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Poetry and commemorations marking the centenary of the First World War
It gives me great pleasure to introduce the first edition of *Rhodes Scholar*, our new global magazine for the Rhodes community. Here in Oxford, we have been working on deepening the current Scholar experience, securing funding for the core Rhodes constituencies, and enabling further connections within the international alumni community, both with Rhodes House and with each other. This magazine plays an important part in this, and I also look forward to the launch of the online Rhodes Scholar Network.

*Rhodes Scholar* will be published in paper format each July, and supplemented by online news updates in spring and autumn. The Warden’s Christmas letter has been the traditional way to hear about Rhodes news and that will, of course, remain. I would also like to acknowledge with gratitude the work which is done by all our alumni associations around the world. For example, the American Association of Rhodes Scholars has produced their publication *The American Oxonian* since April 1914, and the first AARS magazine was actually printed in 1907. So one could say it is high time that there is a global magazine as well, one that will inform about news from Oxford and Rhodes House, highlight Scholar achievements in every country and provide thought-provoking content. I hope you enjoy the first issue!

New staff

- **Peter Anderson**
  Finance Director/Chief Operating Officer, joining the Rhodes Trust after ten years at Kaplan, the accountancy & legal training firm in London.

- **Alasdair Maclay**
  Director of Development in Oxford, previously Director at the London private equity firm Actis, with a focus on Energy and Africa markets. Krista Slade will now be based in North America as Senior Campaign Director.

- **David Mungall**
  Deputy Director of Development, previously set up the development and alumni relations office at Goldsmiths College, an arts and humanities university within the University of London.

- **Stacey McGowen**
  Assistant Academic Registrar, having worked as Academic Administrator at Regent’s Park College, Oxford.

- **Julie Knight**
  EA and Events Officer, joining Rhodes House from Maier Blackburn LLP.

- **Jackie Rivas**
  Development Project Officer, having previously worked at Rhodes House as Assistant to the Registrar.

Charles Conn (Massachusetts & Balliol 1983)
Warden of Rhodes House
GSS 2014

This year’s Global Scholars Symposium provided a space for dialogue about global issues across all disciplines, with the theme ‘Dare to Differ’. Many Rhodes Scholars were on the Committee and it was hosted at Rhodes House. The topics were wide-ranging, but focused on individuals and communities who have dared to differ from conventional wisdom, dominant paradigms, and mainstream thinking. For example, Rhodes Scholar Jennifer Robinson (Australia-at-Large & Balliol 2006) spoke boldly and challenged the audience not to follow the path of least resistance. The event was generously supported by the McCall MacBain Foundation.

Bram Fischer Lecture

Professor Denis Goldberg delivered this year’s lecture and spoke on *Bram Fischer: Lawyer, activist, freedom fighter*. The memorial lecture is in honour of Bram Fischer QC (Orange Free State & New College 1931), who defended Nelson Mandela and other leaders of the liberation movement when on trial for their lives, and who himself died in prison in 1975. Before the Bram Fischer Lecture started, Stephen Clingman, the biographer of Bram Fischer, set the scene by speaking on the theme of Bram Fischer and the Democratic Transition in South Africa.

Celebrating the Life of Nelson Mandela

The Mandela Rhodes Foundation Trustees met at Rhodes House in March for their annual meeting. The Trustees are chaired by Professor Njabulo Ndebele, and include four Mandela nominees and four Rhodes nominees. The CEO of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation is a Rhodes Scholar, Shaun Johnson (South Africa-at-Large & St Catherine’s 1982). The life of Nelson Mandela was celebrated through the creative genius of speed painter Michaël Raivard. The performance was introduced by John McCall MacBain (Québec & Wadham 1980) who is the Rhodes Trust’s Second Century Founder and a Trustee of both the Rhodes Trust and The Mandela Rhodes Foundation.

Talks at Rhodes House

Scholars come to Rhodes House regularly to hear from speakers from a wide variety of fields and types of careers, and also to discuss with the Warden, and one another, their ideas about global issues. To give just a hint of some of these, Rhodes Trustee Dame Helen Ghosh has spoken about her work in the civil service and her reflections on leadership; Coll Thrush discussed the entanglement of indigenous and non-indigenous histories in the urban landscape; and Stace Lindsay (Montana & St Anne’s 1988) gave examples of ways to approach the choices relating to competing personal and professional priorities.

Rhodes Ball 2014 – The Ritz Blitz

The Rhodes Ball Committee of 2014, diving into the challenge of entertaining 200 Rhodes Scholars for an evening, created a gorgeously atmospheric event, with feathered table pieces and a 1920s car for photographs. As always, the night was a wonderful chance to see friends before Trinity Term raced away and the academic year finished.

See page 22 for news of our Second Century Campaign and the Rhodes Scholar Network!
Life at Oxford takes on a weird and exciting aura of juxtaposition — modern students who have motorcycles and study thermodynamics wear black gowns and have man-servants; new department stores stand a few yards from 700-year-old college foundations; across Christ Church’s stately Peckwater Quadrangle can be heard the cacophony of Jonah Jones blending with The Beatles. One lives with an unmistakable sense of history, and it is the stimulating, regenerative awareness of it that is one of the concomitants of an education here. One is surrounded by history as he eats in Christ Church hall, where Bluff King Hal and 14 prime ministers (all graduates of the college) stare at him from the walls. He feels this same sense on a lazy May afternoon while ‘punting’ along the fingers of the Isis (the Thames); near Balliol, there is a statue to the martyred Ridley and Cranmer; from New College Chapel, at dusk, come the bell-clear sounds of a boys’ choir singing Palestrina.

First year Oxonians almost without exception live in college, and remain there for one or two years before moving into ‘digs’. Depending on the college, his rooms can be either large and comfortable, or dingy, medieval, and downright unpleasant. In any case, the student has a ‘scout’, a kind of paternalistic man-servant who, among other things, makes the student’s bed, cleans his room and his shoes, runs errands and unobtrusively administers college discipline. Undergraduates are required to be in residence 49 of 56 nights of each of three terms, and, theoretically, the ‘scout’ must report absences. Most colleges close their gates at midnight, and after that, its residents must ‘climb in’ (if they have not obtained the permission to come in late), or remain out for the night. ‘Climbing in’ is a university sport and can often be a fairly serious and risky business. Some colleges are easily entered — Magdalen, for instance; Christ Church can be ‘walked in’ (at some risk); St John’s has a fifteen-foot concrete wall with what suspiciously looks like coke-bottle glass embedded into the top of it.

It is something of a shock to the American Rhodes Scholar to sit in a tutorial with a boy four years his junior and be outgunned with ease. (This is not always the case, of course, but it was with me, for a while). Most Oxford undergraduates and advanced students are liberal arts majors, and most ‘read’ modern history (which begins in 55 BC and ends, by University edict, in 1939), or PPE. During the course of six terms (two years) or nine terms’ work, the history student studies seven or eight separate periods of history as well as political philosophy. There are few classes or seminars, and the lectures given by the University, though often fabulously interesting, rarely occlude with what the student is studying.

Major General Josiah Bunting gave his permission for this extract to be reprinted. He has followed a successful career in the military with serving as college president at a number of institutions, with a focus on the humanities. He is currently Chairman of the English Speaking Union (US).
It is appropriate that when we arrive at the University of Oxford we are treated like ‘Freshers’. Even though all Rhodes Scholars have taken degrees at their home universities, this place allows one to experience the familiar afresh and anew. From matriculation (where you stalk about the city dressed in medieval court attire), to Formal Hall (where some may be unlucky to eat something which tastes as though it came from that same period) to the submission of work; it is all something to behold.

As is a common experience among Rhodes Scholars, life at Oxford is a dual existence. You are part of an ancient community with its own traditions, by-laws and idiosyncrasies, which also happens to be at the forefront of learning in the modern world. If Oxford was a person, they would have one foot firmly in the past and the other firmly placed in the future. While most would be knocked off-balance by this straddling of time, Oxford seems to manage quite well. And that duality has characterised much of my time here.

Having had the pleasure of reading Major General Bunting’s reflections, I am sorry to disappoint any incoming Rhodes Scholars who may read this. We do not have the luxury of paternalistic ‘man–servants’ who attend to us. We do still have ‘scouts’ but they are more in the business of maintaining general tidiness. Alas, they do not make beds! Similarly, today there are some general rules of decorum but there is free movement into your College and you may come and go as you please. You will not need to ‘climb in’ as you can just get access with your smart card.

Even though I have only been here for a short time, I have realised that Oxford is a truly wonderful place. College, Departmental and University life, supplemented by the Rhodes House family, challenges and changes you. While not all of you will change – indeed, much may be affirmed – you will be moved to think about the world and your place in it. It is a daunting legacy to face, not only as an Oxford student but as a Rhodes Scholar too. I have learnt that the best way to navigate this is to embrace it. In the long-term, I hope this will allow me to discover and develop my goals for life. As Rhodes himself said, no place can do this like Oxford can. Not many people are as lucky as we are to experience this city in all its wondrous glory. I encourage all future Rhodes Scholars to make every minute count.
We quizzed Dr Pardis Sabeti (Florida & New College 1997) on her recent research, her passions, and her memories of Oxford. A computational geneticist, Dr Sabeti is an Associate Professor at the Center for Systems Biology at Harvard and a Senior Associate Member at the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT.

What did you do after your time as a Rhodes Scholar came to an end?
After leaving Oxford, I went on to study at Harvard Medical School with many of my wonderful Rhodes classmates. I had long dreamed of being a physician, but my time at Oxford had planted a seed, a passion for research that changed the course of my career. While in medical school, I carried out computational genetics research with another fellow Rhodes Scholar, Eric Lander (New York & Wolfson 1978), the pioneer of the human genome project and an extraordinary scientist. In graduating from medical school, I applied for faculty positions, and accepted one at Harvard University.

What is your current research focus?
With a background in computational genetics and medicine, I work to develop analytical methods and use rapidly emerging genomic resources to study evolutionary adaptation in humans and the microbes that cause human disease. My lab’s main areas of research are studying natural selection in humans; identifying and characterising the underlying functional changes that have shaped our species over time; investigating host and microbe evolution of the devastating disease Lassa virus, Plasmodium falciparum malaria, Ebola virus and Vibrio cholerae cholera.

What do you hope to achieve?
We aim to uncover functional genomic changes key to human survival and to investigate the genomes of the microbes themselves in order to understand how they remain agents of human morbidity and mortality. This can further inform the design of better diagnostics and therapeutics.

What is the future of the field?
We are in the midst of a revolution in the fields of genomics and public health. The completion of the human genome sequence, the availability of genome-wide human variation data, and the ability to rapidly generate new data have created unprecedented opportunities to study human biology, evolution, and disease. I am so fortunate to work in this extraordinary field in this revolutionary time.

How did your time as a Rhodes Scholar influence your career to date?
My time at Oxford completely transformed my career and my life. There I developed a passion for research, and for work in genomics and infectious disease, that formed the basis of my life goals. There I developed the computational genetic algorithm that propelled my career. There I learned I could play music, and have continued to this day. There I made my lifelong friends that continually enrich my life.

What is your favourite memory of Oxford?
It is impossible to choose one favorite memory. When I think of Oxford it is just a rush of laughter, inspiration, and friendship, all with the most surreal backdrops. Here are just a few: taking walks through Magdalen and Christ Church, having dinner parties in dorm rooms with Renoirs and Picassos on the wall, playing volleyball next to a thousand year old New College wall, watching my friends perform in the Oxford Playhouse, listening to Radiohead perform in the field on my way to the lab. And then the conversations and time shared with my good friends. I am just so grateful.

What other passions do you pursue?
One of my greatest passions is music, and at Oxford it suddenly dawned on me that I could create music as well as appreciate it. Two of my New College friends were as music obsessed as me, played the guitar and always talked about forming a band. Finally, one night I challenged them to stop fantasy-banding and just to do it. They responded that they could not do it without a rhythm section, at the least a bass player. The next day we went out, and I bought a bass. We formed the band 1001 Moose and were immediately writing songs after that, and played our first gig at New College. I taught myself the basics and learned as we went. And I have been playing and writing ever since.

How would you describe your approach to life?
I wish I knew. I do not often know what I am doing or where I am going, but I thrive on the energy of others, and the desire to make a positive impact.
Rhodes Scholars

in research
A year ago in England, ere the storm
2014 marks the centenary of the start of the First World War. Many Rhodes Scholars from across the constituencies lost their lives during the conflict and are remembered publicly in the rotunda of Rhodes House.

The listing of names includes those of German Rhodes Scholars, as well as those fighting for the Allies, which was unusual on memorials at that time. Rhodes Scholars killed in action included Arthur John Motyer (Bermuda & Christ Church 1905) who died at Contalmaison on 15 September 1916 whilst helping lay a telephone wire down on top of a wall. When he was shot, a man from the Red Cross went up on the wall to rescue him and was also shot and killed. His only brother named his son Arthur, and Arthur followed in his uncle’s footsteps by gaining a Rhodes Scholarship. The total number of soldiers who died during the conflict on both sides numbers over ten million. This would be equivalent to the entire student population of Oxford (undergraduate and postgraduate) being killed 450 times over. In addition, there were seven million civilian deaths.

One of the first American Rhodes Scholars, William Fleet (Virginia & Magdalen 1904) had managed to enlist before America formally joined the war. Lord Elton recalled: “By 1916 he had earned a Sabbatical year. He decided to spend it in fighting for the Allies, and more particularly for England... his friends will not find it difficult to believe his [main motive] was a chivalrous desire to come to the help of the country which held so large a place in his affections, and which was in trouble. Somehow he secured a commission in the Grenadier Guards, and was with them when he was killed in 1918.”
Lost Comrades: July 1915

A year ago in England, ere the storm
Burst on the summer stillness, we had met
Once more, and parted; and our hearts were warm,
Though words were few and poor for such a debt.
My comrades you had been in sun and rain,
In the cool shadow of grey college walls;
Out on the heathery hills where we had lain
I knew you, men not slow when manhood calls.
Today no field of Flanders but is red
With your life’s best; and on the windy plains
Where all too soon the young Achilles bled,
The rim of golden sand your quick blood stains.
Lightly you spoke when I was at your side:
The death-word came, and lightly then you died.

