

Newsletter

You're nearly there!

We're mid-way through the exam period and the end is in sight! This is short term pain for long term gain and the exhaustion now will fade away over the summer!

There will be one more School Newsletter after this one. If you have anything to contribute to future newsletters please get in touch with us: SACmarketing@kent.ac.uk

Exam survival tips:

- Take breaks
- Actively revise - write down key points not just read notes
- Study in a place free from distraction
- Relaxation - try to manage your stress with relaxation; if you're having problems come and see us
- Sleep - turn your phone and computer off
- Be active - do some exercise
- Eat healthily and drink lots of water

Goodbye Jennie

Off on Maternity Leave

Jennie Hogg, the Marketing and Information Officer, is leaving us today to go for a years maternity leave.

We are delighted that David Falls will be joining us to take on some of Jennie's responsibilities whilst she is away.

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Breaking Convention

Get Your Tickets Now!

Breaking Convention
2013: A Multidisciplinary
Conference
on Psychedelic
Consciousness.

The conference is organised by Anna Waldstein and SAC alumnus David King.

This year the conference will be at the University of Greenwich, 12-14th July, and will feature several sessions, films and panel discussions of anthropological interest.

[See website for details](#)



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Professor Roy Ellen

An insight into his influential and important career.

PhD student Nejm Benessaiah wanted to honour Professor Ellen in his retirement by conducting an interview

to understand more fully his career and also extract as many gems of advice, knowledge and wisdom from this significant Anthropologist and inspiring academic.

Nejm: *Maybe now would be a good time to talk about your fieldwork.*

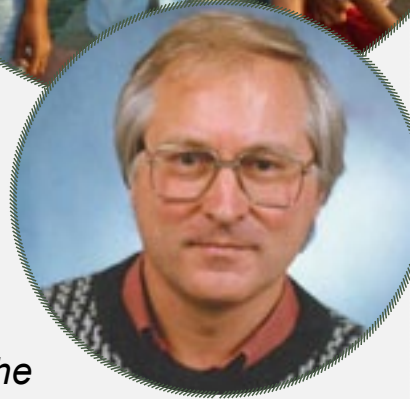
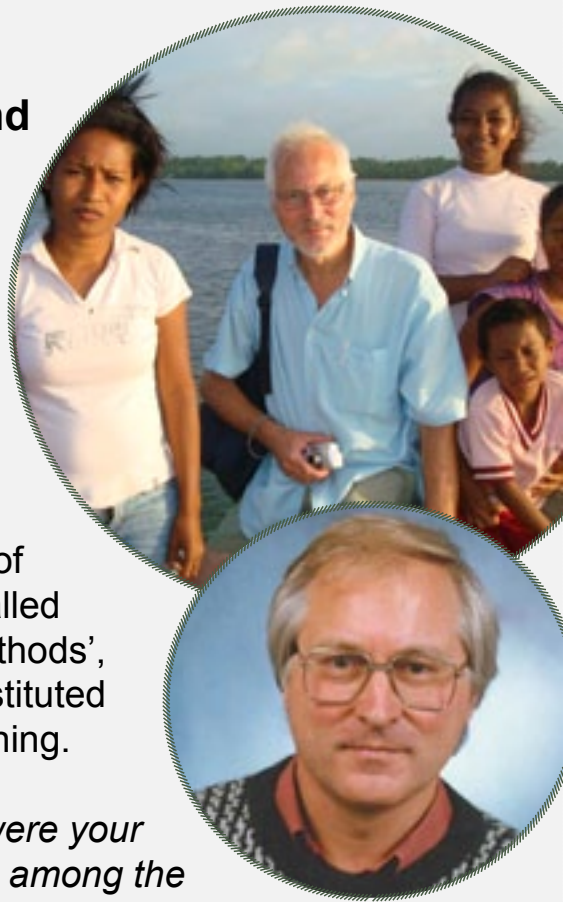
Roy: Everybody says that first fieldwork is formative, but I suppose if you're that young [I was just 22] and you haven't had any previous experience of fieldwork-type situations, it's even more formative [laughs]. Research training existed only in a rather informal way at the LSE in the late 1960s. I did a study of Portobello Road [market] stallholders, just like we still send MSc students down to the farmer's market at the Canterbury Goods Shed. But there wasn't much more than that, although I did attend a series of seminars on what was called 'fieldwork training'. I'd spent two terms in Leiden, I'd learned Dutch and I'd learned Indonesian in the canteen at the World Service of the BBC, so I had certain tools that I could utilise. There can't have been any more than 10 [research training] sessions overall, and one of them, with James Woodburn, involved telling us how important it was to buy the right kind of shotgun, and how you should buy a Land Rover that had a winch on the bonnet so that you could pull yourself out of a swamp [laughs], if you ever got into one. Although that might have been very sensible in parts of East Africa, it made no sense in a part of island southeast Asia where there was rainforest and no roads. We would never dream of giving students that kind of advice

now, as part of something called 'research methods', and that constituted fieldwork training.

