

[OUEC] Newsletter Week 3

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# Oxford University Exploration Club Hilary Week 3

Tues 31/01/23



## Week 3 Meeting: James Kempton



*Jaway, James's guide, points to unwalked peaks of the Cyclops*

In December, James Kempton spent three weeks in Indonesia on a scouting mission in advance of his summer expedition to the Cyclops Mountains, New Guinea. In this talk, James will relay stories

of flying below the cloudline through the Heluk Valley, seeing birds-of-paradise on the slopes of the Cyclops, and meeting ambassadors in Jakarta. Through tales of the reconnaissance mission, James will highlight the benefits of reconnaissance, from logistics planning to permit acquisition, from publicity to building partnerships.

When & Where: [School of Geography and Environment](#), Jan 31, 2023, 19:30



## Live Stream from PRÍNCIPE

The following week, we will have a live stream from an [ongoing expedition by Carla V. Fuenteslópez to PRÍNCIPE](#) on 7/2/23.

Carla V Fuenteslópez, former Exploration Club Chairwoman and our current Archivist & Secretary, is leading the Oxford University Expedition to Príncipe island.

This unique place might even be “the only country in the world where precisely no archaeological fieldwork has yet been carried out” (Mitchell and Lunn-Rockcliffe 2021).

The team - Bastiaan, Denise, Sophia & Carla - are conducting the first deep-time sediment coring on the island to understand the dynamics of environmental change on the island and the influence of human occupation, performing contemporary biodiversity surveys in marine & terrestrial ecosystems, and sharing the stories and experiences of Principe's people. The expedition will also be featured in a documentary.



## Scientific Exploration Society Grants are Now Open!

The Scientific Exploration Society has now opened its [grant applications!](#)



## Hilary Term

With Michaelmas Term's focus on grant applications, a common question has been “what will we do in Hilary Term?” Fear not! While we are still filling in the gaps, we have an exciting term card in the

works. We will hear from those who have secured grant funding, members who have been on expeditions over the break, as well as those who are currently in the field, and have a variety of research and travel workshops! However, there is always room for more, so if you have an idea or would like to present your work, do let us know!



## Call for Book Reviews!

Do you have a good book recommendation concerning exploration or your subject of interest? Let us know! Send a one-paragraph summary of the book and its importance to Michael Murphy at [m.w.murphy2015@gmail.com](mailto:m.w.murphy2015@gmail.com). We will post the review on our social media, other members will know to look it up, and we may even add it to our new and growing OUEC Library!



## OUEC Platforms

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

[OUEC Linktree](#)



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...

James Kempton, Chairman

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