W.C.G.

The above poem appears in the 1916-1917 edition of *The American Oxonian*, author unknown apart from the initials which suggest it could have been written by William Chase Greene (Massachusetts & Balliol 1911).

Rhodes Trustee, Margaret MacMillan OC has received critical acclaim for *The War That Ended Peace: The Road to 1914* (Random House, 2013). It is a fascinating portrait of Europe from 1900 up to the outbreak of the First World War, and has been named one of the best books of the year by *The New York Times Book Review*. 
The Oxford Fairy Tale

Megan Engel (Prairies & Merton 2013) is reading for a DPhil in Atomic and Laser Physics. Here she writes about something quite different, namely the overlap of fantasy and reality amongst the dreaming spires.

The word ‘magic’ is the most fitting encapsulation of my time in Oxford. Though the endless succession of elegantly dressed people ever scurrying through the streets contributes to the dreamlike quality of the place, more magical are the moments I find myself experiencing things previously only read about in wistful youth. Examples of this sort crop up at every turn. I was overheard in a queue remarking upon the novel *Tolkien and the Great War* and how I wanted to see the author give a talk – by the author himself, with whom I have now cultivated a friendship. I attended a Christmas party in the room in which the Chronicles of Narnia were penned. I have been so awed and humbled by my encounters as to be quite unsure whether any of it really happened at all.

The academic climate here is wildly enriching with countless lectures on offer and peers always poised to challenge long-held beliefs, Oxford is designed to foster continual and exponential self-betterment. And friendship formation is something strange to behold in Oxford, for folk from all corners of the globe, vastly disparate in temperament, affinities, and conviction, are assembled for a similar purpose and placed under the same spell of enchantment. The result is a marked acceleration in the rate of formation of bonds, and I am already lucky to have exchanged good will with kindred spirits. Though far from home, I am equally far from being alone in the world, especially regarding my desire to seek Truth; for a desire for Truth is what impelled my peers and I to converge amidst the ancient stone of Oxford.

Aesthetically, Oxford exceeds even my most naively romantic expectations. ‘Dreaming spires’; glorious ancient cathedrals and Medieval chapels at every turn; never-ending greenery enveloping exquisitely carved stone in lavish carpets of vines that are a vision of poetry; well-trodden pathways wending their way through quaint countryside, amongst hedges and families of sheep and cows; cobblestone streets; lamps that were of the gas variety until 1980; venerable oaks and flowers of delicate pink that bloom even into December; magnificent organs with arrays of grand pipes thrusting upwards towards stone ceilings. And libraries! It seems almost as though the sum total of human knowledge is stored herein on shelves of dark wood. In Oxford, the storied centuries weave themselves into a heady elixir that permeates the very air. One knows one treads walkways frequented once by figures almost mythical – separated by only one paltry space-time coordinate from Thomas Aquinas; J.R.R. Tolkien; C.S. Lewis – and the knowledge is a weighty, wonderful, transformative thing.

How lucky I feel to hear bells on the evening air, to walk outside and see the spire of Exeter chapel materialise like something out of a fairy tale. Here, fantasy shimmers in the streets and the ghosts of giants tread, and I am immeasurably grateful.
Radcliffe Observatory Quarter

One of the most significant development projects the University of Oxford has undertaken for more than a century, the Radcliffe Observatory Quarter aims to facilitate interdisciplinary collaboration.

Nested between Jericho and Woodstock road, the 10-acre site previously home to the Radcliffe Infirmary has recently undergone major refurbishment and new construction. The new Radcliffe Observatory Quarter (ROQ) now houses the Humanities Divisional Office, the Faculty of Philosophy and the Philosophy and Theology Libraries, three GP surgeries, the University’s Department of Primary Care Health Sciences and the new Mathematical Institute. Beginning in September 2015, it will also be home to the Blavatnik School of Government. From modern glass buildings, separated by wide pedestrian and cycle ways, the ROQ features bold and unobstructed views of the Radcliffe Observatory, the newly unveiled Triton Statue and the restored 1865 St Luke’s Chapel.
Fit for a King

After the surprising discovery of Richard III’s remains in a car park in Leicester, an Oxford academic is helping to research an authentic reburial ceremony. Dr Alexandra Buckle found and translated a manuscript in Latin at the British Library which depicts a reburial ceremony contemporary to King Richard’s death. The ceremony, planned for spring 2015, will include authentic music, prayers and blessings. According to Dr Buckle, such ceremonies were a tradition in those days amidst kings and nobles (King Richard III reburied his own father), and the proposed ceremony is thought to “reflect the sort of [dignified] reburial he would have wanted for himself.”

A sowing countdown

The Oxford Botanic Garden, one of the oldest scientific gardens in the world, is anticipating the celebration of its 400th year anniversary by profiling a different plant every week until 2021, chosen from the university’s living and preserved collections. The project aims to highlight the importance of plants in our everyday lives, as well as encouraging people to see the parks and plants of Oxford in a new light. Follow it on @Plants400

Innovation and the city

The city of Oxford is well known for the depth of its world-class knowledge economy, focusing on the University, innovation hubs and local businesses.

Oxford University’s global standing in research and innovation has once again been confirmed in the past year, with major sources of funding secured and existing partnerships in Oxfordshire strengthened. The beginning of 2014 saw a £1.2bn City Deal signed between local Oxfordshire partners, including the University and the government, which allocated £67m to fund world-class research by Oxfordshire’s four innovation hubs, as well as improvements in roads and public transport links to those sites. Oxford University’s ‘Begbroke Innovation Accelerator’ at Begbroke Science Park and ‘The Oxford BioEscalator’ at the University’s Old Road campus in Headington received £15.2m of these funds (which will be matched by the University) to facilitate the transition from academic research to business investments. Isis Innovation, Oxford University’s technology transfer subsidiary, marked its 25th anniversary in 2013, and in a timely fashion, celebrated its 100th spin-out company to successfully transfer technology and expertise from lab to market.
Being awarded a Rhodes Scholarship is an incredible privilege. And with great privilege comes great responsibility. These two Scholars made a lifelong commitment out of the expectation that they would work to protect those less fortunate than themselves.

Marc Kielburger (Ontario & Hertford 2000) and Roxanne Joyal (Manitoba & Hertford 2001) are both Rhodes Scholars, and also happen to be married. Along with Craig Kielburger, they founded both Free The Children, an international charity and educational partner, and Me to We, an innovative social enterprise. Together, Marc and Roxanne combine philanthropy and business acumen with the goal of empowering children all over the world.

Today, Free The Children has pioneered new ways to empower communities across the globe. We Day is a series of annual events that brings together youth in Canada, the United States and the UK who are passionate about making a positive impact in their local communities and in the world at large. Each We Day features incredible talent and dignitaries, such as Malala Yousafzai, Nobel Laureate Al Gore, Queen Noor of Jordan, Kofi Annan, Nobel Laureate Mikhail Gorbachev and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who care about empowering the next generation of global citizens. These speakers volunteer their time to step out onto the We Day stage and share their messages with youth who have earned their way into the stadium with acts of local and global service.
Since 2007, over 278,000 youth have attended We Day events in cities across North America and the UK. Millions more have watched via live broadcasts. The impacts are significant: A 2013 Mission Measurement study (Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University) on an inaugural year of We Day and We Act programming found that 95% of youth who attend now believe that they can make a difference in the world. 82% of attendees demonstrated increased leadership among their peers, while 83% donated to a charity in the last year.

We Act complements We Day. It is a full-year programme and support system for youth, schools, individuals, families and companies to turn inspiration into action. Educators report these actions, and then accompany their students to the event. 81% of educators who attend We Day feel they are better equipped to teach about current affairs and civic engagement, while 79% feel a renewed sense of purpose as an educator.

“Through We Day, we have the chance to literally see an entire generation of young people in North America, and now the UK, get excited about changing the world. Young people have some of the most imaginative and driven minds out there and seeing what they are able to accomplish when given the right tools fuels hope for a better world, and further inspires us to do what we do,” says Marc.

Through Free The Children’s international development model, Adopt a Village, the organisation tackles the overarching issues that prevent young people from reaching their full potential. A holistic approach rooted in five key pillars: education, clean water and sanitation, health, agriculture and food security, and alternative income. Adopt a Village empowers communities with the means to break the cycle of poverty. The model is currently being implemented in Kenya, India, Ecuador, Ghana, rural China, Nicaragua, Haiti and Sierra Leone.

Founded in 2008 by Craig and Marc Kielburger with Roxanne at the helm as CEO, Me to We is a social enterprise that offers socially conscious and environmentally friendly products as well as life-changing experiences. Me to We measures the bottom line not by dollars earned, but by the number of lives changed and the positive social impact made. Half of Me to We’s net profit is donated to Free The Children, while the other half is reinvested to grow the enterprise and its social mission.

“We wanted to ensure that Free The Children could take the time it needed to ensure sustainable and long term change in the communities it serves,” says Roxanne, CEO of Me to We. “Additionally, Me to We exists to bring down Free The Children’s administration rate, which is already half of the industry average at 11%. The end goal is to have the administration rate so low that 100% of a child’s donation to Free The Children gets matched to a project overseas”.

Marc and Roxanne’s experience as Rhodes Scholars at Oxford was invaluable. Both read law, obtaining skills that are used daily in their leadership of Free The Children and Me to We. Mentors like Arthur Kroeger (Alberta & Pembroke 1956), who spent his life in service to Canada, provided important sources of encouragement for the pursuit of a career in the philanthropic sector. Moreover, the opportunity to meet with talented and inspiring peers allowed them to dream big and fight the world’s fight.

To learn more, please visit freethechildren.com, metowe.com, weday.com.
Life at the Olympics
Dr Tucker Murphy (Bermuda & Merton 2005) shares his reflections on taking part in the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympic Games

Of life’s many quixotic pursuits, representing the island of Bermuda as a cross country skier is undoubtedly one. Geography and climate ensure that it is not the sort of dream that occurs naturally but rather through a twist of fate. For me, that chance happened in my first year at Dartmouth College when I figured the only way to honourably avoid long winters spent training on an indoor rowing machine (for a sport in which I had a more natural upbringing, rowing across the harbour to school) was to make the ski team. The dream was simple: to earn a start in a Winter Carnival. It took four years of training behind some talented skiers to get there and even longer to realise, in light of Dartmouth’s tradition of sending skiers to the Winter Olympics, that I might have an opportunity to qualify.

What is it really like to ski in the Olympics? In one word: painful. In two, hyphenated: nerve-racking. These feelings are pretty universal, I think, though how athletes deal with them is not. Some obstacles are obvious to the casual observer, like that blue loop on the cross country ski course at Sochi. On one of the down-hills it was easy to hit 70km/h (a reasonable speed on alpine skis, though decidedly less controlled on skinny cross country skis). Such long fast descents inevitably lead to difficult climbs. From training sessions before my race I had a sense that uphill on the blue loop was one of the longest sustained climbs I had ever encountered. Though the true potential for lactic suffering only became apparent the day before my race, when I watched the best Norwegian woman in the world slow to a shuffle while racing up that hill.

What thoughts pass through skiers’ minds during the competition itself? I have been told by one friend he concentrates only on technique cues. Another thinks to herself ‘cada segundo es oro’. And another simply tries to clear his head of all thought and ski. The very best skiers remind me of sled dogs; not only do they operate with high aerobic capacities and boundless energy, perhaps, more crucially, they are obsessive in their desire to train and almost always in a better mood after they have skied.

What, then, of those infamous Olympic parties? Sure, there are lots of supremely fit foreigners about (in both the literal and British sense) but most got that way through going to bed early. That is not to suggest the village lacked a social life or did not sometimes feel like paradise. After training, we would linger long hours over nourishing meals, play pool, relax in the sauna or watch curling (the latter, at least, seemed a daily fascination for the Swedes with whom I shared a chalet). If one is looking for new foreign friends it is a wise idea to hone up on language skills, or at the very least, have a good translator app and a national pin to trade because English does not go very far in the ski bubble,
dominated by Scandinavians, Russians and central Europeans.

Beyond the pins, there is a great deal of wheeling and dealing that occurs at the Olympics, particularly among smaller ski nations, for wax. Of the reasons why only a dozen countries have ever medalled in cross country skiing, wax is undoubtedly one. For example, gallium is a glide wax powder well suited to the warm conditions of Sochi, but it can only be purchased from Japan for a price per gram rivalling that of gold dust. Though I have never experienced the pleasure of gallium under my skis I was fortunate to have enlisted waxing help from two friends: a past Argentine Olympian, Martin Bianchi, and an ebullient Bulgarian ski orienteering champion and coach, Pepa Miloucheva, who in the first few days at the village received two marriage proposals from rival teams for her waxing skills. After over a week of testing, consultation, banter and bartering with countries ranging from Bosnia to Brazil, Pepa gave me confidence by announcing: “Look at Norway, they spend millions of dollars on wax and still manage to get it wrong [at least they appeared to in the relays]. But you, you are going to have good skis!”

Good skis I did have and, for the first two thirds of the race, I took advantage of them. My splits at 10km put me seconds ahead of Argentina and Ireland—exactly where I imagined I might be on a very good day. However, over the last 5km fatigue from that blue loop hill set in, my power faded slightly and I could not hold on to those seconds. The eight seconds I finished behind an Argentine friend and rival will not be forgotten by me for a long time. For others, it will be memories of a broken ski, a crash, a missed turn at the lap, or the wrong wax that will stay with them. It is remarkable how much can go wrong in events for which people invest so much time and preparation.

But every now and then it also goes right. Amidst Putin’s posturing, stories of stray dogs, Twitter, Tinder and the like, transcendent races are easy to miss. Since victory in skiing almost always goes to the favourites, the performances I find exciting are often not winning ones, rather they are when skiers I know well enough to understand their training and sacrifices over the years exceed their limits. So, the next time you watch the Olympics do not just pay attention to that ski hero out front, but also take a look at the pack fill where you are likely to witness a few skiers from little known nooks of the world that have prepared well, and on this day, are having races of their lives.
Where are they now?
Rhodes Scholars after their time at Oxford travel widely, and end up residing across the globe. This map shows the current distribution of all Rhodes Scholar alumni.
What about the expansion of the Scholarships?

