Julius Caesar’s landing site discovered by University archaeologists

The College has won funding for projects based in primary schools (Fowler, ‘Colonial Countryside’), a timeline showing Education researchers’ contributions (Dymoke and Whaley), barriers to economic participation (Chen, Linchuan, Sun), the underpinnings of commercial arbitration (Cole et al) and crime and punishment in British colonial Guyana (Anderson).

There are new book publications on Hitchcock (Chapman), 1968 (Halliwell and Witham), hit-and-run incidents (Hopkins and Chivers), the sex industry (Sanders) and slavery (Brace). Other colleagues have been busy holding conferences (Watkins, ‘Changing Drinking Cultures’), advising on threats to nuclear control systems (Futter) and presenting research findings to the Parliamentary Group for Public Legal Education (Watkins).

This month’s featured research project made national headlines. ‘In the Footsteps of Caesar’ made the landmark discovery that Caesar did not land where we all thought he landed in Britain during 55 and 54 BC. Colin Haselgrove and Andrew Fitzpatrick demonstrated the importance of their subject in challenging age-old assumptions. In collaboration with a dedicated team of citizen archaeologists, they have surveyed sites and studied museum artefacts to overturn the age-old view that Caesar’s landing made little impact on Iron Age Britain.

Richard Thomas was also in the media spotlight, appearing in the ‘Attenborough and the Giant Elephant’ documentary. Richard spent a week in New York analysing Jumbo the elephant’s skeleton to understand more about his life and death.

Meanwhile, PhD students conducted some impressive research. A winning entrant for the best research images (pictured), Tim Hannigan, is writing a travel book about travel writing. So far he has interviewed (and visited the houses of) Dervla Murphy, Colin Thubron, Nick Danzinger and many other eminent writers.

If you have research stories to include in the next bulletin, please submit them here, or email: cssahbulletin@le.ac.uk

New projects

School of Arts
Fowler, Corinne (Heritage Lottery Fund (£99,680) and Arts Council England (£58,331) ‘Colonial Countryside: English Country Houses Reinterpreted’. A national child-led writing and history project in collaboration with the National Trust and Peepal Tree Press. Colonial Countryside assembles primary pupils, writers, heritage professionals and historians to make country houses’ Caribbean and East India Company connections better known. 100 pupils will visit 10 country houses and attend a conference at the University of Leicester during Literary Leicester 2018. Big name writers will be commissioned to produce new work about each participating National Trust house.

Department of Criminology
Barnes, Rebecca (PI), Ayres, Tammy (CI) and Gunby, Clare (CI) in collaboration with Katherine Johnson, University of Brighton (CI) NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group (£72,022). ‘Improving Mental Health Outcomes of Nottingham’s Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender (LGBT) population’. This research project, commissioned by the NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group, seeks to identify what changes need to be made to the commissioning of primary and community mental health services to better provide for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. In doing so, this mixed-methods, participatory study strives to improve mental health outcomes amongst a population that reports a disproportionately high level of mental health needs.

School of Education
Dymoke, Sue and Whaley, Louise (Teaching Development Fund (£2,580). ‘Digital Timeline’. To celebrate the University’s centenary, the School of Education is launching a digital timeline to highlight changes in education and to showcase key research and community projects delivered by the School over the years. The online resource will include images, recorded interviews, links to publications and much more. It will also support current students in carrying out their own research and provide a digital platform for them to celebrate and share their achievements.

School of Media, Communication and Sociology
Noske-Turner, J. (PI), Mirjam Twigt (CI), Zak Sajir (CI) International Media Support (IMS) (£23,275). ‘Identifying best practices for media coverage of migrant issues through content and audience studies: Research Component of Voices of African Migrants’. The research will undertake analysis of media content and contexts in four migration hubs in Africa (Morocco, Niger, Somalia and Zimbabwe) with the aim of identifying principles for achieving best practices in media coverage related to migration. It will use content analysis, focus group discussions and participant observation. The aim of the research is to contribute to IMS and its partners’ understandings of its audiences, which can be used to inform future programming decisions.

