

Newsletter

Welcome to the SAC Newsletter - this issue demonstrates just how active our staff & student community are. With staff & students publishing, work being recognised through awards & grants, alumni talking about the wonderful career opportunities available to SAC students, and research which is having significant impact to projects in Brazil.

Please also check out this short video on [AlJazeera](#) which includes some of our Conservation Society students involved in gleaning work recently. Including an interview with Christina Gomez!!

Make sure you read through to the

interview with new colleague Tamara Hughes!

QUICK REMINDER:

Any students needing help with their module selection can attend the workshop this Wednesday; Rm 116
DICE students 1-2pm;
Anthro students 2-4pm



The newsletter is published every fortnight so if you have anything to contribute then please get in touch with Jennie:
jsh31@kent.ac.uk

Welcome to Jasmine

**Recruitment and
Events
Co-ordinator**

Jasmine Dallos-Foreman
joined the SAC
Administration Team
on Tuesday 5th March.



As well as supporting academic staff with recruitment activities, Jasmine will also be managing many of the SAC events and also co-ordinating meetings for the Head of School.

You will find Jasmine in room 10
Y.Dallos-Foreman@kent.ac.uk

Facebook Poll

What influenced your choice of Uni?

All SAC BA and BSc students are invited to take part in our Facebook Poll.

There is one simple question so will take you about 10 seconds!!!

Thank you!

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What's Been Happening?

Samia Saif Meets Jane Goodall

Winner of the Future for Nature award, Samia Saif attended the prize giving ceremony in the

Netherlands last week.

Samia was presented with her €50,000 prize by Dame Jane Goodall who commented to Samia, "You are my hope". What an AMAZING honour for Samia!

[View photos of the event](#) and watch a [video](#) of her presentation at the awards ceremony.



Samia's work is on tiger poaching in the Bangladesh Sundarbans.

Conservation Impact in Brazil



DICE PhD student, Moacir Tinoco, is currently conducting research in Barra do Itariri, Brazil.

Moacir is working on a herpetofauna conservation project for the Brazilian Institute of Environment and

Renewable Natural Resources (IBAMA).

Excitingly, one of the local land owners, a local stakeholder, has officially declared his property an area for herpetofauna conservation and research for the IBAMA project! This move protects the land as it prevents it from being declared as not productive and designated for the landless

peasant movement, which would negatively impact the conservation of the area.

There are also signs that other land owners will follow suit and they may also donate a small area of marsh land to the project.

This is a fantastic development which demonstrates the impact of Moacir's work. These actions have a positive impact on the reputations of the businesses but also provide a permanent base for the project in the region, which would ensure the future of the work.

Find out more about Moacir's work on his [webpage](#).



An Afternoon of Expanding Possibilities: Anthropology Careers Workshop

The Anthropology Careers workshop took place on the 19th Feb.

It was an intense three hour session of alumni presentations, discussions and presentations from Fiona Jones (Alumni Relations), Kathryn Jones (Careers and Employability Service) and Alan Bicker (The Mentoring Foundation).

Each alumni spoke about their experiences of getting work and offered advice.

To conclude, Alan Bicker (BA Social Anthropology 1986) spoke about a new mentoring initiative he is offering **for free** for students in the school, and outlined some of the benefits, that included indentifying your talents, improving your self confidence, gain access to a wider support system and to think outside the box. Please do get in touch with Alan Bicker if you would be interested in getting a free mentor (info@thementoringfoundation.org).



After the event we emailed each of the alumni and asked them to send us a paragraph of what they thought was the **most important advice** they could give. A summary of some of their advice and information from their presentations can be found on our [website](#).

Huge thanks goes to the speakers, the students who attended and the SAC team who organised the event.

If you are a SAC student and would like further advice on Career options and developing your employability please get in touch with Kathryn Segal in the Careers and Employability Service: K.A.Segal@kent.ac.uk



University Employability Points Scheme - Rewards Pack

Kent Innovation and Enterprise have launched a taster rewards pack to give you an idea of the rewards available for those of you collecting Employability Points!

