

**Institution: Liverpool Hope University**

**Unit of Assessment: History**

**a. Overview**

Hope History includes the following staff members: Appleby, Ellis, Evans, Finn, Grove, Kelly, O'Callaghan, Tiernan, Wagner, Williams, Yeates.

This group is composed of History teaching staff and staff from related areas. History at Hope has been on an upward trajectory within the university and is now submitting for the first time. The departure of 2 colleagues (Guy Tourlamain and Suzanne Schwarz) within the census period has been outweighed by 7 replacements, signifying the university's support for History at Hope. Evans joined as lecturer in September 2011 and Ellis as senior lecturer shortly thereafter. Tiernan was promoted from postdoctoral teaching assistant (PGTA) to Lecturer in May 2012 as well as Kelly in May 2013. Profs. Grove and Williams joined in September 2013, with Williams assuming departmental leadership. Finally, Finn was appointed PGTA in October 2013.

History as a discipline is located in the Department of History and Politics, within the faculty of Arts and Humanities at Liverpool Hope University. History was previously part of the Department of Politics, History, Media and Communication (PHMC), which came into being in September 2010. Some members of the History research group are formally located outside this departmental structure, lecturing in History in subjects such as Art History and History of Education. All, however, are based on the main university campus and form a coherent strategic unit, operating alongside one another in research clusters attached to the university's research centres.

Hope's historians are divided into three key research clusters, reflecting collective research strengths and strategic priorities. These are: Irish history (Kelly, Evans, O'Callaghan, and Tiernan) led by Evans; social and cultural history (Ellis, Finn, Williams, Wagner, and Yeates) led by Williams and maritime history (Appleby, Grove and Evans) led by Appleby.

History at Hope operates as a collective, reinforced by the many shared research interests and activities and regular team meetings and research seminars. The unity of the History research groups at Hope can be clearly traced to the collegial atmosphere fostered in the department and Faculty and is also facilitated by institutional financial backing for the unit to expand the quality of its research, staff and teaching and to increase postgraduate numbers. This has led to the appointment of more history researchers, and enhanced staff development and public engagement in these separate areas. Hence, the research clusters operate through the university's research centres: Tutu, CASI and Irish Studies (more detail on each is provided below).

**b. Research strategy**

History at Hope contributes strongly to the university's strategic goal to establish an international reputation in research appropriate to a growing liberal arts institution located in Liverpool. In line with university strategy, History contributes towards the institutional strategy of fostering interdisciplinarity, supporting independent research, and enhancing enterprise and knowledge transfer. The key vehicle used to achieve this strategic goal is the History research steering group, which is headed by Evans and involves dialogue and appraisal by external advisors. The appointment of Williams in 2013 was intended to provide experienced leadership to the History research group because Williams was previously Director of History Research at the University of Central Lancashire. This steering group oversees research in the three core areas outlined above and below.

*Irish History*

The extensive research on modern Irish history at Hope is housed within the Irish Studies Research Group (IRSG), based within the Department of History and Politics, which involves bringing together the large number of researchers working on modern Ireland within the Hope History unit and involves close collaboration amongst historians across the Faculty of Arts and Humanities. Since 2009 the IRSG has run a programme of fortnightly seminars to which several members have contributed, including Tiernan, O'Callaghan, Kelly and Evans. In 2013 Evans and Kelly hosted a one-day symposium on the life and legacy of Irish statesman Frank Aiken (1898-1983) under the aegis of the IRSG. The IRSG. Its seminar series featured early career researchers seeking to build their academic careers, thus acting as a useful vehicle in the

promotion of modern Irish history regionally. This established reputation was of use in October 2013 with Liverpool Hope university contributing to the re-enactment of a Liverpool to Dublin Food Ship to remember the generosity of Liverpool's trade union and Irish communities during the Dublin 1913 Lockout in this, the centenary year of that event. An edited collection based on the ISRG's seminar series 2013-2014 is in progress. IRSG research undermines one of our impact case studies.

