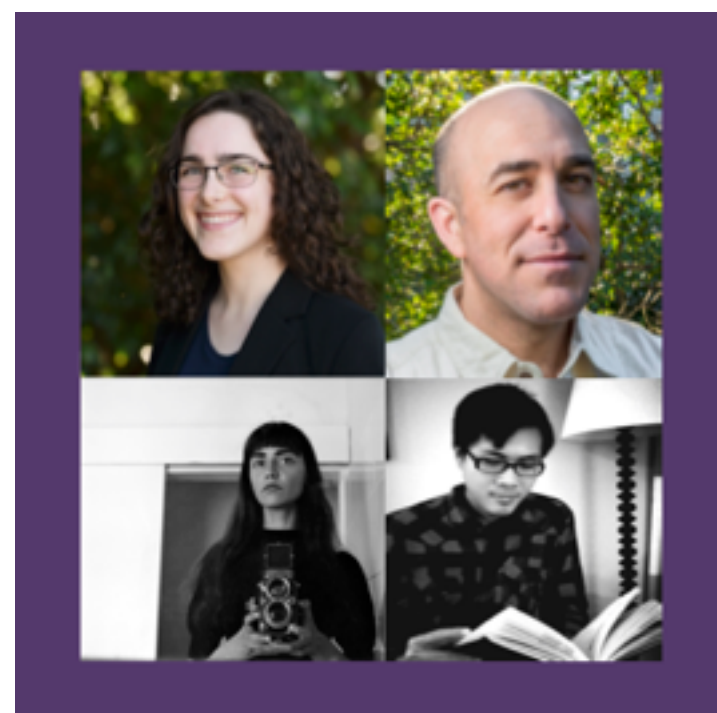


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Project updates / Winter 2021

As we reach the end of Michaelmas term, we wanted to update you on the project's progress: from new team members to upcoming events. You can find out more about From Collection to Cultivation by visiting our website at www.cultivation.hps.cam.ac.uk.



Welcoming New Post-Docs and PhD Students!

We've had a busy term, during which we welcome three new PhD students and one new Post-Doc to the project!

[Tad Brown's](#) post-doc project, '[Unearthing Peanuts: State Collections, Scientific Credit, and Intellectual Property in the 20th Century.](#)' will chronicle how science, technology, and law came to influence developments within the United States peanut industry.

[Erinn Campbell's](#) PhD project, '[Managing medfly: Phytosanitary routines in California, 1954–1985.](#)' will explore phytosanitary practices in California from 1954 to 1985, focusing on efforts to prevent and manage invasions of tephritid fruit flies.

[Leo Chu's](#) PhD project, '[Worlds of Gardens: Ecology, Agriculture, and the Rise of Resilience, 1970-2010.](#)' will study the history of urban agriculture in the Global South (1970-2010) by tracing the gardening program of the Asian Vegetable Research and Development Center (AVRDC).

[Zsuzsanna Ihar's](#) PhD project, '[Arming the Field: The Deployment of Agricultural Science in the Context of War and in its Aftermath \(1990–2020\).](#)' will explore the practical, conceptual, and policy-based entanglements between the US military and the field of agricultural science, from 1990 to 2020.

We've been delighted to see the From Collection to Cultivation team grow and are looking forward to seeing how these projects develop further.



Outreach, Events, & Publications

Research Trips and Talks:

Earlier this autumn, a group of From Collection to Cultivation researchers had the opportunity for a research trip to the Brogdale Fruit Collection, where we gained first-hand insight into crop genetic resource conservation for apples, pears, and many other species.

Earlier this year, PhD researcher [João P. R. Joaquim](#) presented a talk entitled 'The AIMA – a transnational history of agriculture and museums in 20th-century Europe' at the [July 2021 AIMA Conference](#), as well as a talk on 'The biological age of plant virus research: studying viruses through other organisms in 1920s and 1930s Britain' at the HPS Cabinet of Natural History seminar this past November.

Project Blog and Recent Publications:

We're pleased to launch a project blog, where researchers will offer snippets, insights, and stories from their research. [Read the first instalment, by João P.R. Joaquim.](#)

Earlier this autumn, Helen Anne Curry co-authored a piece on crop genetic erosion: Colin K. Khoury, Stephen Brush, Denise E. Costich, Helen Anne Curry, Stef de Haan, Johannes M. M. Engels, Luigi Guarino, Sean Hoban, Kristin L. Mercer, Allison J. Miller, Gary P. Nabhan, Hugo R. Perales, Chris Richards, Chance Riggins, and Imke Thormann. '[Crop genetic erosion: understanding and responding to loss of crop diversity.](#)' *New Phytologist* 233 no. 1 (2021).



Upcoming Events

On 4 April, 2022 at 1 pm, post-doc Tad Brown will present a talk—'Itinerary of a Peanut'—as part of the Cambridge Festival. Check out the [Festival website](#) for more details as they emerge.

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