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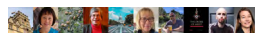
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A YEAR IN PROFILES



JANUARY

COLLEGE NEWS



My Univ: Jeremy Franklin

Jeremy Franklin from Univ's Works Department talks about what makes College so special for him. Read it [here](#).

Unravelling the secrets of matter

Annika Möslein is a second year DPhil student in Engineering Science at the Multifunctional Materials & Composite (MMC) Laboratory at Oxford. Learn about here work [here](#)

Ben Jackson on Start the Week

Ben Jackson, Leslie Mitchell Tutorial Fellow in Modern History, was a guest on BBC Radio 4's *Start the Week* discussing his recent book *The Case for Scottish Independence: A History of Nationalist Political Thought in Modern Scotland*(2020). Find out more [here](#).

JCR and WCR Hilary term welcome

Read welcome letters for Hilary term from Dagmawi Yosief (2019, PPE), JCR President, and Judy Sayers (2019, DPhil Biology), WCR President, [here](#).

A message from The Master

Watch Valerie Amos's video [here](#).

CRISPR-Cas study

Dr Rachel Wheatley (2016, DPhil Plant Sciences), Junior Dean, has led a study looking at CRISPR-Cas systems in the opportunistic pathogen *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. Read [more](#).

Garden News January 2021

Read the update from Robbie Eason, Head of Grounds Maintenance, [here](#).

A virtual start to Hilary Term

Read the latest on plans for an online and remote term [here](#).

Sir Ernst Chain: Penicillin Pioneer

In our latest Treasure Feature we find out more about the work of Ernst Boris Chain. Read it [here](#).

ALUMNI NEWS

Federal Trade Commission

Professor Andrew Sweeting (1992, PPE) is serving as the Director of the Bureau of Economics at the Federal Trade Commission from January 2020 to January 2021. More [here](#).



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Silver Screen Alumni

No surprise that Univ has produced so many Alumni of note, but, following a chance conversation, we were surprised by quite how many had been immortalised on screen. Discover them [here](#).



Paul Chellgren – 40 years of AFUCO

The American Friends of University College Oxford has been actively fundraising for College for more than 40 years, founded and directed by Mr Paul Chellgren (1966, Economics), Honorary and Foundation Fellow. Find out more about him [here](#).

Maine State House of Representatives

Dr Sam Zager (1997, MPhil Modern History) was elected in November to the Maine State House of Representatives. Since 2011 he has been practising as a family physician in Maine. Read more [here](#).

Street Life in Renaissance Italy

Professor Fabrizio Nevola's (1989, History and Italian), Chair in Art History and Visual Culture at Exeter University, new book *Street Life in Renaissance Italy* was recently published. Details [here](#).



Young Univ Stories: Hetal Jani

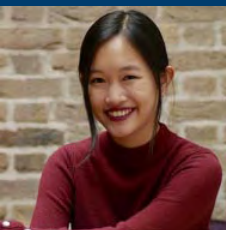
In the first of this news series find out more about Hetal Jani (2013, BA PPE) the Operations and Programmes Officer at Access – The Foundation for Social Investment [here](#).

The interview archives – Edition 1

In this new series we highlight audio and video interviews with, and profiles on, a wide range of Univ OMs. We start with Lord Colin Moynihan (1974, PPE), Dr Festus Mogae (1965, PPE) and Amanda Brookfield (1979, English). Listen [here](#).

INSCAPE

Louise Carey's (2010, English) first solo novel, *INSCAPE*, came out on 21 January and was featured in the *Guardian's* roundup of the best recent science fiction and fantasy releases. Details [here](#).



The Poppy War TV

Rebecca F Kuang's (2019, MSc Contemporary Chinese Studies) trilogy of fantasy novels, which begins with *The Poppy War*, is being adapted for television. Find out [more](#).

Univ's new "American Friends"

Jim (1984, MPhil Politics) and Ruth Shannon (1985, MSc Computer Science) have taken over the management of the American Friends of University College Oxford (AFUCO) from Paul Chellgren (1966). Find out more about them [here](#).



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In memoriam: Yvonne Pye

The College deeply regrets to report the death of Yvonne Pye, widow of Honorary Fellow Graham Pye, and generous benefactor, with Graham, to Univ. Read [more](#).

Equality and diversity

Univ has appointed two Fellows to lead our work on equality and diversity, and has created a new Committee to support the College's work on these issues. Find our [more](#).

My Univ: Maren Schentuleit

Maren Schentuleit – Supernumerary Fellow in Egyptology; Associate Professor of Egyptology and Coptic Studies; Director of the Griffith Institute – talks about what makes Univ so special to her [here](#).

A Swire Scholar's story

My name is Ping-Luen Ho. I was born and raised in Taiwan. My interest in science began when my chemistry teachers set a project to look for a solution to air pollution. [Read on](#).

Superpowers: The Long View

On Wednesday 3 February Baroness Valerie Amos, the Master, chaired a conversation between Professor Adam Smith, Univ Professorial Fellow and Director of the Rothermere American Institute, and Professor Rana Mitter OBE, Professor of the History and Politics of Modern China and Fellow of St Cross College, about China and the US. Listen to the podcast [here](#).

Frank Marshall steps down as Investment Bursar

After almost 20 years of association with Univ, Frank Marshall is retiring from his post of Investment Bursar effective 18 February 2021. Find out [more](#).

New Year Honours

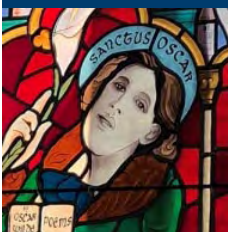
Stanley Martin CVO (1955, Law) has been awarded an OBE on the Overseas and International List "for services to British diplomacy." More [here](#).

Univ Treasure

This month's Treasure features Univ's latest portrait, our "Saint Oscar" window - discover it [here](#).

LGBTQ+ History Month event

On Thursday 11 February a joint JCR/WCR/SCR common room evening was held to celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month, with John Weltman (1979, History), lawyer and founder of the largest surrogate parenting agency in America, discussing "Establishing Parental Rights for LGBTQ+ Families in American and European Nations". Listen to the event podcast [here](#).



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Classism and Hate Crime

Alex Benn (2018, Law), Lecturer in Law, has written “Classism, Hate Crime and the Law Commission’s Consultation Paper 250: Lessons from Discrimination Law” for the Oxford Human Rights Hub Blog. Read [more](#).

Garden News February 2021

What’s new with “all things green” at College, from Head Gardener, Bruce Taylor [here](#).

