





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elcome to the second edition of the *Rhodes Scholar* magazine!

It was terrific to receive such a positive reaction to the first magazine, and this second issue is full of content to intrigue, inspire and inform. It has been a year of many ‘firsts’ – the Rhodes Scholar Network

is proving very popular (page 32) and the Rhodes Trust has expanded its geographic footprint for the first time this century, launching Rhodes Scholarships for China in March (page 5) and for the United Arab Emirates in April. Back in Oxford, the Rhodes Service & Leadership development programme has grown rapidly, with our inaugural retreats and workshops proving to be a great success (page 14).

Reading the contributions from Rhodes Scholars from across the generations and constituencies, there are certainly a lot of firsts happening around the globe due to the creativity and hard work of members of the Rhodes Scholar community. Wherever you are, and whatever field you are currently pursuing, do keep in touch!



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



Two New Trustees

The Rhodes Trust is delighted to announce the appointment of two new Trustees, Mr Nicholas Oppenheimer and Professor Dame Carol Robinson. Nicholas Oppenheimer is Chairman of Oppenheimer Memorial Trust. He was Director of Anglo American plc and Chairman of De Beers SA until 2012. Professor Dame Carol Robinson is the Doctor Lee’s Professor of Chemistry at the University of Oxford. She was the first female Professor of Chemistry at the University of Oxford and previously at the University of Cambridge. She is recognised for pioneering the use of mass spectrometry for her research into the 3D structure of proteins.

Talks at Rhodes House

There have been over 80 speakers at Rhodes House this year, and some of the highlights include:



•General Wes Clark Book Launch and Scholar Talk: *Don’t Wait for the Next War, Rethinking America’s Global Mission*

•Professor Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell *The Universe and Us*



•Naomi Wolf *Speaking and Writing with Power: How to write an OpEd*

•T.A. Barron *The Gift of Time*

•Professor Mark Williams *Mindfulness: Finding peace in a frantic world*

Falcons become Rhodes

Following a two year trial programme during which time they were known as the Falcon Scholarships, the UAE Scholarship now has full Rhodes status. Two Rhodes Scholars from the UAE will be selected annually. The first successful applicant will be selected later this year before arriving in Oxford in October 2016.

See page 33 for information about the new George Parkin Distinguished Service Award

GSS 2015



This year the Global Scholars Symposium was held in Cambridge, and the theme was Building Impact: Listen, Learn, Act. The annual student-run symposium aims to bring graduate students together to engage in thought-provoking dialogue, with the help of dynamic speakers who will challenge the audience to think and act in new ways.

Beak Tweak

Have you spotted something looking subtly different? Yes, the Zimbabwe bird in the Rhodes Trust logo has been redrawn to be a more accurate representation of the original carvings which appear at Rhodes House.



Democracy and the City

K. Sabeel Rahman (New York & Pembroke 2005), is a Four Freedoms Centre Fellow at the Roosevelt Institute, and in the autumn will join Brooklyn Law School as an Assistant Professor of Law. In 2014, he served as a Special Advisor on economic development strategy in New York City



We live in an increasingly urban age. While the economic centrality of cities is nothing new – the majority of humanity will soon live in cities, and cities are the economic engines of whole regions – cities are now becoming the focal point for political reform activity as well.

Philanthropic institutions like the former New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg’s foundation have focused on supporting innovation among city level policymakers. From the World Bank to the UN, international organisations have similarly turned to cities as the primary actors in responding to climate change, implementing human rights, and promoting economic development. There are plans underway for a Global Parliament of Mayors to launch next year, creating a network fostering innovation and sharing of best practices among city bureaucrats and elected officials.

For many across the political spectrum, the city offers the hope for a more pragmatic form of governance. They operate on the frontlines, working on the mundane and the transformative. As a result, cities are now celebrated as intrinsically apolitical, pragmatic and innovative. Yet in most countries cities have highly circumscribed powers, subordinate to national authorities. Furthermore, many of the pressing policy issues from climate change to inequality are national and global in scope, making them difficult to address through piecemeal, local policies. At the same time, beneath the veneer of pragmatic problem-solving, urban politics is more often driven by sharp disparities of economic, social, and political power, dividing constituencies on bases of race, ethnicity and class. In the US and globally, the turn to the city is in fact largely circumstantial, a product of gridlock and failure at the national and international level. Cities have emerged in part as policymakers of last resort – and it is not clear that the reality of city politics is up to the task.

