

<p>Institution: University of York</p> <hr/> <p>Unit of Assessment: 30 - History</p> <hr/> <p>a. Overview</p> <p>The Department of History at York has built upon its strong base in RAE 2008, when it was ranked 4* for its research environment. It continues to promote world-class historical research from late antiquity to the present day, but has internationalized its research focus with an increased emphasis on non-European and transnational histories for the 21st century. The Department is large with 39 permanent members of academic staff (37.7 FTE) and one on secondment. In addition, there are 2 temporary lecturers, 10 postdoctoral researchers, 54 (FTE) PhD students. The Department has four longstanding chronologically defined research clusters each linked to an Interdisciplinary Centre (IDC) shared with other Arts & Humanities Departments. Since 2008 it has developed new clusters, in order to enhance existing area-based and thematic research activity.</p> <hr/> <p>b. Research strategy</p> <p>In the light of RAE2008 the Department reviewed its research profile at away-days in 2009. We:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reaffirmed our commitment to our existing research concentrations and to maintaining its long chronological span with a distinctive strength before 1800. • underlined our commitment to the culture of interdisciplinary research in the Humanities for which the University is renowned. • determined to increase research strength in twentieth-century and contemporary history. <p>We continued to develop the existing four chronological areas of strength by establishing clusters in Medieval History, Early Modern History, Eighteenth-Century History and Modern European History. These work with and through the period-defined Interdisciplinary Centres (IDCs): the Centre for Medieval Studies (CMS); the Centre for Renaissance and Early Modern Studies (CREMS); the Centre for Eighteenth-Century Studies (CECS). 2008 saw the establishment of the Centre for Modern Studies (CModS). This completed the other period-based IDCs and complemented the Department's ambitions to develop modern and contemporary history.</p> <p>The away-days also identified priorities designed to enhance our research power and to implement the University's policy of internationalization. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • broadening and deepening our research power in non-European history. • giving formal expression to concentrations of cross-period research strength in the history of Asia and the Americas. • continuing and extending existing strengths in the history of religion and faith. • strengthening our research power in the areas of science, technology, environment and medicine (STEM). • developing ways to maximize the impact of our research activity. <p>Our recruitment of new staff in 2010-12 allowed us to meet our ambitions (see c). We established five new cross-period clusters of sufficient size to ensure that research activities are sustainable: http://www.york.ac.uk/history/research/researchclusters/. Three clusters are already internationalizing our research activity through workshops, networks, and research grants. The Americas (9 staff): this transnational grouping hosted the visit of Professor Philip Morgan (Johns Hopkins University) in 2011; held international workshops in 2012 and 2013; it provides support for a Wolfson funded PhD student. Science, Technology, Environment & Medicine (13 staff): its main success was the establishment of Centre for Global Health Histories (CGHH) in 2010, which has forged strong links with the World Health Organization (WHO); its Environment brief is developing with the appointments of Moon and Sinha in 2012. Asia (9 staff): this cluster supports 2 Wellcome-funded RAs working on India; its members have founded (2010) an international forum for ECRs working on South Asia, http://y-sasm.blogspot.de/, and co-lead the British Inter-University China Centre (AHRC) network <i>China in the Early 1950s</i>. An agreement for research collaboration and exchanges with the History Department at Nanjing University in March 2013 has already led to two extended academic visits by Nanjing colleagues.</p>
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Two clusters are more closely associated with the impact agenda and exploiting the unique heritage of the city of York. **Religion:** research by the 12 staff in this cluster is exploited by the Centre for the Study of Christianity and Culture (CSCC) to improve the understanding and sustainability of historic churches and cathedrals. **Public and Policy History:** (10 staff) works with the Institute for the Public Understanding of the Past (IPUP) to promote partnerships and consultancies between archives, museums, galleries, heritage, government and the media. This has fostered, for example, new research into York's Jewish history, a related phone app and city walking tour.

The Department contributed significantly to the support of these initiatives. In 2012-3 it funded the IDCs to the tune of £73k; IPUP (£23k) and CSCC (£192k). Annually, it commits £5k to foster cluster activity and £5k towards its internationalization strategy. Larger sums are available through the University's pump priming fund.