The Warden answers three frequent questions

Q: Why would the Rhodes Trust want to expand?
A: The Rhodes Trust’s main commitment remains firmly focused on the core 83 Scholarships. However, we aspire to increase numbers from those countries where we have too few Scholarships, reinstate some previous constituencies, and expand into important newly emerging areas where ethical leaders are in short supply. The Founder set up the Scholarships to enable students from leading powers to study together, and the Trust hopes to eventually reflect this vision on the 21st century map.

Q: Where would expansion occur?
A: We would like to increase India and Pakistan, reinstate in Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda, Malaysia, Bangladesh and Singapore, and are discussing expansion into China, Brazil, Russia and the Middle East – other ideas are welcome.

Q: What about the potential difficulties?
A: The independence of the selection process is paramount and will never be compromised. While some potential expansion countries do not display democratic values at present, those are also the countries where innovative, energetic, and ethical Rhodes Scholars could make a real difference to improving civil society. Any expansion will be from external sources of funding. No expansion will be funded by the Trust’s existing endowment accounts, and the current fundraising campaign is to raise money to secure the core 83 Scholarships.

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In this Second Century of the Rhodes Scholarships, we are moving from being beneficiaries to becoming benefactors.

The Rhodes Scholarships reflect one of the most visionary acts of philanthropy in history. Cecil Rhodes’ pioneering investment in the education of exceptional young people has nurtured successive generations of leaders whose achievements and contributions to the social good continue to change the world. The bequest of Cecil Rhodes has educated nearly 8,000 Scholars in Oxford. This is a remarkable legacy.

Our original endowment proved sufficient for the first century of Rhodes Scholarships but the past decade has brought two key challenges: (1) vacillating investment returns and (2) a dramatic increase in the cost of tertiary education, especially for international students. This changing and complex landscape necessitated a change in our business model to keep the Rhodes Scholarships as the world’s leading merit-based scholarship. With a remarkable degree of goodwill and generosity from our community, we began to seek private support in 2010.

The launch of The Rhodes Scholarships: Campaign for the Second Century occurred during the 110th Rhodes Anniversary. The campaign goal is to fully endow the 83 existing Scholarships in perpetuity and for our endowment to have at least £250 million. Due to the gifts already received, we only have a third of the overall goal left to raise, and we need your help to achieve this. Your donation will also release the ‘matching’ element of the McCall MacBain Foundation gift, namely a 1:1 match for donations to the Canadian Scholarships and a 1:2 match for all others, as well as other matching opportunities.

With your support, we will ensure the best future and continuing impact of the Rhodes Scholarships for the coming century.

Every gift counts.
We need you.

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Rhodes Scholar Network

The Rhodes Trust will soon be launching the Rhodes Scholar Network, an online platform which will allow Rhodes Scholars to connect across decades and constituencies. It will enable discussions between Scholars, and will include networking for collaboration, careers and mentoring.

Watch this space!

Supporting future generations of young global leaders

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Rhodes Financial Overview

Progress towards our fundraising goal is positive
The Rhodes endowment declined below sustainable levels due to sharply increased international graduate fees and poor market performance in the 2000s, which led to the first Rhodes fundraising campaign.

The Rhodes endowment is professionally managed and doing well
73% is now under the Oxford University Endowment Management (OUEM), which is increasing each year. The OUEM’s stated target objective is to deliver 5% above CPI, with volatility no more than MSCI World. OUEM has delivered an annualised return of 5.5% since 2008 with 8.5% volatility against MSCI World GDP weighted 4.7% with 17.4% volatility.

Participation rates for the financial year 2012/2013 show scope for improvement
The donation participation rate from the Rhodes community is below comparable institutions and must increase if we are to continue supporting the current number of Scholarships.
All photos by Soufia Siddiqi (Pakistan & St Anne's 2010) Winner of the 2013 University of Oxford graduate photographic competition
Books

Edwin Cameron (South Africa-at-Large & Keble 1976)

In Justice: A Personal Account (Tafelberg, South Africa, 2014) Justice Cameron gives a sense of humanity and hopefulness to the power of the law, and particularly to the role that law has played in South Africa’s political and social transitions since 1994. In speaking about this book, Justice Cameron has emphasised the potential for South Africa’s constitution to be an instrument that enables people to flourish, and a document that embodies the values and aspirations of this still-young democracy. The challenges, both personal and professional, that Justice Cameron writes about, contribute to making this account of the law extremely memorable.

Sarah Campbell (Mississippi & Corpus Christi 1988) and Richard Campbell (Photographer)

Mysterious Patterns: Finding Fractals in Nature (Boyds Mill Press, 2014) tackles another phenomenon of the natural and mathematical worlds, illustrating fractals with beautiful photographs of places in nature where patterns repeat on smaller and smaller scales – such as in the whorls of a Romanesco broccoli. It is aimed at 5-13 year-olds, and will no doubt intrigue and inspire.

Gabrielle Emanuel (Illinois & St Edmund Hall 2011)

The Everlasting Embrace (Viking Children’s Books, 2014) feels as though it captures a truth and an aspiration for the relationship a mother has with her child. This children’s book is set in West Africa, drawing on Ms Emanuel’s experience living and working in Mali and Uganda. The book manages to speak from a child’s point of view without seeming simplistic or naïve. Through describing daily life; of drawing water from the well, smelling sweet mangoes in a basket that provides shelter from the sun, and then setting off into the world alone, the story illustrates the everlasting embrace a family can offer a child.

Noah R. Feldman (Massachusetts & Christ Church 1992)

Cool War: The Future of Global Competition, (Random House, 2013) considers what may happen next in the relationship between the US and China, and what the implications may be for the rest of the world. Professor Feldman distinguishes between the relationships these two powers have in the economic and geopolitical spheres, and in doing so, is able to show that this is a very different type of conflict to that of the Cold War: now, interdependencies constrain actions and force leaders to adjust their ambitions.

Justin Fox (South African College School, Newlands & Brasenose 1991)

Although the plot of Whoever Fears the Sea (Umuzi, an imprint of Random House Struik (Pty) Ltd, South Africa, 2014) sounds almost impossibly exciting – set soon after 9/11, amidst piracy and kidnapping in Somalia, with a protagonist who has sought solace by travelling up the eastern coast of Africa after the end of a relationship – there is a serious message to this book as well. Dr Fox shows the strain between loyalties that arise from habit and those that are formed through experience.

Michael Jaffey (Rhodesia & St Edmund Hall 1949)

Launching the new enlightenment: the Reaffirmation of the Social Contract (CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2014) reflects Mr Jaffey’s longstanding concern with the state of the world and the need for action to resolve ills such as a boom-and-bust economic cycle. In this book, he ambitiously sets out the means of rescuing society by reaffirming the social contract inherited from ancient Greece and Rome. Although Mr Jaffey perceives great problems with society, he is also optimistic about our collective desire to improve the state of the world.
Bror Saxberg (Washington & Merton 1980) and Frederick Hess 

*Breakthrough Leadership in the Digital Age: Using Learning Science to Reboot Schooling* (Corwin, 2013) provides strategies for using technology to effectively support education, encouraging educators to become ‘learning engineers’. In this book, designed as a guide as well as presenting careful analysis, the authors bring to bear the insights of ‘learning science’ to inform how digital technologies can support practice, feedback and gaining mastery of skills and knowledge. Dr Saxberg summarised the book’s critique of the hype regarding technology in education in this way: “Technology is to learning the way a delivery truck is to nutrition”. By acknowledging that digital technology can be counterproductive to education when used inappropriately, the authors are able to clarify the ways in which new technologies can enhance education. Their work has been highly praised, and case studies of schools in the US illustrate the ideas that are presented.

Osama Siddique (Pakistan & Corpus Christi 1992)

*Pakistan’s Experience with Formal Law: An Alien Justice* (Cambridge University Press, 2013) is winner of the Best Non-Fiction Book of the Year Award at the Karachi Literature Festival in 2014. It helps to explain how everyday experiences of Pakistanis with their laws and legal system are important in understanding the complicated process of legal reform in Pakistan. Professor Siddique’s clear and forthright analysis does not spare any of those involved in the process of law in Pakistan, including Pakistani Justices, the IFI and USAID.

Aqil Shah (Pakistan & Corpus Christi 1997)

In *Army and Democracy: Military Politics in Pakistan* (Harvard University Press, 2014) Mr Shah takes on the challenge of explaining why the military has been at the forefront of Pakistani political power since 1947, what might be done to change this situation, and what lessons this could hold for fragile democracies elsewhere. Making use of archival materials, internal military documents, and over one hundred interviews with members of Pakistan’s political and military organisations, the book has been commended for presenting this material in a serious, rigorous, and balanced manner.

Jeni Whalan (Australia-at-Large & Balliol 2005)

*How Peace Operations Work: Power, Legitimacy and Effectiveness* (OUP Oxford, 2013) proposes a new approach to studying the effectiveness of peace operations, asking questions about how these crucial institutions of international security governance work, and generating insights about how they might be made to work better. What emerges is the overriding importance of local legitimacy – the perception among local actors that a peace operation, its personnel, and its objectives are right, fair, and appropriate.

David Wright (Rhodesia & Oriel 1960)

*Splendour of the Shore* (Walleah Press, 2014)

Review written by current Rhodes Scholar, Alice Lang (Australia-at-Large & Lady Margaret Hall 2011)

The 18 poems in this slim volume have the sea as their connecting motif, and the inevitable pull and alterations of waves and water are vehicles for Dr Wright’s musings on the way we travel through the world. Many begin with a familiar image, such as white-peaked waves rising before crashing to shore, and then move so elegantly to a reflection on life more generally that one scarcely notices the transition from observations of the beachfront to a serious injunction to live not a “lullaby life” lacking destiny.
Appointments and Awards

Robert Barringer (Ontario & University 1967), appointed Master of Scholastics and Director of Studies for the Basilian Fathers in Colombia.

Robert Clarence (South Africa–at–Large & Jesus 1978), appointed Founding Head of United World College (UWC), China, with effect from August 2014.

Dan Clodfelter (North Carolina & Corpus Christi 1972), named Mayor of Charlotte, NC.


Barton Gellman (Pennsylvania & University 1982), a team of 28 Washington Post journalists, led by reporter Barton Gellman, won the Pulitzer Prize public service award for a series of stories that exposed the National Security Agency’s global surveillance programmes.

Antonio Gotto (Tennessee & Worcester 1957), awarded the John Phillips Memorial Award for Outstanding Work in Clinical Medicine by the American College of Physicians.

John Hood (New Zealand & Worcester 1976), Chairman of the Rhodes Trustees, appointed a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to tertiary education.

Noorain Khan (Michigan & St Antony’s 2006), appointed Chief of Staff to Wendy Kopp, CEO & Co-Founder of Teach for All and Founder and Chairman of the Board of Teach for America.

Robert Malley (Connecticut & Magdalen 1984), appointed to the US National Security Council as Senior Director in charge of relations with the Gulf states and Iran.

Sylvia Mathews Burwell (West Virginia & Worcester 1987), nominated for the role of Health and Human Services Secretary by President Obama.

Mervyn Morris (Jamaica & St Edmund Hall 1958), appointed Jamaica’s first officially proclaimed Poet Laureate.

Narayana Murthy (Rhodes Trustee), awarded the 2014 Canada India Foundation Chanchalani Global Indian Award.

Monde Muyangwa (Zambia & St Anne’s 1987), appointed to head the Wilson Center’s Africa Program.


Richard Portes (Illinois & Balliol 1962), appointed to the Advisory Scientific Committee of the European Systemic Risk Board, and as inaugural Tommaso Padoa-Schioppa Professor, European University Institute commencing in September 2014.

Tracy Robinson (Jamaica & Balliol 1992), elected Chairman of the Inter American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR).

Kurt Schmoke (Maryland & Balliol 1971), appointed President of the University of Baltimore.

Sarah Sewall (Maine & New College 1984), appointed U.S. Under Secretary of State for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights in the Department of State and also Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues.

Ben Sherwood (California & Magdalen 1986), appointed Co-Chairman of Disney Media Networks and president of the Disney/ABC Television Group.

Salim Yusuf (India & St John’s 1976), elected President of the World Heart Federation, inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame, and awarded the Canada Gairdner Wightman Award.

Elliot Gerson (Connecticut & Magdalen 1974) has been recognised by the University of Oxford as a ‘Distinguished Friend of Oxford’. The Distinguished Friend of Oxford Awards celebrate some of the University’s most important volunteers. Of the 70 individuals recognised through this award so far, 19 are Rhodes Scholars, and two have been Rhodes Trustees. Mr Gerson is Executive Vice President of Policy and Public Programs, International Partners at the Aspen Institute. He has served as the American Secretary to the Rhodes Trust for many years, and is also a member of the Development Committee. He has been a crucial supporter to the Trust and the Warden, Charles Conn, remarked: “Elliot has been the absolute backbone of our operations in the largest Rhodes constituency for 20 years, with at least a decade of service before that as well. He is a touchstone for the values we stand for”. 
Obituaries

Ranjit Bhatia (India & Jesus 1957) 27 May 1937 – 9 February 2014
Professor Bhatia was a famous long and middle distance runner, sports journalist and educator. In the 1960 Rome Olympics he represented India in the 5,000m, and participated in the marathon race. Professor Bhatia was honoured with an Order of British Empire award for his role focusing on the connection between sport in India and in the United Kingdom. He was the National Secretary to the Rhodes Trust for India from 1962 and worked ceaselessly to support the Scholarships.

Brook Brower (New Hampshire & Merton 1954) 27 November 1931 – 16 April 2014
After his time as a Rhodes Scholar, Mr Brower was a magazine journalist, novelist and TV writer. He was particularly known for his profiles of American Presidents and those running for office in the 1960s and 1970s, and wrote mainly about politics and the arts throughout his career.

