

<p>Institution: Manchester Metropolitan University</p> <hr/> <p>Unit of Assessment: D30 History</p> <hr/> <p>a. Overview The UoA includes staff in the Department of History, Politics and Philosophy (HPP) and a sports historian from the Department of Exercise and Sports Science. Research in HPP is focused in three research clusters: Community History includes staff who work on local and regional history, oral history, heritage and the interpretation and public presentation of history (Horner, Tebbutt, and Wyke). The Visual and Textual Cultures and Practices cluster includes staff with shared thematic and methodological approaches to writing, image making, reading, publishing, and the collecting and displaying of texts and images (Armstrong, Johnson, Oates). The Nations, Frontiers and Civilisations cluster incorporates staff who study questions of national and international history with a focus on the construction, consolidation and relations of nations, the operation of borders and boundaries and the place of trans-national groups (Crowley, S. Edwards, Fransch, Hurlock, Hurst, McCook, Phillips, Spangler). In addition to these clusters, Day (in the Dept. of Exercise and Sports Science) works on nineteenth and twentieth century sport and leisure. The HPP department also houses the Manchester Centre for Regional History (MCRH), the department's major resource base for local and regional history and a national centre of excellence. The centre publishes an annual journal - the <i>Manchester Region History Review</i> (http://www.hssr.mmu.ac.uk/mcrh/mrhr/), sponsors a public lecture series in conjunction with the Friends of the Centre, and organises regular workshops and conferences (http://www.hssr.mmu.ac.uk/mcrh/).</p> <p>Research in the UoA is managed by a Research Coordinator (Hurst) supported by a Research Committee. UoA 30 falls under the remit of the Institute for Humanities and Social Science Research (IHSSR, http://www.hssr.mmu.ac.uk/), created in 2009 to bring together scholars from nine disciplines. It is one of eight research institutes formed in response to MMU's corporate strategy to increase its research profile. The IHSSR is run by a Research Institute Director supported by a Faculty-based Research and Enterprise Office, housing five administrative staff including a Project Manager. At university level research is managed through the Research & Knowledge Exchange (RKE) office whose Director of Research and team of three professorial section heads (for Research, Knowledge Exchange and Postgraduate Studies respectively) report to the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Strategic Planning.</p> <hr/> <p>b. Research strategy</p> <p>(i) <i>Achievement of current Strategic Aims:</i> History did not submit as a separate UoA in 2008 but staff contributed to the submissions to UoA 50 and UoA 63. The main strategic goals outlined for UoA 50 in 2008 were: To increase the number and develop the careers of early career researchers; to increase external income generation; to support individual and collective research efforts; to sustain established research centres; to increase the number of research students and to increase the proportion of research achieving grades 2* to 4*. The vast majority of these aims have been achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History is being submitted as a separate UoA for the first time. • We have appointed nine ECRs and three of those are included in this submission (Crowley, S. Edwards, and Horner). • Research income has increased from £50,000 (2001-08) to £185,000 (2008-13). • The MCRH has had its resources improved by an increased contract for its Research Associate (Cosson) and a ring-fenced annual budget from the IHSSR. • Nine PhDs were awarded between 2008 and 2014 compared to one between 2001 and 2008 and there are currently twelve research students enrolled with staff in the UoA. <p>Strength in local and regional history has been maintained by new appointments (Horner, Cosson (MCRH research associate)) and continued financial support of the MCRH and its activities. The research portfolio has been expanded by the appointment of two archaeologists (B. Edwards, Simpson) and the enhancement of research strength in the existing clusters (Crowley, S. Edwards, Horner, McCook,)</p> <p>(ii) <i>Future strategic aims:</i> The RKE office initiated a new research strategy for MMU in autumn 2013. The key elements of the strategy are as follows:</p>
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- To continue to increase the proportion of 3* and 4* research produced.
- To increase the number of research students.
- To increase the amount of research income raised by 100%.
- To make 'Knowledge Exchange' with wider society a core part of all research activity.
- To increase the amount of research with demonstrable impact.
- To promote a shift to collaborative, cross-disciplinary work across Faculties.

