

Institution: University of Aberdeen
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<p>1. Unit context and structure, research and impact strategy</p> <p>1.1 Overview</p> <p>Since 2014 History and History of Art (HHoA), part of the interdisciplinary School of Divinity, History and Philosophy (DHP), has refocused and extended its significant clusters of expertise across medieval, early modern and modern history in pursuit of <i>Aberdeen 2040</i>, the University's strategic plan and its four guiding principles of interdisciplinarity, inclusivity, sustainability and international outreach. In this spirit, it has launched significant new interdisciplinary initiatives and international collaborations from its strong disciplinary base. It has consolidated strengths in Scottish-Irish and Enlightenment Studies and in nineteenth-century history. The Unit has used bequests and University strategic funding to extend its staffing beyond its traditional focus on Scottish, Irish and European History into Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Jewish history, launched a major restructuring in History of Art and improved its gender profile. It has maintained a high level of scholarly production during the cycle, publishing 13 authored books, four edited books, three research databases, two scholarly editions, 39 journal articles and 50 book chapters and has communicated its research to government and public bodies, community groups and a wider public, developing collaborations with museums in the UK and abroad. It completed or substantially advanced four major projects begun in the last cycle: on Law in the Aberdeen Burgh Records 1398–1511 (Armstrong); the major series on Russia's Great War and Revolution, co-edited by Heywood, which published 15 volumes between 2014 and 2020; Geddes's Leverhulme-funded project on the Buildings of Aberdeenshire and Moray and the Scottish Catholic Archives Project (Barr), which has expanded beyond its initial focus to become the international Catholic Memory project, networked across the UK, the USA, Italy and Australasia.</p> <p>With 26.5 full time equivalents (FTEs), HHoA has devoted particular attention to the nurturing of Early Career Researchers (ECRs), through junior appointments and the expansion of its postdoctoral community. It has maintained its growth in PGR students, with 44 FTE successful completions compared with 31 in the last cycle and 18 in the previous cycle, a rise of 42 percent on 2014, and of 72 percent on 2008. There are currently 66 PGR students under supervision, including 19 distance PGRs (29%), following a successful initiative to extend the expertise of the Unit's supervisors to a new and diverse body of students through the provision of online supervision (a development, which predates COVID-19 restrictions). The Unit secured external funding over the period totalling GBP2,445,363 or GBP92,278 per FTE. DHP's commitment to the principles of equality and diversity was recognised by a Bronze Athena Swan award; it is working towards Silver.</p> <p>HHoA has contributed substantially to the research culture of DHP and the wider university. Brown is Dean of Research Governance and Cultural Strategy, with responsibility for the University's submission to REF Panels C and D; Morrison was Head of School; Dilley is DHP Director of Research; and Gash and Cecolin have served as DHP research ethics officers. The Aberdeen Humanities Research Fund, which has supported several HHoA research initiatives, was co-founded by Brown and Armstrong. Dilley is chair of the Friends of Aberdeen University Library.</p> <p>1.2 Research Strategy</p> <p>Four principles animate HHoA's research culture: 1) The pursuit of outstanding and diverse disciplinary scholarship to provide the essential base for interdisciplinary collaboration, through the publication of high-quality monographs, journal articles, book chapters and databases. 2) The encouragement of a collaborative and diverse research culture principally, though not exclusively, through interdisciplinary research centres and the Unit's work in</p>

progress seminar. 3) The fostering of outreach and impact beyond the academy through engagement with local, national and international audiences. 4) The sustaining of research infrastructure locally, nationally and internationally.

These principles are realised through: 1) an inclusive, diverse research culture that pays particular attention to supporting, mentoring and developing ECRs. 2) strong and focused national and international collaborations and membership in research networks supported by targeted buyouts of time. 3) the encouragement of outreach and public dissemination of research through workload abatements and support from the DHP Research Committee, the Development Trust and other University sources. 4) active support for sustaining the Unit's disciplines through editorships, engagement in national and international research bodies, and the reviewing of grant applications for UK and international funding bodies, with recognition for this activity in workload models.

1.3 Research Structure

DHP establishes the policy and resource framework within which the Unit operates. The Unit's discipline research leaders, **Frost** (History) and **Pierce** (History of Art), report to the School Research Committee, chaired by DHP's Director of Research (**Dilley**), which is accountable to Heads of Discipline (**Marsden, J. Anderson**), the School Executive and the Head of School. The Research Director reports to the University Research Policy Committee (see **REF5a**). The Research Committee approves the research strategy, oversees its implementation and allocates research funding.

1.4 Research Centres

One Research Institute and several Research Centres provide the framework for individual scholarship and collaborative research. They foster and provide leadership across the University, enabling the strategic principle of interdisciplinarity enshrined in *Aberdeen 2040* by promoting research in and beyond humanities and social sciences: all Centres have significant membership from outside DHP. They are active in international networks and run seminars, workshops and conferences. Their developing online presence, underpinned in 2020–2021 by dedicated DHP support, advances research sustainability by reducing the costs of these activities, which have been historically substantial owing to Aberdeen's geographic location, and widens the audience for their activities.

The Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies (RIISS) is directed by **Brown**; its DHP members include R. Anderson, **Armstrong, Bow, Frost, Harper**, Hepburn, **Luminiello, Macdonald, Naphy**, O'Connor and **O'Leary**. Founded in 1999 as an interdisciplinary AHRC-funded research institute, RIISS has a proven track record in transnational and comparative history, focusing on Scottish and Irish society, history, language, literature and culture. It devotes particular attention to the Scottish and Irish diaspora and its global social, economic and cultural impact. DHP supports RIISS through buyouts for **Brown** and **Bow**. RIISS holds weekly seminars and regular workshops and conferences. Numerous successful research projects completed during two phases of AHRC Centre funding (1999–2010) helped secure two endowments: the Glucksman Chair in Irish-Scottish Studies and the Margaret Jones Bequest, which supports conferences, postdoctoral fellowships and staff salaries, and provides seed funding to develop grant applications. It currently has twenty PGRs under supervision.

The Centre for Early Modern Studies (CEMS): Founded in 2003 CEMS is jointly-funded by DHP and the School of Language, Literature, Music and Visual Culture (**LLMVC**): each provides GBP1,600 per annum, and the University pays the annual fee for membership in the Newberry Library Renaissance Consortium. Co-directed by **Friedrich** and Gordon (English), its DHP members include **J. Anderson, Armstrong, Bow**, Gash, Ehrenscheidtner, **Hönes, Naphy** and **Pierce**. CEMS promotes individual and collaborative research in early modern language, literature, art, history, culture, music, philosophy, law, economy, religion and society. It researches and publicises Aberdeen's unique early modern holdings in its Special

Collections, which are explored by its interdisciplinary Manuscripts Reading Group. CEMS currently has nine PGRs under supervision.