ALUMNI NEWS

Ambassador’s honorary degree

Ambassador Thomas A Shannon, Jr (1980, Politics), Senior International Policy Advisor at Arnold & Porter, received an honorary degree of public service from his first alma mater, William and Mary at its Charter Day on 7 February 2020. [Read on](#).

Oxbridge goes to Washington

Sean C Denniston (1987, History), Transportation Industry Analyst at Federal Aviation Administration, was the dinner speaker at the 88th Annual New York Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race Dinner on 27 December 2020. Find out more [here](#).

Young Univ Stories: Dr Helena Mills

Dr Helena Mills (2008, BA, MSt & DPhil History) talks about her journey to, through and beyond Univ [here](#).

In Love with Otamere

Otamere Guobadia (2012, Law) is presenting the new series “In Love with Otamere” on Jameela Jamil’s YouTube channel. Find out [more](#).

Widening participation

An Old Member’s perspective from Annie Tse (1984, Law) [here](#).

The Interview Archives - Edition 2

In this series we highlight audio and video interviews with, and profiles on, a wide range of Univ OMs. Today we feature Alexandra Wilson (2013, PPE), Harold Wilson (research Fellow 1938-45) and Roz Savage (1986, Law). Listen [here](#).

IN BRIEF

A report published by economist, urbanist and strategic planner Dr Nicholas Falk (1961, PPE) proposes an integrated transport system called the Oxford Metro. Read more [here](#).

Sir David Logan KCMG FSA(1961, Classics) was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries (FSA) in October.



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In January Professor Anand Menon (1984, History and Modern Languages) chaired a discussion about “Global Britain” and British foreign policy after Brexit.

Professor Trevor Sharp, Tutorial Fellow in Neuroscience, gave a plenary lecture on a repurposed lithium-mimetic at the 6th Congress of the AsCNP in Fukuoka, Japan.

The University of Bath awarded an honorary doctorate to Professor Barry Potter, Supernumerary Fellow in Pharmacology, for the academic year 2019-2020.

Professor Peijun Zhang, Supernumerary Fellow in Medicine, contributed to a Special Feature on “Structural biology in the fight against COVID-19” in *Nature*. Read it [here](#).

PUBLICATIONS

Dr Graeme Baber (1987, Medicine) published a new monograph, *Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals Punctually: An Impossible Remit?* Details [here](#).

Professor Raymond Wacks (1971, Law) published *Covid-19 and Public Policy in the Digital Age* on 24 December. More [here](#).

Venetia Welby’s (1999, Classics) second novel, *Dreamtime*, is due to be published in April. find out [more](#).

MARCH



COLLEGE NEWS

World Book Day 2021

In celebration of World Book Day our extended Univ family have put forward their suggestions for best travel books to help transport us to warmer, colder, or just more distant lands. Discover more [here](#).

The death of right populism

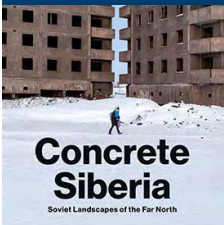
Dr Daniel Luban, Junior Research Fellow in Politics, Political Theory and International Relations, has recently had two articles published, one in *Dissent* and the other in *The Nation*. Find out more [here](#).

Climate change challenge

Is inertial fusion energy the solution to damaging greenhouse gas emissions? Find out [here](#).

International Women’s Day 2021

Highlighting 50+ profiles of amazing women Univites to celebrate International Women’s Day. Read them [here](#).



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My Univ: Lila Arezes

Our Head of Conferencing and Events, who has worked in College for 15 years, talks about what makes Univ so special for her [here](#).



Virtual Arts Week 2021

Hilary term Arts Week was a little different this year, turning virtual, with events ranging from a drag workshop to book binding. Find out how creative we got [here](#).

WCR Committee 2021-22

The new WCR Committee took up their positions on Sunday of 7th Week (7 March). Meet them [here](#).

Univ Treasure

Our treasure this month is a map of America, printed in Paris in 1669 and created by Nicholas Sanson (1600-1667) and his son Guillaume (1633-1703). The map is curious for two reasons: it represents the Americas as the lost kingdom of Atlantis and it represents California as an island. Explore it [here](#).



Sir Ivor Crewe & Paul Chellgren CASE awards

Univ is delighted to announce that Sir Ivor Crewe, Master 2008-20, & Paul Chellgren, founder & director of the American Friends of University College, are both recipients of awards from the Council for the Advancement & Support for Higher Education. Read more [here](#).

2021 New Generation Thinkers

Dr Mirela Ivanova, Junior Research Fellow in Medieval History, has been named one of the ten 2021 New Generation Thinkers by the Arts and Humanities Research Council and BBC Radio 3. Find out more about Mirela and the award [here](#).

Foundation Fellowship

Phil Power (1962, PPE), Founder and Chairman of the Center for Michigan, has been elected a Foundation Fellow in recognition of his lifetime giving and philanthropy to the College. Find out [more](#).



Director of the Griffith Institute

Dr Maren Schentuleit, Lady Wallis Budge Fellow and Associate Professor of Egyptology and Coptic Studies, has been named the Director of the Griffith Institute for 2020/21. Read more [here](#).

ALUMNI NEWS

Music Passion

Roger Press's (1974, PPE) latest music venture is Music Passion, a platform that seeks to support musicians and performers in the current situation when physical audiences are hard to come by. Read more about it [here](#).



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Legal appointments

Sarah Haren (Law, 1994), Craig Hassall (Law, 1995) and Adam Kramer (Law, 1996) were all appointed Queen's Counsel on 15 March 2021. David Scoffield QC (Law, 1995) was appointed as a High Court Judge in Northern Ireland in November 2020. Find out [more](#).



Young Univ Stories: Isaac Livne

Isaac Livne (2005, Oriental Studies) the founder of several businesses, including a leading cybersecurity company and a national construction firm, talks about his experience of, and beyond, Univ. Read on [here](#).

A Tale of two galleries

Dr Caroline Campbell (1991, History) Director of Collections and Research at the National Gallery, London and Dr Alexander (Xa) Sturgis (1982, History), Director of the Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology in conversation with Univ's Martlet magazine. Read it [here](#).

Buildings and their benefactors

At a time when planning for Univ North is in earnest, we record a significant gift towards this latest project from an Old Member, David Booth, who died last year. Find out more [here](#).

The Interview Archives, Edition 3

In this series we highlight audio and video interviews with, and profiles on, a wide range of Univ OMs. Today we feature Jennifer Raffoul (2007, PPE), Warren Mitchell (1943, Colonial Service Course) and Emma Tucker (1986, PPE). Listen [here](#).

