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| Institution: University of Manchester |
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| <p>a. Overview The Department of Classics & Ancient History is returning 14FTE of staff, including 7.2 researchers and teachers in Ancient History, 4.6 in Classical Literature and its reception, 1.2 in Classical Philology and Linguistics, and 1 in Graeco-Arabic studies. The Department, as from late 2012, sits within the School of Arts, Languages and Cultures. Since RAE 2008, we have moved forward in major areas, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recruiting two new senior staff (Pormann, Cooper) alongside two former members of staff (Cornell, Adams) in areas which build on existing strengths; • increasing significantly our research income, up from c. £328K for RAE 2008 to c. £993K for REF 2014 (with total grant capture inside the period 2008-13 exceeding £2 million); • taking a leading role in our University's new John Rylands Research Institute (which has already brought the appointment of White as Research Fellow attached to Classics, in an area which builds on existing strengths); • making key institutional progress with the Rylands papyri collection. <p>In addition, we have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • widened our expertise in science and medicine; • developed our research clusters in epigraphy and in epistolography. |
| <p>b. Research strategy Our research strategy has been determined both by the desire to meet the aims for the future set out in RAE 2008, and by the need to develop beyond those aims. In RAE 2008, the principal aims of our research strategy for the future were: to foster new and developing researchers; to pursue chosen research themes through international conferences and resulting publications; to move forward as national and international leaders in the field, within an environment of internal and external cooperation and collaboration; to encourage both individual research plans and collaborative projects; and to develop as an international centre for papyrological studies, utilising the John Rylands collection.</p> <p>This strategy has seen the promotion to senior lectureships of three of the five staff who were entry-level during the last RAE period (Liddel, Low, Morrison); a fourth (Lehoux) was appointed to a full professorship in Kingston ON. The commitment of the Department to encouraging individual research plans may be seen in the number of single-authored books and articles returned in the REF submission. Its dedication to collaborative projects is evident in a number of co-authored monographs and major scholarly editions (Cornell, Gibson-Morello, Pormann-Adamson), but above all in the international conferences regularly organized by the Department. During the current REF period, Manchester Classics staff have organized 26 major conferences and workshops – compared with 8 such meetings reported for RAE 2008 – including 3 events on Greek epigraphy, 3 on ancient medicine, 2 on Roman social history, 3 on Latin literature, 6 on religion and identity in the Roman world, 2 cross-disciplinary events on epistolography and the reception of Greco-Roman Egypt, and 7 on Roman late antiquity. Such conferences have continued to make their mark by generating significant publications. The fruits of events held during the earlier RAE period have now appeared in print, including: Gibson-Morello <i>Pliny the Elder</i> (2011: conference 2006); Liddel-Fear <i>Historiae Mundi</i> (2010: conference 2007); Langslow-Maire <i>Body, Disease and Treatment</i> (2010: conference 2007). Further conferences hosted by Manchester staff since 2008 are either published or close to being published: Lehoux-Morrison-Sharrock <i>Lucretius</i> (2013: conference 2009); Liddel-Low <i>Inscriptions and their Uses</i> (2013: conference 2010); Parkin-Evans <i>Grubbs Oxford Handbook of Childhood</i> (2013: conference 2011); Gibson-Power <i>Suetonius the Biographer</i> (2014: conference 2008); Mazza <i>Graeco-Roman Egypt at Manchester</i> (2014: conference 2011); Cooper <i>Between Heaven and Earth</i> (2015: conference 2013). Interdisciplinary and collaborative research is also an important part of the work carried out by our researchers in the fields of late antiquity, ancient history, and ancient literature, medicine and technical writing; see below under e) Collaboration.</p> <p>This post-2008 strategy is complemented in our appointing two new senior scholars to strengthen existing expertise. In 2010 Cooper joined us from Religions & Theology, and was promoted to a chair in Ancient History. She reinforces our coverage of Roman late antiquity (already represented particularly by Fear), and has opened new links with early Christianity both in and beyond Manchester. In 2012 Pormann moved to us from Warwick, to a chair in Greek and Arabic Studies. His command of the Arabic reception of Greek medicine and science adds to our range, and brings immediately a new overseas collaboration, with the Classics Department of Cairo University, for a</p> |

Wellcome Trust-funded edition of the Arabic version of Galen's *On the Affected Parts*. Like **Cooper, Pormann** also enhances an existing strength, in the history of science and medicine and the family, embodied in **Beagon, Parkin** and **Langslow**. The appointment of **Adams** (formerly Professor of Latin at Manchester) likewise invigorates our research in Classical Philology & Linguistics. Following **Langslow's** substantial input into **Adams' Social Variation and the Latin Language** (2012), a joint conference is planned along the lines of **Adams' successful** previous Manchester conference on Latin linguistics. The fresh appointment of **Cornell** (who initially retired from Manchester in 2011) has been vital in sustaining our strengths in Roman social history.

