

<p>Institution: Sheffield Hallam University</p>
<p>Unit of Assessment: 30 History</p>
<p>a. Overview</p> <p>History research takes place within the Humanities Research Centre, under the leadership of the Research Professor in History, Clare Midgley, who chairs the History Research Planning Committee (RPC). The 15 Category A members of staff (15 fte) concentrate on the study of late modern and contemporary history from the late eighteenth century to the present, with research groups in imperial and global history, business and economic history, women's and gender history, and British popular politics and culture.</p>
<p>b. Research strategy</p> <p>History is one the University's key areas of research strength. The close-knit group of 15 full-time Category A members of staff has concentrated on developing intellectually vigorous and innovative research on the period from the late C18th to the present, with an increasingly international reach. All of those in the subject area are included in this submission, sustaining the pattern set in 2008. Key headlines outlining progress against plans laid out in RAE 2008 are outlined immediately below, with fuller details provided in later sections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To sustain research strength in the face of retirements by senior staff. Midgley succeeded Cain as research leader in 2008 and under her leadership the group has not simply been sustained, but has grown through new appointments to the current level of 15 permanent full-time staff. Staff have been productive over the REF period, publishing 11 research monographs as well as a substantial portfolio of articles in refereed journals, book chapters, edited books and synthetic works. 2) To expand the international reach of research, and develop expertise in the history of globalisation and transnational history. We have moved away from our previously Eurocentric focus, to encompass research into the history of India, Armenia, North and West Africa, Australia, New Zealand and North America as well as Britain, Germany, France and Czechoslovakia. The Imperial and Global History group has increased from 8 to 11 staff and widened its expertise beyond British imperialism (Collins 1-4, Taylor 2,4, Twells 3,4, Midgley 2,3) to include study of the French Empire (Thoral, 1-3), and both the German (Aitken, 1-4), and the Soviet, empires (McDermott 1-4, Stibbe 3,4, Laycock 2). Intellectually, the group has developed cutting-edge approaches to the history of globalisation (Petersson 1-4), transnational histories of migration, diaspora and cross-cultural interchange (Aitken 1-4, Beals 1, Laycock 1, Midgley 1,3,4), and the study of global war and its legacies (Collins, 1-4, Stibbe, 1, 2, Thoral 1-3) The four members of the Economic and Business History group focus on the study of economic globalisation and international finance (Petersson 1-4, Singleton 1-4), and British industry, business and rural economy (Lewis 1-4, Verdon 1-4). Membership of these two groups overlaps with the four members of the Women's and Gender History group, with research interests encompassing religion and female activism (Midgley 1-4 and Twells 1-4), women and gender in English rural life (Verdon, 1-4), and gendering German history (Stibbe), as well as with the two members of the Popular Politics and Culture in Britain group, who share an interest in developing interdisciplinary approaches including the study of popular literature and the popular press (Taylor, 1-4) and material culture (Roberts, 2-4). The history group as a whole has been given a coherent identity through a sustained research seminar series on 'History: the Local and the Global', and an Imperial, International and Transnational History research seminar programme run jointly with Cleall, Larmer and Takriti in the History Department at the University of Sheffield. 3) To foster collaborative research and raise the research profile of the group through organising international conferences. There has been a radical increase in collaborative activity and conference organisation. We have convened four international conferences and five workshops and staff have also organised other conferences and workshops in Britain and overseas. Highlights include: a salaried international research fellowship at the International Centre for Work and Human Life Cycle at Humboldt University, Berlin (Petersson); an international academic exchange with migration historians at Leiden and a three-month visit by Leverhulme Visiting Professor, Prof

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Laura Tabili (University of Arizona), who delivered a public lecture series and ran a research workshop on migration history; an international conference on the 1989 Revolutions in Central and Eastern Europe (edited book by Stibbe and McDermott published September 2013); an AHRC-funded (AH/I022260/1) international interdisciplinary research network on 'Women's Organisations and Female Activists in the Aftermath of War' (Stibbe co-editor of publication by Brill, 2011); four workshops on warfare in transnational and colonial perspective (Collins 2); and a international conference on 'Women's Histories: the Local and the Global' which attracted 200 delegates from 33 countries (organised by Midgley as President of the International Federation for Research in Women's History).

