

## Environment template (REF5)

<b>Institution: Bangor University</b>
<b>Unit of assessment: 30 (History)</b>
<b>a. Overview</b> <p>This submission comprises the staff (all full-time) of the School of History, Welsh History and Archaeology together with one modern historian (full-time) from the School of Social Sciences. The School is 1 of 9 in the College of Arts and Humanities at Bangor University (BU). History was established in 1884, Archaeology in 1960. We have partially refocused our strategy to strengthen and expand our long-standing core research area in the <b>History of Wales</b> while significantly overlapping research groups have continued in <b>Welsh and 'Celtic' Archaeology, Medieval and Early Modern History</b> and <b>Modern and Contemporary History</b>. Staff research spans prehistory to the present and is sometimes multi-disciplinary, having close links with both Celtic Studies (particularly Welsh) and Social Sciences.</p> <p><i>Below our selected outputs are noted by name and number where appropriate.</i></p>
<b>b. Research strategy</b> <p><b><u>Achievement of strategic aims for research during the assessment period</u></b></p> <p>Since 2008 our strategy has continued to build a vibrant yet sustainable research culture actively supported and monitored by robust structures within School, College and BU. As a result, during this REF period we have partially restructured to expand our research strength in the History of Wales while continuing earlier research groups. As we are a relatively small unit we have promoted an environment which nurtures research through the expansion of partnerships and collaborations across BU, with other universities in Wales, the UK and internationally, and with other partners, notably heritage organisations, outside the academy (thereby encouraging impact), while continuing to support the research of individual scholars. This has led to increased grant capture: average annual research grant spend increased from £87k in the RAE 2008 census period to £142k for REF 2014. This facilitated the participation of many of our staff in major projects, often in leadership roles and actively promoted individual research and its dissemination. The outcome of this strategy has been the maintenance of a very strong publication record of books (11), edited volumes (15), more than 98 book chapters and 83 journal articles as an essential part of the timely completion of projects leading to increased esteem and further research opportunities.</p> <p>In addition our structures have strengthened the internal research culture by actively encouraging staff and postgraduates to organize and participate in conferences in Bangor. We have hosted 11 major international conferences since 2007, showcasing our research strengths while bringing significant numbers of scholars to Bangor. This has resulted in edited books (e.g. Claydon, Pryce) and other outputs, as well as increasing our opportunities to attend conferences and present our research internationally, resulting in significant publications (e.g. Pryce 2). Regular seminar programmes help create a lively environment and facilitate scholarly collaborations. In addition to our internal History and Archaeology seminar series and cross-disciplinary series such as <i>The Origins of our Ideas</i>, we also participate in cross-institutional inter-disciplinary seminars organized through our partnership with Aberystwyth University in the <i>Institute of Medieval and Early Modern Studies</i>, and accessible across Wales by video-link.</p> <p>In 2008, we noted that we played a leading role in research on and the international study of Welsh History. Our research structure now reflects this long-standing strength through the fostering of a more formal research cluster in the History of Wales and expanding the closely related cluster in Welsh and 'Celtic' Archaeology (begun 2003), while actively supporting interlocking groups in Medieval and Early Modern History and Modern and Contemporary History.</p> <p><b>1. <i>The History of Wales</i></b>, comprising a majority of historians, sets the history of Wales in its wider national and international contexts from the post-Roman period to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our strategy has been to maximize the potential of BU's excellent library and archive resources in this area and opportunities for partnerships and collaborations, including with communities, in both the English and Welsh languages. As a result, oral history (A Edwards), the history of Welsh landed estates (Powell, Claydon), popular religion, and historiography (Pryce, N Edwards) are expanding areas of expertise. We have continued to support medieval and early modern research focusing on gender (Johns), identity (Roberts), power (Pryce), culture and wealth (Powell), while modern</p>