The **Centre for Global Security and Governance (CGSG)** is directed by **Weber**. Its members include R. Anderson, **Barr**, **Bow**, **Cecolin**, **Dilley** and **Heywood**. Working across History, International Relations, Political Science and Anthropology, it focuses on past, present and future challenges to global security and governance. CGSG merged with the Centre for Global Empires in 2017, establishing a broader approach to its extra-European research and enabling it to build on **Dilley's** AHRC-funded policy engagement (with KCL) on the Commonwealth. Through CGSG, **Weber** works with the Bipartisan Policy Centre in Washington DC. The global scope of the centre has been strengthened by the arrival of **Cecolin** (Middle East), **Bow** (South Asia), and R. Anderson (West Africa and the Americas). CGSG has fourteen PGRs under supervision.

The Centre for the History and Philosophy of Science, Technology and Medicine (CHPSTM) is led by **Marsden**; its DHP members include O'Connor, **Naphy** and **Bow**. CHPSTM is jointly funded by DHP and LLMVC. It provides an interdisciplinary focus for work on the history, philosophy and literary study of science, technology and medicine. Members are drawn from History, Philosophy, English, Celtic, Hispanic and Latin American Studies, Anthropology, Computer Studies, Medical Humanities, Film and Visual Culture, Accountancy and the Rowett Institute (for food and nutrition). CHPSTM works closely with Museums and Special Collections, and with the University of St Andrews is a key player in a new research group, *Scotland's Historians of Science*. It currently has ten PGRs under supervision.

The Centre for Scandinavian Studies (CSS) was founded in 2007 and is directed by **Burrows**. CSS's approach is fundamentally interdisciplinary and transnational. Covering the history and culture of medieval Scandinavia and Iceland, it devotes particular attention to the interactions of Scandinavia with Celtic and Anglo-Saxon culture in the British Isles (O'Connor, **O'Leary** and, before retirement, Dumville). It researches early Scandinavian history, law; landscape and society including pre-Christian religion; Christianisation; and early Church organisation (**Pedersen**). It runs an interdisciplinary MLitt programme, and has thirteen PGRs currently under supervision.

Brown (deputy director), **Friedrich**, **Frost** and **Weber** collaborate with the University's **Centre for Citizenship, Civil Society and the Rule of Law (CISRUL)**, part-funded by a private bequest and directed by Stack (Hispanic and Latin American Studies). **Brown**, **Frost**, **Friedrich** and **Cecolin** have co-supervised interdisciplinary doctorates in CISRUL and participate in its extensive programme of seminars, reading groups and workshops. Two postdoctoral fellows (**Luminiello**, **Baris**) completed funded PhDs in CISRUL, which secured Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie COFUND funding for 12 PGR studentships in its POLITICO programme.

1.5 Implementation of Research Strategy and Achievement of Research Goals

The Centres have played a key role in implementing the Unit's research strategy. Seed funding from RISS enabled the development of **Armstrong's** Leverhulme-funded Aberdeen Burgh Registers project. RISS housed the Scottish Catholic Archive project, which was launched following the transfer of the Scottish Catholic Archive and the Blairs College Library to Museums and Special Collections. It has expanded into the international Catholic Memory project, which seeks to identify, preserve and disseminate archives of the Roman Catholic Church across the English-speaking world, many of which are at risk. This project developed **Luminiello's** research on Irish Catholic women religious, which is jointly funded by RISS and the Cushwa Centre at Notre Dame. Comparative and transnational approaches are central to RISS's mission. In collaboration with CEMS, it extended its focus on comparative political unions, launched at a 2013 conference at Chicago's Newberry Library with symposia comparing the British/Irish and Polish-Lithuanian unions (2014, 2018). RISS houses the interdisciplinary project *Multi-Lingual Radical Poetry and Folk Song in Britain and Ireland, 1770-1820*, which published three volumes with Routledge in its own book series *Poetry and Song in the Age of Revolution* (**Brown**). CHPSTM ran over 60 events in the cycle, including a

PGR-run seminar series and an online seminar. CGSG runs regular policy-oriented seminars, including a symposium with Channel 4's Nik Gowing and Roland Koch, former Minister-President of Hesse, on contemporary geopolitical challenges and their impact on leadership (2019) and a public discussion organised by **Cecolin** between **Weber** and Meir Litvak on anti-Judaism in Iran since the eighteenth century (2018).

RIISS plays a key role in realising the Unit's strategic aim of publishing high-quality interdisciplinary research, while encouraging the development of ECRs. RIISS houses the series *Autobiographies, Biographies, Diaries & Memoirs*, which publishes works by and about leading Scottish and Irish figures; in 2016 it completed publication of the six-volume diary of Patrick Gordon (1635–99), described by Paul Bushkovitch (Yale) as “the most important source for seventeenth-century Russian and European history...published in decades”. It also publishes the interdisciplinary *Journal of Irish and Scottish Studies* and the *Journal of Scottish Thought* and has incubated the revival of Aberdeen University Press, now housed in the University library (See **REF5a**).

1.6 Impact: Research in Action

The success of the Unit's impact strategy was acknowledged in 2014, when it was rated second for impact in the UK, with significant contributions from both History and History of Art. **Dilley** is impact lead, he identifies key research users, advises colleagues on opportunities and encourages the cultivation of strategic partnerships. The University's Public Engagement with Research Unit provides training and advice, which is reinforced by School and Discipline Meetings. Activities with impact potential are acknowledged within workload models and research leave can be used to develop impact.

The Unit has significant collaborations with governmental and third sector bodies. RIISS has a long-established relationship with the Irish government and the Irish consulate in Edinburgh. It ran an outreach event with the Irish consulate in Boston, USA (2019). **Brown** is a member of the British Irish Chamber of Commerce Higher Education network. **Frost** and **Friedrich** work extensively with the Polish and Lithuanian embassies. They regularly attend the Cross-Party group on Poland at the Holyrood Parliament and were panel-members (London, 2018; Warsaw, 2019) at the Belvedere Forum, a Polish and British government initiative to promote dialogue between Polish and British civil society. The Scottish Government's Child Abuse Inquiry commissioned a co-authored report from **Harper** on child migration (see **REF3**). **Macknight**'s KTP project *Innovation through Collaboration between Co-operative Businesses and Universities in Scotland*, inspired by the 2012 UN International Year of Co-operatives, reported to the Scottish Government's Directorate for Economic Development and the Scottish Parliament's Economy, Energy and Tourism committee in this cycle. **Watts** was awarded an GBP18,000 Scottish Environment, Food and Agriculture Research Institutes (SEFARI) Gateway and Highlands and Islands Enterprise Fellowship in 2020 that drew on his research on food networks.