Our 2009 review also identified the need to change our research leave provision in order to increase the number of world-leading research outputs and the preparation of applications for large research grants. Under this new system all staff are entitled to apply for two consecutive terms of leave every four years. All research leave applications are submitted for approval to Departmental Research Committee (DRC), which has to be convinced that the planned research is appropriately ambitious and that the outcomes are realistic. The DRC may require revision and resubmission of plans before acceptance and not all applications for leave are granted. In order to share the research findings and to foster a shared sense of individuals' intellectual endeavours, all colleagues who have been on departmental leave are required to present a departmental research seminar, as well as reporting to the DRC. When the progress of research is sub-optimal, colleagues are supported through a system of mentoring by experienced researchers in order to assist the realization of their research ambitions. The success of this scheme can be gauged from the fact that we have increased the number of monographs submitted from 0.53 per capita in RAE2008 to 0.66 in REF and of refereed journal articles from 1.33 to 1.77. Our average annual research income figures (see d) in the census period 2008-13 is nearly two-thirds higher than the annual average figure for 2001-7.

Research Plans: sustaining and enhancing the research environment, 2014-19

The Department has identified the following strategic priorities:

- To maintain its current size and configuration; its chronological range and geographic diversity; and to support world-leading monographic research and scholarship.
- To use the clusters to drive new forms of interdisciplinary activity and external partnership: to engage with the natural and medical sciences, not least with the University Centre for Chronic Diseases and Disorders; to develop Environmental History, following the Leverhulme Trust International Network Grant (2013-15) on Russian Environmental History and Sinha's Fellowship at the *Zentrum Moderner Orient* (2013-14) for work on Indian railways; to further develop the Americas cluster, following the British Academy international mobility and partnership award (2013-14) on the history of public health in the Caribbean and Latin America.
- To sustain the significant increase in grant income since 2008. Despite cuts in funding, recent successes - *St. Stephen's Chapel, Westminster: Visual and Political Culture, 1292-1941* (AHRC, 2013-16) and *War as Cultural Encounter* (HERA, 2013-16) – suggest this is a sustainable goal.
- To build on and extend our international research partnerships. One example is the confirmation of the CGHH as the first ever WHO Collaborating Centre for Historical and Social Studies, which will be the basis of even more significant integration of York historical research into WHO policy making. Another is collaboration with Fiocruz, the most prominent science and technology health institution in Latin America. We will further develop our ties with Nanjing: one Nanjing PhD student arrived in York in 2013, and workshops on the theme of 'Cultural Transformation' will take place in York and Nanjing in 2013-14.

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- To use the Public History and Policy cluster to develop existing research collaborations with non-HEIs, e.g. the National Railway Museum, the National Archives, the WHO, York Archaeological Trust, building on the AHRC-funded project with York Council *Within the Walls* (2013-16).
- To exploit more fully York's unique cultural heritage and archival resources, especially those of the Borthwick Institute for Archives (BIA), which is located on the main University campus. Capitalising on the successful Andrew W. Mellon-funded project, *Cause Papers in the Diocesan Courts of the Archbishopric of York, 1300-1858* (2008-10), we will develop further large-scale projects, including one already polited with Mellon funding on the *Registers of the Archbishops of York, 1232-1646*.
- To maintain and increase our large cohort of research students. York's success in research income generation and in leading the bid for the successful £19m AHRC doctoral training partnership, the White Rose College of the Arts & Humanities (WRoCAH), suggests that this is realistic and sustainable.

c. People

i. Staffing strategy and staff development

Staffing strategy

Since RAE 2008 the Department has made a significant investment in new staff in all the chronological periods which it covers: 14 new permanent appointments – 2 Professors, 1 Reader and 11 Lecturers. It has grown from 35 to 39 permanent staff. All appointments were conducted according to University procedures designed to increase the percentage of under-represented groups: in this period the proportion of women in the department has risen from 31 to 38%, including one Professor; ethnic minorities 0 to 5%. That 6 of the 11 Lecturers are ECRs reflects the Department's commitment to the sustainability of its research base.