Colby Award chair

Historian and bestselling author Alex Kershaw (1984, PPE) has been named William E. Colby selection committee chair, succeeding Carlo D'Este. Find out more [here](#).

UNIV NORTH NEWS

Life at Stavs: Fellows then and now

Professor Chris Pelling, Honorary Fellow and former Fellow and praelector at Univ, who moved to Stavs in late 1974, and Dr Alex Johnston, who moved into his Stavs flat in September 2019, tell us more about their experiences of Stavs. Read it [here](#).



IN BRIEF

Revolution Rekindled by Professor Polly Jones, Schrecker-Barbour Tutorial Fellow in Slavonic and East European Studies, was shortlisted for the AATSEEL 2020 book prize and has now received an Honourable Mention in the BASEES Women's Forum Book Prize. Read more [here](#).



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We were saddened to hear of the death on 8 March 2021 of the Very Revd Joel Pugh, Assistant Chaplain of Univ from 1962-6, and husband of Caroline, daughter of our former Master Lord Redcliffe-Maud. He was aged 88. We send our deep condolences to his friends and family at this time. You can read the Obituary in [The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette](#)

Professor Anand Menon (1984, History and Modern Languages), Director of UK in a Changing Europe, offered a comprehensive breakdown of Brexit on the *Dive Podcast* last month. Listen to it [here](#).

Roz Savage MBE (1986, Law) curated *TEDxStroudWomen* on 21 March, with a discussion on the theme of emergence. Details on [Instagram](#).

Professor David Miles, CBE (1978, PPE) was on the BBC Radio 4 Today programme on 12 February talking about the economy post-pandemic.

Congratulations to Dr Tom Law (2020, Medicine) who has been conferred the title of Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer in Rheumatology by Oxford University Medical Sciences Division.

PUBLICATIONS

A new monograph titled *Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals Punctually: An Impossible Remit?* by Dr Graeme Baber (1987, Medicine) was published in December 2020. See [cambridgescholars.com](#)

Inscape is the debut novel of Louise Carey (2010, English), and has been described as “cyberpunk rebooted” and as offering a “chillingly plausible dystopian future.” More [here](#).

Owen Jones (2002, History), published *This Land: The Struggle for the Left*, a page-turning journey through a tumultuous decade in British politics. It is available to buy from [Waterstones](#).

APRIL



COLLEGE NEWS

In memoriam: HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

University College deeply regrets to learn the sad news of the death of its senior Honorary Fellow, His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, on 9 April, aged 99. Other tributes will record the Duke’s lifetime of public service, but we remember his links with the College [here](#).

My Univ: Guy Smith

In the latest in our series of features from our College community on their favourite aspects of Univ life Guy Smith (2019, History and Politics) recalls a class held in our Winter Common Room. Read about it [here](#).



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NIHR Advanced Fellowship

Dr Alexandra Hendry, Scott Family Junior Research Fellow in Autism, has been awarded an NIHR Advanced Fellowship to co-develop and pilot an intervention to support the development of executive functions in toddlers with a family history or autism and/or ADHD. Read [more](#).

A socially distanced trip through Wales

2010 Brewster Scholarship Travel Report by Bronwyn Gavine, DPhil Clinical Neurosciences. Read it [here](#).

Almitrine trial

Last April, Dr Keith Dorrington, Dunhill Fellow in Physiology, wrote about his research into the drug almitrine as a possible treatment for COVID-19. The study got underway last month, beginning initially in Reading and now including Cardiff and Oxford. Find out [more](#).

Meet the WCR Committee for 2021-22

The WCR committee deals with the College and wider University community on behalf of graduates, runs events and functions, and strives to ensure the welfare of its members. Meet the 2021-22 members [here](#).

Global Conversations: Fake News

On Wednesday 14 April, the Master, chaired a conversation between Sagarika Ghose, Indian columnist and former BBC World Anchor, Nick Robinson (1983, PPE), presenter of BBC Radio 4's Today programme, and Professor Jacob Rowbottom, Stowell Tutorial Fellow in Law, about fake news and the global media. Listen to the podcast [here](#).

Univ's Reading Bank update

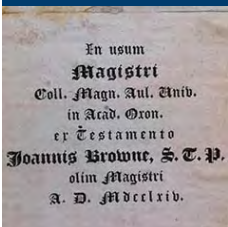
An important part of our [Staircase12](#) information hub for students thinking about applying to top universities, Univ's Reading Bank has received a significant boost with 30 new book reviews to bring our total to well in excess of 200 titles. Explore [here](#).

Old members preach in Chapel

Choral Evensong continues online during Trinity and all of our guest preachers this term are themselves old members of the College; we hope that you will enjoy hearing a familiar voice if you were at Univ with one or more of them. Find out more [here](#).

Univ Treasure - Looking for a lost library

This month's Treasure features the handlists which record the contents of the library that belonged to Arthur Charlett (1655-1722), sometime Master of Univ. Explore our latest Treasure [here](#).



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President of St Augustine's Seminary

Fr Robert Barringer CSB (1967, Theology) has been appointed by Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, as the President of St Augustine's Seminary, Toronto as of January 1, 2021 at the age of 76. Find out [more](#).

A View from Myanmar

Dr Michael Marett-Crosby (1987, History) is a Trustee of Prospect Burma, The Rangoon General Hospital Reinvigoration Charitable Trust, the Lucy Faithfull Foundation, and the Irrawaddy Policy Exchange. Dr Marett-Crosby wrote this article for *The Martlet* in July 2020 - read it [here](#).

Young Univ Stories: Catherine Laporte-Oshiro

Catherine Laporte-Oshiro (2013, MSc Contemporary Chinese Studies) is a China Trade Enforcement Analyst at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. Originally from the San Francisco Bay Area, Dr Laporte-Oshiro is Yale graduate and a Rhodes Scholar. Find out [more](#).

Forbes 30 under 30

Raphael Chow (2010, MBiochem Biochemistry), CEO and cofounder of Wevat, has been named one of the Forbes 30 under 30. Read more [here](#).

The Interview Archives, Edition 4

In this series we highlight audio and video interviews with, and profiles on, a wide range of Univ OMs. Today we feature Trisha Greenhalgh (1980, Medicine), Neil Gorsuch (1992, DPhil Law) and CS Lewis (matriculated 1917). Listen [here](#).

Royal College of Paediatrics Chair

Joanna Shaw (1981, PPE) has been appointed as the new Chair of the Board of Trustees of The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH). Find out [more](#).