Researchers work extensively with local and national bodies, contributing regularly to the University's annual MayFest, the Being Human Festival, and Festival of Social Sciences (FOSS) events (**Armstrong, Dilley, Friedrich, Frost** and **Weber**). As part of the Unit's commitment to inclusion and diversity, **Friedrich** secured GBP18,000 from the Scottish Universities Insight Institute for a collaborative project with Heriot-Watt University to communicate research on migration to the Polish community in Scotland, linked to a schools' outreach project. **Frost** made six podcasts on Polish-Lithuanian history for Edinburgh and Lothians Regional Equality Council's *Routes to Roots* project aimed at migrant communities, which have been viewed over 13,000 times (2017). Geddes mounted annual tours of King's College Chapel on Open Doors day and was Principal Investigator on an AHRC Cultural Engagement award (GBP30,000, Feb-May 2016) for *Heritage for All: The History on our Doorstep*. Historians and Art Historians designed an app *Discover Old Aberdeen*, produced by Insh (PhD HoA, 2014) with contributions by **Armstrong**, Geddes, Morrison, **Naphy** and **Pierce**.

CHPSTM and the National Museums of Scotland co-organised a series of *Re-engineering* events funded by the RSE involving knowledge transfer from model-makers to inform interpretation of scientific models in museums. Within the University, the following have been appointed as Honorary Curatorial Fellows with Museums and Special Collections:

Armstrong, J. Anderson, R. Anderson, **Hönes** and **Marsden**. Other Unit members have contributed substantially to the research and curation of public exhibitions in the University Library including *Print Shop Window: An Exhibition of Visual Satire* (**Brown, Pierce**, 2014), *New Found Land: Scottish Emigration to Canada* (**Harper**, 2014), *Cover Stories: What Bindings Say About Books* (**Naphy**, 2016–2017), an exhibition on Jan Karski funded by the Polish Embassy (**Friedrich**, 2017) and *Canaletto in Aberdeen* (Gash, 2019).

1.7 Open Access

DHP encourages Open Research by enabling scholars to disseminate their work as widely as possible, in line with core values of academic freedom (supported by Library colleagues from the Scholarly Communications Service, see **REF5a**). HHoA complies with HEFCE's Open Access policy on journal articles; the Research Committee funds Open Access fees. RISS has revived Aberdeen University Press to publish Open Access monographs and articles and publishes two periodicals which support OA: the *Journal of Irish and Scottish Studies* and the *Journal of Scottish Thought*, edited by **Brown** and **Bow** respectively. The complete dataset of the Aberdeen Registers Online: 1398-1511 is richly searchable for text and XQuery expressions: its website attracted 91,032 separate visits from 2,185 visitors between January and June 2020. CSS hosts the online, publicly available database of the major international editing project *Skaldic Poetry of the Scandinavian Middle Ages*, funded by the AHRC; the Australian Research Council; the Joint Committee of the Nordic Research Councils for Humanities; the National Endowment for the Humanities; the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft; and the Icelandic Research Council. **Burrows** is on the editorial board.

1.8 New Initiatives

In 2019 the Unit established *The Research Centre for Polish-Lithuanian Studies (CPLS)* to extend the work of **Frost** and **Friedrich** on the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth into the modern period, formalise and extend their extensive research links across central and Eastern Europe and consolidate and capitalise on the extensive non-academic engagement developed in this cycle (see **REF3**). CPLS researches the transnational legacy of Poland-Lithuania down to the present day, providing a focus for scholars across the humanities and social sciences with interests in its successor states (Poland, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine and Latvia), including: **Luminiello**; Lynch (English); Trzebiatowska (Sociology); Marcus (Film Studies); and Bryzgel (Visual Culture). It was formally opened by the ambassadors of Poland and Lithuania in January 2020.

Other initiatives are centred on the Unit's strategic appointments. **Bow** has established an Asian research network on intellectual history, while **Cecolin** is building connections with Aberdeen's Qatari campus to expand the Unit's focus on Middle Eastern history. She is working to establish a research hub in the University on modern Jewish history to advance the *Aberdeen 2040* strategies of inclusion and sustainability and to enhance the visibility of Jewish and Middle Eastern History locally and internationally. Within the Unit, this hub will draw on **Weber's** work on antisemitism and **Hönes's** interests in the art collections of Jewish refugees.

R. Anderson is investigating the legacy of slavery in the University and region, including working with Museums and Special Collections to decolonise and reinterpret its collections. He works with Scottish racial equality charities and has presented Black History Month talks for the Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights (Glasgow), the Fair Justice System for Scotland Group and the Scottish Graduate School for Arts and Humanities. He is involved in the National Trust for Scotland's project *Facing Our Past*, to establish how NTS will address

slavery and the legacies of colonialism.

RIISS, led by **Luminiello**, is preparing grant applications for a digital humanities project on female education and healthcare among indigenous people in the Global South in collaboration with Notre Dame, KCL, UCL-Birkbeck, and UCD. In HoA, **J. Anderson** is co-investigator on an AHRC Research Network with Central St Martins UAL and the Warburg Institute entitled *A Vision for Europe: Academic Action and Responsibility in Times of Crises*, on photography and WW2 refugee scholars.