To take advantage of the scheme you need to have signed up by 15th March.

Visit their [website](#) to find out more about the Employability Points Scheme and also view the Taster Rewards Pack.

Save Tromso

The Visual Anthropology programme at the University of Tromso is under threat of closure.

For more information and to sign the petition against this action visit the [website](#).



Seeds On Boots

Get involved in a research project, whilst on holiday!!

Ian Bride and Nigel Hardiman have been awarded a Faculty Grant to research seed dispersal and they are looking for 300 pairs of boots, that have seen overseas territory, to examine seed dispersal.

The rules:

- Planning a trip(s) to a country(ies) outside the U.K. between 1st March -1st August 2013, either for the purpose of a field study or a holiday, and during which they will spend at least some time walking in 'natural' areas, i.e. off road, outside urban areas.
- Footwear intended to be worn in the overseas natural area will need to be loaned to us for a few hours at least 48 hours before departing the U.K., for cleaning and removal of any existing seeds.
- Footwear will need to be cleaned and bagged (using one of three simple procedures and materials - to be provided) by participants before departing the overseas natural area and returning to the U.K.
- Footwear will need to be loaned to us for a couple of days on return to the U.K. to allow collection of any seeds present.

How to get involved: Email to I.G.Bride@kent.ac.uk or N.J.Hardiman@kent.ac.uk

1. Your name (please note: all participants will be anonymous for reporting purposes).
2. Your intended departure and return dates (as far as you know at this time).
3. Your intended overseas destination Country(ies) and Locality(ies).





NERC Pathfinder Grant

Huge congratulations go to Mike Fischer and Dave Roberts who have been awarded a NERC Pathfinder grant!

The grant will allow them to investigate the commercialisation of the 'iTrade Wildlife' software which they have been developing. If this scoping exercise is successful then they will be able to apply for a follow-on grant which could bring in 80-120K!!

Metin Eren's Work Now on YouTube

Research Associate, Metin Eren is a flint knapping expert in the School.

Metin's work has been included in a programme on Nova Decoding Neanderthals where he talks about the Neanderthals' tool of choice and his use of morphometrics. Metin's section begins at 8.29 minutes and is really worth a watch.

[You Tube](#)

Hadi Al Hikmani BBC 2 Programme

If you missed Hadi on BBC2 last week do not fear!! The show can still be viewed on BBC iPlayer until Friday 15th March.

[View the programme.](#)

Gonçalo Rosa Interview

PhD Biodiversity Management student Gonçalo Rosa has been interviewed about his significant work to radio-track frogs in Madagascar.

This is the first time radio-tracking has been used in this way. Read the interview on

[Mongabay.com](#)



New Scientist Press Coverage

A recent publication by PhD student Stefano Kaburu and Dr Nicholas Newton-Fisher has been highlighted in a New Scientist article. The article focuses on the killing of an alpha male chimpanzee by four of his underlings. View the New Scientist [article](#) and the original research [paper](#).

Alberto Grioman Project at Kent

Visiting researcher, Dr Alberto Groisman is conducting a project that takes as a starting point that the association between religion and mental health has been an important subject of the literature that might be called social-anthropological, mainly produced during the twentieth century.

If you'd like more information or to discuss this project with Alberto please email him: groisman.a@gmail.com

Trial Access to Anthropology Online

Anthropology Online is a resource for the study of human culture and behaviour, featuring cross-searchable access to the Ethnographic Video Online and Anthropology Online collections. Researchers can explore a wide range of materials, from documentaries and field notes to written ethnographies and reference works. You can [access it here](#).

PLEASE use the link to access the resource and also leave feedback. If we can show that this is of use to the School then there is a greater chance the University will purchase a full licence!

Publications

SAC staff and students are research active and therefore often have new work being published. Below is a selection of these which were published recently.