(4) To enhance research outputs and research income through more formalised support for staff. A formal Research Planning Committee (RPC) for history was set up, chaired by Midgley as Research Professor. Its activities have resulted in improved output quality across the group, the inclusion of all staff in the REF, and increased grant applications to the Research Councils.

(5) To develop postgraduate student culture and boost PhD student numbers. Expanded MA student numbers and faculty investment in studentships have enabled us to increase recruitment of PhD students from three registered at the time of RAE2008 to 13 as of September 2013.

Plans for developing and sustaining research 2014-2019:

An audit of staff research plans for the coming six-year period has been undertaken. Our strategy for developing and sustaining research and enhancing its reach and significance is to: (1) sustain or increase the number of research-active staff; (2) enhance the quality of research outputs through a concerted programme of individual mentoring and group workshops, with the aim of entering 16 staff for the next REF; (3) increase formal international research collaborations through building on contacts developed over the 2007-13 period; (4) increase success in applications for major grants through engaging with expert advisors from both within, and outside, the University; (5) closely monitor PhD progress to ensure timely completions by all 13 existing students, and recruit at least 13 new students through applying for AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Awards, refreshing the popular Distance Learning MA, and offering internal studentships and bursaries as funding permits. In addition we will develop inter-disciplinary, collaborative PhD studentships in cultural heritage as part of the AHRC Heritage Consortium. In October 2013 £1,845,820 was awarded for 26 studentships to be jointly supported between 2015 and 2020 across six partner institutions led by Hull: Bradford, Huddersfield, Leeds Metropolitan, Northumbria, Teesside, and Sheffield Hallam; (6) maintain the successful rolling semester-long study leave programme to ensure that each research-active member of staff has a minimum of one semester of study leave over the six-year period, and maintain support for individual conference attendance and research visits; (7) target additional teaching relief at up to two individuals per annum to provide them with time to develop impact case studies or prepare major grant applications; (7) integrate research and impact planning at individual and group level.

In intellectual terms, our planned new research and publications are designed to advance knowledge and offer fresh interpretive perspectives on late modern and contemporary history.

Planned monographs include: Lewis (with Lloyd-Jones), *Arming the Western Front: War, business and the state in Britain 1900-1920* (Ashgate, forthcoming, 2014); Laycock, 'Reconstructing Armenia: Disaster, relief and memory'; McDermott, *The History of Czechoslovakia since 1945* (contracted to Palgrave Macmillan); Midgley, 'Connecting Histories: liberal religion, social reform and the woman question in the age of empire'; Petersson, 'Maritime Labour and Globalisation'; Singleton, *Economic Disasters in the Twentieth Century* (contracted to Edward Elgar); Thorall, 'French Orientalism and Cross-Cultural Exchange'; Verdon, *Farm Workers in England from 1850 to the Present* (contract, Palgrave Macmillan). **Planned edited books include:** McDermott and Stibbe (co-eds), *De-Stalinising Eastern Europe* (forthcoming, Palgrave Macmillan), Petersson (co-ed.), 'Globalisation and Global History' and 'Work and Transport in Global History since 1945', Midgley and Twells (co-eds), 'Women in Transnational History'.

c. People, including:

i. Staffing strategy and staff development

Staffing strategy and new appointments:

A major challenge faced by the history group was to maintain and develop its research strength in the face of the retirements of four senior academics over the period 2008 to 2010. Buoyant student numbers, coupled with a strong institutional commitment to supporting History research, enabled us, not only to replace retiring staff, but also to increase the number of permanent staff. Research excellence was a key criterion in all appointments and two were made at Reader level (Verdon and Singleton). In addition five of the appointments who are still in post were made at Lecturer/Senior Lecturer level: Aitken, Beals (ECR), Laycock, Roberts, and Thorl. Of the 15 staff in post as of October 2013, seven have been appointed since RAE 2008, with two temporary postdoctoral fellowships translated into two new permanent positions at Lecturer level. There has been some staff turnover during the period, with three ECR staff leaving for positions elsewhere, but those leaving have been replaced (a replacement appointment in the field of extra-European history is currently in progress and will bring team strength back up to 16 in 2014).

