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Foreword  
Fiona Gilsonan  
Editor



The 2018–2019 *Wolfson Review* underwent a major redesign, expanding the format, increasing the number and variety of articles and news items and reducing the number of lists (which can always be found on our website).

Your response to these changes was very positive, and so we have continued in a similar vein with this year's issue. We aim for this publication to be both a record of the year's events and a members' magazine that celebrates the accomplishments of our students, staff, Fellows and alumni. Indeed, we received many more updates from alumni and other members this year (pages 60–65), and I hope that you will continue to keep us updated on your professional, academic and personal news.

In these pages you will see that despite Lent Term careening to a halt in March due to the COVID pandemic, Wolfson still had a year full of academic, cultural and social activity. The entire community pulled together to support each other during lockdown, furlough and distance learning, with the Tutorial team in particular quickly pivoting to provide Cambridge-quality teaching and pastoral support online (page 9).

The 2018–2019 *Wolfson Review* was the final issue edited by Emeritus Fellow **Dr Conrad Guettler**, for whose many years of service we are very grateful. For this edition, I would like to thank Senior Member **Dr Siddhartha Ghose** and the staff in the Development & Alumni Relations Office for their efforts in compiling news from our many members locally and globally, and the Registrar, **Michelle Searle**, for helping to ensure the accuracy of its contents.



Welcome to this edition of the *Wolfson Review*, a reminder of the 2019–2020 academic year at College.

Looking back over the year it is very hard to remember the first six months, when we had no idea of the global crisis looming on the horizon. But if we cast our minds back we can find many highlights, as you will see in these pages.

We are proud that Wolfson is one of the Cambridge Colleges which guarantees that postgraduate students from across the globe who have been offered a place in Cambridge will find a College to be their academic home. In Michaelmas 2019 we saw the arrival of a 'bumper crop' of around 370 new students from 87 different countries. Our matriculation photo (below) will give you an impression of just how buzzing College was on arrival day. However, that bumper intake meant we could not always offer those postgraduate students a room to live in, which left too many in private accommodation in October 2019. This made it even more important to offer all students a vibrant College life and a reason to come into College. Thus, the activities of WCSA, the student and College societies (entrepreneurs, rowing, quizzing, gardening, green, sports, choir, dance, film, creative writing and more) the music, the Howlers, art exhibitions and some wonderful lectures in our Wolfson Explores BORDERS series all played an important role in bringing our community together during Michaelmas.

You will remember the 'normal' pattern of the academic year? That first term, settling in, meeting new friends, and then adapting to the shock of a short, rigorous eight-week academic term, with deadlines coming at you like a hail of bullets. And yet you manage to carve out time for something (perhaps too many 'things') to take you away from academic work for a while. Sleep? That is what vacations are for! And at the end of that first term you slip into the holiday for a well-earned break.

Bouncing back, you find yourself in Lent term — the head-down-and-work term with exams and dissertations to come. But that doesn't matter, because looking ahead you can imagine the glorious Cambridge summer that will be your reward — the balls, the Bumps, punting, picnics on Grantchester Meadows, parties in the gardens, graduations and farewells. But in March 2020, all this came crashing down.

As the COVID pandemic spread across the world, we were told by the government to shut down. Students who could do so were asked to leave, as we planned how to care for and protect those who had no option but to stay. Students left without a proper goodbye, not knowing if they would return to complete their studies. The balls and the Bumps were cancelled (I'd like to assert dramatically that the champagne was poured down the sink but of course this would be untrue!) The kitchens closed and most staff went on furlough. We were all told to stay indoors. Despite having around

100 students still living at College, Wolfson felt like a desert.

And yet Wolfson did not shut down. Teaching continued. Our academic support programme WolfWorks went entirely online, supervisions took place, exams proceeded. Our Tutors regularly met with their students on Zoom.

Our student support system kicked into a higher gear with funds to support students who experienced hardship, and there were University and College counsellors on hand to meet up with students by phone or online. The societies moved their weekly lectures online — but now, instead of just attracting local Wolfson residents we welcomed Wolfson members from across the globe to our events — many of which were recorded and are now on our website in the Media Collection. The Wolfson Research Event attracted a larger (virtual) audience than ever before. We launched three fledgling Interdisciplinary Research Hubs bringing Fellows, current students, past students and offer-holders together. We may not have danced at the May Ball, but I held virtual drinks parties with alumni and supporters from six continents for Foundation Day and alumni celebrations.

## From the President

Professor Jane Clarke

I want to thank and pay credit to those students who were robbed of their last term in Cambridge. The final year undergraduates, who were deprived of their final glorious summer (and who did so well in their final exams) I congratulate you all and I promise a belated graduation celebration here as soon as we can welcome you home in style. I really miss you all. And I need to reach out to those one-year students whose Cambridge year was reduced to just six winter months. I didn't have time to get to know you all, but we will welcome you back to graduate as well. When you do return, make sure to take time to experience Cambridge in the summer.

You will see from these pages that research in Wolfson is alive and well. Many of our Junior Research Fellows have left us this year to new posts at academic institutions across the UK and Europe, showing the remarkable academic success of our Wolfson scholars. Research was really hampered by the lockdown of course, in particular for lab-based students and early-career researchers who could not progress their research during lockdown. With the labs now open you can feel their excitement at being back at the bench.

As I write at the start of Michaelmas 2020 our students are back in their droves and even more international, with arrivals from 89 different countries. It was wonderful to see them coming in, each with the same high ambitions as all those students who have come before them. They dream of making the most of the opportunities offered, of doing their best, of making new friends from across the world, of following where their curiosity takes them. We will be travelling with them all the way. We will support them. As always, Wolfson will Ring True.



## From the Senior Tutor Dr Susan Larsen

The last academic year feels, in retrospect, like a roller coaster. While it is easy to dwell on the lows linked with the pandemic, it's essential also to remember the many highs: the exhilaration of welcoming a bumper crop of new students, our final-year undergraduates outstanding exam results (34% achieved a 'First' in Tripos), the distinctions earned by our Master's students (42 to date), the many new PhDs awarded. Less quantifiable but equally important are the everyday joys of interacting with students and figuring out how best to support their academic goals and development while at Wolfson. Support, of course, takes many forms: Tutors, Directors of Studies, Librarians, Postgraduate mentors and every member of College staff play a vital role in helping students fulfil their potential. This was especially true after March, when so much of our activity had to move online: tutorial meetings, counselling sessions, admissions interviews and the new WolfWorks programme (page 9).

Wolfson students come from a wide range of backgrounds and many face exceptional financial challenges. The named awards listed on this page provide invaluable support for Wolfson students: they make it possible for students to take up their studies, pursue special projects, meet unanticipated costs or — with academic prizes — celebrate extraordinary accomplishments. In 2019–2020 a generous gift from Santander UK enabled us to offer Enhanced Bursaries to undergraduates who might otherwise struggle to meet the costs of everyday life. As one recipient noted, "The bursary allowed me to focus fully on my studies by lessening the added financial worries that come with being a student from a disadvantaged background."

Gifts from friends and alumni of the College also supported partner-funded postgraduate studentships that helped attract a record number of new doctoral applicants. By partnering with the Cambridge Trust and — at last count — seven different Faculties or Departments, the College leverages donations to double or, in some cases, even quadruple the benefit to students. The students these awards bring to Wolfson are among the very best in the world. But comparisons are invidious: each of our students is remarkable in their own way and their unique accomplishments a constant source of pride and delight.

The Senior Tutor **Dr Susan Larsen** (seated, left) with the Wolfson Tutors at Matriculation 2019.



### List of named scholarships and awards

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| ALBORADA Bursaries and Scholarships                | Frederick Alfred Warren Prize          | Professor Vincent Qi China Research Trip Award |
| Brian Moore Accompanist Scholarship                | Geistlich PhD Studentship              | Roger Needham Fund                             |
| Burke's Peerage Foundation Grants                  | Guan Ruijian Memorial Bursary          | Santander UK Bursaries                         |
| Charles H. Carlton Travel Grant                    | HE Dr Mahfouz bin Mahfouz Scholarship  | Senior Members Wolf50n Bursary Fund            |
| City Bursary Fund                                  | Hugh Bevan Prize                       | Speelman Fellowship                            |
| Dato' Ng Kong Yeam Prize                           | Irene Ng Prize                         | Teo Wang Gungwu Award                          |
| David Lane/Brian Cox Travel Fund                   | Jack King Bursary and Prize            | Tom Ridgman Bursary                            |
| Donald and Beryl O'May Studentship                 | John Morrison Fund                     | Tunnicliffe Prize                              |
| Dr John T. Grantham Bursary                        | John Mott Fund for English             | Ujejski-Williams Bursary Fund                  |
| Fairleigh S. Dickinson, Jr. Foundation Scholarship | Joseph Petty Bursary and Prize         | Wilkinson Electives for Clinical Medicine      |
| Frank Jackson Foundation Research Fellowship       | Mary Hesse PhD Studentship             | Wolfson OCS Kenya Scholarship.                 |
|  | Norma Emerton Fund                     |  |
|  | Peter & Angela Lucas Bursary           |  |
|  | President's Fund                       |  |
|  | Professor Sir David Williams Law Award |  |



When I joined Wolfson last summer, everyone told me that it would take at least a year to get to know the rhythm of the College, the cycle of business and events, and who does what. So I happily settled down to absorb what the College was all about. The excitement and optimism at the beginning of Michaelmas Term was infectious.

We had a record numbers of students, all determined to make the most of their time at Wolfson. The beginning of Lent Term was only a fraction less exciting. And then, in March, came COVID. As the University announced its plan to move Easter Term online, College life changed dramatically overnight and we had to say farewell to hundreds of students, some of whom would never return to complete their studies in person.

That term presented one challenge after another. How were we to support the 100-odd students who remained in residence but who had no physical access to their departments, libraries or labs? How could we arrange for the office staff to work effectively from home and make sure that essential staff could still work safely in College? How to administer the furlough scheme so that the College could apply for the government's Job Retention Scheme grants? And so it went on.

We have been overjoyed to see new and continuing students back for Michaelmas 2020. Our staff have now substantially returned to their full hours. We've undertaken countless risk assessments and made numerous adaptations to ensure our site is as 'COVID-secure' as possible — I knew we should have invested in Perspex!

The situation is still very uncertain and of course the pandemic has had a significant effect on our finances. We are currently finalising the College's Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2019–2020 (the final version of which will be on our website shortly). Although we were only three months into the pandemic when the financial year ended, we could already see a striking deviation from our forecast. With an exodus of over 300 students from College and the sudden halt to all conferencing business and events over Easter and beyond, we lost almost £900k compared with the previous year. However, with higher student numbers than the previous year, the welcome receipt of the Job Retention Scheme grant and a reduction in departmental costs, our overall income and expenditure levels have not been substantially different from last year's.

Our cash flow challenge has also been considerably helped by a decision of the Colleges Fund Committee that its annual grant (£920k in Wolfson's case) could be treated as unrestricted income, rather than to build up the permanent endowment.

Whilst we may have ended the financial year in a more favourable position than we'd feared, and we have a balanced budget for the current year, this has been at the considerable cost of the College's investment in its endowment and in its buildings. Our annual contribution to our endowment was very much reduced, which obviously restricts the possibility for future income growth. And although we were able to go ahead with the wonderful refurbishment of the Porters' Lodge, thanks to the generosity of an alumnus, we are only proceeding with absolutely

essential capital expenditure this year. We have not been able to continue the annual cycle of refurbishment of our accommodation; the most exciting thing we have refurbished so far this year are fuse boards!

Looking further ahead though, I'm really encouraged. Wolfson has tremendous strengths and has already shown that it can adapt and respond and it will continue to do so. I am very grateful to my fellow College Officers and the staff who have given me so much support in my first year.

I am not sure when I will see a 'normal year' of College activity but I have already seen enough to know that I am proud to belong to the Wolfson community and that we can continue to meet the ongoing challenges with confidence and good humour.

## From the Bursar Jo Cheffins





### Phil Stigwood retires

For many years, the name **Phil Stigwood** has been synonymous with Wolfson College gardens. When originally given the job as Head Gardener in 2001 by then-Bursar **Dr John Seagrave**, the site was well established. "Everything was green and very dull," says Phil, "so I started planting some colourful evergreens and bulbs."

Aided by generous donations, he developed a network of flowing borders and foundation plantings, Phil retained certain landmark trees, such as the mulberry outside the Porters' lodge, the Judas tree in the front court and the magnificent redwoods outside Fuchs House. Many of these he underplanted with bulbs supplemented with annuals during the summer months. He also planted more than 10,000 bulbs over the years.

Behind the Lee Hall he created a stunning winter garden that is a jewel box of treasures, along with colourful bamboos and New Zealand flax. He transformed the Sundial Garden into a firecracker blaze of hot colour. Most recently, he planted behind Chadwick House to create an Exotic Garden full of rarities. We thank Phil for his years of sharing his love and enthusiasm for the gardens.



Phil Stigwood

## New Domestic Bursar

The Domestic Bursar not only oversees the day-to-day operations of numerous departments at College, from the Porters to the Catering Team, but he also liaises closely with the students to ensure that their residential needs are met and their social activities are well-planned and executed (which normally includes staying up all night for the May Ball!). With the departure of Wolfson's first Domestic Bursar, **Alan Fuller**, the College appointed **Darren Smith** to the role.

Darren began his career in the hospitality industry in hotels, falling in love with "the magic of things happening behind the scenes where customers don't see them." Originally from Bournemouth, Darren began his professional life as a stage performer. He has played the tenor horn and trumpet and in brass bands and continues to have a great interest in musical theatre. During his tenure at the University of Hertfordshire, he also completed a Master's degree in Education and Leadership. "It really spoke to my passion for coaching, mentoring and leadership, and has helped me to manage large, diverse teams of people."

When he first came to Wolfson he said, "From the minute I walked in and met **Sally Cullen** at the Porters' Lodge, and then all the Heads of



Darren Smith

Department, the Bursar and the President, I walked away thinking, 'I really want to work here.' My first impression was that it just felt right, it felt like a team I really wanted to be part of."

No sooner had Darren taken up his post, the pandemic hit and he was thrown into a completely novel situation, with much of his staff furloughed for months and a host of new responsibilities. Bursar **Jo Cheffins** says, "Darren has done a remarkable job in leading operations throughout the pandemic. He arrived one week before the College went into lockdown so has never really seen it function 'normally'. When we get back to 'normal' College life is going to seem like a walk in the park!"

Porter (and alumna) **Dr Louise Wilson** sometimes has to patch up students who have taken a tumble off their bikes, so she set up a campaign to encourage safe cycling and responsible bike ownership. Not only did she arrange for free bike maintenance to be provided for students, she also brought in experts to lead workshops on cycling skills, hacks, and bicycle security, and arranged for low-cost bicycle lights for sale. The program was especially popular with new students who were unused to cycling at home or along narrow medieval lanes.

### Teaching award

Wolfson's Director of Studies for Geography, **Dr Harriet Allen**, has been awarded a Pilkington Prize for teaching. Dr Allen, who is a Fellow of Girton College, is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Geography, and lectures and supervises for all three years of the undergraduate degree in addition to supervising PhD and MPhil Environmental Science students. She is the Director of Studies for geography students.

### Dr Laurence Smith

Library Assistant **Dr Laurence Smith** was captured for the series A Cambridge Diary by photographer Martin Bond. After completing his PhD in Archaeology at Wolfson, Laurence has worked as part of the Lee Library team since 2010 and is a familiar sight on his very Cambridge bicycle.



## Academic skills get a boost with WolfWorks

The College continues to offer innovative academic support to our students and this year saw the launch of an entirely new programme, WolfWorks. The programme offers skills development workshops throughout the academic year, with separate strands for new undergraduates and another for advanced undergraduates, MPhils and PhD students.

Senior Tutor **Dr Susan Larsen** says, "WolfWorks emerged from a series of conversations with our wonderful librarians and academic skills experts, **Dr Meg Westbury** and **Laura Jeffrey**. They had already developed an outstanding series of workshops on Skills for Academic Success, but were eager

to do more. Inspired by the Murray Edwards Gateway Programme, Meg and Laura devised a programme to help our first-year undergraduates transition to university study, and expanded our workshops for advanced undergraduates and postgraduates on individual topics — doubling the number of workshops offered to our students."

They then tripled that number with the WolfWorks Writing Intensive in Lent Term: nearly 100 students signed up for workshops ranging from writing creatively to writing for scientists, crafting grant applications to blogging. Many of these sessions were generously offered by our Fellows.

Susan continues, "WolfWorks has also been one of the great success stories of the College's response to the pandemic. Meg and Laura were incredibly creative in moving workshops online and developing materials to help students adapt to learning remotely. Their innovative programming has been featured as a model for other Colleges and their online 'Shut Up and Write' workshops are so popular that they have spun off smaller peer writing support groups. Meg and Laura have put in an incredible amount of work to support our students in very challenging circumstances and I am enormously grateful to them."

Academic Skills Librarian  
Laura Jeffrey



I remember coming to one WolfWorks workshop and the advice completely changed my approach to essay writing. I handed in an essay the following week and the comments from my supervisor were 'this is so much clearer, this is so much more concise, the structure is so much better' and that's a lot down to the WolfWorks session"

**Harry Corlett**  
BA MML (French and Russian)

#### Wolf Works in figures

Number of WolfWorks Workshops

30

Students attending

200





Below: Head Porter **Mike Wignall**, and Porters **Louise Wilson** and **Kevin Sebley** pictured in the new Porters' Lodge.

## Redeveloped Porters' Lodge



When **Oscar Holgate** made a video talking about the mental health benefits of the Wolfson gardens for the Cambridge Festival of Well-being, he didn't expect it to attract much attention — but it has been viewed over 1,200 times!

After forty-four years of service, the Plodge has been revamped. Since opening in 1976, its layout had remained essentially unchanged, but in the intervening years our team of Porters has expanded in tandem with our increasing student numbers. This summer, with the help of a donation from an alumnus, the College embarked on a major renovation.

The Lodge was redesigned by Interior Designer Tim Marshall in close consultation with the Porters. They made an excursion across Grange Road to Newnham College to explore its recently built Lodge. Tim describes the design as "a marriage between Wolfson's aesthetics and the clean lines we saw at Newnham".

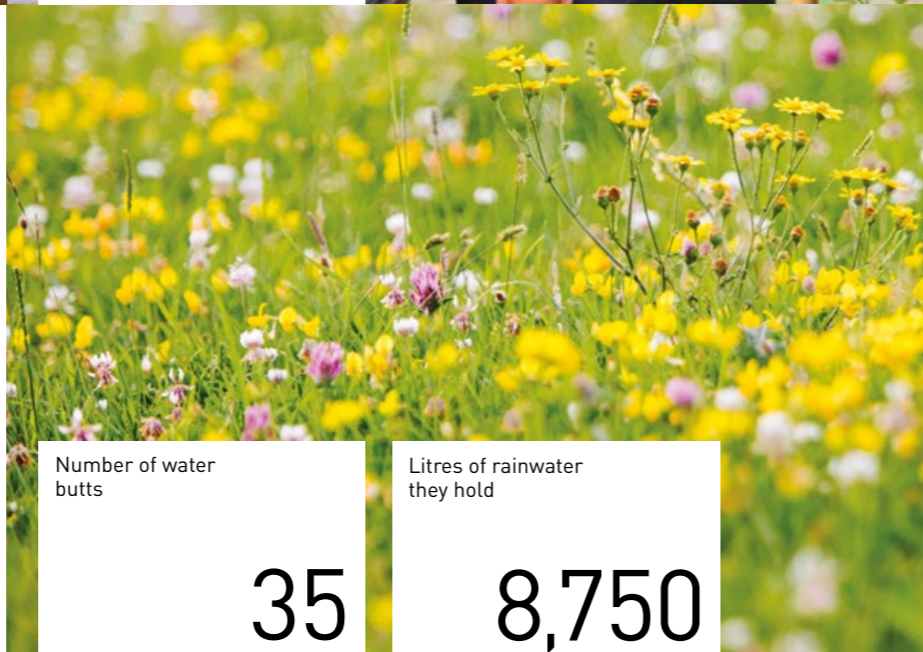
There is now ample space for two people to work side-by-side, a secure storage area, and a new room for the Porters to rest. There is a lower, wheelchair-

accessible counter whose height also makes it easier to pass through packages. The pigeonholes were relocated to the wall opposite the Lodge.

To provide visual continuity with the Club Room, the Lodge is panelled with sustainably sourced oak as well as oak veneer. The light fixtures have been replaced with more energy-friendly LED lighting.

Some elements remain unchanged: the granite flooring, salvaged from the old London Bridge, still graces the lobby, and eagle-eyed visitors will notice that the brass door handles have remained.

Head Porter **Mike Wignall** says, "Wolfson has become more vibrant over the years. With more people in, we needed more staff and a bigger workspace. In the new Lodge the staff are well looked after, and we have the scope to serve the customers a little better."



Number of water butts  
**35**

Litres of rainwater they hold  
**8,750**

Number of mature (25 ft+) trees  
**150**

Sq. metres of meadow sown  
**1,400**

Green gardens

## Sustainability successes

Whilst the garden team was short of staff and lockdown prohibited travelling, new Head Gardener **Oscar Holgate** had an extra pair of hands in Senior Member **Chris Clarke**. Chris, a former banker, is both a nature lover (he is a regular volunteer at nearby Wicken Fen) and an accomplished gardener, and he could be seen rolling his wheelbarrow around the grounds, trimming shrubs and mowing the lawns. He also kept a watchful eye on the Student Garden when the students were away. Oscar says, "I am incredibly grateful for Chris's help and advice over the last months. It certainly helped us to keep the gardens looking their best during a difficult period and he's exceptionally good at DIY so we got a lot of projects completed."

Oscar also introduced a number of new sustainability measures in the gardens. "We've had three very dry summers, so we're looking to what the future holds," says Oscar. Several trees have been lost to drought stress and there are new pests and diseases coming along with the changing climate, so he's replacing some of the more sensitive plants with drought-tolerant species. He's also encouraging more students to

take advantage of the fruiting plants on site: plums in the car park hedges, apples in the Exotic Garden and Student Garden, mulberries in the front court, medlars alongside the Lee Hall and quince in the President's garden. "We've built bug hotels and bird boxes. The Accommodation Manager **Jo Fisher** wants some swift boxes, so we'll be adding those over the winter," he continues.

Work is also underway on a flowering meadow behind the Chancellor's Centre, overlooked by student rooms. "We tested the soil so we could choose the right seed mix and selected one that contains a variety of colourful annuals, biennials and perennials, including ox-eye daisies, yellow rattle, California poppies, poppies, foxglove, cornflower, red flax, cosmos, delphiniums, nigella, coreopsis and marigolds – all favourites for butterflies and bees. We're getting the ground ready now by removing the grass and rotovating the soil in preparation for sowing in March."

## College undercover

The main building was under a huge scaffold for several months whilst the roof was replaced, a project managed by Clerk of Works **Neil Newman**. The elaborate scaffold was designed by specialised software because it needed to extend out away from the building rather than being tied to the structure itself. A temporary cover over the scaffolding kept out the rain whilst the underlay of the roof was exposed.

Twenty tons of old asphalt and cement tile that had become damaged and pitted after 50+ years was removed and new, lightweight roofing material replaced it. The new roof is both more environmentally sustainable and has additional insulation to keep us all warm in winter and cool in summer. The roofing material was a BREEAM-accredited product (the world's leading sustainability assessment method), as was the system of refurbishment. Neil says, "It was a big and complicated job due to the existing galleried windows which sit up on the roof, but a necessary one. This roof should give us many years of use."





**NOVEMBER**  
**Runciman on democracy**

A lecture given for the 2019 Cambridge Festival of Ideas in the Lee Hall by Professor of Politics **David Runciman** proved so popular that we had to set up an extra screen in the Club Room to accommodate those who wanted to watch it live. New AV equipment in the Lee Hall was installed earlier this year, so we're now able to livestream lectures, concerts and other events.



**MARCH**  
**Music at Wolfson**

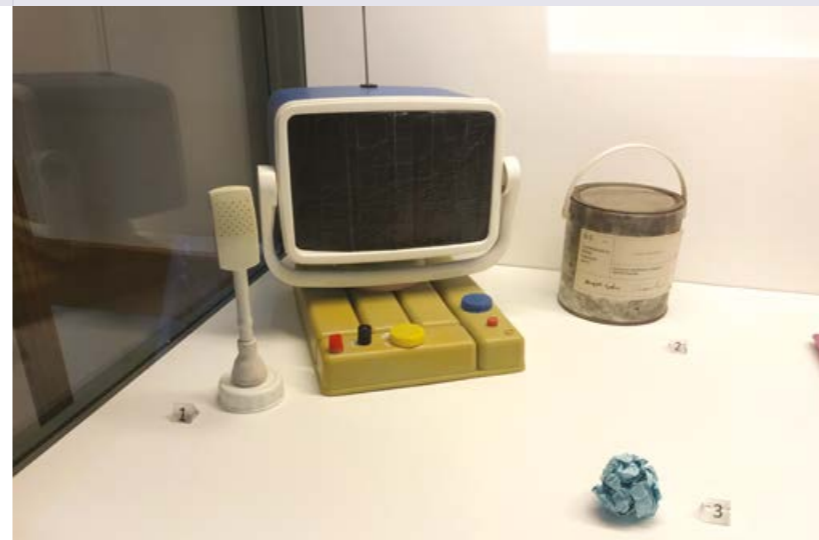
**PRESTIGIOUS PERFORMANCES**

Singaporean pianist **Churen Li** (2018), winner of the 2019 CUMS Concerto Competition, returned to Cambridge for the prize winner's concert in March at West Road Concert Hall. Churen played Rachmaninoff *Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor* conducted by Jac van Steen and accompanied by the Cambridge University Orchestra. Churen was hosted by Wolfson in the week leading up to the concert and also gave a wonderful recital in the King's Lynn Festival, attended by Wolfson members.

The MMus in Choral Studies at the Faculty of Music has brought a number of talented musicians to Wolfson. The 2019 cohort included conductors Canadian **Sarah McLean**, **Collin Edouard** from New York and **Tyler Hagy** (2014) from Iowa, and Norwegian sopranos **Cecilie Welle** (2018, at left) and **Liv Marie Hofseth** (2017).



**Above:** The 2019 Michaelmas concert included a piece conducted by MMus Gates Scholar **Collin Edouard** called *The Word was God*, by American composer Rosephanye Powell (b. 1962). Collin is currently an adjunct instructor at Seminole State College of Florida.



**JANUARY**  
**The Frangenberg Collection**

The College was gifted an extraordinary collection of contemporary artworks acquired by **Dr Thomas Frangenberg** (1957–2018). Curated by his colleague for a quarter of a century, Visiting Fellow **Professor Philip Lindley**, the collection presents a large part of Thomas's purchases in London over his four decades as a collector. The works are of a distinctive type, ideas-driven and demanding of the observers' dynamic engagement. Several Turner Prize winners, many nominees and a host of other internationally and nationally celebrated artists are represented in the collection. An exhibition presenting a first selection from the works now in store featured Professor Lindley in conversation with the collector's brother and executor, Andreas Frangenberg, and artists Iannan Browne, Amikam Toren and Patricia Bickers.



Junior Research Fellow **Dr Cezary Kucewicz** convened scholars from all over the UK to explore the practice, ideology and reception (both ancient and modern) of Greek warfare. Conceptual categories in the webinar series included economics, historiography, mythology, gender, psychology and computer games. Intended to promote the study of ancient warfare among the Wolfson community and the wider public, the series quickly developed into a well-attended regular Wednesday evening with viewers from across the globe. The entire series can be viewed on our website in the Wolfson Media Collection.



Number of events	46	Hours of recordings (all available in our Media Collection)	34
Hours of events	72	Number of attendees	3690
Virtual events			



JUNE  
**May Ball postponed**

With an eager team headed by **Nima Meyer** (PhD Materials Science, 2017), this year's May Ball promised to be another spectacular event where magical stories would be brought to life. A 'guess the theme' treasure hunt around the College grounds hinted of ample plans to transform Wolfson College into a whole new world. At the end of January during the theme-reveal BOP, themed cocktails, a dance act and a fully decorated secret room and photo booth were meant to be just the start of Wolfson's unforgettable 2020 fairy tale.

But just as students were getting excited about the actual

event, the story book closed before the final page was turned. The dream of a night full of entertainment, food, books, magic and childhood memories at Wolfson College was put back on the shelf. But a new May Ball team, headed by **An Tran** (PhD Plant Science, 2018) and **Else Ellermann** (PhD Materials Science, 2018), hopes to continue the Wolfson fairy tale and turn that final page together in June 2021.

Right: **Nima Meyer** and **Mathilde Foged Jensen** at the 2019 May Ball.



Number of online WRE presentations

28

Online WRE presentations

Minutes of presentations

572

**Virtual Wolfson Research Event**

The 2020 Wolfson Research Event (WRE) went virtual this year and the format turned out to be very effective. Rather than a single day of talks and poster presentations, the WRE Committee organised several separate half-days of talks. From online incels to proteins, quantum matter to the Roman economy, Wolfson's students presented their original research, along with keynote speeches by **Professor Sir David King** and **Dr Surabhi Ranganathan**. **Ben Woodington** served as Chair of the WRE Committee, with the assistance of **Dr Meg Westbury** and Committee members **Vassilis Gkoumas**, **Gia Kaisa**, **Dr Antonina Kouli**, **Florence Maskell**, **Deena Newaz** and **Max Steuer**.