This is not to say this moment of urban renewal is an illusion; it’s not. But the prevailing view of why we should turn our attention to the city is misleading. The city does offer a potentially transformative form of governance, but the radicalism of the city is not the result of intrinsically apolitical nature. Rather, the potential of urban governance stems from the ways in which policy-making at the city level forces us to grapple with realities of power and inequality and, in so doing, to innovate new forms of more inclusive governance.

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Though often on the trailing edge of innovation globally, a number of American cities today are tentatively charting this path. Consider participatory budgeting (PB). First developed in Porto Alegre in Brazil in the 1990s, PB emerged as part of the rise of leftist social movements, where ordinary residents were empowered to allocate the city’s budget on everything from roads to social services. In the years since PB was introduced, studies have found positive impacts in social welfare spending and outcomes, as well as participation and trust in government. The radicalism of PB lies in its attempt to convert a central governmental function that is often dominated either by technocrats or relatively non-inclusive or unresponsive decision-making into a beachhead for democratic inclusion. PB is now proliferating in a number of cities in the US, from New York City to Vallejo, California.

Other city reformers are attempting a similar transformation in the realm of local economic development planning. In the US as in many countries, urban planning has typically been a major way in which minorities and poorer residents have been excluded, losing out to wealthier residents and business interests as the redevelopment wagon transforms neighbourhoods. In some cities, however, reformers are charting a new path. In New York City, the de Blasio administration is piloting a participatory approach to public space with its Community Parks initiative, a program investing \$130 million into the most underprivileged neighborhoods. As a central part of the investment, the city, along with partner organisations specialising in community-based design, are launching a long-term community engagement effort aimed at empowering local residents to shape the redesign of public parks in some of the most underserved neighborhoods of the city. Where many expensive redevelopments have often sparked economic growth skewed to the local and global elite – think of New York City’s High Line park which despite its beauty and tourist attractiveness, also radically transformed Chelsea into a playground for condos, galleries, and restaurants catering to the wealthiest individuals – the hope is that this democratic process will promote a more equitable and

inclusive form of development which serves the residents themselves. Broader efforts are underway to scale up such community participation in the city's long-term environmental sustainability plan, PlaNYC, and in the administration's neighbourhood economic development and affordable housing initiatives.

Meanwhile in Oakland, the city has embarked on a long-term redevelopment of its army base into a foundation for industrial jobs. But where past major redevelopments of this sort have often been driven by incentives favouring employers and developers, in this initiative Oakland created a community oversight board with official sanction from City Hall. It comprised of local stakeholders to oversee the new development, ensure transparency, and make sure the developers and employers hold to "community benefits agreements" stipulating to a certain percentage of local hiring, jobs, and investments in public needs like common space or housing. A new proposed bill in Detroit is calling for mandatory community benefits agreements and public oversight similar to the Oakland model for all major development deals.

As encouraging as these developments are, they remain relatively constrained in practice. First, in most US cities adopting PB, the monies at stake are relatively small: ward-level discretionary funds of a few million dollars or less apiece. Second, cities experimenting with PB are finding that to do it well, to generate widespread participation and to facilitate this engagement towards productive and effective policy proposals requires investing in institutional capacity, in high-skilled facilitation and extensive support mechanisms. Similar limits apply to the push for participatory neighbourhood planning. Most cities have preserved more traditional, technocratic control over the highest-stake and biggest redevelopment initiatives. Where participatory methods have been attempted, they often demand a level of support and staffing that is difficult to sustain.

These short vignettes highlight the perils and promise of urban governance. Such inclusive, participatory methods are rightly seen as vital to empowering historically marginalised constituencies to have a voice on par with established interest groups from developers to investors, and bureaucrats themselves. But to fully achieve this goal, cities need to invest more heavily in building the capacity to manage and expand these processes. Indeed, democratising the

city requires more than just good-faith policymakers consulting the public. It needs community organisers and civil society organisations that can mobilise, educate, empower, and activate more diverse constituencies to plug in to advocacy and policy-making processes. It needs individuals with skills in coalition building as well as policy design, in community engagement, and in spreading ideas whether through art, design, or the conventional white paper. Within City Hall, the democratic city needs more than policy experts; it needs dynamic and creative capacity for facilitating stakeholder engagement, meeting these constituencies halfway. It also needs the capacity to facilitate strategy, creativity, and impact within city government, knitting together the vast spread of city agencies and actors so that urban governance can have maximum social and economic impact.

