

DR EDWARD ARMSTON-SHERET

EDUCATION

PhD in Historical Geography, Department of Geography, Royal Holloway, University of London, 2017–2021. Awarded November 2021.

- “Exploring Bodies: Recentring the Body in the History of British Exploration, c. 1850–1914”, uses a focus on bodies to foreground subaltern contributions to the history of exploration.
- Examiners: Professor Felix Driver and Professor Dane Kennedy
- Funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council.

Diploma in Leadership and Management (Level 7), Institute of Leadership and Management, 2016–17.

MPhil in International Relations and Politics (Distinction), Clare Hall, University of Cambridge, 2013–14.

BA Middle Eastern Studies, SOAS, University of London (First Class Honours), 2009–12.

EMPLOYMENT

Alan Pearsall Fellow in Naval and Maritime History, Institute of Historical Research, University of London, October 2022–present.

Professional Officer: Higher Education, Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), London, July 2022–present.

- Managing the accreditation of 150 geography programmes at 55 institutions across the UK.
- Developing new teaching and learning resources on archival research and undergraduate dissertations.
- Organising and chairing a series of “Postgraduate Insights” webinars, attended by more than 500 doctoral students and early career researchers each year.

Research and Higher Education Assistant, Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), London. September 2021–July 2022.

- Processing journal article submissions to *Area*, *Transactions of the IBG*, and *The Geographical Journal*.
- Organising a programme of events for geographers in the UK, including the RGS-IBG Annual International Conference.

National Graduate Development Programme, London Borough of Havering, October 2015–August 2017.

Parliamentary Assistant to Members of Parliament, May 2014–October 2015.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Armston-Sheret, Edward. “Diversifying the Historical Geographies of Exploration: Subaltern Contributions to British Expeditions, c. 1850–1914.” *Journal of Historical Geography* 80 (2023): 58–68. DOI: [10.1016/j.jhg.2023.02.004](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhg.2023.02.004).

Armston-Sheret, Edward. "A Good Advertisement for Teetotalers': Polar Explorers and Debates over the Health Effects of Alcohol, 1875–1904." *The Social History of Alcohol and Drugs* 33 (2019), 257–285. DOI: [10.1086/705337](https://doi.org/10.1086/705337).

Armston-Sheret, Edward. "Tainted Bodies: Scurvy, Bad Food, and the Reputation of the British National Antarctic Expedition, 1901–04." *Journal of Historical Geography* 65 (July 2019), 19–28. DOI: [10.1016/j.jhg.2019.05.006](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhg.2019.05.006).

Armston-Sheret, Edward. "Leaky Bodies: Syphilitic Incontinence on the Jackson-Harmsworth Expedition." *Victorian Review* 45 (Spring 2019), 10–14. DOI: [10.1353/vcr.2019.0024](https://doi.org/10.1353/vcr.2019.0024).

Co-Authored Articles

Armston-Sheret, Edward and Kim Walker. "Is Alcohol a Tropical Medicine? Scientific Understandings of Climate, Stimulants and Bodies in Victorian and Edwardian Tropical Travel." *British Journal for the History of Science* 54 (December 2021), 465–484. DOI: [10.1017/S0007087421000649](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0007087421000649).

Martin, Peter and Armston-Sheret, Edward. "Off the Beaten Track? Critical Approaches to Exploration Studies." *Geography Compass* 14 (January 2020). DOI: [10.1111/gec3.12476](https://doi.org/10.1111/gec3.12476).

Book Reviews

Armston-Sheret, Edward. "Armston-Sheret on Jones, 'Red Leviathan: The Secret History of Soviet Whaling'." *H-Environment* (May 2023). URL: <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=58714>

Armston-Sheret, Edward. "Review of *Fieldwork of Empire, 1840–1900: Intercultural Dynamics in the Production of British Expeditionary Literature*, by Adrian S. Wisnicki." *Journal of Historical Geography* 66 (October 2019), 110. DOI: [10.1016/j.jhg.2019.08.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhg.2019.08.001).

