

<p>Institution: University of Manchester</p>
<p>Unit of Assessment: 30 (History)</p>
<p>a. Overview</p> <p>The History Division is a flourishing unit distinguished by its chronological and geographical range and intellectual scope. In accordance with our 2008 plans, research now spans the globe from Europe, Africa, and India to East Asia, reaches from late antiquity to the late twentieth century, and embraces the main sub-fields of history: political, economic, social and cultural. Staff in History number 35 (including two postdoctoral research fellows) compared with 36 in 2008 (including four PDRFs), following carefully managed staff changes.</p> <p>History is one of the seven divisions of Manchester's School of Arts, Languages and Cultures (SALC) inaugurated on 1 September 2012 within the Faculty of Humanities. This merger of two former schools created one of the largest groupings of researchers in the arts anywhere in the world. History takes a leading part in developing interdisciplinary research opportunities within this new configuration, through the School's Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Arts and Languages (CIDRAL), and also through topic-specific research clusters and interdisciplinary centres, focusing, for instance, on the history of war and humanitarianism, the medieval history of the book, and the social and cultural history of East Asia. All members of the division belong to at least one of these thematic clusters, which foster the research of their members.</p> <p>Major achievements in the assessment period include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32 monographs, 3 scholarly editions and 12 edited books; including two monographs published by Yale, three by CUP and six by OUP. • Over 100 articles in highly regarded journals, including <i>Business History</i>, <i>Cultural and Social History</i>, <i>Economic History Review</i>, <i>European Review of History</i>, <i>Gender and History</i>, <i>Historical Journal</i>, <i>History Workshop Journal</i>, <i>Journal of British Studies</i>, <i>Journal of Contemporary History</i>, <i>Modern Asian Studies</i>, <i>Past and Present</i>, <i>Rethinking History</i>, <i>Social History</i>, <i>Twentieth Century British History</i>, <i>Urban History</i>. • Research income of £1.69 million 2008-12, compared with £1.5m 2001-7, with a continuing upward trajectory, including, for example, grants in 2008-11 of over £64k to Ghosh for research on crime in a colonial city and £149k to Barker for Family and Business in North-West England; and in 2011-13, totals of over £62k to Gatrell for research on population displacement, over £98k to Moore for projects on childhood in Imperial Japan and on Japanese, Chinese and American records of the rise and fall of the Japanese Empire, and over £184k to Strange and Taithe for research on nineteenth-century charitable consumption. • Strong capture of research council studentships: History won 24 AHRC and 8 ESRC studentships in the review period, improving on our pre-2008 record. • Over 50 PhDs completed successfully improving significantly on the 38 completions in the previous assessment period: 23 were AHRC-funded (one collaborative with a third sector body) and 8 were ESRC-funded. Many of these students have gone on to posts in leading UK and world universities. • Four international conferences and 16 workshops were organised by historians at UoM.
<p>b. Research strategy</p> <p>History's 2008 strategic plan for research included targets for output quality, income generation, and academic engagement. Staff recruitment has been fundamental to the achievement of all three. Seven members of the division have retired since 2008 and twelve have moved to posts elsewhere (e.g. Leyser and Todd to Oxford, Ramos Pinto to Cambridge, Drinot to UCL, Umbach to a Chair at Nottingham, Kirby to a Chair at Glasgow Caledonian). Half the staff included in this return have joined us since 2008, including five early career researchers. Replacement has followed strategic priorities: we made eight new appointments in 2011-12 to strengthen and develop medieval, early modern, modern European, and East Asian history, while appointments between 2008 and 2013 enhanced longstanding strengths in modern British and European cultural, economic and social history, and a new appointment in 2013 complements strength elsewhere in the School in American History. These appointments have been made with an eye to developing</p>

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key thematic concerns flagged in 2008, notably the cultural history of modern war, the history of migration and population displacement, the history of gender and sexuality, and world history, and to taking forward new areas, notably that of public policy and social engagement.

Working within UoM structures, we aim to sustain an environment conducive to scholarship of the highest international standard that is capable of further growth under changed funding regimes. Our strategy has been to sustain and enhance our record of publications, research income and research student successes by working as an outward-looking research unit in four distinct but interlocking ways:

i. Research Clusters

Each member of the division belongs to at least one Research Cluster composed of permanent and post-doctoral staff and focusing on different historical periods and approaches. The clusters meet regularly to nurture research and grant capture, to peer-review drafts of grant applications and publications, and to pool expertise for PGR supervision. Work fostered by **two** of the clusters is described below as illustration.