2. People

2.1 Staffing Strategy

The Unit has focused on regenerating from below through the appointment of ECRs who complement existing areas of strength, extend it in new strategic directions and enhance the work of the Centres. Research by **Mehrkens** on nineteenth-century French monarchy complements that of **Macknight** on the French nobility, and she adds a German dimension to coverage of this period, enhancing **Weber's** work on post 1900. She adds nineteenth-century expertise on war and society to that of **Macdonald** and **Frost** on the medieval and early modern periods. At the postdoctoral level, **Luminiello's** international project co-funded by RIISS and the University of Notre Dame complements research on nineteenth-century Catholicism, Poland, Ireland and the British Empire. HHoA has also appointed strategically to diversify its research beyond its traditional base in pursuit of *Aberdeen 2040's* principle of inclusivity (see **REF5a**). The Bruce Bequest, which supports study of Asia, enabled the appointment of Jackson, an expert on twentieth-century China, now a lecturer in Dublin, and then **Cecolin**, who brings new expertise on the Middle East, Islamic and Jewish History to complement existing strengths in CGSG. **Bow's** appointment, supported financially by RIISS, creates a strong research cluster on the Enlightenment alongside **Brown** (Scottish and Irish Enlightenments) and **Friedrich** (German and east European Enlightenments). **Bow's** research on the impact of the Enlightenment in Asia substantially expands the Unit's expertise. R. Anderson, whose appointment to a lectureship, advertised in January 2020 but delayed by COVID, brings his research on the West African diaspora and slavery in the Americas. **Baris's** research on Kurdish experiments in council democracy in Turkey and Syria expands the Unit's expertise on the Middle East into the contemporary era; he also researches popular indigenous movements in Mexico.

DHP also promotes interdisciplinarity through split contracts with LLMVC to enable individuals to develop research irrespective of institutional boundaries: thus CSS is strengthened by O'Connor's expertise as a literary scholar on sagas and that of **O'Leary** and, until his retirement, Dumville, on Celtic and Anglo-Saxon Studies. O'Connor's expertise as a historian of science strengthens CHPSTM, where he co-supervises PhDs. Interdisciplinarity is taken into account when advertising and appointing posts, and individuals are actively encouraged to work with scholars outside the Unit. The University encourages these links through flexibility over the submission of individual staff members in appropriate units outside their School: thus HHoA includes **O'Leary** (Celtic) and O'Connor, who contribute early medieval expertise to RIISS and **Watts** (Scottish Historical Geography; Rowett Institute), whose research on food security, food networks and cooperative societies complements the work of **Macknight**, who was PI on a 2013–2016 Knowledge Transfer Partnership for the Co-operative Education Trust Scotland.

DHP launched a strategic restructuring of Art History following the retirement of senior scholars and an external review. This is led by **J. Anderson**, appointed as a Reader, whose research on Mary Magdalen and late medieval art in the Alps strengthens CEMS, as does **Hönes**, whose work on cultural translation and eighteenth-century antiquarianism adds to the substantial expertise in CEMS on eighteenth-century culture (**Bow**, **Brown**, **Friedrich** and **Pierce**). **J. Anderson's** work on 20th-century photography brings a new element to CGSG and Visual Culture in LLMVC. They both have extensive experience of working with galleries and

museums within and beyond the UK and, as previously noted, have been appointed honorary curators in Museums and Special Collections.

2.2 Staff Development

Staff development is of crucial significance for the maintenance of an effective and sustainable research culture, and the development of ECRs is a key element of the Unit's strategy.

At the University level, Aberdeen has Investors in People accreditation and subscribes to the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers. Staff are encouraged to attend training courses run by the University's Researcher Development Unit. Training is provided for new supervisors, with refresher courses for the more experienced. There is a dedicated Humanities Support Officer in the University Research and Innovation Office, whose Grants Academy provides training and advice on funding applications. This strong foundation of developmental support for our researchers is reflected in the University's HR Excellence in Research Award (**REF5a**).

DHP has a comprehensive framework supporting research as a core element of staff development. Academic Line Managers (ALMs) are responsible for recommending accommodations to ensure time for research. Dedicated Discipline Research Leads (**Frost**, History; **Pierce**, HoA) offer further support on all aspects of research, including grant development. The Annual Review system is supplemented by dedicated Research Support Interviews conducted by the Director of Research, Discipline Research Leads and Heads of Discipline/ALMs. These identify short- and long-term research goals, discuss funding sources and training needs and ensure research is conducted according to University-wide governance frameworks, with particular focus on ethics and integrity and equality and diversity.

Staff on teaching and research contracts are expected to dedicate 40% of their time to research, amounting to 640 hours per annum in DHP's robust and transparent real-hours workload model, which protects time funded by fractional grants. They are entitled to apply for one semester's research leave in every six (exceeding the University minimum of one in eight), with the option to roll over entitlement. Staff may apply for up to GBP800 per annum research funding through the School Research Committee; further funding is available at University level, and through the Development Trust's Humanities Fund. DHP has a dedicated Business Development Officer, who works with the School Director of Research to identify and support staff in the pursuit of research funding. The School operates a rigorous and supportive peer review process for grant applications.

In 2015 the Unit introduced work-in-progress seminars, usually twice per semester, to provide comment and feedback on articles or book chapters in preparation. ECRs in particular are encouraged to submit work, which is commented on by a colleague with relevant expertise before an open discussion with staff and PGRS.

All staff are encouraged to undertake relevant research training. The University's Research and Innovation team provides an extensive range of relevant training courses, including research ethics, PI training, Equality and Diversity and PGR supervisor training (**REF5a**). Staff are also facilitated to undertake relevant training offered externally.

2.3 Early Career Researchers

The Unit devotes particular care to the development of early career staff. DHP follows and enhances the University's Academic Probation policy. New staff, regardless of probationary status, are allocated a mentor and an additional training allowance of 50 hours in their first year; staff on probation receive this throughout the agreed probationary period. In the first two years of probation, ECRs are allocated workload reductions of 250 hours in year one of probation and 125 in year two. Furthermore, new course preparation is taken into account in workload modelling, further defending research time. Funding is available to staff on temporary research and teaching and scholarship contracts: under University policy 15% of the latter's

time is allocated for research and scholarship. The support system covers postdoctoral fellows, who are represented on DHP's Research Committee and the University Post-Doctoral Researcher's Committee. In this cycle, **Bow**, **Campsie**, **Cecolin**, Frankot, Hawes, Hepburn, Jackson, **Luminiello**, Mackenzie and **Mehrkens** have been supported and mentored as ECRs or new staff members.