#### *Social and Cultural History*

The main faculty of Arts and Humanities research centre to which Hope's social and cultural historians contribute is the Archbishop Desmond Tutu Centre for War and Peace Studies. The Centre was established by former History lecturer Paul Dalton in 2004 and, up until his departure from Hope 2011, was headed by History lecturer Guy Turlamain. Five Hope historians are currently members of the Centre. The Tutu Centre seeks to promote the interdisciplinary study of conflict and conflict resolution. Its remit includes the analysis of war, peace and the phases in between and the study of both international and civil conflict. It is located within the Department of History and Politics. Its interdisciplinary ethos is enriched by a large panel of speakers and members coming from many different departments and subject areas. In order to build up the culture of exchange between the members of the Centre, and with a view to developing long-term internal and external collaboration on research and postgraduate teaching, a programme of monthly seminars has been held since October 2009.

#### *Maritime History*

Suzanne Schwarz's research (at Hope from 1998-2011), highlighted in another impact case study, was concentrated within the Slavery and Exploitation Research Group, allied to the Andrew F. Walls Centre for the Study of Asian and African Christianity, another research centre located within the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at the university. Through the Walls Centre, Schwarz attracted maritime history speakers from Sheffield Hallam University (Barbara Bush, March 2009); University of Stirling (Robin Law, April 2008); and Humboldt University (Silke Strickrodt, January 2010). Following Schwarz's departure from the university, and this research is now channelled through the maritime-oriented Centre for Applied Research in Security Innovation (CASI). The appointment of Grove in September 2013 involved him bringing his extensive research and networks (and library of 20,000 books) to CASI as a lead historian and ambassador for that research centre. CASI was founded in January 2012 and History unit members Grove and Evans are active members. It seeks to strategically link experts in intelligence and security in the UK, United States, and Ireland. Since its foundation, in January 2012, the centre has successfully applied for £140,000 in Higher Education Innovation Funding monies, led on a transatlantic research funding bid in the area of naval intelligence, staged an international symposium on maritime security governance and co-hosted a tri-university conference on the challenges facing small navies (July and October 2012). It will publish an edited collection of research in 2013 and plans a landmark national security monograph in 2015/6, to which Evans has contributed.

Looking towards the 2014-2019 framework, History at Hope's research steering group has identified several key strategic areas for development.

As outlined in document 3a, public engagement forms a central part of the overall strategy for Hope historians. Working within the three critical research clusters, Hope historians will endeavour to maximise impact in conjunction with key interest groups in the region. As outlined in 3a, these include the Irish diaspora in the locality, the museum-going public, and non-HE educators through commemorative events, teacher education sessions and cultural festivals.

Another priority is the development of a postgraduate research culture at doctoral level. Working towards this goal, MA, M.Phil and PhD fee waivers have been introduced for the 2013-2014 academic year. History at Hope will continue to focus research on the three areas outlined above, but now with the intention to use postgraduate research and external income to develop these areas.

External funding to support research excellence is another strategic priority. Williams, who sits on the Faculty Research Committee and the University Research finance sub-committee, and Evans, as History REF Coordinator, are undertaking staff development sessions on attracting external funding and writing large collaborative bids for calls such as the AHRC's 'Care for the Future', EU FP7 and Horizon 2020. In doing so, it is intended to maximise the value of institutional

links with partners such as National Museums Liverpool and to attract indirect and non-traditional funding through greater public engagement. External funding generation will be aided by dedicated bid-writing teams located within Hope History's three core research clusters.

### **c. People, including:**

#### **i. Staffing strategy and staff development**

History at Hope has placed an emphasis on encouraging colleagues to participate in a wide range of professional development training opportunities that the University has offered. These range from publication and research skills through to doctoral supervision training, media interview skills and web editing. The University has stipulated that all senior colleagues from Grade 8 and above must engage in research funding bids.

Following a major institutional process of changed management in 2011, capacity building was undertaken in History. Two appointments in history – a Grade 7 Lectureship and Grade 7 PETF later upgraded to Lectureship – were filled by Drs Evans and Tiernan. These appointments occurred in the context of the departure of the Grade 10 professor of history (Schwarz) and were followed by the recruitment of Kelly from October 2012.