Medieval History (Christ, Fouracre, Insley, Mossman, Oldfield). The work of this cluster embraces fifteenth-century Veneto-Alexandrian trade (**Christ**), twelfth-century urban development in Southern Italy (**Oldfield**), late Anglo-Saxon kinship and power (**Insley**) and religion and power in early and late medieval Northern Europe (**Fouracre, Mossman**). Major research activity has been forthcoming from all members of the cluster. Work on Northern Europe is illustrative. Outcomes include **Fouracre's** inaugural Warren Hollister Memorial Lecture hosted by the Haskins Society, Boston USA, 2009 on 'Francia and the History of Early Medieval Europe'; **Mossman's** leading volume, *Marquard von Lindau and the Challenges of Religious Life in Late Medieval Germany* (Oxford, 2010); the Leverhulme funding secured by **Fouracre** and **Mossman** for the project 'Negotiating non-royal power in the Twelfth-Century' (2012-15); and the successful completion of four PGRs in related areas under **Fouracre's** supervision (2008-12). In addition **Mossman** secured funds from non-standard sources, obtaining over €64k in 2011 for an international conference at Manchester from the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, and for research leave in Freiburg from the Gerda Henkel Stiftung-Marie Curie Fellowship.

Modern Economic and Social History (Barker, Gatrell, Geiger, Roddy (PDRF), Roessner, Strange, Summerfield, Taithe, Talbott (PDRF), Velkar). Deployment of a gender analysis is important in the work of this cluster. For example, in the field of family, economy and society, **Barker** obtained £150k from ESRC for 'Family and Business in North West England 1760-1820' (2008-11); and **Strange** secured grants totalling £95k for 'Families need Fathers 1880-1914' (ESRC, 2008-9) and 'The Fond and the Feckless: paternity, sentiment and poverty' (AHRC, 2010-11). From this research base, **Strange** developed the theme of charitable fundraising in the late Victorian marketplace, obtaining £284k jointly with **Taithe** for a project on 'Charitable Consumption'. Both **Barker** and **Strange** have published in leading refereed journals and will publish major monographs based on this research in the next assessment period. **Barker** supervised 3, **Strange** 8, and **Summerfield** 5 PGRs in this field to successful completion 2008-13.

ii. Research Centres.

Our Research Centres engage with interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary research initiatives and capitalize on the wealth of historical research being undertaken across the UoM. New staff have produced significant shifts of emphasis since 2008: the *Centre for Late Antiquity* and the *Centre for Research on the Cultural Forms of Modern European Politics* have been superseded by interdisciplinary research groupings focused on the **Medieval History of the Book (Christ, Fouracre, Insley, Mossman, Oldfield)** and on **Cultures of Politics (Fuller, Jones HS, Pierce, Taithe)**. In response to the strategic development of World History, members of the division are developing an interdisciplinary **Centre for East Asian History (Carden-Coyne, Fuller, Moore, Zheng)**. The **Centre for the Cultural History of War (Carden-Coyne, Gatrell, Geiger, Jones M, Moore, Summerfield, Taithe)** sustains our activity in the history of war, and members continue to edit a thriving book series attracting international attention. The development of the **Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI)** serves as a case study of our Research Centre strategy. HCRI was set up in 2009 by two historians, **Gatrell** and **Taithe** (its inaugural director), bringing together medicine, the social sciences and the humanities to analyse crisis response on a global

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scale. **Taithe** sought external funding for the establishment of HCRI, and was awarded a total of £550k by the alumnus-led Tuixen foundation (2008-13). **Gatrell** generated £49k in funding for projects on 'Rehabilitation and population displacement' (Leverhulme) and 'Refugees in Post-1945 Europe' (AHRC), and **Taithe** obtained £31k for 'Rehabilitation in Haiti' (Handicap International/DFID) and 'Humanitarian Relief and Conflict Response' (ESRC). Both completed major monographs based on this research: **Gatrell** published *Free World?* (Cambridge, 2011) and *The Making of the Modern Refugee* (Oxford, 2013), and **Taithe** produced *The Killer Trail* (Oxford, 2011). Between them they supervised 16 PGRs in related fields to successful completion and led an international conference on 'Humanitarianism: past, present, future', at UoM in 2012.

iii. Regional developments.