Armston-Sheret, Edward. "Review of *The Imperial History Wars: Debating the British Empire*, by Dane Kennedy." *Journal of Historical Geography* 62 (October 2018), 115–16. DOI: [10.1016/j.jhg.2018.03.011](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhg.2018.03.011).

In Press

Armston-Sheret, Edward. "Motivations and Methodologies." In Jane Samson (ed.) *A Cultural History of Exploration in the Industrial Age*. London: Bloomsbury. Publication scheduled 2024.

Armston-Sheret, Edward. *On the Backs of Others: Rethinking the History of British Geographical Exploration*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Polar Archives Research Award, Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center, Ohio State University, 2023–24.

- Awarded \$5,000 to conduct a research trip to the Byrd Polar Archives to research how American and British explorers shared knowledge about ways to care for the body in the polar environments.

Adam Matthew Digital Collections Subscription, 2020–21.

- Awarded one year of free access to the Adam Matthews digitized archival collections by the Royal Historical Society.

American Geographical Society (AGS) Library Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, September 2019 (\$2,000).

- Funding to support a two-week research trip to carry out research on the library's collections.

Arts and Humanities Research Council International Placement Scheme Fellowship, Huntington Library, San Marino, CA, USA, September–December 2018 (£4,470).

- Funded three-month placement to carry out research on the archive's collections on Richard F. Burton.

Small grants (together worth £3,500) to support research trips and conference attendance from:

- The Royal Geographical Society's Historical Geography Research Group; The Royal Historical Society; and the Arts and Humanities Research Council.

Arts and Humanities Research Council Scholarship, September 2017–September 2021 (£64,827).

- Funding, covering tuition fees and living costs, to support my PhD studies at Royal Holloway.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

Trustee, Amberley Museum, Sussex, UK, 2020-present.

- Making strategic decisions about the Museum's communications, finances, and strategy.
- Established a student placement scheme at the museum in conjunction with the *technē* DTP.

Curatorial Research Placement, London Transport Museum, London, UK, March–June 2019.

- Managed a team of volunteers carrying out research on a 1930s Q-stock train.
- Conducted oral history interviews with former London Underground staff.

British Society for the History of Science Engagement Fellowship, Polar Museum, Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge, UK, March–August 2018.

- Designed and curated a new museum exhibit on the history of climate science in the polar regions.
- Selected as an impact case study by the AHRC.

Magazine articles, interviews, and blog posts for:

- *The Conversation*, *The Independent*, *Geography Directions*, *Tribune*, *Viewpoint: Magazine of the British Society for the History of Science*, *The Editors' Choice*, *The Victorianist*, The Arts and Humanities Research Council, *Atlas Obscura* and the *Smithsonian Magazine*, Dr Michael Robinson's *Time to Eat the Dogs* podcast, and Club Soda.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND SESSIONS

Sessions Convened or Chaired

- “Culture and Imperialism Thirty Years On: Reflections on Edward Said’s contribution to Geography,” Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual International Conference, September 2023.
- “Historical Geographies of Climate Change (1)” Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual International Conference, September 2023.
- “Rethinking 'Environment' in a Climate Changed World,” Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual International Conference, September 2023.
- “Understanding Geographical Change,” Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual International Conference, September 2023.
- “Climate Change,” Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual International Conference, September 2022.
- “Landscapes and Conversation,” Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual International Conference, September 2022.
- “Nation Identity and Religion,” Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual International Conference, September 2022.
- “Bordering Bodies, Bordering Empires,” Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual International Conference, September 2021.
- “Investigating the Explorers’ Body,” Royal Holloway, University of London, January 2019.
- “New and Emerging Research in Historical Geography,” RGS-IBG Annual International Conference, August 2019 and 2021.
- “Landscapes of Tourism, Travel or Exploration? Perspectives from Historical and Tourism Geography,” RGS-IBG Annual International Conference, August 2018.

