
Oxford University Exploration Club Michaelmas Week 4



Week 4 Meeting: Ethical Biodiscovery Marlon Clark (Basecamp Research)

In this talk, Marlon Introduces Basecamp Research, which builds partnerships around the world that combine sampling expeditions, technology, development and transfer, data sharing, capacity enhancement, and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from biotechnology products developed from this data. They are currently building the largest, most sophisticated, entirely ethically sampled graph database of natural biodiversity in existence!

You can find out more about Basecamp Research [[HERE](#)]

When: Oct 31, 19:30
Where: Queen's College



Join our WhatsApp Group!

Members can now join our WhatsApp group by clicking on the following link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GpEHUcol8veLC5mrJbgLSP>



Oxford University Expedition Council Grants Deadline: November 15

The Oxford University Expeditions Council Grants are upon us. The deadline for submission is Wednesday Week 6 (Nov 15). Definitely join the WhatsApp group above to receive regular reminders and discuss applications with past grant winners. Here are some additional resources:

[Oxford University Expedition Council](#)
[OUEC Expedition Planning](#)
[RGS Expedition Planning](#)
[RGS Expedition Planning Handbook \(on PDF\)](#)



Explorer' Club Grants

(External)

The Explorer's Club has opened its annual grant applications with awards ranging from \$1,500 to \$10,000 USD. These are extremely prestigious grants with a network of exploring peers behind them, ensuring that the funds come with mentorship and partnership opportunities for the future. Be quick though, most deadlines are mid to late November!

Additionally, the Explorer's Club convenes a panel of non-members to comment on grant selection. If you're *not* looking to apply but would like some experience reviewing grant applications, get in contact with them. A summary of awards has been sent as an attachment to this newsletter, but you can find more information [[HERE](#)].



Welfare

Throughout Michaelmas Term, a focus for the committee has been on Welfare. Exploration is not easy, and it comes with many risks. Within the club, we do our absolute best to create a welcoming and safe place for everyone to come together and share our passion for adventure, knowledge, and teamwork. However, we can't always control what happens outside of the club, especially in the remote places where expeditions tend to take place.

To that end, we have created a new [Welfare Page](#) to provide a direct path to discreet and serious help, whether the issue is inside or outside the club.

Irina will be taking the mantle of Welfare Officer, and you can reach her at: irina-petra.hustiradulet@queens.ox.ac.uk



EXPLORE

RGS EXPEDITION AND FIELDWORK FESTIVAL
30 OCTOBER - 6 NOVEMBER 2023

RGS EXPLORE 2023 **FINAL NOTICE**

The Royal Geographical Society is holding its annual conference for explorers! This event is, hands-down, the best place to network, learn, and grow as a professional explorer. Expedition leaders, adventurers, and field scientists from around the world gather for two days of swapping tales, giving presentations, workshops, and, of course, planning future expeditions over a pint.

This year, we are very lucky to have two of our very own members presenting on the main stage at EXPLORE:

Saturday, 10.30am: Cyclops Mountains Expedition, Indonesian New Guinea
James Kempton, with Max Webb, and Madeleine Foote

Sunday, 10.45am: Ethnography of Space Analogues: Methods for Understanding Identity at the Extremes
Michael Murphy

The full list of speakers and programs is available here!
[Follow the link to learn more.](#)

Members get tickets for £70! Email the Chairman for more details: matthew.buckley@queens.ox.ac.uk



Look Ahead: Week 5 **MEILI-I Analogue Mission** **Michael Murphy**

(Impacts of Extreme Environments on Personal Identity)

How do extreme journeys beyond Earth's atmosphere change astronaut identities? What roles do alienation, liminality, and community play?

Drawing on years of research among refugees, asylum seekers, undocumented migrants, and the unhoused, Michael has applied theories of extreme terrestrial migration to analogue (simulated) missions to other planets in order to better understand the impacts of extreme journeys on identity. This research aims to bridge extreme journeys on Earth and in the stars, so that each can inform the other.

In his talk, Michael will review the project, fieldwork, and preliminary findings before focusing on the development of this project, establishing partnerships, funding, and developing a larger research project with the Ethno-ISS research group at UCL.

You can learn more about Michael's research [[HERE](#)]
*Note: Michael's Talk will be on Monday, November 6th.



Membership

Benefits of OUEC membership include:

- Free access to all our weekly talks & workshops
- Ability to apply for Expeditions Council funding
- Subsidised OUEC stash (fleeces, jackets and hats)
- Subsidised tickets to expedition related events across the country (e.g. RGS Explore)
- Access to a range of expedition planning resources and documents
- Access to a network of explorers and Oxford alumni
- Weekly opportunities to meet different explorers who come to speak for the Club
- An opportunity to be part of one of Oxford's oldest clubs with a long history of exploring the globe

Our current prices are:

Term - £10

Year - £20

Life - £35

Find out more and register here: <https://www.ouec.co.uk/membership>. Payment can be completed in-person at an event (cash or card), or via bank transfer.



Survey of Interests for Hillary Term

We would like to put together outings for Hillary Term. As you will see, there are a variety of topics that we could organize. It would be very helpful if anyone interested could fill out this form: [Link](#)



OUEC Platforms

Finally, please find all of our social media platforms and website below. This is the most up-to-date listing.

[OUEC Linktree](#)
[OUEC WhatsApp Group](#)



Many thanks to all of the members, new and old. We look forward to seeing you next Tuesday!
Michael Murphy, Social Media Secretary
On behalf of...
Matthew Buckley, Chairman

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