Number of questions posted

86

**Interdisciplinary Research Hubs**

This summer saw the launch of an exciting new initiative: three interdisciplinary research hubs. Fellows, students, alumni and other members joined together to discuss global challenges that call for multidisciplinary solutions and encourage the linking of creative people with different skills and perspectives. **Professor Jane Clarke** says, "Wolfson has particular strengths because it is exceptionally multinational, it has a Visiting Fellows programme and hosts many part-time students who bring professional experience from the worlds of industry, education, policy, government and commerce. We also lack the traditional hierarchical barriers between Fellows and students and between education and research."

The Hubs are in areas where Fellows, students and members have particular interests and expertise, and can engage their global networks of collaborators: Sustainability and Conservation, Global Health and Gender.

The College is an environment (both physical and intellectual) where challenging problems are discussed, where dialogue is encouraged, and where novel solutions are envisaged and developed. Read more from Hub Convener **Dr Tolu Oni** on page 30.



FEBRUARY

**Wolfson Explores BORDERS**

Last year's themed Events programme, Wolfson Explores TRANSFORMATION, brought a new dimension of activity to the intellectual and cultural life of the College. We fully expected to continue the same array of talks, exhibitions, musical performances and panel discussions when we launched Wolfson Explores BORDERS in early February with an event in the Combination Room that combined poetry, brainstorming and an introduction by the President. Of course our events moved online shortly afterwards and, although we had many successful virtual events throughout Easter Term and into the summer, we have decided to start off 2021 once more with BORDERS so that we can fully explore this intriguing theme.



**Professor Jane Clarke** introduces the BORDERS theme (above). Junior Research Fellows **Dr Chandrima Ganguly** and **Dr Guillaume Nataf** chat with Fellow and Librarian **Dr Meg Westbury** at the theme launch (inset).





# Musical mentions

**Jacob Werth** (BA English, 2019) was awarded a Reinstein Prize by St John's College, in a joint first for piano. The prize is awarded to Junior Members of the University who are outstanding jazz musicians. He played *Simple Pleasure* by Cedar Walton and *Et Cedra* by David Hazeltine.

In December 2019, **Eric Petzoldt** (PhD Music, 2019) visited Agadir, Morocco, to attend the city's 3rd International Jazz Festival. He blogged about the festival at [musicalencounters.co.uk](http://musicalencounters.co.uk).



Jacob Werth

Akihito Okuda



## Akihito Okuda

This year's CUMS Concerto Competition featured Wolfson PhD Education student, **Akihito Okuda**, who was a finalist and prize winner. Akihito gave a thrilling performance of the 3rd movement of Tchaikovsky's *Piano Concerto No. 1*, accompanied by King's Organ Scholar, Donal McCann.

Akihito has played piano since the age of 5, making his debut with the Kanagawa Philharmonic Orchestra at age 12. He won prizes in numerous national and international competitions; the Ettlingen International Piano Competition in Germany, the Chopin International Competition in Asia and the Takahiro Sonoda Award Piano Competition in Japan.

In addition to his musical achievements, Akihito has degrees in the area of arts and international law from Berlin, Zurich and Oxford. His research focus is primarily placed around the relationship between peacebuilding and intangible cultural heritage. His current studies at Wolfson focus on conflict prevention and peacebuilding. He says a love for academia and music was the main factor in choosing Wolfson College as his home. "The proximity between the accommodation and the pianos, and the quality and availability of pianos were the determining factors in choosing Wolfson as the College of my choice".

Akihito is also the 2019-2020 **Brian Moore Accompanist Scholar**, giving his valuable musical experience to the College through accompanying the College Choir and performing at concerts and at the virtual Celebration of Benefactors event. Director of Music **Lyn Alcántara** says, "We are fortunate to have such an experienced performer in our midst and look forward to future performances".

Number of pianos at College

6



# Academic prizes

### Hugh Bevan Prize

For the most distinguished performance by a Wolfson student in the LLM:  
**Rhys Carvosso**

### Jennings Prizes

For a First Class or a Distinction in a University Examination, awarded to those who have not already won a named Law prize:

- Kwot Sin Lee**, Computer Science Tripos, Part II
- Spyros Ploussiou**, Chemical Engineering Tripos, Part IIA
- Juha Hovintalo**, Historical Tripos, Part II
- Hynek Fenc**, Human, Social and Political Sciences Tripos, Part IIB
- Yue Chen**, Chemical Engineering, Part IIB
- Jonathan Chan**, English Tripos, Part II

- Fergus Lamb**, English Tripos, Part II
- Rachel Loughran**, English Tripos, Part II
- Marlie Haco**, English Tripos, Part II
- Irene Galstian**, Theology, Religion, & Philosophy of Religion Tripos, Part IIB
- Stefanos-Vasilis Nicolaou**, Engineering Tripos, Part IIA
- Edmund Lam**, Psych Beh Sc Tripos, Part II
- Paul Matthews**, Psych Beh Sc Tripos, Part II
- Zheyi Lim**, Law Tripos, Part II
- Siang Yee Chua**, Law Tripos, Part II
- Christian Halt**, Law Tripos, Part II
- Joseph Kelen**, Law Tripos, Part II.
- Cynthia Chen**, Master of Law – LLM
- Willem Hindrik Hans Jongert**, Master of Law – LLM

- Chetna Shrivastava**, Master of Law – LLM
- José Rogelio Gutiérrez Álvarez**, Master of Law – LLM
- Andres Eduardo Gomez Martin**, Master of Law – LLM
- Sanskriti Sanghi**, Master of Law – LLM
- Christophe George**, Master of Law – LLM
- Wai Sum Or**, Master of Law – LLM
- Rory Curtis**, Master of Law – LLM
- Mathilde Allard**, Master of Law – LLM
- David James Macauley**, Master of Law – LLM

### Sir David Williams Prize

For the best First Class performance by a Wolfson student in Part II of the Law Tripos:  
**Andrew Brooke**

# In brief

**Joseph Kelen** (BA Law, 2018) won one of the leading law essay competitions in the UK, the Future Legal Mind 2020, held by the National Accident Helpline. Applicants were asked to record a three-minute video clip on the question "Why do you want to be a lawyer?" Joseph works extensively with the homeless community, and in his clip he argued for the repeal of the Vagrancy Act 1824, which can imprison people for up three months for being on the streets.

**Dr Aliandra Barlete** (PhD Education, 2016) was awarded Best Dissertation of 2020 by the CIES Higher Education Special Interest Group. Her research explored higher education system-building across the 'Mercosur' trade bloc in South America.

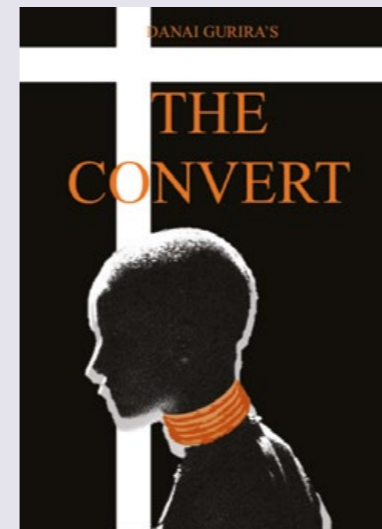
**Kaamya Varagur** (MPhil Music Studies, 2018) was awarded the 2020 Young Women in Science Award by the American Medical Women's Association for the research she did whilst at Wolfson into the effects of mother-infant singing in immigrant mothers.

## Deena Newaz

MPhil in Education **Deena Newaz** (2019) published *Ed Futures: A Collection of Short Stories on the Future of Education* (AuthorhouseUK, 2019). The stories take the form of speculative where the authors imagine and infer the technologies and human relationships that will shape the future of learning. Deena also managed the Emerging Leaders and Learners' Voice programmes at the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) 2019 in Doha, Qatar, where more than 3,200 educators, decision-makers, and

influential experts from the public and private sectors from over 100 countries gathered for plenaries, dialogues, debates, and tailored networking sessions to reimagine and build the future of education.

Deena Newaz



## Recognised for directorial debut

**Adedamola Laoye** (BA HSPS, 2017) made his directorial debut with *The Convert* at the ADC theatre. He also manages the ever-popular Wolfson Howler. Now he's featured in *The Guardian's* Nigerian edition, which said, "We are undoubtedly witnessing the emergence of someone to watch."



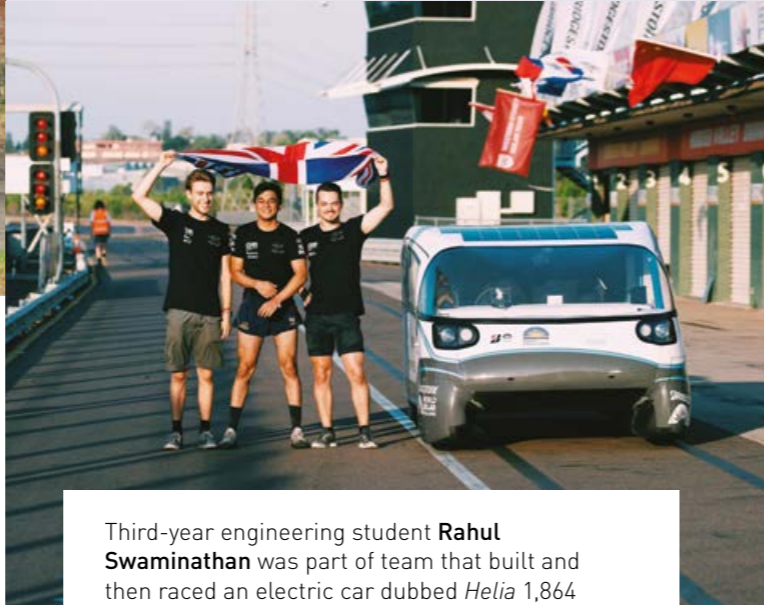
Led by **Benjamin Remez**, this year's WCSA Committee hosted an impressive year of welfare, green and social events, even after going virtual in March. L-R: **Kenneth Okwor** (Vice-President) **Lashanti Jupp** (Ents), **Benjamin Remez** (President), **Scott Dunleavy** (Ents), **Bonni Jee** (Secretary), **Charlie Barty-King** (Green) and **Dan Sowood** (Treasurer). Not pictured: **Wayne Weaver** (Welfare), **Paul Matthews** (Sports & Societies), **An Tran** and **Mathilde Foged Jensen** (External Officers)



**Undergraduates from:**  
UK 51%  
EU 24%  
Overseas 26%  
**Postgraduates from:**  
UK 29%  
EU 24%  
Overseas 47%

**Student stats**

**Largest cohorts of part-time MSt students:**  
Entrepreneurship  
Sustainability Leadership  
Building History  
Interdisciplinary Design for the Built Environment  
Applied Criminology and Police Management



Third-year engineering student **Rahul Swaminathan** was part of team that built and then raced an electric car dubbed *Helia* 1,864 miles from Darwin to Adelaide as part of the Bridgestone World Solar Challenge.

**Ben Woodington** (PhD Sensor Technologies & Applications, 2019) and **David Izuogu** (PhD Chemistry, 2017) were awarded the Trinity Bradfield Prize in October 2019. They were part of a team that included other PhD researchers, inventors from IsoChemix, and industry experts that built a unique anti-counterfeit technology to combat fake goods and components.



**Thank Ewe NHS**

First-year vet student and ALBORADA scholar **Chloe Ellison** (below right) spent three weeks lambing as vet school placements continued during the COVID lockdown. Although she had some experience with lambs at the Farm Animal Veterinary Services in Cambridge, this was Chloe's first real season lambing and she enjoyed it so much that she volunteered to stay for an extra week into Easter break.

"I learned loads," she says. "With lambing you mainly try to keep an eye on the mothers to let them deliver on their own, but you have to learn to spot when they are having trouble and you might have to go in and assist."

One challenge was maintaining social distancing when trying to assist at a birth, which often calls for two people to attend to one sheep and at least one lamb (sheep sometimes have twins or, rarely, triplets). Because Chloe was staying at the farm, she and the farmers were able to consider themselves a household in order to adhere to Government guidance. Although "Not much can disrupt the farming lifestyle," says Chloe, "They get up, feed their animals, have a cup of tea and carry on."



**Alex Kloß** (MPhil International Relations, 2019) and **Boyang Hou** (BA History, 2019) competed in the British Student's Quiz Championships at Imperial College London. Alex was on the Cambridge D team, individually scoring a whopping 335 points. Boyang played on the winning Cambridge A team, bringing the title back home.

**Tom Hewitt** (PhD History, 2017) and **Sophie Paine** (MPhil Management, 2019) participated in *Row Britannia*, an erging challenge that stretched over 2,020 miles between November 2019 and June 2020. They raised £1,300 in support of mental health in aid of Sport Relief.



**Gold Green Impact Award**

**Charlie Barty-King** (PhD in Nanomanufacturing, 2016) was an indefatigable force for the environment this past year, not only leading the College to a Gold Green Impact Award, but also receiving special recognition for his efforts. Charlie was awarded the Student Leadership Award for being "an irreplaceable member

of the Wolfson Green Impact team, spearheading their submission this year." He also founded the Green Society of Wolfson with membership from across the College, set up a *Green Talks* lecture series and supported other students to establish their own sustainability initiatives. Charlie's energy knows no bounds and "his commitment to collaborating with staff and students epitomises the leadership quality that this award recognises." Charlie has also been active with the Conservation & Sustainability Global Research Hub. Pictured (left) with WCSA Secretary **Bonni Jee** (MPhil in Environmental Policy) who also assisted the Green team during the year.



Number of students living on site  
**415**

Students on site

Number of families  
**4**

Countries represented  
**89**



# A message from the WCBC President

This message is set against the backdrop of the global COVID pandemic affecting all of us. Unfortunately, the culmination of our rowing year, May Bumps, was cancelled as a result and we were forced to abstain from our favourite boats (and ergs!) for many months. Of course, this is one of the more benign effects of the pandemic, as people have lost loved ones in these trying times.

As the year, and my time as Captain, came to an end I was enormously sad it has ended in such a way. The Committee worked hard all year and were sadly not able to enjoy the result of our efforts with a glorious Bumps campaign and Mays Boat Club Dinner, where we were looking forward to hosting alumni crews from the 1980s.

I am confident however, that we have left behind a Club with strong ties to alumni and the College. We have excellent relations with two fantastic coaches, Paul Carter and David Layton, and a new Captain, **Ali Mashhadi Ebrahim** (BA Natural Sciences, 2018) to lead our crews to success in the future. 2020–2021 is uncertain in many respects, including rowing, and as the return to College progresses, we are liaising with the other Colleges with whom we share our boathouse to enact a safe plan to row once again and show the Gold and Blue colours on the River Cam!

**Harry Michalakakis**  
(PhD Energy Technologies, 2015)

Blues 2019–2020

**Máté Pónya**  
(BA MEng)  
Rifle shooting

**Angus Buttar**  
(BA Natural Sciences)  
Association Football

**Nicola Duffy**  
(CGCM)  
Basketball

**Tony Finch**  
(MST)  
Interdisciplinary Design for the Built Environment)  
Polo

**James Gillespie**  
(PhD Chemistry)  
Cricket

**Thomas Hewitt**  
(PhD History)  
Rowing

**Thomas Kearns**  
(Veterinary Medicine)  
Athletics & Cross Country

**Chen Liu**  
(PhD Engineering)  
American football

**Sophie Paine**  
(MPhil Management)  
Rowing

**Henry Parry**  
(MPhil Economic Research)  
Tennis

**Antonella Santoro**  
(PhD Haematology)  
Volleyball (half Blue)

**Sean Smith**  
(PhD Chemical Engineering)  
Rugby

**Sean Plecas**  
(MPhil Criminology)  
Boxing

**Nicholas Rupert**  
(MPhil Music)  
American football (half blue)

**Antonella Santoro**  
(PhD Haematology)  
Volleyball (half Blue)

**Sean Smith**  
(PhD Chemical Engineering)  
Rugby

**Chaisiri Suthapradit**  
(MPhil Criminology)  
Judo

**George Woodward**  
(CGCM)  
Tennis

**Daniel Zahedi**  
(CGCM)  
Boxing

Below:  
The WCBC First Boat  
[Top row L–R]:  
**Larissa Fedorov, Cynthia Chen, Hailun Cui, Rebecca O’Leary, Henrietta Manning and Lydia Seed**  
[Bottom row L–R]:  
**Christina Nielsen, Anastasia Watson (Captain), Jonas Wilcks (coach), An Tran and Charlotte Lefèvre.**

Harry and previous WCBC Captain **Michael Donnelly** stretch out at the Boat Club dinner.



Left:  
**Cynthia Chen** (Masters of Corporate Law, 2019) played on the Varsity volleyball team. Unfortunately she was out due to injury for much of the season but she did play in a BUCS game in which Cambridge beat Oxford 3–0.

**Wit Wannakraioj** (PhD Finance, 2013) competed against Oxford in the Dinner Match as part of the 131st University Golf Match, where he won two of his matches (foursome and single match) which resulted in Cambridge beating Oxford during the Dinner Match. Wit will be Junior Treasurer of the Cambridge University Golf Club this year, and hopes to earn his Blue. (Wit at centre left, below).



## Football

### Women’s football

The women’s football team (with Darwin College) had a great year, 6 for 6 matches and next year they will move up a division.

### Men’s football

**Angus Buttar** (BA Natural Sciences, 2017) was given an award in the first Annual University of Cambridge Sport Awards. Angus (circled below) was commended for ‘Outstanding Contribution to Student Sport’ for his captaincy of the Falcons and called “a total inspiration.”

Angus also played for the Wolfson team during his three years here. He says, “I always appreciated the community feeling we had at College, and how people of all ages from across the world came together to create such a homely environment!” Angus has now started his Masters at UCL in London.



Left: MPhil Management student **Sophie Paine** is returning to Cambridge to continue her studies and serve as Women’s President of the Cambridge University Boat Club.



“Being a member of the University rifle team has given me a lot of motivation throughout last year. Winning last year’s Varsity competition strengthened my bond to the team and the University. Setting personal goals in addition to my academic goals helped me to preserve a diverse personality. Doing sports was often very relaxing and helped me manage stress. Also my concentration skills have improved as they were heavily used during rifle shooting.”

**Máté Pónya** (BA MEng, 2017)

Sports bursaries awarded

24

Sports stats

Number of sports represented

16



# Travel & Research grants



Number of awards given to students

82

Average award

£346

Travel & research awards

## Paris, France

Zira John Quaghe (MPhil Public Policy, 2019)

### Work Placement Research International Energy Agency, Paris (April 2020)

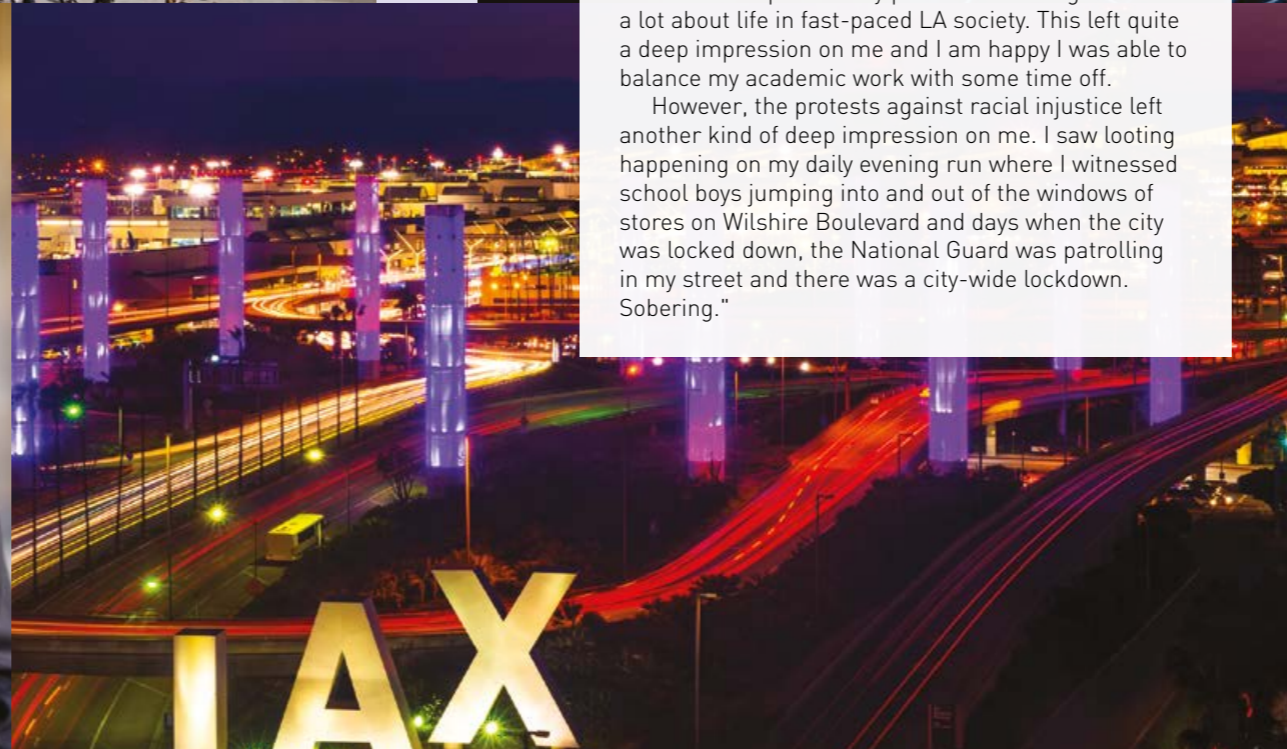
"During my work placement I analysed energy consumption patterns and electricity market structures across 130 countries. After revising and updating IEA's electricity sector database, I added variables to explain differences in electricity sector performance based on market structure (e.g. liberalised, state-owned, vertically integrated or unbundled). At the end of my work placement, I presented my findings to the Agency, where I explained the variations in economic productivity, energy consumption, environmental performance and regulatory stability, among various types of electricity market structures.

My report showed that the uptake of electricity sector reforms seems to be strongly linked to the countries' income level and institutional stability. Other factors such as geography and energy consumption play less influential roles in explaining variations in power sector models. Regulation has been widely adopted by most countries but there is still a gap between policy and practice, thus explaining lower private participation in countries with weak regulatory institutions.

These findings call for fresh thinking on the approach to power sector reforms, especially with the added agenda of decarbonisation. Power sector reforms should be adaptable to political, social, environmental, and economic contexts of jurisdictions, not based on established prescriptions. Policy pluralism (outside the 1990s model) is more likely to allow jurisdictions to follow alternative paths to attain desired power sector outcomes particularly in terms of cost-recovery and decarbonization."



Zira John Quaghe



## Los Angeles, USA

Simon Becker (PhD Applied Mathematics, 2017)

### University of California Los Angeles, Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics (IPAM) (March-June 2020)

"When I landed at LAX, COVID was still far away for most of us. Ten days later, the country had imposed a travel ban on Europe and Los Angeles was in a complete lockdown.

The IPAM Conference took place as usual although there had been already a few cancellations due to COVID. I was able to give a talk on 'Spectral characterization of magic angles in twisted bilayer graphene' and discuss some future projects with Professor Svetlana Jitomirskaya, the host of the conference.

In the following week the situation worsened rapidly. As my three-month programme at UCLA began, we were told all events would be held online and no new visitors would be allowed. One week later, the entire campus was closed and we were no longer allowed to enter our offices.

Although many visitors left for their home countries, I decided against it and I am very happy that I stayed. The Institute did a good job accommodating socially distanced collaborations and I was able to kick off two projects for which preprints will be online soon. In addition, I launched a project with a student from UC Irvine which is ongoing.

I was assured that the freeways had never been so empty and the sky not been that blue in LA in years. Under normal circumstances, I would have spent most of my weekends working on mathematical projects, so this allowed me to make some good friends and explore many places which taught me a lot about life in fast-paced LA society. This left quite a deep impression on me and I am happy I was able to balance my academic work with some time off.

However, the protests against racial injustice left another kind of deep impression on me. I saw looting happening on my daily evening run where I witnessed school boys jumping into and out of the windows of stores on Wilshire Boulevard and days when the city was locked down, the National Guard was patrolling in my street and there was a city-wide lockdown. Sobering."

## Leeds, UK

Sabrina Masur (PhD Physics, 2015)

### Magnetism 2019 University of Leeds, April 2019

"Magnetism 2019 is the premier conference organised by the UK and Rol magnetism community.

During the two days, conference participants chose from various sessions that covered different topics in the field of magnetism. These included thin films and nanomagnetism, spintronics, skyrmions, magnetocaloric and computational magnetism. Especially noteworthy was the Wohlfarth Lecture by Dr Julie Grollier from the CNRS/Thales lab in France who gave an inspiring talk on 'Neuromorphic computing with spintronic nano-oscillators'.

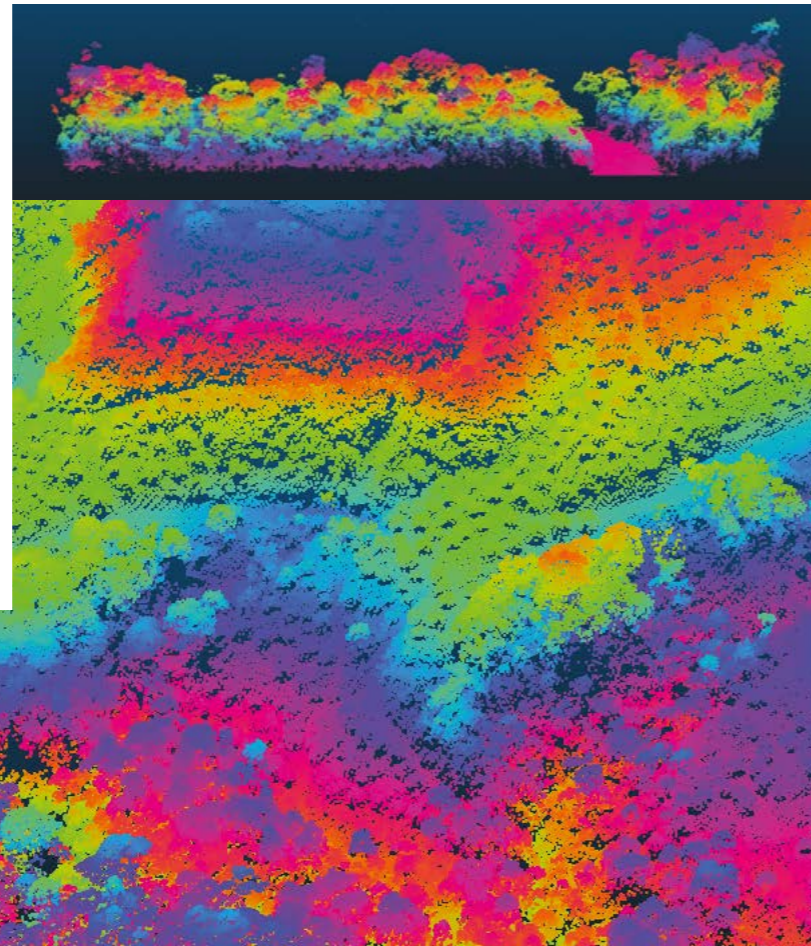
During the poster presentations, I had the chance to talk to other participants and presenters in depth about their research and to ask specific questions. My poster titled 'Analysis of Spin Polarisation of Secondary Electrons using Spin-Polarised Low-Energy Secondary Electron Energy Loss Spectroscopy' was well received and sparked a lot of discussions about the use of SPLEEM and SPLEELS as powerful spin-dependant measurement tools. I further discussed other techniques to measure spin-polarised secondary electron emission and the interpretation of my results. It seemed like a lot of people were also interested in the possibility to extend my approach to different materials and to validate my experimental findings by using Density Functional Theory simulations.

Overall, the conference was very stimulating and I found new ideas that I might incorporate into my research and career."



# College Research Associates News

**Dr Tom Swinfield** (2018) of the University of Cambridge Conservation Research Institute published a paper on his research on nutrient changes to old-growth forest foliage in response to ongoing logging. The paper, *Imaging spectroscopy reveals the effects of topography and logging on the leaf chemistry of tropical forest canopy trees*, published in the journal *Global Change Biology*, suggests that multiple cycles of logging and recovery irreversibly remove phosphorus from the forest system, and are pushing the nutrient content towards ecological limits. The use of LIDAR-guided imaging spectroscopy from a plane combined with hundreds of measurements from individual trees in the forest allowed them to measure the concentrations of nutrients in the trees' leaves.



## In brief

**Dr Sepehr Hafizi** (2015), a consultant psychiatrist, presented at a workshop and a symposium on suicide prevention at the MHS Annual Conference in Brisbane in August 2019; whilst in Australia he was also interviewed by ABC News. In September 2019 he was elected to the British Medical Council's East of England Regional Council.

**Dr Sergio Martínez Cuesta** (2016) is a Research Associate at Cancer Research UK's Cambridge Institute. In the past year he has published in the journals *Biochemistry* and *Nature Chemistry*, amongst others, on genomics and epigenetics. He has also spoken at the Utrecht Bioinformatics Centre, Netherlands, the Postdocs of Cambridge Society, the Francis Crick Institute and at AstraZeneca, Cambridge.