The UoA has adopted targets in line with this strategy. To build on existing success we will: a/ facilitate the development of staff that are currently ineligible for REF submission. Using the mandatory Professional Development Review (PDR) process to identify their research objectives and needs we will provide support for developing a viable research strategy (including mentoring and relevant training) and use internal funds to provide teaching relief; b/ sustain the current pool of research active staff by replacing retiring staff with research active appointees, continuing to ensure access to funds for teaching relief and maintaining reduced teaching loads; c/ increase research income by exploiting relevant bid-writing training provided by IHSSR, targeting individual researchers and/or research groups with the aim of introducing them to funding schemes of particular pertinence to their research and supporting staff in the writing of research bids through a system of internal peer review; d/ maintain support for the MCRH by continuing to fund a Research Associate and provide financial resources to support the *Manchester Region History Review* and the Centre's other key activities; e/ continue to support our ECRs by providing reduced teaching loads, effective mentoring, integration into research clusters and access to the improved training opportunities being offered by the IHSSR and institutional funding sources for ECRs; f/ increase the number of research students by seeking to enhance collaboration with business and third sector organizations in order to leverage institutional funding for studentships.

In order to successfully align our research strategy with the new elements of the University strategy we will: a/ ensure that the new strategy and its requirements are clearly communicated to staff ; b/ encourage and facilitate take up of training in Knowledge Exchange being organized by the IHSSR (e.g. media training workshops offered by BBC broadcaster Trevor Barnes); c/ actively engage with the IHSSR's Annual Research Programme (<http://www.hssr.mmu.ac.uk/hip/welcome/>); d/ work with the IHSSR to encourage and support staff participation in new cross-disciplinary research clusters. Staff in the UoA are already involved in planning clusters on Football (Day); 'Space, Place and Culture' (Armstrong, B. Edwards) Youth (Tebbutt) and 'Global Society' (Armstrong, S. Edwards, Hurst, McCook, Spangler).

(iii) Research initiatives that will yield significant outputs beyond REF2014: There are currently six edited volumes (B. Edwards (ECR), S. Edwards (ECR), Hurlock, Roche (ECR), Spangler, and Tebbutt) and nine single-authored monographs (Armstrong, Hurlock, Hurst, Oates, Phillips, Roche (ECR), Simpson (ECR), Tebbutt, and Wolstencroft (ECR)) contracted to be submitted by members of the UoA after 2013. B. Edwards is Co-Investigator on an AHRC Connected Communities project, which will bring £129,000 to MMU. Simpson has recently been awarded a grant of £30,000 by the HEA and the MCRH has just been awarded £2000 by the Granada Foundation for a pilot project on the history of Granada Television, which will serve as a springboard for subsequent large-scale bids. Sara Wolfson (ECR) has just been awarded £1000 by the Scouloudi Foundation. Three new funding bids to the AHRC and one to the HLF have been submitted.

c. People, including:

i. Staffing strategy and staff development The UOA's approach to its staff conforms to the seven principles of the *Concordat for Supporting the Career Development of Researchers*, as is demonstrated in the following: Since RAE 2008 we have sought to build on existing strengths and to develop new areas of research expertise. Thirteen new appointments have been made (nine ECRs). All new staff undertake an induction programme, which provides guidance on the University's research and knowledge exchange policies and procedures including grant proposal writing, PhD supervision and equality and diversity. Within the UoA ECRs are supported in the following fashion: They are provided with an appropriate mentor; they receive a reduction in their teaching load of 200 hours p/a in their first year; they are encouraged to join an appropriate research cluster and they are placed on supervisory teams for PhD students at the earliest suitable opportunity. ECRs are further supported by the IHSSR's 'Writing for Success' seminar series (introduced 2012) that supports them (and final-year PhD students) in writing for publication

through a programme of workshops, peer reviewing and mentoring, and by the RKE's Research Accelerator Grant scheme (RAG, see below).

