

Institution: King's College London
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<p>a. Overview</p> <p>History at King's has been transformed since 2008, with expansion, globalisation and public engagement as our key priorities. The Department of History has approximately doubled in size, and currently has 46 academic staff (38.45 FTE, as seven members of staff are on part-time contracts and eight have joint appointments with other units). The Department comprises 14 professors, 13 senior lecturers/readers, and 19 lecturers. It also includes 11 postdoctoral fellows, 4 Emeritus Professors, and a fluctuating number of approximately 25 affiliated visiting researchers. The Department collaborates closely in interdisciplinary activities with the other 17 departments and programmes within our School of Arts & Humanities. We have links with historians in units outside our School, such as the King's Global Institutes, which have been central to the recent development of the globalisation strategy of the College. We have a particularly close relationship with the Institute of Contemporary British History, a free-standing interdisciplinary unit that transferred to King's from the Institute of Historical Research in 2010, and is now located within the School of Social Science & Public Policy. The submitting unit includes all members of the Department of History, plus one from the India Institute and two from ICBH.</p>
<p>b. Research strategy</p> <p>1. Context: We are committed to enhancing our position as a producer of original, world-class research in the service of society. We are increasingly focused on applying our intellectual skills and knowledge as historians to enrich social and cultural life both in London and further afield. These aims are in harmony with the College's <i>Strategic Plan 2006-2016</i>, with its emphases on: strengthening our reputation for cutting-edge research; raising consciousness of the broader social and cultural value of our research; attracting more postgraduate students from home and abroad; and increasing our share of research funding. We have also embraced the College's internationalisation strategy, embedding international perspectives into our research and developing new collaborations with university partners overseas. Our strategy and structures have, since 2008, become increasingly sharply defined, with the following themes predominant:</p> <p>2. Expansion over the past five years has been dramatic, and has been shaped by multiple strategic considerations. In RAE2008 the unit returned 21.5 FTE. We were then a relatively small department, noted for having secured an outstanding series of early RAE results, but still essentially restricted to our traditional areas of strength (British, European, and British Imperial/Commonwealth history), which derived from the long-standing division of labour within the federal University of London. Our research strategy was largely focused on supporting the individual ambitions of our staff, although we had already established our excellence in collaborative digital humanities projects. It was apparent, though, that we needed to broaden our range in order to respond better to the changing geopolitical, intellectual and research landscape, manifested by the historiographical 'global turn', and also to reduce our dependency on the increasingly fragile structures for intercollegiate teaching in London. A restructuring of humanities departments in 2009 presented a first opportunity to address this. By absorbing three historians from our Department of Portuguese (Bethencourt, Chabal, plus Vakil as a joint appointment with a new Department of Spanish & Portuguese (SPLAS)), we established major strengths both in the early modern Lusophone world and in contemporary African history. We have signalled our commitment to future research in this field by the appointment, jointly with SPLAS, of Green, an expert on early modern West Africa and the Atlantic world, first as a Leverhulme Fellow (2010) and then Lecturer (2013). Similar transfers and joint appointments with our Centre for Hellenic Studies (Stathakopoulos) and Menzies Centre for Australian Studies (Bridge, and Bongiorno, since replaced with Sleight) have enabled us to strengthen our connections with these interdisciplinary units. In recent years History has been a major beneficiary of the ambitious programme of investment in the humanities at King's. Since 2009 we have established 12 entirely new posts, enabling us to broaden our existing medieval strength to encompass economic history (Sapoznik) and to consolidate our interest in the history of political thought (O'Flaherty), as well as expanding significantly in the key areas detailed below.</p> <p>3. Globalisation has been a key priority shaping appointments since 2011. Altehenger (contemporary Chinese history); Matlin (United States since 1865); Edling (North America 1700-1865); De Weerd (medieval Chinese history); and Zia-Ebrahimi (twentieth-century Middle Eastern history) have all brought us new areas of expertise. Together with the 2009 appointment of Drayton</p>

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(Rhodes Professor of Imperial & Commonwealth History, following Porter's retirement), this recruitment wave has further transformed our extra-European coverage. In addition to our long-established specialism in the British Empire we now offer comprehensive coverage of the history of European empires, with specialists in British, French and Iberian expansion, combined with our strengths in African, South Asian, Australian, Chinese, and United States history. One of our primary goals in 2014-19 will be to support the advanced study of modern global social, political and cultural interactions, focusing on the relationship between worldwide empires and the regions of Asia, Africa and the Americas. Building on Altehenger's appointment, which is joint with our China Institute, we will also work to build stronger links with the other Global Institutes recently established at King's (see below).

4. Public Engagement: We have an established track record of engagement in public life, the development of which, capitalizing on our central London location, is a key strategic goal of the unit. In 2010 we were joined, along with ICBH, by History & Policy: a national network of historians aiming to promote the policy impact of the discipline, supported by a sophisticated online platform and a full-time specialist Public Affairs Manager. H&P has injected new energy into our outward-facing research activities, involving both staff and postgraduates in its unique work with policy makers, particularly in government. Through bespoke media training and workshops [10 held at King's in 2010-13], H&P prepares historians to engage more effectively with civil servants, civil society practitioners and journalists. The appointment in 2012 of Delap as Reader in Twentieth-Century British History and Director of H&P has further embedded this unique unit in the life of the Department. In 2014-19 H&P will routinely advise on media and impact opportunities as new research proposals are considered by our Postgraduate and Research Committee (PARC). See further REF3a.