UNIV NORTH NEWS

Níall McLaughlin Architects' portfolio

Níall McLaughlin Architects won the architectural competition to design the Univ North site and have been working on the architectural designs for the past three years. We look at a selection of their many projects to give you a taste of their work [here](#).

Kim Wilkie landscape architects' portfolio

Kim Wilkie, the landscape architect for the University College North Oxford development, ran his own practice for 25 years and now works as a strategic and conceptual landscape consultant. In this article, we examine a few of his previous projects. Find out [more](#).



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IN BRIEF

Baroness Amos joined a virtual Women's panel Iftar, organised by the Naz Legacy Foundation, Rising Girl and British Asian Trust, discussing education and empowerment on 22 April. You can watch it on [Facebook](#).

George Breeze, a postgraduate student at Jesus College and Dr Stewart Tolley, an academic from the department of continuing education, recently launched a literary agency to help students and academics publish their non-fiction works. Non-Fiction Works – Focusing exclusively on the growing market of non-fiction works.

Baroness Amos took part the short film *A Legacy of Change*, as part of Stephen Lawrence Day on 22 April - watch the video [here](#) or find out more about [Stephen Lawrence Day](#).

Baroness Amos also signed an open letter written by Sir Lenny Henry urging black Britons to take the Covid-19 vaccine. more on the [BBC](#).

PUBLICATIONS

Lucy Fisher's (2007, Classics) second book is due out in autumn 2021. *Women in the War* weaves together the oral histories often remarkable women who dedicated their young adulthood to the war effort.

Dr John Godwin FRSA (1973, Classics) published *Juvenal: Satires Book V*. *Juvenal's* fifth and final book of Satires continues and completes his satirical assessment of the Rome of the early second century AD. It is available to buy from [Blackwells](#).

Dr Martin Yuille (1966, Biochemistry) MA, PhD, FRCPath, Honorary Reader at the University of Manchester, published *Saving Sick Britain: Why we need the Health Society*, with Bill Ollier, in February 2021.

MAY



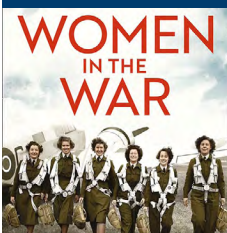
COLLEGE NEWS

The Martlet

Issue 13 of *The Martlet* is now online. Find out more and read it [here](#).

Durham University Vice-Chancellor

Professor Karen O'Brien (1983, English), Head of Humanities Division and Professorial Fellow at University College, has been appointed the new Vice-Chancellor and Warden of Durham University. More [here](#).



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Graduate Old Members' Trust Report

Gloria Wai Shan Ma, DPhil in Experimental Psychology presented her doctoral research project titled "Social Sharing of Emotion During the Collective Crisis of COVID-19" at the Society for Affective Science Conference. Find out more [here](#).

Univ Treasure - Alan Fyffe's Photograph Album

This month's Treasure is an exciting new arrival in the archives, namely the photograph album of Alan Herbert Fyffe, who came up to Univ in 1903. Explore it [here](#).

My Univ: Dr Laura Varnam

In the latest in our series of features from our College community on their favourite aspects of Univ life Dr Laura Varnam, Lecturer in Old and Middle English Literature, recalls working on the exhibition to celebrate "40 years of Women at Univ", back in 2019. Read it [here](#).

Innovation in a Post-COVID world

In the latest of our "Global Conversations" - chaired by Valerie Amos, the Master - Aaref Hilaly (1989, PPE) & Kevin Hartz (1992, History) discuss how the pandemic is atomising Silicon Valley and spreading innovation. Listen to the podcast [here](#).

Rugby cup in Kyrgyzstan

Elijah Lee (2018, BA Philosophy and Modern Languages – Russian), former captain of Univ RFC, made his international rugby debut in the Allies' cup during his year abroad in Kyrgyzstan. Read his story [here](#).

Feeding mind and body

What does an experimental scientist do over lockdown? Professor Robin Nicholas, Tutorial Fellow and Praelector in Physics explains [here](#).

ALUMNI NEWS

Hellenic Commander of the Order of Honour

The Government of the Hellenic Republic has awarded Professor Paul A Cartledge, Salvesen Junior Fellow 1970-72, the insignia of the Commander of the Order of Honour. More [here](#).

Fellow of the Royal Society

Professor Sir Simon Wessely FMedSci (1978, Medicine), Honorary Fellow and the world's first Regius Professor of Psychiatry, was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society (FRS) in April. More [here](#).

Young Univ Stories: Anne Ross

Anne Ross (2007, BA PPE) is an Executive Director in the EMEA Equity Syndicate team at J.P. Morgan, having started in the UK and SSA Equity Capital Markets team after graduating. Read her story [here](#).



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Letters from Lockdown

Alison Pindar (née Mercer) (1991, English) is a contributor to *Letters from Lockdown*, a collection of more than 100 letters about people's experiences of the coronavirus pandemic. Details [here](#).



Retailer's Retailer of the Year 2021

Emma Woods (1987, Psychology), CEO of Wagamama, has been named Retailers' Retailer of the Year 2021. Details [here](#).

The Interview Archives - Edition 5

Interviews with Henry Marsh (1969, PPE), Christina Lamb (1983, PPE) and Andrew Motion (1971, English). Listen [here](#).

UNIV NORTH NEWS

Pandemic-safe: Findings from UNWP report

Professor John Wheeler (1979, Physics) writes on the findings of the latest Univ North Working Party report [here](#).



Age integrated communities at Univ North

Professor Sarah Harper explores the idea of "Intergenerational Shared Places" at our development in North Oxford. Read more [here](#).

IN BRIEF

Univ's Ben Jackson, Leslie Mitchell Tutorial Fellow in Modern History and Associate Professor of Modern History, has been interviewed on Politico about the recent rise of Scottish nationalism. Listen to the podcast [here](#).

In May's elections Calum Miller (1996, PPE), Supernumerary Fellow, Chief Operating Officer and Associate Dean of Administration of the Blavatnik School of Government, was elected as the Lib Dem councillor representing Otmoor; Ros Hathorn (1994, PPP) was elected as the Lib Dem councillor representing Histon and Impington in the recent local elections; Martin Smith (1978, Engineering) was elected to Wiltshire Council for Sherston.

Stefan Dascalu (2018, DPhil Bioscience – Interdisciplinary Bioscience (BBSRC DTP)) has received a letter of congratulations from Laura Popescu, Romania's Ambassador to the UK, for his work during the pandemic. More on Stefan's work [here](#).