**Dr Valdas Noreika** (2018) was appointed Lecturer in Psychology at the Queen Mary University of London. In April 2020, he published a study in *Nature* showing that the primary sensorimotor cortex

is causally involved in the generation of dream movement. Participants were awakened in the sleep lab and asked to report their dream experiences. Awakenings that were preceded by the transcranial direct current stimulation of the sensorimotor cortex, which disrupts neuronal processing, yielded decreased reports of dream movement.

**Dr Kristin Williams** (2017) wrote *Childhood in Japan* for the Oxford Bibliographies in Childhood Studies in February 2020 and wrote *Cataloguing the Japanese Collections at Cambridge and Beyond*, in the *Cambridge University Libraries Information Bulletin* in March 2019.

**Dr Bianca Gaudenzi** (2014) was the organiser and speaker at a roundtable discussion on the book *Eric Hobsbawm: A life in history* by Richard J Evans (Little, Brown/Oxford University Press, 2019), with Martin Baumeister (Director of the GHI Rome), Paul Corner (University of Siena), Lucy Riall (EUI) and Raffaele Romanelli (Sapienza University of Rome). She also spoke about her research on restitution for looted artwork at several academic institutions,



including: Yad Vashem, the University of Tel Aviv, the Escuela Espanola de Historia y Arqueología, Rome, and the Annual Seminar of Contemporary History of the universities of Freiburg, Trier, Tübingen and Konstanz, Germany.

**Dr Bianca Gaudenzi** serves on the Committee of the Humanities Society and gave a talk in September 2019 on *The restitution of Nazi-looted art in post-fascist Austria, Italy and West Germany*.

"passionate about everything from cells to phones, genes to jewellery, hip-hop to hippocampi"

**Becky Inkster**

## Tackling digital mental health provision

College Research Associate **Dr Becky Inkster** (2014) is a neuro-scientist in the Department of Psychiatry who describes herself as "passionate about everything from cells to phones, genes to jewellery, hip-hop to hippocampi." Her wide-ranging research interests cover numerous cultural and scientific disciplines to improve the understanding of mental health. Along with CRA Dr Akeem Sule, Becky participated in the 2015 Wolfson College Hip-Hop Conference.

In August 2020, Becky convened a virtual version of the fourth annual conference on the topic of Digital Innovation in Mental Health (DIMH). A wide range of live and pre-recorded sessions covered topics including models of predicting mental health status, financial services during COVID, workplace digital mental health, data ethics and creative expression. Twenty hours of conference presentations are available to view on her website at [www.beckyinkster.com/summer-2020-conference](http://www.beckyinkster.com/summer-2020-conference), along with a Digital Art Gallery of work submitted for the conference. That material has received over 25,000 views from over 100 countries.

She and 179 colleagues have also gathered insights from over 50 digital mental health services providers internationally, capturing qualitative and quantitative changes documenting the nature and scale of mental health online during COVID. The resulting paper, *Early warning signs of a mental health tsunami: A co-ordinated response to gather initial data insights from multiple digital services providers*, is currently under peer review for a special issue on COVID with *Frontiers in Digital Health*.



*Passion & Desire, Life & Breath* (background) and *Inner Vision Quest* (left) by Garfield of London. These artworks featuring 'The Symbol of GAH!' reflect self-discovery, self-acceptance, and self-love. The Symbol of GAH! started life as a minimalistic self-portrait that Garfield used with a family member who suffered with mental health issues to anchor their feelings of happiness.

## Recent University appointments

**ELECTION**  
**Professor William Hurst**, AM, Chicago, PhD, California, Berkeley, Professor of Political Science, Northwestern University, elected Chong Hua Professor of Chinese Development with effect from 1 January 2021.

**APPOINTMENTS**  
**University Lecturers**  
*History*  
**Dr Celia Harriet Donert**, BA, Oxford, MA, London, PhD, European University Institute, Italy, appointed from 1 October 2019 until the retiring age.

*Land Economy*  
**Dr Zhaoyang Liu**, MPhil, PhD, DOW, BSc, MSc, Beijing, appointed from 9 April 2020 until the retiring age and subject to a probationary period of five years.

**GRANTS OF TITLE**  
**Affiliated Lecturers**  
*Classics*  
**Dr Philippa Mary Steele**, has been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2019 for a further two years.  
*Computer Science and Technology*  
**Dr Noa Zilberman** has been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2019 for a further year.

*Law*  
**Dr Alex James Trinidad** has been appointed the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2019 for a further year.

*Slavonic Studies*  
**Dr Susan Kirsten Larsen** has been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2019 for a further two years.

*Criminology*  
**Sir Denis O'Connor** has been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2019 for a further year.

*Pharmacology*  
**Dr Lesley Jane MacVinish** has been granted the title of Affiliated Lecturer from 1 October 2020 to 30 September 2022.





# New Fellows

**Dr Aliko Ahmed** is the Regional Director, Public Health, East of England and a Senior Fellow in the Institute of Public Health at the University of Cambridge and in the Global Health Programme at Chatham House Centre on Global Health Security.

Aliko is a public health physician, epidemiologist and health strategist with over 24 years' experience in clinical, academic and public health practice across low- and high-income countries. He has led and managed public health programmes with demonstrable improvements in outcomes.

His global health experiences include field work as a medical epidemiologist and supporting national disease control programmes in Africa. He contributed to the global programme that supported governments in low-income countries to develop national mental health policies.

## Professor Stephen Baker

is head of The Baker Lab at The Cambridge Institute of Therapeutic Immunology and Infectious Disease (CITIID). The work in Stephen's lab focuses on understanding how specific bacteria that cause infectious disease in humans in low-middle income countries evolve and spread with a specific focus on typhoid fever, bacillary dysentery (*Shigella*), as well as other diarrheal diseases such as cholera and rotavirus. He plans to explore the impact of antimicrobial access and treatment on gut microbiota and the generation of drug resistant pathogens. In March 2020, Stephen's lab repurposed in order to provide quick COVID testing for health care workers at Addenbrooke's Hospital (see page 33).

Junior Research Fellow **Dr Gabrielle Davidson** completed her PhD in Experimental Psychology studying how rooks, jackdaws, crows and

great tits respond to where others are looking (i.e. gaze sensitivity), and how this influences decision-making when foraging, finding nesting locations, guarding chicks and escaping predators. As an early-career Research Fellow she studied the development of causal reasoning in juvenile Eurasian jays. She currently studies the interplay between the microbial community in the gut (microbiome) and host behaviour and cognition on a nestbox population of wild great tits (*Parus major*) at Madingley Woods. She has also dabbled in invertebrate host-microbe interactions in pond snails (*Lymnaea stagnalis*). Other interests include predator-prey interactions.

Gabrielle is a British Trust for Ornithology Licensed bird ringer and a member of the British Ecological Society, The American Ornithology Society, and the Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour.

A historian of Central Europe in the twentieth century, **Dr Celia Donert** is a Fellow and Director of Studies in History at Wolfson. Her research seeks to explore the history of socialism, nationalism, gender, and human rights in contemporary Europe from a transnational and global perspective.

Celia currently holds two AHRC research grants as principal investigator. The first is an AHRC research network on the Legacies of the Romani Genocide in Europe since 1945, which has supported conferences at the Czech Academy of Sciences in Prague, the Musée de l'Histoire de l'Immigration in Paris, and the Wiener Holocaust Library in London. This network brings together an international group of historians, social scientists, and scholars of Romani language and culture to explore the aftermath of the Romani genocide in both eastern



New Junior Research Fellows: Bottom row, L-R: **Dr Antonina Kouli, Dr Katrin Wittig, Dr Gabrielle Davidson.** Middle row, L-R: **Dr Georg Krainer, Dr Carine Stapel.** Top row, L-R: **Dr William M R Simpson, Dr George Kakavelakis.**

Arts & Humanities 11  
Biological Sciences 10  
Clinical Medicine 17  
Humanities  
& Social Sciences 14  
Physical Sciences 10  
Technology 14  
Other 22



Fellows in figures

**Dr Celia Donert**

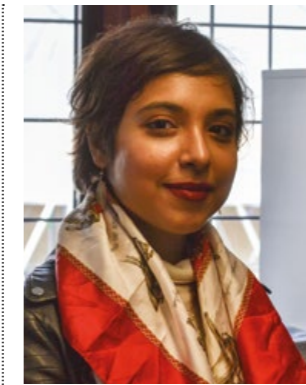


and western Europe. The results will be published in a collected volume, under contract with Routledge. She is currently co-editor of the journal *Contemporary European History* and an editorial board member of *Social History*. Celia is a convenor of the Wolfson College Multidisciplinary Research Gender Hub.

Wolfson's Henslow Junior Research Fellow **Dr Chandrima Ganguly** is a cosmologist interested in testing early universe models, and using cosmology to constrain particle physics and theories of gravity.

After finishing her PhD in theoretical cosmology at the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics in 2018, she spent a year on the Lindemann Fellowship at Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, USA and returned to Cambridge in 2019.

Chandrima is interested in extracting observational

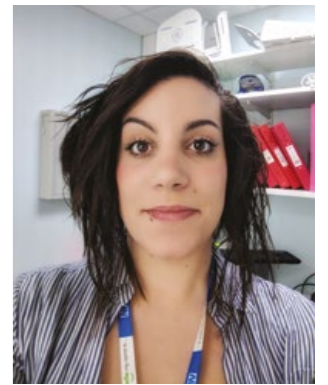


**Dr Chandrima Ganguly**

signatures of very early universe cosmological models that could be detected in the universe today. She is also interested in using cosmology to constrain particle physics beyond the standard model — such as constraining the nature of dark matter and dark energy.

Passionate about gender justice and advocacy, Chandrima is involved in outreach activities especially those promoting visibility for women in science.

A Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Cambridge Graphene Centre, Junior Research Fellow **Dr George Kakavelakis** is a materials scientist whose research focuses on the development of printable electronic inks towards the development of efficient, low carbon footprint and ultra-low-cost solar photovoltaics. He has particular interest in the formulation of emerging printable electronic inks including liquid phase exfoliated graphene and other layered materials, metal halide perovskites, metal oxides and organic semiconductors and the fabrication of their innovative assemblies and designs towards efficient, stable, scalable, low cost and low carbon footprint solar photovoltaics. George is passionate about mitigating the impact of climate change on our planet.



**Dr Antonina Kouli**

A member of the College since 2015, **Dr Antonina Kouli** completed her PhD in Clinical Neurosciences at Wolfson in 2019. Antonina's PhD was funded by the Onassis Scholarship for Hellenes from the Onassis Foundation in Greece and an ALBORADA Scholarship from Wolfson College. Currently, she is a Junior Research Fellow at Wolfson and a Research Associate in the laboratory of Dr Caroline Williams-Gray at the John van Geest Centre for

## Honorary Fellowship awarded to Professor Sir Richard Evans



Presidents past and present: **Professor Sir Richard Evans** and **Professor Jane Clarke** at the Fellows' Night Dinner in March 2020.

At the Fellows' Night Dinner in March, **Professor Jane Clarke** invited **Professor Sir Richard Evans** to make the declaration, calling him an "outstanding scholar, academic leader and public intellectual." "Richard is the author of almost thirty books, including his definitive *Third Reich Trilogy*. As a public intellectual, he has always been on the front line as an advocate for, and defender of, the discipline of history. His incisive style as a book reviewer and obituary writer makes me happy not to be an historian!

As President of Wolfson from 2010–2017, Richard led our highly successful 50th anniversary celebrations in 2015 and the associated fundraising campaign which enabled the College to embark on the refurbishment of our student accommodation. He enhanced the College's profile as a centre for visual culture and intellectual debate, firmly establishing our art exhibitions as a feature of College life and growing our footprint in the University and beyond. His writing continued unabated during his time at Wolfson, and he led a major research project on 'Conspiracies' at CRASSH. His appointment in 2014 as Provost of Gresham College reflects his commitment to the dissemination of knowledge beyond the ivory towers of Oxbridge."



Brain Repair in Cambridge and her research is funded by the Medical Research Council (MRC).

Antonina is a neuroscientist whose research aims at better understanding the role of the immune system in Parkinson's disease and its associated dementia, using three main methodologies: neuropathological investigation of human brain tissue, analysis of immune-related blood and cerebrospinal fluid biomarkers and longitudinal PET/MRI brain imaging.

Junior Research Fellow

**Dr Georg Krainer** is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie and Herchel Smith Fellow at the Department of Chemistry in the group of Professor Tuomas PJ Knowles and part of the Cambridge Centre for Misfolding Diseases and the Centre for Experimental Biophysical Chemistry. In his scientific work he explores the fundamental processes by which proteins come together to form the nanoscale machinery

of life.

Georg's research is highly multidisciplinary and brings together ideas and tools from chemistry and physics to study the dynamics, interactions, and physical properties of proteins and other biomolecules and their links to human health and disease. He is particularly interested in protein folding, misfolding, and self-assembly.

More recently Georg has become interested in the phenomena by which proteins self-assemble into liquid-like biomolecular condensate structures through phase separation.

A further key area of Georg's research is the development of novel physical tools for quantitative protein science and biophysics. Developments in this space include single-molecule optical methods, micro- and nanoscale lab-on-a-chip technologies, and novel sensing platforms for biomolecular analysis and diagnostics.



Dr Tolu Oni

**Dr Tollulah 'Tolu' Oni** is a Public Health physician, scientist and urban epidemiologist, and a Clinical Senior Research fellow with the MRC Epidemiology Unit's Global Public Health Research Programme.

Tolu spent 11 years conducting research in South Africa, where she also completed her public health medical specialty training. There, she established

a Research Initiative for Cities Health and Equity (RICHE), conducting transdisciplinary urban health research focused on generating evidence to support development and implementation of healthy public policies in rapidly growing cities, with a focus on Africa.

Within the Global Diet and Activity Research Network, Tolu explores meso- and

macro-level determinants of diet and physical activity. Research interests include investigating how urban systems (e.g. housing, food) can be harnessed for health, and integrated health systems responses to changing patterns of disease and multimorbidity in the context of urbanisation. In an interview for the Wolfson website she memorably said, "I don't work on disease, I work on health."

Tolu is a convenor of both the Global Health and Environment and Sustainability Interdisciplinary Research Hubs at Wolfson.

The LEGO Professor of Play in Education, Development and Learning (PEDAL) at the Faculty of Education, **Professor Paul Ramchandani** also works as a Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist in the UK National Health Service and was previously Professor of Child and Adolescent Mental Health at Imperial College London. He directs the PEDAL Research Centre.

Paul trained as a doctor in Southampton and then in public health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and in child and adolescent mental health in Oxford. His research has focused on mental health and he has a particular interest in the development of play and the prevention of emotional and behavioural problems in the early years of life.

A philosopher, **Dr William M R Simpson** was formerly a researcher at the Weizmann Institute of Science, and holds a doctorate in physics from the University of St Andrews. He is currently a Junior Research Fellow at Wolfson and a Research Associate of the Faculty of Divinity, and an associate member of the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion at the University of Oxford. He is a member of the American Philosophical Association and the American Academy of Religion.

William has wide-ranging research interests in metaphysics, philosophy of science, philosophy of physics, philosophy of mind,

and philosophy of religion. He is currently working on constructing 'powers ontologies' for different interpretations of quantum mechanics, and on the metaphysics of emergence in complex physical systems. More generally, he explores the various ways in which 'neo-Aristotelian' metaphysics, which deploys philosophical concepts like 'causal powers' and 'metaphysical grounding', may transform the landscape of discussion in the philosophy of mind and the philosophy of religion.

Junior Research Fellow

**Dr Carine Stapel** is based in the Epigenetics Group at the Babraham Institute. She is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie and EMBO Postdoctoral Fellow interested in understanding cellular decision making at the single-cell level. Carine studies how the very first cell fate decisions are made in the developing embryo during gastrulation. Specifically, she looks at the role of epigenetics in cell fate specification. To this end, she uses advanced methods to study both gene expression and epigenetics in single cells.

Using single-cell multi-omics, she and her colleagues recently revealed the epigenetic changes that occur during lineage specification in the mouse embryo. Her current work is aimed at identifying the factors involved in these epigenetic changes and their importance for cell identity. This work will improve the understanding of cell fate specification and hopefully generate new treatment avenues for differentiation defects in development and cancer, and generate new ways to manipulate cell fates for regenerative medicine.

**Dr Catherine Wilson** is a Lecturer at the Department of Pharmacology. Her work explores the use of cancer genes to develop novel regenerative therapies. Her research focuses on the highly pleiotropic cancer gene *Myc*. *Myc* is deregulated in the majority of cancers and plays a critical role in the progression and

maintenance of tumours. To aid understanding of how *Myc* mediates tumour progression, Catherine has developed switchable genetic models to assess the molecular and pathological effects of switching oncogenes on and off. The insights from Catherine's work have been fundamental to understanding the forces controlling cell replication in a deregulated cancer setting. Recent findings have opened up the exciting prospect of developing novel regenerative therapeutic approaches in normally non-regenerative tissues such as the heart.

**Dr Katrin Wittig** is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Department of Politics and International Studies (POLIS). She also collaborates with the United Nations,

Conciliation Resources and the Berghof Foundation. Before joining Cambridge, she worked with the United Nations in the fields of early warning and mediation.

Katrin's work specialises in civil war dynamics, political violence patterns and conflict resolution processes in societies emerging from armed conflict. Most of her field research has been conducted in Burundi.

She has published on the integration of former rebel groups into party politics, the implication of regional organizations in international peace mediation as well as challenges for land reform in post-conflict societies. Her current project focuses on the challenges for international peace mediation with a special interest in security arrangements.

Dr Katrin Wittig



## Junior Research Fellows on the move

We say goodbye to the following Junior Research Fellows and wish them well with their new academic positions.

**Dr Benjamin Pingault** (2016) is a Postdoctoral Fellow in Applied Physics at the John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Harvard University. He researches the quantum properties of atomic impurities in diamond (Group IV-vacancy) as well as 2D materials (transition metal dichalcogenides) for applications in quantum technologies, in particular quantum computing.

**Dr Rachel Carmenta** (2017), Frank Jackson Research Fellow, has taken the position of Tydall Centre Lecturer in Climate Change and International Development with the Tydall Centre and the School of International Development at the University of East Anglia.

She will continue research on the design and social equity of environmental governance with a focus on developing sustainable and equitable responses at the nexus of environment, development and global environmental change in the global South.

**Dr Anthony Pickles** (2017) has taken up a position as Lecturer in Social Anthropology and International Development in the School of International Development at the University of East Anglia (UEA). He is currently publishing research he did when at Wolfson and teaching a range of anthropological topics.

**Dr Noa Zilbermann** (2017) was appointed Associate Professor in Engineering Science at the University of Oxford and a Fellow of Somerville College Oxford.

**Dr Benjamin Chemouni** (2018) was appointed

Lecturer in Development Studies at the Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium.

**Dr Anna Ott** (2018) was appointed Lecturer in Quantum Engineering at the University of Exeter. Her research interests lie in the field of optical properties of layered materials, such as graphene and transition metal dichalcogenides, and their heterostructures, with focus on exploiting these for optoelectronic applications.

**Dr Victoria A Sleight** (2018) has joined the University of Aberdeen's School of Biological Sciences as Lecturer in Marine Biology where she will head up a research group investigating the development and evolution of marine invertebrate skeletons.

Dr Anna Ott





Fellow **Dr Tolullah Oni** reports on the inaugural Making the #UrbanBetter conversation, a joint event of the Global Health and Sustainability & Conservation Interdisciplinary Research Hubs

# MAKING THE #URBAN BETTER

"The COVID pandemic has heightened awareness of the significant flaws in our urban infrastructure, highlighting our lack of attention to how human health, natural systems, and the built environment interact to determine planetary health. These flaws are global and intensified in regions that are rapidly urbanising with increased risk of ecological disruption and where a growing number of people are living in unsafe settlements that increase risk of infectious and non-communicable diseases. The pace of growth in these cities presents an opportunity to rethink the creation of health as a central strategy for sustainable urban development.

A positive societal reset is required with the purpose of cities re-centred towards sustainable human and planetary health. The World Health Organisation (WHO) recently published a manifesto for healthy recovery from COVID-19 with five steps, two of which included building healthy cities and promoting healthy sustainable food systems. But how will this work in practice?

The world has witnessed unprecedented collaboration as part of the pandemic response, between government ministries, community groups and the public sector, and between public and private sectors. These unlikely intersectoral actions for health have challenged our perceived limits of what is possible. Our challenge is to harness this momentum to accelerate a different future, and to catalyse action to address health, social and planetary inequalities.

We convened a virtual event on 14 September. Over 120 participants joined from 30 countries in Africa, Europe, Asia, North America and Latin America and the Caribbean. The conversation was translated live into French and the discussions were captured as a graphic illustration in real time.

We asked registered participants before the event what questions we should be asking now to shape a healthy sustainable future in cities worldwide to prevent infectious and non-communicable diseases and future epidemics.

"We should be questioning everything. From the types of food we consume and how we produce them, to how we build our homes and more" was the response from one participant, illustrating the need for foundational disruptions that will need us to work across silos and collaborate to address these complex challenges. Here are just a few of the themes that emerged during the discussion.

## URBAN DESIGN AND PLANNING

We explored global, regional and local approaches to integrating health into urban planning and development. How can we better equip built environment professionals with the capability to ensure performance measurements of human health? What ubiquitous, outdated designs make us prone to global pandemics? What is the role of public space in creating health in cities?

Remarking, "Mayors are the new Ministers of Health", one of our speakers highlighted the transformative role that dynamic cities can play in accelerating progress towards the healthier, greener, safer, more inclusive and resilient future set out in the WHO Sustainable Development Goals.



## PLANETARY RESILIENCE

To explore the opportunities for integrating planetary health foresight into urban development, speakers shared experiences from Cape Town, South Africa, Douala, Cameroon, Accra, Ghana, Lagos, Nigeria, and Essex, UK of intersectoral action before and during the pandemic and examples of ongoing and planned urban built environment interventions.

For example, a transdisciplinary research team of academics and government representatives in the health and human settlements sectors shared their experiences conducting research on integrating health into human settlements policy as part of a project funded by the Leading Integrated Research for Agenda 2030 in Africa (LIRA).

Speakers from Lagos and Accra spoke of building a resilience plan to address planetary health challenges in their respective cities, and we also heard about the Livewell scheme, integrating well-being into urban development in Essex.

## GENERATIONAL HEALTH

"Young people need to be at the heart of how we find ways forward...are we ready to value youth voices?"

By 2035, half of Africa's population will be living in cities and urban areas; and the vast majority of them will be young people. What do they think? What do they want? What choices will

they make? What actions will they take? We often don't know because the perspectives of young people are rarely privileged in decision-making spaces.

In considering the potential for policy-relevant action on planetary health beyond the COVID pandemic, a discussant highlighted the critical importance of ensuring that any planned initiatives work directly with young people from the beginning, sharing an example from the Africa Voices Foundation of how integrating young people's voices into strategic planning and implementation can work in practice.

Further topics included poverty and inequality, intersectoral collaboration and participation, consumption, policy-making, waste and pollution and much more. It was clear that we have our work cut out for us, and we will certainly need all hands on deck! These are just snippets from a really engaging conversation. You can listen the dialogue in full on our website (search 'Making the Urban Better'). Future conversations will be feeding into ongoing efforts to integrate health foresight into Africa's cities for human and planetary health, so stay tuned!!

You can watch the discussion in the Wolfson Media Collection on our website.



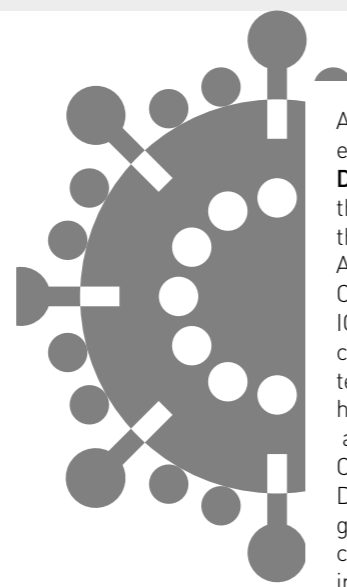


# COVID & Me

Many Wolfson members temporarily set aside their research or normal jobs in order to help manage the COVID crisis. Here are just a few of the ways Wolfson Fellows, students and alumni contributed.

In addition to the recent cohort of medics who graduated early and are being drafted into the NHS, we have some alumnae who are already hard at work. **Dr Katy Chisenga**, who graduated in 2018, worked at the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton on the Care of the Elderly wards.

**Dr Sonny Smart** (former Captain of WCBC), graduated last year and is working at Addenbrooke's as a Junior Doctor on the Respiratory Ward. Sonny says, "I've struggled to find a time when I'm not thinking about coronavirus and how it'll affect my patients, my family and my colleagues. This has definitely posed a far greater challenge than I ever expected in my first year as a doctor."



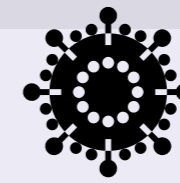
An intensive care physician and emergency doctor, Fellow **Dr Virginia Newcombe** worked through the pandemic in the Intensive Care Unit at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge (see 'The View from ICU' on our website). She is also conducting a study on the long-term neurological and mental health effects of COVID and is a member of the Global Consortium of Neurological Dysfunction in COVID, a working group to create brain imaging common data elements for international collaborative imaging research for COVID.



Fellow **Dr Thomas Pulimood** has been managing COVID patients as the Respiratory lead clinician in the West Suffolk Hospital Foundation Trust. He has been part of a clinical group developing local guidelines, ramping up on ventilation facility and helping with plans for managing these patients for the West Suffolk Hospital. He has also been part of the team auditing live our patient admissions, and looking at local patterns of presentation in Suffolk and Cambridge. They are developing further regional and national respiratory networks to deal with COVID over the next few months and years.

In his clinical research, he has been looking at the use of lung ultrasound imaging in the diagnosis of COVID. "We are working towards developing a method of using ultrasound imaging and artificial intelligence to diagnose COVID early to help triage patients in mid- and low-income countries where there is limited access to laboratory testing. Our initial project has been to validate the ultrasound method using artificial intelligence and we are moving towards the next phase of applying this," he explains.

During the COVID pandemic, a number of our students have volunteered in clinical settings, working as health care assistants or technicians. Current Graduate Course in Medicine student **Dan Zahedi** spotted this poster when he started working as a healthcare assistant at the Barts Health NHS Trust in East London.



## Fellows and students team up to improve testing

When Addenbrooke's Hospital was gearing up to deal with the pandemic, there was no capacity to test frontline NHS staff. That meant staff with symptoms, or who had been exposed to someone with symptoms, were self-isolating without knowing whether they were infected with Sars-CoV-2. This in turn led to staff shortages. Fellow **Professor Stephen Baker** thought he could repurpose his team at The Baker Lab (part of the Cambridge Institute for Therapeutic Immunology and Infectious Diseases) to help out.

The polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test that identifies whether or not a person is infected could only be performed in a Containment Level 3 facility, slowing down the process and limiting the number of tests. Steve's team found a way to inactivate the virus immediately after a nasal swab is taken, allowing the PCR to be processed in more widely available Level 2 facilities.

"We turned to **Professor Ian Goodfellow** at the Department of Pathology," says Stephen. "He was able to give us the buffer material that deactivates the virus at the point of contact."

With its new testing capacity, Addenbrooke's quickly put in place a system where staff could drive through the hospital car park and receive a nasal swab without having to leave their cars. At this point, two Wolfson students were drafted in to help out. **Fathima 'Nisha' Begum Samad** and **David Cordova Jimenez**, both MPhil students in Industrial Systems Manufacture and Management (ISMM), brought their knowledge of manufacturing processes to streamline the process at the point of collection. Their recommendations were taken up by the hospital and improved both the efficiency and the experience of the testing.

David and Nisha were pleased they were able to be a bridge between the NHS and The Baker Lab during this pandemic. They feel they have an understanding of testing from both the front and back ends of the process and are writing a paper so that other hospitals can gain from their experience. For their volunteer efforts to bring their expertise to the NHS during this crisis, they were

Fellow **Professor James Wood** is Head of the Veterinary school and an expert on zoonotic diseases, including those spread from bats to humans. He is co-chair of the Cambridge Infectious Diseases Interdisciplinary Research Centre and has, through this Centre, been involved in a number of COVID responses, including organising a cross-University seminar programme highlighting the COVID work of Cambridge academics. Cambridge Infectious Diseases also worked with the Centre for Science and Policy (CSaP) to provide policy briefings for

senior Government officials. He assisted Cambridge Africa running a special emergency COVID grant programme for funds to support pandemic response programmes.

James is asked to comment by the national press on a range of different studies or observations from the pandemic, especially those that relate to animal infections and food production and safety. He notes, "Some of this has involved jointly publishing responses to media reports of work that is clearly incorrect or 'fake news'."



**David and Nisha with Professor Stephen Baker** outside The Baker Lab at the Jeffrey Cheah Biomedical Centre.

given a Vice-Chancellor's Social Impact Award. Steve was also awarded a Vice-Chancellor's Collaboration Award with Dr Michael Weekes for "A comprehensive COVID-19 screening programme for Cambridge University Hospital's healthcare workers, and Cambridge University staff and students."