5. History of Science and Medicine. Medical Humanities was identified in 2008 as an area for interdisciplinary strategic investment. This followed our appointment of Jordanova (2006-13), who has been a key figure in the establishment and development of our Wellcome-funded Centre for the Humanities and Health. Two Wellcome Trust postdoctoral fellows working in the history of medicine have recently completed their fellowships (Hammerschlag and Foxhall), with a third (Hickman) beginning in 2013. Maerker's 2011 appointment as Senior Lecturer in the History of Medicine built on this concentration of excellence. This post was strategically designed to strengthen public engagement in this field, and this has already been realised through Maerker's collaborations with the Wellcome Collection, the Science Museum, and the Hunterian Museum. A major development this year has been the transfer from Imperial College to our Department of the world-leading Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine. Three members of academic staff (Edgerton, Fressoz, Woods) and two postdoctoral researchers have transferred with this Centre, joining our existing staff with interests in the history of medicine, as well as a new appointment (Gainty), which underscores our commitment to this field. King's has now joined MIT, Harvard, and Cambridge, in having a world-leading centre for the study of the history of science, technology and medicine. One of our priorities for 2014-19 will be to integrate fully the history of science, technology and medicine into the wider study of cultural, social and political history – a feature which will mark us apart from peer institutions where this field is organizationally somewhat isolated. In addition to making further appointments in this area, we will seek to use department and school resources to assist the CHoSTM team in addressing major policy questions before audiences in and outside the academy, and in strengthening their grant capture.

6. Major Publications: Many King's historians are established leaders in their areas of specialisation. A key aim of our research strategy continues to be to enable our staff to produce outstanding books, reflecting the full diversity of their interests and approaches. Our research output over this census period includes books which have challenged and reassessed the dominant paradigms in our respective fields (Chabal, Edgerton, Fressoz, Lovell, McBride); or combined primary research with big-picture surveys (Heather); or changed the way the subject is taught (Gowing). Books with major policy implications include Chabal, *Africa* (2009); and Thane, *Unmarried Motherhood* (co-authored, 2012). Important monographs projected in 2008 have now appeared (Bjork, Ferente, Kostyanovsky, McLean, Vinen). Our ability to attract early career scholars of the highest calibre and to help them develop their research is demonstrated by the appearance of nine first monographs, and by the awards several of these have won. Both Rio and Todd have been awarded a Philip Leverhulme Prize by the Leverhulme Trust on the strength of their early work. Rio was also awarded the RHS Gladstone Prize (2010 – best first book on a non-

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British topic), while Bjork received the Biennial Kulczycki Book Prize for best first book on any aspect of Polish affairs (Polish Studies Association, 2010).

7. National and International Digital Humanities Collaboration: We have successfully built on our early reputation as a centre for innovation in the digital humanities, developing existing projects and attracting and generating new ones. This has become one of the hallmarks of our research environment, with skills and ideas cascading through the Department, particularly but not only among our medievalists. The 3 large-scale collaborative digital humanities projects discussed in our RAE2008 submission have not only been brought to fruition but have all led directly to further collaborative enterprises. Baxter was co-director of the *Prosopography of Anglo-Saxon England* (with the Department of Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic, University of Cambridge, and the Department of Digital Humanities at King's), funded from 2000 to 2008 by the AHRB/AHRC. The second phase of PASE was published online in August 2010. Baxter subsequently became PI of a Leverhulme Trust large research grant for *Profile of a Doomed Elite: The Structure of English Landed Society in 1066* (Sept. 2010-Aug. 2012). The completion of the AHRC-funded *Henry III Fine Rolls* project, a collaborative enterprise with King's Digital Humanities, The National Archives and Christ Church Canterbury (Carpenter PI) led to the major AHRC-funded *Magna Carta* project (Carpenter Co-I), together with the British Library, Christ Church Canterbury, Oxford and UEA. Carpenter is also Co-I on the AHRC-funded *Paradox of Medieval Scotland* project, a collaborative enterprise with the University of Glasgow, King's Digital Humanities and the University of Edinburgh, and on the AHRC-funded *Breaking of Britain: Scottish Political Culture before the Wars of Independence* project, a collaborative enterprise with the University of Glasgow, King's Digital Humanities and the Universities of Edinburgh and Lancaster. Burns continues as Director of Clergy of Church of England Database project, launched in 1999 and still ongoing, with collaborators at the Universities of Kent and Durham. He has also been Co-I on *Building on History: The Church in London* (AHRC-funded knowledge transfer fellowship, 2008-11), a collaboration with the Open University, the Church of England Diocese of London, and Lambeth Palace Library. In 2012 De Weerd joined us from Oxford, when her research was already underway as PI on *China and the Historical Sociology of Empire* (research team of five funded by the European Research Council, 2012-17); she was attracted to King's History because of our excellent record in hosting major collaborative projects, and our close relationship with King's Digital Humanities (and also our China Institute). Notable recent grant application successes in collaboration with King's Digital Humanities, and developed with assistance from the senior colleagues mentioned above, are Rio, *The Making of Charlemagne's Europe, 768-814* (AHRC, 2011), and Readman, PI on *The Redress of the Past: Historical Pageants 1905-2016* (AHRC, 2013), with Co-Is at the Universities of Glasgow and Strathclyde. In 2014-19 we will build further on this record. Future projects are already in development (follow-on projects from Rio; Edling's project, with collaborators in the USA, on the digital mapping of the early American republic). Through improved research support structures (see below), and regular departmental workshops, we will intensify our efforts to seed and support successful research grant applications. While seeking to improve our grant capture in all areas, we will maintain our particular focus on the digital humanities.