research strengths include political change since 1945, e.g. devolution, with a distinctive focus on the formation of local identities (A Edwards). We have invested in the expansion of this group through the appointment of three lecturers (2 ECRs) including Roberts. **Partnerships and Collaborations** BU has shown a strong strategic commitment to research in this area resulting in the College Celtic cluster with Welsh and continuing commitment to the *Institute of Medieval and Early Modern Studies* (IMEMS) (directed by Claydon 2007–9), a BU/Aberystwyth University interdisciplinary humanities grouping, with participation by Swansea and Trinity St Davids, including the University of Wales *Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies* (CAWCS). The BU *Welsh Institute of Social and Cultural Affairs* (WISCA) has also acted as an important focus (Directors Tanner, A Edwards 2007–10), now superseded by the BU interdisciplinary PONTIO ('To Bridge') project. **Grants** Partnership through IMEMS led to successful funding of the *Welsh Seals* (Johns) and *Mostyn Estates* (Claydon) projects. Personal research has continued to be supported by the AHRC (Pryce) and other funding bodies. **Outputs** Continuing support has ensured major research projects begun 2001–7 have now come to fruition (e.g. A Edwards 1; Johns 1, Pryce 1) and has encouraged publication by others (e.g. Powell 1–3), including ECR's (e.g. Roberts 1).

**2. Welsh and 'Celtic' Archaeology** As with 1., our strategy has been to maximise our resources by harnessing the archaeological landscapes of Wales to provide a natural focus for our research analysing past societies, their settlements and material culture from the late Mesolithic to the post-medieval. Archaeological fieldwork and excavation projects have been integral to this strategy. This approach also extends to our research beyond Wales. We have strengthened this cluster by the appointment of Waddington (ECR). **Partnerships and Collaborations** Our strategy has been flexible enough to embrace opportunities with BU School of Computer Science leading to participation in major Welsh heritage 3D visualisation projects creating a new specialisation (Karl). It has also ensured Research projects are strengthened by partnerships with other universities, especially with CAWCS (Karl, Waddington), heritage organisations e.g. the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales, National Museum Wales (N Edwards), Gwynedd Archaeological Trust and communities e.g. Llŷn Partnership (Karl, Waddington). **Grants** Such partnerships have resulted in opportunities leading to a significant rise in grant capture e.g. *Ancient Britain and the Atlantic Zone* (HEFCW funded) and *Atlantic Europe in the Metal Ages* (AHRC) (Karl), as well as personal grants e.g. *Early Medieval Inscribed Stones and Stone Sculpture* (British Academy, AHRC, N Edwards). **Outputs** As a result this REF period has seen the completion of major research projects (N Edwards 1–2; Waddington 1) and the publication of other significant monographs and articles (Karl 1, 3–4).

**3. Medieval and Early Modern History** This group interlocks with 1. and includes Claydon, Hagger, Johns, Pryce, Powell, and Roberts. Research has continued to focus on power in the 10th–13th centuries – political, administrative (Hagger) and gender histories (Johns) – and on the construction of the histories and narratives of the Middle Ages by 19th- and 20th-century historians (Pryce). There are also strengths in early modern political, social, cultural and religious British history, notably Claydon's continued research on print culture. **Partnerships and Collaborations** Our strategy here has been to foster individual researchers in the context of wider collaborations, notably with IMEMS, to strengthen the research environment. **Outputs** include Hagger 1–4 and Claydon 1–4.

**4. Modern and Contemporary History** Koller's and Sedlmaier's appointments (2007) established a strong focus on modern continental European history, especially the German-speaking countries, particularly the history of social movements, protest, consumption, sport, transnational and colonial history. Our strategy has been to strengthen this area with the research of Stoetzler and encourage work on anti-Semitism and racism as a growing area of expertise. Allied to this grouping is Karl's research on European heritage policy focusing on Austria. **Partnerships and Collaborations** The active encouragement of international links are particularly important for this grouping and include collaborations with universities in Austria (Karl), Germany (Sedlmaier, Koller), USA (Sedlmaier, Stoetzler) and Switzerland (Koller). **Grants** This has resulted in the cluster benefitting from several significant, funded, international research projects and networks which have been essential to the successful development of their work. **Outputs** This has ensured the completion of major research projects begun before and after 2008 (Koller 1–2) and the development and publication of new research (e.g. Karl 2, Sedlmaier 1–4, Stoetzler 1–4).

