New professors

Seven members of Birkbeck staff were promoted to the post of Professor in 2012 - 2013

**ADAM GEAREY**
Professor of Law

Professor Gearey’s research interests lie in political philosophy. His most recent publications are Justice as Welfare, a defence of the welfare ‘state’, and The Politics of the Common Law (with Wayne Morrison and Rob Jago). He has also worked with Marinos Diamantides on a collection of essays entitled Islam, Law and Identity, which focuses on recent debates about the nature of secular and sacred law. Other ongoing interests relate to critical legal studies and the legacies of the New Left.

**ANDREW CARTER**
Professor of Earth Sciences

Professor Carter develops and applies thermochronometry, a form of radiometric dating, to understand the mechanisms and feedbacks that affect the Earth’s surface region, which is important to explain tectonic processes, and past climate and ecological change. Much of his research is directed at the Himalaya–Tibet mountain belt and surrounding areas affected by the India–Asia collision. Recent fieldwork has been in northern Vietnam, Tibet and western China.

**LINDA TRENBERTH**
Professor of Management

Professor Trenberth’s research and consulting interests include the management of the employee–employer relationship, women in management, work stress and well-being, career management and workplace bullying. She is particularly qualified and interested in working in the areas of training and development, career management, human resource management and stress management.

**GEORGE ROUSSOS**
Professor of Pervasive Computing

Professor Roussos conducts experimental systems research in pervasive computing. He explores human dynamics as a core ingredient of urban and social pervasive computing systems, and is particularly interested in the implications of this new computing paradigm for society at large, for example in creating Smart Cities, in extending the museum experience and in retail. His team is currently involved in the development of a low cost vaccine-tracking solution combining mobile phones, sensing and cloud computing for countries sponsored by the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation. The aim is to reduce vaccine loss, which can be as high as 50% in some cases.

**JOHN KRANIAUSKAS**
Professor of Latin American Studies

Professor Kraniauskas specialises in Latin American literary and cultural studies, cultural theory and political philosophy, with particular interests in relations between state and cultural forms. He was a founding co-editor of the Journal of Latin American Cultural Studies. His most recent publication is Políticas literarias: acumulación y poder en la literatura y el cine latinoamericano (The Politics of Literature: Power and Accumulation in Latin American Literature and Film). He is currently completing an English-language version of the book for Texas University Press as well as a companion volume. Professor Kraniauskas also continues to work and publish on the figure of Eva Perón in Argentine literature, film and thought, on contemporary Latin American literature and politics, as well as on cultural theory and political philosophy more generally.

**SARAH HART**
Professor of Mathematics

Professor Hart is a group theorist, with particular interest in Coxeter groups. She has also published work on commuting graphs and sum-free sets. She currently holds a London Mathematical Society grant researching mathematics at the interface with computer science. She has been instrumental in introducing a single honours BSc and MSc in Mathematics at Birkbeck, and recently took part in a Newton Institute series of interviews with female mathematical scientists.

**COLIN TEEVAN**
Professor of Playwriting and Screenwriting

Professor Teevan is an award-winning playwright and screenwriter, whose stage work includes Aljida’s Monkey, The Bee, The Liam of Kabul and Four Many Miles to Bashir? (winner of Clarion Best Play 2007) as well as translations of The Bacchae for the National Theatre and an adaptation of Peer Gynt for National Theatre of Scotland and the Barbican. He has written original feature-length episodes for ITV’s Single Handed, Vera and Foyle’s War and BBC’s Silk. His original mini-series Charlie, about notorious Irish political leader Charles J Haughey, starring The Wire’s Aidan Gillen, was shot in Dublin in autumn 2013 and will be broadcast on RTÉ in September 2014. He has also written many dramas for BBC Radio 3 and 4. He is currently developing two original series for BBC Television and new theatre projects for actress and theatre director Kathryn Hunter and The Young Vic Theatre.