Michael Denborough (Rhodesia & Exeter 1953) 11 July 1929 – 8 February 2014
After finishing his DPhil he worked at the National Heart Hospital in London, before emigrating to Australia and working at The Royal Melbourne Hospital for 14 years. Here he discovered the mechanism underlying malignant hyperthermia which he first described in a letter to The Lancet in 1960. At the time MH was the most common cause of anaesthetic deaths. His subsequent research at the John Curtin School of Medical Research in Canberra from 1974 led to the discovery of an antidote now found in operating theatres all over the world.

Read for a DPhil in Clinical Medicine, with a focus on neuroanatomy, and was a keen ice hockey player during his time as a Rhodes Scholar. Dr Feindel was a respected figure within Canadian medicine in the fields of neuroscience, surgery, research and administrative policy. In 1959, he founded the William Cone Laboratory for Neurosurgical research at the Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital, McGill University. Dr Feindel would later serve there as Director from 1972 to 1984, during which time the team acquired the first CAT and combined MRI/S units in Canada as well as developing the world’s first PET system. His research breakthroughs included discovering the role of the amygdala in patients with temporal lobe epileptic seizures.

Darryl Gless (Nebraska & Lincoln 1968) 4 December 1945 – 10 June 2014
After his time as a Rhodes Scholar in Oxford, Professor Gless received his doctorate from Princeton University with expertise in Renaissance Literature. Having taught for a time at the University of Virginia he moved on to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he would spend the rest of a distinguished career that culminated with his receipt of the Roy C. Moose Distinguished Professor of Renaissance Studies in 2009. His published works included books on William Shakespeare and the epic poet Edmund Spenser. President Clinton appointed him to the National Council of the National Endowment for the Humanities in 1994.

George Goodman (Missouri & Bransonese 1952) 10 August 1930 – 3 January 2014
After his time at Oxford, he was involved in the start of Institutional Investor magazine in the 1960s and later was executive editor of Esquire in the 1970s. He wrote novels, nonfiction books and a popular children’s book, and in addition, gained widespread acclaim as the host of “Adam Smith’s Money World”, seen on PBS. His first book Adam Smith, The Money Game, was published in the spring of 1968 and became a best seller. Four further books about economics followed, including Supermoney (1972) and Paper Money (1981).

Roberto Gualtieri (Québec & Queen’s 1957) 5 December 1936 – 5 April 2014
Studied PPE and joined the Canadian government including in Department of External Affairs, Senior Advisor to the Treasury Board, Assistant Secretary for Social and Native Affairs and numerous other positions. He was a Visiting Professor of Public Administration and also President of the Canadian Association of Rhodes Scholars.

Stuart Hall (Jamaica & Merton 1951) 3 February 1932 – 10 February 2014
Professor Hall became the first research fellow at the Centre for Contemporary Cultural Studies at Birmingham University in 1964, and later became its Director. He was the Founding Editor of the New Left Review, and in 1979 he became Professor of Sociology at the Open University. Professor Hall served from 1997 to 2000 on the Runnymede Commission on the Future of Multi–Ethnic Britain, and has been described as the ‘Godfather of multiculturalism’.

Eliana Hechter (Washington & St John’s 2006) 9 July 1987 – 16 April 2014
Read for a DPhil in Statistics whilst a Rhodes Scholar, with the dissertation topic ‘On genetic variants underlying common disease’. Ms Hechter was subsequently studying on a joint Harvard–MIT Health Sciences and Technology (HST) programme, working towards an MD degree from Harvard.

Richard Horner (Missouri & Queen’s 1936) 1 February 1915 – 19 February 2014
Worked as a reporter and then for a number of companies including Shell, the Mississippi River Fuel Corporation, and as President of the Mississippi River Transmission Corporation.

After his time in Oxford, Mr Shin worked as a lawyer, including as an associate in the corporate department of Whitman Breed Abbott & Morgan, a New York law firm. He served on the policy staff of the 2000 and 2004 presidential campaigns of George W. Bush, providing counsel to President Bush and his senior staff on foreign and defence policies.

After Oxford, Mr Spaeth attended law school and served as a law clerk for Judge Myron Bright of the 8th US Circuit Court of Appeals in 1978–79, and for Justice Byron White of the US Supreme Court from 1979 to 1984. He became North Dakota Attorney General from 1985 to 1992, when he was the Democratic candidate for Governor, a race he lost to Republican Ed Schafer. After leaving politics in 1992, Mr Spaeth resumed the private practice of law and subsequently served as general counsel for two Fortune 500 firms, H&R Block and Intuit, as well as general counsel of General Electric’s conglomerate of insurance companies.

Richard Ullman (Texas & New College 1955) 12 December 1933 – 11 March 2014
After Professor Ullman’s Rhodes Scholarship, his thesis on British–Soviet relations from 1917 to 1921 was published as a trilogy. He was a staff member of the National Security Council in 1967, a member of the policy planning staff of the Office of the Secretary for Defence from 1967 to 1969 and the Director of Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations from 1973 to 1976. He also was a member of the policy planning staff at the US Department of State from 1999 to 2000. Professor Ullman was on Princeton University’s faculty from 1965 until 2001 and became an Emeritus Professor in 2002, for his influence as a progressive commentator on US foreign policy and world affairs.
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Ralph Amado (California & New College 1954) continues to enjoy retirement “theoretical physics is a young person’s game and university administration gets tiresome quickly”. He and his wife travel a lot, not to see sights, but grandchildren (eight between them) and between their two homes – one in the centre of Philadelphia and one in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia. Ralph writes: “When we are home I do most of the cooking and some painting. Cooking has the advantage that one eats the result so there is nothing to hang on the wall and regret or admire. We welcome old friends at either home.”

James Barnes (Minnesota & New College 1954) After receiving his PhD in History from Harvard University in 1960, James taught for three years at his Alma Mater, Amherst College. He then took up a teaching position at Wabash College in Indiana, retiring in 2006. Over the years, together with his wife Patience, James has published about ten books, ranging from the History of the London Book Trade, aspects of Nazi Germany, Anglo-American Copyright, two biographies, and multi-volume documentaries depicting the American Civil War and the American Revolution through British Eyes.

Ben Lochtenberg (Western Australia & Brasenose 1954) joined ICI Australia in 1956. He became a General Manager of the company in 1970, and a director of ICI’s Plastics Division in England in 1973. He was a senior Vice-President of ICI Americas from 1979 to 1988, and Chairman from 1989 to 1993. Ben has also been very active with the University of Melbourne, appointed a member of the University Council in 1996 and was subsequently appointed as Deputy Chancellor in 2005. He has also been Chairman of the Delaware Symphony 1984 – 1993. In 2003, the Commonwealth Government awarded him a Federation Centenary Medal, acknowledging his contribution to the Australian community.

Richard Lugar, KBE (Indiana & Pembroke 1954) After concluding 36 years of service in the United States Senate, Richard founded The Lugar Center in 2013. The Center organises research and leadership in world food security, energy efficiency, foreign aid assistance, and arms control. During the past year, Richard has given lectures at 11 American universities and in South Korea, Azerbaijan, and Montenegro. He is a visiting professor at Indiana University and the University of Indianapolis and heads a diplomatic institute at the German Marshall Fund. Richard Lugar received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Obama (2013) and Knight of the British Empire at the British Embassy (2013).

Ockert Gerbrand Malan (Paul Roos Gymnasium, Stellenbosch & Hertford 1954) Since he retired in September 1991, Ockert has devoted himself to genealogy and local history. He published several papers in local genealogical journals and a book *Die Van Schalkwyks van die Nieuweveld* (1997, revised 2003). In 2008, he received the Margaret Cairns Award of the Western Cape branch of the Genealogical Society of South Africa. He was Vice Chairman of Die Stellenbosse Heemkring for a number of years and also published two CDs with historical documentation of the Stellenbosch Dutch Reformed Congregation (established in 1686). Ockert was elected as honorary member of the Heemkring in 2011.

James Parham, Jr. (South Carolina & Magdalen 1954) After studying for a BCL at Oxford, James went to Yale Law School and has worked at a law practice in Greenville, South Carolina, since 1960. In 1962, he deployed to Spain with the South Carolina Air National Guard as a pilot during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He and his wife, Peggy San Antonio, have five children and 13 grandchildren. His daughter, Tally, an attorney and the first Class Notes

In this edition we hear from the Rhodes Classes of ‘54, ‘64, ‘74, ‘84, ‘94 and ’04

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woman pilot with S.C. Air National Guard, has deployed to Iraq three times flying F-16s. James feels that the “world’s fight” seems more complicated, as perhaps is to be expected in a more complex world. Advances in technology have enhanced the effectiveness of destructive as well as constructive forces. Personal contact and dialogue between adversaries seem critical.


Robert Paxton (Virginia & Merton 1954) retired in 1997 as Professor of History at Columbia University. He published several books about Vichy France and French collaboration with Nazi Germany, and continues to write and speak in retirement. With his wife, he spends summers in France.

Robert Porter (South Australia & Lincoln 1954) retired from Monash University in 1997, where he had been the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine since 1989. He moved to North Queensland at the end of 1998 to plan and establish Australia’s first regional medical school at James Cook University. The style of education at the school is community-based, integrated with the regional health care system and has a special emphasis on rural, remote and indigenous care. The School of Medicine opened in 2000 and is now part of a comprehensive Faculty of Medicine, Health and Molecular Sciences. He retains an interest as Chairman of the Review Committee for the Australian Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine.

Patrick Sullivan (Malta & Queen’s 1954) and his wife, Valerie, first met playing in a mixed hockey game more than 50 years ago and they now enjoy golf and cross country skiing. After retiring from Imperial College and City University, London, Patrick was an assessor for the UK’s Technology Strategy Board Research and Development programme on Innovation for joint work with Industry and Academia. He retained his Forensic Engineering and Testing consultancy after selling his commercial laboratory, continuing to investigate deteriorating structures, develop new materials and test equipment. During this time, he acted as an expert witness in a number of high profile litigation cases.

Sir David Baragwanath (New Zealand & Balliol 1964) Following retirement from the Court of Appeal of New Zealand, David was elected as President of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon in The Hague where his wife, Susan, and he are currently resident. With regular visits to Beirut and other commitments there is a good deal of travel. They catch up with family and friends in London and Switzerland as well as occasionally in New Zealand. They both enjoy skiing, cycling, mountain walking and finding new places to explore.

Robin Boadway, OC, FRSC (Saskatchewan & Exeter 1964) retired from his position as David Smith Chairman in Economics after a 40-year career at Queen’s University. He maintains an active research agenda in fiscal federalism and economic policy, both in Canada and abroad. He was recently honoured to be named Fellow of the Canadian Economics Association, Distinguished CES Fellow at the University of Munich, and President of the International Institute of Public Finance. The highlight of 2013 was attending the 700th Anniversary celebrations of Exeter College and enjoying a reunion with his Cuppers winning rugby teammates.

J. Edward Chamberlin (British Columbia & St Edmund Hall 1964) Retiring after 40 years teaching English and Comparative Literature at the University of Toronto in 2008, Edward moved to Halfmoon Bay on the west coast of Canada where he has been writing, and continuing his work with Aboriginal communities on the stories and songs which constitute both their land claims and their national literatures. He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2013.

Richard Cooper (Pennsylvania & University 1964) still enjoys the challenges presented by the practice of law, and hopes to continue to meet them for a while longer. Thus, he continues to work as “of counsel” at Williams & Connolly LLP. This year, with children and grandchildren, he and his wife, Judy, will visit the Galapagos Islands and the rainforests of Costa Rica. He looks forward to celebrating the 1964 American Rhodes class’s 50th reunion in Washington, DC. He says that working with Mort Kahan, Bob Munford, and Carlton Stoiber on planning the reunion has been a delight.
John Dyson Heydon, AC QC (New South Wales & University 1964) has been in practice at the NSW Bar since 1979. He took silk in 1987, was appointed to the Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 2000, and served on the High Court of Australia from 2003–2013. At present, Dyson is conducting a Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption.

Daniel Hutchinson (South African College School, Newlands & Brasenose 1964) After a fulfilling academic career, Daniel’s most recent creative effort has been a book of poetry, Seacoast of Transylvania. He is a member of the Friends of Classics, a Life Member of the British Museum, a people watcher and a traveller to antique lands. His wife is a group-analyst and psychotherapist. His daughter, after studying at Somerville, is a psychologist in the health service, and his son is a DFID conflict advisor in Somalia and East Africa. Daniel says that a retrospective radiance hangs over his years in Oxford.

Bill Johnson (Natal & Magdalen 1964) is now back working at full-steam, after losing his left leg in 2009, in an accident after which he was given only an 11% chance of survival. He lives in Cape Town and is writing another book on South Africa as well as a memoir of Oxford. In addition to his writing, he spends much time travelling around Africa trying to set up centres to promote better governance, which he sees as Africa’s fundamental problem. He returns every year to visit Magdalen, where he is an Emeritus Fellow. “At 70, I’m busier than I was at 20”, he says.

Morton Kahan, MD FACS (Connecticut & Balliol 1964) For nearly 40 years Morton has been an abdominal surgeon practicing in the Boston suburbs. His wife Eileen has practiced psychiatry over these years, now expanding her interests in quilting and gardening. Their children, David and Sarah, are also physicians, each with three sons, happily living nearby. Their idyllic world suffered a blow a month ago when he experienced a cardiac arrest, fortunately at a physicians meeting, so that he was quickly resuscitated by friends. He is now working to resume his previous role in the doctor-patient relationship.

Joseph Licari (Malta & Jesus 1964) At 71, Joe Licari has been elected to a second three–year term as Chairman of the board of directors of the Council of Europe Development Bank after 24 years as Malta’s ambassador – in Paris, Brussels and Strasbourg - and three years as Associate Professor of Economics at the Université de Paris IV–Sorbonne. Before that he worked as an economist at the International Chamber of Commerce (Paris), UNCTAD (Geneva) and the United Nations Department of Economic Affairs (New York) and obtained a doctorate in economics from the Université de Paris I–Sorbonne. It was in New York that his children, Christopher and Gabriella were born; they are now adults and work in Switzerland.