Efforts to increase the diversity of the History group have resulted in an increase in female staff from three to six, and in internationalisation of the group with the recruitment of French, German and American staff (from zero to three staff of overseas origin). SHU has a gender, race and disability equality scheme that ensures compliance with all relevant legislation. All staff in the Department of Humanities successfully completed mandatory online equality and diversity training. Taylor has a cross-faculty role as Equality and Diversity Officer, while Midgley is member of SHU's Women Professors' Group, which in March 2013 launched a mentoring scheme to encourage more female applicants for professorships.

Research career development and support:

SHU is committed to the principles of the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers and has received the HR Excellence in Research Award from the European Commission. Training courses provide development opportunities in line with the Vitae Researcher Development Framework and a Professional Development Policy and Framework articulates academic career development. History researchers receive on-going individual support and mentoring in developing their research careers through the History RPC which steers research strategy, conducts annual audits of staff research and organises individual mentoring on research and grant applications. This includes annual meetings with individual staff to discuss research progress and plans, individual feedback on manuscript drafts, and advice on grant proposals.

ECRs have been supported through funding and mentoring postdoctoral fellows. 2007-8 was the final year of three-year postdoctoral fellowships held by Frank (European History) and Roberts (British History); Frank was appointed to a Lectureship at Leeds, Roberts to one at SHU in 2008. Arielli (Italy and the Middle East) was appointed one-year postdoctoral research fellow in 2009, with Midgley as mentor. He completed a monograph based on his PhD, initiated a new research project, and collaborated with Collins in convening two workshops and co-editing a book (Collins' output 2) before securing Lectureships at Worcester, then Leeds. ECRs appointed as Lecturers (Robertson, Larmer, Zia-Ebrahimi, Beals) have been given support in developing their research through two-hour reductions in standard weekly teaching load over their first year of appointment, facilitating their successful completion of articles and research monographs based on their PhD theses. Larmer subsequently secured a Lectureship at the University of Sheffield, Robertson a lectureship at La Trobe and Zia-Ebrahimi a lectureship at Kings College London. At a more senior level, staff retention has been enhanced by promotion opportunities, with Faculty investment in Readerships resulting in Stibbe's promotion, and the University scheme for internal promotion to Professor leading to successful applications by Stibbe, Singleton and Petersson.

All staff members are entitled to 23 days of self-managed research time each year. The group has also continued its well-established and successful rolling programme of one-semester full study leave. Research support from the University has enabled all members of staff to be granted a minimum of six months research leave over the REF period on the basis of clear plans for research outputs. For example, Collins' study leave in Spring 2008 enabled completion of synthetic monograph *War and Empire: the Expansion of Britain 1790-1830* (Longman/Pearson 2010), while

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further leave in Autumn 2012 enabled completion of *Transnational Soldiers* (Collins output 2). Similarly, Taylor's study leave in Spring 2011 enabled completion of his monograph *London's Burning* (Taylor output 1), and Lewis' leave in Autumn 2012 enabled completion of *Arming the Western Front* (Ashgate, forthcoming, 2014). All members of staff have also benefitted from University research support enabling a generous individual annual allocation of £1000-1500 for conference attendance and research visits.

Research seminars and culture:

We have maintained a regular and well-attended monthly History research seminar series, given coherence over this REF period through the broad theme of 'History: The Local and the Global'. 48 papers have been delivered, including presentations by visiting speakers from Duke University, University of Arizona, La Trobe, York University in Toronto, and the Universities of Oxford, Sheffield, Leeds, Exeter, Leicester, Liverpool, Liverpool Hope and UCL. In addition, Midgley organised an interdisciplinary Humanities Research Centre seminar on Dalit life writing with a speaker from the University of Hyderabad. In 2012 we also commenced a new monthly seminar on 'Imperial, International and Transnational History', run jointly with historians at Sheffield University. Both seminar series have provided invaluable opportunities for staff to get feedback on new research, while Midgley's role as co-convenor of seminar series on 'Women's History' and 'Reconfiguring the British: Nation, Empire, World' at the Institute of Historical Research in London has led to six invitations to her SHU colleagues to deliver papers. Staff are encouraged to become involved in national organisations, and over the REF period both Taylor and Twills successfully applied to become fellows of the Royal Historical Society. Organisation of international conferences/workshops at SHU has further enhanced the research culture of the group, opening up new collaborative opportunities.