In accordance with its research strategy, appointments were directed towards post-1500 non-European and transnational history, notably: Asia (Alberts, Benesch, Bhattacharya, Howlett, McCann, Sinha); the Americas (Clarke, Cowie, Goodall); Modern and Contemporary History (Benesch, Bhattacharya, Black, Clarke, Cowie, Goodall, Howlett, McCann, Moon, Renwick, Sinha). Existing research power was also extended in the religion cluster (Alberts, Benesch, Sackville), and in STEM (Alberts, Bhattacharya, Clarke, Cowie, Renwick, Moon, Sinha, Weeks). The congruence between the Department's research strategy and this staffing strategy was recognised by the University which awarded the Department one professorship and one lectureship under its competitive Anniversary posts scheme (2012).

Staff development

The University's commitment to continuing professional development is organized through its Learning and Development office. It offers a structured programme for staff at all career points covering research governance (including grant application and management), personal effectiveness, career development, intellectual property, and impact. In 2009 the *Leadership in Action* programme, targeted at senior and rising staff, won the *Times Higher Education Award* for Outstanding Contribution to Leadership Development. Four staff have enrolled on the programme. The Department has initiated a system of research mentorship for lecturing staff and the Humanities Research Centre (see below, d.ii) runs specialist training in grant writing and impact. Early career and newly appointed staff are supported in their research through reduced teaching and administration loads for the probationary period. They are guaranteed an earlier than usual leave under our reformed research leave scheme. Since 2008, three junior staff have won competitive University-funded year-long research leave. These initiatives have contributed to the increase in monograph and refereed journal output in comparison to RAE2008.

Researchers benefit from externally recognized support structures. In 2010 York was one of the first ten universities in the UK to gain the European Commission's *HR excellence in research*

badge. This acknowledged our alignment with the principles of the European Charter for Researchers and Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers and was renewed in 2012. The review panel commented that our support demonstrated 'a detailed process with an impressive quantity of engagement'. In 2012 the University's *Research Leaders* programme won the Times Higher Education Award for Outstanding Support for Early Career Researchers. In line with the Concordat to support the Career Development of Researchers, lecturers on fixed term contracts, postdoctoral researchers and teaching fellows have, as far as possible, been treated in the same manner as permanent members of staff. Since 2008, at least eight have gone on to permanent lectureships: Gibbons (Portsmouth), Bocking-Welch (Liverpool), Kennedy (York), Manktelow (Kent), Pickles and Wilson (Chester), Turton (Queen's, Belfast), Sandall (Winchester).

ii. Research students

Recruitment and support

The vibrancy of the department's research culture has enabled us to increase the size of the graduate community by more than 20% compared with RAE2008. There are 54 (FTE) PGRs currently registered compared with 44.5 in 2007. A total of 54 History PhDs were awarded, 2008-13.

Students are integral to the Department's research culture and PGRs are encouraged to present their research and to initiate research events; around 10% of departmental seminars have been given by PhD students, and students have the opportunity to chair seminars. The Department supports two postgraduate conferences a year. All doctoral students are expected to give a presentation to the annual graduate conference at the start of their second year of registration and the Department also hosts an annual graduate conference, run and organized by members of the graduate community. The IDCs support a wide range of postgraduate fora and reading groups. The Department currently supports PGR reading groups in modern history, public history and French history; students are given the opportunity to initiate and organize conferences either in collaboration with permanent members of staff (eg. *Conspiracies Real and Imagined*, 2011) or independently with the support and mentoring of academic staff (eg. *Sensing the Sacred, 1300-1800; Federalism and Constitution-Making in the Post-Revolutionary Americas*, 2013).

Students meet their supervisor at least twice a term. Each PGR also has a Thesis Advisory Panel (TAP) of two additional academics which meets twice a year to monitor progress and the quality of the supervision. The TAP is responsible for the formal confirmation of PhD registration. The PhD programme is overseen by the Graduate Schools Board (GSB) supported by a graduate administrator.

The excellence of our research supervision was recognised in AHRC Block Grant Partnership I, in which the department was awarded 4 to 5 studentships a year. Further marks of recognition include: success in leading the Social History strand of the ESRC White Rose Doctoral Training Centre; the award of PhD studentships by the Wellcome (2012 and 2013) and Wolfson Trusts (2012-) - one of only 9 universities in the country selected by the latter for its awards. Since 2008, the Department has been enterprising in seeking and winning funding for PhDs, including 4 studentships embedded within externally-funded research projects, 6 AHRC CDAs, and 6 competitive University awards. In 2011 we established a scheme of funded PhD studentships: the current commitment is to £54k p.a. These studentships are awarded according to agreed criteria and the University's principles of equality and diversity.