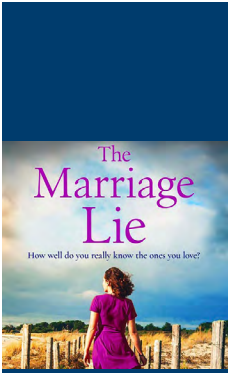
PUBLICATIONS

Sir Max Hastings (1964, History) published *Operation Pedestal: The Fleet that Battled to Malta 1942*, in May 2021.



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Dr Nicolas Kyriakides (2011, DPhil & MSt Law) published a book entitled, *Cyprus Banking Law*, a complete guide to the functioning of the Cypriot public and private banking system.

Writing as Ali Mercer, Alison Pindar's (1991, English) next novel, *The Marriage Lie*, is due to be published at the end of May in ebook, paperback and audiobook and will be available to buy online and to order from all good bookshops. It is her sixth novel and her fourth to be published by digital imprint Bookouture, which is part of Hachette.

Dr Victoria Miyandazi (2013, Law), a former Rhodes Scholar, published a new monograph, *Equality in Kenya's 2010 Constitution: Understanding the Competing and Interrelated Conceptions*, in February 2021.

Dr Kathleen Neal (2001, MSt History), Lecturer in History at Monash University, published *The Letters of Edward I: Political Communication in the Thirteenth Century* in January. Substantial parts of it were written during visits to Oxford over the last few years.

Sir Timothy Noble, Bt (1962, Law), published his debut novel, *The First Shadows of Morning*, in April 2021.

JUNE



COLLEGE NEWS



The Austrian Ocean Race Project

The Austrian Ocean Race Project (VO65 boats) sailboat has won the first leg of the Ocean Race Europe with Annika Möslein (2019, DPhil Engineering) as the sail trimmer. Find out [more](#).

William of Durham Day 2021

The 2021 William of Durham Annual Recognition Day was held virtually on Saturday, 22 May 2021. Details and podcast [here](#).

Upteching the College appeal

Find out how we are investing in technology throughout the College and how your gift can make a huge difference [here](#).



The Master in conversation

From The Martlet: Baroness Amos in conversation with Judy Sayers (2019, DPhil Biology) and Dag Yosief (2019, PPE) - read it [here](#).

Aspire's 20th anniversary

One of our partner charities, Aspire, have launched "No Going Back", an opportunity to ensure there is no return to pre-COVID levels of homelessness and marginalisation. Find out more [here](#).

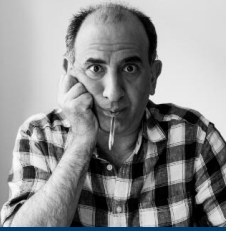


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My Univ: Clare Burgess

Clare Burgess (2020, MSt History), Welfare, Diversity and Equality Officer reflects on her first year in College [here](#).



Talking Dickens Podcast

Prolific performer, writer, director and producer, Armando Iannucci (1982, English) in conversation with Jonathan Hourigan (1979, PPE), Head of Screenwriting at the London Film School. Listen [here](#).

Young Univ Challenge

Two Old Members will match any funds given by Young Univ to Univ North. If together young Old Members could give £250,000, then the OMs would give another £250,000 — a very generous gift, and a great way for the under 35s to make their mark. Find out more [here](#).

Getting ready for Gabriel

The Univ Players are staging extracts from Clare Bayley's, Visitor in the Creative Arts, translation of *Gabriel* as a site-specific, promenade performance around the College. See details and photo gallery [here](#).



In memoriam: Gwynne Ovenstone MBE

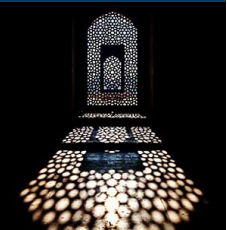
The College deeply regrets to report that Gwynne Ovenstone MBE, Assistant College Secretary from 1947-50 and College Secretary from 1950-87, died on Saturday 19 June 2021 aged 97. A tribute from Dr Leslie Mitchell [here](#).

Promoting Book

This month's Treasure feature looks at publishers' prospectuses in the Robert Ross Memorial Collection. Explore it [here](#).

Summer "Torpids" 2021

A report by UCBC Captain Nina Handzewniak (2015, Medicine) - read it [here](#).



Univ photography competition winners

The votes are in and counted, and the Univ Community has spoken in this year's College-wide photography competition. In first place is... Find out [here](#).

ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni publications

We are delighted to present a look at the incredible range of recent Alumni publications. Discover them [here](#).

Horace Mann Medal

Professor Aris J Rosakis (1975, Engineering) has been awarded the 2020/2021 Horace Mann Medal for his research and mentoring skills, as well as being "a champion of societal impact that can be realized through the sciences." Read more [here](#).



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The Queen's Birthday Honours 2021

Antony Jenkins (PPE, 1979), Desmond Shawe-Taylor (English, 1974), and Katie Waldegrave (History, 2000) were all recognised in this year's Queen's Birthday Honour. Details [here](#).

Young Univ Stories 6: Catherine Yuen

Catherine Yuen (2012, Law) is an Associate at Linklaters, London. Prior to Univ she attended St Paul's Girls' School in London. She tells us her Young Univ story [here](#).

The Interview Archives – 6

Featuring Armando Iannucci (1982, English), VS Naipaul (matriculated 1950) and Stephen Hawking (1959, Physics). Listen [here](#).

UNIV NORTH NEWS

From little acorns...

Univ North will support students, staff, and academics for generations to come. A central aspect of this is providing childcare and family support. Find out [more](#).

Univ North Q&A

On Monday 14 June College held a online Q&A event on Univ North, with Angela Unsworth, Domestic Bursar, and Andrew Grant, Finance Bursar. Listen to the podcast [here](#).

IN BRIEF

A special Themed Issue of the open access Chemistry journal *Molecules* in honour of Professor Barry Potter, Supernumerary Fellow in Pharmacology, entitled *From Cell Signalling to Anticancer Drug Discovery* was published during 2020/21.

Professor Polly Jones, Schrecker-Barbour Tutorial Fellow in Slavonic and East European Studies and Professor of Russian, contributed to the programme: *Russia vs the World: From tsarist rule to the Russian Revolution and beyond* on Channel 5, 19 March, alongside Guardian foreign correspondent and author Luke Harding (1987, English).

Skúli Magnússon (1997, Law) was elected Parliamentary Ombudsman of Iceland on 26 April 2021, serving as the President of the Reykjavik District Court at the time.