ii. Research students**Postgraduate recruitment and culture:**

The Faculty Head of Graduate School recruits new students in partnership with Lewis, the Humanities Postgraduate Tutor, and Midgley. Admissions criteria align with QAA and UKBA guidelines. There is an annual Faculty induction event and a Research Student virtual learning environment. Postgraduate culture in History was enhanced through the launch of an on-site MA to complement the distance-learning MA in History, Imperialism and Culture, generating seven successful applications to the PhD programme. Three competitive full-time studentships were funded through the Faculty Graduate School, as well as two fee waivers. As a result, there has been a substantial increase in PhD student numbers, from three in 2006 to a total of 13 in July 2013. Six PhD students are full-time, with students ranging from recent graduates to retirees. There have been four completions over the period [including one on 22.2.08]. Students participate in history research seminars, an annual postgraduate history conference, and the Faculty research conference. They have also co-convened a joint postgraduate seminar series in Imperial and International History (to 2011) and a conference on the history of the Commonwealth with postgraduates at the University of Sheffield. Several have gained formal training and experience of undergraduate teaching in the department, and one student was awarded a one-year temporary lectureship at SHU, before winning a three-year postdoctoral university fellowship in South Africa. Students gave papers at research workshops held at SHU, leading to Spence's chapter in Collins' output 2.

Postgraduate monitoring and QA:

PGR study is managed and monitored by the SHU Research Degrees Sub-Committee (RDSC). The Faculty has a local Research Degrees Committee to implement SHU regulations, policies and procedures in line with the SHU Code of Practice for Research Students and Supervisors (COP). Student progress is formally monitored in the first three months for full-time students and six months for part-time students. The Approval of Research Programme (RF1) form is independently assessed by two rapporteurs and includes scrutiny of research ethics. Progress is also monitored via the Confirmation of PhD registration stage at the 12-month (full-time) or 24-month (part-time) mark at which stage the candidate presents a 6000-word progress report, supplemented by assessment of an oral presentation.

Postgraduate supervision, training and facilities:

All students have a supervisory team with specific roles and responsibilities as outlined in the COP. The University has a bespoke supervisory policy and a supervisor register with teams approved by RDSC. Supervisory teams in History are carefully constructed to enable those new to supervision to work with more experienced supervisors. Historians take advantage of the Research Supervisor Development Programme, a modular programme supported by a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), and of the annual research degree examiner workshop. Some have also gained experience of external co-supervision of overseas PhD students (Petersson: University of Konstanz; Singleton: Copenhagen Business School). PGR training is mapped onto the Vitae Researcher Development Framework (RDF) and sessions ran in 2012-13 for each of the four RDF domains.

PGRs have access to "Realising Our Potential" CPD courses, including employability skills and writing for publication. History staff contributed training sessions to the two-year Practical Public Engagement Doctoral Training Programme, funded by a joint AHRC award (AH/I500758/1) to Humanities at SHU in partnership with the University of Sheffield (lead institution), and History PGRs attended sessions during 2010-12 involving speakers from Sheffield cultural institutions, including Sheffield Museums, Galleries and Archives, theatres and other regional organisations. The award of a collaborative AHRC Doctoral Training Centre on cultural heritage to SHU along with five other institutions in the region will further enrich training opportunities from 2015 (see section b above).

History PhD students have also benefited from Careers and Employment Service run workshops, one-to-one sessions and the web resource 'Careers Central' to help PGRs reflect on the skills identified for development through their Development Needs Analysis form. In addition, the on-line skills training package Epigeum is available to all PGRs via a VLE, and all new students are required to complete the Research Ethics 1 module. Students also have access to courses on project management, presenting and networking, intellectual property and getting published. Each student may apply to a Graduate School budget for up to £500 annually to fund conference participation and research visits. The Graduate School provides dedicated space for full-time students and "hot-desk" facilities for part-time students.

d. Income, infrastructure and facilities

Income:

History adopted the strategy of encouraging staff to build up their record of grant success through applying for small to medium-sized grants. The success of this approach is evidenced by Stibbe's trajectory: in 2008 he gained a British Academy Small Grant of £2815, which resulted in four articles (including Stibbe, output 2); this led him into a successful collaborative bid for an AHRC Network Grant (45K) with Sharpe at the University of Leeds (Stibbe is co-investigator on the project and was assigned £10,623 of the total funding). Currently, he is involved in a £421,000 collaborative bid for an AHRC research grant with colleagues from Aston and De Montfort Universities (submitted March 2013).