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Yujie (Julie) Chen (PI), Jack Linchuan Qiu (CI), (Chinese University of Hong Kong), Ping Sun, (Chinese Academy of Social Science) (CI) International Development Research Centre (through IT for Change) (17,300 CAD). ‘Deliver on the promise of the platform economy in China: A policy agenda for inclusive development’. Situated in China’s specific economic and legal context, the project aims to establish an inclusive policy agenda pivoting on platform justice. Through case studies on food delivery and ridesharing apps, this study will examine how economic opportunity, barriers to participation in the economy, gains and risks are perceived and acted upon by different actors in shaping the platform ecosystem, especially by workers, platform companies, and regulatory authorities.

Leicester Law School
Cole, Tony (PI), Ayton, Peter (City, University of London), Chattoe-Brown, Edmund (Leicester), Flood, John (Griffith University, Australia), Karton, Joshua (Queen’s University, Canada), Ortolani, Pietro (Max Planck Institute Luxembourg) ESRC (£812,302 with indexation) ‘The Social and Psychological Underpinnings of Commercial Arbitration in Europe’. Through a combination of social network research, interviews with arbitration professionals across 54 countries in Europe, and online research designed in collaboration with specialists in psychology and sociology, this project will clarify how social norms and social connections impact on standards of practice and career development in arbitration, and thereby on the functioning of arbitration as a mechanism for the delivery of civil justice.

School of History, Politics and International Relations
Anderson, Clare (PI), Ifill, Mellissa (CI) (University of Guyana) British Academy (£45,545). ‘History and Security Sector Reform: Crime and Punishment in British Colonial Guyana, 1814-1966’. This project will co-create policy-relevant historical resources on crime and punishment in British colonial Guyana. Its objectives are to increase academic, practitioner and public understanding of the historical roots of key issues pertaining to security, the administration of criminal justice, and prisoner and ex-prisoner rights and equality.

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H. M. Penal Settlement on the Mazaruni River, Guyana
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**Featured Research Project**

‘In the Footsteps of Caesar’

Leverhulme Trust, £330,656

Colin Haselgrove and Andrew Fitzpatrick, School of Archaeology and Ancient History

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New books and journals

School of Arts

Chapman, James. (2018). Hitchcock and the Spy Film. The first in-depth analysis of Alfred Hitchcock’s twelve spy pictures from the British classics of the 1930s such as The Man Who Knew Too Much, The 39 Steps and The Lady Vanishes to his American Cold War thrillers North by Northwest, Tom Curtain and Topaz. The book draws upon archival sources, including Hitchcock’s own papers, to document the production contexts. It considers how Hitchcock shaped the evolution of the spy film, and how the genre influenced the Master of Suspense. (I B Tauris)

ISBN 978 1 78076 844 1

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ISBN 978-0-7486-9895-0

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Malmkjaer, Kirsten. (2018). The Routledge Handbook of Translation Studies and Linguistics. 27 up-to-date chapters written by an international team of scholars. Eight parts: The nature of language, translation and interpreting; Meaning making; Words, translation and interpreting; Texts in speech and writing; Individuals and their interactions, Media, translation and interpreting, Linguistics, translation, interpreting and machines, Language, translation and interpreting in classrooms. (Routledge)

Malmkjaer, Kirsten; Louwagie, Fransiska; Serban, Adriana. (2018). Key Cultural Texts in Translation. 17 chapters based on papers delivered at the Key Cultural Texts conference held as the culmination of an AHRC funded project of the same name in Leicester in April 2014. One chapter by a former Modern Languages PhD student; one chapter by a former Modern Languages visiting scholar. Authors from the UK, Poland, Russia, Lithuania, Holland, China, Korea, Germany, Finland, Egypt and South Africa write about a text they consider central to their culture and about what happens to it in translation. (John Benjamins)

Department of Criminology

Ayres, Tammy. (2017). Deviant Leisure Special Edition, British Society of Criminology Newsletter (81, Winter). After a thematic paper panel at the American Society of Criminology’s annual conference in 2017 (a thematic panel on Deviant Leisure: Consuming Harm) the British Society of Criminology approached one of the founders of Deviant Leisure (Dr Oliver Smith, University of Plymouth and chair of our panel at the ASC), which is a new criminological perspective that draws on two critical strains of criminology - Ultra Realism and Cultural Criminology - to write a themed newsletter on DL, which I was invited to be a part of after participating in the ASC panel. This resulted in the above special edition. (British Society of Criminology)