The success of these support structures is demonstrated by results. Jackson was appointed to a lectureship at Trinity College Dublin, while **Mehrkens**, originally on a three-year replacement teaching and scholarship contract, secured a permanent teaching and research lectureship in 2019. Liapi, on a similar contract, is now a lecturer at Keele, while Salt moved to an associate professorship at Nottingham and now serves on the AHRC Advisory Board and UKRI's External Advisory Group for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. **Campsie** has secured a lectureship at Manchester. Of the research fellows on the Aberdeen Burgh Records Project, Havinga was appointed to a permanent lectureship at Bristol (2018), Frankot secured a permanent senior lectureship at Nord University, Bodø, Norway (2019); Hepburn received follow-on funding from the AHRC for "Playing in the Archives" (2019), a Chivas Brothers Research Fellowship (2019–2020) and a Research Fellowship on the AHRC-DFG project led by **Armstrong** (2020-2023); and Hawes is now Researcher Development Adviser at Aberdeen. Hawes has also published three articles and, with **Armstrong**, Frankot, Havinga and Hepburn, co-edited the Aberdeen Registers Online. **Luminiello's** one-year joint contract with DHP and Notre Dame's Cushwa Centre has been extended by 26 months; she has published one article, is joint author of another, has a co-edited book in the press and a monograph under review with CUP. After completing his doctorate in CISRUL, **Baris** secured a Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship (2019–2022).

2.4 Development of established members of staff

The success of these support mechanisms for more senior staff, in particular the peer-review of funding applications, is demonstrated by successful applications for two AHRC Early Career Fellowships (**Burrows**, **Dilley**), project-funding from Leverhulme, AHRC-DFG and other sources for **Armstrong** and a British Academy Mid-Career Fellowship for **Weber**. **Frost** followed his three-year British Academy/Wolfson Research Chair in the last cycle with a Leverhulme Major Fellowship, and **Friedrich** secured a Leverhulme Research Fellowship. Further evidence is provided by several promotions since August 2013 from lectureship to senior lectureship/reader (**Dilley**, **Burrows**, **Macknight**, **Armstrong**) and from senior lecturer/reader to professor (**Brown**, Morrison).

2.5 Research students

The Unit supports a thriving PGR community that has expanded since 2014: 44 FTE doctoral degrees were awarded during the period 2013/14-2018/19, which equates to a rate of 0.27 degrees per FTE per year for REF-2021, compared with a sector average of 0.25 for REF-2014. This represents an increase of 13.13 FTEs on the 2014 figure and a slight rise from 0.26 degrees per FTE per year in 2014. Substantial growth resulted from the strategic decision to launch distance PhDs, an innovative approach providing access to PGR study for a new and diverse constituency of students unable to pursue on-campus study. Of 54 new-start PGRs since 2015, no fewer than 22 (41%) have been distance students, three of whom have completed their degrees.

DHP provides a supportive framework for PGR study, overseen by School PGR Director **Armstrong**, supported by a dedicated administrator and unit-level PGR Leads. The Unit provides dual supervision in line with SFC best practice guidelines. All supervisors receive training from the University's Postgraduate Research School (see **REF5a**). As well as PGRS induction, PGRs undergo a School level integration. For the growing community of distance PGRs, supervision is delivered remotely, and seminars and other events are made available online to align the distance PG experience with on campus study. Distance students may visit Aberdeen at any time and for any duration and are invited to annual PGR reading weekends.

Dual supervision underpins interdisciplinary doctoral projects. In CHPSTM **Marsden** and **Watts** (Rowett Institute) secured an ESRC 1 +3 studentship to support a collaborative PhD project on meat inspection, which secured an additional GBP7,500 grant from the Association of Meat Inspectors Trust; **Barr** co-supervises a PhD on the philosophical and theological basis for Helen Keller's political activism with Brock (Divinity), who has particular expertise in disability theology. **Brown** has co-supervised PhDs with Lynch (English) and Lord (Philosophy) and **Friedrich** has co-supervised with Stack (Latin-American Studies) in CISRUL. **Macdonald** (History) and **Pierce** (History of Art) co-supervise an AHRC-funded project on material culture, war and society in medieval and early modern Aberdeen.

The Unit devotes particular care to the monitoring and support of PG students. Aberdeen's Researcher Development Unit (see **REF5a**) offers tailored training courses for doctoral researchers. The Unit offers bespoke training and information sessions, as well as funding for participation in the annual PGR training event at the Scottish National Archives in Edinburgh. With LLMVC, it organises the Research Gym: a programme of training for Humanities PG students: sessions include "preparing for the nine-month PGR evaluation"; "getting published"; and "building a career". Sessions are recorded and available online for distance students. Aberdeen belongs to the Scottish Graduate School for the Arts and Humanities (SGSAH) (**Brown** is on the Executive Board and DTP Steering committee); members of the Unit (**Marsden, Weber, Armstrong**) co-supervise PGRs with colleagues from other universities in the consortium. Haslam (History PGR) has co-organised the *Confronting Shadows: Mindful and Ethical Communication of Sensitive Content* PGR workshop in Glasgow (2019), supported by the Scottish Graduate School of Social Sciences. Participation in courses leading to the Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education Learning and Teaching is encouraged, as is membership of national postgraduate organisations such as History Lab. **Macdonald** is Aberdeen's pathway representative for the Economic and Social History strand of SGSSS.

Monitoring forms are completed by students and supervisors every six months, with a formal nine-month progression review on the basis of an 8,000-word assessment and an interview in the first year of study. Progress and quality of work is reviewed again in year two and three. To foster a sense of postgraduate community, all on-campus PGRs are assigned study spaces near academic staff offices wherever possible. Supervisors are trained to support students in difficulty, including signposting for mental health problems, and are responsible for referrals to the University's counselling service and self-help resources.

The Unit provides an effective framework for career development. PGRs are encouraged to attend and present at research seminars in the Centres and attend the Department's work-in-progress seminar to gain experience of constructive criticism of scholarly drafts. DHP funds a postgraduate run seminar and subsidises an annual residential conference at the Goodenough Trust's centre at the Burn, where postgraduates present papers and staff hold informal sessions on postgraduate issues and career development. RIISS funds senior PGRs to organise workshops on topics related to their dissertations, while CEMS runs an annual postgraduate colloquium and funds students on a competitive basis to attend the annual Newberry Library graduate conference. CSS holds symposia related to the work of individual PGR students and has established a scholarly postgraduate-run periodical *Apardjón*, inaugurated in 2020; the editorial team organised *Northern Peripheries*, an online conference, to celebrate the launch. PGR students can apply to the School PGR Committee for GBP100 per annum to support research or attend conferences, with additional support available across the University. The Postgraduate Research School peer reviews applications for external funding and scholarships (see **REF5a**).