David Lutzer (Nebraska & Balliol 1964) After Oxford, David completed his mathematics PhD in 1970 at the University of Washington in Seattle. He spent the next 12 years in teaching and research. Starting in 1982, he devoted 13 years to academic administration as department Chairman at Miami of Ohio and Dean at the College of William and Mary. David returned to teaching and research at William and Mary from 1995 until his retirement in 2011 (see math.wm.edu/~lutzer for details). His first marriage ended in 1976 and David remarried in 1982. His wife Vicki is a retired school psychologist, and they have four children and six grandchildren.


Colin McMillan, MD (New Brunswick & Oriel 1964) After completing a term as President of the Canadian Medical Association, Colin returned to full–time medical practice, as a Consultant Cardiologist, in 2007, and still serves on a number of boards and committees. His wife, Sandy, has retired from Real Estate, and still travels to Africa for the Tour d’Afrique Bike Tour. Colin and Sandy’s four children (aged 24–37) live in Toronto, New York City and Prince Edward Island, and are active in Critical Care Medicine, Electrical Engineering, Chess/Mathematics and Special Olympics. In 2013, Colin was awarded the Queen’s Jubilee Medal, for service to the Medical Profession.

David Moore (Queensland & Lincoln 1964) David retired in late 2009, 15 years after founding the Perth–based TZ Minerals International Pty Ltd, which became the leading specialist consulting group to the global titanium minerals and TiO2 pigment industries. David relocated to Canberra, where in 2012, he married Carol Taylor, the widow of a 1963 Tasmanian Scholar and whose father was a 1924 Rhodesian Scholar. He is now fulfilling a long term plan to publish the biography of his grandfather, who was the Premier of Queensland, after completing a book on that state’s major mining and political scandal in the 1920s.

Tom Rowe (Michigan and Balliol 1964) retired from teaching law at Duke in 2007 and settled in Los Angeles with his wife, Susan French, now a retired UCLA law professor. They have continued to teach law part–time at UCLA and to write, along with enjoying sailing on their 43’ sailboat of which Susan is skipper and Tom first mate; travel, most recently a steamboat cruise on the lower Mississippi, Tom’s 50th Yale reunion in New Haven, Cabo San Lucas, and Oxford for the 110th anniversary of the Rhodes Scholarships; and family—including two and a half year-old granddaughter Ellie.

Lee Saperstein (Montana & Queen’s 1964) After obtaining his DPhil in Engineering Science from Oxford, Lee has been a mining engineering faculty member at the Pennsylvania State University, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Missouri–Rolla. He was Dean of the School of Mines and Metallurgy at UMR for 11 years. Lee is a licensed Professional Engineer and is an expert in the environmental impacts of mining. He has also served ABET, Inc, the recognised creditor for engineering, as its President. He is a Distinguished Member of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration, Inc. (SME), a Fellow of ABET and holder of its Grinter Award, recognised as a Distinguished Alumnus by Montana Tech, and holder of its Chancellor’s Medallion.

Deryck M. Schreuder (Rhodesia & New College 1964) has returned to the University of Sydney as an Emeritus Professor of Research in the Faculty of Education and Social Work, having been Vice Chancellor of two Australian universities, President of the Council of Australian Vice Chancellors, Chairman of the Australian Universities Quality Agency and 4th Challis Professor History at Sydney University. Deryck’s life is now happily focussed on scholarship and family. Recent publications have included: ‘Australia’s Empire’ in The Oxford History of the British Empire series (2nd Edition, with Stuart Ward, 2010); Universities for a New World (edited for the Centenary of the ACU: SAGE 2013); and the ‘Empire’ chapter in the Cambridge History of Australia (CUP, 2013). While at Oxford, he married Paddy (Latin teacher and champion swimmer from the Eastern Cape) in New College Chapel. They celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary next year with their large Aussie family, including seven grandchildren.

Gus Speth (South Carolina and Balliol 1964) With the law profession and law schools downsizing, including the Vermont Law School where he teaches, Gus suggests the timing is not bad for him to enter his anecdotage. Recently, he has written a memoir “of sorts”, Angels by the River (Chelsea Green, 2014). It is, among other things, a thank you note to those who have helped him along the way, Gus says. It begins by describing growing up in a segregated small Southern town and what happened when he arrived at Yale, sight unseen, in 1960.

Carlton Stoiber (Colorado & St John’s 1964) has been a consultant on international and nuclear law since leaving the US federal government in 1999. He directed offices in the Departments of Justice, State and US Nuclear Regulatory Commission. He drafted and negotiated numerous international instruments addressing nuclear proliferation, terrorism, safety and environmental protection. Carlton has served on the faculty and supervisory board of the International School of Nuclear Law, University of Montpellier, France since 2000. He is the Chairman of the Nuclear Security Working Group of the International Nuclear Law Association. Carlton is also a political cartoonist, and has been published in magazines and illustrated books. A mountaineer, he has climbed many of the world’s highest peaks. Carlton resides in Washington, DC, with his wife, Susanne, an expert in health administration.

Gavin Williams (Cape Province & Trinity 1964) In 2010, Gavin retired as a Fellow of St Peter’s College, Oxford, and UL in Politics, an event marked by his graduates with a conference. In 1995, Gavin claims to have given up trying to understand Nigerian politics and the World Bank, so that he could return to South Africa where he now researches the history of the wine industry. He has sat on committees and engaged in controversies including opposing plans to reform the University Constitution. Nowadays he cycles, completing the London to Paris ride in 2013, and tries to write. His work researches disabilities and professional dancers, his daughter, Mozambican history, and his son, art for children with learning disabilities.
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Michael Abrahams, MD, FRCS (Jamaica & Exeter 1974)

After an enlightening stint at Oxford, Michael completed Orthopaedic Residency at the University of Florida and subsequently moved to Fort Lauderdale, where he has enjoyed a busy practice of Orthopaedic Trauma and Sports Medicine. He is currently winding down the working phase and transitioning to spend more time with his wife, Jeanette, who did a Registered Psychiatric Nursing stint at the Warneford Hospital in Oxford. Michael and Jeanette’s two daughters, Luisa and Lina, are busy in high school and any time left over is dedicated to deep sea fishing and travelling. Michael says, “Many thanks to all the wonderful folks we met at Rhodes House, especially our then Warden, Sir Edgar Williams.”

Nicholas Allard (New York & Merton 1974)

Readers of TAO class letters might know that this blurb from Nick is for him, quite succinct. Even Twitter waives the 140 character cap for his tweets… He writes: “The anniversaries pile up with many welcome opportunities to see classmates and friends as we celebrate beginning our fifth decade as Rhodes Scholars in the world outside of Oxford. There was the very special Rhodes 110th anniversary programme, our 40th Princeton reunion joined by Barron and Kittasaro as well as inaugural tiger tot indoctrination there for grandsons Teddy (aged two) and twins Ben and Nick (both one), Merton’s year long 750th extravaganza, our Yale Law School 35th, the Bard’s 450th which, as trustee of the Washington’s Shakespeare Theatre Company and Marla a regular on that classical stage we observe, and the upcoming observance through our ABA hats of the 800th year since the Magna Carta was ‘sealed’ (never signed). All pale in light of the observance of the 47th year since a stolen first kiss lakeside on a summer night by two skinny teenagers. Marla wistfully wishes for our old bodies. I still have mine plus two new ones as is documented by the ill–considered photos we allowed ourselves to have taken standing next to golden couples like Charles and Camilla (Conn and Borg) and John and Marcy McCall MacBain. As I try to squirm into the latest enlargement of my college rowing blazer and faux Downton Abbey white tie rig for Merton, I think I should start buying clothes equipped like dining room tables with extra panels to insert. As all the milestones whiz by, Marla and I have decided to live and work like there is no tomorrow. Rather than slowing down we have opted to take on new jobs, enjoying dual citizenship in New York and Washington, where I am privileged to serve as the Dean of Brooklyn Law School and I remain a Senior Partner at the Squire Patton Boggs post–merger law firm. Marla is exceptional in helping with the pastoral, social and community side of our work at the law school, while continuing to host her award–winning cable television talk show “Relatively Speaking”. (Think Wayne’s World meets Bette Midler on speed). In a concession to her triple grandmotherhood, she swapped her six inch Jimmy Choo bondage sandals for more sensible five inch Louboutin spikes for her recent raucous induction into the Friar’s Club. Not since Lucille Ball reigned there has anyone wanted more “to get into the show”. Her grandmotherly passion is measured in the 40,000 miles she put on her brand new Audi in 12 months shuttling between our new grandtwins in Manhattan, irresistible Ben and Nick, and their older cousin “Theodorable” a.k.a. King Ted I. The diner at Exit Seven on the turnpike in Bordentown has named a sandwich after her. Oprah Winfrey told me to stop name dropping but I can’t resist mentioning that during the Rhodes Reunion Kris Kristofferson warmed up the crowd for my after dinner remarks at Merton. We are in a word ‘thriving’. While all these reunions may seem like a lot of redundant hub bub, they are, for us, a welcome time just to relax with our favourite people, catch up, and recharge. The occasions are of course, bittersweet as we remember those who are no longer with us, as we did at the beautiful service during the Rhodes 110th. Though it’s been four decades since we left Oxford, we know that our times together before and since provided innumerable incomparable highlights that prepared for, and sustain us in all we have done, and will be doing. We love you all.”

John Allemang (Ontario & Wadham 1974)

has been a feature writer at The Globe and Mail for 30 years, including a slightly mad stint as a deadline poet and daily book–reviewer. He enjoys working as a supernumerary with the Canadian Opera Company and walking hills in Southern Europe. He stopped playing ice hockey and confines his running to the treadmill but still strives to maintain Iffley Road standards in chin–ups and dips.
Tom Barron (Colorado & Balliol 1974) writes: “Grateful – that’s how I’m feeling these days about life, work, and family. While there is much to be upset about in this crazy world of ours, I’m trying to keep my focus on those sources of gratitude. This year saw a new T. A. Barron book (my 27th), an eco-fable called Atlantis Rising. Three more books are coming out in 2015 (including one based on my Oliver Smithies lecture at Balliol titled The Wisdom of Merlin.) Still have plenty of energy (another reason for gratitude) so visited over 20 states and Europe this year on book tours. And I still love hiking in Colorado!”

Ted Burk (Kansas & New College 1974) has just completed year 32 as Professor of Biology at Creighton University in Omaha, teaching General Biology and Animal Behaviour classes, and he is in year 17 of a long-term study of prairie butterflies and their flowers. He is now very active in ‘citizen science’ projects and doing presentations and workshops on butterfly and prairie conservation. (If you’re in eastern North America, plant milkweeds and help save the Monarch butterfly’s spectacular but endangered migration!) Ted’s ‘15 minutes of fame’ this year was a mention and photo in Richard Dawkins’ autobiography, An Appetite for Wonder.

Richard Cogswell SC (Tasmania & St Peter’s 1974) has been a Judge of the NSW District Court since 2007. He sits in civil and criminal trials in Sydney and on circuit in regional NSW. Before then he was at the NSW Bar for 26 years, the last six years being as the State’s Crown Advocate. He has been married to social worker and recently retired mediator, Anne Collier, for 35 years and they have two children, James (31) and Claire (29). Richard practises Bikram yoga and likes reading, cinema and travel. He is a member of the Guiding Board of the World Community for Christian Meditation and the Council of the Commonwealth Magistrates’ and Judges’ Association.

Graham Craig (South Africa-at-Large & Brasenose 1974) On going down, Graham returned to the South African mining industry and continued in exploration and development for commodities, including diamonds, gold, copper and nickel. In 1992, he relocated with his wife, Helen, and three sons to Melbourne and has worked in investment banking for the mining sector and in investment management. Throughout, he has advised charitable foundations on grants and investments. Interests include art, sport and travel with a recent travel highlight being a visit to the 2013 Venice Biennale. Recently, Graham became the Victorian Secretary of the Australian Rhodes Scholars’ Association.

Roger Davis (New South Wales & Pembroke 1974) writes: “1974, what a propitious year and now 40 years on from matriculation we have another opportunity to briefly relive those halcyon years with aptly chosen words that best summarise the passing decades. In short, after 25 years as Managing Director in International Banking with CitiGroup in Australia, New York and all ports in between, I am now back where it all started, this time as a Consulting Director at NM Rothschild’s, (the Global Investment Bank), where I have been for almost 12 years. I also sit on a variety of Corporate Boards as a Non-Executive Director in the gaming, leisure, banking and insurance sectors, satisfy my love of the “game they play in heaven” by chairing a Professional Super XIV Rugby team (‘The Waratahs’), and hold a number of non-for-profit Board positions in the educational sector. Married to a Texan with three grown-up children I now live in Sydney, Australia not far from my classmate and fellow Pembrokian, Alan Draper. It’s a small world!”

Sean Day (South African College School, Newlands, & Oriel 1974) has been happily married to Ginny for 33 years and they are still living in Greenwich, Connecticut. He continues to be very active in the shipping and private equity industries as well as overseeing a private portfolio of global investments. Sean and Ginny have four daughters, all grown up – one married (and there is one granddaughter already), two getting married this year and the fourth finishing up at Harvard before heading for medical school. Sean continues to have close ties with South Africa and visits frequently – he takes an active interest in education of those less fortunate than himself and his family.
Alan Draper (Natal & Pembroke 1974) retired recently after working for 30 years in the logistics industry having successfully floated UTi Worldwide Inc on the Nasdaq Stock Exchange in 2000. Alan and his wife, Eve, have been married for 35 years and have been living in Sydney for the past 17 years. They have four sons (aged between 33 and 21), the eldest two of whom are married.

