



History Today

School of History Newsletter

Dear Friends



As we approach the end of term, it's an opportunity to reflect on what we've achieved over the last few months. And it's also a time to look forward to a period of relaxation and time celebrating with friends and family. I wish you all a very merry Christmas. See you in 2018!

Juliette

Dr Juliette Pattinson
Head of the School of History

Step into Christmas at Kent...

Staying in Kent over the Christmas break? The School of History Administration team have shared their top tips to help you make the most of your Winter Break at Kent, which proves to be a great opportunity to explore the local area.

"It's always nice to have a break in one of the little cafes in Canterbury. I particularly like Tiny Tim's Tearoom, a cosy and friendly place with a great variety of teas and the biggest scones I've ever seen!" (Valeria Radu, Recruitment, Admissions & Communications)

"My favourite thing about Canterbury at Christmas time is the pop-up market stalls in Whitefriars shopping centre. It's decked out with Christmas lights and festive music, and there is always mulled wine and mince pies on offer! The definition of Christmas!" (Eloise Bates, Student Support Officer)

"Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and nowhere in Canterbury does it better than the Refectory Kitchen on St Dunstan's Street. The breakfast/brunch menu is served all day which is perfect if you want a more relaxed start to your morning (or afternoon – it's Christmas; no one's judging!)" (Tim Keward, Web & IT Coordinator)

"The Christmas Market is always one of my favourite bits of Christmas in Canterbury – there's so many sights and smells going round and it's a great place to find unique and interesting gifts!" (Amy Harrison, Taught Programmes Coordinator)



Explore world-class museums, galleries and historic houses all over the UK!

Free Student Art Pass available to University of Kent History students

The *Student Art Pass* is now available for free to Kent School of History students, thanks to the generous funding of a private donor. This offer will be open for a limited time, so apply today to avoid missing out.

The Student Art Pass allows you to explore world-class museums all over the UK and enjoy a year of endless inspiration with friends, for your studies, or just for you. Miss nothing with a Student Art Pass.

From the V&A and Tate Modern to Cardiff Castle and Jupiter Artland, a pass brings you free access to over 240 museums, galleries and historic houses, and 50% off major exhibitions. Plus, grab a tasty refreshment or memento at a bargain price with loads of café and shop discounts too.

In order to claim your pass you will need to apply via the link below:

<https://www.artfund.org/student/kent>

History Society

By Natanya Freedman (History student, Third Year)

The History Society is the biggest academic society on campus here at the University of Kent, which is something that the committee and the society's members are incredibly proud of. Although the majority of our members are history students, both undergraduate and postgraduate level, the History Society welcomes all students. The society therefore comprises of those who study history but also those that simply have a passion for the subject.



History Society, trip to Vienna 2017

Meeting on a weekly basis, the society covers a wide range of events such as film and pizza nights, to guest lectures. The lectures are given by academic staff from the university allowing students to explore areas of history other than their taught modules, or to expand further on something they may be studying as part of their degree. This year the society has developed these guest lectures by booking two keynote speakers for the academic calendar. The first of these, occurring just a few weeks ago, was given by Dr. Tim Lockley from the University of Warwick. Dr. Lockley gave a lecture titled "'Supermen' The West India Regiments, and the Black Male Body: 1795-1802'. This was a huge success.

Whilst there are various events during the term for the society members to attend, the biggest event of the academic calendar for the society is the trip abroad in January. These trips offer members of the society the opportunity to explore the history of a different country and its culture for a week, and also to form friendships with society members across the year groups. This is something that committees across the years have actively encouraged, to create a more communal feel to the society. Previous trips abroad have been to Berlin and Vienna, and this academic year the society will be travelling to Budapest. Highlights of the trip will include a visit to Parliament, the Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Basilica and the National Museum.

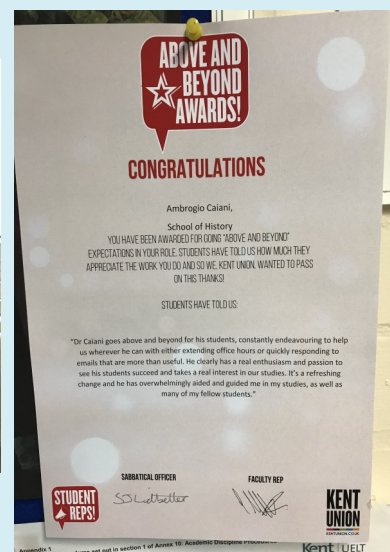
Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dr Ambrogio Caiani, Dr Mario Draper and Dr Giacomo Macola who have been awarded the Above and Beyond Award from the Kent Union!

The Above and Beyond Awards provide students with the chance to thank and celebrate all Kent University Staff who have positively impacted upon their university experience.



Dr Giacomo Macola



Student Experience

Nancy Jackson is in the third year of her History degree

How is your course going?

