



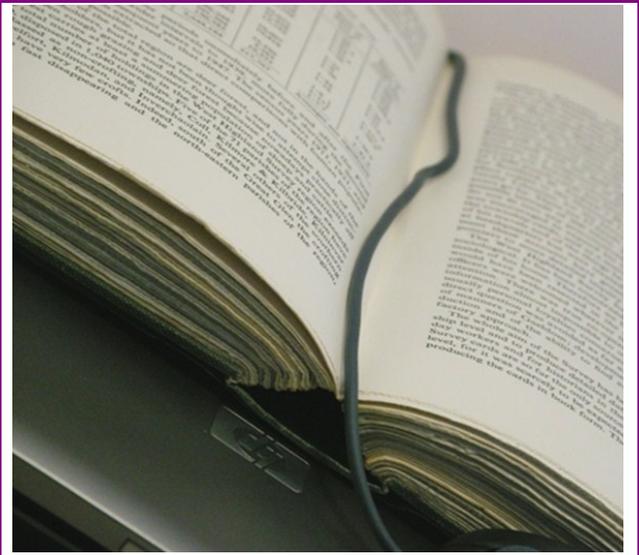
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UHI Centre for History Newsletter - March 2014

New Masters-level options available to study from your own home

At the start of March, we received final approval to launch our [two new online masters programmes](#), the MLitt History and the MLitt History and Archaeology of the Highlands and Islands. Both programmes, and the individual short courses (modules) of which they're comprised, are available locally and across the globe, and we're launching them for a September 2014 start to run alongside our existing MLitt History of the Highlands and Islands. New modules in the areas of, for example, British history, sport, palaeography, historiography, are being developed by Centre staff for the programmes. Have a look at what's available via the link above and drop us an email if you're interested in finding out more.



Ian MacKay visits Dornoch

Ian MacKay, a student on our MLitt History of the Highlands and Islands, visited the Highlands in late February from his home in Bedfordshire. He was spending a week in the archives and libraries of Inverness, researching for his dissertation and took the bus up to Dornoch one day, the latest of our online masters students to do so. It was great to meet him.



Undergraduate students and studies

Our History and Scottish History degrees are now part of ten UHI undergraduate awards, including joint honours programmes with Archaeology, Politics, Theology and Literature. An eleventh programme will launch in 2014-15 – the BA (Hons) Scottish History and Scottish Cultural Studies – while plans are in development for a degree in Scottish History with Gaelic (intended to launch in 2015-16). One of our 2013 graduates, Mary Souter, who obtained a first-class BA (Hons) Scottish History, recently received support from the Student Development Fund, to cover registration fees so that she can attend and present at the British Conference on Undergraduate Research, which will take place in Nottingham in April. Congratulations to Mary!

Ongoing Research, Lectures and Conference Papers

All Centre staff have a busy research schedule currently. With the help of a British Academy-Leverhulme small research grant, Dr Ritchie is researching at the moment in Ontario. Amongst many other things, her recent activities there have included a talk to the Rural History Roundtable at the University of Guelph and a lecture to the Puslinch Historical Society in Aberfoyle, also Ontario, on the experiences of a Scottish pioneer woman in Up-per Canada. Dr MacInnes, meanwhile, spent two weeks in January in London, and will return there in March for a week to complete research funded by the Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland. Drs Ritchie and MacInnes have also spoken to Brora Heritage Society, Grantown U3A and Nairn U3A, with upcoming talks by Centre staff to the Highland Branch of the Saltire Society and the Highland Family History Society also in the pipeline. Dr MacPhail, who teaches on our masters programme and is currently a Research Fellow at the Centre for Rural Health in Inverness, is speaking at a symposium on Sunday 23rd March in Glasgow, entitled 'Uncertain Ground: Landscape, Memory and Theatres of Conflict', where she will present material from her 'Orienteering Inside The Idea of North' work.



Publications

Publication-wise, Dr Ritchie's research note for the *Innes Review* on 'Looking for Catholics' will be out in the spring, Dr MacInnes's chapter on John Barbour's description of Scottish arms and armour in *The Bruce* came out recently, as did Dr Zickermann's article on Scottish merchant families in the early modern period in *Northern Studies*, while Dr MacPherson's most recent journal article is on personal narratives of family and ethnic identity amongst Orangewomen in Scotland and England and was published in the latest issue of *Immigrants and Minorities*.

Royal Dornoch PhD Studentship update

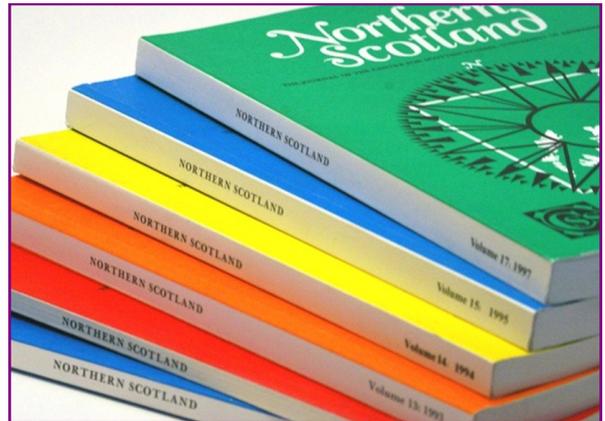
Wade Cormack, our Royal Dornoch Golf Club and University of the Highlands and Islands Development Trust funded PhD student, has been busy in the archives, both locally and in Edinburgh. In January, he gave a [talk](#) at the University of Guelph, Ontario, where he previously completed his masters, this following a presentation back in October at Royal Dornoch Golf Club, one of various club, community and UHI meetings and conferences he's attended. Wade gets a mention also in [this article](#) on the subject of Dornoch being voted the sixth best golf course in the world by *Golf Digest* magazine.