Training and career development

In 2008-13 we have extended the range of training offered to research students, with an emphasis on career development. The core training programme is supplemented by ancillary skills, especially languages and palaeography, offered through CMS, BIA and the University's Languages for All programmes. The Department also has a well-structured programme of training and mentoring for all postgraduates who teach. The Humanities Research Centre (see concentrates on a programme which addresses the need for PhD students to build expertise in collaboration, grant applications and Impact alongside individual scholarship and teaching in order to prepare for employment. In order to facilitate exchanges between PGRs and institutions outside higher education, we established (primarily through IPUP) internships for PhD students with a variety of institutions including TV production companies, such as Channel 4; York Minster; York Museums

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Trust and Fairfax House. This commitment was integral to the bid for WRoCAH and will sustain the forthcoming doctoral training partnership. The quality of the support and training is indicated by our graduates' successes. Between 2008 and 2013 York doctoral students won: the John Scholes Transport History Research Prize; the Josef Leinweber prize (Fulda); the World Veterinary History Association Young Scholars' Award. Others won competitive fellowships, including 3 Scouloudi/RHS fellowships; 3 Economic History Society Fellowships; 1 Max Weber Fellowship; 2 British Academy postdoctoral fellowships; 1 Boskey Research Fellow, Exeter College, Oxford. At least 23 have secured permanent or tenure-track posts in HEIs, including Baltic Defence College, Estonia; Bath Spa; Brigham Young; Durham; Huddersfield; Leeds Metropolitan; Lincoln; Liverpool; Mount Royal University, Canada; Newcastle; Northumbria; Oxford; Portsmouth; Roehampton; QMUL; Sheffield Hallam; SUNY Oneonta; VU University Amsterdam; York. At least 3 have taken up permanent administrative and support positions in HEIs. At least 3 gained positions in positions in archive administration, public history and the museum and heritage sector, including a senior curatorship at Ironbridge Museum Trust and the keeper of the Archives & Library at Downside Abbey.

Sustaining excellence

After its significant growth in 2008-13, the Department is committed to sustaining the size and the vitality of its Graduate School. WRoCAH's major funding success is central to this strategy, but we are also actively diversifying funding for research students, as recent successes with the Wellcome Trust and in the Commonwealth Studentships programme (2013) demonstrate.

d. Income, infrastructure and facilities*ij Income*

One objective set out in RAE2008 and in departmental plans was a significant increase in external grant income. Since 2008 we have secured £2,391,070 in grants from AHRC, Mellon, British Academy, Leverhulme, Wellcome and Marie Curie. These employed 16 postdoctoral researchers and funded 4 PhD studentships. Our research income in REF was 23% higher than the total in the last RAE census period. Since the REF census period is shorter than its predecessor, the increase in the average annual figure is even more impressive: a 62% increase from £295,202 p.a. in 2001-7 to £478,214 p.a. in 2008-13. This growth is significantly greater than the increase in the staffing of the Department: per capita annual research income increased by almost 50% from £8,434 in the period 2001-7 to £12,261 in the REF period.

*ii] Infrastructure and facilities**University-level infrastructure and facilities*

Both departmental research and the delivery of research supervision benefit enormously from the unusually extensive range of history resources available at York. These are partly the legacy of the city, but the University has expanded and invested in facilities and resources. Building on the report on the Information Needs of the World Class University Group (2006-08), the University Library undertook a £20 million refurbishment and expansion which was completed in February 2012. In consequence, historians now have access not only to new reading areas, but also to specialist media-rich research areas, bookable individual research studies and collaborative zones and a research hotel (rooms that visiting staff or researchers can reserve for their exclusive use). BIA is a modern, purpose-built record office located on the University campus. BIA holdings include extensive material relating to the Archbishopric of York, local nonconformist denominations, hospitals and schools, and many substantial business and family papers. BIA staff are represented on the DRC and acquisitions policy is informed by the Department's research strengths.