See more

Fitzgibbon, Wendy; Healy, Deidre. (2018). Supervisible: Using Photo-Elicitation to Explore the Lived Experience of Offender Supervision. This case study discusses the author’s experience of using photo-elicitation to explore the lived experience of offender supervision in Ireland. The project is part of a larger European pilot project that emerged from the work of the COST Action 1106 Offender Supervision in Europe and involves academics from England, Germany, Ireland, Malta and
Scotland. In particular, we discovered that photo-elicitation engaged and empowered participants by giving them a collaborative role in the research. (SAGE Research Methods Cases)

ISBN 9781526441393

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Explanations for driver decisions to hit-and-run have largely been based around a rational choice perspective that suggests drivers consider the expected costs of reporting a collision against the benefits of leaving the scene. Although such an explanation appears plausible, previous research has largely focused upon identifying contributory or contextual factors through analysis of quantitative datasets rather than engaging with drivers in order to understand how they make the decision to ‘run’. (SAGE Journals)

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Hopkins, Matt and Chivers, Sally. (2017). Understanding and preventing hit-and-run driving: a crime script analysis (published in Crime Prevention and Community Safety Vol 20, Iss. 1 pp 16-29. Although a small body of research has explored drivers’ decisions to leave the scene of a road traffic collision (hit-and-run), little research has explored how understanding the processes of hit-and-run collisions could inform prevention strategies. Drawing upon findings from a literature review and in-depth interviews with 52 convicted hit-and-run drivers, a crime script approach is utilised as a heuristic device to explore the precursors, immediate aftermath and longer-term aftermath of hit-and-run events. (Palgrave Macmillan)

See more

Sanders, Teela and Laing, Mary. (2018). Policing the Sex Industry. Policing the Sex Industry draws on the research and expertise of academics and practitioners, presenting advanced scholarship across a range of countries and spaces. Unpicking the relationship between police practice and commercial sex whilst speaking to the current policy agendas, Policing the Sex Industry explores key issues including: trafficking, decriminalisation, localised impacts of punitive policing approaches, uneven policing approaches, hate-crime approaches and the impact of policing on trans sex workers. (Routledge)

ISBN 9781138716629

See more

Cunningham, Stewart, Sanders, Teela and Platt, Lucy (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine). (2018). Sex Work and Occupational Homicide: Analysis of a U.K. Murder Database. This article presents an analysis of occupational homicides of sex workers in the United Kingdom, 1990-2016. Characteristics of 110 people murdered between 1990 and 2016 are explored including the location of their murder, ethnicity, migration status, and gender. (Sage)
**School of History, Politics and International Relations**

**Brace, Laura.** (2018). *The Politics of Slavery*. What makes a slave a slave? What does it mean to think about slavery as a political concept? What happens when we try to bring slaves back into the history of political thought? This book examines slavery and freedom as founding narratives of the liberal subject, of empire and of modernity, and then goes on to explore the contested meanings of the discourse of ‘modern slavery’ in the contemporary contexts of trafficking and incarceration. (Edinburgh University Press)

ISBN: 9781474401142

See more

**Dover, Robert.** (2017). *The Palgrave Handbook of Security, Risk and Intelligence*. This handbook provides a detailed analysis of threats and risk in the international system and of how governments and their intelligence services must adapt and function in order to manage the evolving security environment. This environment, now and for the foreseeable future, is characterised by complexity and disruptive technologies and techniques. (Palgrave)

ISBN 9781137536754

See more

**Hamill, James.** (2018). *Africa’s Lost Leader: South Africa’s Continental Role Since Apartheid*. This book challenges the received wisdom that South Africa is the dominant power in Africa. It explores the country’s difficult and complex relationship with the rest of the continent in the post-apartheid era and examines the various ways in which the country has struggled to translate its economic, diplomatic and military weight into tangible foreign policy successes and enduring influence on the ground. (Routledge for the International Institute for Strategic Studies)

ISBN 978-1-13854965-4

See more

**Knox, Zoe.** (2018). *Jehovah’s Witnesses and the Secular World: From the 1870s to the Present*. This book examines the historic tensions between Jehovah’s Witnesses and government authorities, civic organisations, established churches and the broader public. Witnesses originated in the 1870s as small, loose-knit groups calling themselves Bible Students. Today, there are some eight million Witnesses worldwide, all actively engaged in evangelism under the direction of the Watch Tower organisation. (Palgrave Macmillan)