This attention to development has brought notable success. Among PGR graduates in the period, Šapoka (2014) held a Jacobite Studies Trust postdoctoral fellowship, a postdoctoral fellowship at Yale and has secured a post in the Lithuanian Institute of History (Vilnius); Whelan (2014) is a lecturer at South Downs College; Thomas (2015) held a postdoctoral fellowship at the IHR and a temporary lectureship at Dundee and is now Research Manager for Historic Environment Scotland; Hayes (2016) is a lecturer at UHI; Drechsler (2017) has secured postdoctoral positions in Frankfurt-am-Main and Bergen; Heilskov (2018) has been awarded a Carlsburg Foundation stipendium; Nielsen (2018) is manager of the Midgard Viking

Centre in Borre, Norway; and **Luminiello** (2019) holds a postdoctoral position at Aberdeen/Notre Dame. In HoA, Insh (2014), was appointed Research Forum Programme Manager at the Courtauld Institute, while Foot (2016), was appointed to a lectureship at Edinburgh. From CSS, Ruitter (2018) was fixed-term Assistant Professor at Nottingham (2019–20), and Elortza-Larrea (2018) is fixed-term Senior Lecturer at the University of Gothenburg. Mazheika (2019) has secured a postdoctoral position at the Polish Academy of Sciences Institute of History (2020).

2.6 Equality and Diversity

The remit of DHP's Equality and Diversity Committee encompasses all protected characteristics and other relevant areas. DHP achieved Athena Swan Bronze (April 2017) and is working towards Silver. Committee composition accords with university policy on equality and diversity. All management positions are subject to open competition. Decisions on research resource allocation are taken through open, transparent processes. In accord with these principles, Equality and Diversity is a standing item on the Research Committee. Seminar conduct policies are applied to all seminars; there is a recognition of impact of parental duties in workload planning through facilitation of flexible working. **Naphy**, the DHP Equality and Diversity Officer, played a central role in the development of the University's equality and diversity policy and has undertaken widespread dissemination of equality and diversity issues within DHP, the University and the local and national communities. The University's Strategic plan, *Aberdeen 2040*, provides a context for further investment in underpinning research on Equality and Diversity, with Social Inclusion and Cultural Diversity (initially led by **Brown**) one of five interdisciplinary research themes (see **REF5a**).

DHP provides support for all staff regardless of contract. Travel and Research/Development Funding is available for those on temporary research and teaching and scholarship contracts. Equality and Diversity issues are explicitly taken into account by the Research Committee when deciding on funding applications and in decisions on research leave, which is allocated according to a clear and transparent rota. DHP supports flexible working arrangements, including switches to part time contracts, as with **Harper's** move to 0.5 FTE. Research support interviews are conducted with temporary staff in consultation with ALMs on the same basis as those on open-ended contracts. Promotion and recognition of contributions are allocated according to robust University procedure in line with national descriptors. Issues regarding ill-health and protected characteristics are overseen by ALMs with support from Occupational Health on a case by case basis informed by real hours workload modelling. The interests of postdoctoral researchers are protected through the University's new Post-Doctoral Researchers' Committee, on which Hepburn sits. In the face of the COVID-19 crisis, the Unit has followed the University's extensive policy guidelines by accommodating those with caring responsibilities whose research capacity is thereby diminished; by providing equipment to those who need support working from home; and through mental health support where necessary.

The Unit continues to address gender imbalances at junior and senior levels. Three female members of staff have been appointed (**Mehrkens**, **Cecolin** as Lecturer and, as Reader, **J. Anderson**, while **Macknight** and **Burrows** were promoted to Senior Lectureships. Consequently, among individuals currently in post submitted from within DHP, 31% of those in promoted posts are female, compared with 15% in 2014.

Aberdeen's successful promotion of equality and diversity is demonstrated by its position in the Leiden Rankings for female authorship in the humanities and social sciences: it was 3rd in 2019 for 2014–17 and 8th in 2020 for 2015–18; this performance is reflected in the Unit: 44.4% of authors with three, four or five submitted outputs are female. There was bespoke EDI training for staff involved in REF decision-making, including selection of the output portfolio. Unconscious bias training is mandatory for appointing panels and is available to all staff.

The Unit has sought to extend its reach beyond Scottish, British and European History. In this cycle the appointment of **Cecolin** expands the Unit's range into the modern Middle East and

Jewish history, while **Bow** extends early modern intellectual history into east Asia. R. Anderson's appointment adds expertise on Brazil and West Africa.

3. Income, infrastructure and facilities

3.1 Income

Research income totalled GBP2,445,363 during the cycle. Much of this was realised through initiatives launched in the research centres and supported by the University's Grant Academy and Public Engagement with Research Unit during the development of funding bids (see **REF5a**). In RISS, seed funding helped launch **Armstrong's** Leverhulme Research Project (Law in the Aberdeen Council Registers: 1398–1511) and follow-on grants for the same project: a Burgh Record Transcription of Records grant from Aberdeen City Council, three Creative Economy Engagement in Heritage fellowships (AHRC) and a Chivas Brothers grant. **Armstrong** followed this up by securing an AHRC-DFG grant for the collaborative project "Finance, Law and the Language of Governmental Practice in Late Medieval Towns: Aberdeen and Augsburg in Comparison" with the University of Mainz. **Armstrong's** success in securing these grants was in part due to the skills learnt on two other grants conducted in RISS: from the RCUK Digital Economy Hub for "A Text Analytic Approach to Rural and Urban Legal Histories", and as Co-Investigator on an AHRC-funded project "Bennachie Landscapes: Investigating communities past and present at the colony site" (2013–2014). Within CEMS, **Frost** was awarded a Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship (2016–2019), and **Friedrich** secured a one-year Leverhulme Fellowship (2018–2019); her research was also funded by a Henkel Stiftung grant (Germany). The Unit enjoyed considerable success from publicly funded research councils. Within CGSG, **Weber** secured a British Academy Mid-Career Fellowship and a €20,000 Henkel Stiftung grant for his work on Hitler's radicalisation. AHRC Early-Career fellowships were awarded to **Dilley** and **Burrows**. **Sangster** was co-investigator on a Brazilian Ministry of Science and Technology, Council of National Scientific and Technological Development grant of R\$99,283 (GBP32,500) (2012-2015) for a collaborative project on non-biological agents of education: features and applications in accounting, with the universities of São Paulo (Brazil), Minnesota and Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, (USA). **Baris** was appointed on a Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship.