### **Strategic development 2014–19**

We will build on our existing research clusters and the strategy outlined above to ensure the continuation of a vibrant and sustainable research culture. First, we will ensure major research projects already commenced reach fruition, e.g. monographs by Hagger on the administration of medieval Normandy; Roberts on identity in medieval Wales; Sedlmaier on consumption and violence in Cold-War Germany and Waddington on Bronze Age middens. While books remain the 'gold standard' publication for this unit, BU strategy will encourage staff towards open-access publishing in line with sector-wide developments in this area. Second, BU has also recently recognised the immense potential of BU Archives and Special Collections by establishing an *Institute for the Study of Welsh Estates* jointly with the School which will feature as an important part of our future research strategy. Other areas under active development include research on 20<sup>th</sup>-century Welsh youth movements. Third, very recent grant capture successes e.g. *Alternative Views of Lost Heritage of Gwynedd* (AHRC, £576k, Karl, with BU Computer Science and Aberystwyth University), *Atlantic Europe and the Metal Ages* (AHRC, led by CAWCS, £876k with £50k to Karl) are key to sustainability and, with the aid of mentoring, we will continue to encourage grant applications by all staff, especially ECR's. Successful grant capture will also strengthen research groups through the appointment of post-doctoral research assistants. Fourth, research impact is now considered as integral to our strategy and is included from the inception of research projects, through grant application, to capture, to outputs. Allied to this, cross-disciplinary partnerships, e.g. in heritage, culture and minority identities, perceived as BU research strengths, will become increasingly important. These will be fostered by the BU PONTIO project which has secured £30m+ public funding for a £46m Arts and Innovation Centre (opening 2014), the most important strategic Infrastructure development in Bangor for 60 years. BU will also continue to benefit from European Structural Funding (2014-20). Further partnerships and collaborations with IMEMS and other Welsh, UK and overseas HE Institutions and heritage bodies will likewise remain key to our research sustainability and the maintenance of a vibrant research culture, as will *History Research Wales*, a collaboration of all Welsh University history units, which has recently gained HEFCW money (£50k) to pump-prime collaborative research.

### **c. PEOPLE**

#### **Staffing strategy and development**

**Recruitment:** Since 2008 (following Tanner's sudden death (2010), the departure of Collins and Cavill and retirement of Griffith), new staff strategy has focused on expansion of the *History of Wales* cluster through appointment of young lecturers and ECR's (Olson, Rees, Roberts, Wiliam) and *Welsh and 'Celtic' Archaeology* (Waddington), ensuring future sustainability in key research areas. Olson (a Chicago/Harvard educated British Academy Post-doctoral Fellow with Pryce), Rees (an Aberystwyth graduate), Wiliam (a Bangor graduate and post-doctoral researcher with A Edwards, Pryce), Roberts (an Oxford graduate followed by a PhD with Pryce) and Waddington (a Cardiff graduate and post-doctoral researcher with Karl). There is currently one other post-doctoral researcher with Karl. **Development:** Junior staff are monitored through the probation process and increasingly paired with more senior staff on research projects e.g. Rees with Powell on Welsh estates, Robinson with N Edwards on *Project Eliseg*, Waddington with Karl on the Meillionydd excavation project. The School Research and Postgraduate Committee plays a vital role in overseeing research strategy, e.g. monitoring of sabbatical leave, appointment of mentors for less experienced staff and fostering an environment which encourages the development of research careers, including those appointed in the last RAE period. A Edwards, Hagger, Johns and Shapely are now Senior Lecturers, N Edwards and Karl Professors. Annual Performance Development Reviews are key to the systematic monitoring of progress with research, including outputs, grant capture, dissemination, impact, future research strategy and identification of training needs. In line with the BU *Strategic Plan* (2010–15) ensuring 'researchers at all stages in their careers are given support to develop their research... via mentoring support and rewarding success', the College *Research Support Strategy*, with the School Research and Postgraduate Committee, co-ordinates and facilitates policy ensuring time for research, including weekly research days during term and study leave for all research active staff, 1 semester every 3–4 years. Staff are actively encouraged to supplement this with funded research fellowships (British Academy N Edwards (2006–8); AHRC N Edwards (2011), Pryce (2010), Shapely (2012–13). The college and School provide grants to facilitate conference organization and attendance and aid administration, as well as to pump-prime

research; those with successful FEC grant capture receive additional funding. BU has published a closely monitored *Strategic Equality Plan* (March 2013) ensuring equal opportunities for all staff and students.