A growing number of American cities are already attempting to reshape their internal structures to better foster innovation and creativity, from more dynamic procurement systems that encourage entrepreneurial innovation in responding to city requests, to centralised technology offices to improve policymakers' access to and use of data and technology. This same spirit needs to be extended to the equally challenging and transformative work of stakeholder and community engagement and inclusion.

Yes, cities do need financial resources and policy experts. But we also need to deepen the civic capacity of the city more broadly. This means investing in and committing to the ecosystem of distributed democratic decision-making, from community organisers to policymakers to facilitators to designers. This is a new front line for the world's fight in the city. 🐼



Guns and What?



African Contemporary Art on the Rise

Julie Taylor (Zimbabwe and St Antony's 2003) read for degrees in Anthropology and Development Studies. After heading Google's communications for Sub-Saharan Africa for five years, she founded Guns & Rain, an online contemporary fine-art business

People often ask why on earth my new business is called Guns & Rain. Any decent anthropology student worth their salt should know the answer to that. It's the title of a book by David Lan, the South African-born anthropologist and playwright, now Artistic Director of London's Young Vic Theatre, who wrote about guerrillas and spirit mediums in Zimbabwe's independence struggle. His analysis speaks about nature, culture, identity, land, and other important themes that find their way into contemporary African art.

