

## Birmingham archaeologist named as one of National Geographic's emerging explorers for 2012

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University of Birmingham archaeologist, Dr Jeffrey Rose is among the 15 visionary, young trailblazers from around the world who have been named as the 2012 class of National Geographic Emerging Explorers.

**National Geographic's Emerging Explorers Program** (<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/explorers/>) recognizes and supports uniquely gifted and inspiring adventurers, scientists and storytellers, who are pushing the boundaries of discovery, adventure and global problem-solving while still early in their careers. The Emerging Explorers each receive a \$10,000 award to assist with research and to aid further exploration.

Dr Jeffrey Rose is a Research Fellow at the University of Birmingham. He specializes in stone tool technology and Arabian prehistory and brings an inter-disciplinary approach to solving puzzles in prehistory, weaving together different fields of study and encouraging dialogue between disciplines. He is based in Muscat, Oman, where he runs the Dhofar Archaeological Project, an investigation of human dispersals into the Arabian Peninsula.

National Geographic Emerging Explorers may be selected from virtually any field, from the Society's traditional arenas of anthropology, archaeology, photography, space exploration, earth sciences, mountaineering and cartography to the worlds of technology, music and filmmaking.

Joining Dr Jeffrey Rose in the list of 2012 Emerging Explorers are U.S. cyborg anthropologist Amber Case; U.K. digital storyteller and zoologist Lucy Cooke; U.K. behavioral ecologist Iain Couzin; Mexican underwater archaeologist Guillermo de Anda; chemist Yu-Guo Guo of China; conservationist Osvel Hinojosa Huerta of Mexico; U.S. pilot and educator Barrington Irving; conservation biologist Krithi Karanth of India; Swiss crisis mapper Patrick Meier; U.S. archaeologist Sarah Parcak; U.S. data scientist Jake Porway; U.K. guerrilla geographer Daniel Raven-Ellison; engineer and renewable energy advocate Ibrahim Togola of Mali; and archaeologist Daniel Torres Etayo of Cuba.

"National Geographic's mission is to inspire people to care about the planet, and our Emerging Explorers are outstanding young leaders whose endeavours further this mission. We are pleased to support them as they set out on promising careers. They are innovators in their respective fields and represent tomorrow's Edmund Hillarys, Jacques Cousteaus and Dian Fosseys," said Terry Garcia, National Geographic's executive vice president for Mission Programs.

### Notes to Editors

National Geographic's Emerging Explorers are part of the Society's Explorer Programs, which include 14 Explorers-in-Residence and 18 National Geographic Fellows. The new Emerging Explorers are introduced in the June 2012 issue of National Geographic magazine, and comprehensive profiles can be found at <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/emerging> (<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/emerging>).

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