Kaburu, S.S.K., Inoue, S., & Newton-Fisher, N.E. 2013. Death of the alpha: within-community lethal violence among chimpanzees of the Mahale Mountains National Park. *American Journal of Primatology*, in press. [Early view](#)

Stefano Kaburu is a PhD Anthropology student. Dr Newton-Fisher is Stefano's main supervisor.

Ellen, R. and Komaromi, R. 2013 Social exchange and vegetative propagation, an untold story of British potted plants. *Anthropology Today*, Vol 29, No 1.

Professor Ellen is a SAC Emeritus Professor and Reka Komaromi is an MSc Ethnobotany graduate.

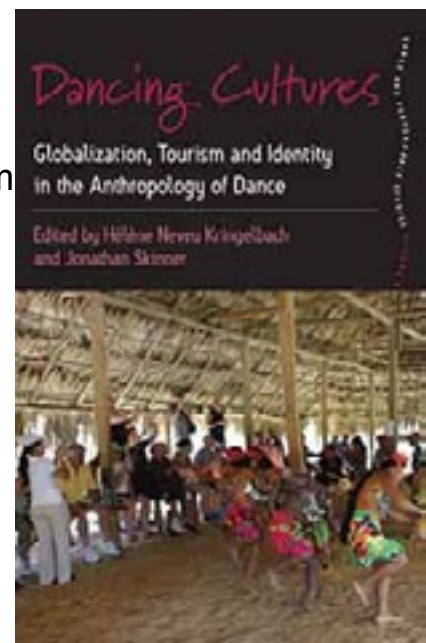
Hanna L. Mounce, David L. Leonard, Kirsty J. Swinnerton, C. Dustin Becker, Laura K. Berthold, Kelly J. Iknayan and Jim J. Groombridge, 2013 Determining productivity of Maui Parrotbills, an endangered Hawaiian honeycreeper. *Journal of Field Ornithology* pg 32–39 DOI: 10.1111/jfo.12003. [View](#)

Hanna Mounce is a DICE PhD student! Dr Groombridge is her main supervisor

de Freitas, M. A., D. P. F. de França, and D. Veríssimo. 2013 First record of the Bicoloured-spined Porcupine *Coendou bicolor* (Tschudi, 1844) for Brazil. *Check List* 9:094-096. [View](#)

Diogo Verissimo is a DICE PhD student.

Theodossopoulos, Dimitrios. 2013. Dance, visibility, and representational self-awareness in an Embera community in Panama. In *Dancing Cultures: Globalization, Tourism and Identity in the Anthropology of Dance* (eds) Hélène Neveu Kringelbach and Jonathan Skinner, 121-140. Oxford: Berghahn. [Information](#)



We think great teaching
should be recognised.

KENT UNION
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Kent Union Teaching Awards

Closing date for nominations: 25th March

This is the opportunity to recognise the tremendous impact that your academic and professional service staff have on your studies and lives every year.

To find out more and to make a nomination visit the [Teaching Awards website](#).



Human Evolution Past, Present and Future

This is a two-day symposium to review current knowledge about human evolution, with consideration of how

Man's evolution may have been influenced by a period of adaptation to an aquatic environment. Invited guests include Sir David Attenborough, Prof. Dr. Stephen Cunnane, Prof. Dr. Donald Johanson, Prof. Sir David King and Prof. Stephen Oppenheimer.

8th - 10th May in London. For more information and booking visit the [website](#).

Fakes & Frauds Lecture Day

The Friends of the Pitt Rivers Museum, Kenneth Kirkwood Memorial Lecture Day is on 16th March 10:00 - 16:00.

Four distinguished speakers take a look at how fakes & frauds may be defined and how museums and others verify the authenticity of objects.

SAC's Professor Roy Ellen, is one of the speakers presenting on "Neither hoaxes nor frauds: eoliths as a problem in cultural cognition".

[Further information & booking](#)

AAA Call for Submissions

DEADLINE: 15th March

American Anthropological Association will be holding their annual meeting in Chicago, 20-24th November 2013.