Jeremy Gauntlett (Rhodesia & New College 1974) was awarded a Harvard Graduate Fellowship in 1976. He took up practice in 1977 at the Cape Bar, taking silk in 1989. He has also served (part-time) as a Law Reform Commissioner and Judge of Appeal of Lesotho. He has chambers in Cape Town, Johannesburg and London (at Brick Court), and was elected a Bencher of the Middle Temple in 2010. He has three daughters: Alice (26), a PhD student in Fine Art, Emily (24), a law graduate and solicitor, and Lucy (23), a BSc Hons graduate in physiotherapy and show-jumping champion. He lives between London and Cape Town.

Elliot Gerson (Connecticut & Magdalen 1974) is in his tenth year at the Aspen Institute, where he oversees its domestic and foreign policy work, its public programmes including the Aspen Ideas Festival, and its international partnerships. Aspen’s work to improve civil society brings him all over the world, including recently to Myanmar and Ukraine. But his favourite destination remains Oxford, which he visits frequently as American Secretary of the Rhodes Trust. He and Jessica divide their time between Washington, Aspen, and a new home in Mexico – also the location of the newest Aspen Institute. Their seven children and two grandchildren are thriving. Editor’s note – in June, Elliot was named a Distinguished Friend of Oxford (DFO) by the Vice Chancellor at a ceremony in Oxford. Full details on page 28.

Brian Griffin (Oklahoma & Queen’s 1974) writes: “Greetings from Oklahoma! All goes well for the Griffin Clan. My older boy, Patrick, was recruited by Continental Resources this past summer. So, after nine years away from home (four at Harvard and five at JP Morgan in New York) it’s great having him back here again in Oklahoma City! My younger son, Andrew, also graduated from Harvard (2011) and followed Patrick to New York City where he spent his first two years doing investment banking and in July he joined a prominent Private Equity firm. As for me, I continue as Chairman of Clean Energy Systems, Inc. and am quite pleased and excited by all the new developments there.”

Alan Hobkirk (British Columbia & Jesus 1974) After going down, Alan captained the Canadian field hockey team at the 1976 Olympics and 1978 World Cup and began his career as a lawyer in private practice. Alan and Susan were married in 1979, live in Vancouver, BC and have three adult sons. Alan is presently a partner of Miller Thomson LLP, a national law firm. He has a diverse litigation practice with an emphasis on tort, professional indemnity and estate litigation. Alan has served as a board member of several non-profit community, church and sport organisations and as volunteer coach/manager in amateur sports.

Malcolm “Mac” Hunter (Maine & St Catherine’s 1974) is the Libra Professor of Conservation Biology at the University of Maine where his research covers a wide range of organisms and ecosystems and he has produced six books, mainly on conservation issues. His interests are also geographically broad with work in over 30 countries, including leading a global professional organisation, the Society for Conservation Biology. He and his wife, Professor Aram Calhoun, live on a blueberry farm surrounded by 60,000 acres of conservation land, and spend their free time exploring by foot, ski, kayak, and canoe.

David Johnson (Indiana & New College 1974) Seeking vocation beyond legal practice, David followed his passions in 2004 and assumed the leadership of BioCrossroads, Indiana’s biotechnology investment enterprise heavily supported by the state’s substantial life sciences industry. In 2012, David also became CEO of BioCrossroads’ parent organisation, the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership. David’s spouse of 32 years, Anne Nobles, is a healthcare and education consultant, following early retirement from a highly successful career at Eli Lilly and Company. Their daughter, Catherine Nobles Johnson, graduated from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University in 2014 and was recruited by Oracle.

Nicholas Jose (South Australia & Magdalen 1974) is the author of short stories, seven novels, essays, art writing and a memoir. After teaching in Australia and China, Nick became Cultural Counsellor at the Australian Embassy in Beijing (1987–90). Later he was Chairman of Creative Writing at the University of Adelaide (2005–08). This was followed by Western Sydney and Harvard, where he was Visiting Chairman of Australian Studies (2009–10). Married to curator/art historian Claire Roberts, he lives in Adelaide and continues an involvement with contemporary Asia-Pacific art and literature. He is currently a Visiting Professor at Bath Spa University, UK, and Professor of English and Creative Writing at Adelaide.

The Rev. Andrew Judge (St Andrew’s College, Grahamstown & Keble 1974) Andrew read theology at Keble College and returned to South Africa in 1977 just after Steve Biko had been killed in custody, which caused him to wonder why he had returned. However, he had a job as a lay university chaplain based in Durban. In 1984, he began ministry in the Anglican Church in Durban and married Amanda the following year. Andrew and Amanda remained in KwaZulu Natal until 2001, then moved as a family to a parish in KwaZulu Natal until 2001, then moved as a family to a parish in Keysnham near Bristol where they remain to this day. Andrew says that it has been good to reconnect again with Oxford and Rhodes House.

Pete Kyle (Texas & Merton 1974) Pete and Katherine Kyle are expecting a fifth grandchild. Pete’s professional status continues
to soar and the Stockholm School of Economics awarded him an honorary doctoral degree. He continues on the faculty of the University of Maryland, and is especially enjoying his research and interacting with students.

C. Thomas McMillen (Maryland & University 1974) Since leaving the US Congress in the 1990s, Tom has been active in the middle market buyout arena, serving on many corporate and charitable boards including the University of Maryland and the Humane Society of the United States. Tom and his wife Judy (married in Maryland and New Zealand in 2011) spend their time raising animals, gardening and travelling the world. Tom remains active in Democratic politics and was inducted into the College Basketball Hall of Fame last year.

Robert Mitchell (North Dakota & Merton 1974) In April Rob and Grayce visited their eldest daughter Carrie, her husband Prince, and grandchildren Stephanie and Jesse in Africa. They enjoyed seeing the Victoria Falls, walking across the bridge that joins Zambia and Zimbabwe, and playing with the grandkids in Nairobi. They have also appreciated having younger daughter Emily much closer to home: recently ordained as a pastor, she serves a church in Bellevue, Washington. At K&L Gates, where he has worked for nearly 35 years, Rob chairs his firm’s pro bono committee and co-leads its appellate practice.

Claus-Joerg Rütsch (Germany & University 1974) continues to act as General Counsel of Roche Diagnostics GmbH and holds several senior posts in affiliates. He and Clare enjoy visiting their two grown-up children wherever they are living.

Sandy Shandro (Québec & Balliol 1974) retired from Freshfields, where he was global head of Restructuring and Insolvency, in 2007. Since then, Sandy has acted as consultant to the World Bank Group assisting sovereign States with bankruptcy law and legal infrastructure reform. Sandy and Clare, who met at Balliol in 1975, have three adult children who live nearby their home in southwest London. This is both a surprise and a joy given that Sandy began his life in Alberta. Sandy remains keen on sports (between injuries!) and, with Clare, has latterly developed a keen interest in motorcycle touring.

Ramaswamy Sudarshan (India & Balliol 1974) joined the Ford Foundation in New Delhi in 1984, after a longish stint as a research scholar at St John’s College, Cambridge, where he developed his interest in constitutional law and fundamental rights. He joined the UNDP in 1991 and served in New Delhi, Jakarta, Oslo and Bangkok as a senior policy and programme advisor on governance, justice and human rights. He joined the O.P. Jindal Global University in 2012 as Dean and Professor in the School of Government and Public Policy. He has two sons from his previous marriage, and one with Nurhasanah, whom he married in Indonesia in 2001.

James Talcott MD (Montana & Balliol 1974) Jim is in his fourth year in New York after 25 years in Boston, working on quality of cancer care. In a pleasant surprise, Wesley (NYU Med) and Nicholas (returning from a therapeutic boarding school) subsequently resettled there, for now. William is coming to grips with college applications both reluctantly and impulsively, an approach Nancy and Jim are attempting to modify. Nancy’s work in documentary film and fashion are rewarding but not easily managed, although perhaps more easily than ageing parents, dogs and dwellings.

Boris Tyzuk QC (Manitoba & Hertford 1974) married Tess Hirst (St Hugh’s 1975) and they have two children, Katie (born in 1987), and Alexander (born in 1989). Boris holds an MA in Jurisprudence, and LLB from the University of Manitoba, and was called to the British Columbia Bar 1981. He has served as a Senior Counsel in the British Columbia Ministry of Justice, Legal Services Branch. He has specialised in aboriginal law and resource law, being the lead counsel for BC in Nisga’a Treaty negotiations, and co-lead counsel for the Cohen Commission. He has received the Canada 125 medal, and was appointed Queens Counsel in 2008. His interest in sport has led him to positions, including Director, of the boards of Volleyball Canada and Volleyball BC. Fortunately, he also finds time to play golf (badly, he claims) and to coach.
Dominic Barton (British Columbia & Brasenose 1984) joined McKinsey & Company after his departure from Oxford. During his 28 years at McKinsey, he has worked in Toronto, Sydney, Seoul, Shanghai and London and, since 2009, has served as Global Managing Director of the firm. In addition to his work in the banking and high tech sectors, Dominic has worked extensively in education and on increasing the long-term focus of capitalism. Along with his two children, Fraser (21) and Jessica (19), Dominic is a keen runner and is often found in training for a marathon somewhere.

Donald Bobiash (Prairies & Balliol 1984) has spent 25 exciting years in the Canadian Foreign Service. Currently Canada’s Ambassador to Indonesia, he has previously served in Japan, Ghana and Pakistan. His wife Teresa is an active artist, and their two girls, Ariane and Catherine, are at the University of Toronto. All enjoy exploring the world and promoting peace and understanding.

Penelope Brook (New Zealand & Nuffield 1984) recently returned to Washington DC after four years in Buenos Aires as the World Bank’s director for the Southern Cone countries. Now she is drawing on her 20-plus years of experience in the institution as she takes on a new role as Ombudsman for the World Bank Group.

David Celermajer (New South Wales & New College 1984) lives in Sydney with his wife and three kids and works as a Professor of Cardiology at the University of Sydney, specialising in the care of teenagers and young adults with complex heart diseases. His research is in the early detection and prevention of advanced heart diseases, in developed and in developing nations. He was recently (2014) appointed as an Officer in the Order of Australia (AO) for services to cardiology, especially to children and young adults.

Gilly Filsner (Québec & Trinity 1984) completed her PhD at Cranfield School of Management in 2006, an examination of new firm formation in the British motorsport industry cluster. Since then, she has been living quietly in rural Northamptonshire, running a small boarding cattery.

Mariette Geldenhuys (South Africa-at-Large & New College 1984) practices law in Ithaca, New York, and focuses on collaborative law and mediation as tools for peaceful resolution of legal issues. She frequently presents at conferences on LGBT law, collaborative law and mediation. Mariette and Laurie Conrad, her partner of 23 years, were married in October 2013, following the US Supreme Court decision recognising same-sex marriages. Mariette and Laurie enjoy relaxing at their cottage on Cayuga Lake and Mariette is training for her annual 1.2 mile swim across the lake for an event that raises funds for a hospice organisation.

Bee Chen Goh (Malaysia & Lincoln 1984) and her husband, Chamkaur, moved to beautiful Gold Coast, Australia, and have been living here for more than 20 years and are proud parents of Mindy, undertaking a Creative Writing Degree Program at Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane. Bee Chen is Professor of Law and Director of Research and Higher Degree Research Training and Co-Director of the Centre for Peace and Social Justice, and was the Head of the Law School (2006–2009), at Southern Cross University. She is currently a Director and Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law, and also serves on the Queensland Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee (2011–2014).

Stephen Hankey (Bermuda & St John’s 1984) After 17 years as a lawyer in Bermuda and Australia, Steven decided to pursue his true vocation of teaching. For the past ten years, he has worked as a teacher of English as a second language, first in Paris and then in Sydney. He is also a semi–professional singer with the Sydney Philharmonia Choir, and performs regularly in the Sydney Festival and with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra in the Sydney Opera House. He has sung in St Paul’s Cathedral and the Royal Albert Hall, and continues to pursue his passion for travel.

Elizabeth Hollingworth (Western Australia & St Edmund Hall 1984) has just completed ten years as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria, and is still enjoying the enormous variety of criminal and civil trial and appellate work. She also teaches various courses to the judiciary and the legal profession, including advocacy and judgment writing, as well as being a Senior Fellow in the Melbourne Law School Masters programme. Living on the edge of the Melbourne city centre is always stimulating and interesting. Her passions for travelling, fine food and wine, and walking (preferably, in some combination) continue.
Raymond Lim (Singapore & Balliol 1984) is Chairman of APS Asset Management and Senior Advisor to the Swire Group. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore and author of the book, Straight Talk – Reflections on Singapore Politics, Economy and Society. A former Singapore Cabinet Minister, Mr Lim held various ministerial appointments including Foreign Affairs, Finance, Trade & Industry, Entrepreneurship and Transport. Prior to entering Parliament, Mr. Lim held various senior positions in the financial industry including Group CEO of DBS Vickers Securities, Managing Director of Temasek Holdings, Research Director of Kim Eng Securities and Group Chief Economist of ABN AMRO Asia Securities.

John McKenna QC (Queensland & Magdalen 1984) John is a barrister practising in Queensland. He is married (Julienne) with four children. John’s interests include legal education (Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Queensland; President UQ Law Graduates Association), legal history (Chairman, History and Publications Committee, Supreme Court of Queensland Library, Supreme Court of Queensland: A Concise History (UQP, 2012); Queensland Legal Yearbook (SCQL, 2012)), authorised law reporting (Chairman, Incorporated Council of Law Reporting for the State of Queensland) and support for the Rhodes Trust (Hon Qld Secretary, Australian Rhodes Scholars Association; Director, Rhodes Scholarships in Australia Pty Ltd).

Cheryl Misak (Alberta & Balliol 1984) After finishing her term as Vice President and Provost at the University of Toronto, Cheryl is on research leave, split between NYU and Trinity College Cambridge. Cheryl is the author of The American Pragmatists (OUP, 2013), and she is now working on a book that will trace the influence of the Cambridge Massachusetts pragmatists Peirce and James on the Cambridge England pragmatists, Ramsey and Wittgenstein. She and her husband, David Dyzenhaus, have two children, the eldest doing an MPhil in Oxford in comparative politics and the youngest in her final year in Immunology at the University of Toronto.