History at Manchester aims to lead the development of historical research in North-West England. Post-2014 we plan to (a) continue to serve as the hub of a range of regionally-based inter-institutional research seminars including the long-running Medieval History M6 and Modern British History Seminars, and the new North West Early Modern Seminar (<http://northwestseminar.wordpress.com>); (b) develop a research training strategy geared to collaboration with the museums, libraries and archives of the region to promote more intensive use of their resources and to maximise PGR supervision opportunities. We will take this forward through our current leading role in the ESRC North West Doctoral Training Consortium and, from 2013, our part in an AHRC Doctoral Training Partnership with seven northern institutions (see below, Cii); (c) initiate research projects in conjunction with other HEIs and the third sector, for example through the inter-institutional N8 consortium, of which Manchester is a part, and which is in receipt of AHRC research network funding focusing on heritage.

iv. Global developments.

The division also aims to enhance the UoM's mission by developing its global reach through a staffing strategy that promotes research in transnational and world histories, and by positioning itself at the heart of emerging international collaborations. Our collaborations (through the Centre for Cultural History of War and HCRI) with NGOs, Third Sector organizations, museums and cultural partners have established Manchester as a natural partner for research in the cultural history of war, population displacement and humanitarian aid (see below, Ci).

c. People, including:

i. Staffing strategy and staff development

Staff development strategy. Our recruitment of 50% of our current staff since 2008, as described above, has accentuated the importance of staff development. We support staff as researchers at all stages of their careers. In addition to inclusion in our Research Clusters, ECRs receive mentoring from more experienced colleagues in the three/four years of probation. Advice and guidance on shaping immediate and longer-term research objectives continues through annual monitoring meetings for all staff with the History research coordinator. Staff also have annual appraisal meetings with a trained appraiser to review all aspects of their academic activity. Training is available at every stage through the Humanities New Academics Programme (accredited by the Higher Education Academy). In some institutions this is entirely teaching-focused, but at Manchester it includes units on research strategy, research impact, applying for and managing research grants, and PGR supervision. ECRs are required to take this training under the guidance of their mentors, and other colleagues are encouraged to do so. The UoM has received the HR Excellence in Research Award from the European Commission in recognition of its engagement with the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers. The School administers an array of funding schemes to support researchers, including a Personal Research Allowance of £600 p.a., a Research Support Fund of £30k p.a. to which individuals can apply for up to £3k for pilot projects and, from 2012, a Research Networking Fund of £20k p.a. to which groups can apply for up to £5k. Historians routinely figure among the successful applicants. The School also provides annual funds to support departmental research seminars: History has increased its share from £2k to £6k p.a. reflecting its increased activity in this area. Funds are available through the Faculty's Strategic Investment Reserve Fund for up to £30k for the preparation of large and collaborative research grant applications. History has secured three out of a total of twelve of these

highly competitive SIRF awards 2008-12, for Humanitarianism and Conflict Response (**Taithe, Gatrell**), Chinese Studies (**Zheng, Moore**), and Cosmopolitan Cultures (**Mort**). Staff have also obtained seed corn funding from the new John Rylands Research Institute (**Spinks and Handley**, £3k for a project improving access to the Library's special collections on 'Magic and the Natural World', 2013-14). The success of our research support is indicated by the 2013 Capita Staff Satisfaction Survey in which 82% of staff in the School agreed that 'facilities for research are good'.

Support for ECRs. ECRs benefit from reduced teaching and administration loads (66% of the norm in year 1, 80% in the remainder of the probationary period) and are exempted from major administrative responsibilities. They are invited to present their research at our fortnightly work-in-progress seminars, and to apply for research support funds earmarked for ECRs, such as the Faculty's Strategic Investment Fund which provides seedcorn funding for first grant applications. Of our fourteen appointees to lectureships since 2008, eight (**Christ, Manias, Moore, Mossman, Roessner, Ramos Pinto** [left 2013], **Spinks and Velkar**) published monographs within the review period.

Research leave policy. Research leave is 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. Aside from leave, the staff workload model incorporates provision for teaching relief for staff preparing major grant applications or organizing major conferences, and stipulates that PhD supervision is set off against teaching commitments.

Career progression. The School assists the career progression of temporary lecturers and research staff on fixed-term contracts through mentoring, professional development for researchers provided by the Faculty's Researcher Development Team, and the UoM's Careers Service (which won the *Times Higher Education* 2011 Award for Outstanding Support for Early Career Researchers). In the review period, three staff have progressed from temporary lectureships to prestigious postdoctoral research fellowships, while other temporary staff have moved on to permanent posts, for example Grant to Teesside then Essex, **Handley** to Northumbria then back to Manchester as a lecturer, Laycock to Sheffield Hallam, Mansell to Nottingham, Matthews-Jones to Liverpool John Moores, Ramos Pinto to Manchester then Cambridge, and **Wildman** to a lectureship at Manchester.