PhD Students

Darren Tierney submitted his PhD thesis in January – congratulations to him on reaching this stage. Meanwhile, Clive Abbott at the University of Bristol, became a successful completion for Dr MacPherson, who had been his external supervisor.

Northern Scotland

Dr Worthington and Professor Marjory Harper of the University of Aberdeen received PDF proofs of all articles and book reviews for Issue Five of *Northern Scotland* in February. It's always an encouraging point for the co-editors to reach in the production schedule. We're looking forward to it being published. The four articles (and report) that will be included in the journal this time around will range across a wide period and cover, for example, the following themes: a West Highland census from 1779, the lifestyle of Lord Seaforth (1754-1815), the urban community in Inverness during the Restoration period, and the 'grete rupture' in lordship and politics in the mid fifteenth-century north-east of Scotland. This issue will be out in May and will have a packed reviews section too. We thought you might appreciate this photo showing *Northern Scotland* in its previous form and appearance – the journal dates back to 1972.



Scottish-Polish history

The [Polish Scottish Heritage Trail](#) project has a new website, to which Dr Worthington has contributed a short piece. His section includes an interactive map, and focuses specifically on some of the historical connections that have linked the Highlands and Islands with Poland.

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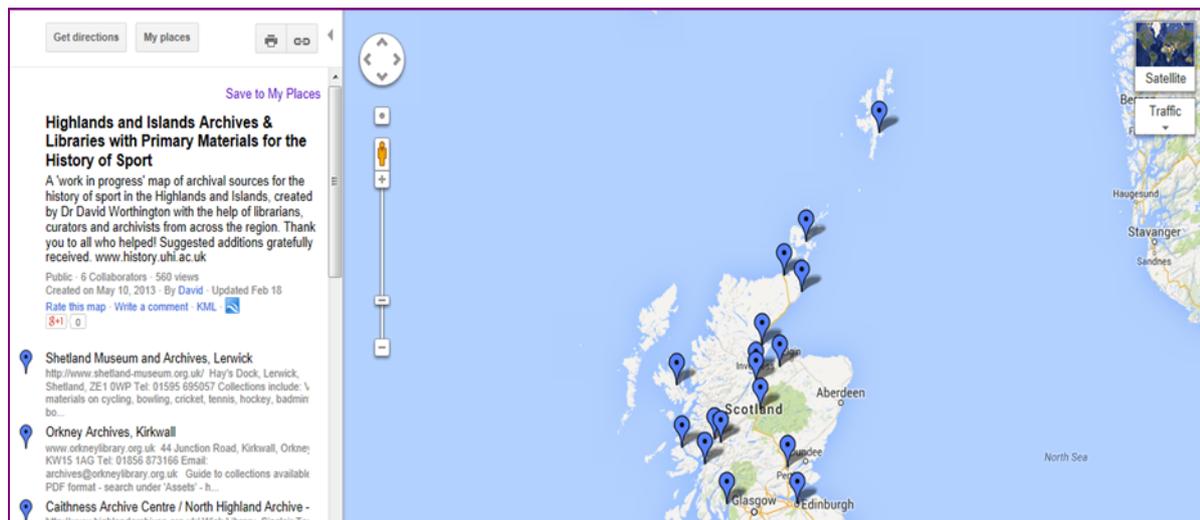
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Dr Worthington also contributed a blog, '[Bears, banquets and bagpipes: some Scottish-Polish musical connections](#)' to mark the university's involvement in this year's Celtic Connections festival. In addition, you might be interested to learn about a new Level 9 (third year) undergraduate (short course) called 'Scots in Poland, Poles in Scotland'. It will also be taught by Dr Worthington and made available to attend by video conference classes, subject to interest, from September-December 2014, from UHI colleges and learning centres spread across the north and west of Scotland.

'Highlands and Islands Archives & Libraries with Primary Materials for the History of Sport'

For those interested, here's another map created by Dr Worthington with the aim of highlighting the richness of archival and other primary sources across the Highlands and Islands. This one covers '[Highlands and Islands Archives and Libraries with Primary Sources for the History of Sport](#)' in particular. As you'll see, it's very much a 'work in progress', modern history-focused, and far from complete. Suggested additions and changes gratefully received. Thanks to all - including numerous archival, museum and library staff - who helped create it.



Other staff news

Dr Zickermann gave birth to a daughter, Hannah on 1 January 2014. They, and husband, Stuart, are all well although Kathrin reports that she's currently been having problems typing having only one hand free at most, at any given time. We're very lucky that Dr Reid is replacing Dr Zickermann currently in terms of module leadership and lecturing. Dr Reid has also been running our seminar series, the latest talk in which was by Darren Tierney. Contact Dr Reid at Kirsty.Reid@uhi.ac.uk if you would like to be added to the email list for those.

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