Hunter Monroe (North Carolina & Balliol 1984) has 11-year-old twins with his wife Maya, whom he met while IMF Resident Representative in Maya’s country, Georgia. He has worked for 16 years at the IMF, and taught with Stanford–in–Washington and GWU. Recent publications include papers addressing natural gas economics, Ponzi schemes, the collapse of bank–like insurance companies, and whether markets can “compute” equilibria when computers apparently cannot. A physics paper ‘Are Causality Violations Undesirable?’ was co-winner of a $5,000 essay prize, and another paper examined computational problems such as matrix and integer multiplication with apparently no best algorithm, a topic related to the P versus NP problem.

Nicolie Nattras (Natal & Magdalen 1984) is Professor of Economics at the University of Cape Town. She works mainly on the political economy of economic policy, unemployment and the AIDS epidemic. Her research on the cost-effectiveness of antiretrovirals was used in the successful court case brought by the Treatment Action Campaign to force the Mbeki government to implement a mother–to–child–transmission prevention programme. Her most recent book is about AIDS denialism and related conspiratorial thinking: The AIDS Conspiracy: Science Fights Back (Columbia University Press, 2012). She also writes with her husband, Jeremy Seekings, for example, Class Race and Inequality in South Africa (Yale University Press, 2005).

Gareth Penny (Diocesan College, Rondebosch & St Edmund Hall 1984) is the Non–Executive Chairman of MMC Norilsk Nickel, the world’s largest producer of nickel and palladium, and a leading producer of platinum and copper. He is also Executive Chairman of New World Resources Plc, one of Europe’s major coking coal producers. Gareth is a Non–Executive Director (and RemCo Chairman) of Julius Bär and a member of TowerBook’s Senior Advisory Board. He is Vice Chairman of the Botswana Economic Advisory Committee to the President. As the former CEO of the De Beers Group, Gareth led the company through a seminal Strategic Review and then oversaw its successful implementation.

Hugh Possingham (Australia-at-Large & St Johns 1984) continues to pursue his passion for saving as much of the world’s biodiversity as possible. Software that he has helped to develop is now used to build most of the world’s systems of marine and terrestrial protected areas influencing over 5% of the surface of the globe. Karen and Hugh will celebrate their 30th anniversary next year.

Richard Potok (New South Wales & St John’s 1984) After his time at Oxford, Richard worked as a lawyer in NY and London, highlighted by the passage of the Hague Securities Convention in 2002. He then moved back to Australia and switched gears, focusing on Indigenous affairs through the Aurora Project. Richard is particularly proud of relationships built with Oxford and Cambridge. Four years ago there had never been an Indigenous Australian studying for a full–time degree at Oxford or Cambridge. Now, 24 Indigenous postgraduates have been accepted and the first five graduated in 2013 (including Australia’s first Indigenous Rhodes Scholar, Rebecca Richards). Don Markwell and now Charles Conn have been very generous in the establishment of the scholarship programme – and Richard notes that it has been a fun ride. Apart from that, Richard says that he struggles around on two titanium hips and reminisces about the good old days.

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Nanda Rane Rodrigues (India & Trinity 1984) works for the Medical Research Council and her main interests are mammalian genetics and understanding gene function through large scale global projects involving knockout models. Nanda is a STEM ambassador and believes in enthusing young researchers to pursue scientific careers so that we can tackle life threatening diseases better in the future. Nanda and her husband, Robert, live in Oxford with their daughter Evi who is just about to leave home to study Psychology at university.

The Rev. Steve Runholt (South Dakota & Wadham 1984) July 2014 marks Steve’s ninth anniversary as the pastor of Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church, in Asheville, NC. Beyond serving his congregation, Steve’s ministry is increasingly focused on supporting the Moral Monday/Forward Together movement, in the hope that, through working with other people of faith and conscience, they might save North Carolina’s soul. Although he remains an ardent Tar Heel fan, Steve recently earned his Doctor of Ministry degree from Duke Divinity School, and vows never to earn another degree. He and his wife, Robyn, keep fit serving as staff for their standard poodle, Annie.

Craig Scott (Maritimes & St John’s 1984) After completing his law studies (Oxford, LSE, Dal), Craig clerked for then-Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Brian Dickson. He went on to an academic career at University of Toronto Faculty of Law (1989–2000) and Osgoode Hall Law School (2000–2012). In a March 2012 by-election, he was elected to Canada’s House of Commons as the New Democratic Party Member of Parliament for Toronto-Danforth. He is presently the Official Opposition Critic for Democratic and Parliamentary Reform.

Ulrich Zachau (Germany & Nuffield 1984) After five fabulous years in Turkey and less than two years back in Washington DC, Ulrich moved to Bangkok in October 2013, as the World Banks’ country Director for South East Asia. As anniversaries approach and pass, Ulrich says that his greatest blessings are two amazing kids, now grown up, doing good and doing well, despite highly imperfect fatherly parenting. Ulrich starting “gym-ming” a few years ago, 30 years late, and very painfully, he admits, but better now than never. His iPhone has become his camera and music player of choice – Jason Mraz, Whitney Houston, Andrea Bocelli, Il Volo, Josh Groban, The Beatles, Bach, and Rachmaninov topping the play list. Haruki Murakami remains his favourite author, skiing his favourite sport, and tomato soup, Thai Somtam, salmon, and blueberries his favourite foods. Ulrich writes: “Most of all: with all of life’s changing moments and momentous changes, I deeply love my family and friends forever more.”

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Laurel Baig (British Columbia & St Johns 1994) is a Senior Appeals Counsel for the Prosecution at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. She lives in The Hague, the Netherlands with her husband, Jan Rozemeijer, and their two boys, Henley (four) and Stanton (one).

Peter Bance (Maritimes & University 1994) After over a decade working in green energy technology, in 2013 Peter founded his own new business (Origami Energy) focused on the intelligent management of power flows in the electricity grid. Peter and his wife Mary (married at Rhodes House in 2002) celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary by successfully climbing Mt Kilimanjaro in 2012, followed by a fabulous African safari in Tanzania. Their two children (now aged six and eight) are loving school and spent a week cycling around Holland.

Christine Barton (Texas & New College 1994) is an eight-year Partner and Managing Director with the Boston Consulting Group, where she still serves apparel, retail and consumer products companies and is a frequent author on the topics of Millennials, consumer trends and marketing. In February of this year, Christine and her husband, Chris Egan, and five-year-old big brother, Greyson Christopher Egan, welcomed twin girls Fiona Chance and Stella Christine. After seven cities since her time at Oxford, the family has resided in Kansas City since 2010, and are restoring a 90-year-old Tudor house.

Jonathan Bays (Prairies & Balliol 1994) married Karla Taylor in New York in August of 2009, and were happy to welcome their son Simon in the summer of 2012. Jonathan left McKinsey & Company’s Social Sector Office in the same year after 12 years at the firm. Last summer, after a year of independent work, he
joined SoundPostings LLC, the personal office of Yo-Yo Ma, as Executive Director. Jonathan, Karla, and Simon now live just outside of Cambridge, MA.

Robert Bowyer (Zimbabwe & Trinity 1994) spent seven years working for Cambridge Consultants focusing on engine emissions technology before four years in Formula 1 at Red Bull Racing leading the control algorithm team and developing a novel race car simulator. He then moved to Vestas managing research into next generation wind technology including their first floating wind turbine. He is now Chief Engineer at McLaren Applied Technology transferring F1 know-how into real world applications, and lives in London with his wife and three year-old son.

Attila Brungs (New South Wales & New College 1994) has just been appointed Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS), one of Australia’s leading universities. Before joining UTS, Attila enjoyed a career which spanned academia and industry, and immediately prior to joining UTS, was a senior executive at CSIRO, Australia’s national scientific research organisation. Attila, with his young family, continues to enjoy a variety of sports. Having represented UNSW and Oxford in fencing in his youth, he began fencing again along with his seven year old daughter last year after an 18 year gap and will represent Australia in the 2014 Commonwealth Fencing Veteran Championships in Scotland later this year.

Maria Eizaguirre (Spain & Linacre 1994) is the Director of Marketing and Insights for IE University in Madrid. She was previously on the Consumer Insights & Strategy team at Kraft Foods and has worked as Strategic Planner for Young&Rubicam. She holds a DPhil in Anthropology from the University of Oxford and an MSc and BA in Anthropology from Durham University. She is also Professor of Consumer Behaviour and enjoys a good deal of teaching and travelling. Maria was the first Spaniard to be awarded the Rhodes Scholarship. She lives in Madrid with her family.

Kakoli Ghosh (India & Queen’s 1994) works with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. Recently she has assumed the role of Coordinator of FAO-Academia Partnerships. The goal is to engage the academia and research partners to contribute substantively and more effectively to the ongoing programmes for the achievement of food security at the local level. She continues to share her passion for learning and sharing knowledge and photography through her many travels and interactions.

Alexander Hartemink (Florida & Magdalen 1994) and his family love living in Durham, North Carolina. Abigail is 11 and Andrew is nine. Melissa stays busy keeping the whole family on track, and serves actively in their church, school, and community. As a Professor of Computer Science, Alex enjoys his teaching and research, along with his administrative responsibilities directing Duke’s PhD programme in Computational Biology. He is also involved in leading an effort at their church to support a new university in eastern Congo, which he was able to visit last summer. This summer he is multitasking his way through the World Cup.

Brett House (Ontario & University 1994) is currently a Senior Fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) in Waterloo, Ontario and a Senior Fellow & Lecturer at the Jeanne Sauvé Foundation at McGill University in Montreal. Additionally, he is a Chazen Visiting Scholar at Columbia Business School and Adviser to Tau Investment Management. After several years at the IMF in Washington, DC, the Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General in New York and Woodbine Capital Advisers, a global macro fund, he continues to work on management of financial crises, sovereign debt restructuring, growth and impact investing.

Jeremy Kirk (Australia-at-Large & Magdalen 1994) has been practising as a barrister in Sydney since 2002, and has been senior counsel (SC) since 2011. The loves of his life are his daughter Merryn (aged seven) and son Bede (aged five), who live next door with their mothers, and Jeremy’s co-parents, Elizabeth and Jackie.

Lisa Klein (South Africa-at-Large & St Antony’s 1994) is the Head of M&A, Discovery Limited – a global health insurance and wellness company. Previously, Lisa was a management consultant with McKinsey, strategy advisor, planning director and consultant to multiple public and private sector clients. A Fellow of the African Leadership Initiative and member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network, Lisa works with and nurtures a new generation of young talent to understand their power to enact change.

Thierry Morel (France & Oriel 1994) is an art historian who is on the Board of the Hermitage Museum Foundation in New York and last year curated the Houghton Revisited exhibition which reassembled, in its original setting of Houghton Hall, Sir Robert Walpole’s collection sold to Catherine the Great of Russia in 1779. He is working on a Francis Bacon show to open at the Hermitage in St Petersburg in December 2014 and later at the Sainsbury Centre in Norwich in spring 2015. Thierry is also working on an exhibition in Newport (Rhodes Island) for 2017.
Dalton Odendaal (Paul Roos Gymnasium, Stellenbosch & Keble 1994) After working as Head of Legal: Commercial and Head of Negotiations: TOP Partners at the London Olympic and Paralympic Games, Dalton set up his own sports rights consultancy business advising sports rights holders on the exploitation of their commercial rights. Dalton is also a consultant partner in sports law at Harbottle & Lewis LLP. He is currently working on the Invictus Games, a multi-sport event for wounded, injured and sick service personnel spearheaded by Prince Harry. In his spare time, he still plays tennis competitively and tries to keep fit.

Siófra Pierse (Trinity & Ireland 1994) is currently Senior Lecturer in French and Francophone Studies at UCD Dublin (Ireland). She continues to publish widely on Voltaire, historiography, Diderot, and 18th century French studies more generally. She and her husband, Paul, still visit Paris regularly, where they love wine–tasting, argumentative dinners and French film. She enjoys living in Dublin thanks to the proximity of her family, Donnybrook Lawn Tennis Club and Dublin airport. She despairs of Irish society’s dearth of support for mothers with careers, but her little four-year-old boy Cian is the centre of her life and one big ball of fabulous fun.

Vandana Ramrakha Jones (Kenya & Somerville 1994) Having completed her dermatology training in Glasgow, Vandana moved via Wales to Cornwall in 2007 with her husband, David, and two children Oliver Vikram (aged eight) and Matthew-Mohan (aged seven). There she has become established as the only paediatric dermatologist in the county, working at the Royal Cornwall Hospital in Truro. Life outside work is happily busy, seeing family both in UK and Kenya regularly, and making the most of Cornwall’s beauty and beaches.

Elsina Wainwright (Queensland & Christ Church 1994) is a Senior Visiting Fellow at the Center on International Cooperation, New York University, and an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Centre for International Security Studies, University of Sydney. She lives in New York with her husband and three children.

Andrew Zawacki (Virginia & University 1994) Andrew’s latest poetry book, Videotape, was released last year, while his second translation from the French of Sébastien Smirou, See About, is forthcoming from La Presse/Fence Books. Andrew, his wife Sandrine, and their daughter, Ella, welcomed baby May Yasmine into the family last September.

Lara Anderson (Utah & Magdalen 2004) is still working hard as a post-doc in high energy particle physics at the Center for the Fundamental Laws of Nature at Harvard University. She is really enjoying life in Boston, though with her husband James working in Munich this year, the trans-Atlantic commuting has been both a challenge and an adventure. On the plus side, they’re getting a lot of frequent flyer miles and slowly learning to speak Deutsch. Other highlights of Lara’s year include giving a series of physics lectures in India, hiking in the Bavarian Alps, and learning to bake artisan breads. She writes: “I miss my Rhodes classmates and would love to see you if you find yourselves in the Boston area!”

Christina Bejan (North Carolina & Wadham 2004) is a playwright, theatre/film director and academic based in Washington DC. Currently, she is a researcher at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum where she conducts archival research in eight languages. Bejan’s most recent (14th) play Districtland premiered at the CapitalFringe Festival in July 2014 and featured a Rhodes Scholar character! With collaborators in Romania, India, Canada and DC, Bejan has launched “Bucharest Inside the Beltway”, a culture and arts collective based in DC. She just completed her first book and has two plays in development: #Tahrir and Lady Godiva. Involved in local advocacy groups, Bejan is a yogini.