Petersson won a Fellowship of £42,317 to spend 2011-12 at the International Research Centre for Work and Human Life Cycle in Global History at Humboldt University, Berlin. This enabled him to begin research for a new monograph on maritime labour and globalisation, and to collaborate in organising a conference to be held in Berlin in October 2013. A Leverhulme Trust Visiting Professor Award of £18,200 to Midgley enabled a three-month visit to the department in March-May 2013 by Professor. Laura Tabili of the University of Arizona to develop the group's research profile in migration history, involving a public lecture series and a workshop leading to special issue of *Immigrants and Minorities* with contributions by Aitken, Beals and Laycock (forthcoming, 2015).

Staff also won grants enabling them to present at overseas conferences, leading directly to published outputs. Three British Academy Overseas Conference Grants were awarded: McDermott won awards of £400 in both 2008 and 2011 for travel to the National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies conferences leading to two articles (McDermott 1, 3) and Stibbe won £500 in 2008 enabling him to attend a conference on the Habsburg Monarchy

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at the University of Ottawa (paper published in A. Schwartz (ed.), *Gender and Modernity in Central Europe* (Ottawa University Press, 2010, pp. 205-20)). In addition, Singleton was awarded £334 by the Bank of France to attend a conference in 2012 in Paris on 'Central Banks, the Nation and the State' (publication forthcoming), while Taylor's award of \$3000 by the Robert Shalkenbach Foundation, New York enabled completion of his article on ruralism and empire (Taylor output 2).

Finally, historians were successful in gaining external funding to support the staging of major international conferences at SHU. McDermott and Stibbe were awarded a British Academy Conference Support Grant of £3150 and a Phillips Price Memorial Trust grant (£500) for an international conference on 'The 1989 Revolutions in Eastern and Central Europe' held at SHU in 2009. Midgley was awarded £2000 from the Economic History Society, and £1300 from the Women's History Network for postgraduate student bursaries for a 2013 international conference at SHU on 'Women's Histories: the Local and the Global'. Stibbe won a CELEBAS grant of £4000 (paid to Sheffield University) for an international workshop on victims of Stalinist terror, co-organised with Dobson.

The Research and Innovation Office:

The Office provides central expertise to support research, including regular briefings with up-to-date information about available relevant research funding schemes and their requirements. Dedicated personnel (16.2 FTE) assist in drafting, costing, checking and authorising grant applications to Research Councils and other funders, as well as providing briefings on issues such as European funding and (with HR) training, such as the Equality and Diversity training undertaken by all staff involved in REF selection procedures. Stibbe's promotion to Reader has involved him taking on a new research leadership role as research grant information co-ordinator for Humanities, in which role he has worked closely with the Research and Innovation Office in producing regular guides to grants in History.

The Library:

The Learning Centre provides quality academic library information resources in electronic and hardcopy format, with excellent IT facilities. Staff members have access to an unlimited Document Supply Service. Members of the History group are strongly encouraged to deposit their work in SHURA (SHU Research Archive) an open access repository containing scholarly outputs and publications. History research is specifically supported by a dedicated Humanities Librarian, who offers individual advice to postgraduate students and staff. The history book stock has been built up over an extended period and comprises around 22,000 titles. In addition the library subscribes to 61 history journals and over 4000 history book and journal titles can be accessed through databases such as JSTOR. The annual central library budget for History materials is £44,500. Available research databases include Historical Abstracts and Bibliography of British and Irish History, while online resources include the Times Archive, British Library Newspapers, British Periodicals, Nineteenth-Century Books from the BL, Parliamentary Papers and Oxford DNB. Microfilm material includes First World War Documentary Record and Mass Observation Archive.

e. Collaboration and contribution to the discipline or research base

Over the REF period we have greatly increased the vitality and external impact of our research culture through initiating new international academic exchanges and networks, and organising international workshops and conferences at SHU and elsewhere. We have also actively contributed to the discipline through peer reviewing, leadership positions in subject associations, editorial roles, external examining, book reviewing and the delivery of conference keynotes. Intellectually, we have progressed international research agendas in the history of migration and diaspora, the history of globalisation, British and European imperial history, the history of the Soviet Empire and contemporary Eastern Europe, women's history, business history, rural history, and the history of British popular politics and culture.