Post-doctoral research fellows (PDRFs). The unit attracts PDRFs linked to its areas of research strength and includes them in its Research Clusters and Centres. Grant held an ESRC PDRF 2009-10 (during which he completed a monograph and an edited collection on civil defence in Cold War Britain) linked to the Centre for the Cultural History of War; **Handley** held a highly competitive Simon Fellowship (for the promotion of research and teaching in the Social Sciences) in 2007-9 linked to the Early Modern History cluster; Ramos-Pinto held a Simon Fellowship 2008-11 linked to the Cultures of Politics cluster; **Talbott** holds a Hallsworth Fellowship 2012-15 (for the study of Political Economy) connected to the Modern Economic and Social History cluster; and Roddy holds a Hallsworth Fellowship 2013-2016 for the economic history of the Irish Catholic Church. Both the latter are linked to the Modern Economic and Social History Cluster. The School supports the Leverhulme Fellowship scheme and guarantees office space and computing support for all PDRFs.

Commitment to equal opportunities. The unit, in conjunction with the UoM, is committed to the advancement of equality in employment and career development for its staff. This includes monitoring and identifying actions in relation to recruitment, current staff profile and promotion. The UoM has been awarded the 'Two Ticks' disability symbol and has a dedicated support service for disabled staff. It has recently produced a report on 'Women in Leadership' and it is part of a pilot scheme on Black and Minority Ethnic recruitment and career development. The History UoA has been sustained its diversity: seven different nationalities are represented among our staff, and one-third of History staff are women including two of the nine professors.

Exchanges with public or third sector bodies. Our recent strategy has been to develop partnerships, e.g. **Gatrell's** AHRC project on refugees in post-1945 Europe is associated with the

Quaker Service Memorial Trust and with secondary schools (see <http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2013/apr/16/rare-memorial-inspires-quakers-work>); HCRI's 'histories of humanitarianism' project (led by **Taithe**) involves links with the Overseas Development Institute, the Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, and the Médecins Sans Frontières Foundation; and **Wildman** participates in debate on urban regeneration with the National Local Government Network (an independent think tank) <http://www.nlgn.org.uk/public/2013/lessons-from-local-governments-past/>.

ii. Research students

Integration of PGRs into research culture. We pride ourselves on the integration of our PGRs to our research culture and to the UoM's research environment more widely. They must attend our work-in-progress and visiting-speaker research seminars; we foster the students' own Graduate Seminars at which PGR students present their work; we encourage them to apply for dedicated School funds for PGR-organised conferences (e.g. two History PGRs won funding for a one-day conference on gender, March 2013); we urge them to compete for School funds for PGR attendance at conferences of the leading historical learned societies (up to £250 per student per year) and to apply to give their own papers at such conferences. PGRs may also apply to the School for up to £2000, and to the division for up to £300, for fieldwork costs (e.g. to visit archives and specialist libraries abroad or to conduct oral history projects). Our PGRs have a track record of successful applications for external conference and research travel funds, such as those offered by RHS and IHR. The SALC Graduate School hosts a PGR website with a blog and a Twitter feed, which, together with open mailing lists in the School, are used for communication with and between PG students and to post relevant announcements of research-related activities, training opportunities and job searches. Infrastructural improvements since 2008 have created common room space for social interaction, a new training room, two new workstation rooms with computers, printers and lockers, and the upgrading of pre-existing space and equipment (seven rooms). History plays a leading part within CIDRAL in the practice of inviting visiting speakers to give PGR master classes introducing their own work and interrogating their research methods.

Recruitment of PGRs. Our standing as a major centre of research training in History is exemplified by our vigorous recruitment of doctoral students and the quality of our intake, as measured by research council funding. The School is sixth nationally in terms of AHRC awards for post-graduate study. In the review period History won 24 AHRC and 8 ESRC doctoral studentships, and 19 research preparation awards. Our MA research training programmes have ESRC recognition. We take a leading role in the ESRC North West Doctoral Training Centre (NWDTC) which offers funding through the Economic and Social History pathway, and are also (from 2013) part of an AHRC Doctoral Training Partnership with seven institutions sharing 200 studentships over a five year period. Additionally, we are able to award one PhD and two MA (research training) studentships from our endowments. Funding for three PGRs has been secured from private foundations and other sources (Watts Family Trust; Eric Li, Hong Kong; Turkish Government) and in 2013 a History PGR won a UoM President's Doctoral Scholar Award (covering home fees and maintenance). We are also able to offer Graduate Scholarships (home fees and partial maintenance), and fee-bursaries. The competition for UoM, School and departmental PGR support funds is open to students from all disciplines and nationalities in accordance with the UoM's equal opportunities policy. Our recruitment has improved significantly: from 41 PGR FTEs (9 non-UK) in October 2007 to 58 PGR FTEs (7 non-UK) in July 2013.