3.2 Infrastructure and Facilities

HHoA benefits considerably from the University's GBP58 million investment in the Sir Duncan Rice Library, opened in 2012 (see **REF5a**). It contains over 1,000,000 books and subscribes to major online resources including State Papers Online; EEBO; ECCO; British Parliamentary Papers; and British Library Newspapers 1600–1900. Its Wolfson Reading Room has transformed facilities for researching the University's unrivalled Special Collections, where holdings underpin the work in particular of CHPSTM, CEMS and RISS. The MacBean Collection of Jacobite materials and major holdings on the Scottish Enlightenment, including the papers of Thomas Reid and James Beattie, underpin research by **Brown**, **Bow** and **Frost**. The acquisition of the Scottish Catholic Archive, containing records from 1117 to 1877, together with existing holdings on Scottish Church History since the Reformation, establishes Aberdeen as a leading location for the study of Scotland's religious and social history and underpins the work of **Barr** and **Luminiello**. Strategic acquisitions have made the Special Collections into a record office for Northeastern Scotland, with rich holdings of the papers of local landed families complementing the urban materials in the Aberdeen City archives. These repositories provided essential material for **Armstrong's** Leverhulme project and its offshoots. CHPSTM draws extensively on the materials for research in the history of science, medicine and technology since the Renaissance. Holdings include incunabula and early printed works of natural philosophy and medicine; one of Britain's most varied collections of scientific books and periodicals; and specific collections including nineteenth-century medical pamphlets, the Wolfenbüttel Plague Collection on microfiche, the Gregory Collection of scientific and medical works and the O'Dell Collection on railways and transport. Based on these rich holdings, the Unit has supervised PhDs on the histories of science, medicine and railways. In a collaboration with CEMS and the Herzog

August Bibliothek (HAB) (Wolfenbüttel), **Friedrich** led two projects to investigate and make available resources in Special Collections. Two international conferences co-hosted and co-funded by CEMS and CHPSTM in 2013 in Aberdeen and 2014 at the HAB, supported by a Hunter-Caldwell award (GBP2,000) and the Wellcome Trust (GBP5,000) investigated the library of the polymath Duncan Liddell, who was educated at Aberdeen and taught at Helmsted. This produced a publication, *Medical Knowledge between Polymathy and Disciplinarity* (edited by Pietro Omodeo in collaboration with **Friedrich**, 2016) and a searchable database. The Library provides dedicated budgets at unit level, overseen by unit Library representatives, and inter-library loan facilities. To coordinate research activity, the Special Collections librarian and the History subject librarian sit on the DHP Research Committee.

Research and engagement activities based on the University's rich collections are supported by the Aberdeen Humanities Fund (formerly chaired by **Armstrong**). It channels outside donations to staff members to support research incorporating these holdings. The Fund organises a Visiting Scholars Scheme enabling researchers elsewhere to use the collections on a short-term basis. Engagement with Aberdeen's research culture and public engagement activities are encouraged under the scheme.

4. Collaboration and contribution to the research base, economy and society

The Unit's commitment to collaboration with scholars and institutions at the local, national and international level is a key principle of its research strategy. Through these links, its research centres and its members have contributed substantially to the research base in and beyond the UK and to the economy and society more generally. This commitment is captured in and acknowledged by DHP's workload model.

4.1 Research Collaboration and Scholarly Networks

CEMS is one of only three UK members of the Consortium for Renaissance Studies at Chicago's Newberry Library, a relationship that has facilitated significant international research initiatives. The University pays the annual \$5,960 consortium fee, of which \$3,000 pays for staff and PGR visits to the Newberry. In a joint project between CEMS and the Newberry, **Friedrich** and **Barr** organised two linked conferences: "Reading the Ministry" (Aberdeen 2018 and Chicago 2019) exploring the literature read by Catholic and Protestant priests and ministers on the basis of library collections in major libraries in the English-speaking world. **Friedrich** was a section-leader for panels for the HAB's 2016 Baroque congress and edited a two-volume collection based on a 2010 conference she organised as a member of the HAB's *Arbeitskreis für Barokforschung*. Other significant collaborations include **Luminiello's** project with Notre Dame's Cushwa Centre on Irish Women Religious in the Anglophone World and **Bow's** contribution as founder and organiser of the East Asian Intellectual History Network (established 2019). **Brown** is Co-Investigator on the Royal Society of Edinburgh network grant: *Twenty Years Hence: The Future of Irish & Scottish Studies* (2018) and a member of the transatlantic *Revolutionary Age* network. **Heywood** is co-organiser and series co-editor of the international project *Russia's Great War and Revolution, 1914–1922*, which has over 250 individual contributors globally and has produced 15 volumes in the cycle, with nine more to follow in 2020–22.

4.2 Contributions to the Research Base

Members of the Unit have made substantial contributions to the research base. **Brown** represents the University on the Scottish Network for Vice Principals of the Arts and Social Sciences and sits on the Board of the Scottish Universities Insight Institute. He is also a member of the British-Irish Chamber of Commerce Higher Education Committee and is on the Executive Board of the Scottish Graduate School for the Arts and Humanities, which determines postgraduate awards across the sector in Scotland. **Friedrich** and **Pedersen** are members of the AHRC Peer Review College; the latter is a College Gold Standard member,

while **Marsden** sat on the AHRC/Science Museum Collaborative Doctoral Projects board (2015–2017), **Armstrong** sat on its grant panel (2019, 2020). **Frost** and **Marsden** reviewed British Academy Early Career Fellowships. **Friedrich**, **Weber**, and **Naphy** have reviewed applications for the Carnegie Foundation; and **Naphy** chaired its panel on Research Incentive Grants for Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences in 2015 and 2018. **Friedrich** sat on the Royal Historical Society Research Support Committee, which distributes funds to PGR students.

Members of the Unit have reviewed grants for a wide range of international funding bodies including: the Research Foundation Flanders, Belgium (**Armstrong**); RANNÍs, the Icelandic Research Council (**Burrows**); European Research Council, Horizon Scheme (**Frost**); Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (**Frost**, **Marsden**); Lithuanian Research Council (**Frost**); Austrian Science Fund (**Watts**); and the Swiss National Science Foundation (**Hönes**). **Frost** is a member of the panel of experts for the Fund for Polish Science and reviewed over 25 grants for the Polish National Science Centre and the Polish Institute of Advanced Studies; and **Friedrich** regularly reviews grants for the National Science Centre and for the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), the Lesser Foundation, Jena Research Fellowships and the Herzog August Bibliothek (all Germany). **Brown** reviewed an international fellowship application for the Max Weber Centre (Erfurt).

