 2014
  o Peter Price, University of Sussex
  o Georgios Regkoukos, King’s College London
  Archives in Helsinki, Finland, 15th-30th January 2014
  o Charles Rozier, Durham University
  Archives in Paris, Rouen and Alencon, France, 18th-26th August 2013
  o Richard Tromans, De Montfort University
  Archives in Philadelphia, April – May 2014
  o Barbara Warnock, Birkbeck College, University of London
  Archives in Geneva, Switzerland, September - October 2013
  o Steven Watts, University of St Andrews
  Archives in Bologna and Rome, April – May 2014
  o James Yeoman, University of Sheffield
  Archives in Amsterdam, 26th October – 8th November 2013
Conference Organisation

- Elizabeth Blackmore
  Female Voice/s in the Long Nineteenth Century
  University of Durham, 8th May 2014

- Flavia Bruni
  Lost Books
  St Andrews, 19th-21st June 2014

- Valentina Caldari
  Early Stuart Politics: the Anglo-Spanish and Anglo-French marriage negotiations and their aftermath, c.1604-1630
  University of Kent, 10th-12th April 2014

- Marion Demossier
  Language, Culture and Power
  University of Southampton, 9th-11th September 2014

- Joanne Edge
  The Art of Ritual: Object, Image and Space in Medieval and Early Modern Europe
  Senate House, London, 17th May 2014

- Vai Emanuela
  Reshaping Sacred Space: Liturgy, Patronage and Design in Church Interiors
  University of St Andrews, 14th June 2014

- Bryce Evans
  Food and the First World War
  Liverpool Hope University, 25th April 2014

- Jennifer Evans
  Perceptions of Pregnancy: from the medieval to the modern
  University of Hertfordshire, 16th-18th July 2014

- William Eves
  Gender and Transgression in the Middle Ages
  University of St Andrews, 5th-7th June 2014

- Margot Finn
  Objects, Families, Homes: British Material Cultures in Global Context
  UCL, 11th-12th July 2014

- Niamh Gallagher
  Sectarianism and Beyond: New Perspectives in Modern Irish History
  University of Cambridge, 25th January 2014

- Robert Gildea
  The Liberation of France: histories and memories
  French Institute, London, 13th-14th June 2014

- Sylvia Gill
  24th Annual Conference of the European Reformation Research Group (ERRG)
  University of Cambridge, 9th-10th September 201

- Sarah Goldsmith
  Rethinking the Grand Tour: Questioning Cultures of Eighteenth-Century Travel
  University of York, 8th March 2014

- Lydia Harris
On the Fringes: Outsiders and Otherness in the Medieval and Early Modern World
Durham University, 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July 2014

- Annmarie Hughes
  Dialogues with Scotland’s history of domestic abuse
Glasgow University, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014

- Jane Kershaw
  Silver and Other Economies in the Viking World, 800-1100
Institute of Archaeology, UCL & the British Museum, 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> April 2014

- Phil McCluskey
  Contacts, Encounters, Practices: Ottoman-European Diplomacy, 1500-1800
University of St Andrews, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014

- Ben Mechen
  New Directions: Gender, Sex and Sexuality in 20<sup>th</sup> British History
UCL, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014

- Neil Murphy
  Urban Ritual and Ceremony in Early Modern England, c.1400-c.1700
Northumbria University, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014

- Sue Niebrzydowski
  From Glass Case to Cyber-Space: Chaucerian Manuscripts Across Time
National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth, 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> April 2014

- Pippa Oldfield
  The Business of War Photography
Durham, 31<sup>st</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014

- Maria Power
  Irish Women, Religion and the Diaspora: A Symposium
University of Liverpool, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2014

- Graeme Small
  History and the Senses
St John’s College, Durham, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> July 2014

- Andrew Smith
  Britain, France and Africa: Legacies, Entanglements and Cultural Trajectories of Decolonization and Beyond
UCL, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014

- Kate Smith
  Visualising and Materialising Colonial Spaces: Female Responses to Empire
University of Warwick, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2014

- Tiago Sousa Garcia
  Moveable Types: People, Ideas and Objects. Cultural Exchanges in Early Modern Europe
University of Kent, 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> November 2014

- Heidi Stoner
  ‘Subterranean’: in the Medieval World
University of York, 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May 2014

- Astrid Swenson
  Tensions of the Transnational
Brunel University, 28<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014
Rebecca Taylor  
Geographies of Man: Environmental Influence from Antiquity to the Enlightenment  
University of Warwick, 17th May 2014

Brittany Thomas  
Debating Religious Space and Place from Constantine to Cnut (AD 306-1035)  
University of Leicester, 22nd-23rd November 2014

Martin Thomas  
The Rhetoric of Empire: Imperial Discourse and the Language of Colonial Conflict  
University of Exeter, 22nd-23rd May 2014

Jonas van Tol  
Godly Governance: Religion and Politics in the Early Modern World  
University of York, 27th-28th June 2014

Stefan Visnjevac  
A Life As A Lens: Using Individuals in Wider Historical Research  
University of Roehampton, 12th September 2014

Ross Wilson  
1914-1944: Clashing Anniversaries or Multi-Directional Memories  
University of Chichester, 13th June 2014

Ellie Woodacre  
Kings & Queens 3: Entourage  
University of Winchester, 11th-13th July 2014

James Yeoman  
75 Years since the Spanish Civil War: Perspectives from the 21st Century  
University of Sheffield, 28th March 2014

**Martin Lynn Scholarship**

- Sarah Marriott, Durham University  
  Archival visits, oral interviews and ethnography of current development practice in Western Equatoria  
  Archives in Juba, Yambio and Western Equatoria, South Sudan  
  16th October 2013 – 13th August 2014

- John Nott, University of Leeds  
  Archival visits and oral interviews in Tamale and Kumasi, Ghana  
  14th January 2014 – 1st October 2014

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