Academic exchanges:

In 2009 we established an academic exchange with historians at the University of Leiden, focussed around mutual research interests in the history of migration. This on-going exchange has involved visits by five SHU historians to Leiden, and two visits by Leiden academics to SHU, for delivery of

research seminar papers and presentations to postgraduate students. Schrover from Leiden, along with MacRaild (Northumbria) and Bressey (UCL) participated in a migration history workshop at SHU run by the Leverhulme Visiting Professor in June 2013. Taylor has initiated a new academic staff exchange with La Trobe University, Bendigo, aimed at exploring transnational links between Britain and Australia, with the first visit by Robertson (La Trobe) in June 2013.

Research networks:

We have forged strong links with academics in Germany, tied to broader international networks. Petersson is an associate of the research group 'Global Processes', University of Konstanz, and of the international Research Centre for Work and Human Life Cycle in Global History at Humboldt University, Berlin, where he held a salaried International Research Fellowship 2011-12. He is launching a new 'Transport, Work and Global History' research network with Monson (Macalester College), and is co-organising its inaugural workshop in Berlin in October 2013. He co-organised a conference on 'Globalisation and global history, in honour of Jürgen Osterhammel' at Castle Beuggen, June 2012. He is a member of the Helsinki-based EU-funded research project 'Paradoxes of Peace in 19th Century Europe' and a founding member of the Netzwerk Internationale Geschichte (International History Network). Stibbe's on-going collaboration with Sharp (Leeds) on 'Women's Organisations and Female Activists in the Aftermath of War: International Perspectives 1918-23' has involved conferences at the University of Leeds, the Academy of Sciences in Budapest and Hamline University, St. Paul. The first resultant publication is: Ingrid Sharp and Matthew Stibbe (eds.) *Aftermaths of War: Women's Movements and Female Activists, 1918-1923* (Leiden: Brill, 2011). Stibbe is also a member of a DFG (German Research Council)-funded network *Das 20. Jahrhundert erzählen: Zeiterfahrung und Zeiterforschung im geteilten Deutschland* [Narrating the Twentieth-Century: Experience and Historical Research in Divided Germany], and co-organised the network conference at Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, in Jan, 2013. Aitken is member of an international interdisciplinary young scholars' network on 'Black Diaspora and Germany' sponsored by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft [German Research Foundation] <http://www.blackdiasporaandgermany.com/index.html>. He was co-organiser of a workshop on 'Performance, Performers, Authenticity, and "Black" Popular Culture in Germany: From the 19th Century to Now', Berlin 21-22 Sept. 2012. Collins has participated in workshops and conference (2011) of the AHRC-funded network 'Soldiers and Soldering in Britain 1750-1815'.

Seminars, conferences and workshops organised at SHU:

An exciting development has been the organisation of international conferences and workshops at SHU. A conference in 2009 organised by Stibbe and McDermott resulted in *The 1989 Revolutions in Central and Eastern Europe: From Communism to Pluralism* (Manchester University Press, 2013). They followed this with an international workshop in July 2011, resulting in the publication *De-Stalinising Eastern Europe* (forthcoming, Palgrave Macmillan). Midgley convened the joint International Federation for Research in Women's History / Women's History Network conference on 'Women's Histories: the Local and the Global', at SHU in August 2013. With 200 delegates and 170 papers on the programme delivered by speakers from over 40 different countries, this was probably the largest women's history conference ever to be held in Britain (co-edited book by Midgley with Twells and Carlier forthcoming). Collins, Arielli (postdoc.) and Thoral organised a series of four workshops on the history of warfare, two focussed on transnational volunteering (Collins, output 2) and two on imperial and colonial warfare: 'War and Empire in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries' (May 2013) as part of AHRC-funded 'The British Empire at War' Research Group led by Jackson at King's College London, and 'Colonial Counterinsurgency Warfare' (June 2013). Roberts and Taylor co-organised the Chartism Annual Conference at SHU in June 2013, and Taylor co-organised a conference on 'Lost London: Explorations of a Dark Metropolis' in June 2010 as the interdisciplinary inaugural conference of the new combined Humanities Department.