Research leave is allocated by the IHSSR Director following a competitive annual bidding process overseen by the UoA Research Committee. The Committee encourages applicants to apply for external funding by making such efforts one of the criteria to be considered in awarding internal funding (for established staff). While a strong track record of delivery has informed funding decisions, the Committee has also supported ECRs with a view to maximising the number of research active Historians (S. Edwards, Roche and Simpson have received funding for teaching relief). Part-time staff and staff on fixed-term and partial contracts are able to bid for, and have been allocated research funding (B. Edwards, Horner, and Wolfson). Research leave normally takes the form of teaching relief that enables staff to reduce their teaching load and to concentrate it on one or two days per week. Since 2010, some £40,000 p/a has been allocated to support research leave.

Procedures for career progression are clearly defined at an institutional level. The University follows the HERA scheme, which has embedded a framework to support progression from Research Associate through to Research Professor. Researchers engage in an annual PDR scheme in order to map out career and research objectives and there is an annual call from the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Strategic Planning for Professors and Readers (Hurst and Tebbutt promoted to Readerships in 2011 and 2012 respectively). Staff can also apply to receive a salary increment for outstanding research performance through the University's contribution zone system.

The University's commitment to equal opportunities is set out in MMU's Equality and Diversity Policy, Vision for Equality and Diversity and Single Equality Scheme (SES) (<http://www.mmu.ac.uk/humanresources/equalities/>). The implementation of these policies is supported by an Action Plan including extensive staff development activities, and has informed other strategies such as the Human Resources Strategy. These policies, along with the Equality Act 2010, guide and inform our approach to supporting the Research environment within MMU and have been applied in our preparations for the REF. As noted above, funding support has been provided to staff on partial and fixed-term contracts and two staff who have been on maternity leave (Oates, Hurlock) and two on partial contracts (Crowley, Horner) are included in the submission. MMU has been awarded the EU HR Excellence in Research Award in recognition of the quality of these processes.

ii. Research students The UoA has increased its recruitment of PhD students during the period covered by the REF exercise. Between 2008 and 2014, nine PhD students successfully submitted their work (Andrew, Carpenter, McCumiskey, O'Reilly, Smith, Taylor, Whitfield, Wilkins, and Wolstencroft) and there are twelve MPhil/PhD students currently being supervised by staff in the UoA (Bridges, Brindley, Evans, Jackson, James, Jones, Moore, Nuttall, Oldfield, Romocea Siefert, Snape). Recruitment of PhD students has been supported by the provision of University-wide fully funded studentships (50 available at an institutional level in 2012) and similar Faculty studentships. Three PhD students in the UoA have received studentships (Bridges, Jackson, and Siefert) and two of them have progressed from the History MA programme (Jackson and Nuttall). Achievements by PhD students within the UoA include: several published works on the history of football and numerous media appearances in relation to the same (James); the award of a bursary to attend the 2013 Rural History Conference (Andrew); academic Spokesperson for the National Council of LGBT History Month, co-organiser of LGBT History national events, history consultant to three theatre productions and a £6,500 funding award from the Manchester Statistical Society (Evans).

Institutional arrangements for research students have been overhauled and improved since 2008 to provide a comprehensive structure of support. Students are provided with a desk in dedicated, fully equipped office accommodation in addition to a newly created social learning space and postgraduate suite designed to promote cohesion and collaboration. Students have at least two academic supervisors, and detailed records are kept of the supervision process, which is overseen by the Faculty Research Degrees Committee (FRDC). Each student has a formal annual progress review carried out by an independent reviewer. This allows the student and the Director of Studies to provide feedback on how the student is progressing and the FRDC to monitor the progression of students and to provide additional support to those who are not progressing

satisfactorily.