Career progression at Hope is subject to a rigorous process of evaluation, especially in relation to the quality of staff research. Both Tiernan and Kelly have been promoted from PGTA to Lecturer. Evans has been promoted to Senior Lecturer with effect from September 2014. Duties within the History research group are divided as fairly as possible, with colleagues taking on the considerable administrative and managerial tasks attendant to small team teaching in line with their personal and professional strengths.

Historians at Hope have sought to judiciously grow its taught postgraduate provision in the context of challenging UK market conditions and we are currently in the early stages of a period of growth. Our MAs in History and Museum and Heritage Studies, reflecting a University priority to advance a strategic partnership in which the institution is engaged with National Museums Liverpool, and 50 have successfully graduated in the census period. The partners envisage commercial (e.g. CPD), community and scholarly gains and the MA in Museum and Heritage Studies commenced recruitment in September 2013. In January, Antoinette McKane was recruited on a year-long contract as Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow with a specific brief to take the MA forward.

#### **ii. Research students**

In line with institutional strategy, History at Hope has endeavoured to expand postgraduate numbers. Part of this strategic priority is to ensure that all research students of the University acquire the essential skills required by the national framework of the Joint Research Councils. The Liverpool Hope University Research Skills Scheme was therefore established. It operates on the principle of mapping the subjective ownership of skills against both national frameworks and University research. At the centre of this structure is the student completion of the personal development portfolio of skills acquisition over the course of their studies. The institution also subscribes to Research Skills Online, a web-based training suite. Students are required to undergo Annual Progress Monitoring (APM): the formal recommendation of re-registration each year. APM involves the supervisor, an independent advisor and independent chair formally reviewing the student's research outputs before progression is recommended.

To ensure compliance with this strategic goal, all doctoral supervisors attend regular institutional supervisor training sessions organised by the university. The university also provides workshops for PhD supervisors run by external experts, which Hope historians are encouraged to attend.

Postgraduate researchers are considered important contributors to the research culture in History. History at Hope is therefore actively recruiting postgraduate students and a number are currently engaged in studies.

Geoffrey Chorley completed his doctorate entitled 'The Emergence of Gladstone's Moral Monster' in 2011 and Richard Williams completed his study of Archbishop Stuart Blanch (1918-1994) in the same year.

Chris Williams is currently supervising two doctoral students who are, respectively, researching contemporary European fascism and Polish-Russian relations in Russia during the early Vladimir Putin era, which relates to his expertise in European history. Bryce Evans currently supervises one

part-time doctoral student (due to complete in 2017) on 'The State Transformation of Space in Liverpool, 1939-1945', on an Archbishop Desmond Tutu Centre full fee scholarship. which ties in with Evans' research expertise on the economic history of the Second World War.

In order to grow the number of Hope History doctoral research students, and in line with the emphasis on the expanding postgraduate research at the university, all History students going onto our MA programme next year will be entitled to a £1,000 fee waiver if they achieve a 2.1 or higher in their undergraduate History degree. It is thus hoped to expand the MA contingent, to feed through to PhD. Partial fee waivers for History doctoral students from 2014/15 onwards have been made a priority by the faculty research committee. A postgraduate seminar series is being held in 2013-2014, hosted by the history subject area. A two day postgraduate colloquium is planned for April 2014, which will feature presentations from postgraduate students throughout the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, and is being organised Kelly.

### **c. Income, infrastructure and facilities**

The university's research strategy is headed by its Research and Academic Development Office (RADO), which oversees the coordination of institutional research culture. RADO provides institution-wide support, which is implemented department-specifically. It funds PhD studentships, training for researchers and research supervisors, and oversees public engagement initiatives. Furthermore, separate university and faculty research funds have an annual budget which supports conference attendance and archival research.

#### *Digital archival research*

The university's research strategy prioritises digital archival research. It therefore pays for subscriptions to the library-based research tools, specifically to aid the research of historians within the unit, including British Newspapers 1600 – 1900; The Times Digital Archive; JISC Historic Books; House of Commons Parliamentary Papers (includes Hansard) (18th, 19th, 20th centuries); Dictionary of Irish Biography; Oxford Dictionary of National Biography; John Johnson Collection; World Newsreels Online 1929-1966.