In 2009 the University opened its Humanities Research Centre (HRC). This new £11 million building is at the heart of the campus, 100m from the Department in Vanburgh College. It is an interdisciplinary hub for research in the Humanities, which in the last four years has brought together staff, postgraduates, postdoctoral researchers, and academic visitors from over 40 countries. It provides outstanding facilities for research and collaboration, including seminar rooms, a flexible designated Postgraduate Study Area holding over 120 research students; the Treehouse,

a space for collaborative activities, and the 170-seat Bowland Lecture Theatre. The HRC hosts 200+ workshops, lectures and conferences p.a. (many open to the public) and more than a dozen seminars and reading groups a week in term time, including the weekly *Proposition* meeting at which staff from all Humanities departments share ideas, discuss grant bids, and develop new lines of research. In the HRC are the offices and/or administrators of IDCs and Departmental Centres. In addition to hosting training for graduates, the HRC also fosters interdisciplinary projects. The HRC has a full time research coordinator and support administrator charged with costing research projects, finding appropriate streams of funding and helping with the submission process. It also houses externally funded research projects (*Conversion Narratives, England's Immigrants, The Local Bases of Global Health*) and Research Fellows (Marie Curie).

Department-level infrastructure and facilities

The Department's research leave system, which operates on a planned four year cycle, is integrated into its annual workload scheme, which is designed to balance scholarly, pedagogic and administrative responsibilities. Research activity is overseen by the DRC, which comprises the Chair of DRC, the Head of Department, the Chair of the Graduate Board and a selection of senior and junior staff. It administers and monitors the leave scheme, sets strategic priorities and vets grant applications. Individual research is supported by an individual research allowance of £600 p.a. The DRC disburses the 5k for research collaboration in the clusters and 5k earmarked for internationalization and ranks applications for University pump priming. All staff discuss their research and publication plans as an integral part of the annual performance review, enabling concerns to be addressed and workload issues managed.

The Department supports an intensive culture of seminars, workshops and conferences in which all levels of staff and postgraduate students participate as attendees, paper-givers and organisers. Since Jan 2008 the Department's weekly seminar programme has hosted 129 papers and research leave presentations, and the Department has given financial support to workshops, conferences and webinars led by the Public History, Asia and Americas clusters. These activities have been supplemented by the IDCs. In 2008-13 the IDCs hosted over 350 seminars, workshops, masterclasses and 30 public lectures.

Researchers benefit from the numerous conferences, workshops and symposia organized in the Department, many leading to edited volumes. Among the most significant have been:

2008 *War, Empire, and Slavery, c. 1790-1820**; *Colloquium for Reformation Studies**; *The World and Lady Mary: Gender, Medicine, and Culture in the Time of Lady Mary Wortley Montagu* **2009** *Poverty in Depth: New International Perspectives**; *Cultures of the Global; Cultural Histories of Sociability, Spaces and Mobility; Clergy, Church and Society in England and Wales, c.1200-1800**; *France, Great Britain and Ireland: Cultural Transfers and the Circulation of Knowledge in the Age of Enlightenment; Historia Sacra: Renaissance Visions of Christian Origins** **2010** *Televisualizing the Past: Simon Schama and A History of Britain Ten Years On; Femininities; The York Massacre of 1190 in Context**; **2011** *Conspiracies Real and Imagined; Middle Passages: Exploring the Global History of the Slave Trade; Conversion Narratives in the Early Modern World**; *Development and Empire, 1929-1962; Resources, Methodologies and Directions in the History of Medicine* **2012** *France and Its Neighbours: Towards a Transnational History; Irish Life Stories; Gender and Conversion in the Early Modern World; Transition in the Medieval World* **2013** *Sensing the Sacred 1300-1800; Federalism and Constitution-Making in the Post-Revolutionary Americas; Nutritional Guidelines and Standards: Past and Present Perspectives; 'Inscribing the Past', The Late Medieval France and Burgundy Seminar; Britain, Ireland and Italy: Cultural Exchanges c. 1270-c.1400.*

[* = resulting publication as edited book or journal special issue].

e. Collaboration or contribution to the discipline or research base

The Department strongly promotes an ethos of collaboration and makes a major contribution to the discipline and research base in the following ways:

Regionally: of particular importance is the White Rose University Consortium (with Leeds and

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Sheffield) which supported *The Making of Medieval History* (2011-12) (**Biller**) and *Classical Heroism in War and Peace 1914-24* (2013-) (**G Cubitt**). Staff are also active in: the Northern Caribbean Seminar (**Altink**), the Yorkshire African Studies Network (**McCann**) and Northern UK network of Researchers on the Americas (MASH) (**Goodall**).