I'd like to think very well! Third year is challenging in terms of work load, but not impossible if you've stayed on top of first and second year! I'm really enjoying the modules I'm doing at the moment, one being Persecution, Repression and Resistance in Nazi Germany and Vichy France, and my special subject being Sex Health and Deviance. They're quite different but both very social which is the type of history I love!

What is the teaching like?

I have not had one lecturer or seminar leader who I have not been able to approach. The teaching is of a very high standard. Not only have the history department at Kent been awarded GOLD teaching standard, but I have never found a reason to complain about the standard of teaching, as across the board it is very good. The help is there, you just have to go and get it!

What kind of career do you hope to follow when you graduate, and why?

I am hoping to go into secondary school teaching. I massively enjoyed school and loved the atmosphere when I was there. It's the job I think I will enjoy the most as I can still be actively engaged in History as a subject. Before I go into a career, I am hoping to go travelling for at least 3 months.

Describe a day in the life of a History student

First thing in the morning, I get up and go to the gym. I aim to be in the library/ starting my work at around 12pm every day, just reading as much as I can. When it comes to essay week, I am in the library for a minimum of 6 hours, and doing more in the evening. I definitely work better under pressure! I attend my lectures and seminars 6 hours a week. On weekends, I often work as a Student Ambassador, working on Open Days, meeting prospective students, and promoting the School. When I am not working, I go into Canterbury as I love the city, especially on weekends as it has a real London feel- I come from an area around London so it's like home from home!



Dr Ben Marsh and his students on Sussex Radio Station

Dr Ben Marsh and some of his students went on a trip to Lewes in October, and they were recorded for Rocket FM (an independent radio station for Lewes): <http://www.rocketfm.org.uk/shows/history-hour/>



HI6086 Class at Bull House



HI6086 Class at White Hart Hotel



HI6086 Class in White Hart Hotel

Charity Santa Run

The 3.5 km charity fun run took place at The Pavilion on Wednesday, 7 December. Each runner contributed £2 which Kent Sport will be donating to charity - aiming to prevent late detection of breast cancer and misdiagnosis. Congratulations to Rob Brown, Eloise Bates, and all the runners who participated in the Kent Sport Charity Santa Run!



Charity Santa Run 2017

Events update

Back in October, the School of History worked with our friends in Special Collections and organised a pop-up exhibition, showing some of the Templeman's sources rare materials for the study of Black History. The Black History Month Exhibition took place on 25 October, and our Dr Emily Manktelow gave a short pop-up talk on her new research on Cecil Majaliwa, an African pastor-missionary who trained in Canterbury for a year in the mid-nineteenth century. Following the success of the pop-up exhibition and talk in Special Collections for Black History Month organised by Dr Amy Blackway and Dr Emily Manktelow, the School also organised another event to mark Disability History Month on 29 November.



Dr Emily Manktelow



Templeman's sources rare materials



Kent Students investigated the unique and distinctive materials in Special Collections

Great news

- Emma Purce (PhD student, and Taught Programmes Coordinator) passed her viva, with examiners Prof Joanna Bourke and Dr Claire Jones. Congratulations to her and all involved!
- PEIC's Aske Brock has been awarded a highly prestigious Carlsberg Foundation grant worth c. £156,000. The title of his grant, which grows out of the Leverhulme project, is: "Women and the company: Female agency in global trading companies, 1600-1800". Aske will complete his work on my Leverhulme project before moving to Denmark in September next year. The grant will be hosted at Aalborg University. Congratulations!

Getting to Know You

Qian Lu

Finance Assistant

Describe your role within the school

My role focusses on managing expense claims and organising invoices for the department. I'm mostly responsible for providing financial assistance to the Finance Officer, Kirsty. I also work on the Gateways Project, providing financial and administration support.

Tell us about your career so far

I graduated from Shanghai University with a law degree and then went to work for a Japanese multinational company in the city. Following this I moved to Bosch's branch in Shanghai before moving to the UK. After moving to the UK I had two children and have just come back to work.

What's your favourite part of your job?

I enjoy working with Kirsty to organise everyone's expenses, it's great to be working as part of the team.

If you have a news item, an upcoming event, or simply an idea for something you'd like to see in the next issue of this newsletter, please get in touch with Valeria Radu on v.radu@kent.ac.uk



Tell us an interesting fact about yourself:

I love karaoke, when I lived in China I used to go out with my friends and sing most weekends. One weekend we began at 10:00pm and finished at 7:00am!

Where's your favourite place in the world?

I really enjoyed the time I have spent in Hong Kong.

What's your favourite book?

My favourite book is 'Norwegian Wood' by Haruki Murakami. I really like this author and have all of his books. This book is set in 1960s Japan during the protest movement and explores the experiences of a college student.

What's your favourite film?

Can I cheat and choose the Harry Potter series? I was never much of a fan of fantasy before I came to the UK, but this series changed my perspective. I love it.