We have also moved beyond the aims of RAE 2008 by significantly increasing our research income. In the period up to RAE 2008, the Department generated £328,057 of income, compared with a total of £993,482 in the period 2008-13. A number of large grants extending into the next REF period have also recently been captured, of which we highlight **Pormann's** ERC 'Arabic Commentaries on the Hippocratic Aphorisms' grant, worth £1,246,775 over the period 2012-17; for details, see **d) Income**. Two further large grants can be mentioned here: **Cooper's Constantine's Dream** (funded as part of the RCUK Global Uncertainties programme) and *Early Christian Martyr Acts* (Leverhulme) generated funding for two successive three-year appointments (2009-12, 2012-15) through which we were able to recruit a Greek papyrologist (Mazza), and so fulfil an aim highlighted in RAE 2008. During her first appointment, Mazza made significant progress with assessing the unpublished papyri in the John Rylands library. The edited volume *Graeco-Roman Egypt at Manchester* (mentioned above) is among the first fruits of her work. During her second tenure, she plans to make further progress on the unpublished papyri - thanks in part to the Department's success in securing the appointment of **Pormann** as the first Director of the University's new John Rylands Research Institute. In this role, **Pormann** is currently spearheading a pilot project to promote and support the use of the Special Collections of the John Rylands Library; for further details, see **d) Income**. As part of this project he has secured funding to allow Mazza a year's sabbatical leave to work on the Rylands papyri with a view to laying the ground work for a major research grant application to fund an international team to work on a fifth volume of the *P. Rylands* series (which has languished since the 1930s). **Pormann's** tenure has also seen the appointment of **White** as JRRI Research Fellow attached to Classics. **White's** interests and publications focused on early printed editions and commentaries on classical authors (especially Ovid) not only add to established Manchester strengths in Ovid (**Gibson, Sharrock**), and the commentary tradition (**Gibson, Pormann**), but also significantly extend our emerging interests in reception (**Pormann**).

Two distinctive research clusters have also emerged since RAE 2008. Epistolography has become a key focal point for collaborative projects. A ground-breaking **Gibson-Morello** conference on Pliny the Younger in 2000 and a **Morello-Morrison** conference on Ancient Letters in 2004 (with publication of select papers in 2003 and 2007 respectively) were strategically extended during the current period through collaborative and individual work by **Gibson, Morello, and Morrison** that has produced 12 chapters or articles and one jointly-authored monograph in the area of ancient letters. This research cluster extended its network still further in 2011 with an interdisciplinary workshop: 'Lives and Letters: Epistolography and (Auto) biography'. Papers were contributed not only by members of the Department and keynote speaker (Mary Beard, Cambridge), but also by Manchester colleagues in Music, German, History and English.

A second emerging research cluster is that of **Liddel-Low** on epigraphy. Building on their individual research strengths in Greek epigraphy, they focused in the current period on building Manchester's reputation as a centre for epigraphical research. They have organised a number of colloquia in this field (see **e) collaboration**), as well as practical workshops, e.g. 2011's international workshop on Reflectance Transformation Imaging (which made use of the Manchester Museum's epigraphic holdings). Their own collaborative research has focused on the literary deployment of Greek and Latin inscriptions. A data-collection project (2006) and exploratory Panel at the International Congress of Greek and Latin Epigraphy (2007) laid the foundations for significant work in this REF period, of which the highlights were the conference (*Inscriptions and their Uses*) and major publication mentioned earlier.

Our research strategy for the 2014-19 REF period includes encouragement of staff to pursue their individual research plans; the search for a balance between contributions to existing research agendas and the need to evolve personal research projects which are distinctive, focused, and forward-moving; the development of our research clusters; the maintenance of our improved grant

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capture; and the sustainment of our record of running international conferences.