8. International Partners: The Department has participated enthusiastically in several of the College's Strategic University Partnerships, drawing on central funds earmarked for building these relationships. This programme funds a series of collaborative graduate conferences with the University of North Carolina. Long-term research collaboration with historians at UNC Chapel Hill, led by Readman and involving several members of our staff, have centred on two international conferences: 'Borderlands 1700-1914', in October 2011 at King's, and 'Modern Walks: Human Locomotion During the Long Nineteenth Century' in September 2013 at UNC. The Borderlands conference has resulted in a contract for a book of essays (*Borderlands in World History, 1700-1914*: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), and a similar publication is envisaged as an outcome of the Walking conference. Another major international conference, 'War, Demobilization and Memory: The Legacy of War in the Era of Atlantic Revolutions', organised by Rowe with UNC collaborators and also involving 5 other King's historians, was held in London, hosted both at King's and at UNC's Winston House, in May-June 2013. An edited volume arising from the conference will be published in 2015. Collaborations between world historians at King's and UNC have led to an international conference, 'Lost Futures in the History of Modern European Empires', similarly co-hosted in London in May 2012; we have also held two 'Global History Forums' jointly with Georgetown University (September 2011 in Washington DC; May 2011 in London). Wilson has

organised an innovative, peripatetic series of three workshops, on the interrelated topics of violence, space and borders, together with Georgetown and JNU in Delhi – the first of these took place at Georgetown in 2012. Recent energies have gone into our School-level partnership with the Faculty of Arts at the University of Sydney, which offers exciting possibilities given our strength in Australian history. Drayton is collaborating on the history of racial identities in the British Empire with Professor Cassandra Pybus from Sydney, who spent three months at King's in 2013 on a Leverhulme Visiting Professorship award. In 2014-19 we will work to deepen these strategic partnerships, and also to build on contacts we have already established with the College's other strategic partners in Asia, the National University of Singapore and the University of Hong Kong, and with the History Departments at Capital Normal University in Beijing and at the University of Wuhan.

9. **Future strategy 2014-19:** The next six years will be a period of consolidation and further development in the areas already identified as key strategic priorities. We have now largely achieved the breadth of coverage appropriate for a leading History Department. We are concerned, though, to fill gaps, created by recent departures, in the history of Latin America (Pearce) and of early modern science (Jordanova). The development of more dynamic and imaginative public engagement and impact will be a major priority: we will use our History & Policy unit more intensively to identify, present and promote the policy significance of our research across a wide range of fields. We will also aim to further develop our links with major cultural institutions in London, building on existing collaborations, for example with the British Museum, and working more closely with interdisciplinary outreach and engagement units such as the King's Cultural Institute. We will also seek to strengthen our existing links with archives and other historical resources such as the National Archives and Lambeth Palace Library. We will aim to consolidate existing international research partnerships (with UNC, Sydney, JNU, Capital Normal). Our imminent partnership with UCL and the School of Advanced Study will dramatically improve our PGR teaching and training provision (see below). A key priority over the next six years will be to make this London Arts & Humanities Partnership a resounding success, establishing our core London institutions as an unsurpassed centre for learning the historian's craft. We will seek to deepen our relationships with our LAHP partners, aiming to extend from PGR collaboration to establishing a shared environment for research collaboration also.

c. People, including:

Staffing strategy and staff development

1. Our **staffing strategy**, informed by the research priorities described above, has focused on the appointment of junior scholars of exceptional research promise. All but two of our twelve appointments to new posts created since 2008 have been at lecturer level, as have three replacement appointments (Sleight, Rio, Taylor). We have, though, appointed three professors to sustain crucial research leadership in key areas: Drayton, mentioned above, in world history; Heather, appointed in 2008 following the retirement of Nelson, preserving our global reputation in early medieval European history; and Crick, appointed in 2012 as our new Professor of Palaeography and Manuscript Studies. Professors perform a key leadership role in maintaining a flexible, reflective and dynamic research culture within the Department, making up 9 of the 10 academic staff on PARC. We are fully committed to implementing the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers, and to best practice as identified by the College's Concordat Implementation Action Plan, available on our Graduate School web pages.