### **Research students**

**Research culture** has been strengthened by the development of the College Graduate School (2012-13 comprising 132 students) providing a supportive environment and fostering the growth of a staff/student research community across disciplines. It provides our PhD students with College-wide induction days, centralized thesis writing support, bursaries for research and conferences, and monthly newsletters with details of College-wide research seminars, funding opportunities, training events etc. At School level postgraduate research culture is supported by the policies of the Research and Postgraduate Committee. Numbers of MA students have remained buoyant (81 2008/9–2012/13, including overseas: USA, China, Middle East) and there has been a recent initiation of MRes degrees. School MA programmes prepare students specifically for research in the clusters above. Current PhD student registrations have risen by one third (from 2008) to 28 (2012–13) and 11 PhD's have been awarded (2008–13). Funding for PhDs 2008–13 includes 6 AHRC studentships; 4 BU Anniversary Research Scholarships linked to current research projects; 1 Guild of Drapers award; 3 School teaching fellowships; 2 HEFCW Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol Welsh-medium PhD scholarships (e.g. Roberts); 2 Knowledge Economies Skills PhD Scholarships (KESS) with the National Trust and Cymal; 2 Mostyn IMEMS PhD scholarships; 1 ORSAS scholarship; 5 overseas government scholarships (3 Libya, 2 Saudi Arabia, 2 Kuwait); 1 Waterford Institute of Technology scholarship. **Progression:** Research student progress is overseen by the School Director of Graduate Studies (DoG), who represents the school at College and BU levels, and the Research and Postgraduate Committee. BU policy ensures students have first and second supervisors, fortnightly contact with their first supervisor (and second as appropriate), who closely monitor progress, via regular meetings, reports, discussions and feedback on thesis chapters. Research students have annual reviews with an oral presentation to the School, critique of a chapter and a formal progress interview by the supervisors and DoG. In Year 1 this determines progression from MPhil to PhD and right to continue. The annual progress report by the primary supervisor and student also identifies training needs, and is agreed by both, and monitored at BU level. **Skills Development:** The College works with the BU Academic Development Unit to provide skills training e.g. Latin, Welsh, medieval palaeography and codicology, Geographical Information Systems, publishing papers. Research students are expected and encouraged to give papers. School and IMEMS weekly research seminars include postgraduate sessions. There is a cross-disciplinary BU annual postgraduate *Medieval Studies* conference. Postgraduates have contributed papers to e.g. the North American Association for the Study of Welsh Culture and History (NASSWCH) (4); International Celtic Congress, Maynooth, Ireland (2); Association Française d'Études de l'Âge du Fer (1); International Medieval Congress, Leeds (5), International Congress on Medieval Studies (Western Michigan Univ.) (2), Harvard Celtic Colloquium (2), Haskins Society (1), 13th-century England (1), organized sessions at Leeds, and submit articles for publication (e.g. Roberts 1; Giudicci in *Welsh History Review* and *Contemporary Wales*). Greta Anthoons won the Studia Celtica Europaea Johann Kaspar Zeuss Prize for the best PhD in Celtic Studies (2012) and Michael Brennan received a British Academy Neil Ker award (2013). To build skills for their future careers PhD students benefit from BU research training events and complete the PGCertFE. They learn practical pedagogical skills (monitored by module co-ordinators and QA audits) teaching seminars (5 hours max. per week) and occasional lectures allied to their research; Year 4 PhD students may present a module related to their expertise.

### **d. Income, infrastructure and facilities**

**Research income** has risen substantially since the last RAE period. Our overall grant spend was £711k in the current census period, compared to £573k in the last RAE. Accounting for the shorter census periods, this represents a rise from £87k to £142k per annum. Our funding sources have also diversified and we have benefitted from additional income to collaborative programmes or scholarships totalling approximately £1.3m. During the assessment period we received 6 grants from the British Academy and 7 from the AHRC. Other grants have been gained from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (Waddington); governmental organizations

e.g. Cadw: Welsh Historic Monuments; charities e.g. Society of Antiquaries, Cambrian Archaeological Association (N Edwards) and other bodies e.g. Société Jersiais (Johns). **Additional income**, mainly from overseas, from which our research has benefitted includes the University of Wales (*Early Celtic Societies in Wales* £31,728, Karl, Waddington); EU grants (e.g. *Studying Archaeologists in Europe* and *Discovering the Archaeologists of Europe*, £33k, Karl); Bielefeld University/Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (Sedlmaier). Koller has benefitted from grants from the Swiss National Foundation and several other Swiss and EU funders (£37k approx.) and participated in research networks *Les occupations militaires en Europe de l'affirmation des Etats modernes à la fin des Empires* (funded by Agence Nationale de la Recherche, €250k), at the University of Lille, and *Integration und Desintegration: Sozial- und Kulturgeschichte des osteuropäischen Sports im internationalen Vergleich* (funded by the German Research Community, €67k), University of Bonn. Knowledge Economy Skills Scholarships (KESS, 2009-14) comprise a major European Convergence programme led by BU for the HE sector in Wales. Benefiting from European Social Funds (ESF), KESS has supported 1 post-doctoral collaborative research project and 2 PhDs with external partners (Total: £186k).

