The contribution and impact of Birkbeck academicians have been recognised by major grants and by national and international academic institutions.

Awards

Birkbeck’s pioneering and innovative approach to combining work and study has been recognised with a £1.47m award from the Higher Education Funding Council for England’s Catalyst Fund. The award will enable the College to develop new, flexible undergraduate and postgraduate courses, which acknowledge the challenges of combining intensive evening study with daytime work, caring for a family or other commitments. Further College-wide strategic development will be enabled by a grant of up to £600,000 from the Wellcome Trust’s Institutional Strategic Support Fund.

The Wellcome Trust has also awarded £900,000 to Daniel Pick, Professor of History, for a study into the role of the Christian professions in ‘brainwashing’ during the Cold War. The project will explore the history of ideas about mind control, indoctrination and psychological warfare from the 1950s to the fall of the Berlin Wall.

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Recognition

Birkbeck Fellow Michael Slater and College alumna Clio Blackman were each awarded an MBE in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List. One of the world’s most highly regarded Dickens scholars, Professor Slater, Emeritus Professor in the Department of English and Humanities, was recognised for his services to literary scholarship. Clio Blackman, who graduated from Birkbeck’s MSc Development Studies in 2011, received her award for services to development in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

The Sir Isaiah Berlin Prize for lifetime contribution to political studies has been awarded to Ina Levendoski, Anniversary Professor in the Department of Politics, by the Political Studies Association. Also in the Department of Politics, Deborah Malbrett, Professor of Public Policy, has been appointed co-editor of The Political Quarterly, the first woman to hold this position.

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Lecturer in History and Gender Studies, by the Higher Education Academy in recognition of his championing of patient learning.

The European Space Agency (ESA) has appointed Ian Crawford, Professor of Planetary Science and Astrobiology, to its Human Spaceflight and Exploration Science Advisory Committee, the senior ESA advisory body on the scientific exploitation of its spaceflight programmes.

Literary prizes won by academics in the Department of English and Humanities in 2014 include the Prix du Roman Frac by Senior Lecturer Benjamin Wood for Le Complexe d’Eden Bellaert, the French translation of his novel The Beeheather Revolves. Dr Gillian Woods won the Shakespeare’s Globe Book Award for her book Shakespeare’s Unreformed Fictions, while Colin Trenvan and Hannah Silva won the Trinwood Radio Drama Award for their radio play Marathon Tales. Professor Costas Douzinas, School of Law, has been awarded the 2014 James Boyd White Award for lifetime contribution to scholarship by the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities. Tricia King (below), Pro-Vice-Master Strategic Engagement and Recruitment, has been awarded a Distinguished Service award by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.