Colleagues continue to be heavily invested in the research culture of their disciplines, often holding leading positions in professional organisations and learned societies. **Friedrich** was a Member of Council, RHS, 2015–19 and was elected Chair of the German History Society in 2020. **Pedersen** is the founding President of the European Academy of Religion and a member of the business committee of the International Society for the History of Medieval Canon Law. **Marsden** chaired the Conference Committee and was a Council member for the British Society for the History of Science. **Sangster** was a trustee of the Academy of Accounting Historians. Particular encouragement and support is given to ECRs and mid-career members of the Unit to serve the profession. **Dilley** was Co-Convenor of History UK 2012–2015 and **Burrows** and **Mehrkens** were Steering Group members in 2016–2019 and since 2019 respectively. **Dilley** has been a member of the Advisory Board of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies since 2018, while **Armstrong** chaired the Aberdeen and Northeast section of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (2015–2018) and was a Trustee of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, 2015–2018.

Members of the Unit take an active part in the publication process that supports research. Journal editorships include **Barr** (co-editor, *Canadian Catholic Historical Association Historical Studies*) and **Macdonald** (co-editor, *Northern Scotland, 2014-2019; Scottish Historical Review, 2020–*). **Marsden** was editor of *Notes and Records: The Royal Society Journal for the History of Science* (2015–2017), and **Brown** is the only non-US-based member of the editorial board of *Eighteenth Century Studies*. **Naphy** is commissioning editor of Manchester UP's early modern series, and **Mehrkens** edits *Studies in Modern Monarchy* (Palgrave). **Armstrong** was reviews editor, *Scottish Historical Review, 2013–2018*. They serve widely on national and international editorial boards, including *Accounting History; Belarusian Historical Journal; Canadian-American Slavic Studies; Europe-Asia Studies; Journal of Celtic Studies; Lietuvos Istorijos Studijos* and *Lithuanian Historical Studies* (Lithuania); *Revolutionary Russia; Rocznik Lituanistyki* (Poland) *Studia Gratiana* (Vatican); and *Zapiski Historyczne* (Poland). Members of the Unit have peer reviewed articles for over 100 different academic periodicals and several major international publishers, including Amsterdam UP, Cambridge UP, Central European University Press, Harvard UP, University of Warsaw Press, Oxford UP, Pittsburgh UP, Toronto UP, Chicago UP and Yale UP.

PhD Examination: The expertise of colleagues is regularly drawn on for PhD examinations at Scottish, British and international universities including Bristol; the Central European University; Durham; York; École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris; Freie Universität Berlin; Flinders and La Trobe Universities, Australia; St Petersburg State University; Södertörn University, Stockholm; and the University of São Paulo, Brazil.

4.3 Contributions to the Economy and Society

In addition to the engagement in the local community detailed in the Impact Strategy section, members of the Unit made considerable contributions to the creative economy in the UK and internationally. **Weber** appeared at the Hay Literary Festival, the Aye Write Festival and the Oxford Literary Festival to discuss his *Becoming Hitler* (2017), which has been translated into seven languages, and the film rights have been purchased. He was consultant on the 2017 documentary *Wer war Hitler?* produced initially for the cinema and now shown daily in the permanent Hitler exhibition in the Berlin Story Bunker; it will soon be aired on Spiegel TV. Other documentaries based on his work have been produced or are in production for Netflix, Channel 4 and ZDF. His 2010 book on Hitler in WW1 is being adapted as a fictionalized ten-hour TV series by German production company UFA with a budget of €20,000,000. After his revelation that a 1923 Hitler biography was actually a secret autobiography, the work was central to an exhibition in Madrid (2017-2018) that attracted over 400,000 visitors. Gash appeared widely in the media, including the BBC, the *Times* and the *Scotsman* following his attribution of a painting in the UoA collection to Canaletto. **Barr** did a podcast for the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, for a production of Thomas Kilroy's *The Big Chapel* and **Brown** delivered a broadcast lecture at the US Capitol, Washington DC, on the Aberdeen University graduate who designed it. In 2013 and 2019 **Frost** was interviewed on Polish, Lithuanian and Ukrainian TV and radio in connection with the anniversaries of the unions of Horodło and Lublin. Appearances on Radio 4's *In our Time* include **Harper** on the Highland Clearances; **Marsden** on Isambard Kingdom Brunel; Gash on *Judith beheading Holofernes*; and **J. Anderson** on Mary Magdalen. **Dilley**, **Heywood** and **Pedersen** contributed articles to the *Conversation* on Brexit and the Commonwealth, Gallipoli and medieval marriage law; and **Pedersen's** two articles attracted 43,636 reads. **Sangster** collaborated on an award-winning computerised gaming interface for teaching accounting history; and an accounting history module delivered in Portuguese online to over 4,000 students.

4.4 Prizes and Awards

The success of the Unit's research strategy is demonstrated by the fellowships, prizes and awards secured by its members. **Frost** was elected FBA (2016) and FRSE (2020) and has been a corresponding fellow of the Association of Polish Historians since 2012. His *Oxford History of Poland-Lithuania*, volume 1 was awarded the *Pro Historia Polonorum* prize by the Association of Polish Historians for the best book on Polish history published by a foreigner between 2012 and 2017 (2017) (GBP4,000), the Prize of the Polish Foreign Ministry (2017) (€10,000) and the main award for a foreigner of the Benedict the Pole Prize for his scientific works and propagating knowledge of the history and culture of Poland (2019). In 2020 he was awarded the Knights Cross of the Order for Merits to Lithuania. Three prestigious awards recognised the public impact of **Harper's** *Our Migration Story*: it was named as a Research Champion in the 2017 Community Integration Awards. It won the Royal Historical Society's Public History Prize for Best Online Resource (2018) and the 2019 Guardian University Award for Research Impact. **Weber's** *Becoming Hitler: The Making of a Nazi* (2017) was shortlisted for the 2018 Elizabeth Longford Prize in Historical Biography. **Sangster's** *Libr. XV* won the Academy of Accounting Historian's Hourglass Award for its "demonstrable and significant contribution to knowledge through research and publication in accounting history". **Sangster** was awarded the 2014 "Premio Enrique Fernández Peña de Historia de la Contabilidad" by the Spanish Association of Accounting and Business Administration. **Baris** received the Central Florida University prize for the best article on Kurdish Studies (2014). **Friedrich** held a three-month guest professorship at the Herzog August Library Wolfenbüttel (2015) and a guest professorship at the Leibniz Institute for European History, Mainz (2019). **O'Leary** was Honorary Research Associate, Department of Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic, University of Cambridge and Visiting Scholar, Wolfson College, Cambridge (2015).