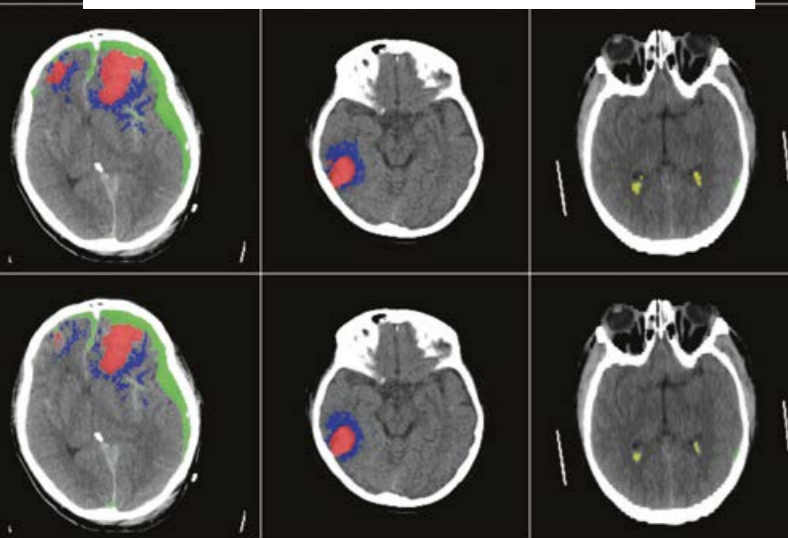




# Fellows' News

## Dr Virginia Newcombe (2004)

appeared in a podcast for *The Lancet Digital Health* to discuss her paper on a deep learning algorithm to quantify and distinguish between brain lesion types in CT images of patients with traumatic brain injury. The research is part of the Collaborative European Neurotrauma Effectiveness Research in Traumatic Brain Injury, a multi-centre study across 21 European countries. Virginia is currently supervising analyses with neuro-imaging and biomarkers to provide key insights into traumatic brain injury that she hopes will inform future treatments and clinical trials.

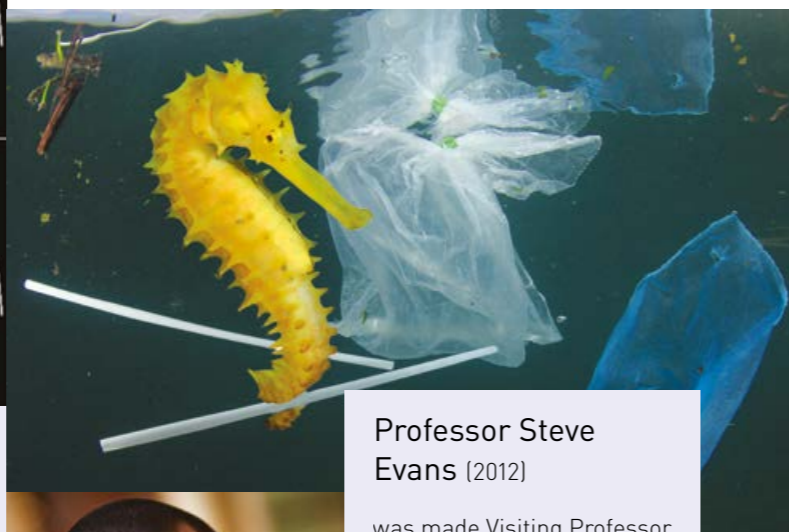


## Professor Dick Fenner (2006)

Professor Fenner and Dr Malcolm Morgan have been awarded the Robert Alfred Carr Prize by the Institution of Civil Engineers for the best paper published each year in the *Journal of Paper Management*. The paper, *Spatial evaluation of the multiple benefits of sustainable drainage systems*, describes research that evolved from the EPSRC-funded Blue Green Cities project and describes a GIS tool to calculate the cumulative benefits of a sustainable urban drainage scheme as they propagate over an urban landscape.

## Dr Guillaume Nataf (2017)

In September 2019, Junior Research Fellow Dr Nataf helped to organise Shaping Horizons, a summit and action programme rooted in science, policy, and innovation. The gathering took place in Cambridge and was attended by 100 future leaders from the UK and Latin America. Guillaume is also a convener of the Conservation and Sustainability Interdisciplinary Research Hub.



Professor Steve Evans

## Professor Steve Evans (2012)

was made Visiting Professor of Sustainable Future Manufacturing at the Royal College of Art. In November 2019, he gave a keynote talk *Making Industry Sustainable* at the 'How to change the world' conference by the How To Academy in London as part of a line up of speakers that included Malcolm Gladwell, Noam Chomsky and Robert Winston. His October 2019 article, *Motivating actions to mitigate plastic pollution* was named one of the Top 50 articles of 2019 in *Nature Communications*. Steve is also a convener of the Conservation and Sustainability Interdisciplinary Research Hub.

## Dr Andrea Greve (2015)

In 2019–2020, Dr Greve was invited to speak at the Technical University of Munich, the Goethe University, Frankfurt, and the Universities of Ghent and Hamburg, as well as to the Experimental Psychology Society in London. She was awarded a research grant from the German Research Foundation to establish a research network for interdisciplinary study of 'predictive coding (PC) and processing in memory and perception (PPiMP)' in collaboration with University of Hamburg.

## Dr Emilio Martínez-Pañeda (2018)

Junior Research Fellow Dr Martínez-Pañeda investigated the effect of microstructural traps on hydrogen embrittlement and diffusion. His publications in *Acta Materialia* and the *International Journal on Hydrogen Energy* show that an increase in the density of 'beneficial' traps can help to design alloys that are resistant to hydrogen-assisted fatigue.

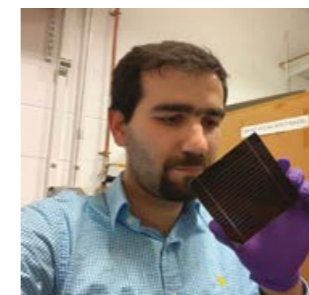


## Professor Gordon Dougan FMedSci FRS (2008)

Professor Dougan was awarded the 2020 Albert B Sabin Gold Medal. The Medal, now in its 27th year, is Sabin's highest scientific honour, and is given annually to a member of the global health community who has made extraordinary contributions to vaccinology or a complementary field. Gordon's research in vaccine discovery and delivery has focused on two key areas; equitable access to vaccines and information, and the application of genomics to enable vaccine development.

## Dr Mojtaba Abdi-Jalebi (2019)

Junior Research Fellow Dr Abdi-Jalebi's most recent *Nature* publication discusses a new approach to the determination of performance-limiting factors at nanoscale in perovskite photovoltaic and lighting devices. This is particularly relevant for the development of novel semiconductors and in optoelectronic applications.



Dr Mojtaba Abdi-Jalebi

## Dr Shadia Taha (2007)

Dr Taha became a member of the East Pemba Maritime Heritage Project (Zanzibar, Tanzania) directed by Professor Mark Horton and funded by Rising from the Depth. The project aims to highlight the unique survival of maritime cultural heritage. Shadia's research examines the roles of women in fishing communities and investigates women's access, use, and benefit from natural resources, the challenges they face to identify long-term sustainability, and recognising opportunities and potential for women.



## Dr Antonina Kouli (2015)

Junior Research Fellow Dr Kouli focuses on the links between dementia and Parkinson's disease. This year, she published on the timing of T-cell responses to alpha-synuclein in Parkinson's, which links it to autoimmune disorders. Further, her research group published work on genetic variants involved in the clinical progression of Huntington's disease. She served as the Workshop Officer for the 2020 Wolfson Research Event.

## Dr Caitlin Hitchcock (2015)

was awarded a Discovery Early Career Research Award from the Australian Research Council. In the funded project, an international team of researchers will track young adults over a number of years to explore whether autobiographical memory for personal life events underlies development of both adaptive and dysfunctional aspects of mental health. Dr Hitchcock was also recognised as a 2019 Rising Star by the Association for Psychological Science.

## Dr Olga Petri (2018)

In publications in *Humanimalia and Society* and *Animals*, Junior Research Fellow and urban historical geographer Dr Petri explores the *ovsianka* — the song of canaries bred among rural Russian birds and then brought to St Petersburg in the late 19th century. Her contribution to animal-human historical geographies argues that canaries expressed their modified contextual agency in a super-urban assemblage. Olga is also an organiser and presenter for the international workshop, *Winged Geographies: Birds in Space and Imagination* which has been postponed until April 2021. Olga was shortlisted in the CUSU Student-Led Teaching Awards 2020 in the category of Academic Student Support.

Dr Olga Petri

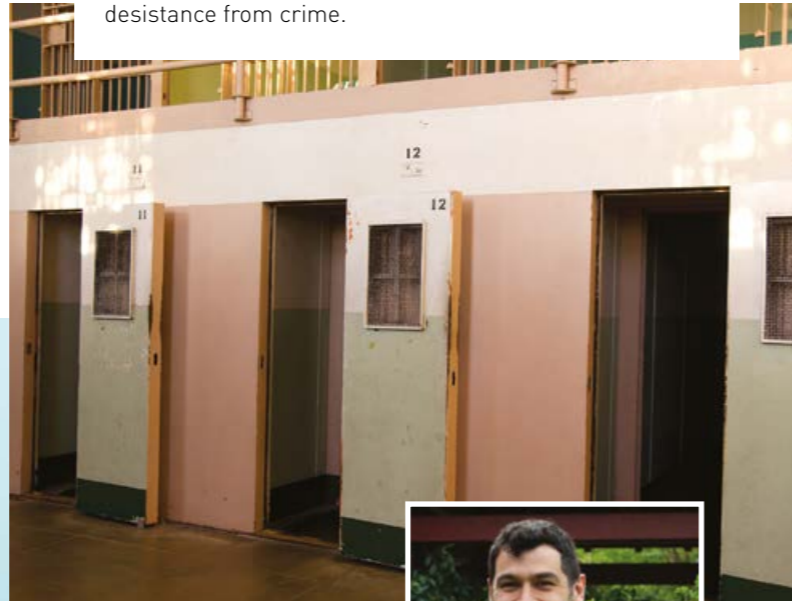




# Fellows' News

## Dr Ben Laws (2013)

is a Junior Research Fellow associated with the Institute of Criminology. His work focuses on the emotional dimensions of solitary confinement. In a recent publication in *Theoretical Criminology*, he argues for a widened understanding of the notion of self in narrative criminology. A clearer distinction between different 'selves', he argues, helps us understand processes of desistance from crime.



Dr Ben Laws

## Dr Celia Donert (2019)

Dr Donert organised a conference on 'Legacies of the Roma Genocide' at the Wiener Holocaust Library, as well as an AHRC-funded workshop on 'Women's Rights and Global Socialism' at Wolfson in December. Her book, *The Rights of the Roma: The Struggle for Citizenship in Postwar Czechoslovakia* (CUP 2017) received the 2019 Czechoslovak Studies Association Book Prize.

## Professor Paul Ramchandani (2020)

Professor Ramchandani continues his work on multiple fronts. In addition to publishing on father-child play and its positive social, emotional, and cognitive effects on child development, he also found time to work on a rapid review of the impact of quarantine on children's play and health outcomes, the findings of which he discusses in a commentary in *New Scientist*.

## Professor Paul Ramchandani



## Dr Noa Zilberman (2017)

In a recent publication, Junior Research Fellow Dr Zilberman and her collaborators demonstrated x10,000 performance improvement in distributed services, following a recent paper where they have demonstrated x1,000 power saving. This means that hundreds of computers can be replaced with a single in-network computing device, saving significant energy. Computing infrastructure also has societal effects, and another recent publication considered aspects of trustworthy AI systems development.



## Lynette Alcántara (1995)

Since March, Director of Music Lynette Alcántara has continued to work with King's Junior Voices, the community children's choir she founded, via weekly Zoom rehearsals. She and the children made two videos (one composed by former Junior Research Fellow **Dr Matthew Woolhouse**) which were edited by Wolfson Choir Bass and Senior Member **Dr Rupert Curwen**. Lyn and a number of Wolfson and King's friends founded the charity in 2010. The choir enables Cambridgeshire children to experience choral singing at a high level at no expense to their families. For Addenbrooke's Hospital staff, Lyn, Dr Curwen and KJV created a Virtual Choir thank you video, shared with its 5,000 staff on Facebook.

## Professor Adrian Kent (1994)

Professor Kent is Co-Lead in the new UK Quantum Communications Hub, one of four hubs of the National Quantum Technologies Programme. The Quantum Communications Hub has already established the UK's first quantum network, the UKQN. They will be extending and enhancing the UKQN, adding function and capability, and introducing new Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) technologies — using quantum light analogous to that used in conventional communications, or using entanglement working towards even longer distance fibre communications. He has continued his work on 'The grasshopper problem', a mathematical analogy involving a jumping grasshopper and its ideal lawn shape, proving that there are new Bell inequalities that characterise the extra power of quantum theory compared to classical models.

## Professor Christi Deaton (2014)

is the Florence Nightingale Foundation Clinical Professor of Nursing at the School of Clinical Medicine. In the past year she completed several multi-year research projects and published extensively on the prevention and management of heart failure disease. In an invited editorial in the *European Journal of Preventive Cardiology*, she stresses the importance of moving beyond the multiple and complex

barriers that prevent women, in particular, from taking part in clinical trials of cardiac rehabilitation. Christi and her colleagues are also assessing changes in practice during the COVID pandemic and the perspectives of patients and clinicians regarding those changes and future practice.

## Professor Ian Cross (1994)

is Director of the Centre for Music and Science. In 2019–2020 he and Fellow **Professor Paul Ramchandani** were part of a team that registered a study protocol. The objectives were to test the feasibility of a particular study design while evaluating the efficacy of a musical community health intervention for perinatal mental health improvement in

The Gambia, based around indigenous musical practices. Initial results from the project indicate that the study design is viable and that the intervention is efficacious; the team is submitting a proposal for a larger trial using the same intervention.

## Dr Catherine Wilson (2020)

Dr Wilson was appointed a Lecturer in the Department of Pharmacology in July 2020. She published an article in *Nature*, in which she and her team identify a key limiting determinant for *Myc* transcriptional activation (which plays a role in the growth of tumours). Their findings help to improve the treatment of heart myopathies. She appeared on an episode of the BBC Cambridgeshire's *Naked Scientists* podcast to discuss the research.

## Dr Rafael Romero-García (2019)

Junior Research Fellow Dr Romero-García became affiliated with Cancer Research UK and was given a three-month grant from the Cambridge Philosophical Society for research on accurately mapping cognitive functions for the neurosurgical management of brain tumours. He co-authored 10 new journal publications published in *Nature Communication*, *Biological Psychiatry* and *PNAS*.



# Fellows' News

## Dr William MR Simpson (2020)

Junior Research Fellow Dr Simpson was made an Honorary Research Fellow of the University of St Andrews. He was also awarded the Expanded Reason Award for his thesis, *What's the matter? Toward a neo-Aristotelian ontology of nature*. This international research prize of €25,000 is awarded by the University Francisco de Vitoria in collaboration with the Joseph Ratzinger Vatican Foundation. His most recent paper, *What's the matter with Super-Humeanism?* which concerns the metaphysics of quantum mechanics, was published in the *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*.



## Professor Susan Robertson (2017)

was appointed Head of the Faculty of Education in June 2019. She was also appointed to the Advisory Board of the Institute of Education, Tsinghua University, China and made an Honorary Professor at the University of Aarhus, Denmark. In 2019, she delivered keynote speeches at Tsinghua University (Global competences and higher education); 'the Beijing Institute of Technology (V-Charged: global rankings and higher Education)'; and 'Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan (What kind of graduates for the 21st century?)'.

She also published a critique of the OECD's mode of governance, namely ordinal modes of comparison. The paper published in *Comparative Education Review* shows that methodological constraints and pluri-scalar politics leave the outcomes of the ordinalisation muted.

### Professor Susan Robertson

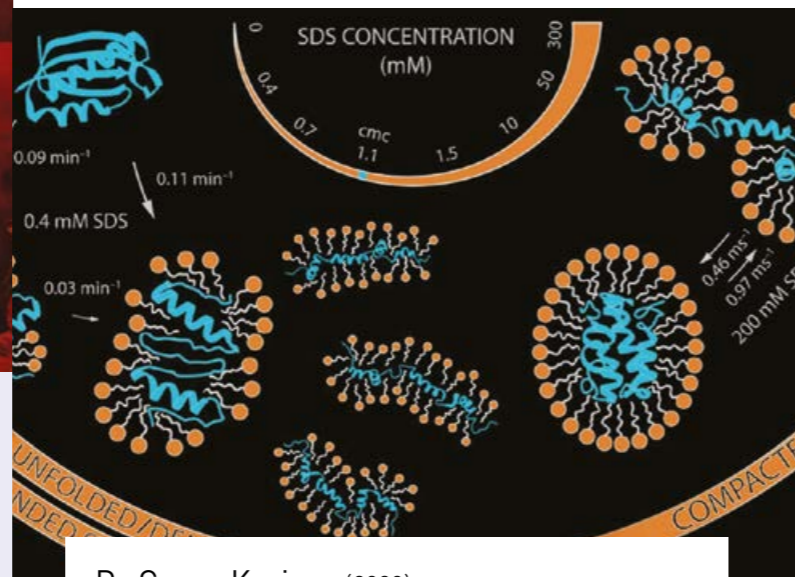


## Dr Julieta Galante (2017)

Junior Research Fellow Dr Galante supervised a team that published a comprehensive systematic review and meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials (RCTs) measuring the effects of mindfulness-based interventions for university students experiencing stress. Her team has also published various results from the Mindful Student Study, which assessed the mental health effects of mindfulness courses offered to Cambridge students.

## Dr Hirak Patra (2018)

Junior Research Fellow Dr Patra has recently published his nanomedicine-related research on embedded implantable nanosystems in *Advanced Functional Materials*. He is developing a nano toolbox that can be employed for a specific disease condition or purpose. Hirak was appointed Associate Professor of Nanomedicine and Regenerative Medicine at University College London. He was awarded a Medical Research Council Career Development Award of £1.5m to develop and test medicated artificial corneas.

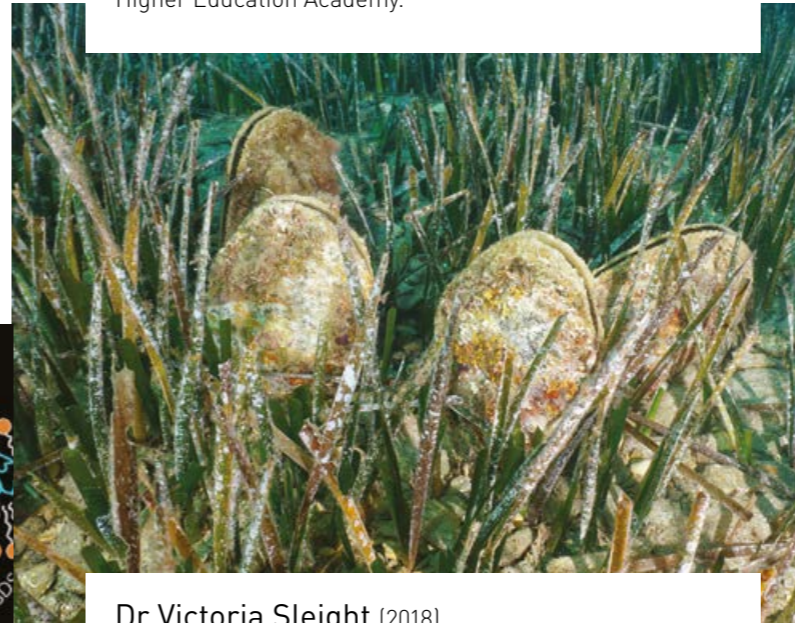


## Dr Georg Krainer (2020)

Junior Research Fellow Dr Krainer has been very active recently in publishing papers and pre-prints which provide new insights into the dynamics, interactions, and physical properties of proteins, and their links to human health and disease, such as cystic fibrosis. He received grants from the EPSRC Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) as co-investigator together with Dr William E. Arter and Professor Tuomas PJ Knowles, and project funding from the German Cystic Fibrosis Association and Cystic Fibrosis Institute, together with Professor Michael Schlierf, TU Dresden.

## Dr Benjamin Chemouni (2018)

Junior Research Fellow Dr Chemouni was in Burundi in December 2019 to teach research methods at the new postgraduate school of the National University of Burundi. This was part of a capacity strengthening project for higher education in Burundi from the Belgium Research and Higher Education Academy.



## Dr Victoria Sleight (2018)

Junior Research Fellow Dr Sleight, in a team with Fellow **Professor Lloyd Peck**, published a *Biological Review* article on the future of molluscs research. They conclude that more recent studies produced evidence that molluscs have a better potential to adapt to future climate conditions than previously thought.

## Dr Gabrielle Davidson (2019)

In a recent publication in *Trends in Ecology & Evolution*, Junior Research Fellow Dr Davidson and colleagues present a toolkit of approaches to better understand the ecological relevance of the gut microbiome's effects on behaviour and cognition in wild vertebrates. Hitherto only explored under laboratory conditions, their contribution will help advance behavioural ecology by gathering data on natural populations. In August Gabrielle was an invited keynote speaker at the European Society of Evolutionary Biology (ESEB) in Finland, Turku 2019 where she presented 'on the interplay between environment, gut microbiome and host cognition'. She also presented a poster at the Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour (ASAB) Virtual Summer Conference 2020 and a talk at the North American Ornithological Conference 2020 on 'Diet-induced changes to host gut microbiota is linked to foraging innovation in a wild bird'.

## Dr Joni Holmes (2014)

presented her research on cognitive dimensions of learning in children with problems in attention, learning and memory at the 7th Annual Flux Congress in New York, the Better Learning Conference in Kiev, Ukraine, the Centre for Developmental Disorders Public Lecture in Durham and the Beyond Working Memory conferences in Melbourne and Perth, Australia.

## Dr Meg Westbury (2014)

College Librarian Dr Westbury was awarded her PhD by Lancaster University in E-Research and Technology Enhanced Learning. Her thesis, *Academic librarians' Twitter practices and the production of knowledge infrastructures in higher education*, examined new and quiet forms of knowledge production in higher education by university staff who straddle academic and administrative roles.

## Dr Michael Hrebeniak (2007)

was awarded a Leverhulme Research Fellowship for the 2020–2021 academic year to allow writing of a book on the cultural history of BBC's Arena. His full-length experimental film, *Stirbitch: An Imaginary*, premiered at Downing College's Howard Theatre in December as part of the Heong Gallery's Barbara Hepworth show. Michael also published a chapter *Roar* (ed. Rosanna Greaves and Marina Velez) on Michael McClure's ecopoetics and an article on the design for an experimental higher education institution, the *New School of the Anthropocene*, published in the journal *Architecture and Culture*.



## Dr Marina Salorio-Corbetto (2009)

Fellow and Tutor Dr Salorio-Corbetto was awarded the recognition of Fellow of the British Society of Audiology for her contributions to the Society and to her field of expertise. She was also awarded a travel bursary by the Association of Research in Otolaryngology (ARO) to attend their Midwinter Meeting in San Jose,

California in January 2020. There she presented her work on non-invasive and minimally-invasive transcranial current stimulation for tinnitus relief and subjective and objective measures to improve the fitting of cochlear implants.



# Emeritus & former Fellows

## Emeritus Fellows contribution to College theme of WOLFSON EXPLORES Transformation

The Society of Emeritus Fellows, with Fellow **Professor Nick Wareham**, organised seven lectures on *Transforming Healthcare through Prevention*.

The series was inspired by the Government vision paper *Prevention is better than cure* which stressed the "NHS and local authorities need to put prevention at the heart of everything they do: tackling the root causes of poor health, not just treating the symptoms." Individuals, families, communities and employers have a role to play but they need information to empower healthier lifestyle choices.

These free public lectures, held in the Lee Hall between 30 October 2019 and 6 March 2020, were to provide some of that information.

**Professor Martin Vernon**, (National Clinical Director for Older People at NHS England) *Ageing well on a national scale: the balance between fitness and frailty*  
**Professor Ian Goodyer** OBE, (Emeritus Fellow)

*Prevention of mental illness in the adolescent years*

**Professor Elio Riboli** (Imperial College London) *The nutrition and cancer journey: from chemical-physical carcinogenesis to metabolic carcinogenesis*

**Dr Giles Yeo** (Fellow) *Is obesity a choice?*  
**Professor Nick Wareham** (Fellow)

*Prevention of Type 2 diabetes*  
**Professor Simon Griffin** (Fellow)

*Primary Care at the Forefront of Prevention*

**Professor Martin White** (Professor of Population Health Research, University of Cambridge)

*The only way is upstream: the NCD emergency, intergenerational inequality and the urgent need for system change.*

*The main health problems*

*addressed in the lectures were non-communicable diseases which have root causes in our lifestyle and environment. Unfortunately the COVID pandemic struck the UK as the series was ending.*

The series was supported by a dinner after the first lecture with all lecturers and leaders of local health authorities as guests of College. **Dr Tom Davies**, Emeritus Fellow, provided beautiful watercolour cartoons to illustrate each lecture. The lectures proved extremely popular and attracted large audiences from within the College and beyond.

**Dr Eric Miller**  
Society of Emeritus Fellows

*Cancer journey*



## Press Fellows

Former Press Fellow **Albert Oppong-Ansah** (2014) was judged to be the Best Environmental Journalist in Ghana. He was also nominated as a finalist at the 2019 Africa Desk Science Journalist, by the African Academy of Arts and Science. Albert is Chief Reporter for the Ghana News Agency/Inter Press Service.

Former Press Fellow **John S McClenahan's** (1987) photograph *Mont Blanc* was exhibited during February and March 2020 at a judged show at the Rehoboth Art League in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.



## In brief

Emeritus Fellow **Professor Brian Moore FMedSci FRS** (1976) has been a Senior Member, then a Fellow of Wolfson since early in the College's history. He is renowned for his work in audiology, hearing loss and the development of hearing aids. In July, the magazine *Canadian Audiologist* devoted a special issue "to celebrate and fete the life and work of Brian Moore".

Emeritus Fellow **Professor John Henderson FRHistS** (1987) received numerous enquiries from the press and academic colleagues about his book *Surviving Plague in an early*

*modern city* (Yale University Press, 2019) leading to interviews on the BBC World Service, Swedish National Radio, Info Globo Brazil, Canadian National Radio and podcasts for the Birkbeck Arts Week and the Wolfson Humanities Society.

Emeritus Fellow **Professor Philip Arestis** (2004) was granted professional membership in the Scientific Committee of the Conference of the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy and the Academic Board of the Institute of Exponential Education. He also published numerous

journal articles on financial and economic topics.

Emeritus Fellow **Dr Stephen Hoath** (2011) worked for the Sustainability Committee with the WCSA Green Officer, College staff and Green Society members to help secure another Gold Award for Wolfson's Green Impact team, and presented a poster on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at the 2020 Wolfson Research Event.

At the 2019 Congress of the Criminological Society of the German-speaking Countries Former Fellow **Professor Friedrich Lösel** (2006) received the Beccaria Gold Medal for outstanding achievements in Criminology. In his acceptance speech Friedrich emphasised how important this honour was

to him as Cesare Beccaria, founder of classical Criminology in the 18th Century, had argued for reforms in criminal law that would prevent future crime and re-offending, and not just the punishment of past behaviour. Much of Friedrich's research has addressed these aims.

Emeritus Fellow **Professor Susan Oosthuizen FSA** (2002) received further coverage for her 2019 book, *The Emergence of the English*. An online lecture she gave for the Humanities Society attracted 500 attendees, has since been viewed over 600 times on our website, and was covered in *The Times* newspaper.