Through several recent acquisitions (secured by Hope historians), the university is expanding its archival holdings and digital archive infrastructure. The Gradwell collection, entrusted to Liverpool Hope on the closure of St. Joseph's College at Upholland in 2012, contains material covering the following subjects: theology, philosophy, church, secular and local history, ecclesiastical history, art, architecture, sociology, education and works of general reference. It also includes recusant works and early printed works. The collection also houses a section devoted to the Blessed John Henry Newman (1801-1890), who was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in September 2010. This material was secured by History team member Stephen Kelly in February 2012. It constitutes the only complete copies of Newman's papers (154 reels) with a corresponding online catalogue outside North America. This collection is of unique research value to researchers in nineteenth century politics, culture, society and theology. Its content embodies the university's ecumenical research ethos as articulated in Newman's seminal *Idea of the University* (1859). The university's research fund has supported a number of events hosted by Hope's historians, which have been allocated to specific research clusters within the unit.

#### *Irish history*

This cluster was awarded £2,500 for a series on Irish Historical Literature which ran for ten weeks between October to December 2012. Sonja Tiernan, who co-organised the series, was awarded the money from the university's research fund to enable visiting lecturers to attend and speak. Similarly, Bryce Evans and Stephen Kelly were awarded £1,500 from the same fund for their conference on Irish revolutionary Frank Aiken (1898-1983), which took place in March 2013. Hope's Arts and Humanities faculty research committee has also provided numerous small awards enabling team members in the Irish cluster to travel to disseminate their research on modern Ireland at conferences around the globe. Examples of conference destination funding for 2012-13 include New Orleans, Cork (Tiernan), Tirana, Brussels, London (Evans), and Bucharest (Kelly).

Bryce Evans' research on Irish food history has evolved into comparative research on global food history. He was awarded several external funding grants during the census period. In September 2012 he was awarded £10,000 by the Arts and Humanities Research Council to support the write-up of a European Union FP7 funding bid for £2.5 million. He used this AHRC EU

Proposal Support Funding to host a workshop at which participants were flown in to Liverpool from around Europe (November 2012) and visited South Africa to build partnerships (December 2012) for the bid. The FP7 bid examines media representations of conflict, containing a significant component of Evans' research on the economic history of the Second World War. He also received several small awards, including the British Association of Canadian Studies Travel Award (March 2012) of £500, which funded a week's study on Canadian economic history during the Second World War in the National Library and Archives, Ottawa. In August 2013 he received £500 and £700 from the Society for the Study of French History and Economic History Society to host a conference on 'Food and the First World War' in April 2014. His research into food history was bolstered by the award of £5,000 by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) in April 2013 to support a food history social enterprise initiative. He is awaiting the result of a £30,000 bid to the Economic and Social Research Council (submitted February 2013) to support a seminar series entitled 'Food History and Food Security'.

#### *Social and cultural history*

The faculty provided £5,000 to support the hosting of a conference entitled 'Memory, Conflict and Space' by the Tutu Centre. This conference was co-organised by Evans and took place in July 2013 at Liverpool Hope's Creative Campus, hosting 60 early career and established researchers from over twenty countries. It also enabled the travel of prestigious keynote speakers such as renowned Spanish investigative journalist Emilio Silva (Association for the Recovery of Historical Memory, Madrid) and Fr. Michael Lapsley, a South African Anglican priest and social justice activist (International network for Peace, Capetown).

Heather Ellis received €15,000 (blind peer-reviewed grant) from the Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Cologne towards the costs of organising a conference jointly with Dr Simone Mueller-Pohl (Free University, Berlin) at the Free University Berlin (1-3 August 2013) with the title 'Actor-Networks between Global Markets and the Nation, 1650-1950'. She has also received an additional grant of €1500 to cover the travel and accommodation costs of the keynote speaker Professor Emily S. Rosenberg (University of California, Irvine).