Exchange with public or third sector bodies. In 2011/12 artsmethods@manchester ran 35 workshops in subject-specific and generic research skills, teacher-training events and knowledge-transfer activities. These included the participation of representatives from national and local arts institutions such as libraries, museums and charities. The artsmethods@manchester programme launched a pilot scheme 'Researchers in Residence' in September 2012, which places PGRs in arts organisations, charities and schools in the Greater Manchester area. In the review period a PGR held an AHRC collaborative doctoral award for work with the People's History Museum (Connolly) and another student (Rolfe) held a John Rylands Research Institute studentship, to work with uncatalogued materials in the Special Collections of the John Rylands Library.

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Monitoring and support mechanisms. Each PGR meets their two supervisors on a regular basis (usually fortnightly) and is also assigned an academic advisor who joins the supervisory team for twice-yearly progress panels, to assess the PGR's written work and research plans and monitor progress. A record of supervisions, progress panels and training, as well as examination and completion results, is kept through the UoM's online monitoring system, 'eprog'. History PGRs also benefit from the inclusion in their supervisory team of experts from our partners in the ESRC NWDTC (Liverpool and Lancaster) (see Biii). Completion rates are excellent: of the 40 PhDs awarded in the review period over 90% were completed within four years.

Support for skills and career development. In conjunction with the School-based Graduate School we provide training in specific research and transferable skills throughout our PGRs' periods of registration. History PGRs have benefited in particular from Manchester's leading role in the ESRC NWDTC, which hosts student PG conferences and organizes PGR community-building induction events and workshops on research ethics, e-learning skills, fieldwork, getting published, and public engagement. In conjunction with the Higher Education Academy we have also hosted three national training events for PGRs and ECRs, 2010-13. The benefits to History PGRs are evidenced by the prizes they have won (e.g. Rajabi, Social History Society Postgraduate Conference Paper Prize 2011; Hazley, British Association of Irish Studies Postgraduate Essay Prize 2013), and their excellent publication record (nine articles in refereed journals and seven chapters in books while registered with us, in the review period, including, for example, Feely, 'From Dialectics to Dancing' *History Workshop Journal*, 69 (Spring 2010), pp. 90-110 and Mansell, 'Musical Modernity and Contested Commemoration' *The Historical Journal*, 52:2, 2009, pp. 433-454). Careers advice, in addition to that provided by supervisors and through progress panels, is closely linked to the Postgraduate Researcher Development Framework. Within this Framework each PGR is expected to review their training and career needs and, in conjunction with their supervisors, to design an appropriate training programme which is monitored by eprog and delivered through artsmethods@manchester. In addition, postgraduate support is a central component of the work of the UoM Careers Service (which was voted best in the country for three years running by the Association of Graduate Recruiters and Barker's Graduate National Media Audit). It explores the breadth of career opportunities open to PGRs as well as providing a comprehensive guide to working in higher education via its 'an Academic Career' website. The academic jobs to which History PGRs have moved in 2008-13 include: University of Virginia (Rahman); Simon Fraser University (Ray); University of Greenwich (Rand); Coventry University (Britton); Lazarski University, Poland (Lash); Ryukoko University, Japan (Takiguchi); QMUL (Stewart); Nottingham University (Mansell). Others have been employed in international organisations, e.g. the World Health Organisation, India (Noor).