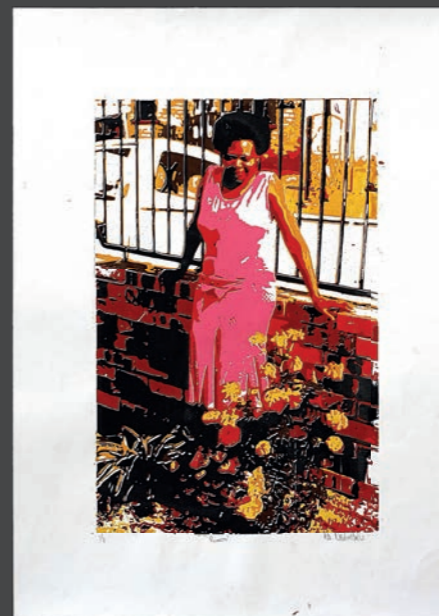
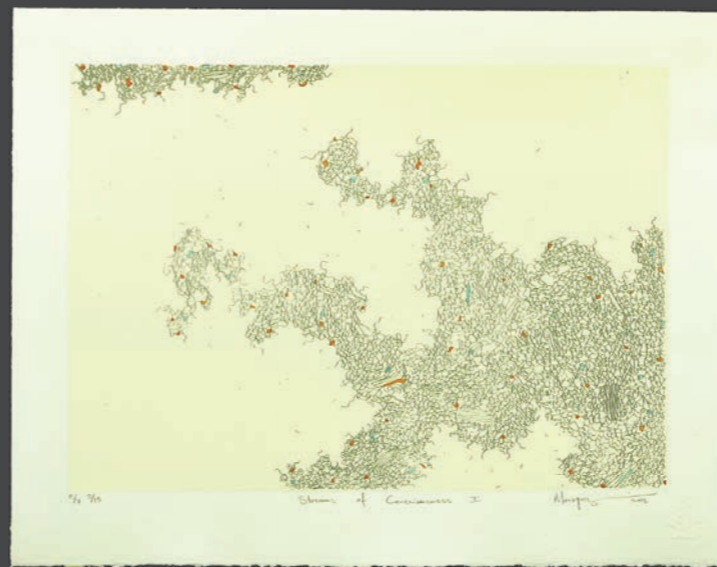
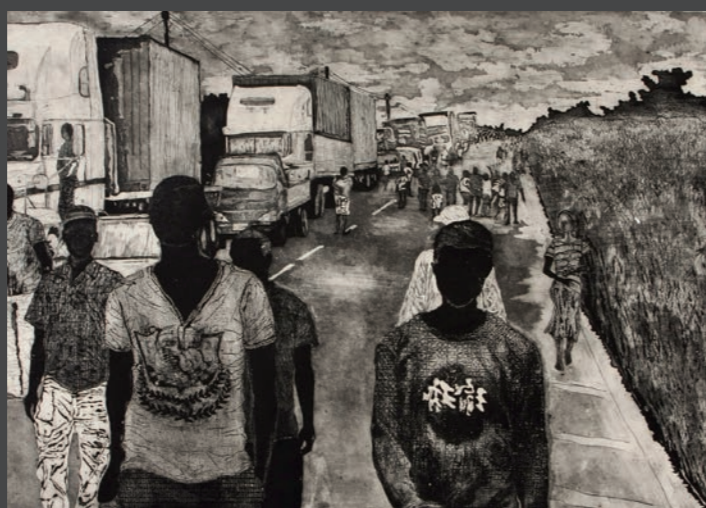
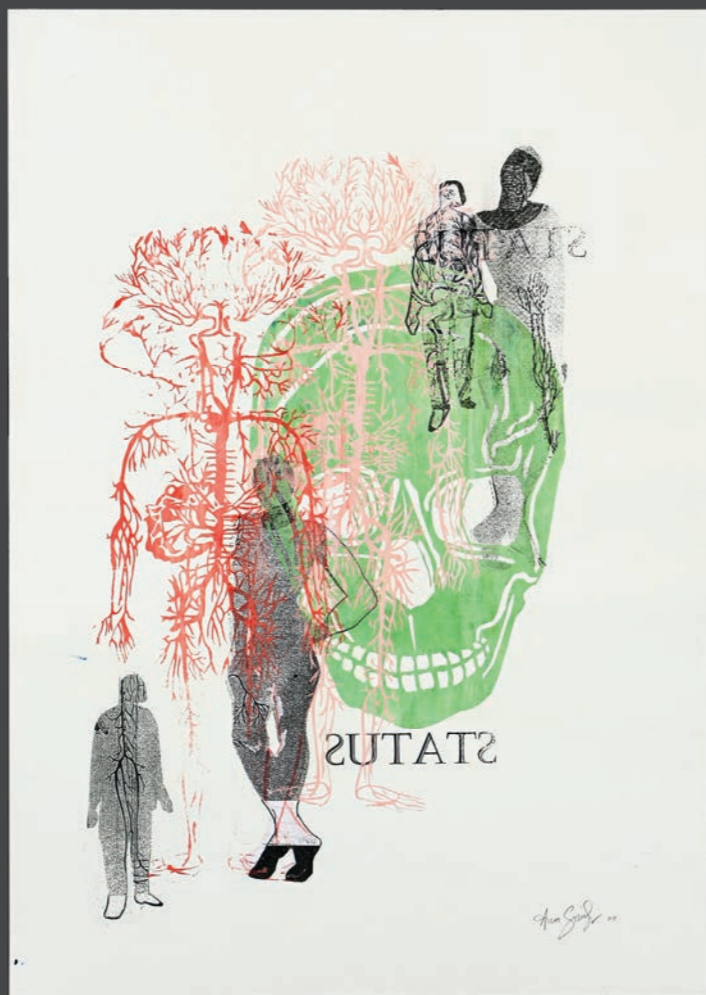
Above: Richard Witiakani (Zimbabwe), *Mwurwi I*

Guns & Rain curates contemporary fine art from southern Africa, all online. Most of the artists are young; some are already established. Buyers can order their art from the site and have it delivered anywhere in the world. The seed was sown when I made a visit home to Zimbabwe in 2008: it was a dark year, politically and economically. I learned that some artists were not eating for days at a time. On a whim, and with a gallerist's permission, I decided to post some images of artworks on a blog site. Overnight, three works sold to international buyers. I realised then that the internet could potentially change artists' lives.

In 'the West', Afro-pessimist narratives about conflict, disease, famine and corruption have dominated for years. But Africa is now to a significant degree in the process of being rebranded the world's "fastest rising continent", based on the impressive economic growth of a good number of its 54 countries. There is increasing international interest in Africa's economic resources and business opportunities, and contemporary art is no exception to this trend.

Art-buying interest from within Africa is being led by Nigerian and South African collectors, whilst renowned British and American museums and auction houses such as MOMA, Tate Modern and Bonhams have all started to showcase African talent. This year will see the debut of the first contemporary art and design fair in Paris to be dedicated to African contemporary art, whilst the 2015 Venice Biennale will be directed for the first time by an African-born director, Okwui Enwezor.