#### *Maritime history*

The Centre for Applied Research in Security Innovation (CASI), of which Grove and Evans are members, received £140,000 in Higher Education Innovation Funding monies in January 2012 and submitted an £82,000 bid to the Ministry of Defence in March 2013. Thanks to institutional support, it has fostered a number of external collaborations with universities in which the historical study of maritime security is prominent, including Mercyhurst, USA, and Groningen University, Netherlands.

### **d. Collaboration or contribution to the discipline or research base**

#### *Events featuring external speakers*

Across the three principal research clusters, Hope's historians have contributed to the broadening of the disciplinary research base by hosting a number of high profile events featuring external speakers.

In the social and cultural history cluster, the principal vehicle for this exchange has been the Archbishop Desmond Tutu Centre. Professor Johan Galtung visited Liverpool Hope in January 2013 to deliver the Tutu Centre's Civic Lecture on the subject "Four Components of Peace". Furthermore, in the census period the Tutu Centre hosted two international conferences in which historians predominated: 'Conflict, Memory and Memorialisation: War and European Culture in the Twentieth Century' (17-18 July 2010) and 'Sport, Conflict and Reconciliation' (28 April 2012), which was co-organised by O'Callaghan. Between 2008 and 2013 the Tutu Centre's seminar series has featured visiting historians such as Michael Kennedy, Royal Irish Academy (12 November 2009); Matthew Stibbe, Sheffield Hallam University (8 December 2009); Paul Ward, University of Huddersfield (11 February 2010); and Ian Speller, NUI Maynooth (24 February 2011).

Outside of the aegis of the Tutu centre, Hope historians have organised conferences featuring leading scholars. Kathrin Wagner organised a conference entitled 'Inter-Culture 1400-1850. Art, Artists and Migration' (5-6 April 2013) exploring the effects of migration on art and artists in Europe and beyond before, during and shortly after the Industrial Revolution. The keynote lectures were

delivered by leading scholars in the field of art history university research (Professor Eberhard Koenig, Free University Berlin and Professor Fintan Cullen, University of Nottingham) as well as museum-based research (Tim Batchelor, Tate Britain). Speakers from established European and North American institutions (The Warburg Institute London, Cambridge, UCL, Yale Centre for British Art New Haven, Technical University Berlin) presented the latest research on the topic at Hope.

Wagner's conference was followed by a symposium coordinated by Kelly on the subject of 'John Henry Newman, Liberal Catholicism and Ultramontanism', which was held at the university in April 2013. In the previous academic year, 2012-2013 Tiernan co-organised the Irish Literature Lecture Series at Liverpool Hope University and the International Women's Day Exhibition at Liverpool Hope University, which was actively supported by unit members in the Irish history cluster.

#### *External invitations to speak*

In addition to hosting external speakers, unit members have been invited to speak at a number of high profile events at external institutions. Appleby's article on the Hull whaling trade in *The Northern Mariner* won the Keith Matthews Award for Best Article published in 2008 (presented by the Canadian Nautical Research Society) and he was later invited to present a paper (on Tudor piracy) at Hull University for a commemorative seminar in honour of Professor K. R. Andrews FBA, in March 2012. In November 2012 and January 2013 Heather Ellis gave two invited lectures at the University of Oxford discussing aspects of the history of education. Shortly thereafter, in February 2013, on behalf of the Irish Embassy in Romania, Kelly delivered a keynote address on John Henry Newman's association to Ireland. This venture was arranged by the Irish government to coincide with Ireland's rolling presidency of the EU (January-June 2013). Tiernan was invited as keynote speaker at the Irish Feminist Activism and the Arts Conference, University College Cork (June 2013); Manchester Irish Conference, Manchester Town Hall (March 2013); the LGBT History Month event at the Working Class Movement Library, Manchester and the Cúirt International Festival of Literature, Galway, Ireland (April 2013) and formally presented her biographical study to Irish President Michael D. Higgins in June 2012. On 20 March 2013 Evans addressed a large public event at the new Museum of Liverpool by invitation of the Lancashire and Cheshire Historical Society and in August 2013 was invited to speak at London South Bank University's Families and Social Capital Research Group. Williams has delivered papers at the University of Joensuu Finland (March 2008), ICCEES World Congress Stockholm (August 2010), Lund University (August, 2011) and the University of Eastern Finland, April 2012