**Scholarly Infrastructure supporting research:** *BU Library*, opened 1884, has extensive collections for History, Archaeology and Celtic Studies and subscribes to a rapidly increasing number of key electronic research resources. National Library of Wales resources, increasingly on-line, are also available to BU staff and postgraduates. Substantial investment has improved facilities in *BU Archives and Special Collections*, e.g. updating of storage and new research space. It is the largest Welsh repository after the National Library of Wales with over 250,000 manuscripts dating from the middle ages onwards with particular strengths in estate papers (e.g. Penrhyn) and 30,000 books, essential collections supporting research on Welsh History (e.g. Claydon, Powell, Pryce, N Edwards). This strength has resulted in the establishment of the joint School/BU Archives *Institute for the Study of Welsh Estates* (2013). *Gwynedd Museum and Art Gallery*, many of the collections of which are owned by BU, is also a vital resource. Gwynedd Council and BU have gained a £1.4m Heritage Lottery Fund grant to move the museum and art gallery into larger, up-to-date facilities adjacent to the *PONTIO* building.

**Organizational Infrastructure supporting research:** The School Research and Postgraduate Committee reports to the Board of Studies. Its policies are informed by the College Research Strategy Committee and overseen by the College Director of Research. The College Director of Graduate Studies oversees postgraduate matters. BU supports research through the Research and Enterprise Office, headed by the Deputy-Vice-Chancellor, advised by the Research Strategy Task Group which includes all College Directors of Research. The office provides support such as assistance in writing major grant applications, informs researchers about funding opportunities, administers major programmes such as KESS, and liaises with external funders and potential partners in business, government and agencies to facilitate the development of partnerships.

**Operational Infrastructure:** BU has supported College postgraduate research by providing three new, larger study spaces, together with dedicated space for research projects, as well as refurbishing School facilities, which include a further study space. Investment has been made in state of the art archaeological survey and flotation equipment for fieldwork and BU has invested in the School of Computer Sciences to support computer visualisation, thereby making research on archaeological visualisation projects possible. *PONTIO* is already facilitating multidisciplinary research and increasing engagement with outside organizations and businesses.

#### **e. Collaboration and contribution to the discipline or research base**

We have been extremely successful in establishing **research collaborations, partnerships and networks** in Wales, across the UK and internationally. **History of Wales:** A Edwards is a member of the *Welsh Institute for Social and Economic Research Data and Methods* (WISERD). N Edwards co-organized the *Edward Lhuyd* exhibition (National Library of Wales, CAWCS, 2009). Olson is a member of the *Insular Christianity, 1530-1750* project (Trinity and University Colleges, Dublin, Irish Research Council, 2010-11). Powell and Wiliam are leading the *History of Urdd Gobaith Cymru* project (with Swansea University and National Museum Wales). **Welsh and 'Celtic'**

**Archaeology:** N Edwards's research on early medieval Welsh sculpture included partnerships with the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments Wales and National Museum Wales. She is part of a Leverhulme International Network *Converting the Isles* (partners in Cambridge, Oxford, Iceland and Bergen Universities, University College Dublin, Irish Discovery Programme). Karl is collaborating with CAWCS, Oxford University and University College Dublin on *Atlantic Europe and the Metal Ages* and *Hillforts of North Wales* (Oxford University, Denbighshire County Council) and Waddington has collaborated on *Later Prehistoric Middens* with Cardiff University. **Medieval and Early Modern History:** Claydon is actively involved in the international interdisciplinary research network, *Williamite Universe* on the history of NW Europe 1650-1713. **Modern and Contemporary History:** Koller's collaborative research projects include *Sport als städtisches Ereignis* with Südwestdeutscher Arbeitskreis für Stadtgeschichtsforschung; *Europäischer Fussball der Zwischenkriegszeit*, with University of Basle and research networks based in the University of Lille and University of Bonn. Sedlmaier's collaborations include a research network, *Western European Reactions to the Apartheid System in South Africa, 1948-94*, with universities in Denmark, Germany and South Africa, and on research, publications and conferences with colleagues in Oxford, Edinburgh and Ireland (UCD), Germany (Bielefeld), the USA (Brown) and Israel (Open University). Stoetzler is part of the international *Critical Theories of Antisemitism Network* (UK, USA, Germany). Karl has played an active role studying Austria in European Heritage collaboration projects, e.g. DISCO EU Leonardo da Vinci: *Studying Archaeology in Europe – Austria* (Landward Research Ltd.) <http://www.studyingarchaeology.eu/>; *Discovering the Archaeologists of Europe – Austria* <http://www.discovering-archaeologists.eu/>.