National and international seminar and conference organisation:

Midgley is co-convenor of the Women's History Seminar and the Reconfiguring the British Seminar at the IHR in London; she was also member of the Scientific Committee for the international colloquium on 'Femmes et Genre en Contexte Colonial', Centre d'histoire de Science Po, Paris, Jan. 2012. Verdon was convenor of the Rural History Conference, held September 2010 at Sussex, attended by 250 delegates and leading to the launch of the European Rural History

Organisation. Singleton was conference programme organizer for the Asia Pacific Economic and Business History Conference held in in Canberra, 2012.

Research Council membership and peer review of research proposals:

Midgley: AHRC Peer-Review College (to 2013), Collaborative Doctoral Awards Panel (April 2012), DFG (German Research Foundation) and AHRC British-German funding programme for the humanities; McDermott: AHRC Research Leave Scheme, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Petersson: Volkswagen Foundation, Germany; Singleton: European Science Foundation; Stibbe: AHRC research leave scheme; Thoral: Pasold Research Fund.

Positions in subject associations and learned societies:

Midgley: President, International Federation for Research in Women's History (IFRWH), judge, Women's History Network book prize; Singleton: Exec. Comm. Economic History Society of Australia and New Zealand; Stibbe: executive committee: German History Society (to 2008), judge, German History Essay Prize; Verdon: sec., British Agricultural History Society; executive committee: Economic History Society (to 2009).

Editorial positions:

McDermott: ed. board *Socialist History* and *International Newsletter of Communist Studies*; Midgley: ed. board *Women's History Review*, advisory board *Nineteenth-Century Contexts* (to 2009); Roberts: book reviews ed. *Labour History Review*; Singleton: editor-in-chief *Australian Economic History Review*, ed. (2010-12) business history monograph series, Pickering & Chatto, 2008-11, member of the advisory board of *Economic History of Developing Regions* (to 2011); Stibbe: ed. board *Immigrants and Minorities*; Twells: ed. board *Women's History Review* (to 2010); Verdon: ed. boards *Local Population Studies* and *Women's History Review*. All historians review books for leading historical journals.

External Examination of doctorates and assessors of professorial applications:

Examination of theses at Australian National University, Brighton, Hertfordshire, KCL, Lancaster, Leicester, LSE, Sunderland, UCL (3), Victoria University of Wellington, European University Institute. Midgley was invited facilitator, AHRC Training Day, University of Warwick, 2008, and independent referee, Professorial promotion, University of Auckland, and Chichester University; Stibbe was external assessor, Professorial promotion, Idaho State University.

Scholarly awards, fellowships, conference keynotes and other marks of esteem:

Singleton: affiliate, Centre for Institutional Performance, University of Reading and the New Zealand Work and Labour Market Institute at Auckland University of Technology; Thoral: International Napoleonic Society book prize 2011 for monograph *From Valmy to Waterloo* (Thoral 1); Collins: Keynote, 4th Wellington Congress, University of Southampton (2010); 23rd Wellington Lecture, University of Southampton (2011); Midgley: plenaries/keynotes at 11th Annual Centre for Gender Studies Symposium, Cambridge University (2008), Gendering Imperialism conference, University of Edinburgh, (2008), Voluntary History Action Society conference, University of Kent (2010), conference 'Femmes et Genre en Contexte Colonial', Paris (2012), 'Connected Histories of Empire' conference, University of Bristol (July 2013). All staff have delivered invited seminar and conference papers: in the UK at the Universities of London, Cambridge, Southampton, Exeter, Sheffield, Liverpool, Greenwich, Leicester, Leeds, Lincoln, Glasgow, Dublin; and overseas at universities in Paris, Berlin, Dusseldorf, Vancouver, Uppsala., Prague, Freiburg, Hong Kong, Ascona, Rennes and Uppsala.

Book reviews:

All staff are active as book reviewers for leading academic journals covering all areas of departmental expertise, including *American Historical Review*, *English Historical Review*, *Journal of Modern History*, *International History Review*, *Economic History Review*, *Agricultural History Review*, *Labour History Review*, *Social History*, *Victorian Studies*, *Gender & History*, *Women's History Review*, *History Workshop Journal*, *Central European History* and *German History* as well as online H-Net Review reviews, H-Albion and history.ac.uk/reviews.