#### *External Collaborations*

Hope's historians have also contributed to the discipline through a number of significant external collaborations. Heather Ellis continues to pursue a three-year research collaboration with Dr Lily Chang (Magdalene College, Cambridge), containing a selection of papers from the conference 'Juvenile Delinquency in the 19th and 20th Centuries: East-West Perspectives' held at the Humboldt University, Berlin on 12-13 March 2011 and sponsored by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Cologne with a peer-reviewed research funding grant of €10,000. Her ongoing collaborative project with Dr. Georgia Christinidis (Rostock University, Germany) entitled 'Why Humanities?' was set up in 2010 with an initial grant of €3000 from the Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Cologne. Sonja Tiernan is currently editing a new book, *Gender and Sexual Politics in Ireland*, with colleagues from Bryn Mawr university, USA, and University College Dublin. She worked with colleagues in Notre Dame University, USA, to establish a new online journal, *Breac: a digital journal of Irish Studies*. The journal was launched in April 2013. Williams has recently completed a Nuffield Foundation project on "Survival strategies among different ethnic groups in Tatarstan" (grant £11,960) involving the Centre for Analytical Studies and Development in Kazan, Russia, and has been a Visiting Professor in the Department of History and Geography, University of Eastern Finland since 2010.

#### *Peer review*

Historians at Hope have also carried out substantial review and referee work. Chris Williams has commented on Russian Affairs for local and national radio, such as Radio 4's *Turning World*. He has refereed articles for: *American Medical Journal*, *Education in Russia*, *Europe-Asia Studies*,

*Irish Slavonic Studies*, *Journal of Communist Studies*, *Russian and East European Review*, *Slavonic and East European Review* and *Social History of Medicine* and has refereed book proposals for Ashgate, Frank Cass, Manchester University Press and Routledge. Additionally, he has refereed research grant proposals submitted to UK Economic and Social Research Council, the British Academy, the Nuffield Foundation, the Wellcome Foundation, the Leverhulme Trust; Canadian Humanities and Social Science Research Council, and the European Science Foundation and NORRUS programme of Norwegian research Council. Appleby has acted as a Reader for Oxford University Press for two book proposals and was an External examiner for a PhD at Trinity College Dublin (2012). Heather Ellis has refereed several monograph proposals for Ashgate (History), Palgrave Macmillan (History) and has published reviews for the *English Historical Review*. Tiernan is a peer reviewer for the *Women's History Review Journal*, the Edwin Mellen Press and the *History Research* journal. Since March 2012 Bryce Evans has been a reviewer for Manchester University Press and Routledge and has written an essay review for *Food and History*. In the census period John Appleby has acted as a book reviewer for the *International Journal of Maritime History*, *Mariner's Mirror*, and the *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*.

#### *Professional memberships*

In order to engage with the latest developments in historical scholarship, historians at Hope occupy a series of professional memberships. Williams is a Member of the *British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies*; *Social Policy Association*; *International Sociological Association*, *Research committee 19 on Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy* and of government think tank, Chatham, House (2007-) Since January 2013 Ellis has been a member of the Executive Committee of the History of Education Society, UK and is currently Treasurer Elect. In February 2013 she was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society (RHS). Evans is a member of the Economic History Society, the International Commission for Research into European Food History and a fellow of the Humanities Institute of Ireland and the Higher Education Academy. Stephen Kelly is a committee member of the National Institute for Newman Studies, Pittsburgh, USA. He is also a member of the Irish Historical Society and the International Centre for Newman Studies, Dublin, Ireland. Tiernan is currently secretary of the Women's History Association of Ireland, and a member of the American Conference of Irish Studies, the Irish Historical Society, the Newspaper and Periodical History Forum of Ireland and the Women's History Network, UK.

In summary, Liverpool Hope university's support for external contributions to the discipline has enabled the above activities to take place. This reflects the broader strategy – at institution-wide and faculty level – to promote the dissemination of research locally and internationally while building a thriving and supportive research culture.