Support mechanisms for postgraduate students are embedded at all levels. In collaboration with the RKE Office, the University Graduate School runs an annual student development programme that ensures postgraduate researchers have the skills needed to successfully manage their research career. This Research Student Development Programme - identified as an area of good practice by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education in their 2009 institutional audit - is updated on an annual basis and incorporates workshops put together in response to student feedback. At faculty level support is offered by the Faculty of Humanities, Languages and Social Science (HLSS) Graduate School which runs an Annual Research Student Symposium, a Research Planning Workshop, and the 'Writing for Success' workshop. Research students are also expected to participate in, and sometimes organize, seminars and symposia in their subject research groups. In addition to the development programme run by the Graduate School, students participate in an annual IHSSR Postgraduate Student Symposium and in the IHSSR Annual Research Programme where they benefit in particular from the accompanying masterclass workshops offered by our Visiting Speakers. At the departmental level, students are expected to attend the History research seminar programme and to contribute to the History section's postgraduate workshops, which provide students with an early opportunity to give papers on their research.

All students have access to research funding to cover the costs associated with conference attendance, archival research, and other costs related to their work and in their second and third years students will attend and contribute to national or international conferences relevant to their field. Examples include Andrew's paper at the Leisure Studies Association Conference (2009), Siefert's paper at the workshop on 'Contentious sites and the colonial public sphere in Southeast Asia' (Lancaster, 2013), Andrew's paper at the Rural History Conference (Bern, 2013) and Oldfield, Carpenter and Pitchford's presentations at the British Society for Sports History conference (Glasgow, 2012).

A significant proportion of MMU's research student community is part-time and we accommodate this through flexible and negotiated supervisory arrangements, support for independent study, 24:7 library access (for most of the year), work-friendly scheduling of seminars and conferences, and use of virtual communication channels. Our policy is to include all students, part-time/full-time, and home/international in the Faculty research community.

In order to enhance our PG students employment prospects the University has established the MMU Postgraduate Passport that replicates the postgraduate recruitment process and guides students in how to articulate and sell their skills effectively. To earn the MMU Postgraduate Passport, research students are required to participate in, and reflect upon, a range of activities that develop their employability skills. Within the UoA PhD students are provided with teaching opportunities wherever possible and in preparation for this, they take the 'New to Teaching' course run by the MMU Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

d. Income, infrastructure and facilities :

(i) *Income*: Research income brought into the UoA in the 2008-13 period totals approximately £185,000 (compared to £50,000 2001-8); Tebbutt, "Working-class masculinities" AHRC (£31,822); 'Writing Asking, Advising' British Academy (BA) (£6,564); 'Nottingham Lace' AHRC, (£1,659, Co-investigator); 'Granadaland' £2000); P. Oldfield, AHRC Early Career Fellowship (£57,894); Wyke/Kidd, 'UNESCO World Heritage Site', English Heritage, (£83,555); Horner, "Cheshire Car Registrations" , Manchester Statistical Society (£1810); Frasc, 'Staging Empire' conference, German Historical Institute London (£3936), "A revised and annotated inventory of inscriptions from the Bagan period" (ASEASUK/ECAF) (£3654); Simpson, 'Flexible Learning Approaches', HEA (£7000); Hurst 'The US, Iran and the Bomb' BA (£5300); Evans, 'The Incidence of Prosecutions of Sexual Behaviours Between Males in the Senior Courts of Lancashire 1850-1970' Manchester Statistical Society (£6500).

(ii) *Infrastructure*: The key infrastructural development for the UoA was the creation of the IHSSR. This provided us with an increased discretionary spend budget for research (£50,000 p/a) over the period 2010-13 and put in place a more effective infrastructure to support research including internally run programmes on 'Writing for Success' and 'Bidding for Success' (workshops and

training on how to bid successfully for external funding with participants required to produce a bid for external funding as a result of their participation). The IHSSR has also organized presentations by the British Academy, the Leverhulme Trust, the PNO Consultancy and the UK Research Office on current funding opportunities. In addition, it has set up a database of successful funding bids accessible to all staff, put in place a new internal peer-review process for all external funding bids and provides regular e-mail alerts and a dedicated blog on current and on-going research, available funding opportunities and other research-related information. It also runs an Annual Research Programme (see above). The funding for teaching relief has been a major factor in the increase in the number of staff submitted to the REF and the 'Bidding for Success' workshops have facilitated three new AHRC bids (follow-on funding for Tebbutt, a bid in response to the AHRC call for co-ordinating centres for community research and engagement to commemorate WW1 and a bid to support development of a smartphone app for community archaeology (Simpson)) and a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (MCRH, conscientious objectors). The IHSSR has also funded the purchase of recording equipment for oral history projects conducted by the MCRH.