d. Income, infrastructure and facilities

Evidence of successful generation of research income. History generated £1.69m from research councils and UK charities, 2008-12. As indicated above, grant capture is associated with our Research Clusters and Centres. The **Medieval Cluster** obtained grants from Leverhulme for 'The Anglo Saxons' (Higham, retired 2011) and 'Negotiating non-royal power in the twelfth century' (**Mossman**). The **Early Modern Cluster** generated AHRC grants for 'Anglo-Scottish Migration' (**Brown, K**) and 'Britain's Lost Revolution?' (Szechi). The **Modern Economic and Social History Cluster** fostered grants for 'The Fond and the Feckless' (AHRC), 'Families need Fathers 1880-1914' (ESRC) (**Strange**) and 'Charitable Consumption' (ESRC, **Strange and Taithe**), as well as 'The Economy of Central Asia' (**Gatrell**) and 'Health and Living Standards of Factory Children 1822-37' (British Cotton Growers, Kirby, left 2011). The **World History Cluster** generated 'Digitizing the Archives of Grenada' (British Library, Brown, L), 'Venereal Disease and Prostitution in Peru' (Wellcome, Drinot, left 2010), 'Scandal, Death and Crime in a Colonial City' (**Ghosh**), and 'The History of Childhood and Youth in Imperial Japan' (AHRC, **Moore**, jointly with Cave, Japanese Studies). The **Centre for the Cultural History of War** fostered grants for 'The Politics of Wounds 1914-1925' (AHRC, **Carden-Coyne**), 'Growing up in a World at War' (Leverhulme, **Moore**), and 'Civil Defence in Cold War Britain' (ESRC, **Summerfield**). **HCRI** generated 'Rehabilitation in Haiti' (Handicap International/DFID, **Taithe**), 'Humanitarian Relief and Conflict Response' (ESRC, **Taithe**), 'Rehabilitation and population displacement' (Leverhulme, **Gatrell**)

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and 'Refugees in Post-1945 Europe' (AHRC, **Gatrell**). In addition to research council funding, historians have sought non-HESA sources. **Mort** was appointed John Hinckley Visiting Professor of History, Johns Hopkins University, funded at \$60k (2008-09). Pierce was awarded a Fellowship of U.S. \$55k by the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (2010-11) and a further Fellowship of £18k by the Kaete Hamburger Kolleg/Centre for Global Cooperation Research, University of Duisburg-Essen (July-December 2013). The non-standard grants captured by **Mossman** and by **Taithe** have been described above (Bii).

Scholarly infrastructure. The unit's capacity to provide an internationally excellent environment for research in History is enhanced by the rich library and archival resources of Manchester and the north-west, notably Chetham's Library, the University Library, the John Rylands Library and the recently re-organised collections of the Manchester Central Library in its newly renovated building. The John Rylands Library, which houses the UoM's Special Collections, has extensive holdings in all arts and humanities disciplines including over 250,000 printed volumes and over a million manuscripts and incunabula, housed in a recently-refurbished Grade 1 listed building in the city centre. From 2013 the School has led the cross-university John Rylands Research Institute which serves as a focal point for the capture of externally generated humanities research income and philanthropic donation and creates a bridge for facilitating the sponsorship and development of academic research projects which address the data-turn in the Humanities. By combining the skills, knowledge and professional activities of academic and library staff, the JRRI increases and improves access to, and knowledge of, the Special Collections, facilitating the exploitation of their research potential by UoM historians and bringing the world's leading academics to Manchester. The University Library has the largest collection of electronic resources in any university library in Europe: currently over 43,500 e-journals, 500,000 e-books and a complete range of research databases. In addition, through Manchester e-scholar, the UoM offers researchers a useful resource to both deposit and disseminate their research outputs.

Organisational infrastructure. Research policy within the School is determined by a Research Committee, led by the Research Director in conjunction with the School's Research Development Manager. The Research Committee, which meets five times a year, reports to the School Policy and Resources Committee. Each of the seven disciplinary divisions of the School, plus its cross-School research centre, CIDRAL, is represented on the Research Committee which implements the School strategic plan for research including targets for research income generation, research output quality and academic impact. The Research Committee is also responsible for the allocation of the School's research budget. Various subcommittees address specific issues, e.g. research ethics. The Research Committee receives regular reports from Research Centres and encourages the activities of the Research Clusters.

Operational infrastructure. The School Research Support Office, led by the Research Development Manager, supports the implementation of strategy and facilitates research collaborations, informs staff regularly of funding opportunities, assists in developing grant applications, manages grants, and monitors the progress of funded projects against deadlines. The History Research Co-ordinator is responsible for day-to-day management of staff research in the discipline including advising on research grant bids, arranging peer review of bids, annually reviewing research and publication plans with each member of staff individually, and overseeing the Research Clusters.