On 28 April Professor Daniel Freeman, Supernumerary Fellow, discussed *Vaccine Hesitancy, Mistrust and Conspiracies* with Jon Snow as part of an online conversation series organised by Oxford's Department of Psychiatry.

Baroness Amos has joined the England Cricket Board as an Independent Non-Executive Director.



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In May 2021 Professor Catherine Holmes, A.D.M. Cox Old Members' Fellow and Praelector in Medieval History, gave a lecture to the Royal Historical Society: *The Making and Breaking of Kinetic Empire: Mobility, Communication and Political Change in the Eastern Mediterranean, c.950-1100 C.E.*



On 25 May Dr Mirela Ivanova, Junior Research Fellow in Medieval History, appeared on BBC *Free Thinking* on Radio 3 talking about the National Archaeology Museum of Bulgaria and usable pasts, alongside Tahmima Anam, Tom Holland and Thorsten Oppen.

Grace Annetts (2019, Medicine) competed for Oxford in the 121st Women's Varsity Hockey match and won. Grace is a second year reading medicine with an interest in neurosciences.

Dr Laura Varnam, Lecturer in Old and Middle English Literature, returned as an invited guest on the podcast *Backlisted*, talking about the Old English epic *Beowulf* and Robert Shearman's short story collection *We All Hear Stories in the Dark*, with illustrations by Univ Old Member Reggie Oliver (1971, Classics).

Baroness Amos appeared on BBC Woman's Hour on 21 June to discuss "the power of giving away power" with Matthew Barzan, former US Ambassador to the UK and Sweden. Listen [here](#).



Dr Emily Jones, Supernumerary Fellow in Public Policy and Director of the Global Economic Governance Programme, has been working to define and address the major concerns, challenges and opportunities around UK trade policy as the United Kingdom enters a new era of trade after leaving the European Union. More [here](#).

Claire van den Bosch (1993, PPP) was asked to be a guest, with a psychotherapy client, on Channel 4's *Steph's Packed Lunch*, talking about EMDR. Watch it [here](#)

On 23 June, Baroness Amos and Louise Mushikiwabo, Secretary General, Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, spoke with Bloomberg's Scarlet Fu at the Qatar Economic Forum, about *The Test for Global Education*. Watch it [here](#).

Professor Tamsin Mather, Supernumerary Fellow in Earth Sciences, has been elected a member of the Academia Europaea. Founded in 1988, the aim of the Academia is to promote European research, advise governments and international organisations in scientific matters, and further interdisciplinary and international research.



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JULY



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Celebrating Sir Ivor and Lady Crewe

A year after planned events were curtailed, College was finally able to say its goodbyes and offer its thanks to Sir Ivor and Lady Crewe after 12 years' of Mastership. Find out [more](#).

Andrei Klein Czech Scholars

In September 2020, Univ welcomed our first two Andrei Klein scholars, Karolina and Hana. Meet them in the video [here](#).

Percy's Progress

A report on Percy's new home from Angela Unsworth, Domestic Bursar. Read it [here](#).

The Oxford-Radcliffe Scholarships

In 2012, a group of Old Members made an historic commitment of £10m to endow graduate scholarships, to be known as the Oxford-Radcliffe Scholarships. Find out more [here](#).



Univ Players – Gabriel

On Thursday 24 and Friday 25 June Univ Players staged a promenade performance of extracts from George Sand's Gabriel. Watch the video highlights [here](#).

Mathematics of Machine Learning

Dr Patrick Rebeschini, Tutorial Fellow in Statistics, has taught an online summer school titled "Mathematics of Machine Learning" hosted by the Alan Turing Institute. More [here](#).

American Academy of Arts and Sciences 2021

Our congratulations to Professor Ruth Chang, Professorial Fellow, who has been elected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. More [here](#).



Clare Bayley looks back

Our Visitor in the Arts 2020-2021 reflects on her time at Univ. It's been an eventful year! Read it [here](#).

Lightweight success

Nick Ryan (2018, MMaths), Vice President of Oxford University Lightweight Rowing Club (OULRC), and Matthew Hudson (2019, Ancient & Modern History), OULRC President for 2021-22, achieved fourth place together in a lightweight pair boat on Day 3 of BUCS. More [here](#).



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Anxiety and depersonalisation

An Academic Opportunity Fund Report by Katie Lofthouse, Experimental Psychology. Read it [here](#).



A Univ altarpiece restored

This month's treasure follows the fortunes of a unique altarpiece created for Univ's Chapel by James Griffith, Master 1808-21. Discover it [here](#).

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Iceland ombudsman

Skúli Magnússon (1997, Law) was elected Parliamentary Ombudsman of Iceland on 26 April 2021. Read more [here](#).

Young Univ Stories: Adam CJ Park (2005, MChem Chemistry)

At Univ, Adam rowed in the Men's 1st VIII, was a two-time Blue and the president of the University Taekwondo squad. Read about his journey to, through, and beyond College [here](#).

In conversation with Allan Blaza

Allan Blaza came up twice to Univ, first in 1943 for the RAF short course, then to read History after the Second World War. Read our interview [here](#).



Digital entrepreneurs: Nadia Odunayo

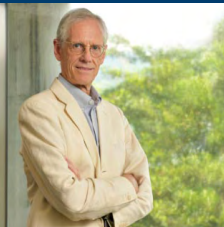
In the first of a new series we invited some of Univ's entrepreneurs to talk about what inspires them and how they got started on their entrepreneurial journey. Read it [here](#).

Hong Kong mass transit railway

A personal recollection by Colin Coulson (1955, Engineering), Former Senior HK partner, Freeman Fox & Partners, consulting engineers. Read it [here](#).

The interview archives

In this series we highlight audio and video interviews with, and profiles on, a wide range of Univ OMs. Today we feature Tom Hooper (1991, English), Professor Nicola Lacey CBE (1979, BCL), and Michael York (1961, English). Listen [here](#).



Pro-Vice-Chancellor appointment

Professor Nicholas Rawlins (1968, PPP), Emeritus Fellow, has been appointed as a Pro-Vice-Chancellor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Find out [more](#).

UNIV NORTH NEWS

Univ by Univ: Mark Foster

In the first of our series of benefactor stories we meet Mark Foster (1979, Classics). Find out more about his time at Univ and why he supports the Univ North project [here](#).

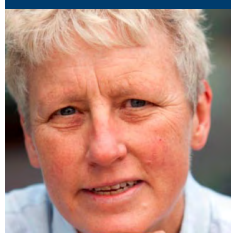


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IN BRIEF

UCBC's latest newsletter can be read [here](#).