The UoA has also benefited from the University's RAG scheme. Grants of up to £5000 are awarded to ECRs to support exploratory research or to facilitate the development of bids for external funding. The department has received one RAG grant of £5,000 (Simpson). The University also runs a scheme allowing staff to bid for further equipment necessary to advance research or promote its results. A successful bid (B. Edwards) resulted in the acquisition of a 3-D scanner that will be used to record and measure out artefacts for further investigation in a digitized format. The University also awards grants of up to £50,000 to established researchers through The Knowledge Exchange and Innovation Fund.

(iii) *Facilities:* MMU's Library, which is open 24:7 for much of the year, holds several special collections used regularly by staff in the UoA including collections of 18th and 19th century newspapers. Another source, which has been exploited by staff in the UOA (see Impact Case Study 2), is the North West Film Archive (NWFA), an internationally significant collection of moving images (some 36,000 items dating back to the 1890s) made in or about North-West England. The library also provides: Access to an extensive range of electronic databases and online collections (<http://www.library.mmu.ac.uk/eresource/history.php>); research support librarians and information skills and researcher training programmes. It has received an award for customer service excellence. The Department of Exercise and Sports Science pays for access to a number of sources useful to the sports historians including *Ancestry* and *Find my Past*. In addition to the MMU library, archives and libraries of Greater Manchester hold numerous specialized collections used regularly by staff in the Community History cluster including: Chetham's Library, John Rylands Library, Greater Manchester County Record Office, The Manchester Museum, the People's History Museum, Manchester Police Museum and Archives, Manchester Archives (Manchester Central Library), the Gallery of Costume, Platt Hall, Manchester Cathedral Archives, the Portico Library and the Working Class Movement Library, Salford. MA and doctoral students use these resources in their research, and receive training sessions conducted by archivists and librarians about their respective collections.

e. Collaboration and contribution to the discipline or research base

Collaborative Arrangements, Networks and Long-Term Partnerships: The MCRH has extensive networks across north-west England, from local history societies and organizations to archives, libraries and museums. It is a member of the Manchester Histories Strategy Steering Group, chaired by Manchester Libraries, Information and Archives, which includes representatives from the National Football Museum, Manchester City Council, the Imperial War Museum North (IWMN), the Museum of Science and Industry, The People's History Museum (PHM), Manchester Chinese Centre and Manchester Jewish Museums. It has research network links (particularly in relation to the commemoration of WW1) with the Universities of Keele, Worcester, Edge Hill, Lancaster, Hertfordshire, Huddersfield, Chester, Salford, Aberystwyth, English Local History at the University of Oxford, Northampton, Birmingham, King's, London and Wolverhampton. Members of the MCRH have connections with researchers in the following national and international networks, organisations and centres: The Centre for the Cultural History of Modern War (University of

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Manchester); Centre for the Study of War, Propaganda and Society (University of Kent); the Oral History Society; Centre for the Study of Memory, Narrative and Histories (University of Brighton); Scottish Centre for War Studies (University of Glasgow); National Centre for Australia Studies (Monash University, Australia); Centre for the Study of History and Memory (Indiana University, US); Centre for Military and Strategic Studies (University of Calgary, Canada); Eisenhower Center for American Studies (University of New Orleans); The Fulbright Association. Collaborative bids and partnerships have been developed with UCLAN, Manchester Histories, the IWMN, the PHM, Lancashire Museums and Archives, Lancashire Infantry Museum, Manchester Histories, Harris Museum and Art Gallery, English Heritage and the Historical Association. The MCRH has also worked with Renaissance North West, the University of Manchester and Manchester City Council (for the MHF).