2. The Department follows College procedures on **induction, probation, appraisal and promotion**. These may be consulted on the College website, and are monitored by the College HR department. The HoD oversees all areas of staff development, and reports to the Head of School. Probationary staff maintain their academic mentors until confirmation of post, usually three years after appointment. All new staff in the Department are given approximately a 20% reduction in their teaching load in their first year of appointment. The workloads of probationary staff are carefully monitored throughout their probationary period, during which they are only asked to perform light administrative roles. End-of-probation reviews are conducted by a Schoolpanel, for which research achievement is one of three areas of consideration. All staff members have an annual Performance and Development Review with the HoD or a professorial colleague. This includes a review of research performance and future research plans, and of the ways in which the Department might support these plans, for example through workload management, support for training needs, or advice on publication. The Graduate School provides regular workshops on

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topics such as leading a research project and PhD supervision. Research activity and achievement (including publication, reception and impact, supervision of PhD students, research funding, and the management of research projects) are important criteria at all stages of career progression. These procedures apply equally to part-time and fixed-term staff. Discussion of progress toward promotion is an important element of the annual reviews of all non-professorial staff. This is carefully monitored by the HoD, with reference both to the College promotion guidelines and by humanities-specific School guidelines on the expected performance of staff at each grade. At all stages of progression, including probation review and promotion to senior lecturer, reader or professor, College decisions are informed by external review of individual research profiles by two or more recognised authorities of international standing.

3. **Research** within the Department is overseen by the Postgraduate and Research Committee, which reports to the Head of Department. PARC and the HoD support staff research by organizing the research mentoring scheme, monitoring outputs, and advising on research grant applications. Staff can apply for – and are normally granted – one semester of research leave in seven, subject to the support of the HoD and the approval of the Head of School. We encourage applications for externally funded periods of leave, and have enabled all successful applicants to take up these opportunities (Lovell, Vinen, Gowing, Todd, Rio, Ferente). Externally-funded leave does not count against entitlement for sabbatical leave. All staff members receive an annual research allowance (currently £700), and may apply for larger sums to support new projects from the Department's central budget. The School Research Committee offers small grants and publication subventions, available by competition to all research postgraduates and staff. PARC pays particularly close attention to providing research mentorship for probationary staff. In 2013-14 we will be introducing a more intensive programme of workshops for all staff on research impact and grant capture. We are also planning a new system of paired research mentorships, distinct from the Performance Review system, for all staff, in order to strengthen peer research support within the Department.

5. We value greatly the intellectually invigorating contribution made by **postdoctoral researchers**, and put considerable effort into attracting and advising on strong postdoctoral fellowship applications. The Department has been highly successful in securing highly competitive research fellowships. Since 2008 we have attracted 12 postdoctoral fellows, funded by British Academy (4), Wellcome Trust (3), Leverhulme (2), EU Marie Curie Actions, the ESRC, and the Academy of Finland (1 each). Additionally, we have hosted a fluctuating population of between 3 and 6 postdoctoral researchers working on our major funded research projects. Postdoctoral fellows and researchers are integrated into the life of the Department as far as possible. They are encouraged to attend Department meetings, and, when appropriate, play a small but important role in our teaching delivery at both BA and MA. Postdoctoral researchers participate in the same annual review process as other staff, and their progress is, like other staff, monitored by the HoD. Through the Graduate School's New Researcher Programme, researchers are provided with a full range of training opportunities (the development of transferable skills, careers advice and, when necessary, opportunities to complete PGCAP). All postdocs work closely with their departmental academic mentors, who provide advice on research, professionalisation and career development.

6. The Department implements College policy on **equal opportunities and diversity**, following approved procedures in the recruitment and management of staff. Of the 18 permanent appointments made since 2008, nine have been female. Three staff members have taken maternity leave during the period, and have subsequently taken advantage of the College's enabling policies on part time and flexible working; two have now returned to full time work. We have this year actively solicited promotion applications from women, in order to address a gender imbalance in applications for promotion in the past. Questions of equality and diversity lie at the heart of the Department's research agenda, and are highlighted by the participation of Gowing in *Queer@King's* (an interdisciplinary research centre), and by the work of Thane on single mothers and other disadvantaged groups, Drayton on the impact of austerity, Bethencourt on the history of racisms, Chabal on inequality in Africa (detailed further in REF3), and Vakil on Islamophobia. Together with colleagues at the Universities of Leeds and Warwick, H&P is currently seeking to develop a policy forum looking at the experiences of parents, both historically and in relation to contemporary policy.

ii. Research students

1. The **strategic expansion** of the Department has included an increase in PhD student numbers, with annual PhD completions rising from 3 in 2008-09 to between 9 and 12 in each of the past

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three years. Since 2009-10 we have been awarded four studentships per year by the AHRC under the BGP1 scheme. In addition, we have three current students holding Collaborative Doctoral Awards. We have also been able to secure competitively-awarded internal funding, in varying forms and amounts, for a total of 16 research students admitted since 2008. Nominations for AHRC BGP1 and major internal studentship awards are carried out by a subject committee, which follows clear and transparent scoring procedures and is attentive to equal opportunities issues.