Projects in which individuals write monographs or play a leading role in a collaborative enterprise lie at the very heart of our research. Numerous large-scale monographs or leading-editor projects highlighted by RAE 2008 for *completion* in the current period have now appeared, e.g. **Cornell** *Fragments of the Roman Historians*; **Gibson-Morello** *Reading the Letters of Pliny the Younger*; **Langslow** *Wackernagel: Lectures on Syntax I-II*; **Lehoux** *What Did the Romans Know*; **Parkin** *Oxford Handbook of Childhood*; and **Sharrock** *Reading Roman Comedy*. Similar projects highlighted for ongoing *development* in RAE 2008 have made progress in the current period, and are likely to appear in the REF period after 2014 (alongside other projects which, on reflection, needed more than one REF cycle to reach full maturity). Prominent examples include **Beagon** *Natural Wonders in Classical Antiquity*; **Gibson** *Pliny: Letters Book 6*; **Griffiths** *Children in Greek Tragedy*; **Morello** *Encomiastic Blame*; **Morrison** *Apollonius, Herodotus and Historiography*; and **Sharrock** *Ovid and Epic*. To these we add a selection of significant monographs planned for progress and development in the post-2014 period – of which a number have been funded by research grants (see **d**) **Income**) – including **Adams** *Style of Latin Prose*; **Cooper** *Constantine's Dream*; **Langslow** *Wackernagel: Unpublished Lectures on Syntax III-IV*; **Liddel** *Fourth Century Athenian Decrees in Literary Texts*; **Low** *Greek Imperialism*; **Parkin** *Sexual Health in Antiquity*; **Pormann** *Medicine in Abbasid Baghdad and Hippocratic Aphorisms in the Arabic Tradition*, and *Arab Athena: the Graeco-Roman Past in the Modern Middle East*. It is also a major part of our strategy to encourage the production of commentaries and editions by individual staff, including some large-scale work. In addition to **Gibson** *Pliny Letters Book 6*, it is planned that progress will be made during the next REF period with **Morrison** *Callimachus, Selections*; **Langslow** *Alexander of Tralles, Therapeutica and On Fevers*; **Pormann** *Al-Kaskarī, Medical Compendium*; and **Todd** *Lysias 13-21*. **White**'s project on the Renaissance commentary tradition on classical authors complements this work (see **d**) **below**).

Alongside the development of strong individual research projects, we aim to encourage the development of two existing research clusters. In particular, within the epigraphy research cluster, **Liddel-Low** plan both to widen their individual and collaborative research to specific areas of Greek epigraphy (e.g. epigraphy and power relations), and to expand their programme of epigraphic seminars and conferences, focussing especially on the dissemination of new epigraphic discoveries (building on several events in the current period). They also plan to work in greater partnership with local museums - by developing contacts established in the current period (e.g. in the workshop mentioned above) - to enhance knowledge of their epigraphic collections (some of not yet fully published). Within the epistolography cluster, further individual publications on a range of ancient letter-writers are planned (e.g. Plato, Cicero, Pliny), alongside a proposed submission of a major grant application by **Gibson-Morrison** on the nature and purpose of ancient letter collections, and a **Gibson-Morello-Morrison** conference on Cicero's letters in 2014.

Furthermore, a new research network is currently evolving under **Parkin**, who plans to develop his and his PhD students' interest in health and ageing in ancient societies by building up an international nexus of historians and archaeologists who work on aspects of the life course (building on a workshop in June 2013 at Manchester), with a view to developing more research outputs and outreach activities such as those already undertaken with Manchester Interdisciplinary Collaboration for Research on Ageing (see **Impact Strategy**). **Parkin** also plans to explore aspects of sexual health in antiquity, particularly in relation to social and cultural practices built around perceptions and superstitions relating to sexuality from cross-cultural perspectives, building on Manchester's existing strengths in ancient medicine and with a view to making grant applications. Further planned applications include Mazza's project connected with *P.Ryl.* 5 (mentioned earlier).

c. People, including:

i. Staffing strategy and staff development

Our strategy includes strong support for all staff - whether early-stage or continuing, permanent or temporary - through a programme of mentoring, probation, or development reviews. All research-active staff are required to discuss their research progress and plans individually with the departmental Research Coordinator at meetings scheduled for the start and end of the teaching year. Research is also a named item on the individual yearly PDR meetings conducted in spring within the Department, while the Research Coordinator reports five times a year at departmental meetings on research developments within the unit and on research policy within the School. Furthermore, as from summer 2013, the School requires individually scheduled annual reviews of

large grant application plans for all staff.