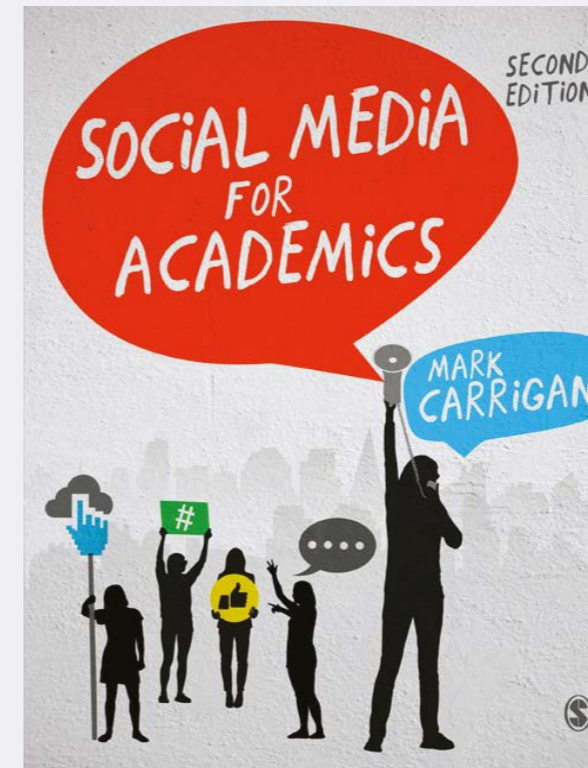
# New publications by members

**Dr Manzoorul Abedin** (2008)  
**A Teacher's Guide to Science and Religion in the Classroom**  
Routledge, 2018

**Professor Robin Alexander FBA FAcSS** (2004)  
**A Dialogic Teaching Companion**  
Routledge, 2020

**Dr Linda Bree** (2015)  
**Fully-annotated edition of Maria Edgeworth's *Belinda***  
Oxford University Press  
World Classics series, OUP 2020

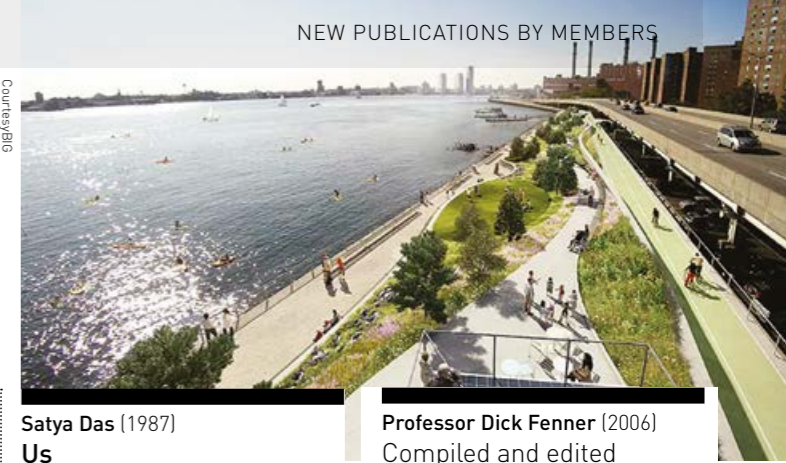
**Professor Ian Cross** (1994) & **Professor Elizabeth Tolbert** (2003)  
**Epistemologies** (chapter)  
**The Oxford Handbook of Western Music and Philosophy**  
Oxford University Press, 2020



**Dr Mark Carrigan** (2018)  
**Social Media for Academics, 2nd edition**  
SAGE Publications Ltd, 2019

The new edition of this 2016 work includes 100 new pages covering topics like online harassment, live blogging, Facebook groups, live streaming, research impact, developing hashtags, podcasting, auditing your online identity, taking sabbaticals, building communities and working with freelancers.

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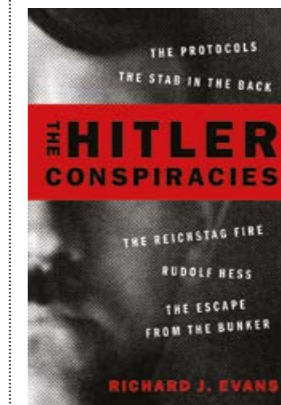


**Satya Das** (1987)  
**Us**  
Sextant Publishing, 2019



Written for MK Gandhi's sesquicentennial, the journey of *Us* applies the example and teaching of Gandhi, Mandela and King to address the challenges we face today. In offering a path away from the politics of division and fear, it evokes a trans-national sense of community. The author's time as a Press Fellow at Wolfson is presented as an exemplar of many streams of humankind finding common ground and common purpose, in pursuit of the common good. The book offers fond vignettes of the late Professor Sir David Williams QC and Bill Kirkman MBE.

**Professor Sir Richard J Evans** (2010)  
**The Hitler Conspiracies**  
The Third Reich and the Paranoid Imagination  
Penguin, 2020

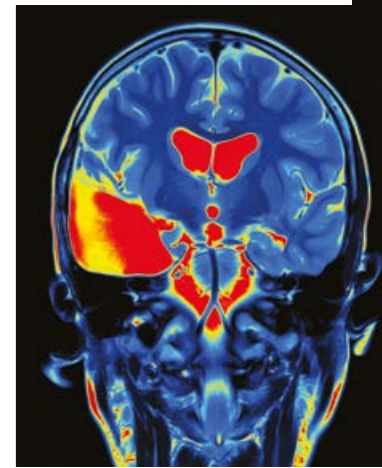


**Professor Dick Fenner** (2006)  
Compiled and edited a special edition of the **Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A: Urban Flood Resilience**  
Royal Society, 2020

The edition calls for a paradigm shift from moving water 'away' to creating opportunities for capturing stormwater locally and using it as a component of urban regeneration and urban greening.

**Dr John Firth** (2000)  
Senior Editor of the **Oxford Textbook of Medicine, 6th edition**  
Oxford University Press, 2020

This is the standard non-American general medical reference work, comprising over 600 chapters and 6,500 printed pages. The text is freely available via the WHO HINARI (Access to Research for Health Programme) and much used in health institutions in resource-poor countries.



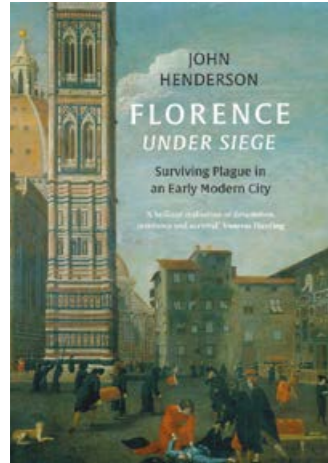
**Dr Stephen Heavens** (1969) (& June Roberts)  
**Penguin Diplomacy**  
Mereo Books, 2020

The first ever biography of Brian Roberts (1912–1978), Britain's foremost expert on the Antarctic and the main driving force behind the Antarctic Treaty which has protected the region for the past 60 years.



**Professor John Henderson FRHist** (1984)

**Florence Under Siege**  
Surviving Plague in an early modern city  
Yale University Press, 2019

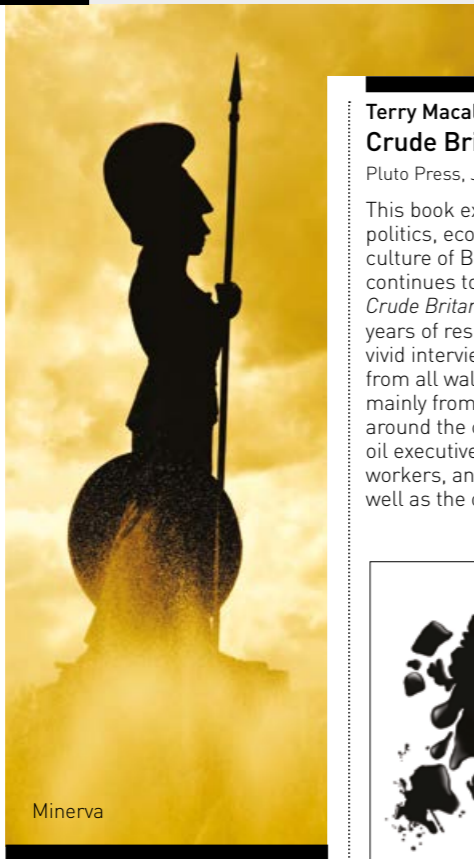
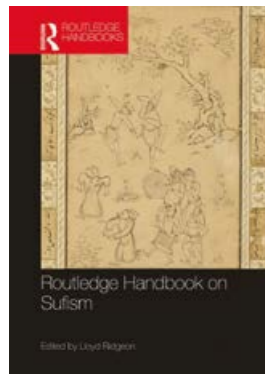


**Ludovic Highman** (2009)  
**Remapping French higher education**  
Towards a multi-tiered higher education? Tertiary Education and Management  
Springer online, 2019

**Dr William Hodapp** (2001)  
**The Figure of Minerva in Medieval Literature**  
Boydell & Brewer, 2020

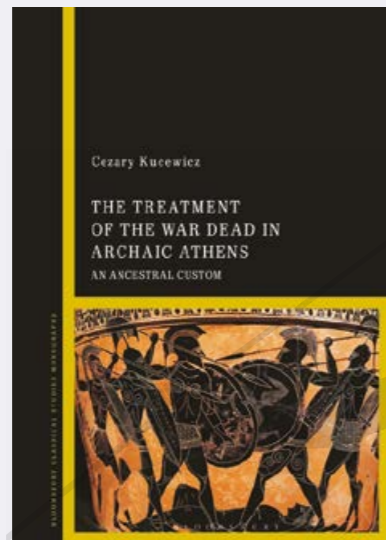
**Professor Marga Jann** (2003)  
**The Architect**  
Four Countries Four Faces  
Arrow Gate Publishing Ltd, 2019

**Dr Annabel Keeler** (1992)  
**Abū Yazīd al-Bisāmī and Discussions about Intoxicated Sufism** (chapter) **Routledge Handbook on Sufism**  
Routledge, 2020



Minerva

**Professor Peter Lucas** (2000)  
**Exodus**, 3rd Edition  
Exeter Medieval Texts and Studies  
Liverpool University Press, 2020



**Dr Cezary Kucewicz** (2019)  
**The Treatment of the War Dead in Archaic Athens**  
An Ancestral Custom  
Bloomsbury, 2020

Exploring the representations of the war dead in early Greek mythology, particularly the Homeric poems and the *Epic Cycle*, alongside iconographic images on black-figure pottery and the evidence of funerary monuments adorning the graves of early Athenian elites, this book provides much-needed insight into the customs associated with the war dead in Archaic Athens.

**Terry Macalister** (2010)  
**Crude Britannia**  
Pluto Press, January 2021  
This book explores how the politics, economics and even culture of Britain has been – and continues to be – shaped by oil. *Crude Britannia* has taken four years of research and includes vivid interviews with key figures from all walks of life taken mainly from four locations around the country, including top oil executives, former refinery workers, and senior politicians as well as the odd Cambridge don.

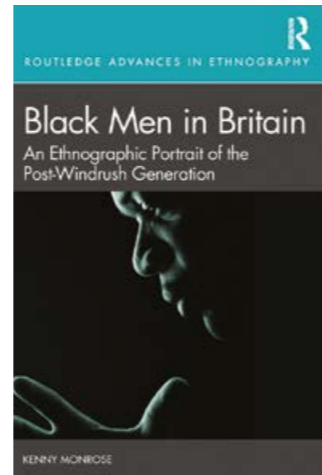


**John S McClenahan** (1987)  
**If for Only a Moment**  
Independently published, 2019

**Professor Mary Mills** (2014)  
**Commentary on Isaiah 1-39, Jerome Biblical Commentary** 3rd edition  
Bloomsbury, 2020

**Dr Kenny Monrose** (2018)  
**Black Men in Britain**  
An Ethnographic Portrait of the Post-Windrush Generation (Routledge Advances in Ethnography)  
Routledge, 2019

This book is the first attempt to understand one of Britain's hidden populations: the post-Windrush generation, who matured within a post-industrial British society that rendered them both invisible and irrelevant.



**Lesley Murdin** (2005)  
**Psychoanalytic Insights into Fundamentalism and Conviction**  
The Certainty Principle  
Routledge, 2020

**Professor Jason Pomeroy** (2003)  
**Cities of Opportunity: Connecting Culture and Innovation**  
(Routledge, 2020)

Culture and innovation in cities can take on different complexions if viewed through the lens of academics and practitioners drawn from different fields, geographies or disciplines, when addressing particular urban challenges. Through this complexity of broad perspective on culture and

views this book provides an innovation in the context of global cities today and a rich cornucopia of insights from thought leaders within their respective fields to shape the cities of tomorrow.

**Professor Susan Robertson** (2017) (& Mocanu, A)  
**Knowing about and acting globally in everyday classrooms** (chapter)  
Research for Education Classrooms  
Routledge, 2020

**Professor Susan Robertson** (2017) (& Dale, R)  
**Putting Cultural Political Economy to Work in Studying the Globalising of Education** (chapter)  
**Bloomsbury Handbook of Theory in Comparative and International Education**  
Bloomsbury, 2020

**Professor Susan Robertson** (2017)  
**Powershift in the Powerhouses: Europe, Higher Education and the Seismic Winds of Change** (chapter)  
**Universities as Political Institutions**  
Brill Publishers, 2020

**Dr Shadia Taha** (2007)  
**Mega Developments in Africa: Lessons from the Meroe Dam** (chapter)  
**African Heritage Challenges of Development, Palgrave's Globalization, Urbanization and Development in Africa**  
Palgrave Macmillan, 2020

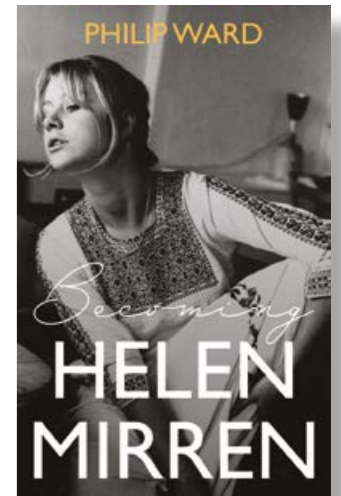
**Dr Paul Taylor** (2002)  
**A Commentary on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights**  
The UN Human Rights Committee's Monitoring of ICCPR Rights  
Cambridge University Press, 2020

**Dr Jordi Sánchez-Martí** (2002)  
**A Critical Edition of Anthony Munday's Palmerin d'Oliva**  
Medieval and Renaissance Texts and Studies, vol. 534  
Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, 2020

**Henrik Schoenefeldt** (2006)  
**Rebuilding the Houses of Parliament**  
David Boswell Reid and Disruptive Environmentalism  
Routledge, 2020

**Dr Philip Ward** (1995)  
**Becoming Helen Mirren**  
Matador, 2019

**Professor Howard Wolf** (2005)  
**Of Two Lives on The Lower Golan**  
Trajectory Press, 2020



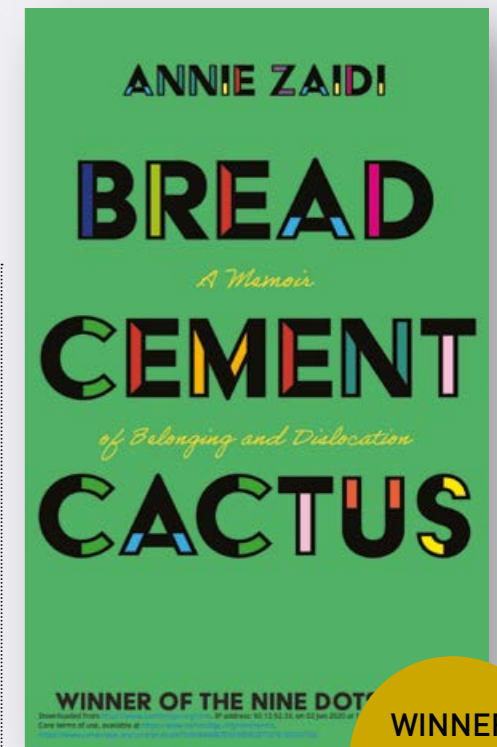
**Annie Zaidi** (2019)  
**Bread, Cement, Cactus**  
Cambridge University Press, 2020

Visiting College Research Associate **Annie Zaidi** is a freelance writer whose work encompasses many genres, from reportage to novels, poetry, theatre and essays. Based in Mumbai, she began her career as a journalist and has since used her writing to explore and interrogate concepts of identity and culture.

Zaidi was awarded the 2019 Nine Dots Prize for *Bread, Cement, Cactus*, a mixed-genre essay that blends personal observation with reportage. The Nine Dots Prize is an international competition sponsored by the investment banker Peter Kadas. The Prize name refers to a lateral thinking puzzle that can only be solved by drawing outside of a box of nine dots arranged in three rows of three.

In addition to \$100,000, the prize brought Annie to Wolfson for several months while she spent time as a Fellow at CRASSH expanding the concept of the essay into a book that explores how a person's sense of 'home' might be conceived, or reframed depending on circumstance. The book, published by Cambridge University Press, is open access. It contains a series of essays that offer both personal reflection and social observation, examining aspects of identity and dislocation in modern-day India.

Annie was born to a mixed Hindu-Muslim couple. In the village of Karhan, her maternal ancestral home, Zaidi can trace her family back fourteen generations. But her mother moved them



**WINNER**  
**Nine Dots Prize**

to a remote industrial town in Rajasthan where "the need for bread, and milk for the children, overrode her unease at being so far from everything familiar".

"One of my first memories of the place is cactus. Another is playing in piles of sieved sand that was waiting to be mixed into concrete... On the other side stood a cement factory." Writing first and foremost as a woman, Annie probes her mother's and her own dislocation and migration through politics, language, culture and mythology.



# Development Director's Report



**Better together**  
Sian Cook



### Information Line

We recognise that many people are not comfortable with social media and online activities and we don't want you to lose out because of the necessary changes now in place. **There is now a dedicated phone line in the Development Office where you can leave a message** and someone from the team will call you back to say hello and with a personal update. Telephone **+44 (0)1223 335929**.

### Donating

Total funds raised

**£1.07m**

Percentage of 2019–2020 donors who had never given before

**33%**



Representatives of the Wolfson Foundation and family board members visited the College in January 2020 to commemorate 60 years of giving to the University and their support of our College.

L-R: **Dr Niamh O'Mahony, Charles Wolfson Townsley CFA, Rebecca Marks, Paul Ramsbottom OBE, Vice-Chancellor Professor Stephen Toope, Lord Turnberg MD FRCP, Dame Jean Thomas DBE FMedSci FRS, Professor Jane Clarke, Alison Traub, Sir Michael Pepper FRS FREng.**

"This past year at Wolfson College I juggled doing my MPhil and working part-time at the Alumni and Development office — but it's more than a job to me because I really take pride in helping Wolfson alumni connect with each other. It involves a lot of alumni engagement, and as a new graduate, it was particularly inspiring to know about the achievements of our alumni in different industries across the globe. After I submit my thesis in September, I will be starting a new position at AstraZeneca to work on drug discovery and development. I'm very excited about joining the alumni network and coming back to Wolfson for reunion events, and perhaps May Ball!"

**Sophie Gunnarson (2019)**

As we commence the new academic year and reflect on the challenges and achievements of 2019–2020, we have experienced what must surely be one of the most unexpected years in Wolfson's history.

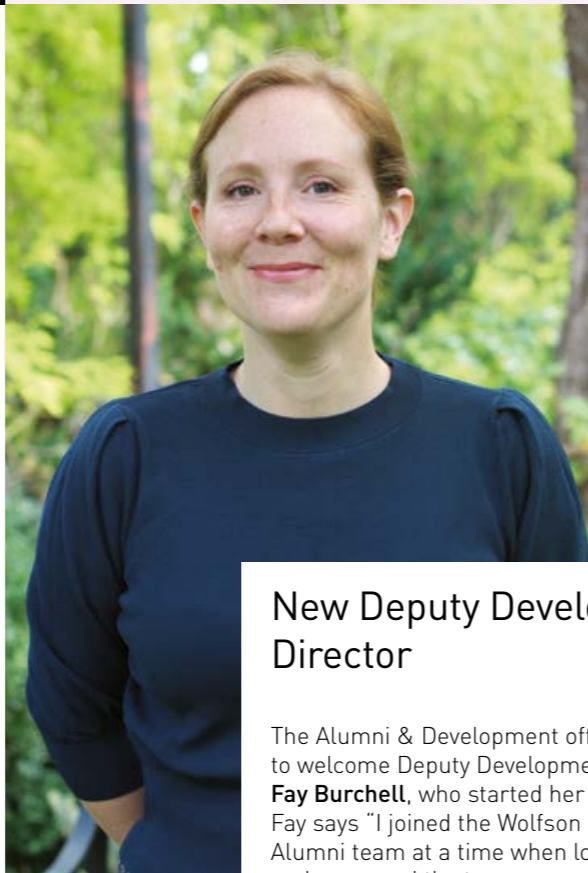
Our academic year split into two. At the outset, our goals were to develop our alumni networks at home and abroad and to fundraise in support of Wolfson's strategic plan. Six months into the year, we welcomed more alumni at events than ever before, saw a positive upwards trend in donors at all giving levels and launched the President's Circle with a gathering for over 100 major donors in the President's Lodge.

Then COVID arrived and that's when our community really stepped up and came into its own. Here in the Development Office we moved all events online and aimed to keep you updated with College news through a monthly e-news and personal letters from the President. We were open about the challenges the College faced, our finances and the uncertainty created by the pandemic.

You responded with warmth and generosity. Throughout this *Review*, you can read some of the many stories, messages and reflections from alumni, members, friends and students and of their amazing achievements.

On behalf of everyone at Wolfson and all those who have benefitted from your kindness, we cannot thank you enough for your messages of support and goodwill and for your many gifts — we are indeed better together.

This academic year you can be sure that we are moving forward in support of our global networks and community and the College's financial health and strategic priorities, raising funds for our researchers and students as they strive to make the world better.



**Fay Burchell**

### New Deputy Development Director

The Alumni & Development office was delighted to welcome Deputy Development Director **Fay Burchell**, who started her position remotely. Fay says "I joined the Wolfson Development and Alumni team at a time when lockdown was fully underway and the team were all working from home and many College staff were on furlough. A strange time indeed to start a new role! However, I've been struck by the amazing levels of engagement, commitment and resilience across the Wolfson community and have really enjoyed meeting (online) our alumni and supporters from around the world. I look forward to a time when I will be able to greet more of you in College."



**Matthias Wong** (PhD History, 2015) worked with **Frieda Midgeley** (Archivist & Record Manager) to curate the exhibition *Ideals In Action*, some of which can be viewed online: [stories.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/ideals-in-action](http://stories.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/ideals-in-action)



1965–2020



# Alumni events

## Legal scholars reconvene

Building on the success of last year's Wolfson Law Lunch, on Saturday 7 March we welcomed alumni, members and students to our second Wolfson Law Event. The event was organised by The Sir David Williams Law Society, with support from Wolfson's Alumni and Development Team and Fellows **Dr Jennifer Davies**, **Dr Jamie Trinidad** and **Astron Douglas**.

As President of Wolfson College, **Professor Sir David Williams** — a Welsh barrister and distinguished legal scholar — and his wife **Lady Sally Williams** were instrumental in establishing a proud legal tradition at College. Wolfson welcomes many legal scholars and lawyers as Visiting Fellows, while Law students and alumni are some of the biggest groups within our membership. 2020 marks the 40th anniversary of Professor Sir David Williams joining Wolfson College, we were delighted to welcome back two panels of Wolfson alumni, including some who were students or Visiting Fellows at Wolfson during Sir David's time as President.

Emeritus Fellow **Dr Jennifer Davies** (1995) chaired a panel on Intellectual Property Law featuring Wolfson alumni **Dr Ge Chen** (2012), Assistant Professor of Chinese Law, Durham University; **Kieron Whitehead** (1995), General Counsel, BPI; and **Adrian Howes** (2000), Head of IP and Standards in IP Policy and Advocacy Group, Nokia.



**Lady Sally Williams** with **Kieron Whitehead** (1995) and his son **Rafferty** at the event.

A panel of alumni and a former Visiting Fellow chaired by Dr Jamie Trinidad discussed developments in International Law: **Professor Photini Pazartzis** (2007) [Professor of International Law, Head of the Department of International Legal Studies and Director of the Athens Public International

Law Centre), Ambassador **Helmut Tichy** (2018) (Legal Advisor of the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs) and **Dr Niccolò Ridi** (2013) (Lecturer in Law, University of Liverpool). As well as reflecting on key changes in International Law since their time at Wolfson, both Professor Pazartzis and Ambassador Tichy were delighted to share afternoon tea and warm memories from their time at Wolfson with Lady Sally Williams, who also attended.

The event ended with a dinner and a wonderful performance by Wolfson PhD student and award-winning musician **Akihito Okuda** (see page 16).

2020 marks the 20th anniversary of the Graduate Course in Medicine at Cambridge (GCMC). This accelerated four-year programme puts the emphasis on the acquisition of clinical skills through direct patient contact in hospital and community environments.

# 500

Applicants each year

# 40

Number accepted each year

# 4

Number of Colleges offering

# 116

Total Wolfson graduates

## Medics



**Dr Gabriel Lambert** (left)  
**Dr Dominic Summers** (right)

**What is your most memorable time at Wolfson?**

**Dominic Summers (DS):** I spent a lot of time playing cricket, watching cricket and dissecting the minutiae of our games in the bar with the Wolfson Cricket team. I have fantastic memories of warm summer evenings at the beautiful cricket grounds of Cambridge as we battled to retain the MCR trophy.

**Gabriel Lambert (GL):** Impossible to choose one! But having a community that included people from a huge range of subjects was so welcome at Formal Hall. I got involved in rowing in my second year and cycling through Cambridge with greenery in our hair and bearing the Wolfson flag after we won blades in the summer was incredible.

**How did your studies prepare you for your work?**

**DS:** The course was excellent, particularly in its rigour for the basic sciences and pathology. It is exceedingly difficult to acquire this breadth of knowledge after qualification, and if you have any ambition to compete for the best jobs and careers in academic medicine, this is a great advantage.

**GL:** Palliative care and communication skills were probably the most useful for working as a foundation year doctor. But the curriculum is so thorough that when it comes to revision for professional exams there really isn't significant new content — revising felt very similar to the way we revised for finals. This was a big help because juggling revision and full-time work is challenging. I think the new course structure (finals earlier in the last year and a longer apprenticeship) makes the course even stronger.

**What work you are currently doing?**

**DS:** I am an ST8 Clinical Lecturer in Transplant Surgery in Cambridge. I divide my time between my research into modelling risk in transplantation (i.e. how should we assess and allocate high-risk donor organs) and using 'big data' to run efficient clinical trials, and my clinical work in organ retrieval, kidney and pancreas transplantation and vascular access surgery. I am due to finish my training in September this year and I am applying for

# Q&A

Clinician Scientist fellowship awards to try to continue with this hybrid career.

**GL:** I'm currently an Internal Medical (the new Core Medicine) trainee at The Royal Marsden. It's been a culture shock moving from a busy District General Hospital (Whipps Cross) to a highly specialised and 'Outstanding' (according to CQC) centre of oncology excellence. Last year I spent three months in Tanzania and Uganda on the East African Partnerships Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene organised by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and then six months in The Gambia working with a Hepatitis B research group at the Medical Research Council's centre there. I'm trying to work out a way of merging my interests in global health, policy and medicine into my career and that year was about exploring some of the options for this.

**What do you most enjoy about your job?**

**DS:** I love the combination of my two jobs: the research is really exciting, I get to travel a lot and work with some brilliant, interesting people. The clinical work and

particularly the surgery is very satisfying: our patients present with a problem (i.e. organ failure) and we fix them by giving them a new organ. By and large it works very well, and when we see them in clinic many return to work or return to nearly normal lives. This seems to be the essence of why I wanted to be a doctor in the first place.

**GL:** Junior doctors tend to be patient-centred because we spend so much time on the wards and so communication is a large and very rewarding part of the job, whether it's taking a history or discussing

the next steps of management with patients newly diagnosed with cancer. It's gratifying to slowly feel like one's knowledge and skills are actually useful and valuable. I've also enjoyed diagnostic challenges and complex patients with multi-systems diseases. Getting one's head around the difficult cases is very rewarding.

“Aim high! If you get through this course you will be as well prepared as anyone in the country for the toughest and most competitive jobs in any field.”

**What advice would you give to anyone graduating this year?**

**DS:** Aim high! If you get through this course you will be as well prepared as anyone in the country for the toughest and most competitive jobs in any field. Take risks and unusual opportunities — you don't have to follow the sausage-machine approach. Try research: I had no plans to be an academic but when given the opportunity I found it transformed my outlook on life and medicine. It has made my career much more fun and interesting. **GL:** Junior doctor rotas are tough and everything that is new in your first year is tiring but it does all get better quickly. Don't listen to seniors that say 'we had it so much worse' — (they will, and it will make you feel awful) — rota patterns are more fragmented, patient demands are higher, the population is increasingly comorbid and there is an awful lot more we can do now for most conditions. In addition, bed pressure means inpatients are by definition unwell (no more staying in hospital a week after delivering a baby!). This is not to make you nervous, just to recognise that the working conditions are challenging and that looking after yourselves (physically and mentally) to deal with these is key. It's increasingly common to take years out of training to do fellowships that include teaching, research or management to balance time on the shop floor with the bigger picture, which I think is very sensible for one's sanity.

## Inaugural Medics' Talks & Lunch

January 2020

We were delighted to hear alumni **Dominic Summers** (2003), **Eoin Macdonald-Nethercott** (2003) and **Gabriel Lambert** (2012) speak about their Wolfson journey and their subsequent careers, which have taken them as far as Antarctica (and then back to East Anglia!), with plenty of adventures on the way.

“It was great to see so many of the current students interacting with former students and there seems to be great enthusiasm for forming a medical society in the future. This would help to build links and support for students on the course to help them develop their careers.”

**Dr Jeremy Webb**  
Fellow and Director of Studies  
Clinical Medicine



Are you interested in attending for the medics community or volunteering as a speaker? Please let us know.  
E: [alumni-manager@wolfson.cam.ac.uk](mailto:alumni-manager@wolfson.cam.ac.uk)



Right: **Micayla Colman, Arjun Dwesar** and **Chew Hui Yan** (all BA Law, 2017) reunite at the Wolfson in London event.



## Pivoting in a pandemic

*Alumni Officer Rob Grayston describes what it's like to organise alumni events from a distance.*

"One of the things I really enjoy about my role in the Alumni and Development Office is interacting with people, meeting alumni and members of the Wolfson community who have great stories and memories, and making sure they have a good time when they come to our events. It was very satisfying to see people enjoying themselves at the beginning of the year's in-person events, whether at the Oxford & Cambridge Club in London, or the subject-specific events we held at Wolfson for Medics and Lawyers.

Since March though, we have had to adapt to the new global health climate. We are very fortunate to have such a resilient and supportive community which has been understanding about the challenges we've faced. Even though it doesn't quite match the real thing of meeting in person we have still been able to deliver several excellent online events.