2. The Graduate School's suite of **training** opportunities for doctoral students, and the School of Arts and Humanities' Research Skills and Research Methodologies workshops, supplement extensive Departmental training provision. In their first autumn semester all PhD students in modern history attend a fortnightly seminar on 'Modern Historiography' led by Drayton and featuring many other members of staff. The Department offers financial and organisational support for a number of reading groups (six in 2013-14), mostly organised by the students themselves and often programming debates and mock vivas as well as the discussion of secondary literature. An annual student-run medievalist conference, 'Revealing Records', receives a substantial Departmental subvention. Since 2010, the Department has provided a formal Graduate Teaching Assistant Programme, which students may apply to join in their second year of study. Successful candidates teach first-year BA students, supported through a full programme of training and mentorship. The Departmental seminar meets approximately four times a term, with meetings usually based around a pair of short papers, from a mix of graduate students, members of staff, and visitors. The seminars are designed to foster discussions across period divides, and to create a common research conversation encompassing staff and research students, all of whom are strongly encouraged to attend. Research students normally also regularly attend at least one relevant seminar at the Institute of Historical Research. These specialist seminars offer our students an unrivalled integration into high-level academic discussion, and supervisors encourage final-year students to offer a paper to their home seminar.

3. **Further support:** Free language tuition is available for PhD students who wish to acquire or improve a modern foreign language. Grants are available for those who wish to spend time working on one of King's seven strategic partner universities around the world, and the Graduate School administers a competitive Conference Attendance Fund. The School of Arts & Humanities Small Grants Fund is available for applications from research students for research trips, conference attendance and other special research expenses, as well as to support student-led events. We offer unique support for postgraduate career development through the training programmes organised by our History & Policy unit. Professional Media Training for Historians (twice in 2012, enabled by the King's Annual Fund), and History and Policy in Practice (October 2012), brought together 51 PhD students and three staff with two BBC Radio 4 Executive Producers and Sir John Chilcot, a long-standing friend of ICBH. One of our PhD students, Fern Riddell, has become one of the BBC's 2013 'New Generation Thinkers'; having already appeared on BBC Coast (Series 8, Episode 2), ITV (Secrets of The Workhouse) and BBC Radio 3 Nightwaves. The department gave financial support to the first international conference on the music halls, held at Hoxton Hall, organised by Riddell. Her success exemplifies the impact of Departmental support and training on the career development of our most dynamic research students. PhD students are advised on publication strategies, and several have had articles accepted by leading peer-reviewed journals, such as the *English Historical Review* and *Historical Research*, during this assessment period.

4. **Quality assurance:** The College's infrastructure for the support and monitoring of research students (the Core Code of Practice for Research Degrees) secures quality assurance. Training for supervisors is offered at School and College level. Research students and supervisors report on progress twice a year through the College's Online Progress Monitoring System, which provides a transparent record of progress in which supervisors and students can respond to each other's comments. All these reports are monitored by the PARC chair, who follows up any cases of unsatisfactory progress. A postgraduate research student sits on the Department PARC and other relevant committees of the Department.

5. **Supervision:** All students have a secondary (or joint) supervisor, both of whom report to the PARC chair (who is the convenor of doctoral studies within the department) All research students are initially registered for the MPhil degree. They are required to upgrade to PhD status between 9 and 18 months (FTE) from their enrolment. This entails presenting a substantial draft chapter, a prospectus for the entire thesis, and a timetable for completion, to a panel of two staff members,

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neither of whom are on the student's supervisory team. This process offers the student valuable fresh perspectives on their work, and ensures that any cases of inadequate progress are clearly brought to light and addressed through a guided repeat of the upgrade procedure.

6. Future strategy: In 2014-19 the environment for our research students will be dramatically improved by the AHRC-funded London Arts and Humanities Partnership (LAHP). This will bring together the research student provision of three leading UK research organisations: King's College, London (KCL), the School of Advanced Studies (SAS) and University College London (UCL). LAHP will combine excellence in traditional subjects with interdisciplinary themes and emerging areas and methodologies. It will provide AHRC funding to approximately 400 postgraduate students over five annual cohorts, and deliver a training programme open to approximately 1,300 research students across the three partner institutions. The first intake of students will be in October 2014. LAHP will deliver outstanding doctoral supervision and research training, foster successful public engagement in its research students, and attract the strongest applicants. Historians at King's, UCL and SAS already enjoy a closely collaborative relationship, and we look forward very much to building on this in our provision for research students, sharing and furthering best practice, and developing a centre for research student that will have extraordinary breadth, depth, and vitality.

d. Income, infrastructure and facilities

1. Research income has improved very substantially since 2008, and has shown a steady year-on-year increase since 2009. Annual rounded research income totals are: £339,000 in 2008-09; £200,000 in 2009-10; £472,000 in 2010-11; £500,000 in 2011-12; £900,000 in 2012-13. The most important contributors to these figures have been the income associated with the postdoctoral fellowships we have attracted to the Department, and the major digital research projects discussed under (b) above, led by Carpenter, Burns, Baxter, De Weerd and Rio. Looking to the near future we expect to continue to increase our research income, with strong postdoctoral applications pending, and Readman's recent major AHRC funding award for his collaborative *Redress of the Past* project (£474,000, 2013-16).