The success of these structures for supporting staff at the early stages of their career – in addition to a reduced teaching load and no major administrative roles – may be judged by the publications and promotions (highlighted earlier) of **Liddel, Low, Morrison** and Lehoux in the current period, after early-career support in the RAE 2008 period. In the current period there are no permanent early-career researchers in the Department; but we regard it as important evidence of our support for young researchers that one of our recent international conferences (Horace's *Epodes*, 2012) was proposed and organized entirely by temporary junior lecturers (Stocks, Bather). An edited collection based on the conference is currently being given strong support by OUP (in keeping with the tradition of Manchester Latin conferences).

In order to further build capacity in early-career research, the School supports the Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship scheme and provides 50% of the funding for holders. Our most recent successful applicant to the scheme, Coker, joined us in Sept. 2013. Her project on *The Language of Offence in Ancient Greek* – based on material inherited from Manchester's late Professor of Greek (D. Bain) and originally designed to stand in parallel to Adams' *Latin Sexual Vocabulary* – will benefit from the input of **Adams** himself. Scholars who have held PDRFs within the Department during the period and profited from the support outlined above, have gone on to achieve further career success in permanent or temporary positions elsewhere, including: Hillner (BA: Sheffield), Roselaar (Newton: Nottingham), Petit (Wellcome: Warwick), Rohmann (ESRC: RA Max Planck Institute, Berlin). Stocks, temporary lecturer in Classics 2010-11, has also gone on to a 3.5 yr lectureship in Radboud, Nijmegen. Two PDRFs active in the previous period have since gone on to permanent employment in the current period (Eidinow, Leverhulme: Nottingham; Taylor, Leverhulme: Madison WI).

For permanent staff, further support is available in the shape of research leave - awarded on the basis of one semester in seven, subject to a convincing research plan and a satisfactory report showing that the objectives of any previous period of leave were met. (In the current period, Classics staff achieved 26 semesters of institutional or funded research leave.) In addition, there are generous personal allowances and research support funds: see below **d) Income** for full details. The University of Manchester has also developed a Concordat Implementation Plan and in recognition of this work has received the HR Excellence in Research Award from the European Commission.

The Department, in conjunction with the University, is committed to equality in employment and career development for its staff. In particular, there are established procedures for assisting disabled staff to return to or remain in full-time productive employment. Two members of Classics staff have benefited from these arrangements, which have included the opportunity for a phased return to work after serious illness, plus personal assistance, specialist office furniture, software, and equipment, as required. One member of staff also took advantage of the University's Carers' Leave Scheme, which provides for career breaks of up to two years for those with family carer responsibilities. Classics has sustained its diversity: 12 different nationalities have been represented among our permanent, temporary and postdoctoral staff in the period; 7 Classics staff are women.

For links with organizations outside academia, see the **Impact Strategy** document.

ii. Research students

PhD students are expected to involve themselves in the Department's research culture throughout their degrees, and are given specific opportunities actively to contribute to it, including writing papers with their supervisors and co-organizing workshops (as with **Parkin** and Jones' 2013 paper on 'Loneliness in old age' and 2013 workshop on 'Retirement'). All postgraduate students (including PGT students, for whom review and discussion of each week's seminar is an integral part of the MA) are expected to attend the weekly departmental research seminar alongside all teaching and research staff, and to participate in discussions. This seminar adds up to a very full annual programme of talks on current research given by visiting scholars from all over the world; typical attendance is between 35 and 50. Postgraduate research students normally give a paper to this seminar in their third year. First-year PhD students attend a weekly research methods seminar (shared with MA students), and in their second semester give a short paper to that seminar. A student-led postgraduate seminar series (shared with History) gives PhD students the opportunity to present their research in a less formal environment. Our students regularly give papers at national conferences (AMPAH, AMPAL, the Classical Association), and also organise conferences