These have included the Foundation Day Quiz hosted by **Eric Monkman** (2015), and at the time of writing we have several digital offerings for this year's Alumni Reunion. Eric evidently enjoyed the event as he said "It was a pleasure to host a quiz to commemorate Wolfson College's 55th anniversary. I am glad that the community spirit of the College has continued online."

One of the benefits we have identified with our online offerings is how many people we have been able to reach in different parts of the world compared to our usual in-person events, including students and offer-holders as well as alumni. This is something to consider for post-COVID times with how we interact with our wider international community.

We look forward to welcoming people back to the College when it is safe to do so. Meanwhile we are planning more online events in the immediate future — and who knows what 2021 will bring? We hope to be able to educate, entertain, and enable Wolfson's community to thrive.

**If you have any suggestions or recommendations for online events, we would love to hear from you at [alumni-manager@wolfson.cam.ac.uk](mailto:alumni-manager@wolfson.cam.ac.uk).**

**Professor Jane Clarke and Chris Clarke** raise a toast from the Old Combination Room during Foundation Fortnight.



Left: Junior Research Fellow **Dr Calum Williams** and **Marta Costa** take a look at last year's *Wolfson Review* at the Wolfson in Cambridge festive event.

Below: The Bursar, **Jo Cheffins**, chats with **Tomasz Ujejski** (1985) at the Commemoration of Benefactors' Dinner.



Attendees at in-person events

882

Attendees online

84

Alumni Events

## ASEAN Emerging Researchers Conference



Wolfson College has been actively growing its network in the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) countries. Since its inception in 2018, Wolfson has been a partner of the ASEAN Emerging Researchers Conference, an initiative to create an international network of academics with the aim of using research to drive ASEAN's development and progress. Through working with the other partners (Sunway University and the ASEAN Young Scientist Network), this conference, held annually in December, also serves as a focal point for Wolfson's networks in Southeast Asia and it celebrates the diversity and ambition of future leaders in research.

This initiative is led and chaired by a number of Wolfson alumni: **Dr Wen Yao Lee** (PhD Engineering, 2014), Chief Executive Officer of Sunway Education Group **Dr Elizabeth Lee** (MPhil Education, 1984), and **Prof Abhi Veerakumarasivam** (PhD Medicine, 2002), now Head of the Department of Biological Sciences, Sunway University. The conference doubles as an ever-growing community that inspires continuous learning and international collaborations.

President **Jane Clarke** and Development Director **Sian Cook** have attended the last two conferences in Malaysia with Jane having a lead role at each, with her trip kindly supported by Sunway. In 2019, she gave the keynote lecture, addressing the theme of leadership in academia to around 500 delegates from across all 10 ASEAN countries. Wolfson was also represented by **Ibrahim Mohammed** (2016) and alumni from across the region attended. The ASEAN Emerging Research Centre will be held online in November and December this year and will be open to all Wolfson alumni and members to attend.

**Dr Wen Yao Lee**



The 2019 ASEAN Emerging Research Event attracted 500 delegates from the region, with early-career researchers and postgraduate students from every ASEAN nation.



# Fundraising

Thank you to all our donors, individuals and organisations, who consistently support Wolfson College.

## Press Fellowship Bursary

The Wolfson College Commonwealth Journalists Association Derek Ingram Fellowship was established in honour of the long and distinguished career of **Derek Ingram OBE** and his outstanding work as a journalist. Derek was passionate in his encouragement of journalists, especially those from less advantaged backgrounds. This award recognises Derek, not only as an eminent journalist and advocate of human rights but also as a friend of Wolfson College. The first award will be made for a journalist to study in 2021.

Said Rita Payne, Chair of the Commonwealth Journalists Association (CJA) "Derek Ingram was a noted British journalist widely regarded as the best writer on issues related to the Commonwealth. He was the co-founder of the CJA and served as its President from 1980 to 1990. He was passionate about promoting media freedom in Commonwealth countries and mentoring journalists from member states. Among the many institutions with which he was associated during his long and distinguished career is Wolfson College, Cambridge. It therefore gives us particular pleasure that his legacy is being used to set up a bursary in his name to help journalists in Commonwealth countries under the Press Fellowship programme at Wolfson College.

We hope the bursary will help talented journalists with limited means to spend time at Wolfson College and benefit from the opportunity to learn about developments in the media, advances in digital technologies and issues of freedom of expression more generally within the UK and to pass on what they have learned to other journalists in their home countries."

Derek Ingram



## COVID Appeal (Apr-Sept)

Number of gifts

322

New donors

66

Total amount

£320k

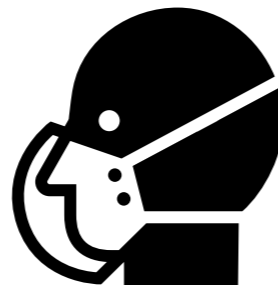
## Covering up

We have been very lucky to receive generous donations of face coverings during this period.

**Professor Shi Liu** (1989) and his wife Mrs Yolanda Chi very kindly donated 33,000 face coverings for use at Addenbrooke's Hospital and the College.

Alumnus **Lucas Jiang** (2003) also donated a number of disposable face coverings to the College.

**The Society of Emeritus Fellows** has been raising funds to help College provide Wolfson-branded washable face coverings for staff and students.



## COVID Emergency Appeal

Nearly every aspect of normal life has been affected by the global COVID pandemic. Over the summer, around the time of our 55th anniversary, usually a time of celebration and get-togethers, a special COVID Emergency Appeal became the focus of fundraising efforts.

The College urgently needed funding to make Wolfson COVID-secure (such as providing masks, screens and hand-sanitising stations) which enabled us to open up again to students, staff and members; providing bursaries and grants to students in greatest financial need; and to allow for financial resilience at a time when the College experienced a drop in income of £900K — meaning we were able to deploy funds in a flexible and timely way.

The support of so many of our members, through their donations and kind messages has been a tremendous boost. Wolfson is a truly special community.

## Wolfson BAME MPhil awards

We are excited to launch a new fund specifically for MPhil students from BAME backgrounds who have experienced educational disadvantage. This will provide funding to bridge the gap between undergraduate and postgraduate study. We are seeking donations in increments of £1,000 and are delighted that we have already received contributions.

"My time at Wolfson was a truly wonderful and eye-opening education on the diverse paths we each take in our academic careers. Wolfson is the epicentre of Cantabrigian diversity, and gave me the desire to give back and support the College in its mission of academic inclusivity and excellence."

**Graham Mills** (2014)  
Wolfson donor



## The President's Circle

A reception to celebrate the launch of The President's Circle was held at the President's Lodge in early November 2019. It was attended by more than one hundred people who were invited to become founding members. The President's Circle is a group of people whose giving has had a transformative effect on the College.

Below: **Sian Cook** speaks with President's Circle members **Margaret Greeves** and **Gordon Johnson**.





# Philanthropy in action

It is vital to Wolfson's goal of attracting diverse and academically gifted students that we are able to offer them financial support. It is thanks to the generosity of our donors that we are able to do so. It truly does make a difference.

Anna Chaplin



## Anna Chaplin PhD Biological Science (2017)

I have made lifelong friends at Wolfson; I even met my partner in the Club Room! Without the funding I received from Wolfson donors, I would not have been able to study at Cambridge. It gave me the opportunity to pursue my interest in mental health, learn from experts, and challenge myself. I will always look back at this period of my life with a particular fondness.

Leanne is greeted by Professor Jane Clarke at matriculation



## Leanne Gayle BA HSPS (2019)

I am very grateful to have received the competitive Donald & Beryl O'May Studentship as well as the new Santander Bursary from Wolfson College. I immediately signed up to be on the student committee as the BAME officer to host and organise events for students from minority backgrounds. Furthermore I am currently on the committee for the Cambridge Women in Business Society and regularly take part in University and college sport. The funding has been particularly helpful over the summer, which I usually spend working, but this summer I have been able to volunteer and support the College's virtual open days. I hope to continue to contribute to Wolfson more in the future by supporting access.

## Yingyue Luan PhD Management Studies (2019)

During lockdown we were lucky to have our College garden, so we could take a walk, relax or study, and we received all kinds of support from the College. I have made friends who are interested in different subjects and learned so much from them. Wolfson has helped me maintain a good work-life balance, so I am not overwhelmed by the PhD life. Receiving funding has been a great motivation for me and I have made huge progress toward the submission of my first paper and initiated new projects.

Yingyue Luan



### Student support

Percentage of Wolfson undergraduates eligible for a Cambridge Bursary

43%

Number receiving maximum of £3,500

69

Total amount of student support awarded

£946k

Number of PhD students fully funded

13

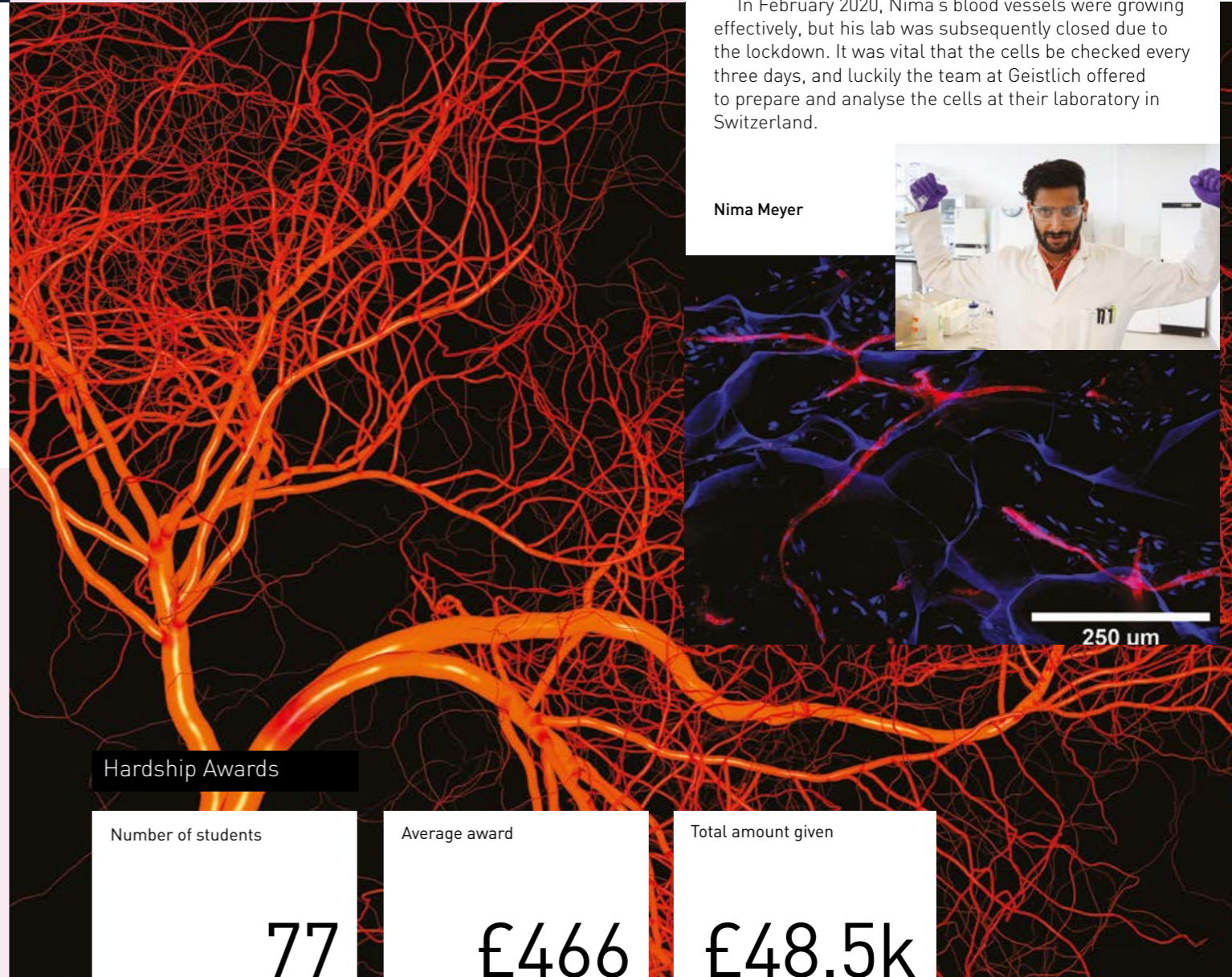
## Geistlich Pharma Scholarship Nima Meyer PhD Materials Science (2017)

Nima Meyer came to Wolfson in 2017 to do his PhD, having received funding through Wolfson's partnership with Geistlich Pharma AG, which has close ties with the Materials Science department. He considered a few Colleges closer to his department, but says, "Wolfson chose me". He has played an active part in the Wolfson community since his arrival, being President of the 2020 May Ball (sadly cancelled due to COVID) and involved with football coaching at College.

Nima's research focuses on culturing different cell types in collagen-based sponges to make blood vessels. The hope is that in future these scaffolds can support blood vessel growth after implantation into the human body. These are expensive experiments and were only made possible thanks to the funding given by Geistlich Pharma. Nima also visited Geistlich in Lucerne, Switzerland, where he exchanged knowledge and ideas with members of the Geistlich team and made use of the company's equipment.

In February 2020, Nima's blood vessels were growing effectively, but his lab was subsequently closed due to the lockdown. It was vital that the cells be checked every three days, and luckily the team at Geistlich offered to prepare and analyse the cells at their laboratory in Switzerland.

Nima Meyer



### Hardship Awards

Number of students

77

Average award

£466

Total amount given

£48.5k



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 Mr John Magill (1984)\*  
 HE Dr Mahfouz Marei Mubarak bin Mahfouz, CBE (Hon), GCMLJ, FRSA (2013)\*  
 Mr Chun Fong Canice Mak (1983)  
 Professor Mitsutaku Makino (1999)  
 Mr Paul Malpas (1998)  
 Mr William Manion (2011) and Mrs Sara O'Neil-Manion  
 Dr Andrea Mann (2005)  
 Ms Henrietta Manning (2019)  
 Mrs Ann Mannion (1971)  
 Mr Pavan Manocha (2013)\*  
 Professor Ivana Markova FBA

Being from a lower income background, the bursary has definitely made me feel valued in the Cambridge community, proving to me that diversity is definitely something this university values. I believe that everyone with the right determination, work ethic, and intelligence should have the opportunity to benefit from a Cambridge education without finance being a restrictive factor, and the Wolfson bursary is absolutely vital in making this a reality. Along with many of my peers, I am massively grateful for the Wolfson bursary, and I hope its value continues to be seen.

**Karan Patel**  
 BA PBS, (2019)

FRSE (1967)  
 Mr Jon Marti (2007)\*  
 Dr Maria Martí Solano (2019)  
 Professor Duncan Maskell FMedSci (1998)\*  
 Dr Timothy Massingham (1999)  
 Professor Derek McDougall (2005)\*  
 Professor Thomas AJ McGinn (1978)\*  
 Dr Lynda McGinnis (1971) and Mr Patrick McGinnis  
 Mr John McKechnie (1976)  
 Marjorie J McKinney  
 Ms Rachel McNally (2018)  
 Mr Richard Meade (1999) in honour of Christine Meade\*  
 Mr Jeremy Meek (2009)  
 Major Tom Meldrum (1993)  
 Dr Barbara Metzler (1990)  
 Mr Jonathan Meuli\*  
 Mr Charalampos H Michalakakis (2015)  
 Ms Lauren Milden (2009)  
 Mrs Ann Miller Watkins (1969)  
 Mr John Miller (1990)  
 Mr John Mills\*  
 Dr Louise Mirrer (1974)\*  
 Mrs Uzaira Mirza (1999)  
 Miss Wing Kwan Mok (2002)  
 Mr Andres Monsalve (2008)  
 Mrs Velda Moog (1984)  
 Professor Brian Moore FMedSci FRS (1983) and Dr Hedwig Gockel (2009)\*  
 Mr Christopher Moore (1990)  
 Professor Antony Morgan (1984)  
 Mr Peter Morgan\*  
 Mr Richard Morgan (1971)  
 Dr David S Morris (2014)  
 Dr Steven Morrison (2008)  
 Mrs Marilyn Motley (2001)  
 Mr John Mott FREng (1996)  
 Dr Iván Moyano (2017)  
 Dr Alex Munster (2014)  
 Professor Paul Murdin OBE FRSA (1990) and Mrs Lesley Murdin (2005)\*

**N**

Mr and Mrs Stephen H Nacol Esq FRSA\*  
 Professor John Naughton (1991)\*  
 Professor David Newland  
 Dr Peter Newman (1985)\*  
 Professor Irene Ng (2009)\*  
 Mr Ruben Nijk (2017)  
 Dr Nikolay Nikolov (2008)  
 Mr Andreas Nilsson (2016)  
 Professor Myron Nordquist (1969)  
 Dr Nicolas Nouvel (2006)  
 Professor Celia Nyamweru (2004)

**O**

Miss Rebecca O'Leary (2019)  
 Professor Brian O'Connor (2017)  
 Professor Reiko Okuyama (2013)

Mr Bernard Oldfield (1988)  
 Dr Christopher Oldstone-Moore (2007) and Dr Jennifer Oldstone-Moore (2006)  
 Lady (Sally) Oliver (1976)  
 Professor Steven Olswang (1993)  
 Dr Ian O'Neill (1995)  
 Miss Patchara Ongkittikul (2014)  
 Professor Susan Oosthuizen FSA (2002)  
 Professor Christine Oppong FRAI GFA (2006)  
 Ms Finola O'Sullivan (2015)  
 Mr Michael O'Sullivan CMG (1984)  
 Professor Philip Otterness (1977)  
 Dr Karen Ottewell (2004)  
 Mr Keith Ovenstone (1997)  
 Oxford and Cambridge Society of Kenya

**P**

Dr Stefan Paetke (2010)  
 Mr Ray Palmer (1975)  
 Dr Varuni Paranavitane (2002)  
 Dr Martin Parker (2008)  
 Dr Anushka Patchava (2007)  
 Professor Photini Pazartzis (2007)  
 Mrs Karen Pearce (2000)  
 Ms Amanda Pearson (2009)  
 Dr Michael Pelt (1973)  
 Ms Hilary Perrott (2009)  
 Mr Wai Kien Phoon (2005)  
 Dr Robert Pilsworth (1975)  
 Dr Halleli Pinson (1999)  
 Mr Spyros Ploussiou (2017)  
 Dr Graham Pluck (2008)\*  
 Dr David Poet (1996)  
 Dr Julia Poole (1979)  
 Mr Clive Powell (1988)  
 Dr John Prendergast (2003)  
 Dr Jocelyn Probert (1998)\*  
 Dr Thomas Pulimood FHEA FRCP (2017)

**Q**

Professor Vincent Xiaoguang Qi FRAI (2011)\*

**R**

Ms Vicki Raphael (1973)  
 Dr Reehana Raza (1990)  
 Mr Andrew Reid (2000)  
 Dr Daniel Renner (1976)  
 Dr Kirsten Rennie (2004)  
 Ms Rebeka Reti (2015)  
 Dr Helen Reynolds (1984)  
 Mr Stephan Richards (1987)  
 Dr Alan Rickard (2005)  
 Dr Sam Ridgway (1970)\*  
 Dr Robert Riehn (1998)  
 The Revd Dr Keith Riglin FRSA (1998)  
 Mr Henry Rogers (1974)\*  
 Mr Alexander Robertson (2012)  
 Dr Brian Robertson (2012)

At Wolfson we believe in the equality of opportunity. But lack of funding remains the biggest barrier to a Cambridge education and the wonderful community that is Wolfson. The Tutorial team draws upon a combination of regular income and irregular funds to help defray student tuition and living costs. A gift to our endowment provides us more regular income to support multi-year funding packages. Providing continued support each year gives students peace of mind and the mental space to participate and flourish. Endowed gifts will also help us fund skills training programmes like WolfWorks that enrich the student experience.

**Dr Susan Larsen**  
 Senior Tutor

Dr Marius Roman (2012)  
 Professor Jerome Rose (1991)  
 Dr Antti Veikko and Dr Judy Ann Rosti (2000)  
 Ms Karen Rothmyer (2012)\*  
 Mr Michael Russ (2001)  
 Dr John Rutter (1988)\*

**S**

Ms Joan Sadler (2014)  
 Mrs Ursula Sainsbury (2007)  
 Mr Sumio Saito (1995)\*  
 Dr Nicholas Salisbury (2001)  
 Professor George Salmond FRSA FRSB FAAM FRSE (1999)  
 Dr Marina Salorio Corbetta (2009)  
 Mr Asela Samaratunga (2001)  
 Dr Jordi Sánchez Martí (2001)  
 Dr Tanya Sandoval (2008)  
 Santander Universities UK  
 Professor Susumu Sato (2008) and Professor Akiko Sato (2008)  
 Mr Susumu Satomi (1990)  
 Mr Barry Saunders (1986)  
 Mr Daniel Saxon (2010)  
 Professor Frederick Schauer (1977)  
 Dr Henrik Schoenefeldt (2006) and Reverend Stacy Rand  
 Mr Richard Schoofs and Ms Marlene Schoofs (1983)  
 Dr Paolo Scollo (2008)  
 Professor Charles Scruggs (1977)  
 Mr and Mrs Hiten Shah (1989)  
 Mr Neil Shah (1999)  
 Mr Robert Shaw (2008)  
 Mr William Shepherd  
 Dr Margaret Shepherd (1985)\*  
 Mr Richard Shervington DL (1992)\*  
 Ms Aysha Shoman (2008)\*  
 Mrs Stefanie Sidortsova (2013)  
 Dr Helen Siedel\*  
 Mr Paulo Silva (2007)  
 Dr Jordan Skittrall (2009)  
 Miss Linda Slakey  
 Mr Ian Smith  
 Dr Maurice Smith (1983)  
 Mr Roger Smith (1974)  
 Dr Anna Snowdon (1968)\*  
 Mr Tszwai So (2015)  
 Professor Rajindar Sohal (1975)  
 Mr Paul Sorensen (1988)  
 Sir John Sparrow (1987)  
 Ms Anna Starling (2018)  
 Mrs Kamila Staryga (2006) in memory of Zenobia Wydrzynska  
 Mrs Maureen Sullivan Kennelly (1974)  
 Dr Zhen Sun (2009)  
 Sunway Education Group  
 Professor Daniel Sutherland (2005)  
 Dr Sue Swaffield (2000)  
 Professor Anthony Swain (1969)

**T**

Dr Shadia Taha (2007)  
 Mr Naoto Tajiri (1989)  
 Professor James Tattersall (1988) and Mrs Terry Tattersall  
 Mr Andrew Taylor (2004)  
 Dr Paul Taylor (2001)\*  
 Professor Richard Taylor (2004)  
 Mr Anthony Teo (2006)\*  
 Mr Aidan Tevlin (2009)  
 ThermoFisher  
 Dr Charisse Thomas (1993)  
 Ms Corinne Thomas (2017)  
 Dr Blaise Thomson (2005)  
 Mr Keith Tibbenham (1974)  
 Ms Anne Ticehurst (2006)  
 Dr Evelyn Tichy (2009)  
 Dr Hassan Tofighi Darian (2011)  
 Dr Gianpaolo Tommasi (1985)  
 Hon. Justice Edward Torgbor CA FCI Arb (1966)\*  
 Ms Maria Tothova  
 Dr Christopher Town (2005)  
 Dr David Traynor (1985)  
 Mrs Sujitha Trowsdale (2011)  
 Dr Lore Tulasiewicz in memory of Witold F Tulasiewicz (1983)\*  
 Mr Ezekiel Tuma (1999)\*  
 Ms Jane Turner

**U**

Mrs Bhavinjit Ubhi Hull (1990)  
 Mr Tomasz Ujejski (1985) and Mrs Allison Paech Ujejski (1985)\*  
 University of Cambridge  
 Miss Christina Utzen Nielsen (2019)

**V**

Dr Jan van Dieck (2006)  
 Dr Evy Varsamopoulou (2009)  
 Mr Periklis Vasileiou (2009)  
 Mr Vlad-Petru Veigang-Radulescu (2017)  
 Mr Stuart Veitch (1989)  
 Mr Dario Verdugo (1979)  
 Dr Maria Elena Villamil (2002)  
 Dr Franck Violette (2014)

**W**

Mr Florian Waldmann (2001)  
 Mrs Wendy Walford (2011)  
 Mr Michael Walker (1993)  
 Miss Helen Waller (2009)  
 Dr Ellis A Wasson (2003)  
 Miss Anastasia Watson (2017)  
 Dr Steven Watson (1990)  
 Dr Peter Webster (1997)  
 Professor Dr Thomas Wegerich (1994)  
 Mrs Rosalind Weston (1972)  
 Mr Robin Weyell (1993)  
 Dr Margaret Whichelow (2004)\*  
 Professor John White (1974)

Dr Joan M Whitehead (1976)  
 Professor Linda Wicker (2007) and Dr Roger Briscoe (2004)\*  
 Dr Olwen Williams (2001)  
 Mr Roy Williams (1991)  
 Lady (Sally) Williams (2000)\*  
 Dr Lucy Wilson (2007)  
 Mrs Rachel Wilson (1990)  
 Mr Charles C Wojcik (2016) and The Paul Wojcik Family Charitable Fund  
 Professor Paul Wolfson (1993)  
 Mrs Joanna Womack  
 Miss Sheryl Wombell (2009)  
 Ms Wing Ki Shirley Wong (1996)  
 Mrs Custis Wright (1999)\*

**Y**

Dr Felicia Mei Ling Yap (2006)

**Z**

Ms Cristina Zametzer (2001)  
 Dr Chao Zhang (2005)  
 Mr Ganchi Zhang (2011)  
 Miss Xiaoya Zhang (2011)  
 Mr Zeno Ziemke (2016)  
 Mr Tom Zille (2019)



# Legacies for lasting effect



## A Secure Future

This year has brought into focus the College's long-term financial security. Inspired by the many positive gestures of support we are aiming to substantially increase the College's endowment. The 75 for 75 Campaign aims to raise £75m by 2040, the College's 75th anniversary, predominantly through legacy bequests and major gifts.

"As a charity, Wolfson devotes all of its available funds to supporting its charitable objects of education, learning and research. A larger endowment, generating increased and regular income, provides the College with a solid and reliable source of funding for those activities. More income provides more studentships and bursaries as well as enabling us to enhance our sporting and social facilities and maintain our site and buildings. A larger endowment also allows us to plan ahead and to withstand the sorts of fluctuations in income caused by unexpected events, like the current pandemic. Finally, long-term capital growth means we are able to invest in the educational experience of not just our current students but of generations to come as well."

Jo Cheffins, Bursar

For details, please consult the included leaflet or contact our Development Director, Sian Cook at: [development-director@wolfson.cam.ac.uk](mailto:development-director@wolfson.cam.ac.uk).



## Legacy stories

### Dr Matthew Lynas (2016)

a Wolfson College and Institute of Continuing Education (ICE) alumnus, has generously left a postgraduate studies legacy for Wolfson College.

Matthew's career was in farming and estate management in West Africa, progressing on to industrial training and business management, which led to his first foray into academia — his first doctoral studies were in organisational and technological change in traditional industries.

Matthew is a firm believer in continued learning and this has been a key interest since his retirement. At the age of 87, he is one of Wolfson's more senior recent graduates, and one with considerable academic credentials that include a PhD in Non-metallic Materials, a PhD in History and a Postgraduate Certificate in Global Development. Matthew feels passionate about providing this opportunity back to students: "My reason for deciding on a legacy which will contribute to candidates, particularly postgraduates within a broad field of sciences, simply follows from confidence that there will be outcomes which will contribute to generations to come, either directly or indirectly."