The call for invited session submission closes on 15th March. [More information](#)

RAI Undergraduate-led Conference

The 2013 RAI Student Conference, "Close

Other Opportunities

Encounters: Bringing Anthropology Home" will be taking place on 12-13th April 2013 in University of St. Andrews.

Speakers include Professor Dame Marilyn Strathern and Professor Tim Ingold.

CALL for PAPERS DEADLINE: 18th March

[For more information](#)

WWF Research Interns Wanted

The US based internships are designed for PG students, although some opportunities may be suitable for exceptional UG students. Internships include:

- Analyzing and mainstreaming forest certification
- Protected area research
- Getting conservation to scale
- US climate change
- Renewable energy
- Spatial analysis of ecosystem services
- Science-Policy
- Coral reef social-ecological systems
- Conservation Science Network

Full information and applications are made via the [WWF Careers website](#).

Volunteering: Sea Turtle Preservation in Greece

Wildlife Sense Kefalonia is a research-based sea turtle and wildlife conservation project on the island of Kefalonia, Greece. Volunteer placements are available for the summer of 2013. Volunteers will gain significant knowledge and practical experience on wildlife research, science based conservation, its legal framework, and practical aspects around it.

Visit their [website](#) for more information.

Tamara Hughes Business Development Officer

When did you join us in SAC & what do you do?

I joined SAC at the end of February 2013 as the school's new Business Development Officer. My

role is focused on developing funding opportunities through various avenues, like targeted fundraising, grant proposals, consultancy development, and private sector collaborations. If you have any ideas or work that you believe I can help facilitate, please do not hesitate to give me a shout!

What were you doing before you came here?

Before starting here at SAC, I was an MSc Management student at Kent Business School, finishing my course last Autumn. My research focused on ethical shopping in UK Supermarkets, with an emphasis on the attempts to 'mainstream' Fair Trade products. Prior to returning to University I was an Operations Manager with a Texas based company called H-E-B. Whilst my post-graduate studies focused on business, I am not a complete stranger to the curriculum of SAC, as I hold a BA in Anthropology obtained from Texas State University.

What consumes your time when you're not at work?

In attempts to combat the occasional bout of homesickness, I have become pretty invested in cooking meals from back home. Cooking various Deep South and Tex-Mex dishes has brought a lot of joy to myself and my UK family, but there are the occasional items that will raise eyebrows (biscuits and gravy means something entirely different to Americans and Brits!).

What book would you most like to read on the beach & why? *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, or any other work by David Sedaris is guaranteed to bring laughter and reflection upon not only his family dynamic, but mine as well. Sedaris' work, as well as the book *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien, will continually be found at the top of my 'to-read' list.

What TV series do you never miss and why?

Though now cancelled, *Arrested Development* and *30 Rock* are on continual loop in my household, and I make sure to get each season of *Parks and Recreation* on DVD mailed from home as soon as they are available.

What kind of music do you like to listen to in the car?

As a child my father made it a point to emphasize the importance of seeking out new and varied types of music, and because of this my tastes are quite broad. Currently, electronic influenced indie and r&b seems to be looping on my Spotify account, mostly from artists like M83 and Jessie Ware. But usually the top tracks belong to the likes of Patty Griffin and Jeff Buckley.

Describe a meal you'd cook for us if we came round.

I recently found a UK vendor that imports dried Mexican chilies, so I would do my best in recreating some of my favourite dishes. Dinner would start with empanadas, homemade salsas and guacamole, and maybe a few margaritas. The main star of the evening though would belong to either big servings of Chile Colorado or Cochinita Pibil tacos. I'd probably steer back to my southern favourites for dessert though, and serve hot peach cobbler with vanilla ice cream.

What's your worst habit? Saying the word "y'all" way more often than I should. It is a bit ridiculous, really.

What's your favourite tippie? Hendricks Gin or a glass of nice Pinot Noir is always a lovely treat.