Nationally they are involved in networks, notably, British Inter-University China Centre (AHRC-funded) *China in the Early 1950s* (**Howlett**), and *the Social Church* (**Watson**). Building on our long collaboration with the staff of BIA, we have also developed a productive working relationship with the National Archives, which has led to major funded projects on Medieval Petitions (AHRC & Mellon: **Ormrod**), *England's Immigrants* (AHRC: **Ormrod**) and Clerical Taxes (AHRC & Leverhulme: **Sheils**), and with the National Army Museum (**Forrest & Kennedy**, see below).

Internationally we contributed to: the Environmental Histories Network (**Moon**); the AHRC-funded *Nations, Borders and Identities 1789-1815* (**Forrest & Bessel**, 2005-9), which led to *War as Cultural Encounter* (HERA, 2013-16 with Trinity College Dublin, Swansea and the Free University, Berlin) (**Kennedy**). CGHH has established a seminar with the WHO. This led to a memorandum of understanding being signed with Fiocruz/the Brazilian Health Ministry, which places collaborative work with the Department of History as a major strategic goal.

Many of these collaborations are developed and cemented **through visiting fellowships and professorships** held by members of the department. These included **Bessel** and **Buettner**, Fellows at the Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies; **Bessel**, Dr Jan Randa Visiting Scholar in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Monash University; **Black**, American University, Washington DC; **Carroll**, Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbuttel; **Clayton**, Centre for Asian Studies, Hong Kong, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University; **Forrest**, *Chercheur invité*, Institut d'Etudes Avancées de Nantes, *Professeur invité*, Université Blaise-Pascal, Clermont-Ferrand II, Nanjing and Shanghai Jiao Tong University; **de Groot**, Council for Middle East Studies and the Centre for Iranian Studies, Macmillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University; **Guyatt**, Stanford Humanities Center; **Jenner**, Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science; **McCann**, World History Centre, University of Pittsburgh.

Staff make major contributions to the formulation of policy, the allocation of resources and the sustainability and vitality of the historical profession both nationally and internationally through their work for:

i] *Research and professional bodies*

Ormrod, Member of the AHRC Peer College (2008-12), RHS Councillor (2007-10), Chair of the British Academy English Episcopal Acta Project, member of the Comitato Scientifico of the Datini Institute (2009-12), representative of RHS on National Council for Archives, trustee of the Richard III and Yorkist History Trust; **C. Cubitt** on the History Panel for REF 2014; **Weinstein**, AHRC/NOW Humanities Assessment Panel, AHRC Beyond Text, Impact Follow-On Funding and its Knowledge Transfer Fellowship & Knowledge Catalyst panels; **Biller**, History of Medicine Funding Committee Panel of the Wellcome Trust and its interview committee; **M Taylor** seconded to be Director of the Institute of Historical Research; **Wootton**, RHS Councillor (2012-); **Cooper**, advisory board of *State Papers Online* & Honorary Historical Consultant, Royal Armouries Museum; **Bessel**, Academic Council, German Historical Institute London; Board, Leo Baeck Institute London; **Bhattacharya**, Editorial Committee and External Advisor, Global Health Histories Initiative, WHO; **Carroll**, Editorial Board of H-France; **Moon**, Advisory Board, Center for Environmental and Technological History, European University, St Petersburg; **Rees Jones**, Advisory Council, York Archaeological Trust; Comité Científico Internacional, Encuentros Internacionales del medioevo de Nájera. In addition, **Bessel** spoke at a hearing of the German Government's Academic Council on academic careers; **Ditchfield** was an evaluator for the Italian equivalent of REF.

ii] *Learned societies*

Clarke, President British Science Association, History of Science Section 2012; **Forrest**, President of the International Commission on the History of the French Revolution of the World Historical Congress (CISH), 2005-15; **Sheils**, President Ecclesiastical History Society 2008-9; **Divall**, Vice