### Mrs Monika Erlinghagen (1983)

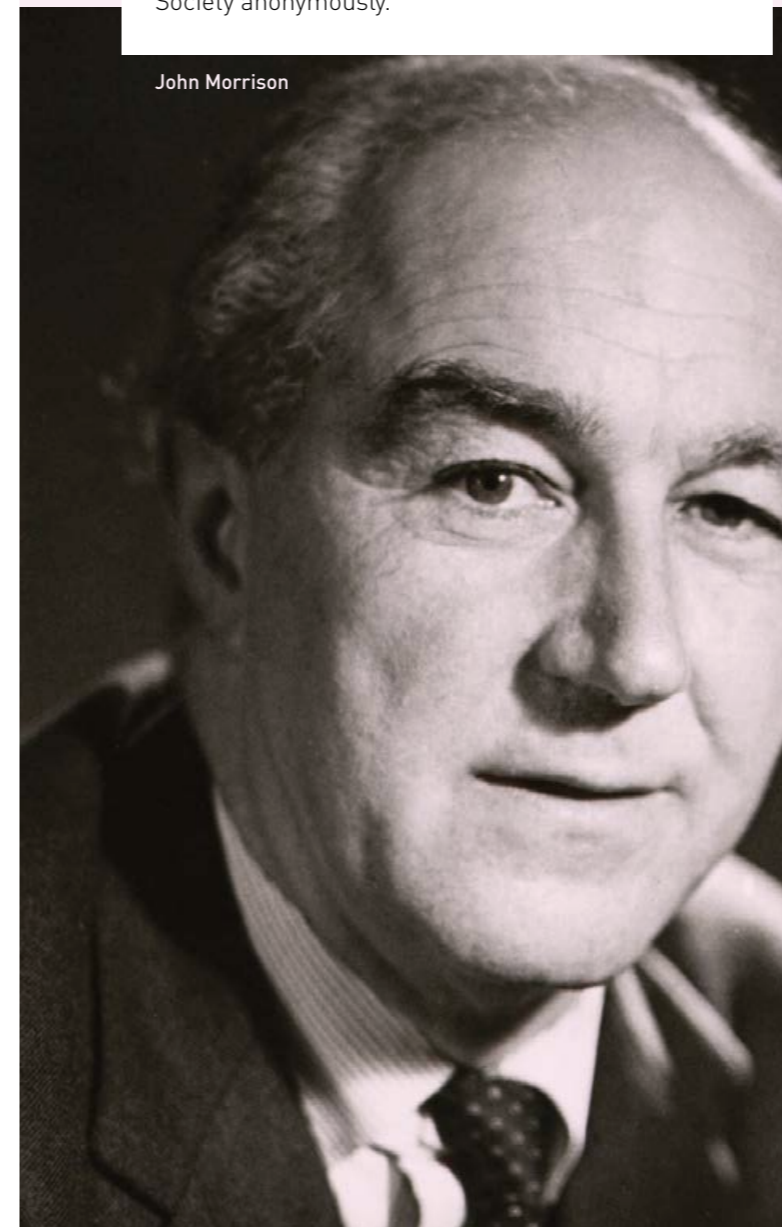
"The reason I pledged a legacy in my will is the fact that this is the best way for me to support Wolfson in a substantial way. When I came to Wolfson in the year 1983 DGT and his wife, now Sir David and Lady Sally, were the heart and soul of the place. The College had a wonderful mix of students (we had 55 different nationalities). Its members, Visiting and Press Fellows combined with the hospitality of the then-President Sir David provided me with interesting contacts and experiences and many ended in still ongoing friendships. The fact that I was able to enjoy the mix of intellectual challenges and relationships with such a variety of characters and mentalities became the motivation and foundation of my career in International Development Finance. I owe it to my time in Wolfson!"

Mrs Monika Erlinghagen

# The Morrison Society

Named after the College's first President, **John Morrison**, The Society was established in 2008 for all those who notify us that they have included a legacy to Wolfson in their will. Members' names are displayed in a special commemorative book and we are delighted to invite Society members, with a guest, to our annual Commemoration of Benefactors' Event to show our appreciation for this important commitment. We are grateful to the following, and to those members who prefer to belong to the Society anonymously.

John Morrison



## JOINED 2008

Dr Peter Beaumont  
Dr William Block  
Mrs Susan Bowring  
Mr Colin Dunnighan  
Dr Steven Hand  
Mrs Carol Handley  
Mr David Harris  
Dr Edward Kessler MBE  
Professor Gordon Kingsley  
Dr John Rees  
Dr Joan M Whitehead

## 2009

Mr Michael Albrecht  
The Hon Chief Justice Susan Kiefel AC  
Mrs Angela M Lucas  
Professor Peter J Lucas FSA  
Mr Richard C Meade  
Dr Margaret E Shepherd  
Dr Laurence Smith  
Dr Anna Snowdon

## 2010

Dr R Harry Bradshaw  
Dr Brian D Cox  
Dr Thomas Davies  
Dr Margaret Whichelow

## 2011

Dr Donald Adamson JP FRSL  
Group Captain Bruce Blackney  
Dr David Dymond  
Dr Martin Evans  
Professor Thomas C Fischer and Brenda A Fischer  
Dr Peter Roberts  
Mr Barry Saunders  
Professor Anthony Swain  
Professor Christopher Todd  
John V Ward  
Mr David Weatherup  
Dr Janet West

## 2012

Dr David Frost FRSA  
The Reverend Dr Peter Hayler  
Mr J Ieuan Jones  
Mr George Liebmann  
Professor William Lubenow  
Mr John Sanford McClenahan  
Marjorie J McKinney

## 2013

Dr Roger Bancroft  
Mr Conor Bowman  
Mr Timothy Cartledge  
Professor John Edwards  
Dr John Gibbins  
Philip Kirk Esq  
Mr Jonathan Louth  
Professor Roger Middleton  
Dr Ian O'Neill  
Dr Dorrie L Rapp

## 2014

Mr Sandy Cross  
Dr Peter D'Eath  
Dr Mellor Hennessy  
Mrs Lynn Hieatt  
Mr Ray Palmer  
Mr Clive Powell

## 2015

Mrs Doreen Burgin  
Mr Robert Burgin  
Miss Christina Symonds

## 2016

Professor Nicholas de Lange FBA DD  
Professor Conor Gearty FBA  
Dr Andrew Herbert OBE  
FREng FBCS, in memory of Mrs Jane Herbert  
Professor Adrian Kent  
Mr Jonathan Lee  
Dr Helen Reynolds  
Ms Joan Sadler  
Dr Christopher Town

## 2017

Lady (Sally) Oliver  
Dr Karen Ottewell  
Dr Stefan Paetke  
Mr Michael Tindale

## 2018

Miss Mary V Chisholm  
Mr Alan W Farrow  
Mr Robert Fishwick  
Ms Dawn Leeder  
Professor George P Smith II  
Professor John White

## 2019

Mr Robert Amundsen  
Mr Anthony Hopkinson  
Mrs Sylvia Hopkinson  
Professor Derek McDougall

## 2020

Mr Peter Donovan  
Mrs Monika Erlinghagen  
Dr John Harvey  
Dr Matthew Gibson Lynas  
Dr L John Reeve.



# Alumni News

**Professor Danuta Stasik (2016)**

In 2018, Professor Stasik was elected President of the European Association for South Asian Studies (EASAS) by the General Meeting of the association that took place in Paris during the 25th European Conference on South Asian Studies.

**Professor Stephen Baines (1979)**

is a Lecturer at the Department of Anthropology, University of Brasilia, Brazil. In November 2019 he spent a 10-day research visit at the University of British Columbia, Canada and participated in the Canadian Anthropology Society and American Anthropological Association Congress.

**Professor Jason Pomeroy (2003)**

Professor Pomeroy's eponymous design studio continues to be involved in the design of smart and sustainable cities (such as Kallang Alive Singapore: an 89-hectare sports and leisure orientated Masterplan for the National Sports Council), and green buildings (such as Candy Factory: a zero carbon social housing residential development in Gavle, Sweden). He also continues to be actively involved in TV relating to the design and culture of cities such as *City Time Traveller*, *City Redesign*, *Futuropolis* and *Smart Cities 2.0* and his web series *Habitat*.



**Dr Farah Ahmed (2008)** is now Leverhulme Early Career Research Fellow at the Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge and College Research Associate at Hughes Hall.

**Sister Bridget Tighe (1989)** was awarded the Inaugural Trocaire Romero International Award in 2018 for her work in the Gaza Strip. She was also awarded the 2018 Presidential Distinguished Service Award for the Irish Abroad.



**Dr Ludovic Highman (2009)** was appointed Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) in Higher Education Management at the University of Bath School of Management.



**Professor Neil Dodgson (1988)** is now Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Research at the Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

**Mr Russell Carter FRSC CChem (1988)** Mr Carter was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry and designated Chartered Chemist.



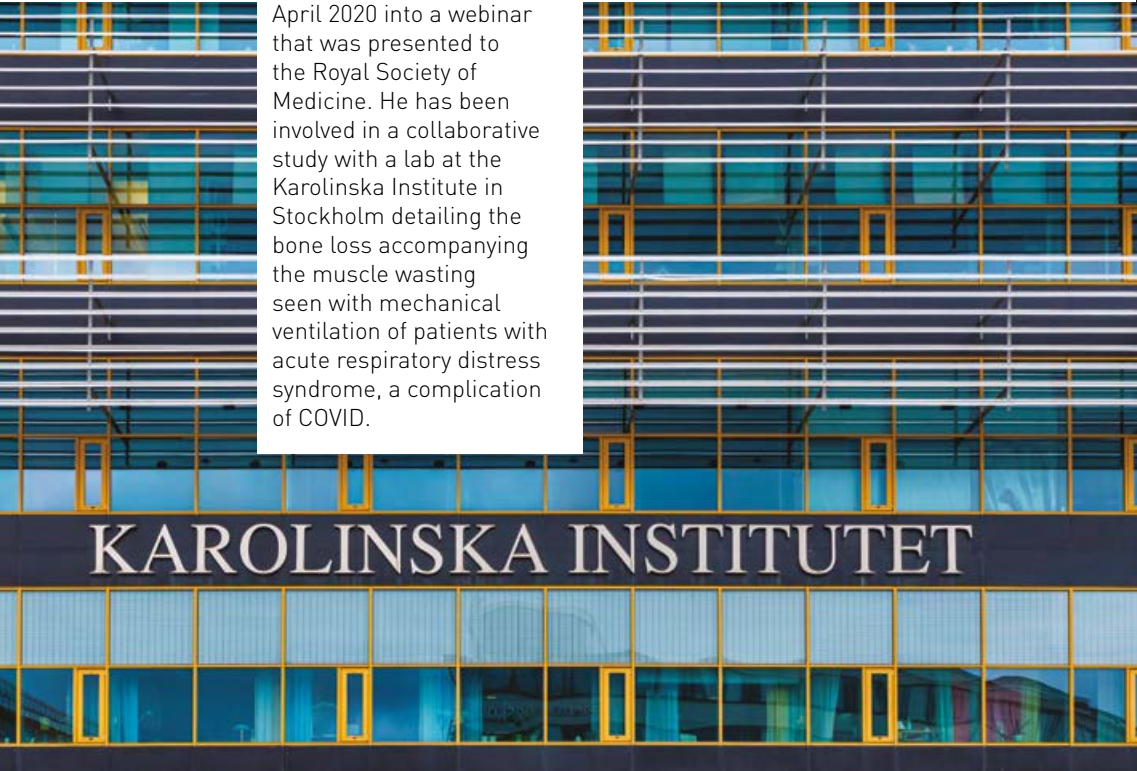
**Dr Martin Walsh (1979)** was appointed Adjunct Professor, School of Business Studies and Humanities, Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST), Arusha, Tanzania (for 3 years from 1 August 2019).



**Dr Elif Cetin (2008)**

is Assistant Professor in the Department of International Relations of Yasar University in Turkey, and a Research Associate of the Von Hugel Institute, St Edmund's College. In October 2019 she was invited to speak at the Cambridge RESPOND conference *Unpacking the Challenges and Possibilities for Migration Governance*, which took place at Newnham College. She also gave a talk at the Cambridge Festival of Ideas within the context of the panel titled 'Who will look after us in our old age?'.  


**Professor Gordon Klein (1970)**


recorded a video lecture for the Hub Learning Environment of the International Federation of Musculoskeletal Research Societies and converted a cancelled seminar originally to be presented at Massachusetts General Hospital (Harvard, USA) in April 2020 into a webinar that was presented to the Royal Society of Medicine. He has been involved in a collaborative study with a lab at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm detailing the bone loss accompanying the muscle wasting seen with mechanical ventilation of patients with acute respiratory distress syndrome, a complication of COVID.  


**Professor Paul Latimer (1990)**

researched financial services regulation when at Wolfson in 1990 with Professors Len Sealy and Barry Rider. After a long career at Monash University, he is now an Adjunct Professor at Swinburne Law School in Melbourne, a member of the Football Victoria Tribunal and a volunteer solicitor at one of Australia's legal aid clinics, the Fitzroy Legal Service.

**Professor Jian Kang (1992)** moved to UCL in 2018 as Professor of Acoustics, and in 2019 was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering. Professor Kang did his PhD at Wolfson from 1992, then served as a Fellow until 1999.

**Tszwai So (2015)**

Architect Tszwai So and Herbert Wright were Finalists in the Estonian Centre for Architecture Competition to curate the Tallinn Biennale 2022. Their proposal *Emotionalism* reached the shortlist of the last five contenders under consideration. His film *E-motion-Al City* explores 'Emotionalism', made in collaboration with the Chinachem Group for the Hong Kong Pavilion at the Venice Biennale opens in May 2021.  


**Dr Jay Golden (2002)**

has assumed the position of 14th President of Wichita State University, Kansas, USA. He previously served as Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Engineering at East Carolina University and as a faculty member and Associate Vice Provost of Research and Executive Director of Corporate Relations at Duke University.

**Dr Anna Schumann (2013)**

In June 2019, Dr Schumann joined Operation Wallacea, an environmental research and conservation expedition organisation which frequently works in remote areas where medical facilities are poor. Her role includes providing health and safety briefings for incoming participants, running daily clinic sessions and being available for emergencies. She is based in Dominica.

**Councillor Simon Speller (2016)**

was the Mayor of Stevenage, Hertfordshire from 2019-2020.

**Dr Steven Morrison (2008)**

was appointed Professor of Music in Music Education at Northwestern University's Henry and Leigh Bienen School of Music, Evanston, Illinois, USA.

**Miss Kristi Bledsoe (2007)**

runs a book and paper conservation business based south of Washington DC, focusing on the conservation of family bibles, family history artefacts and other paper-based material.

**Professor Stephen Smith (1992)**

received the 2019 Wallace A Bacon Lifetime Teaching Excellence Award presented by the National Communication Association (USA). He also received the 2019 James Madison Prize in First Amendment Studies for his book *Freedom of Religion* and the 2019 Franklyn S Haiman Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Freedom of Expression from the National Communication Association for his book *Freedom of Expression*.

**Professor David Millson (1981)**

was appointed Deputy Chairperson and Trustee to the Humane Research Trust. The Trust's aim is to develop human models for human diseases for the permanent benefit of both people and animals. They hope to achieve this by supporting new medical research which does not include the use of animals, with the objectives of advancing the diagnoses and treatment of disease in humans.

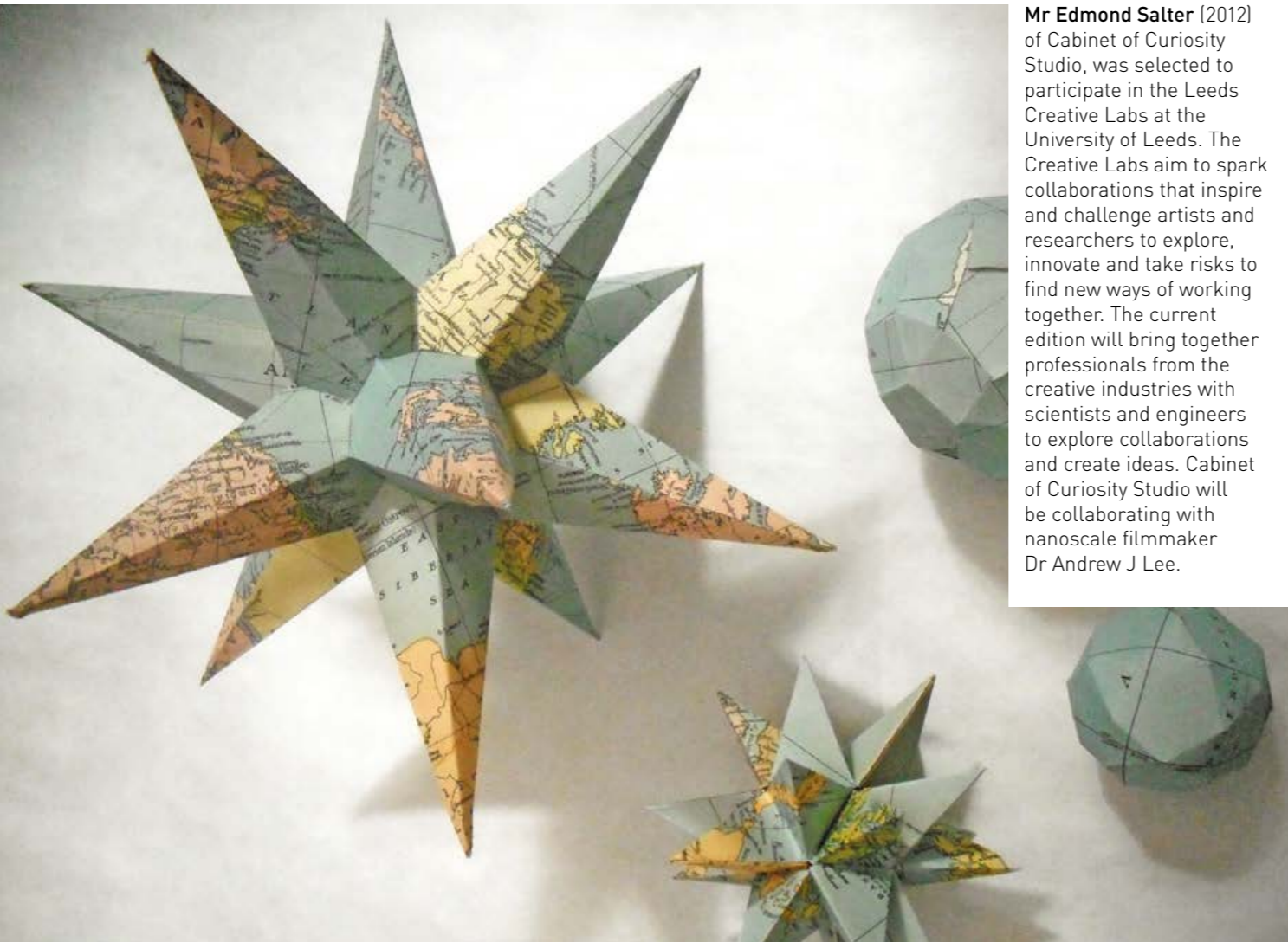
**Dr Rodney Hanley (2013)**

is the 10th President of Lake Superior State University, USA, a position assumed in June 2018. Prior to LSSU, Dr Hanley was Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee; Provost and Vice-President (Academic) at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada; Dean of Science at the University of Winnipeg; and a faculty member and chair of the Department of Earth System Science and Policy at the University of North Dakota.

**Dr Jennifer Quaid (1995)**

joined the Civil Law Section of the University of Ottawa as an Assistant Professor in July 2013, and in May 2019 was granted tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor. In July 2020, she assumed the role of Vice-Dean, Research, at the Civil Law Section of the Faculty of Law. Dr Quaid is a legal scholar focused on organisational criminal liability.





**Mr Edmond Salter** (2012) of Cabinet of Curiosity Studio, was selected to participate in the Leeds Creative Labs at the University of Leeds. The Creative Labs aim to spark collaborations that inspire and challenge artists and researchers to explore, innovate and take risks to find new ways of working together. The current edition will bring together professionals from the creative industries with scientists and engineers to explore collaborations and create ideas. Cabinet of Curiosity Studio will be collaborating with nanoscale filmmaker Dr Andrew J Lee.

## Alumni Honours

**Mr Patrick Donnellan OBE** (2008) was made Officer of the Order of the British Empire in the New Year's Honours List 2020 for services to Law and Order. He is Deputy Head of Operation Resolve, Greater Manchester Police.

**Professor Erol Gelenbe FIEEE FACM** (2008) was awarded Commandeur de l'Ordre National du Merite in May 2019, and Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur in May 2014, both by the President of France. In October 2019, he was elected one of the 16 inaugural Fellows of the International Federation of Information Processing.

**Mr Andrew Freeburn MBE** (2006) was made Member of the Order of the British Empire in the New Year's Honours List January 2020 for services to policing and the community in Northern Ireland. He is Chief Superintendent of the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

**Dame Sara Thornton DBE QPM** (2009) was made Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2019.

**Mr Robert Cashmore MBE** (2007) was awarded an MBE for services to UK Trade and Investment in this year's New Year's Honours.

**Sir Christopher Benson AOM JP DL FRICS FRSA** (1990) has been awarded an Honorary Medal of the Order of Australia in January 2020 for his work in cementing relationships between the United Kingdom and Australia, especially through educational and apprenticeship exchange opportunities for young people.

**Ms Laura Sandys CBE** (2001) was made Commander of the Order of the British Empire in the New Year's Honours List January 2020 for services to UK Energy Policy. She is Chair of the Energy Data Taskforce.



**Simon Davy** (2007) is a police advisor for TV as a secondary occupation. Last year he worked on *White House Farm* (the ITV series about the convicted murderer Jeremy Bamber) and he recently worked on ITV's *Des*. Simon trains the actors and advises on the props & art department on police station interiors, uniforms and dialogue. He says, "Like many opportunities, I was approached to advise on BBC's *Cuffs* in 2015 and it kind of expanded from there!"

**Dr Meng Ee Wong** (1995) was featured in a video *I Can - The NIE Spirit*, produced by the National Institute of Education, Singapore, where he is Associate Professor. Dr Wong has overcome visual impairment to thrive in his role as educator, researcher, mentor and national Paralympic swimmer. The video can be viewed on YouTube at [bit.ly/3i5T2q0](https://bit.ly/3i5T2q0).



# Spotlight on Sustainability



Nicholas Hare Architects



The 2019–2020 Wolfson cohort of MPhils in Conservation Leadership:  
L–R: **Teuru Tiraa-Passfield** (Cook Islands), **Lashanti Jupp** (Bahamas), **Mercy Kariuki** (Kenya), **María Espinosa** (Equador), **Tatjana Baleta** (South Africa) at the David Attenborough building for the annual course Christmas party.

## Women in conservation

Since the inception in 2010 of the MPhil in Conservation Leadership, Wolfson has hosted 19 students from this full-time, 11-month, Master’s course, which is aimed at candidates already working in the field of conservation who show leadership potential.

The unique features of the course are its delivery by a partnership between several University Departments and conservation organisations based around Cambridge, and its focus on issues of leadership and management. It delivers a world-class and interdisciplinary education in conservation leadership that is not available elsewhere.

Every partner organisation within the David Attenborough Building helps to teach and train each cohort of carefully selected students, including placements and one-to-one mentoring. Since starting in 2010, the course has 144 alumni from over 70 nations. Most hail from the global south, returning home to promote conservation after their year-long stint in Cambridge.

For the 2019–2020 cohort, we were lucky enough to have five students in the programme at Wolfson, and even though some of them had to leave Wolfson early, they managed to fit in a great deal during their time here.

**Teuru Tiraa-Passfield** enjoyed being in the front row of the Wolfson Howler, but it was difficult to be away from her young daughter in the Cook Islands. She says, “My favourite part of the course was definitely my classmates. They are all such great people, and I think we did a great job supporting each other during such a difficult year. I also gained a much

broader perspective of both leadership and conservation. I think I have improved my ability to think critically about a lot of issues, and to reflect on reasons why some areas of conservation are still failing. I look forward to contributing to addressing some of these, especially in the Pacific.”

**Lashanti Jupp** was involved with WCSA as Ents Officer and also served on the Green Society Committee. She has stayed in Cambridge, producing her Sunday YouTube show, *Sirens*, remotely. She says, “I got a new extended family out of the MPhil programme. The experience in the course changed my life and perspective on conservation around the world.”

**Mercy Kariuki** helped to establish a new Green Society at Wolfson and represented the College during the Exchange for Change Programme. She has remained in Cambridge in a conservation leadership intern position at Flora & Fauna International.

Mercy says, “Through the year, I have come to appreciate that conservation is a complex web and as a conservation leader, it is important to consider various viewpoints and approaches to increase a collective conservation impact globally. This is in addition to establishing an interconnected support network of peers that can share leadership challenges faced in conservation”.



## Wild about conservation

**Dr Rafael Mares** (2007) works for Internet of Elephants, a small company based in Kenya that makes games for wildlife conservation. This year they launched their first game called *Wildverse* in partnership with conservation science experts from the Borneo Nature Foundation, Goulougo Triangle Ape Foundation, Zoo Atlanta and Chester Zoo. In the game, users play the role of a field biologist, looking for and learning about real wild animals, the food they eat and the threats they face, all in augmented reality. Rafael went with the other developers to the jungles of Borneo and Congo to speak with conservationists about their work and scout for wildlife to feature in the game.



## Alumna in the Arctic

The first steps in the career of **Marie-Anne Coninx** (1977) began when she was a student at Wolfson and studied International Law of the Sea at Cambridge. She has served as the Ambassador-at-Large for the Arctic of the European Union (EU) from September 2017 to October 2019, was the European Union’s Ambassador to Canada (2013–2017), and spent four years as the EU Ambassador to Mexico. Her main priorities have been tackling climate change and protecting the environment, promoting sustainable development and advancing international cooperation.

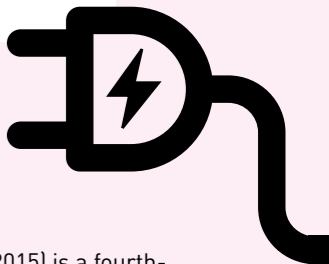
“The Arctic is crucial to tackling climate change worldwide. Because of global warming, the Arctic is warming up faster than any region in the world. This is having dramatic effects on the

region and its people, but also for the rest of the world”, she says. “Keeping the polar regions cool helps to moderate global warming. Therefore, a key pillar of the Arctic Policy of the European Union is to address climate change and safeguard the sustainability of the region”.

Marie-Anne puts sustainability at the core of all her work so it comes as no surprise that following a visit back to College earlier this year she kickstarted the lecture series for Wolfson College’s Green Society.

**Marie-Anne’s lecture ‘The changing Arctic, its challenges, and global impact’ can be viewed online in the Wolfson Media Collection.**

## Lean in



**Jonathan Wates** (2015) is a fourth-generation owner of the Wates Group, a family-owned construction, development and property services firm. Having joined the business in 1995, Jonathan became Head of Strategy before being appointed to the Wates Group board in 2008. His work is motivated by a need to mobilise in response to the challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss.

He says, “No one actor can address these challenges alone. The issues are at the system level. And the response needs to be universal”. This ambition has led to a strong focus on operational sustainability and the need to promote a sustainability agenda in the wider world.

The firm has committed to eliminating waste and carbon from all operations by 2025 by switching to an all-electric commercial vehicle fleet, eliminating single use plastic from its operations and supply chain, investing in sustainable building techniques, organising sustainability placements for graduate and apprenticeship staff, planting 5,000 trees annually and ensuring that all sites deliver at least one nature enhancement project such as local conservation work.

“We need to help people understand what’s happening and provide them with ways to make a difference. In my working life for example, people are starting to see that sustainability is really about durability and that the social, environmental and economic aspects are deeply interwoven. I believe that whilst we don’t want to sugar-coat everything, positivity mostly trumps negativity and cynicism. We need to ‘lean in’ and do the best we can.”



NASA



# Memories of Wolfson: 1960s & 1970s

## Professor Stephen Hodkinson (1975)

When Stephen Hodkinson came to Wolfson in 1975 to do his PhD, his supervisor Professor Sir Moses Finley was at Jesus College, and Stephen thought he might join him there. But Sir Moses was "a firm believer that postgraduate students flourish better at a postgraduate College" and he recommended that Stephen come to Wolfson. It turned out to be fortunate, not only because Stephen has become an expert in his field, but also because it was at Wolfson that he met his wife, Hilary (née Lucking). Now, forty years later, their daughter Joy is midway through the Graduate Course in Medicine at Wolfson.

Stephen arrived from the University of Manchester at a period he calls 'fortuitous' within the field of Ancient Greek historical study. Although a great deal of scholarship had been devoted to the period, Sparta itself had been relatively understudied.

"I could see that there was a lot of scope for original research and that I could make a real impact in the field," he says. "It was only later that I realised that the reason historians had avoided Sparta as a research topic was its appropriation by the Nazis. After World War II, it was effectively a taboo subject in much of Europe, and it was only just beginning to open up in the late 60s and early 70s."

Stephen's scholarship has subsequently revised this misappropriation of Spartan culture, although in some parts of the world it continues to be abused by right-wing groups, a misguided historical interpretation that Stephen continues to oppose. He delivered a lecture this summer as part of the Wolfson (Ancient) Warfare Wednesdays series.

Both Stephen and Hilary were active members of the Wolfson community. He was the Student Librarian, working with the Staff Librarian Dr Brian Mahy, and served as convenor of the College's Ecumenical Committee.

Hilary was the Social Secretary and President of the Amalgamated Club (the precursor to WCSA). She was chosen to hold the train of HRH Duke of Edinburgh (Chancellor of the University and Visitor of the College) during the royal visit in November 1977, when the College was formally opened by HM Queen Elizabeth II. At that time, the College had 220 students, 72 Fellows, and 58 Senior Members.

Stephen was offered a post at the University of Manchester midway through his doctoral studies, and he put his PhD aside for several years while publishing on other subjects, finally completing his degree in 1992. In 2003 he became Professor of Ancient History at the University of Nottingham, where he founded the Centre for Spartan & Peloponnesian Studies and was Director of the Institute for the Study of Slavery. Hilary, meanwhile, has had a varied career as a botanist, ecological consultant, gardener and property entrepreneur.

Stephen is now a retired Emeritus Professor of Ancient History, but feels he is probably more active in research and impact than when he carried a full teaching load. Besides publishing on *Sparta and War*, he is also editing the *Oxford Handbook of Greek and Roman Slavery*. Beyond that, he and Hilary are enjoying time with their six grandchildren.

