Faculty Focus - May 2018

Spotlight on...

Spotlight on Professor Paul Bown, Earth Sciences

Professor Paul Bown is a UCL Earth scientist who recently named a new species of oceanic plankton in honour of the BBC Blue Planet series, coinciding with the re-opening of the Kathleen Lonsdale Building by Sir David Attenborough. Read Professor Paul Bown's full spotlight.

News, Announcements and Updates

Applications now being accepted for UCL EPSRC Doctoral Prize

The EPSRC Doctoral Prize scheme supports fellowships of two years' duration for exceptional researchers who have recently finished an EPSRC-funded PhD. Deadline for applications is 10th June 2018. Further details can be found on the UCL EPSRC Doctoral Prize page.

Francis Crick Institute Networking Fund

Looking for new collaborators? You might be interested in applying to the Crick Partnership Networking Fund. The fund will support the development of connections between Crick, UCL, Imperial...
Apply now for the Global Engagement funds
Apply now for the Global Engagement Funds: £500-£2,000 (£4,000 for SLASH faculties) which is available for UCL academics in support of collaboration with global partners. Deadline: 17 May 2018. Find out more on the global engagement funds website.

Equality & Diversity Champion position
The Equality & Diversity Champion is responsible for chairing MAPS Equality & Diversity Committee, which meets once per term, and reporting to the Faculty Leadership Team. The Chair also represents MAPS at the UCL 50:50 Gender Equality Committee. Interested candidates should contact Rachel Palmer for further details.

Faculty Highlights

New ocean plankton species named after BBC's Blue Planet series
A newly discovered species of ocean plankton, Syracosphaera azureaplaneta, has been named by UCL researchers in honour of the critically acclaimed BBC Blue Planet series and its presenter Sir David Attenborough. Read more on the faculty news page.
Kathleen Lonsdale Building Re-opened by Sir David Attenborough
UCL's Kathleen Lonsdale Building, home to UCL Earth Sciences and groups from Chemistry, Astrophysics, and Mathematics, was re-opened by Sir David Attenborough on Tuesday 17 April following a £27.5 million refurbishment. Read more on the faculty news page.

Gaia’s 3D census of over one billion stars in our Milky Way
The positions and distances of over one billion stars in our Milky Way Galaxy have been released by the European Space Agency Gaia mission, creating the first 3D census of our home galaxy and opening a new window on the Universe. Read more on the faculty news page.

UCL led team awarded prestigious EU grant
A team of cosmologists led by UCL have been awarded €1.6m in a prestigious EU Horizon 2020 grant to work across Europe in order to prepare for the data that will come from the European Space Agency Euclid mission. Read more on the faculty news page.

Events

Inclusive Teaching in STEM Subjects
17th May 2018, 2pm
Chemistry Lecture Theatre, CIB
The UCL MAPS Teaching Interest Network is pleased to present "Inclusive Teaching in STEM Subjects", an event to help staff to incorporate inclusive learning into their teaching practice. The event is
particularly aimed at academic and teaching staff. Register on eventbrite.

'Research Images as Art / Art Images as Research'
23rd April 2018 - 4th May
South Cloisters
The Best 100 images from the Research Images as Art / Art Images as Research competition are currently being displayed in the South Cloisters. Make sure to visit and vote for the People's Choice Prize! (Image shown is Partly frozen dimethyl sulfoxide from Chemistry's Winnie Leung)

JBS Haldane Lecture - Professor Trevor Pinch
6th June, 6pm
Room G29, JZ Young Lecture Theatre
UCL Science & Technology Studies are excited to welcome Prof. Trevor Pinch (Cornell) to give his talk "From Technology Studies to Sound Studies: The Moog Synthesizer as Technological and Sound Object". Non-UCL individuals will need to register on Eventbrite.

2nd Meeting of the UCL Cross-Disciplinary Network on Soft Materials
11th June 2018, 1pm
Roberts Building
Register on eventbrite

Global opportunities for UCL early careers staff: funding and how to get published internationally
4th June 2018
Further details on UCL Global website

Award Ceremony - UCL Education Awards and Student Choice Awards for Teaching
4th June 2018
Further details on the Education Awards website.

Data mining: Exploring the Ethical Dilemmas
14th June 2018
University of Southampton
Register on eventbrite
Enterprise

**UCL Impact Acceleration Funding**
A number of Research Councils UK (RCUK) provide funding in the form of Impact Acceleration Accounts (IAAs). Staff can apply for funding for projects aimed at maximising the impact of research linked to that council’s grant portfolio. See more on the [IAA funding web page](https://mailchi.mp/2361fac2e1a3/oqyof7y51-1366913?e=[UNIQID]).

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**New Enterprise Officer Appointed**
A new Faculty Innovation and Enterprise Officer has been appointed and will start on 14th May. The role will involve supporting departments in fostering a culture of innovation and enterprise across the faculty.

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**Satellite Applications Catapult Event**
The Space Domain Launch week in April was a success, with talks from many UCL academics, and also guest speakers. Among the next steps is a conversation between a range of UCL teams, convened by the Space Domain, and the Satellite Applications Catapult in Harwell intended to develop a multi-year partnership.

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**Physics Student Attends Policy Making Summit**
Training and Development

New Digital Skills course dates available
ISD Digital Skills Development have released course dates for Term 3 for both staff and students. As usual, they are offering a wide range of courses covering Excel, Photoshop, R, Stata, SPSS and more. See more details on the digital education blog.

Submit your news: what would you like to hear about?
If you have any upcoming events that you like to be promoted to MAPS Faculty staff please let us know.

Feedback on the faculty newsletter
Thanks to those who completed the UCL MAPS Internal Communications Survey. We have tried to take your comments on board when putting this newsletter together. We are keen to make sure that this addresses your needs so please let us know how we can continue to improve.
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