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President of the International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility; **Altink**, Treasurer, Society for Caribbean Studies; Membership Secretary for Women's History Network; Executive Committee, Social History Society; **Benesch**, Executive Committee, Japan Society for Comparative Civilizations; Executive Council, International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations; **Bhattacharya**, Executive Committee, Society for the Social History of Medicine 2009-11; **Clarke**, Council, British Society for the History of Science & Chair of its Outreach & Education Committee; **C Cubitt**, Member and Graduate Co-ordinator of the Advisory Board of the International Society of Anglo-Saxonists; International Advisory Board of the Richard Rawlinson Centre for Anglo-Saxon Manuscript Research; Council Member, Henry Bradshaw Society; **Garrison**, UK national representative International Latin Committee; **Kennedy**, Treasurer, British Association for Irish Studies; **Ormrod**, Council, Pipe Roll Society; **Watson**, Executive Committee, Society for the Study of Medieval Languages and Literature.

York's contribution to the discipline and research base is evidenced by:

i] *Editing and reviewing*

Four major journals are edited from the Department: **Fourteenth Century England** (Ormrod); **Journal of Early Modern History** (Ditchfield); **Medical History** (Bhattacharya); **Twentieth-Century British History** (Black). In 2010-12 Bhattacharya edited **Wellcome History**. **Altink** is Associate Editor of **Wadabagei** and Deputy Editor of **Women's History Review**. Roodhouse is Editor, **Borthwick Papers**. In addition, 9 staff edit, co-edit or sit on the editorial board of 9 book series and 14 staff serve on the editorial boards of 31 journals. Moreover, in 2008-13 at least 22 staff reviewed for funding bodies, including: AHRC (6 staff); Austrian Science Council (2); ESRC (7); Fulbright (1); Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences (2); Italian Ministry of Universities and Research (MIUR) (1); Norwegian Research Academy (1); Pasold Fund (1); Research Foundation Flanders (1); Research Co-ordination Office, Flemish Regional Government (1); Royal Asiatic Society (1); SSHRC (3); Wellcome (4). Colleagues regularly review for the National Humanities Center, the IAS Princeton, the Stanford Humanities Center and for tenure and promotion reviews in the US and UK. In addition, 29 members of staff have reviewed manuscripts for 74 journals; 26 staff (67%) reviewed proposals or manuscripts for 30 publishers. In 2008-13 22 staff acted as external examiner for 81 PhDs (or equivalent) in 11 countries.

ii] *Marks of esteem*

Renwick, 2012 John C. Burnham Early Career Award (FHHS/JHBS); shortlisted for the British Sociological Association's Philip Abrams Prize; **Carroll**, 2010 American Historical Association, J Russell Major Prize. **Biller**, Fellow of the British Academy (2012-); **Bhattacharya**, Fellow Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland; Wellcome Trust Senior Investigator Award; **C Cubitt**, **Goldberg**, **Rees Jones & Ormrod**, Fellows of the Society of Antiquaries; **C. Taylor**, member of the Société de l'Histoire de France. **Buettner** was awarded British Academy mid-career fellowship; **Ditchfield**, British Academy Readership; **Halsall & Ormrod**, Leverhulme Senior Research Fellowships.

iii] *Keynotes, plenaries and invited lectures*

Staff gave circa 250 invited lectures in 14 countries. Addresses of particular note: **Bessel**, Jena, 2012; **Black**, German Historical Institute, London, 2012; **Buettner**, Bielefeld, 2010; **Carroll**, Trinity Dublin, 2010; Georgetown, 2013; **Ditchfield**, Melbourne, 2013; **Forrest**, Canberra, 2010; **Garrison**, Toronto, 2011; **Glaisyer**, Birkbeck, 2013; **Halsall**, Brussels, 2010; **Ormrod**, Western Michigan, 2009; Prato, 2010; **Rees Jones**, Cantabria, 2009; Minho, 2010; **Sharpe**, Jyväskylä, Finland, 2013, **Sheils**, Galway, 2008; **C Taylor**, Oxford, 2012; **Wootton**, British Academy Raleigh Lecture, 2008; Emden Lecture, Oxford, 2009.

The diversity and breadth of this activity demonstrates the significant leadership role played by York in the discipline and the high esteem with which it is held by the profession. Moreover, its chronological depth and geographical spread also shows that York is achieving its strategic goal of retaining its world-leading reputation in European History before 1800, while increasing its research power in non-European and modern and contemporary History. It continues to maintain its tradition for innovative interdisciplinary research.