2. Scholarly infrastructure: The libraries, archives and museum collections of London are second to none in the world, and the unit's research is enriched by close proximity to the British Library, University of London Library, the collections of the British Museum, TNA, and many others. We currently have postgraduates working on materials in the College of Arms, Dr Williams Library, Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Palace Library, London Metropolitan Archive, Museum of London, National Army Museum, National Maritime Museum, RAF Museum (Hendon), the Rothschild Archives, Warburg Institute Library and the Women's Library. In the last REF cycle we have had 3 students funded by AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Awards with the Rothschild Archive; in 2012 one of our MA students obtained a CDA with the British Library, and we also have students funded by CDAs with the Science Museum and with the National Horseracing Museum, Newmarket. Our students benefit not simply from the proximity of these institutions and archives but from the relationships our staff have built up with them over many years. A recently completed, AHRC-funded thesis on 'The Nature and Limits of the Money Economy in Late Anglo-Saxon and Early Norman England' illustrates the point. Arising out of a teaching collaboration between King's (Baxter) and the British Museum (Gareth Williams) this thesis uses a combination of numismatic and documentary evidence, made viable by the outstanding collections of early English coins at the BM. Finally, in King's itself we have noted collections of printed books, manuscripts and online resources, which form a central element in Department research. These include, most notably: the Foreign and Commonwealth Historical Collection; the institutional archives of King's, and of institutions that have merged with King's; extensive records relating to the history of medicine and science, including the Wheatstone collection; and the Liddell Hart Centre for Military Archives. Further scholarly infrastructure is provided by our world-leading Department of Digital Humanities and Centre for E-Research, with whom several colleagues have collaborated very successfully (see (b) above).

3. Interdisciplinary research within the School of Arts & Humanities is primarily supported by our Arts & Humanities Research Institute, which supports and funds ten interdisciplinary research centres, in which several King's historians play a leading role. The Centre for Late Antique and Medieval Studies (CLAMS) is the leading forum in London for research in this area: Ferente has recently served as CLAMS secretary, and Crick has just embarked on a three-year term as its director. Bethencourt, Chabal, Vakil and Green are all involved in the activities of the Camoes

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Centre for Portuguese Language and Culture, while Bridge and Sleight, alongside a colleague in English, spearhead the intensive programming of the Menzies Centre for Australian Studies. Both these centres are rare hubs of activity outside the countries on which they focus. Gowing brings historical depth to the activities of *Queer@King's*, while Sutcliffe is one of the organisers of the newly founded Centre for Enlightenment Studies at King's, which will build on our strong links with the curatorial staff of the Enlightenment Gallery at the British Museum. The College's Global Institutes, including the Institute for North American Studies, India Institute, China Institute, Russia Institute, and Brazil Institute, provide infrastructural support for area studies research, which is of great benefit to our several members of staff. Crick's endowed and unique Chair of Palaeography and Manuscript Studies, held as a 50/50 History/cross-School post, makes a crucial contribution to scholarly infrastructure. The post has a remit to support this crucial subject and skill base across the humanities disciplines, not only at King's but nationally and internationally. We are particularly proud of the contribution we make, through this post, to the well-being of the discipline, through the training of researchers at all levels in palaeographic skills and approaches.

3. Organisational infrastructure: As noted above, the College has made major investment in staff during this period. In addition, the School provides £700 per FTE per annum for individual research allowances, and reroutes 20% of research overheads to the Department. The director of the AHRI is supported by 2.6 FTE staff, and provides an annual subvention of £4,000 to each of its interdisciplinary centres.

4. Operational Infrastructure: Research is supported by the Department's Research and Resources Manager, at School level a Research and Development Officer, and the Arts and Sciences Research Office, which offers expert guidance on all aspects of making grant applications and securing research funding, as well as post-award support. All academic staff, including postdoctoral researchers, have office space, computing equipment and a full range of IT and library support. Postgraduates have dedicated onsite study space in close proximity to staff offices. Within the Unit, History & Policy is run by a dedicated, specialist Public Affairs Manager, who solicits contributions from staff to the high-profile H&P website, and offers subject-specific guidance on media interaction and on the policy impact of research.

e. Collaboration or contribution to the discipline or research base

1. History in the Heart of London: The Institute of Historical Research (IHR) hosts more than 40 seminars, exposing participants to a range of new research not matched anywhere else in the world. The seminar programme underpins the close and productive relationship between the History departments in the capital. King's, although not the biggest unit in London, plays a greater role than any other in organising this unique programme. The list once again testifies to our chronological depth and geographical span: American History (Matlin); Modern British History (Readman, Thane); British History in the Long Eighteenth Century (Burns); Contemporary British History (Delap, Roberts, Thane); Colonial and Postcolonial New Researchers' Seminar (Everill); Digital History (Hartland); Earlier Middle Ages (Baxter, Crick, Heather, Rio, Taylor); European History 1150-1550 (Carpenter, Ferente, Sapoznik, Taylor); History of Political Ideas (O'Flaherty); Imperial and World History (Drayton, Stockwell, Todd, Wilson); International History (Kandiah); Irish Studies (McBride); Jewish History (Sutcliffe); Late Medieval and Early Modern Italy (Ferente); Life Cycles (Sleight); Low Countries (Goldgar); Modern German History (Rowe); Modern Religious History (Burns); Public History (Maerker); Rethinking Modern Europe (Lovell); Society, Culture and Belief 1500-1800 (Gowing); Women's History (Delap, Gowing, Thane).