Nejm: *How were your first few days among the Nuaulu?*

Roy: Plenty of embarrassment, of course. The embarrassment though came later, at least on my part. I had a very smooth introduction into Nuaulu life ways. It was all done very formally, through a very distinct series of gatekeepers. First of all you had to work through the local Indonesian administrative structure. I'd decided that I'd wanted to work among the Nuaulu when I was in Ambon while I was talking to various people. Someone who assisted me at that time was an ex-policeman from the Kei islands, and being a policeman in that part of Indonesia in the 1950s, he had travelled around quite a lot and knew Seram very well. He became - not my translator because he didn't speak any English - but my first real interlocutor, a middleman with a lot of useful contacts, and he was my assistant for a few weeks. His name was Jan Resmol and it was with Resmol that I travelled to West Seram.

Read the full interview [here](#).





Douglas MacMillan at meeting with HRH Prince Charles & HRH Prince William

This week Douglas attended a conference on saving animals from poachers. The conference hosted by Prince Charles was held at Clarence House. The conference saw Prince William introduce a documentary featuring DICE PhD student Samia Saif (recent winner of Future for Nature Award) and the Minister for the Environment, Owen Paterson, mention Douglas' [La Primavera](#) Darwin project as a new innovative approach to conservation! [Find out more.](#)



Documentary Linguistics Workshop

Laura Montesi, PhD student in Social Anthropology, participated in DocLing 2013, a

Documentary Linguistics Workshop focusing on working with speaker-linguists and resource development, in Tokyo, Japan.

This workshop was organized by the Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa of the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies together with the Hans Rausing Endangered Languages Project, SOAS, University of London.

This six-day workshop was aimed at providing field linguistic researchers with theoretical, methodological, and technical training in documentation and archiving of endangered/minority languages.

Conference Presentations

Carin Tunaker (PhD in Anthropology student) presented her work on LGBT youth homelessness at a conference in London (UCL), called 'Sexuality at Home' with a paper entitled "Family Fission: The Meaning of 'Home' to Homeless LGBT Youth". For a full workshop summary and links to audio of the presentation, visit [here](#).

Carin also presented a paper at the 'Young Sexualities' conference at Cardiff University, entitled "The Question of Q: Questioning

Identities among Homeless LGBT(Q?) Youth". [Conference summary.](#)

Best Student Talk

Congratulations to PhD student Emma Wombwell who won the 'Best student talk' prize at the BHS/ACRS Conference at the Natural History Museum, London. 'Chytrid in the amphibian trade - what are the implications and what can be done?'

Triple Publication

The new [special issue](#) of Anthropologically Quarterly, one of the major journals in the discipline, is edited by Dimitrios Theodossopoulos. It contains a theoretical introduction, an article by Roy Ellen, and second article by Theodossopoulos. The issue is making a theoretical intervention on how anthropologists should confront the elusive concept of authenticity. The contents of the issue include:

Dimitrios Theodossopoulos - Laying Claim to Authenticity: Five Anthropological Dilemmas

Dimitrios Theodossopoulos - Emberá Indigenous Tourism and the Trap of Authenticity: Beyond In-authenticity and Invention

Roy Ellen - "These Rude Implements": Competing Claims for Authenticity in the Eolithic Controversy



PhD Success

Huge congratulations go to Michael Pearson and his supervisory team following his successful defence of his thesis through a viva.

In his own words, “76 year old staggers over the line”!

Michael’s PhD is entitled ‘The discordant accord: Romania and the European Union’



New Library Resources!

The Templeman Library have successfully secured a bid for *Anthropology Online* including *Ethnographic Video 1 and 2*.

Alexander Street Anthropology is a comprehensive resource for the study of human culture and behaviour. Featuring cross-searchable access to the acclaimed Ethnographic Video Online and Anthropology Online collections, Alexander Street Anthropology provides Anthropologists, Sociologists and cultural historians with an expansive and multifaceted survey of the discipline. Researchers can explore a wide range of materials—from documentaries and field notes to written ethnographies and reference works.

Access the resources via the Anthropology Subject Guide [here](#).

GREPSEC Student Travel Award

Ph.D. student Sally Applin was awarded a student travel grant to attend the IEEE Security GREPSEC [workshop](#). The workshop was sponsored by Microsoft Research and focused on emerging research on the security and trustworthiness of computers, the data they hold, and their communications. The workshop was held on May 18-19, 2013 at the Metropolitan Club in San Francisco, CA.

Co-Authored Book

SAC PhD student Michael Costello has co-authored a book accepted by a Russian University publisher. Entitled “Law and Custom in Abkhazia - Reflections on a Theme”. The book’s other contributor is Fatima Kamkii, PhD, Associate Professor, Dean of the Faculty of Law of the Sochi Institute (branch) of the Russian People’s Friendship University. It is being printed by the Institute and reviewed by Doctor of Historical Sciences I. Babich, of the N.N. Miklukho-Maklay Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology of the Russian Academy of Sciences.