ISBN 978-1-137-39604-4

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Leicester Law School

Desmond, Alan. (2017). Shining New Light on the UN Migrant Workers Convention. This edited collection is an important contribution to the relatively scant literature on the UN Migrant Workers Convention. Though one of the ten core international human rights instruments, the Convention has been ratified by only 51 states. Despite the fact that the EU is an important destination region for migrants, no EU member state has yet signed up to the Convention. The book examines the application of the Convention in states which have ratified it and examines the EU’s aversion to it. (Pretoria University Law Press)


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School of Media, Communications and Sociology

Matthews, Julian ; Al Habsi, Maiya. (2018). Addressing a region? The Arab imagined audience and newsworthiness in the production of Al Jazeera Arabic. This article uses the concept of the ‘imagined audience’ to explore the production of Al Jazeera Arabic. From interviewing journalists and observing production processes, it uncovers a constructed view of Arab people and culture that journalists use to build the Al Jazeera news agenda and justify its distinctiveness. (International Communication Gazette)

See more

Tsatsou, Panayiota. (2018). Social Media and Informal Organisation of Citizen Activism: Lessons From the Use of Facebook in the Sunflower Movement. This study finds that Sunflower Movement in Taiwan participants engaged with Facebook’s information spreading and sharing functions and that Facebook supported the self-organised and loosely structured character of the movement. It also fostered participant’s altruism and their desire to awaken the public. The study shows that leadership structures still exist in such technologically mediated movements, but decision-making is rather complex and multi-layered. (Social Media + Society (Sage))

See more

Tsatsou, Panayiota, Choudrie, Jyoti. Kurnia, Sherah. (2018). Social Inclusion and Usability of ICT-enabled Services. This is a cutting-edge book that explores a wide range of issues concerning innovative ICT-enabled digital services, their usability and their consequent role in social inclusion. It includes the impacts of the use of ICT-enabled digital services on individuals, organisations, governments and society, and offers a theoretically informed and empirically rich account of the socio-technical, management and policy aspects of social inclusion and innovative ICT-enabled digital services. (Routledge)

ISBN 9781138935556

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Zhu, Yimei; Purdam, Kingsley (University of Manchester). (2018). Social media, science communication and the academic super user in the United Kingdom. This study investigate academics’ use of social media in research work. Findings from a survey of over 1,800 academics in the UK suggests that most scholars recognised the value and importance of more open science communication and data sharing, but many had concerns about the potential risks. A small group, who can be termed super users, were frequently communicating updates of their ongoing research on the social media. Active practice is related to institutional encouragement and trainings. (First Monday)

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News Round-up

News and Events

School of Archaeology and Ancient History

The remains of a 13th century monastic site, Greyfriars in Leicester, which was revealed as the burial place of King Richard III during the course of an excavation by Leicester archaeologists, has been granted protection by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport on the advice of Historic England.

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Richard Thomas, was invited as lead scientist on the ‘Attenborough and the Giant Elephant’ documentary. As part of the project, Richard spent a week in New York analysing Jumbo’s skeleton, which offered vital clues into Jumbo’s life and controversial death.

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Department of Criminology

Miriam Bentley-Rose spoke at the Milton Keynes annual Safeguarding conference regarding the use of Fundamental British Values for safeguarding.

Stevie-Jade Hardy was quoted in an article for Al Jazeera, titled ‘Half of UK sees The Sun tabloid as ‘negative influence’

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Diane Urquhart was invited to present at a conference in Bergamo, Italy, by Francesca Lanz of the Department of Architecture and Urban Studies, Politecnico di Milano.

Standing Together Against Hate

Stevie-Jade Hardy and Neil Chakraborti launched the HEFCE-funded ‘Standing Together Against Hate’. The project is coming to the end of the first phase, which involved consulting with staff and students to capture their views on how we can raise awareness of hate crime amongst the University community and improve support services for those affected by it.

Beyond the Gaze

An evening of film screenings, a panel discussion and a wine reception took place on 21 March for the ‘Beyond the Gaze’ project.

Beyond the Gaze, led by Teela Sanders, is the largest study to date of UK online sex work, examining the working conditions, safety and policing of the industry by researchers from the Universities of Leicester and Strathclyde.

Film screenings include:

- Beyond the Gaze: Online Sex Work in the 21st Century (12 mins), Hayley Evans and Amy Cory, University of Leicester
- Sex Work in the UK (15 mins), Dr Scarlett Redman
- Normal (48 mins), Professor Nick Mai, University of Kingston.