**Research Council memberships** School staff are panel members/grant application reviewers for the AHRC (Claydon, N Edwards, Karl, Powell), ESRC (Claydon), Leverhulme Trust (Pryce), Irish Research Council for Humanities and Social Sciences (Claydon, N Edwards), Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (Claydon, Koller), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (Claydon) and the Swiss National Foundation (Karl, Koller).

**University research advisory panels, national/international research strategy or review boards** We are members of 9 such bodies which include: N Edwards, Cadw Ancient Monuments Advisory Board (to 2010); Karl, Welsh Government Historic Environment Advisory Group; Archaeology strategy round table, Austrian National Heritage Agency BDA; Pryce, International Advisory Board, 'The Paradox of Medieval Scotland', AHRC research project, University of Glasgow.

**Refereeing publications** We have refereed 85+ books, book proposals and articles in academic journals and edited collections. These include **Books:** Claydon: CUP, OUP, MUP, Ashgate, Boydell; A Edwards: MUP, Palgrave; N Edwards: UWP, Routledge, Cadw, Dept of Heritage, Culture and the Gaeltacht (Ireland), Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland; Koller: OUP, Routledge, Liverpool University Press; Pryce: UWP, Boydell *Studies in Celtic History* (series editor); Sedlmaier: Berghahn Books, Palgrave; and **Journal Articles:** Claydon: *English Historical Review*, *Historical Journal*, *Irish Historical Studies*, *Journal of British Studies*, *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*; N Edwards *Medieval Archaeology*, *Early Medieval Europe*, *Archaeologia Cambrensis*, *Welsh History Review*, *World Archaeology*, *Antiquaries Journal*, *Journal of Irish Archaeology*; Hagger *English Historical Review*, *Historical Research*, *Journal of Medieval History*; Johns *English Historical Review*, *Welsh History Review*; Koller *Annual Review of Political and Military Sociology*, *Contemporary European History*, *International Journal History of Sport*, *Journal of Sport History*, *Militärgeschichtliche Zeitschrift*, *Schweizerische Zeitschrift für Geschichte*, *Biuletyn Polskiej Misji Historycznej*; Powell *Agricultural History Review*; Pryce *Archaeological Journal*, *English Historical Review*, *Nationalism*; Sedlmaier *Contemporary European History*; Stoetzler *European Journal of Political Theory*, *European Societies*, *Feminist Theory*, *Patterns of Prejudice*, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*.

**Leading positions in professional subject associations and Learned Societies** We are actively involved in 23+ learned societies and associations, as well as acting as editors of journals and series, and on editorial boards. Such positions include: Claydon: Council, Society for Renaissance Studies; Editor, *Studies in Church History*; Editorial board: Ashgate series: *Culture*

*and Politics in Europe, 1650-1750*; A Edwards: Committee, Welsh Political Archive, National Library of Wales; N Edwards, Vice President, Society for Medieval Archaeology; Hagger, Council, Pipe Roll Society; Karl, Vice-President, Societas Celtologica Europaea; Deputy Chair, *Internationales Österreichisches Archäologie Forum*; Editor, *Keltische Forschungen Monographienreihe*; Koller, Committee, Arbeitskreis Militärgeschichte e. V.; Pryce, Elected Representative, Commission internationale de diplomatie; Editor, *Welsh History Review*, the leading journal in the field; Stoetzler Editorial Board, *Patterns of Prejudice*; Waddington Royal Archaeological Society: Assistant Editor, *Archaeological Journal*.