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themselves: e.g. March 2012's 'Deviance or Difference', a two-day conference organised by Markauskas; they receive both financial and logistical support from the Department and School for these activities (as currently for AMPAH, to be held in Manchester in 2014). Research students are also welcome and valuable colleagues in the running and organization of our international conferences, as well as of the local branch of the Classical Association (see below). The Department encourages informal interaction between staff and research students, particularly in the context of its weekly 'Monday Lunches', usually attended by about 30 staff, postgraduate students and academic visitors. These are held in the Classics library, a space specifically dedicated to study and interaction between staff and students of all levels, and regularly used by postgraduates. In addition, the School has just opened a new Graduate School, with dedicated separate space and facilities for PhD students.

As for recruitment, we have attracted on average 5 research students p.a. in the current period; 23 doctoral students are currently registered for a PhD in Classics & Ancient History (an advance on the 15 reported for RAE 2008). Students work in all fields covered by the Department, but there are particular concentrations in Hellenistic poetry, Roman history, Latin literature, and ancient linguistics. During this census period, we have awarded 5 AHRC doctoral studentships; in addition, 1 studentship has been awarded in connection with **Cooper's** RCUK project, and 3 in connection with **Pormann's** ERC project. Furthermore, the School spends on average £800K annually on PhD studentships/bursaries. This includes prestigious President's Doctoral Scholar Awards (covering home and overseas fees plus a grant of £1K above the RC's maintenance allocation), Graduate Scholarships (home fees and partial maintenance), and fee-bursaries - all open to students from all disciplines and nationalities; as well as subject-specific awards, funded through endowments. All of these are open to home/EU and overseas students, in accordance with the university's equal opportunities policy (in part compensating for the exclusion of some students from RCUK funding competitions). Our students have been very successful in the competitions for these awards, securing 7 awards during this REF period. Two students in the Department (Pearson, Wilding) currently hold a President's Doctoral Scholar award. PGRs also have access to financial assistance provided at Departmental and School level to participate in national and international conferences and other research-related activities outside the University: up to £700 for general travel, and up to £2000 for fieldwork. As for the future, Classics will share in the School's successful 2013 bid to the AHRC's BGP2 Type A doctoral consortium.

In terms of exchanges with bodies outside academia, (e.g.) Schofield has produced a set of online resources for the study of Ancient History on the University's website for children; she also regularly runs workshops and talks for visiting school groups. PhD students (e.g. Corke-Webster) were involved in planning Mazza's 'Faces and Voices' exhibition, and in running associated outreach activities. The post of Secretary of the local branch of the Classical Association is usually held by a PhD student (currently Pearson).

Research students receive support and monitoring throughout their careers. Each research student is supervised by two supervisors and is assigned an academic advisor who participates in research panels and provides pastoral care. Supervisors meet with students on a regular basis (usually fortnightly). Bi-annual research panels, which assess students' written work and overall progress, make recommendations regarding progression. The University's new (2011) online monitoring system 'eprog' offers detailed information on each student's supervisory meetings, research panels, training, as well as e.g. language examination and completion results. During the period we achieved one of the highest rates in our School for completion of PhDs within 4 years (just under 60%). (It is part of our strategic plan to use eprog further to improve completion rates during the next REF period.) Each PhD student is also required to review their research training needs at each panel meeting and, with the assistance of supervisors, to design an appropriate programme. Students routinely take advantage of our Greek and Latin language classes and have opportunities to study academic German, French and Italian. PhD students who did not do their MA in the Department are expected to take our research methods course during their first PhD year: this course introduces students to key skills (e.g. palaeography, papyrology, textual criticism), theoretical approaches, and resources (TLG, TLL, etc). We also aim to provide teaching opportunities for all PhD students who wish to gain experience in this area; all Graduate Teaching Assistants are supported with a compulsory and comprehensive programme of training, mentoring and peer review of teaching. The University of Manchester Careers Service is also widely recognised as one of the best in the UK, and postgraduate support is a central component of their

work.