2. Conferences: King's historians have been energetic organisers of conferences, providing fora for scholars both in and outside the UK to test and improve their research. Over the last five years we have organised 58 conferences (36 in London, 11 elsewhere in Britain, 8 in other European countries and 3 in the rest of the world). A further 38 events (workshops, panels at major conferences) might also be mentioned here (33 in Britain, 4 in Europe and 11 elsewhere). Notable in this context is Bridge, who has organised 9 conferences on Australian themes, in collaboration with the FCO, the Imperial War Museum, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra, Monash and the Australian National University; Roberts, convenor of the Monetary History Group, which holds two half-day conferences each year, and co-organiser of four ICBH Conferences ('Olympic City', 'The Cold War'; 'Britain in the 1970s'; 'Contemporary History'); Fressoz, organiser of 3 international conferences at ENS, Paris, EHESS, Paris, and Maison française d'Oxford; McBride, principal organiser of the Conference of Irish Historians in Britain (Warwick, 2008; Southampton, 2010; York, 2012), of three London Irish Studies symposia and a major conference

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on 'The Ulster Covenant, 1912-2012', funded by the Irish government; Phalkey, who has organised workshops in Bangalore, Calcutta, Delhi, Beijing and Toronto as well as London; Stockwell, co-convenor of five Decolonisation Workshops (with the Institute of Commonwealth Studies) and joint organiser of major international conferences on Macmillan and 'the wind of change' and on 'Palestine, Britain and Empire', both of which have resulted in edited books; and Welch, organiser 'Fashioning the Early Modern: Creativity and Innovation in Europe, 1500-1800' at the V&A. Among our postdoctoral scholars, Everill has organised five workshops, including the 'British Anti-Slavery Workshop', funded by the AHRC, National Maritime Museum and Wilberforce Institute for the Study of Slavery and Emancipation. Events organised by Readman, Rowe and Stockwell in partnership with UNC are mentioned above (b. 1: International Partners).

3. Membership of Research Council, or similar national and international committees: King's historians have made a significant contribution to the work of the AHRC. Among them are De Weerd, Peer Review College (Academic and International Projects), 2009-11; Moderation Panel Member (since 2011); Phalkey, Peer Review College (since 2012); Thane, Peer Review College (since 2004); Public Policy Advisory Group (since 2012). Thane also served on the ESRC Peer Review College 2003-11. Drayton is Chair of the Panel of the Human Past (History, Archaeology, Heritage) on the AHRC's Portuguese equivalent, Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia; Green is Member of Council for the African Studies Association of the UK (since Oct. 2011).

4. Involvement on university research advisory panels etc: A sample of our extensive and varied activity in this area includes: Bethencourt: Member of the Advisory Council of the Warburg Institute (since 2007) and of the Advisory Council of the Centro de Estudos de História Religiosa, Universidade Católica Portuguesa (Lisbon). Delap: Review for Eurias Fellowship programme, European Institutes for Advanced Study. Ferente: Reviewer for the Italian Valutazione della qualità della ricerca (Medieval History). Fressoz: Academic board of the Ruche (Réseau universitaire des chercheurs en histoire de l'environnement). Readman: Advisory Council, Institute of Historical Research (2008-12). Sleight: Executive Member of International Australian Studies Association (InASA). Stockwell: advisor on AHRC-funded Commonwealth Oral History, based at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies London since 2012. Thane: Assessor for Research Grants for, among others, Research Councils of Israel (2010), France (2010), Australia (from 1995), Sweden (2011).

5. Professional and Public Bodies: We are fortunate that two former presidents of the Royal Historical Society (Peter Marshall; Dame Janet Nelson) remain attached to King's as professors emeriti; our close association with the RHS is currently maintained by Burns, a council member since 2008, Literary Director, 2008-12, sitting on all RHS committees, and Vice-President (Education) since November 2012. Burns is also Hon. Vice President, Church of England Record Society, since 2010. Phalkey has been elected President (2013-2017) of the Science and Empires Commission, International Union for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine, UNESCO and Chair (2010-2012), Committee for International Outreach, Society for the History of Technology (SHOT), USA. Bjork is Secretary, German History Society. Rowe sits on the committee of the German History Society and the Advisory Council of the Institute of Napoleon & The French Revolution, Florida State University. Edling is a member of the Scientific Committee of The European Early American Studies Association. Crick is Royal Historical Society Representative on the British Academy-Royal Historical Society Joint Committee on Anglo-Saxon Charters (2002-); Acting Second Vice-President (2011), Chair, Publication Prize Committee (2009-11), and elected member of advisory board (2007-11) of the International Society of Anglo-Saxonists; Conseil scientifique, Monumenta Palaeographica Medii Aevi (Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres, Paris) since 2012. Sleight sits on the Executive Committee of the International Australian Studies Association. Taylor is a Trustee of The Society for Scottish Medieval and Renaissance Studies and International Advisor for *Scottish Historical Review*. Woods has been Policy development officer, Society for the Social History of Medicine, 2006-12; Committee member, Veterinary History Society, and lead organiser of 2014 congress of the World Association for the History of Veterinary Medicine, 2005-12; Treasurer (2008-10), Secretary (2010-13) and President (2013) of the Central Veterinary Society.