**Examination of Doctorates** We have been external examiners for 13 PhDs, including 7 international (2 Ireland; 1 Spain; 4 Switzerland).

**Organization of Conferences and Scholarly Encounters** We have organized/co-organized over 50 international conferences, colloquia and scholarly encounters, many interdisciplinary, both in Bangor and beyond. Highlights include: For **History of Wales**: A Edwards: *North American Association for the Study of Welsh Culture and History* (BU 2012); Johns, Olson, Pryce, Roberts: biennial Bangor Colloquium on *Medieval Welsh History*, the major international focus for the subject (2008, 2010, 2012); Johns: *Seals in Medieval Wales* international conference and exhibition (Aberystwyth 2012). Karl, Olson, *Bangor International Conference of Celtic Studies*, 2012; Powell, Rees, Inaugural Welsh Estates Conference, *Tir a Phŵer/Land and Power* (BU 2013); Pryce, international conference *Writing Welsh History, 1850–1950* (BU 2011). For **Welsh and 'Celtic' Archaeology**: N Edwards, *Christianising the Landscape Leverhulme Converting the Isles* Colloquium (BU 2013); with Ahronson, *Archaeology of Early Medieval Wales IN CONTEXT* (BU 2009); Karl, Bi-annual *Interpreted Iron Ages Conference* (Keltenmuseum, Hallein, Austria, 2008, 2010, 2012); Waddington *Unquiet Residues: the Midden Seminar* (Cardiff 2008). For **Medieval and Early Modern History**: Claydon co-organized *Louis XIV, Inside Out: the Image of the Sun King beyond France* (Williamite Universe international conference, Oxford 2012) and the biennial international *Bangor Restoration Conference*, on Britain and Ireland 1660-1702 (2009, 2011, 2013). Johns co-organized *Gender and Historiography in the Earlier Middle Ages* (King's College, London, 2009). For **Modern and Contemporary History**: Koller co-organized the *Zurich Football Forum* (University of Zurich 2008, funded by FIFA and the Swiss Ministry of Sport). Sedlmaier co-organized *The Political as Communicative Space in History* (University of Bielefeld, 2010); *Public Goods vs Economic Interests: Comparative Perspectives on Squatting*, 11th International Conference on Urban History (Charles University, Prague, 2012). Stoetzler co-organized a conference, *Antisemitism and the Emergence of Sociological Theory*, Manchester University, 2008.

**Scholarly Awards and Fellowships** **Elected Fellowships**: N Edwards, Pryce, Fellows of the Learned Society of Wales. Hagger, Koller, Shapely, Fellows of the Royal Historical Society; Waddington Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. **Competitively Awarded Research Fellowships**: N Edwards, Pryce, Shapely, AHRC; N Edwards, British Academy Senior Research Fellowship; Sedlmaier, Visiting Fellowship, Collaborative Research Centre, University of Bielefeld; Stoetzler, Simon, Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Arts, Histories and Cultures, Manchester University (2006–9). **Awards**: Koller, Titular Professorship, University of Zurich, 2011; **Prize**: N Edwards, G T Clark prize (2012), Cambrian Archaeological Association.

**Invited keynotes, lectures and performances** We have delivered 14 keynotes and 228 invited lectures and performances in 25 countries: 141 in the UK; Austria 4; Belgium 1; Czech Republic 5; Denmark 1; Finland 1; France 6; Germany 31; Georgia 1; Iceland 3; Ireland 8; Italy 1; Luxemburg 1; Netherlands 3; Norway 1; Poland 2; Portugal 3; Spain 2; Sweden 1; Switzerland 8; Turkey 1; Israel 1; Canada 2; USA 12; Japan 2. **Highlights** include: Claydon, keynotes at colloquia on 1688–9, Tokyo and Meiji Universities, 2008; N Edwards, inaugural keynote, Tercentenary Conference on Edward Lhuyd, Aberystwyth, 2009; Karl, inaugural keynote, *Die Kelten – Druiden, Fürsten, Krieger*, Völklinger Hütte, Germany, 2011; Pryce, John V. Kelleher Lecture, Harvard University, 2011, Wyatt Lecture, University of Michigan-Flint, 2012; Stoetzler Invited Lecture, Bucerus Institute, University of Haifa, 2012; Waddington Sara Champion Memorial Lecture, Prehistoric Society/Society of Antiquaries, London 2011.