Strategy to balance scholarly, organisational and operational infrastructures. The UoM's investment in archives such as those of the JRRI ties into our strategy of developing Research Clusters with the capacity to maximise grant capture, supported at School level by the research committee and at divisional level by the research co-ordinator.

e. Collaboration or contribution to the discipline or research base

Collaboration with other institutions locally, nationally and internationally. International collaborations include **Gatrell's** role as a general editor of '1914-1918 online', based at the Free University of Berlin, and **Taithe's** 'histories of humanitarianism' project involving TATA Institute,

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Mumbai; Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent; MSF Foundation and Research Centre (CRASH); Overseas Development Institute; Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action (CERAH), Geneva; Jindal School of International Affairs (Delhi); Tufts University; and George Washington University. Other international collaborations include **Brown K's** AHRC-funded Research Network 'Anglo-Scottish Migration and the Making of Great Britain, 1603-1762', 2012-14. Participants include Ditchburn, Trinity College Dublin, History; Landsman, SUNY Stony Brook, History; Shields, University of Washington, English.

Involvement in Research Councils and university review panels. Manchester historians are prominent nationally. Two members are involved in the REF process: **Gatrell** (Chair of Sub-Panel 27, member of Panel D); and **Summerfield** (member of Sub-Panel 30). **Gatrell** was a member of the ESRC Research Grants Board 2005-9 and chaired the ESRC Seminars Competition 2008 and 2009. **Fouracre** is a Newton Fellowship advisor and was Reviewer of Postgraduate Provision in History, Liverpool University, May 2009. **Mort** was on the Advisory Board for the Centre for Contemporary British History, IHR, 2001-10. Internationally, **Fouracre** was Reviewer of Centre of Excellence Programmes in the Humanities at Nagoya University, Japan, 2010.

Leading positions in learned societies. **Summerfield** is an elected member of the Council of the Royal Historical Society (2013-2017) and served as the elected Chair of the Social History Society UK (2008-2011); **Gatrell** and **Summerfield** were elected Academicians of the Academy of Social Sciences in 2011; **Barker** was a Member of Council and Trustee of the Economic History Society (2010-13); **Fouracre** is President of the Chetham Society and chairs the Chetham Library Committee; **Gatrell** (2010-12) and **Barker** (2011-12) serve on the Thirsk-Feinstein Dissertation Prize Panel. Junior members are also actively engaged, e.g. **Handley** is Strand Leader and Executive Committee member, Social History Society, UK; **Talbott** is Treasurer of the Economic and Social History Society of Scotland.

Editorial positions. Staff have been Editors of the following academic journals: *Early Medieval Europe* (**Fouracre**, 2005-9); *European Review of History* (**Taithe**); *Ethnicity and Race in a Changing World* (Brown, L). We serve on numerous editorial boards, including *Women's History Review* (**Barker**, also Book Reviews Editor 2007-12, **Wildman**); *Cultural and Social History* (**Summerfield**, Jones M, **Mort**); *Journal for War and Culture Studies* (**Carden-Coyne**, **Summerfield**); *Bulletin of the John Rylands Library* (**Fouracre**); *Twentieth Century British History* (**Mort**); *H-Albion: Early Modern Britain*, (**Talbott**, book reviews editor). We take a leading role in Manchester University Press's history publishing, as, for example chair of the Editorial Committee and member of the Board (**Taithe**); member of the Editorial Committee (**Barker**); member of Humanities and Social Sciences Editorial Board (**Fouracre**); academic editors of the Cultural History of Modern War series, (**Carden-Coyne**, **Gatrell**, Jones M, **Summerfield**, **Taithe**); and of Gender and History series, (**Summerfield**). We also hold other academic editorships, e.g. *RHS Studies in History* (**Barker** 2008-12); and *Beitrage zur Wirtschafts- und Sozialgeschichte*, and *Studien zur Gesellschafts- und Handelsgeschichte der vorindustriellen Zeit*, published by Franz Steiner Verlag, Stuttgart (**Roessner**).

Examination of doctorates. Staff regularly examine doctorates as externals, within the UK and also internationally e.g. **Gatrell** at the Universities of British Columbia and Geneva; **Mort** at University of Sydney; **Taithe** at University of Auckland.

Organisation of conferences. Both junior and senior historians take leading roles in conference organisation. **Oldfield** was co-organiser of a Conference on Crusading and Pilgrimage in the Norman World, Manchester 2012; **Summerfield** organised the annual Social History Society UK annual conference at UoM 2011; **Taithe** and **Gatrell** led an international conference on 'Humanitarianism: past, present, future' at UoM 2012; **Wildman** initiated and leads the 'Theory and Methods' Strand, Social History Society UK (2011-).