6. Academic Distinctions and Prizes: The high quality of this unit's research has been recognised by a variety of awards and prizes, including: Bjork, Biennial Kulczycki Book Prize for best first book on any aspect of Polish affairs, awarded by the Polish Studies Association, 2010; Bridge, Fellow, Australian Prime Minister's Centre, Canberra, 2009 and Keith Cameron Lecturer, University College Dublin, 2011; Crick, Leverhulme Research Fellowship 2008-10. Drayton was

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Professeur Invité, EHESS, Paris, 2013; Distinguished Visitor, Institute of World History, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, 2012; Visiting Professor of History, Harvard, 2009; and awarded International Research Collaboration Award, University of Sydney, 2013. Gowing was Hinkley Visiting Professor, Johns Hopkins University, 2010. Sutcliffe was Visiting Research Fellow, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania (Spring 2009). Vinen was awarded a Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship 2011-2013 and the Walter Laqueur Prize for the best article in the *Journal of Contemporary History*, 2011. Welch was elected to an Honorary Senior Research Fellowship, Victoria and Albert Museum, 2010, and to a Provost's Distinguished Visiting Professorship, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, September 2010. Woods was Visiting Fellow, Newcastle University, Centre for Rural Economy (2011-13). It is particularly pleasing to note that our newer staff have received prestigious prizes and fellowships, including many of our early career appointments: Altehenger, An Wang Postdoctoral Fellowship, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, 2011-2012; Delap, 2008 Women's History Network Prize; 2009 Visiting fellow, Centre for Research on Women and Gender, University of British Columbia; 2010 CRASSH early career fellow; Edling, James Madison Prize, Society for History in the Federal Government (2008); Stanford Humanities Center External Faculty Fellow, 2010-11. Ferente was fellow at the Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies, Villa I Tatti (2009-10); Green held a Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship (2012-13) before his permanent post at King's; Maerker was Visiting fellow, Deutsches Museum, Munich (May-August 2011) and Visiting fellow, University of Washington, Seattle (Sept 2010- June 11); Phalkey was made a Fellow of the *Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin*, Germany (2013-14); Rio received the RHS's Gladstone Prize (2010) and Philip Leverhulme Prize (2010); Sleight was given the biennial Serle Award for best doctoral thesis in Australian history, 2010. Taylor won the Pollard Prize (Institute of Historical Research) 2008; Todd was Postdoctoral Mellon Research Fellow in history (2007-2009) and Visiting Fellow at Harvard University (Spring 2008-2009 and Spring 2009-2010).

7. Editorial Positions: During the period, staff have contributed to the health of the discipline by serving on editorial boards both in the UK and internationally. Nineteen members of the Department held 48 editorial positions for 39 journals and publishers, including the journals *American Political Thought*, *Análise Social*, *European Review of History-Revue europeene d'histoire*, *History and Policy*, *History Workshop Journal*, *Jewish History*, *Jewish Quarterly*, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of British Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary History*, *Journal of Early American History*, *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*, *Journal of Modern Periodical Studies*, *Kritika*, *Lusophonie*, *Nova Africa*, *Past & Present*, *Portuguese Studies*, *Social History of Medicine*, *Storica*, *TRHS*, *Veredas*, *Women's History Review*.

8. Referee reports: Forty members of the Department refereed articles for at least 100 different journals, and books for 38 publishers, ranging from Ashgate to Zed Press.

9. Examination of Doctorates: Twenty-four members of the Department examined 90 doctoral theses in the census period, of which 63 were for institutions in the UK, 8 were in Europe and 19 were outside Europe (the United States and Australia).

10. Seminar and Conference Papers: Since 2008 46 King's historians have disseminated their research in at least 761 seminar and conference papers, an average of 16 papers per researcher. Of these 443 were in the UK; 185 or 24% were in other European countries; and 133 or 17% were in the rest of the world. 33 of these papers were keynote addresses and four were named lectures. All staff record seminars and conferences on the King's PURE online research portal.

11. Collaborations: In keeping with the department's commitment to collaborative work, staff activities in this area are now recorded in online staff profiles. Within the College the Research Institutes, such as CLAMS and the new Centre for Enlightenment Studies, support interdisciplinary collaboration: historians have worked, in particular, with colleagues in Digital Humanities, English, Law, War Studies, and the Institute of Psychiatry. Outside the College, members of staff belong to at least 11 national and international research networks (four of them funded), with colleagues from universities in Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Holland, Finland, Denmark, Sweden, China, the UK and the USA. Since 2008 members of the department have been engaged in at least 19 collaborative research projects, 14 funded, with other HEIs in the UK and overseas, and with non-academic research partners including the British Library; the Diocese of London; Lambeth Palace Library; The National Archives; Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia; National Council of Arts and Culture, The Gambia.