Thomas Brennan (Diocesan College, Rondebosch & Keble 2004) After finishing his DPhil in Biomedical Engineering in 2009, Thomas started working in mobile health, that is to say, using mobile phones to support and monitor community health workers and patients in South Africa. He worked briefly for Vodafone before taking up a post-doc at Oxford. In 2012, Thomas moved across to MIT to join the Laboratory of Computational Physiology, where he has continued to work around mobile health applications (sana.mit.edu), as well as setting up criticaldata.mit.edu, a move to combine and mine clinical, social and genetic data. He has been surviving the Boston winters by taking up cross-country skiing and has even of late started surfing in the icy New England waters.

JanaLee Cherneski (Saskatchewan & Wolfson 2004) writes: “My first Rhodes Warden said I was subversive in private. The current Warden says so in public. Some things change, the right
things don’t. I left Oxford only to find myself hired back to lecture. I take my students as they are, Oxford as it could be, and let the difference fuel turns around Christ Church Meadow. My students are bright flowers in a bouquet of teaching stories I’ve gathered. I love the meadow’s sun curling on the long-horned cattle. I miss prairies, porcupines, wilderness; crisp ocean airs, the emerald lungs of old growth; and the wild and quiet abandon of some classmates.”

Alexandra Conliffe (Québec & Herford 2004) Last year, Alex headed to Toronto to join Engineers Without Borders Canada (EWB) as Vice President of Operations. EWB Canada is a movement of 40,000 Canadian and African leaders working together to end poverty and inequality through innovations in targeted sectors, ranging from responsible mining to effective and inclusive public service delivery. Previously, Alex was a Senior Policy Analyst at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, where she worked on issues related to global food security, agriculture and the environment, and was Canada’s climate change negotiator on agriculture at the UN. She writes: “The career shift felt big but has been tons of fun.”

Andreas Coutsoudis (KwaZulu-Natal & Trinity 2004) and his wife, Paulette, were married in 2007, and have recently had their first child, Katherine Anne; they live in Durban. Andreas is practising as an advocate (barrister) in South Africa, with a particular focus on public law (constitutional, administrative and human rights), regulatory law, and commercial law and has appeared, inter alia, in the Constitutional Court. He is the Assistant Honorary Secretary of the KwaZulu-Natal Society of Advocates, and for the last three years he has been the Secretary for the KwaZulu-Natal Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee.

Delavane Diaz Turner (Florida & Lincoln 2004) After Oxford, Delavane served as an Air Force acquisitions officer at Hanscom AFB, until joining the civilian world as a project manager with the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). She is now nearing the end of her PhD programme in Management Science and Engineering at Stanford, with a focus on climate and energy policy modelling under uncertainty. Jack (St Edmund Hall) and Delavane returned to Oxford in 2010 for their wedding at Rhodes House, celebrating with several classmates and, of course, the porters! When not on campus, you can find her playing beach volleyball in LA, where Jack is an actor and musician.

Tope Polarin (Texas & Harris Manchester 2004) is still in DC, currently working as an advisor at the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board. He has been there for about eight months now, and no, he says, he doesn’t know a great deal about auditing or accounting, but his main responsibility is to write – speeches, strategy notes, etc – so he spends most of his time at his desk, learning as he works. Tope is writing outside of work as well, and reading as much fiction as he can. If ever you’re in town you might hear his voice on the radio, opining about, say, the latest collection by Alice Munro (which he loved).

Dov Fox (Connecticut & St Johns 2004) After lots of school, Dov became a law professor in 2013. He teaches and writes in academic journals and popular media on topics related to criminal and health law in San Diego, where his wife, Nicole, grew up. Dov and Nicole were married there in 2011 and in 2014 welcomed their first child. They feel fortunate to keep in good touch, despite the distance, with Dov’s Oxford housemates and their families.

Somak Ghoshal (India & University 2004) Since returning to India from Oxford in 2006, Somak has worked primarily as a journalist, in Kolkata and New Delhi, covering a range of areas such as foreign affairs, publishing, fine arts and music. He had a brief year-long interlude as a publisher, when he worked with Penguin Books India as commissioning editor for literary fiction. Currently employed with Mint—Wall Street Journal, Somak edits the books pages of the weekend magazine Lounge and writes on gender and sexuality, among other things.

Sha’ista Goga (South Africa-at-Large & St Antony’s 2004) has spent much of the last decade consulting on competition and regulatory economics in South Africa. After working on various matters within the healthcare segment and a short stint volunteering in Palestine, she switched sides and joined an NGO focused on healthcare advocacy and human rights. Following the recent birth of her second son, she again changed focus and co-founded a consulting company (Acacia Economics), which works on both competition and regulatory matters, primarily for sector regulators. Her ‘young men’ are now three years and nine months-old.

Maureen Hogan (Newfoundland & St John’s 2004) has returned home to St John’s, Newfoundland, to practice medicine. She is a Musculoskeletal Radiologist, specialising in sports...

Shakirah Hudani (Kenya & Magdalen 2004) Away from the dreaming spires and back in the Silicon Savannah, for the past two years Shakirah has worked for the World Bank Group in Nairobi as a consultant focusing on the private sector in health, and later on the monitoring and evaluation of investment climate reforms. Prior to this, she completed two Masters Degrees in Social Anthropology from Oxford, and in Public Health from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She hopes to pursue further educational endeavours over the coming years. She sends hearty greetings to all Scholars past and present and best wishes for continued inspiration!

Tarun Khaitan (India & Exeter 2004) never left Oxford. He is currently an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law and the Hackney Fellow in Law at Wadham College.

Michael Lamb (Tennessee & Trinity 2004) This summer, Michael will finish his PhD in Politics at Princeton University, where his research has focused on the role of virtues in public life and the relationship between politics, ethics, and religion. In October 2014, he will return to Oxford as a Research Fellow at Harris Manchester College and the McDonald-Templeton Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Faculty of Theology and Religion.

Heather Long (Pennsylvania & Balliol 2004) lives in New York and is working for CNN. She writes: “Stop by to say hello – or for an interview!”

Sarah Meyer (Australia-at-Large & Linacre 2004) completed a PhD in International Health at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in 2014. Her dissertation focused on mental health and migration on the Thailand-Burma border. She is currently a postdoctoral associate at the Program on Forced Migration and Health, at Columbia University. She is co-investigator on a study of child protection in refugee camps in Rwanda, Ethiopia and Northern Iraq for UNHCR, and led a review of guidelines for mental health services in emergency settings.

Stuart Munro (Western Australia & Balliol 2004) After stints with McKinsey in London and New York, Stuart returned to Australia and found a new home in Sydney. He now works in corporate strategy at the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Stuart and his wife, Juliet, (New Zealand & Balliol, 2003) are kept busy by their two children, Gemma (aged three) and David (aged one). In 2014, Stuart ran, cycled and kayaked his way across New Zealand as a competitor in the Coast to Coast. He has since lost all evidence of fitness.

Simon Rabinovitch (Québec & Pembroke 2004) has worked as a journalist since leaving Oxford, beginning as a Reuters trainee in London. In 2007, he was assigned to Beijing and has been in China ever since: first, covering economics at Reuters, with a stint as table tennis correspondent during the 2008 Olympics, then, with the Financial Times for three years. Simon joined The Economist this June as Asia economics Editor. He lives in Shanghai with his girlfriend, Chen Ruoping, a documentary producer, and the two are avid runners when the pollution subsides.

Jessica Radford (Tasmania & St Antony’s 2004) returned to Hobart in 2008 after a year working for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in Canberra. Over the past six years, Jessica has worked as a Ministerial Advisor across a number of portfolio areas for the Tasmanian Government, including from 2011 to 2014 as Deputy Chief of Staff to the Premier of Tasmania. Jessica has recently commenced a new position with the Department of Health and Human Services in the area of Strategic Planning. Jessica is also active with AFS Intercultural Programs, and has been a Director on the Australian Board of AFS since 2011.

Olivia Rissland (Rhode Island & Christ Church 2004) Since leaving Oxford, Olivia has been doing molecular biology research as a post-doctoral fellow at the Whitehead Institute/MIT in Cambridge, MA. Starting September 2014, Olivia will be leaving the heart of Red Sox nation to start her own lab at the Hospital for Sick Children Research Institute in Toronto. Over the last two years, Olivia has also taken up ultra running—highlights include a 75 mile race around Mont Blanc in August 2013 (with a lot of ice cream afterwards).

Stephanie Topp (New South Wales & Pembroke 2004) has lived and worked in Zambia since 2007 and married geologist and philatelist, Adam Goulding, in Livingstone in 2012. Steph recently completed her PhD in Global Health (University of Melbourne) and works as Health Systems Adviser at the Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia with a concurrent appointment as Assistant Professor in the School of Public Health at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.
Kenneth Townsend (Mississippi & Trinity 2004) is happy to report that all is well in Jackson, Mississippi. As special assistant to the President and Assistant Professor of Political Science at his alma mater Millsaps College, he is learning his way around higher education administration while still getting to teach and write a bit. He writes: “It has been really good settling back in to life in Mississippi. Ann and I have recently hosted several friends from Oxford who found themselves passing through Jackson, and we hope to see more of y’all here in Jackson soon. We have an extra bedroom and an extra rocking chair for visitors”.

Almut Veraart (Germany & St Anne’s 2004) is a Reader in Statistics at the Department of Mathematics at Imperial College London. She is also an International Research Fellow at the Center for Research in Econometric Analysis of Time Series (CREATES) at Aarhus University and an Olga Taussky Pauli Fellow at the Wolfgang Pauli Institute in Vienna. Almut’s research focuses on topics in applied probability, statistics, financial econometrics and financial mathematics. She was recently awarded the Faculty of Natural Sciences Award for Excellence in Teaching at Imperial College London.

Rachael Wagner (Virginia & Balliol 2004) Since Oxford, Rachael has spent the last eight years working as a private equity investor in New York. This career has enabled her involvement at the board level across a wide range of companies, from luxury fashion brands to oil refineries and government contractors. Rachael and her husband, Sam Abrams, will be celebrating their four year wedding anniversary this August. Although they are both non-native New Yorkers, they have been enjoying all that the tri-state area has to offer, from wineries on Long Island to ski resorts up north, and of course, all the great artistic and cultural opportunities in NYC.

Call for your Oxford photographs!

We are seeking old photographs of Rhodes Scholars from when they were at Oxford. They can be from any era and show you, your Rhodes Scholar friends or some atmospheric Oxford landmarks. Perhaps they capture a moment of sporting glory, a time of celebration, or an evocative glimpse into daily life amongst the dreaming spires. It is time to dust off those old photograph albums and take a trip down memory lane! Photographs can be submitted electronically or sent to us to be duplicated before returning the originals to you. Please contact our Communications Manager, Babette Tegldal at babette.tegldal@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk
An hour with... Lady Williams
Lady Williams is the widow of Sir Edgar (Bill) Williams, Warden of Rhodes House between 1952 and 1980

Today, Lady Williams lives in north Oxford with Jem, an intelligent Border Collie who assesses each visitor before politely offering her paw. During a walk across the fields behind her house, we talked about her time as an army conscript during the Second World War and the challenge of running Rhodes House at a time when rationing was still in place.

When asked to describe her time at Rhodes House, she settles on the adjective ‘busy’, with a twinkle in her eye as she talks about how both her children were born there, and juggling her other interests such as being governor of the Oxford teaching hospital and involvement with the National Health Service. This spilled over into the life of Rhodes House as any Scholar who was taken ill recuperated there after their time in hospital. This was mainly to keep them away from acquaintances who were too energetic: “Friends would think they were being kind but they would insist on sitting on their bed and chatting until two in the morning”.

She believes the reason the Scholarships have survived for over a hundred years is based on the mix of travel and academic content. They give young people the freedom to explore the world, whilst also challenging them intellectually. Some things remain the same; Lady Williams was delighted to hear the area behind Milner Hall is still referred to as the Giant’s Grave. She also organised regular gatherings for Rhodes Scholars from all colleges and countries to meet, in a similar fashion to the ‘Meet and Mingle’ events of today.

Ducking under a holly arch, we are suddenly back in her garden, and back in the present.
Upcoming Rhodes events

We look forward to welcoming you back to Rhodes House

Oxford Alumni Weekend
Saturday 20 – Sunday 21 September 2014
Events during the Oxford Alumni Weekend, including an anniversary lunch to mark the 50th Anniversary of the coming up of Rhodes class of 1964, the classes of 1974, 1984, 1989, 1994 and 2004 are also invited. There will be talks and a panel discussion on the Saturday, and our traditional Open House Brunch on the Sunday.

5 August
NZRSA Annual General Meeting of the Association and farewell to Scholar-elects
Wellington, New Zealand

30 August
Bon Voyage event
Johannesburg, South Africa

September
Rhodes reunion
Germany (final details tbc)

27 September
AARS Bon Voyage Weekend Saturday Reception and Dinner
Washington DC, USA

27 September
CARS Sailing Dinner
Ottawa, Canada

6 November
NZRSA Post-Selection Dinner
Wellington, New Zealand

For further details about any of these events, please contact the relevant alumni association or email rsvp@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk
If you are passing through Oxford, do get in touch if you would like to visit Rhodes House.

Rhodes Society

One of the most convivial moments of the 110th celebrations was the first ever gathering of the Rhodes Society. The Society was established to recognise those who have told the Rhodes Trust that they intend to include a bequest to the Trust in their estate planning. Society members are a very diverse group with a membership spanning the years, right up to the last decade.
Increasingly donors are also expressing an interest in tax effective planned giving of assets during their lifetime including securities, stocks and other assets. Many options are available. If you are interested in leaving a bequest or wish to discuss other planned giving options, please contact development@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk
Alumni events around the world

So far in 2014, Rhodes Alumni events have taken place in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Nigeria, the United Kingdom and the United States.