Professor Trisha Greenhalgh OBE (1980, Medicine), Professor of Primary Care Health Sciences at Oxford University, was a guest on LBC News on 15 July. She took questions from listeners about how life would change when the government relaxed Covid-19 restrictions on 19 July. She also appeared on BBC Radio 5 Live discussing whether this is the right time to lift restrictions in England. Listen [here](#).

Professor Catherine Holmes, A.D.M. Cox Old Members' Tutorial Fellow in Medieval History, gave a lecture on 7 May 2021 at the Royal Historical Society on "The Making and Breaking of Kinetic Empire: Mobility, Communication and Political Change in the Eastern Mediterranean, c.950-1100 C.E." The lecture is available as a podcast from royalhistsoc.org

Dr Niclas Moneke, Tutorial Fellow in Economics, was awarded a John Fell Fund by the University of Oxford in the academic year 2020-2021.

Professor Tian Yuan Tan, Professorial Fellow and Shaw Professor of Chinese, delivered a talk on "Rhetoric in Ming dynasty China" at Meetings Minds Global 2021, the annual event for Oxford's alumni community, Alumni can access the talk via their [My Oxford Online](#) account, and go to the My Oxford + (plus) tab, to see the recorded sessions.

Baroness Amos took part in an event organised by the Institute for Government on 5 July, "How can the UK be a force for good in the world?" - watch it [here](#).

PUBLICATIONS

Professor Mark Doel (1969, PPE) published *In Soviet Times People Knew Where To Cross The Road*, a novel set in turbulent post-Soviet Armenia.



Professor Tian Yuan Tan, Professorial Fellow and Shaw Professor of Chinese, published an article entitled "In Praise of This Prosperous and Harmonious Empire: Sanqu, Ming Anthologies, and the Imperial Court" in the *Journal of Chinese Literature and Culture*.

AUGUST



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Chapel Choir Tour 2021

Read the report by Alexandra McLanaghan (2018, English) [here](#).



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Bob Thomas scholarship

Philip Percy is a first year DPhil student, and the current Bob Thomas scholar in Chemistry. He talks about his work in this video, created as part of this year's College's Donor Day, [here](#).

Steve Moody heads north

Our Deputy Head Porter, Steve Moody, leaves us this week for (northern) pastures new. Steve reflects on his time at College [here](#).

Latest Academic publications

Univ is proud to showcase here a small selection of recent publications from our College academic family [here](#).

Student life: arts

Univ's Visitor in the Creative Arts, Clare Bayley, in conversation with Caterina Tucker (2018, English), and Roshan Karthikappallil (2018, Medicine) - watch the video [here](#).

New Emeritus Fellows

Dr Lisa Kallet, Professor Robin Nicholas and Dr Keith Dorrington have been elected Emeritus Fellows of the College. Find out more [here](#).

Oxfordshire Homeless Movement partner

Find out more about Univ's involvement with the OHM throughout the pandemic [here](#).

Univ Treasure - A botanical library

This month's Treasure looks at the finials and wood carvings found at the top of the Old Library's bookcases. Take a closer look [here](#).

The Mallinson Bursary

This year, four Univ students are benefitting from the Robin J C Mallinson Bursary, funded by the Mallinson Family. Meet them [here](#).

Opportunity Oxford

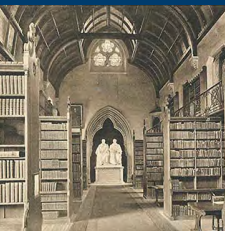
Find out more about Opportunity Oxford in this video [here](#).

National Diversity Award nominee

Rachel Ojo (2020, PPE) is a shortlisted nominee for the National Diversity Awards in the Positive Role Model Award for Age category. Find out more [here](#).

In memoriam: Alexander Temple McCune

College deeply regrets to report the death of Alexander Temple McCune, who was a member of the WCR. Further details [here](#).



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Truman Capote Reimagined

John Weltman (1979, History) is starring in *Tru* at the Cotuit Center for the Arts in Massachusetts from 5-22 August 2021. Find out more [here](#).

Young Univ Stories: Thomas Huen

In our latest Young Univ Story Thomas Huen (2007, BA & MSt Maths), Associate Director, Hong Kong Monetary Authority, talks about his journey to and beyond Univ. Read it [here](#).

Skye McAlpine at the Big Festival

Skye McAlpine (2003, Classics), author of *A Table in Venice* and *A Table for Friends*, is appearing at the Big Festival on Sunday 29 August. Details [here](#).

Digital entrepreneurs: Raphael Chow

In the latest of a new series some of Univ's entrepreneurs talk about what inspires them and how they got started on their journey. Meet Raphael Chow (2010, MBiochem Biochemistry) [here](#).

UNIV NORTH NEWS



Kim Wilkie at Fairfield

Angela Unsworth, Domestic Bursar, and Kim Wilkie, Univ North's landscape architect, meet the residents and trustees of the Fairfield Residential Home. Read more [here](#).

The 1953/54 Mooters

Meet the "Mooters" who matriculated in 1953 [here](#).

Young Univ Challenge update

Find out how our Young Univ cohort (alumni aged 35 and under) rose to the challenge of our latest Univ North appeal [here](#).

SEPTEMBER



COLLEGE NEWS



Sopranos superfan

Professor Joe Moshenska, Beaverbrook and Bouverie Fellow and Praelector in English, won a competition to appear on the Talking Sopranos podcast as part of their superfan episode. Read more and listen to the podcast [here](#).

Sir John Rhys Prize

Congratulations to James Miller (2020, DPhil History), who has won the Sir John Rhys Prize for the academic year 2020-2021. Read [more](#).



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China Oxford Institute Fellowship

Dr Nick Kanellakis, Stipendiary Lecturer, was awarded a three-year fellowship from China Oxford Institute (COI), Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (CAMS). Find out [more](#).



Hello, my name is...

After three days of frenzied voting and with close to 1,700 votes cast, the winning name for our gorgeous College cat is... Lyra. Find out more about her [here](#).

Univ Treasure - Obadiah Walker's press

Find out about the press of Obadiah Walker, one of Univ's most fascinating yet tragic Masters. Read our Treasure [here](#).

Celebrating 100 profiles

September marked the publication of the 100th profile on Univ's website, exploring the lives of students, OMs, staff and Fellows at Univ. Explore them all [here](#).