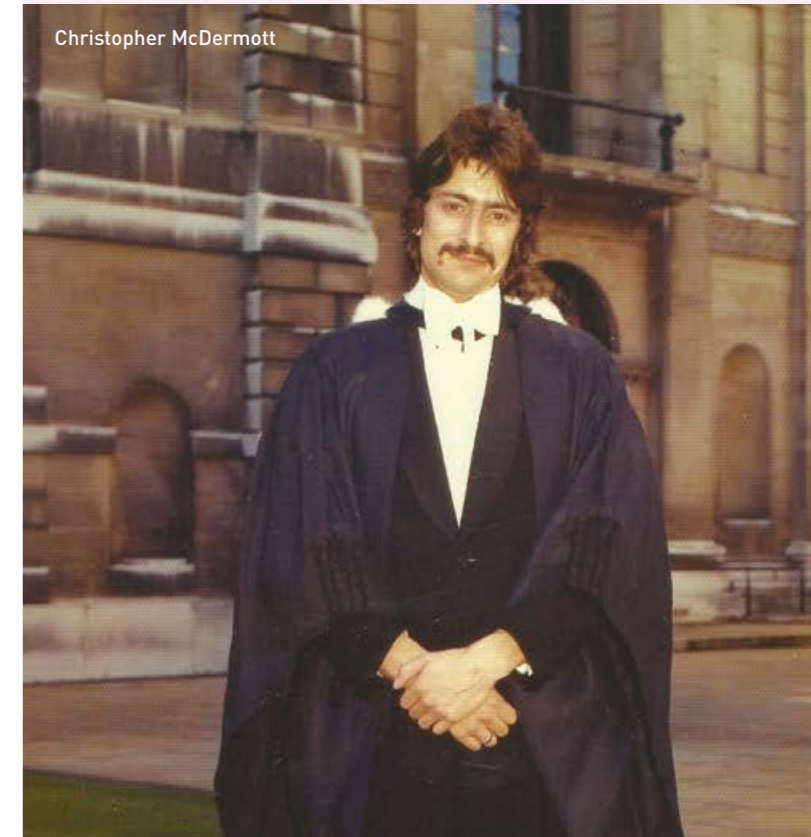
## Dr Sandra Richards (1968)

After meeting at Madingley Hall, my husband-to-be (Wyn Richards) and I entered University College when there were only 14 postgraduates. We played tennis on the courts that were where the car park is now. Very intimate May Balls were organised — we danced inside Bredon House and spilled out onto the lawn. I well remember the Madrigals and Music and Madeira nights. The highlight of our time there was The Boat Club, newly started the year before.

After working abroad most of our lives, we visited Wolfson for a reunion dinner in 2013 and stayed in the Chancellor's Centre. Imagine our surprise to see an old friend at the entrance — the statue of Prince Albert. He had once stood at the bottom of a ride at Madingley Hall, providing a lovely view from my window. A circle completed 46 years later, with one difference: Albert's missing finger had been replaced!

Hilary Hodkinson holding HRH Duke of Edinburgh's train.

Christopher McDermott



## Christopher McDermott (1975)

I applied to Wolfson because of its diversity. When I was here, I was Chairman of the Drama Society and involved in three different productions in the year, including the *Wolfson Review* and *The Real Inspector Hound*. Wolfson was novel in Cambridge, due to the composition of the student body, its relative modernity and its location.

I must have one of the longest periods between two degrees, because I am currently a student at the College again studying for a Masters in Education. I have loved returning to the College after a career as a teacher and Head Teacher in this country and abroad. I want to thank Wolfson for giving me opportunities that shaped my career the first time around. And I also want to say thanks for greeting me back with smiling faces in 2018, providing a lovely environment with great gardens and a focus to my life as I adapted back to living in the UK.

Words of advice to current students: 'Wolfson is a great college with a lovely family atmosphere. As with anything in life, the more you put in, the more you get out, so give as much as you can while you are here, and you will be rewarded many times over.'

## Professor George Ellis FRS (1967)

I was one of the first Fellows of Wolfson, when it was still University College. It started off as just Bredon House, but extensions were added rapidly which provided pleasant dining and then residential facilities. It was a breath of fresh air being a Fellow of the College, and meeting others from all over the world in all disciplines, both as postgraduate students taking the special courses, and as Fellows (some of whom are still at the College).

I am grateful for the time I had there until I returned to my native South Africa in 1973. It was at Wolfson that I wrote the book *The Large Scale Structure of Space Time* with Professor Stephen Hawking, who was my colleague at the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics in the old University Press building in Silver Street.



# In Memoriam

These are the names of our members who have passed away, or whose passing we were made aware of, between June 2019 and September 2020.

## DR FREDERICK BAKER

26 January 1965 – 24 August 2020 (College Research Associate, 2016)

## MS SARAH BEARDER

30 November 1966 – October 2019 (Alumna, 1991)

## PROFESSOR EMMANUEL YAW BENNEH

30 April 1954 – 12 September 2020 (Alumnus, 1979)

## MR RICHARD CHAPMAN

3 July 1945 – 31 October 2018 (Wolfson Course, Michaelmas 1979)

## PROFESSOR JENNIFER CLACK

3 November 1947 – 26 March 2020 (Senior Member, 1989)

## MS ANNE DONADEO

4 May 1947 – April 2020 (Alumna, 1974)

## MR COLIN GILL MA

27 February 1945 – 8 December 2019 (Senior Member, 1983, Fellow, 1986, Emeritus Fellow, 2007)

## MR PHILLIP HAGON

2 May 1953 – 6 August 2019 (Alumnus, 1998)

## MR JOSEPH HAMMOND

8 March 1969 – 30 November 2019 (Alumnus, 1998)

## MR JOHN HANN

8 June 1951 – 9 May 2020 (Wolfson Course, Easter 1990)

## MS JACQUELINE INSKIPP

26 February 1952 – 31 January 2020 (Alumna, 1991)

## MISS LUCIE LEGER

23 June 1958 – 2 September 2016 (Alumna, 1988)

## MRS PAMELA LISTER

Deceased 6 January 2020 (Senior Member, 2002)

## DR ALEXANDRA MORRIS

15 August 1947 – 6 October 2019 (Senior Member, 2004)

## MISS AUDREY NEWSOME

30 June 1928 – 22 June 2020 (Visiting Fellow, 1969)

## PROFESSOR NICK OLIVER

3 August 1958 – 5 July 2020 (Fellow, 1997)

## MRS OLIVE POLGE

14 November 1928 – 14 October 2019 (Senior Member, 2007)

## REVEREND JOHN SNAITH

10 January 1934 – 9 September 2020 (Fellow, 1984, Emeritus Fellow, 2001)

## PROFESSOR HUGH THIRLWAY

14 June 1937 – 13 October 2019 (Visiting Fellow, 1998)

## MS SUSANNAH WEST

8 November 1975 – 28 August 2019 (Alumna, 2013)

# Obituaries

## DR CYRUS CHOTHIA FRS

19 February 1942 – 26 November 2019

Fellow 2003–2009

Emeritus Fellow 2009–2019

Cyrus Chothia was born and bred a Londoner. A pupil at Alleyn's School, he ventured north to Durham for his first degree (meeting there his wife, Jean, who became the first female Fellow of Selwyn College) but returning to take a Master's at Birkbeck and a PhD at UCL. His professional life was conducted mainly with the Medical Research Council, first at Mill Hill and then in Cambridge.

Cyrus took a taxonomic approach to research in molecular biology. As Georgina Ferry has written, "Employing computational analysis, he laid much of the groundwork for the field of bioinformatics, which now underpins the study of biodiversity, the global search for links between genes and disease, and the rational development of new drugs." He always preferred to work in small groups of bright postdocs. The President, Professor Jane Clarke, recalled "In Cyrus's passing I lose a mentor and a friend. He inspired me during my early days in science, and the direction my work took was a direct result of his influence. I still consider one of the papers I wrote in collaboration with him to be amongst my finest."

Cyrus was a generous, learned and deeply cultured man. He lived in a house full of books. He worked in laboratories where the most exciting discoveries were made. He and I shared an interest in fine printing, and he enjoyed the cinema as an art form. Cyrus was a delightful dinner companion, sharing knowledge and interests, always seeking finer understanding. We were pleased to have him as a Fellow of Wolfson.

Gordon Johnson

## MR PAUL CHAPMAN

30 June 1948 – 10 December 2019

Clerk of Works 1995–2013

Senior member 2008–2012

The College was very fortunate to have had Paul Chapman as Clerk of Works for such a long and significant period. He will be unique in the College's history, having built fifty percent of the College's extant properties and then managed the refurbishment and maintenance of the entire site.

Paul came to Wolfson in 1992 working as the Site manager for Rattee & Kett (Mowlem) to build the Lee Library, Toda House and a third storey on the Eastern Block (M, N, O & P Blocks). This was a challenging project in a restricted area and a sensitive site, given its intimacy with residential units and offices. Paul worked well with the College's needs and delivered the work on time. When the Business Expansion Scheme provided substantial funding to build on the Western Field Site



Paul Chapman is thanked for his service by former Bursar Mr Christopher Lawrence.

(former Fuch's Garden) Rattee & Kett were offered the contract on the condition that Paul Chapman would return as the site manager. This was accepted and Paul returned to the College in 1994 to lead the construction of R & S blocks and lay the foundations for T block. Once again, the challenges were enormous, with a new service infrastructure required and a time constraint imposed by the BES funding. Through Paul's attention to detail and long working hours the build was completed on time for the first occupants attending the College's thirtieth anniversary celebrations in the summer of 1995. Around this time the College's Clerk of Works, Tony Pinner, retired due to ill health and the position was offered to and accepted by Paul.

Paul followed his father as an apprentice carpenter and always remained a 'man on the tools'. He joined Rattee & Kett in the early 1970s and would remain with them for twenty years, working on significant constructions in a managerial role throughout East Anglia. He brought to Wolfson those years of experience and knowledge of the building industry. He was a consummate professional, a pragmatist to problem-solving, efficient with a meticulous eye for detail and attention to record-keeping, a dedication to his responsibilities which invariably involved long hours, and a strong leader of his team. In July 2002 when the College was struck by lightning — taking out telephones, IT network and alarm systems — Paul led a team of colleagues over three days, and some late nights, to restore these essential services. He was highly respected by those who worked with and for him.

During his time at Wolfson, Paul would oversee the completion of T block, the Chancellor's Centre, the family flats and the refurbishment of the original (1970s) College buildings and houses, including the main kitchen and heating plant. His knowledge of the physical plant was invaluable to the two bursars for whom he worked.

Paul leaves his wife Jennifer to whom he was married for forty-one years and two adult children, Andrew and Joanna, and five grandchildren. His funeral service in January 2020 was well attended by College members together with his former colleagues from Rattee & Kett.

John Seagrave

## PROFESSOR SIR HANS KORNBERG FRS FRSB

14 January 1928 – 16 December 2019

Honorary Fellow 1990–2019

Sir Hans Kornberg was a distinguished biological scientist with seven decades of research to his credit. His major area was the nature and regulation of carbohydrate transport in micro-organisms, primarily *E. coli*.

He was born in Germany but escaped to Britain in 1939 to live with an uncle in Yorkshire (he lost both parents in the Holocaust). He was a pupil at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Wakefield, and then at Sheffield University. His mentor was Sir Hans Krebs who supported his early years in research at Sheffield and subsequently as a colleague at Oxford. Hans Kornberg went on to hold a number of senior appointments, including the Sir William Dunn Professorship of Biochemistry at Cambridge. Retirement in 1995, at the age of 67, saw him move to Boston University where he continued research and upper-class teaching for the next twenty years.

Hans was a much-loved Master of Christ's College, greatly enjoying the company of students and an enthusiastic supporter of the Boat Club who named boats after him and Lady Kornberg. He was extremely good company, with a fund of witty anecdotes and a wry, though cheery and optimistic, view of human nature. Memory has it that at a cold and wet Honorary Degree luncheon at Wolfson in the early 1990s he graciously surrendered his gown to protect the young daughter of the President of Ireland, one of the honorary graduands, from the inclement weather.

He was a great supporter of the College. He continued to visit when in England and to appear at Wolfson events in the United States long after his retirement from Cambridge.

Gordon Johnson

## DR MARIA SWIATOSLAWA LUKIANOWICZ

29 April 1942 – 9 January 2020

Alumna 1967, Junior Research Fellow 1970–1974

Maria was born in Lviv, where her mother Stefania Turkewich was a noted musician and composer. The family fled Ukraine in 1946, and Maria and her elder sister Zoya were brought up in Brighton and Belfast.

In 1967 Maria arrived in Cambridge as a postgraduate student in Psychology, at what was then University College. In 1970 she was awarded the Pinsent-Darwin studentship in Mental Pathology, which enabled her to continue her work on pathological aspects of developmental psychology. She held

a Junior Research Fellowship from 1970–1974.

University College was the first to admit both men and women, and in 1968 it was decided to enter a mixed crew in the May Bumps. A mixed boat on the river was revolutionary, especially since Maria (as cox) sported a flamboyant bonnet; while some looked askance at the spectacle, *The Times* saw fit to publish a celebratory photograph.

In 2018, Maria gave a splendid speech at the 50th Anniversary Boat Club Dinner,





describing the historic occasion. She even ventured into an eight once again, acting as cox during an outing with Wolfson's Social Rowing Club. She found it gratifying to recall that the blue and yellow blade colours had been her suggestion all those years before, being the colours of the flag of her native Ukraine.

Maria had married fellow student and musician Robert Philip whilst still at College, and they had two daughters Charlotte and Lara, who grew up in the village of Ashwell. Music was an important part of everyday life. Maria later married Ian Simpson, with whom she shared tennis, travelling, gardening and bird-watching, but who died in 2014. She was passionate about opera, art, languages and science, and enjoyed lively debates with family and friends. Her funeral was attended by her sister, daughters and grandchildren, and friends from all decades, including several from the famous 1968 boat crew.

Dr Anna Snowden

## SIR JOHN SPARROW

4 June 1933 – 21 March 2020  
Honorary Fellow 1987–2020

John Sparrow's professional life in finance and business embraced an extraordinary range of service in both private and public sectors. He was born in London, attending a local primary school followed by the Stationers' Company's School and the LSE. He became a chartered accountant and worked among others with the Ford Motor Company, AEI-Hotpoint, and Morgan Grenfell. He sat on many Company Boards, and was seconded Head of Central Policy Review Staff, Cabinet Office. For eight years he chaired the Universities Superannuation Scheme, and into retirement he chaired the Horserace Betting Levy Board. He listed his *Who's Who* recreations as cricket, crosswords, horseracing, reading and lunching.

He was fine gentleman in all the best meanings of that term. He was introduced to Wolfson by Professor Gordon Cameron who saw the need, in the 1980s, to bring to the Investment and Finance Committee serious independent professional experience. John was an inspired choice: he was sensitive to College needs and was particularly astute in developing and implementing an investment strategy. He chaired the Committee with aplomb and made sure that the College members really understood complex financial matters — not least in working through the arrangements that enabled the huge building programme on the Western Field in the 1990s, so instrumental in making the College the residential community it is today.

He was a man of good humour and great common sense. He once said over lunch that the best way to track the fortunes of the British economy was to check the range of sausages on supermarket shelves: if there was a great variety you could be sure the economy was doing well; if just a few brands were available, then austerity beckoned. He always wrote letters by hand with a fountain pen: they were a joy to receive. Until the turn of the century, when he and Lady Sparrow reluctantly gave up going out in the evenings, he was a regular visitor to the College and took great interest in all its activities. He was a generous annual donor until his death.

Gordon Johnson

## DR ARTHUR JENNINGS MA

10 December 1919 – 24 March 2020  
Fellow 1967–1982  
Emeritus Fellow 1982–2020



Mary Hesse and Arthur Jennings

Arthur Jennings was brought up in West Yorkshire and developed an early interest in animal husbandry whilst working on his uncle's farm. He qualified at the Liverpool Veterinary School and then served in the Royal Army Veterinary Corps in India, broadening his experience of large animal medicine, including mules and camels. After the war he returned to Liverpool as a lecturer in veterinary pathology and met and married Isobel, also a pathologist; they had two children and enjoyed many happy years together until her death in 1997.

Arthur moved to Cambridge to the Institute of Animal Pathology and then was appointed a University Lecturer in Animal Pathology in the then-new Veterinary School. He became a Fellow of Wolfson in 1967 and his term as Senior Tutor (1974–1980) coincided with a significant growth in the College's full-time students following the decision to admit mature undergraduates and the development by the University of the one-year degree of Master of Philosophy (MPhil). Arthur and Isobel are remembered for making a special effort to foster a sense of community in the College, then only in its second decade. They traditionally hosted a Boxing Day party at their home for students who remained in College over the festive period.

Arthur's professional life combined teaching veterinary students alongside the delivery of clinical services and research. His services were particularly in demand to perform post mortems on unusual animals in zoos and wildlife parks. Retirement, initially in Oban and (after Isobel's death) in Gloucestershire and Cumbria, allowed more time for studying wildlife, particularly ornithology.

Arthur died three months after his 100th birthday — a milestone which was celebrated by his family, his colleagues and the College.

Graham Allen, with thanks to Kate Robertson

## MISS ELIZABETH LEA FALCONER

19 March 1931 – 25 March 2020  
Senior Member 1969–2020

Miss Falconer (she insisted on the title) was a graduate of Somerville College, Oxford. She studied Spanish and French with a special subject in Portuguese, and later became fluent in Romanian and Russian. In 1965 she was appointed Librarian in the Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages, a post she held until retirement in 1995. She was a devoted librarian and served her Faculty well, forcefully repelling potential incursions into her domain by General Board Committees or the University Librarian.

Elizabeth became a Senior Member of Wolfson in 1969 and was an indefatigable correspondent of successive Presidents, usually making suggestions about improvements to the social life of the College. For many years she was a regular luncher, sitting far into the afternoon in conversation with other members. She was a tireless advocate for vegetarianism. Miss Falconer was particularly keen to support the College Library. In 1987 she was part of an exchange scheme with the Jackson Library at Lander College, South Carolina. The Librarian there, Mrs Betty Williams, spent a term as a Visitor at Wolfson, and was a generous contributor to library funds.

Gordon Johnson

## MALLAM ABBA KYARI

23 September 1952 – 18 April 2020  
1980; Senior Member 2002–2020

On 18 April, Abba Kyari, a law alumnus from Wolfson and thought by both the *Economist* and the *New York Times* to be the most powerful man in Nigeria, died of COVID in the hospital in Lagos, Nigeria and was buried the following day in Abuja military cemetery.

In October 1980, he came to Wolfson from the University of Warwick with a degree in sociology to study law. He graduated in 1983 and was called to the Nigerian bar the same year, but returned to Wolfson to read for the LLM, which he obtained in June 1984. On returning to Nigeria his career was to be in journalism, banking and public service administration becoming CEO of United Bank of Africa, director of Unilever (Nigeria) and Exxon Mobil.

I came to know him over many years as both his physician and friend, and on his frequent visits to Cambridge we would meet at College to discuss his political philosophy and his thoughts on reforming the political institutions of Nigeria. I remember an essay he wrote on how to reform and develop the nascent institutions of the country, but it was with some surprise that I heard of his appointment as Chief of Staff to the president of Nigeria, a long-term friend and political ally President Major General Muhammadu Buhari. He acted as gatekeeper to the presidential office, a position which attracted considerable hostility, but his main interest was in tackling corruption and to make its governance more transparent. On his last visit to Cambridge he expressed pride in his initiative to develop the agrochemical industry, enabling farmers to have cheap fertiliser. Indeed, he contracted COVID on a visit to Siemens Germany to help reorganise the national electricity grid.

He was a genteel, well-mannered, highly intellectual man who was deeply appreciative of his connection with the University and Wolfson. It is widely believed that he had the

political stature to become the president of Nigeria. In an obituary in the *New York Times* it was said that COVID had deprived President Buhari and Nigeria of its rudder.

He is survived by his wife, Hajiya Kulu Kyari, and their four children.

Dr Owen M Edwards

## MS PENNY DAVISON MA

11 November 1946 – 20 July 2020  
Senior Member 2002–2020

Penny began her career at the University in 1989 as the Welfare Adviser in the Assistant Staff Office. In 1991, she set up the Temporary Employment Service which went from strength to strength and is now used by Departments and Colleges throughout the University.

When the ASO merged with the equivalent section of the central academic administration to form the Personnel Division, Penny became leader of one of the Schools' teams, based in the Old Schools. Those leaders' roles morphed into Business Manager roles when the Personnel Division became the Human Resources Division, from which Penny retired as a Business Manager in 2009.

Whilst in that role she started studying part-time for a BA in Art History at Birkbeck. After graduation she became an accredited volunteer guide at Tate Modern and thoroughly enjoyed giving tours of their exhibitions. Penny also worked as a specialist mentor for the Disability Resource Centre from 2010; her contribution to this difficult and demanding role was very much appreciated by the Centre. As an active Senior Member of Wolfson from 2005–2009, she served a term as Governing Body Observer.

Penny leaves two daughters and three grandchildren. She died on 20 July 2020 in the Arthur Rank Hospice.

Peter Pilbeam

## DR CECIL STANLEY TREIP FRCPATH

18 July 1924 – 14 August 2020  
Fellow 1976–1990  
Emeritus Fellow 1990–2020

Educated at the Grocers' Company School, London, and London Hospital Medical College, Cecil came to Cambridge in 1961 as Senior Assistant Pathologist at Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he started a neuropathological service to the departments of neurological surgery and neurology. He was Honorary Consultant in Neuropathology at Addenbrooke's from 1961 to 1975 and curator of the University's Pathology Museum for ten years to 1976.

Cecil became a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists in 1973, was elected Vice-President of the British Neuropathological Society in 1983 and served as its President from 1985 to 1987. From 1975 until his retirement in 1990, Cecil was University Lecturer and Consultant in Pathology. Throughout his career, Cecil's research and numerous publications focused largely on general pathology and neuropathology, with emphasis on clinical and experimental aspects of the pituitary and hypothalamus.

Gordon Johnson



## PROFESSOR MICHAEL LOGAN GONNE REDHEAD FBA

30 December 1929 – 31 August 2020

Fellow 1988–1997

Emeritus Fellow 1997–2020

Vice-President 1992–1996

Acting President 1991 and 1993

Michael Redhead, one of twin boys, was educated at Westminster School and University College, London. He turned first to the family business, Redhead Properties (where he remained active), but returned to UCL to take a PhD in Mathematical Physics. Holding appointments in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at Chelsea College, he became Professor of the Philosophy of Physics at King's College, London and in 1987 was elected to the Chair in Cambridge.

His writing in the philosophy of physics was outstanding, focussed on the conceptual and methodological problems of modern theoretical physics, especially as they related to quantum mechanics and the theory of relativity. His work won him many prizes (including the Lakatos Award) and admirers (among them Professor Mary Hesse, who introduced him to Wolfson). He was fortunate in being able to greatly enhance the position and standing of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science in Cambridge. During his tenure of the Chair it gained new members and an enviable international reputation for research. It also became a demanding Tripos course and lost its image of being a refuge for Natural Scientists fighting shy of specialist Part IIs.

In College, Michael worked hard to raise its academic profile, supporting research seminars and constantly pressing for the election of more Junior Research Fellows. This ambition began to be realised in the mid-1990s when the College led the way in running competitions for non-stipendiary research fellows open to the growing number of outstanding postdocs coming to Cambridge without the prospect of College membership.

Michael twice acted as President, presiding with grace over two elections to the office. With his wife Jennifer, he built on the College's tradition of hospitality, making a special effort to welcome new members and visitors. On (conventional) retirement at 67, he became Centennial Professor at the Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Science at the London School of Economics. He continued to publish and undertook an innovative series of YouTube interviews with young philosophers well into his 80s.

Gordon Johnson

## MR ALLAN BRIGHAM

31 May 1951 – 8 September 2020

Senior Member 2009–2020



Allan Brigham

The University decided as part of its 800th Anniversary Celebrations to honour with honorary MA degrees two people who had made very special contributions to Cambridge. One was Brigadier Sir Miles Hunt Davis OBE who had served the Chancellor of the University as his Private Secretary and the other was Allan Brigham, a prominent figure in the town.

Allan was born in Harpenden and was a graduate in history and politics of Sheffield University. By no stretch of the imagination did he follow a conventional career trajectory. He was from early years interested in social history, and in seeing what landscape and buildings could tell about ordinary lives. He travelled a great deal, and he took up a number of labouring jobs, most pre-eminently that of road sweeper in Cambridge. But he also became a tour guide and a most effective advocate for the history of Cambridge. He was a brilliant and well-informed communicator, able to enthuse primary school children and many diverse adult groups. Although some of his talks were marketed as 'Town not Gown' Allan was too good a historian not to reveal the linkages between them. He contributed massively to the history of the Mill Road area of the town and its communities, and to walk round Newnham with him was a revelation about the expansion of Cambridge from the later nineteenth century.

His death in September 2020 (after a long illness) was greeted by a massive outpouring of sorrow for the passing of one who had been such a remarkable ambassador for Cambridge. The College was privileged to have him as an Honorary Senior Member.

Gordon Johnson

## WILLIAM HENRY GATES II

30 November 1925 – 14 September 2020

Honorary Fellow 2009–2020

Universally known as 'Bill Gates Snr' he stood at over 6' 7", an imposing figure. For most of his life he was a successful attorney at law in Seattle, and a prominent citizen, involved in many good causes. He had a strong sense of civic responsibility and among other public roles served as a Regent of the University of Washington. The *Seattle Times* commented on "his deep, instinctive respect for everyone he met, no matter where they came from", and a legal colleague recorded that Bill Snr believed "that everybody in the world is equal and deserves your compassion and attention." On retirement in 1998 he'd expected to spend his time relaxing at his beach home on Hood Canal and playing golf; but his son asked for help with the paperwork beginning to flow through the William H Gates Foundation. Bill Snr recalled agreeing to this and then found he could hardly open the door of his Seattle house for the mountain of cardboard boxes that had been delivered.

Among the many philanthropic ventures of the Gates Foundation, the establishment of the Gates Cambridge Scholarships was one of the most unusual. Bill Snr played a decisive role in the great benefaction to Cambridge. The idea behind the Cambridge Gates Trust was very simple: here was an endowment that would support in perpetuity around 220 full cost scholarships for non-UK students at Cambridge University. They could be studying any subject at any level though at any one time there should be around 90 Americans in the programme. Implementing the idea turned out to be complex and taxing. Cambridge, as Bill came to understand and then even enjoy, was an unusual

institution, difficult to fathom, its distributed governmental and administrative structures sometimes grinding slowly. But Bill Snr relished the opportunities to find out about it and work with it to create a new community of lasting significance for the University and the Colleges.

He saw from the start that the young men and women studying at Cambridge were quite remarkable people, enjoying as he put it an 'exquisite education' but fully aware of the social responsibilities that accrued from the privilege. He relished his annual (and sometimes more frequent) visits to Cambridge. He always regarded as the highlight of his time in Cambridge the opportunity of meeting students in their Departments and socially. He engaged directly with them and showed how much he enjoyed talking to them not only about their studies but their career ambitions.

Bill Snr greatly enjoyed the vibrancy and informality of Wolfson and the sense of purpose he got from conversations with students. Many of the smaller social gatherings for him were held in the President's Lodge (where he was a most appreciative and charming companion), and the College also hosted a number of receptions and dinners for Gates Scholars.

Gordon Johnson

Bill Gates Snr, with the then President (Gordon Johnson, the first Provost of the Gates Cambridge Trust), the Vice-Chancellor (Professor Alison Richard, Honorary Fellow), and other Trustees, surrounded by Gates Scholars outside the Porters' Lodge,





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
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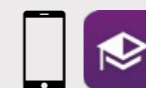


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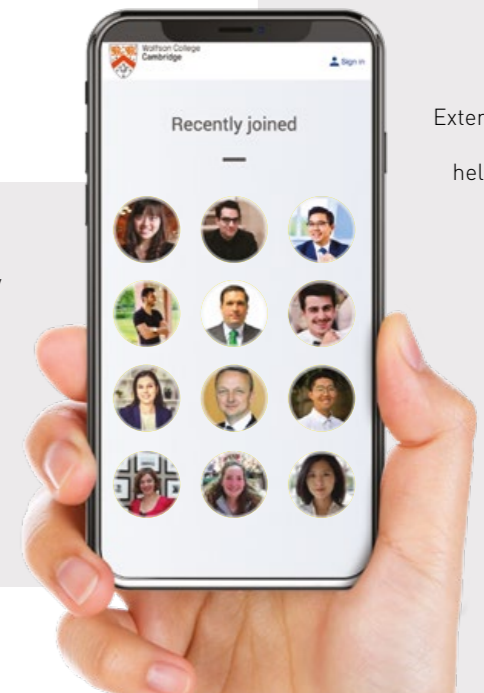
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# Alumni Events

## 2020

Wednesday 2 December  
Festive Celebration

Thursday 10 December  
Wolfson in  
South East Asia

## 2021

Thursday 21 January  
Wolfson in London

Friday 12 February  
Annual Half-way  
Celebration

March (date tbc)  
Varsity Rugby Match

May (date tbc)  
Wolfson in the USA

June (date tbc)  
May Bumps Boat  
Race & Marquee

Wednesday 30 June  
Foundation Day  
Celebration

Saturday 18 September  
Sunday 19 September  
Alumni Reunion  
& Celebration 2021

Thursday 11 November  
Commemoration  
of Benefactors

December (date tbc)  
Varsity Rugby Match

December (date tbc)  
Wolfson in  
South East Asia

Thursday 16 December  
Festive Celebration

While all events for the foreseeable future will be held online, we are looking forward to welcoming you in person as soon as we can.




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