Thanks in good part to these systems of support, our PhD students have been successful in securing academic positions, in spite of the challenging climate. Students who completed their doctorates in this census period and went on to hold posts in UK HEIs include: Coker (Liverpool), Corke-Webster (Edinburgh), Crowley (MMU), and Pudsey (Birkbeck); Bather held a temporary lectureship at Manchester from Sept. 11 - Jan. 13, and took up another at UCL in Sept. 13. Others who completed their PhDs in the previous RAE period, but who secured permanent or significant temporary posts within the current REF period include: Earnshaw (Oxford), Holleran (Exeter), Rothe (OU), and Wood (Lincoln). Other PhD students have successfully moved into teaching positions in secondary education.

d. Income, infrastructure and facilities The Department has trebled its research income in the current period (as noted under **b) Research Strategy**). Total grant capture within the period is even higher, and stands at well over £2 million. Four major grants make up the bulk of this figure: **Cooper** *Constantine's Dream* (RCUK Global Uncertainties 2009-12: £431,474) and *The Early Christian Martyr Acts* (Leverhulme Major Fellowship 2012-15: £152,920); and **Pormann's** *Arabic Commentaries on the Hippocratic Aphorisms* (ERC 2012-17: £1,246,775) and *Arab Athena* (Leverhulme Research Fellowship 2013-14: £45,000). The Department's research has benefited immensely from these and other awards. Publications from, or substantial progress under the four major grants are expected in the next REF period (see **a) Research strategy**), although **Cooper's** *Constantine's Dream* has already generated a special issue of *Journal of Early Christian Studies* (Law and Order in Late Antiquity, 2011). In addition, grants in the current period have supported **Morello's** completion of her share in **Gibson-Morello's** *Reading the Letters of Pliny the Younger* (2012: AHRC 2008, £17,714).

Highlights of other research grants won as PI or Co-I in the period include: **Langslow** *Reworking of Greek medical texts* (Wellcome 2011-12: £53,378); **Gibson** *Commentary on Pliny Letters 6* (Leverhulme 2009-10: £25,602); **Cooper** *Wilhelm Levison* (Leverhulme Academic Collaboration and International Networks Scheme 2008-10: £45,497). In addition, **Langslow** has acted as mentor and sponsor both for two Wellcome Trust awards hosted by the Department: *Galen's Greek* (PI Petit, 2007-10: £97,822) and *Occupational identity of doctors* (PI Pilsworth / RA Larpi, 2009-13: £104,112); and for Coker's Leverhulme PDRF (2013-16: £79,361).

More generally, the Department's research activity is enhanced by the rich resources of the University of Manchester Library. One of the world's great research libraries, it has extensive print and electronic holdings in all the areas of research undertaken by Classics staff. The University Library is complemented by the John Rylands Library, home of the University's Special Collections, which possesses over 4,000 incunabula and a large range of manuscripts. It is here that Mazza's Rylands papyri project is based. From 2013 Classics has taken the lead in the associated John Rylands Research Institute, with the appointment of **Pormann** as its first Director. It is part of **Pormann's** mission for the JRRI that it improve access to, and knowledge of, the Special Collections, of which Classical material forms a significant part. A success has been registered already in the appointment of **White** as research fellow, who is now pursuing a project based around Renaissance commentaries (particularly on Horace, also Ovid) at the Rylands. In this way, Classics plans to take a leading role across the humanities at Manchester.

Individual research is supported by an array of funding schemes: a Personal Research Allowance of £600 per annum, a Research Support Fund of £30K per annum, to which individuals can apply for help of up to £3K in carrying out pilot projects leading to grant applications, a Research Networking Fund of £20K per annum, and annual seminar funds. In the last two years alone, Classics researchers have received over £11K from these funds, in addition to an annual grant of £2K for our research seminar. For example, **Sharrock** is using £4K from the Research Network Funding scheme to underwrite meetings of Eugesta (European Network on Gender Studies in Antiquity: **Parkin** is also a member) in Manchester in 2014 and elsewhere. **Parkin** received in total £1.7K from the same fund matched by cross-faculty funding from the Manchester Interdisciplinary Collaboration for Research on Ageing to run a workshop on 'Retirement' in 2013.

e. Collaboration or contribution to the discipline or research base

Alongside their individual projects, staff are involved in major collaborative work, both with colleagues in other UK departments and abroad. In addition to **Pormann's** collaboration on Galen with Cairo (mentioned in **b)** above), we highlight **Cornell**: Director and General Editor of the *Fragments of the Roman Historians* project (2013); **Fear**: member of an international research

project on the role of the Bishop in Late Antiquity based in Granada; **Liddel**: one of a number of co-editors working alongside Worthington (Missouri) on *Brill's New Jacoby*; **Langslow**: a member since 2007 of an international research project at the University of La Coruña, entitled 'Textos médicos latinos de los siglos VI-XI: transmisión, edición crítica y estudio léxico'; **Parkin's** international research network on the family in the ancient world, funded by the Swedish Foundation for International Co-operation in Research, 2011-13; and **Todd**: member of an international team deciphering and interpreting the Hypereides pages of the Archimedes palimpsest (2006-09).