Refereeing academic publications and research proposals. We referee for a wide range of leading academic journals. Examples include *Cultural and Social History* (**Handley**, **Summerfield**, **Wildman**); *Diplomatic History* (**Fuller**); *Urban History* (**Barker**, **Wildman**); *European Review of*

History (Wildman); Modern Asian Studies (Ghosh); The Historical Journal (Ghosh, Barker, Summerfield); Asian Studies Review (Ghosh); Indian Economic and Social History Review (Ghosh); Gender and History (Barker); Early Medieval Europe (Fouracre); English Historical Review (Fouracre, Oldfield); German History (Fouracre, Spinks); Historical Research (Barker, Fouracre, Handley, Oldfield); Journal of Medieval History (Fouracre); Journal of British Studies (Handley); Journal of Scottish Historical Studies (Talbot); Britain and the World (Talbot); French History (Taithe); War in History (Taithe). Staff also act as readers for academic publishers including CUP (Fouracre, Jones HS, Taithe); OUP (Barker, Fouracre, Ghosh, Jones HS, Summerfield, Taithe), MUP (Barker, Fouracre, Ghosh, Jones HS, Summerfield, Taithe), Routledge (Barker, Taithe), Taylor and Francis, UCL, Orion and Longman (Barker), Brill (Fouracre), Yale (Taithe). We also referee research grant applications. **Barker** was a member of the ESRC board of examiners for the annual PGR studentship competition 2008-11, and has refereed for ESRC Professorial Research Fellowships since 2008, as well as British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowships, and Wellcome Trust Research Fellowships. **Barker, Fouracre, Jones HS, Redworth, Summerfield**, are members of the AHRC Peer Review College. **Barker** is a Member of the ESRC Peer Review College. **Ghosh** is External Assessor, British Library Grant Applications. **Barker, Handley**, and **Jones HS** referee for Wellcome Trust. **Jones HS** referees for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, and **Taithe** for the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences and for the Humanities Endowment Fund (USA). Staff regularly contribute book reviews to leading academic journals, e.g. *Economic History Review, Cultural and Social History, English Historical Review, History, Catholic Historical Review, Journal of Ecclesiastical History, H-Net, Women's History Review*.

Scholarly awards or fellowships. Early career prize-winners include **Talbot**: Samuel Rutherford Thesis Prize, St Andrews, 2011; IHR Pollard Prize, 2011; Economic and Social History Society of Scotland Research Essay Prize, 2009; Scottish History Society Transcription Prize, 2008; and **Velkar**: Thirsk-Feinstein PhD Dissertation Prize, Economic History Society, 2010; Coleman PhD Prize, Association of Business Historians, 2010. **Roessner** won the Walter Haevernick Prize of the German Numismatical Commission for his Habilitationsschrift, 2013. Visiting Professorships (VPs), include, most prominently **Mort**, John Hinckley VP, Johns Hopkins University 2008-09; **Summerfield**, VP, Université de Toulouse-le Mirail, 2008-09; **Taithe**, VP, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, 2009-10. Research Fellowships include **Fuller**, Harvard-Yenching/Peking University Fellowship in Advanced Chinese Studies, 2008, and Fulbright Grant, 2008-09; **Handley**, Simon Research Fellowship, Manchester, 2007-09; **Jones HS**, Visiting Fellowship, All Souls, Oxford 2008-09; **Oldfield**, AHRC Early Career Fellowship, 2011-12; Ramos Pinto (left 2013), Simon Research Fellowship, Manchester, 2008-11; **Roessner**, Heisenberg Research Fellowship, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, 2013-15; Szechi, AHRC Fellowship 2012-13; **Talbot**, Tawney Postdoctoral Research Fellow, IHR, 2010-11; **Velkar**, EHS/IHR Postan Fellowship 2008-09. **Roessner** is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquities in Scotland. **Barker, Fouracre, Handley, Jones HS, Mort, Summerfield**, and Szechi are Fellows of the Royal Historical Society.

Invited keynotes/lectures. Members of the division, both junior and senior, gave numerous invited lectures 2008-13. Highlights include: **Fouracre**, Warren Hollister Memorial Lecture, Boston USA, 2009; **Mort**, Ben Pimlott Memorial Lecture, University of London, 2010, and John Hinckley University Lecture, Johns Hopkins University, 2008; **Summerfield**, Ewen Green Memorial Lecture, Magdalen College, Oxford, 2012; **Taithe** gave lectures at Gerka Henkel Stiftung, 2008; New York Academy of Medicine, 2009; and CEU Budapest 2010. Junior highlights include: **Oldfield**, All Souls, Oxford, and Queens University Belfast, both 2012; **Spinks**, Universities of Darmstadt and Heidelberg, 2012; **Talbot**, Université de Poitiers, 2011; **Wildman**, John Hume Institute for Global Irish Studies, University College Dublin, 2010.