Fixed-term collaboration on research projects include an AHRC Development Grant submission 'Nottingham Lace: Capturing and Representing Knowledge in People, Machines and Documents' (Tebbutt), a collaborative partnership on 'Historical Transfer of Sporting Cultures across Europe' (Day), a Block Grant Partnership with the Archaeology in the North-West Consortium (B. Edwards) and joint work with the Ecole Francaise d'Extreme Orient in Changmai, Thailand (Frasch). The sports historians work with the International Centre for Sports History and Culture at De Montfort University on a regular basis, presenting at each other's symposia/seminars, producing co-authored work and joining each other's PhD supervisory teams. Networks led by or strongly supported by members of the UoA are the Book History Researchers' Network (Armstrong), the HEA-funded North American History Teachers Network (Armstrong) and the Oral History Northwest Network (MCRH). Staff from the UoA play a central role in the Manchester Histories Festival (<http://www.manchesterhistoriesfestival.org.uk/>) which has always had at least one board member from the UoA and to which other substantial contributions have been made by MMU historians including presentations of on-going research in local history and lectures (Tebbutt, Horner, Simpson) and history tours (Wyke).

Involvement on advisory panels: Members of the UoA are academic consultants for jobs.ac.uk and the Welsh Joint Education Committee (Armstrong), and have been invited to take on a consultative role for the British Muslim Heritage Centre (Roche). Hurst participated in the 'experts' seminars' convened by the Iraq (Chilcott) Enquiry (November 2009).

Leading Positions in Professional Associations and Learned Societies: Armstrong is Chair of the Print Networks Committee; Hurst is Chair of the American Politics Group of the Political Studies Association; Tebbutt has been a council member of the Historical Society of Lancashire and Cheshire and is a council member of the Chetham's Society and a board member of the Manchester Histories Festival. She is also a member of the Steering Group of the Manchester Histories Strategy, a City Council led initiative to develop a coherent strategy for heritage and history initiatives in the city. Frasch is a Board Member of the Student Grants Commission, Academic Foundation of Protestant Churches in Germany. Day is joint chair of the British Society for Sports History North-West Region Sports and Leisure History group and Oldfield (ECR, Lecturer at Crewe) is their membership secretary.

Editorial Positions, Refereeing of Academic Publications and Research Proposals: Members of the UoA serve as editors or members of editorial boards of the *Manchester Region History Review* (Tebbutt, Horner), *Journal of Transport History* (Horner), *East European Jewish Affairs* (Johnson), *Court Historian* (Spangler), *Sports Coaching Review* (Day), *Publishing History*, *Quadrat* (Armstrong), *Imbas* (Roche), and *The International Journal of Regional and Local History* (Tebbutt). They were invited to act as guest-editors of individual journal volumes (Frasch, Horner) and served as peer reviewers for various internationally recognized journals. The latter include *English Historical Review*, *Economic History Review*, *Urban History*, *Journal of British Studies*, *Agricultural History Review*, *Journal of Tourism History*, *Women's History Review* and *Journal of Social History*, *Twentieth Century British History Review* (Tebbutt); *Journal of Burma Studies* and *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* (Frasch), *War in History* and *The Journal of Military History* (Phillips), *Review of International Studies*, *International Politics*, *Journal of American Studies* and the *European Journal of International Relations* (Hurst). In 2012, Frasch was requested by the Swiss National Science Foundation to become the external referee for a research proposal concerning Burmese social history and is a referee for the Research Association of Flanders and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft.

Examination of Doctorates: Staff in the UoA have acted as external examiners at the

Universities of York, Wolverhampton and the Edith Cowan University (Tebbutt), University College London (Simpson), Salford (Hurst), the School of Oriental and African Studies (Frasch), the Karnataka State Open University, India (Frasch) and UEA (Armstrong).