Wendy Fitzgibbon has been invited to be a plenary speaker at the Criminology of the Visual Conference in Bielefeld University in March 2018.

Matt Hopkins presented a talk entitled, ‘Commercial Victimisation: The known, the unknown and the way forward for future research’ at the Home Office Crime Prevention Seminar Series on 6th February 2018.
School of Education

Colin Foster was the guest editor for the special issue of Mathematics in School devoted to the life’s work of Professor Malcolm Swan, which was published in March 2018.

School of History, Politics & International Relations

Roey starts AHRC secondment

Roey Sweet has started a three year secondment at the AHRC as Director of Partnerships and Engagement.

In this role she will oversee the Research Council’s diverse partnerships, including those with its Independent Research Organisations (IRO) and international research partners as well as leading on its engagement with the wider research community.

Deborah Toner

As co-ordinator of the international Drinking Studies Network, Deborah Toner hosted a two-day conference “Changing Drinking Cultures” at the University of Leicester, 3-4 February 2018. With funding from Alcohol Research UK, the conference explored the question of how and why drinking cultures change from multidisciplinary perspectives, bringing together experts in public health and social policy with historians, sociologists, literary scholars, anthropologists and more.

Andrew Futter

Andrew Futter provided a high level briefing to experts from the Euro-Atlantic Security Leadership Group in London about the cyber threat to nuclear command and control systems. The EASLG is chaired by former UK secretary of defence Lord Des Browne and includes over a dozen current and former very high level national security policymakers from the US, UK, Russia and across Europe.

Andrew was also invited to brief members of the UK Cabinet Office on the current cyber threat landscape and what it means for the future of UK deterrence and security policy.

In occasion of Holocaust Remembrance Day, Luca Fenoglio was invited by the Primo Levi Center in New York and the Columbia Seminar in Modern Italian Studies to give a public talk about Jewish rescue in Italian-occupied south-eastern France and a seminar paper on the Fascist treatment of foreign Jews in the Italian occupied territories during the Second World War.

Luca Fenoglio and Alexis Herr will organise a panel entitled ‘Anti-Semitism, persecution, genocide? A multilateral examination of Fascist Italy during the Holocaust’ at the next Lessons & Legacies Conference on the Holocaust XV that will convene at Washington University in St. Louis on 1-4 November 2018.

Leicester Law School

In 2016, the Law Commission called for ideas for its 13th Programme of Law Reform. It received 1,300 submissions covering 220 different topics. Janet Ulph submitted two proposals for law reform relating to museum collections. In December 2017, the Commissioners announced that they had chosen 14 topics; each topic has full Government backing. Janet’s proposals were chosen and now form part of the Commission’s Thirteenth Programme.

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Dawn Watkins recently presented the key findings of the Law in Children’s Lives project to the All Party Parliamentary Group for Public Legal Education, chaired by Lord Low. Dawn explained how her team had created a digital game ‘Adventures with Lex’ as a research tool; gathering data from 634 children aged 8-11 years, to assess their understanding of law in their everyday lives. She presented alongside speakers from the charity ‘Together for Short Lives’ and the Coram Children’s Legal Centre.

Awards

School of History, Politics and International Relations

National Crime Agency award

Robert Dover has been recognised by the National Crime Agency with its highest award, the Director General’s Commendation. This Commendation recognises Dr Dover’s work with the Agency on professionalisation and internationalisation of the Agency’s activities, based on insights derived through his research.

CBE honour

Emeritus Professor Stuart Ball has been awarded a CBE for services to political history.

MBE

Martin Stern, who works with the Stanley Burton Centre and has been awarded an MBE for services to Holocaust Education.

Department of Criminology

Clare Gunby and Becky Barnes won two categories in the 2017 Images of Research Competition. Winner of the best image from the College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities and secondly, winner of the best staff image.

Media Engagement

Department of Criminology

Teela Sanders’ Beyond the Gaze event received media coverage on the following platforms:

- BBC News Online
- BBC Radio 4 - Today
- BBC Radio One - Newsbeat
- BBC Two - Victoria Derbyshire (1hr 22m)

Matt Hopkins appeared on BBC Inside Out on 29th November to speak about Ram Raids of cash machines in Leicestershire.