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NEWSLETTER

Student News

Careers Event

We recently hosted a careers event for our students, to showcase the many paths a History degree can lead you on.

Coordinated by our Undergraduate Programme Leader, **Dr Nicola Martin**, the event featured a session with [UHI Futures](#), discussing career decisions and how these can be seen as amazing

opportunities to be curious, look creatively at possibilities and consider what options exist across the Highlands and Islands and beyond.

We would also like to thank our brilliant alumni, who joined the event to discuss their career paths after studying at [UHI Centre for History](#). With varied examples including working at UHI North, West and Hebrides or in accounting, doing outreach for the mental health charity SAMH, working as a librarian at Highland Theological College or working as a Youth Convener for the The Highland Council, these examples showed that a History degree can truly take you anywhere!

A huge thank you to our alumni, we could not have done this event without you!

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Staff News

We are excited to announce that award-winning anthropologist and poet **Nomi Stone** is joining [UHI Centre for History](#) as a Visiting Research Fellow. She is the author of three books and an Associate Professor at [The University of Texas at Dallas](#).



Dr Stone is now at work on her fifth book, 'Near Far: Empire and Remoteness in the Highlands and Islands', exploring the enduring coloniality of the Highlands and Islands through the lenses of anthropology and field poetics. At the Centre for History, **Dr Stone** will collaborate closely with **Dr Jim MacPherson**. [Learn more about Dr Stone's research and publications](#).

January

Dr Kathrin Zickermann started teaching one of the core modules 'Crossing the Seas: Migration, Community and Identity in the Early Modern North Sea and Baltic Regions' of the new [Early Modern European Studies programme](#), delivered by the Institute for Northern Studies in collaboration with UHI Centre for History.

February



Dr Nicola Martin gave an online talk on Monday, 16 February, examining the experiences of the British Army as it waged

war, pacified hostile peoples, and implemented militarisation strategy in Scotland and North America from the Jacobite Uprising of 1745-46 until the outbreak of the American Revolutionary War in 1775.



March

Dr Nicola Martin was the local organiser for this year's [Scottish Association for the Study of America](#) conference hosted at UHI House, Inverness, on Saturday 7 March.



On 12 March **Professor Richard Oram**, [University of Stirling](#) delivered a talk entitled 'People and Woods in Angus and Eastern Perthshire: An Environmental History Perspective' as part of the **History Talks Live series**. You can now [watch the recording](#) on our website.



Our Interim Head of [UHI Centre for History](#), **Dr Lucy Dean**, was one of the expert speakers at the symposium, 'The Stone of Destiny: Rethinking Medieval Kingship, Heritage and Education', organised by [Culture Perth and Kinross](#) and [Historic Environment Scotland](#).



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Research and Publications

Congratulations to our **Dr Alison Chand** on the publication of her new book, *An Oral History of Young Families in the Covid-19 Pandemic: Rainbows in the Windows*. The book documents, via oral history, experiences of the emotions of parenthood during the Covid-19 pandemic, focusing on testimonies collected during a time of crisis and exploring how parents' feelings and reflections shifted and changed with the passage of time at an important and unique juncture in history.



Dr Chand noted: 'I remember the Covid-19 pandemic as a particularly busy and overwhelming time in my own life, certainly in part because I was a parent of three young children. Conducting this research and undertaking the oral history interviews at the heart of this book came about very differently to any other project I've worked on before as an oral historian, and I hope that the book reflects at least in part some of the range of ways parents of young children experienced the pandemic.'

The book is published by [Palgrave Macmillan](#), and you can find [further details here](#).

Dr Chand has just begun work on her current research project, 'Beyond the Rainbow: Oral Histories of Teenagers and Young Adults in Scotland During the Covid-19 Pandemic,' and would be interested in speaking to anyone who was aged between 16 and 25 during the pandemic who might be interested in doing an oral history interview with her. Contact history@uhi.ac.uk for further details.

Landscapes of Protest Project



It's been a busy first year for our Leverhulme Trust funded project, [Landscapes of Protest](#). In this most recent blog **Dr Juliette Desportes** reflects on the archival findings thus far, next steps and future events.



You can read the [full post here](#).

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Our **Dr Elizabeth Ritchie's** article, 'Families at Sea: The Impact of the Transatlantic Crossing on Scottish Migrant Families in the Age of Sail, circa 1784–1855' was published in the latest issue of *International Review of Scottish Studies*, and is now available to read online through [Edinburgh University Press](#).

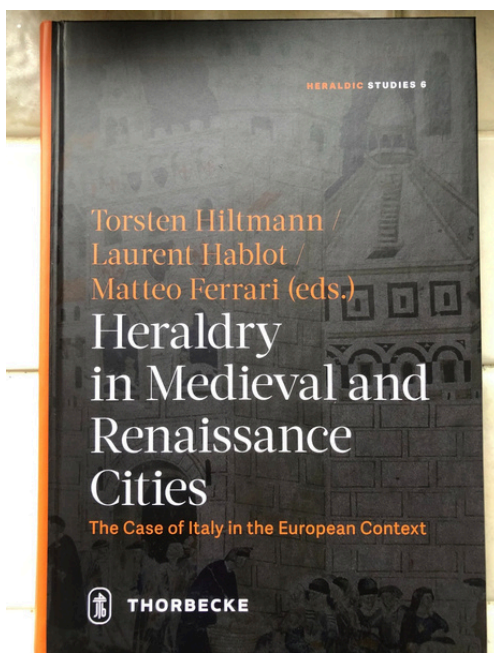
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The article examines the transatlantic voyage and how, on the one hand, travelling in a family shaped the experience of shipboard life, psychologically and practically. On the other hand, the journey shaped family life, forcing change to their daily routines, their life events, and even their family make-up.



You can read the [full article here](#).



Our **Dr Philippa Woodcock's** chapter, 'The City and Regime Change: The Heraldic Patronage of Gian Giacomo Trivulzio' is part of the recently published *Heraldry in Medieval and Renaissance Cities - the Case of Italy in the European Context* (eds. Hiltmann, Hablot and Ferrari).

The publication explores the symbolic marking of urban space, offering a contemporary perspective on urban heraldry and engaging with renewed approaches in the history of visual culture.

Dr Woodcock's research interests focus on early modern European history and visual culture, covering the European Reformation, landscape and fashion history, as well as political and cultural

interchange, especially between France and Italy.

[Learn more about Dr Woodcock's research.](#)

You can now follow and find out about activities at the UHI Centre for History through our recently introduced [News section](#) on our website.