Welcome letters from the presidents

Sam Williamson (2020, Engineering), JCR President for 2021-22, and Ethan Petrou (2018, DPhil Earth and Environmental Sciences), WCR President for 2021-22 have written letters welcoming new students - read them [here](#).

Univ opens its doors

With more than 1,600 people through the gates of Univ for this year's Oxford Open Doors you can find out more about the day [here](#).



Lyra's Life – Chapter 1

It's been a busy week for Lyra the Univ kitten - find out what she has been up to [here](#).

Laura Varnam: podcasts and poetry

Univ's Lecturer in Old and Middle English Literature Dr Laura Varnam is a part of the English Faculty's Fantasy Literature research group; this summer she wrote and recorded a podcast for the *Great Writers Inspire* series. Find out more [here](#).

Univ Choir at Encaenia

On 22 September, on the occasion of the 2021 Encaenia, Univ's Choir, led by Director of Music Giles Underwood, enjoyed the honour of singing at the Sheldonian Theatre. Read [more](#).



ALUMNI NEWS

British Academy election

Professor Sukanta Chaudhuri (1970, English) has been elected a Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy, find out more [here](#).



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Sir Philip Dowson at Univ

Find out more about Sir Philip Dowson, the Architect of “Stavs”, from our Archivist, Robin Darwall-Smith [here](#).

Digital entrepreneurs: Dr Elina Naydenova

In the latest of this series we meet Dr Elina Naydenova (2017, DPhil Biomedical Engineering), the founder and CEO of Feebris, a London-based healthtech startup. Read [more](#).



Isla Ratcliff debut album

Isla Ratcliff (2014, Music), a Scottish fiddle player, singer and composer, with a background in classical violin and piano, is releasing her debut album. Find out more [here](#).

Chief Secretary to the Treasury

Simon Clarke (2003, History) was named Chief Secretary to the Treasury on Wednesday 15 September. Further details [here](#).

UNIV NORTH NEWS

Univ North tours

We are pleased to invite Old Members and Friends of the College to a series of thematic tours of the Univ North site. Find out more [here](#).

IN BRIEF



On 20 September Univ took on St Catharine’s College, Cambridge, in a first-round match of University Challenge. Captained by Oliver Hargrave (2017, DPhil Oriental Studies), the team comprised Leonardo Buizza (2017, DPhil Physics), Anisah Qausher (2020, English), Abigail Karas (2012 BA Russian and Linguistics, DPhil Russian) and William Wilken (reserve; 2019, Economics). Watch on [BBC iPlayer](#).

After 13 years teaching at an international school in Lausanne (Switzerland), Rafael Ribas (1993, Physics) has returned to his hometown of Palma (Mallorca, Spain) to take up a position as Head of Technological Innovation and Infrastructure at Queen’s College school.

Lt Andrew Ward (2006, PPE), currently Commanding Officer of Northern Diving Group, a 40 strong unit responsible for bomb disposal and underwater tasks in Scotland, the North of England and abroad, hosted a recent podcast for the Ministry of Defence as part of their “Fancy a Brew” series. You can listen [here](#).

PUBLICATIONS

Retired consultant physician and nephrologist Dr Simon Gibson (1972, Chemistry and Medicine) published his memoirs, *Tales of a Meandering Medic*.

Venetia Welby’s (1999, Classics) second novel, *Dreamtime*, was published on 1 September. Find out [more](#).



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A YEAR IN PROFILE

Dr Catherine Manning
Supernumerary Fellow in Autism
& Related Disorders

Lydia Khechine
(2019, History and Politics)

Pip Cull
Donor Relations Officer

Professor Ruth Chang
Professorial Fellow

Dr Rajendra Chitnis
Ivana and Pavel Tykač
Supernumerary Fellow in Czech

Reija Fanous
Finance Bursar's PA

Professor Joe Moshenska
Beaverbrook and Bouverie Fellow

Jade Powell
LGBTQ+ Rep for Univ's JCR

Dr Matthew Cheung Salisbury
Director of Studies and Lecturer in
Music

Ruth Obude
(2018, PPE)

Chia-Hsin (Wendy) Tsai
(2018, DPhil Earth Sciences)

Bernd Sturza
(2018, DPhil Physics)

Martha Cass
Deputy Director of Development

Dr Bahaa Attaallah
(2018, DPhil Medicine)

Ethan Petrou
(2018, DPhil Earth and
Environmental Sciences)
WCR President 2020-21

Julie Boyle
Internal Events Officer

Philippa Thomas
(1984, PPE)

Hannah Armstrong
Access and Schools Liaison Officer

James Miller
(2020, DPhil History)

Dr Jessica Lazar
2009, English)

Ebenezer Azamati
(2020, DPhil International Relations)

Professor Joel David Hamkins
Sir Peter Strawson Fellow

Dr Christian E Mammen
(1993, DPhil Law)

Uri Shine
(2019, Psychology and Philosophy)

Toni Ledda
(2019, PPE)

A YEAR IN PROFILES

Shazia Azim
(1993, PPE)

Lauren McGivern
(2019, Chemistry)

Barbara Tyler
(2020, Biochemistry)

Professor David Miles
(1978, PPE)

Przemyslaw Kubiak
(2020, PPL)

Andrew Grant
(1977, Chemistry)
Finance Bursar

Dr Marina Filip
Tutorial Fellow in Physics

Mohamed Baioumy
(2019, DPhil Engineering)

Jing Fang
Advisor for International Students

Dr Martin Galpin
Supernumerary Fellow

Alexander Walker
(2020, Mathematics)
Hall & Accommodation Officer

Professor Michael Barnes
Tutorial Fellow in Physics

Sam Williamson
(2020, Engineering)

Abbey Vaid
(2020, History)
JCR Welfare Rep

Alan Tewungwa
HR Adviser and Equality Officer



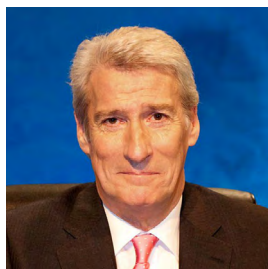
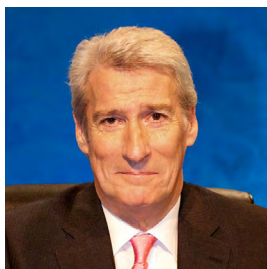
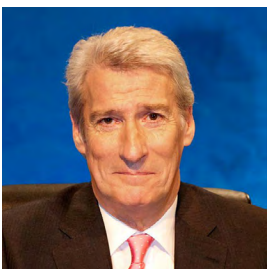
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