Organisation of Conferences and Academic Encounters: In the period concerned, members of the UoA organised and hosted six major conferences and several workshops: 'Staging Empire: New Perspectives on the 1911 Coronation durbar and Imperial Assemblage' received financial support from the German Historical Institute, London and brought together sixteen scholars from the UK, Germany and the US (Frasch, 2011). In June 2011, the 1st International Conference on Coaching was held at MMU Cheshire (Day) and attended by 54 scholars from Europe and the United States. June 2013 saw the second iteration of this conference, again at MMU Cheshire, attracting scholars from as far afield as Canada, Turkey, Norway, Denmark and Finland. In January 2012, the university hosted the annual conference of the American Politics Group of the PSA (Hurst). 2013 saw the UoA host 'Unofficial Histories' (June, Cosson), the Conference of the British Society of Sports Historians (September, Day), 'Jews and Modern Visual Culture' (September, Johnson) and 'Citizen of the World: The Use and Abuse of Thomas Paine c.1809-2009' (S. Edwards and Morris, November). Smaller workshops hosted by the UoA and organised through its research clusters include 'Peripheral Regions and Centres in Pre-Modern Europe, c. 1100-1700', (with the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence Manchester, Hurlock/Spangler/Frasch 2011); 'Pilgrimage and Crusade in the Norman World', (Hurlock/Oldfield/Roche, 2012) – both included national and international speakers; three workshops on 'Textual and Visual Cultures in the Early Modern World' (Armstrong 2009-2011); a Sports and Leisure History symposium (Day, May 2012). Alongside these, the MCRH has organised several workshops, usually in conjunction with The Northwest Film Archive, The People's History Museum or other local and regional institutions. Workshops organised include 'Youth Histories and the North-West', a joint workshop with the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society (Tebbutt/MCRH 2012); 'Preserving the Past? Issues of Conservation and Restoration in the Northwest' (Tebbutt/MCRH 2008); 'Projecting the Regions: People, Identity and Place' (Horner/MCRH 2009); 'The Great War: Localities and Regional Identities' (Horner/MCRH 2012), in conjunction with UCLAN; 'Working Class and anti-imperialism' (Horner/PHM 2011); 'You Are Here: A public debate on housing histories and futures' (Horner, 2012) in conjunction with Strathclyde University; 'Unofficial Histories' (MCRH, 2013). The Sports History cluster has organised two workshops: 'Workshop for the Northwest Region of the British Society for Sports History' (Day 2012); a one-day workshop on 'Sporting Lives' (Day 2010). Members of the UoA have also contributed to or fully organised events to foster academic exchange on behalf of scholarly associations including 'Print Networks Conferences' (Armstrong, 2008-2012) and the meetings of the American History Teachers Network (Armstrong 2009-2012).

Keynotes, Conference Panels and Lectures: Members of the UoA were invited to convene the following panels at major conferences; 'Coaching' British Society for Sports Historians Conference 2010 (Day); 'Coaching Biographies' at the BSSH 2012 (Day); 'Urban networks in South Asia' for the 21st European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies, Bonn, 2010 (Frasch); 'Antisemitism' at the Annual Conference of the Association of Jewish Studies, Washington, 2011 (Johnson); 'Pilgrimage', Leeds International Medieval Congress, 2011 (Hurlock); 'Tracking the 2012 elections' British Association for American Studies, 2012 (Hurst). Several members of staff (Armstrong, Frasc, Johnson, Simpson, Spangler, Tebbutt, and Day) were invited to present papers at international conferences in the UK, Europe, Asia and the US. E.g. Hunter Society Centenary Conference: Sheffield University: Big Society Archaeology: The Politics of Community Archaeology in the UK. In addition to these more prominent occasions, members of staff have regularly accepted invitations to present at research seminars and lecture programmes hosted by other universities or academic institutions.

Awards and Fellowships

The research undertaken and published by members of the UoA has received recognition by various external institutions and learned societies. During the period under consideration, three staff were made Fellows of the Royal Historical Society (Armstrong, Johnson, D. Walsh) two of the Higher Education Academy (Armstrong, Simpson) and one of the Royal Asiatic Society (Frasch). Other distinguished Fellowships and Memberships include the Society of Antiquities and the Institute of Archaeologists (Simpson). One member has received a Fulbright Distinguished Scholarship (S. Edwards 2010) and Wyke has been awarded an OBE for services to local history.