Conference and Seminar Papers Presented

- “Opening a Can of Worms: Drink and Diet on Victorian and Edwardian Maritime Polar Expeditions,” Institute of Historical Research, Food History Seminar Series, June 2023.
- “Exploring Bodies: Recentring the Body in the History of British Exploration,” Institute of Historical Research Early Career Seminar, December 2022.
- “Exploring bodies: Science, heroism, and the body in Victorian and Edwardian exploration cultures.” RGS-IBG Annual International Conference, August 2021.
- “Failing Bodies: Exploration, Non-Heroic Suffering, and White-Masculinity, 1856–1913,” North American Conference on British Studies, November 2019.
- “‘Our Dead Bodies Must Tell the Tale’: Recovering the Materiality of the Explorer’s Body,” RGS-IBG Annual International Conference, August 2019.
- “Is Brandy a Medicine? Exploration and Debates Over the Health Effects of Alcohol in the Nineteenth Century,” Huntington Library, California, December 2018.
- “Exploring Medicine: Exploration, Ideas of Environment, and Medical Knowledge, 1853–1913,” RGS-IBG Annual International Conference, August 2018.
- Exploring Bodily Fluids: Urine, Blood, and Syphilis on the Jackson-Harmsworth Expedition, Anxious Forms Conference, Birmingham Aston University, July 2018.

Invited Presentations

“Indigenous and Scientific Knowledge on the Jackson-Harmsworth Expedition 1894–7,” Royal Geographical Society ‘Be Inspired’ Lecture, London and Online, January 2023.

“Is Brandy a Medicine? The Use of Alcohol as Medicine on Victorian and Edwardian Expeditions.” Thackray Museum of Medicine, Leeds, December 2022.

“Diversifying Histories of Exploration: Using Digital Sources to Recover Subaltern Contributions to British-led Expeditions, c. 1850-1900.” Adam Matthew Primary Sources Day, The National Archives, Kew, October 2022.

“Donkey Work: The Ethical Challenges of Writing Animals into the History of Exploration.” University of Nottingham Social and Cultural Geography Seminar Series, February 2022.

“The Selected Body: Investigating Ideas about Nerves and Constitutions in the Heroic Age of Polar Exploration.” Scott Polar Research Institute, Polar Humanities and Social Science Workshop, November 2019.

LECTURING, TEACHING AND MENTORING

Guest Lecturer

Honors College, Oakland University, California, 2023–23:

- HC 1000: Making Discoveries.

Department of Geography, Royal Holloway, University of London, 2020–21:

- GG2061: Cultural Geographies and the Modern World

Tutor

Department of Geography, Royal Holloway, University of London, 2018–21.

- GG1003: Human Geography I: Cultures, Economies, Histories.
- GG1004: Human Geography II: Politics, Society, Development and Environment.
- GG10032: Geographical Research and Field Training.
- GG2003: Second-year field trip to Cyprus.
- GG3163: The Sea: People, Place, Politics.

Brilliant Club Scholars Programme, March–July 2018.

- Designed and led a series of seminars at an East London school to encourage pupils to apply to highly selective universities.
- Marked work and gave written and oral feedback.
- Supervised students to write an original extended essay.

Marker

Department of Geography, Royal Holloway, University of London, 2020–21.

- GG20052: Political Geography.

Mentor

Royal Holloway, University of London, 2020–21.

- Provided pastoral support for new PhD students adjusting to life at university.
- Directed graduate students towards support services.

SERVICE ROLES

Reviewer: *Journal of Historical Geography*; *Journal of Victorian Culture*; *Shima: The International Journal of Research into Island Culture*; and the *Polar Record*.

Editor, Historical Geography Research Group Newsletter (HGRG), Royal Geographical Society, September 2019–September 2021.

- Editing the research group’s newsletter and curating content for it.

technē DTP Management Board, September 2020–21.

- Made strategic decision about the future of the South East of England Arts and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Training Partnership.
- Increased support for students who fell ill during their PhD studies.

Postgraduate Representative, Historical Geography Research Group, Royal Geographical Society, September 2018–September 2021.

- Organised “New and Emerging Research in Historical Geography” conference sessions.
- Curated the “Shelfie” section of the HGRG newsletter, soliciting and editing submissions.

Editor, Royal Holloway Geography Department Landscape Surgery Blog, London, 2018–19

HONOURS

Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

Associate Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.