Justin Otten PhD Anthropology

I returned to the US last summer to write up as a Research Associate with the Department of Anthropology at Indiana University, my alma mater.

Shortly thereafter, I was hired as an Academic Adviser for the College of Arts & Sciences. I began that position in July, so have been working while writing up. However, I have also published one article already, 'Responses to EU rural development initiatives in the transitioning Republic of Macedonia's Tikves wine region' in *SEEU Review*, available [here](#). I have another article forthcoming in *Student Anthropologist*, and have given two papers in the last month.



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The first paper was 'Wine mafia and the thieving state: at the crossroads of capitalism and authoritarianism in 21st century Macedonia', which I gave at the annual SOYUZ symposium on postsocialist societies (this year being on authoritarianism and held at Columbia University from March 22-23.)

The second paper was 'Accession vs. association: the effects of European integration and rising inequality on kin-neighbor relations and redistribution in Macedonia', which I gave at the annual Society for Economic Anthropology (SEA) conference (this year being on inequality, and held at Washington University, St. Louis, from April 11-

Publications

SAC staff and students are research active and therefore often have new work being published.

Bowman, G 2013. 'A weeping on the road to Bethlehem: Contestation over the uses of Rachel's tomb' *Religion Compass* 7/3: 79-92

'Popular palestinian practices around holy places and those who oppose them: an historical introduction.' *Religion Compass* 7/3: 68-78.

Glenn Bowman is a Reader in Social Anthropology

Anthropological Quarterly, [Special Issue](#), 'Laying claim to authenticity: Anthropological Dilemmas' Volume 86 #2; featuring introduction and chapter by **Dimitrios Theodossopoulos** and chapter by **Roy Ellen**.

Dimitrios is a Reader and Roy a Professor in Social Anthropology

Motes, M and **Roberts, D.L.** 2013, 'Vanda perplexa (Orchidaceae): a new species from the Lesser Sunda Islands'. *Kew Bulletin* VOL. 68: 1-4 [View article](#)

William J. Sutherland, Roger Mitchell, Jessica Walsh, Tatsuya Amano, Malcolm Ausden, Trevor J.C. Beebee, David Bullock, Mike Daniels, James Deutsch, **Richard A. Griffiths**, Stephanie V. Prior, Tony Whitten, Lynn V. Dicks 2013. 'Conservation practice could benefit from routine testing and publication of management outcomes' *Conservation Evidence* 10: 1-3

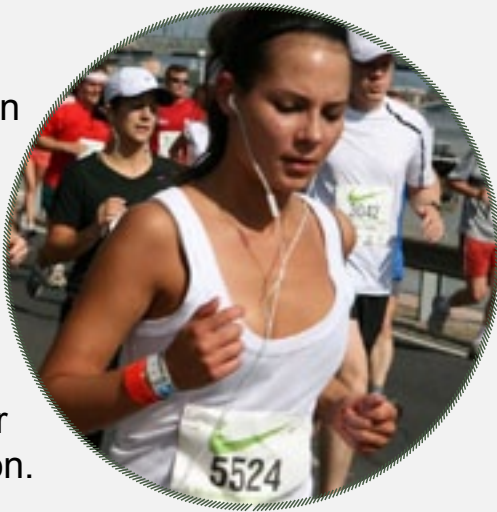
Richard Griffiths is a Professor in Conservation Biology



Cathedrals Group Half Marathon 2013

Runners will be raising money for the Article 26

project, making higher education a reality for talented students who have sought sanctuary in the UK. Visit their [website](#) for more information.



Social Research Post-Doc in Madagascar

Bangor University have funding for a 3 year ecological/environmental economics post-doc position as part of a grant from the Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation scheme 'Can capturing global ecosystem service values reduce poverty in low income countries?' [More information](#).

BioAnth Funding Opportunity

Travel prize from Society for the Study of Human Biology. [More information](#)

Other Opportunities

Please note: inclusion in this section is not an endorsement by SAC!

Call for Papers

Relocating Human Origins - What if Adam Lived in the Forest?

The conference is organised by doctoral students and will be held at the University of Cambridge on 5th July 2013.

THEME: Conventional scientific wisdom holds that modern humans evolved in the East African savannah. But what if the cradle of human evolution was actually the Central African forest, as hinted by new Y-chromosome results? How might this change our understanding of human evolution? This conference explores the implications of a forest origin for human population genetics, disease ecology, social systems, and cultural evolution.

Send abstracts by 07/06/2013 to: bioanth-conference2013-abstracts@lists.cam.ac.uk

Fieldwork Bursaries

To celebrate 30 years of the Biosocial Society, we are offering a further two postgraduate conference travel awards this year in addition to the usual conference and fieldwork bursaries given out in April and October each year. [More information](#)

1st June 2013

Tickets are on sale now!

£37.50

(£9.50 cheaper than last year)

Find out more on the LOVEITKENT [facebook page](#)

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