Manchester Classics staff also make a contribution to the discipline by service on Research Councils, etc, both in the UK and abroad. Six members of staff were members of the AHRC Peer Review College during the period, while two (**Sharrock, Morrison**) also simultaneously served on the College's Prioritization Panels; **Cooper** was a member (2011-13) of the AHRC Strategic Consultation Group and the ESRC Peer Review College (2012-15). Five members of staff also acted as Peer Reviewers for the Italian Government's Evaluation of Research Quality exercise (2012). In addition, **Sharrock** has served as member of the panel judging Philip Leverhulme Prizes (2012), while **Langslow** is member and deputy chair of the REF 2014 Sub-panel (D) 31.

Staff have also occupied leading positions in professional subject associations and learned societies in the current period. Some highlights: **Gibson** is Chair of the Council of the Classical Association (2013-18); **Liddel** is Chair of the Joint Association Of Classical Teachers: Ancient History Committee (2008-9; 2011-present); **Todd** served on the standing committee of the Council for University Classical Departments (2010-present); **Liddel** (2002-10) and **Low** (2001-13) were Members of the Steering Committee of the British Epigraphy Society. Both have also been involved with the British School at Athens: **Liddel** as Member of the Scholarships Committee (2011-), and **Low** as Member of the Nominations Committee (2010-14). In addition (e.g.), six staff have served as Members of the Councils of the Roman or Hellenic Societies.

An extension in numbers holding editorial positions at internationally significant journals has also been a feature of the current REF period –a reflection of the growing recognition of Manchester staff: (e.g.) editor, *Classical Quarterly* 2013-18 (**Morrison**); editor, *International Journal of the Classical Tradition*, 2012-date (**Pormann**); editor, *Classical Review* 2005-10 (**Gibson**); reviews editor, *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 2007-11 (**Low**); reviews editor (Greek history), *Greece & Rome* 2008-12 (**Liddel**); associate editor, *Polis* 2012-date (**Liddel**). In addition, **Sharrock** (1999-2011) and **Gibson** (2012-17) served on the Editorial Committee of the *Journal of Roman Studies* during the period, and **Low** served on the Editorial Committee of the *Journal of Hellenic Studies* (2007-11), while **Sharrock** is co-editor (with David Konstan, New York) of an Oxford University Press monograph series.

Scholarly fellowships held by staff in the period include stipendiary Visiting Scholar at the University of Texas at Austin (2009, **Todd**), Brittingham Visiting Scholar at the University of Madison, Wisconsin (2009, **Gibson**), and Margo Tytus Visiting Fellow, University of Cincinnati (2011, **Low**). In addition, members of the Department have delivered numerous invited keynote addresses and lectures in the period, in the UK, continental Europe and north America. Here we particularly highlight **Liddel's** Stanford Lectures series at Trinity College Dublin in 2012.

As underlined in **b) Research Strategy** above, the organization of conferences and scholarly encounters lies at the heart of what we do. In addition to the conferences and their publications mentioned earlier, we highlight Religion and Violence in Early Christianity and Early Islam (2011, **Cooper**), Syriac Galen Palimpsest (2012, **Pormann**), Isidore of Seville (2013, **Fear-Wood**), and Transmission of Medical Knowledge in the Islamic World (2013, **Pormann-Koetschet**).

Staff regularly peer-review articles for a range of prestigious Classical journals, but have also been repeatedly invited to review for journals outside the Classical mainstream, including journals in medical history, social and population history, and a range of Arabic and Oriental journals. Staff have also regularly refereed books for over 16 different UK and foreign academic presses; acted as referees for research proposals on behalf of more than 20 different institutions worldwide; and also examined multiple doctorates in 20 different universities worldwide.