There's also another trend at play: thanks to the robust global demand for digital channels, especially among those under 40 years of age, art is moving online in a big way. This has led to a host of new channels to explore, 'test-drive' and buy



fine art. Art is now far more accessible than it used to be – not always in terms of price but certainly in terms of access to educational and market information.

While African contemporary art is now firmly trendy, African artists are still significantly under-represented on the global scene despite their accomplishments, and this is something that I seek to change with Guns & Rain. Such under-representation also means that while the quality of artists' work is often very high, it is more affordable than similar works sold in Europe or North America. A number of curators hope to see more maturity in the way the international art community views art from Africa: they would like to see some artists making, as peers, a transition from the "African contemporary art" niche into the mainstream "contemporary art" market, in terms of quality, content and price.

Does it matter whether an artist is from a particular country or continent? In many cases an artist's origin may not seem important in relation to the quality of the work they produce, and artists mostly don't want to be categorised. We also need to question the assumption that African artistic practice has roots in the West. African art may introduce us to a new and different aesthetic, as well as different social and political subject matter.

The internet provides a huge opportunity for African contemporary art. While the web will not supplant the entrenched mores of the art market, finding and buying art is no longer as tricky or as intimidating as it used to be. African contemporary art is increasingly accessible. I'm greatly looking forward to watching these developments play out into the future and seeing African artists rise in prominence. 🐦

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Top left: Ann Gollifer (Botswana), *Status II*
 Bottom left: Mario Soares (Mozambique), *Hello Mozambique*
 Top middle: Mongezi Ncaphayi (South Africa), *Streams of Consciousness II*
 Bottom middle: Papa Shikongeni (Namibia), *Love Me*

Top right: Robyn Penn (South Africa), *Surface II*
 Middle right: Mashudu Nevhutalu (South Africa), *Roses*
 Bottom right: Bevan de Wet (South Africa), *Self-Portrait as Bird*

Oxford Remembered

Duet amongst the Dreaming Spires

Jacquelyn Bengfort (North Dakota & Wolfson 2006) reflects on the experience of arriving in Oxford as a married Rhodes Scholar

Marrying within months of graduating is a time-honored and often ill-advised tradition at the US Naval Academy, where I completed my undergraduate degree. But military life is laced with black humour and my classmates traded statistics about divorce as jokes-cum-talismans that would protect our fledgling partnerships.

Still, in part because college-educated young adults tend to marry ever later, doing so at 22 can seem retrograde or revolutionary – anything but unremarkable – though I’m certain that in the span of human history, marrying in your third decade of life is mostly anomalous in that it seems awfully late. Then again, life is longer than it used to be.

Arriving at Oxford as a married Rhodes Scholar marked me as atypical, at least. Married Scholars are recent in our history: only since 1994 have first year Scholars been allowed to be married (second year Scholars gained that right some three decades earlier). Of course, women have only been accepted since 1977. These changes to the Scholarship’s demographics were not something I spent much time pondering then, though, having just

spent four years as a “female midshipman” and having come to find the fun in outsider status. (This also helps explain my BS degree in English, despite a strong affinity for math: choosing Shakespeare constituted rebellion.) And so, my memories of Oxford are punctuated with something different – the challenge of adjusting to being with someone else almost all the time. And becoming someone else. Marriage is about

commitment. So, to my own surprise, I changed my name, defying the god of those aforementioned statistics with my nomenclical derring-do. And then, for good measure, we bought a dog.

My husband forwent Bon Voyage Weekend in Washington, DC, to precede me to Oxford and begin setting up house. Rhodes House welcomed him and put him in touch with the other American man married to a Rhodes Scholar – an essential friendship that made us feel less like oddities. We lived out, taking over a townhouse sight unseen from its previous occupants, a US Army officer and his wife and dog and, eventually, baby. We waited, patiently and then impatiently, for the military housing stipend that would allow us to swing the rent. We took a second honeymoon in Paris, eating at a très chic McDonalds when our money ran out, because the



Our dog, Winston, during our last walk around Oxford in mid-2008



My husband Ben and I on the day I matriculated in 2006

housing stipend took months to come in. We joined the Wolfson College Bar Rota and pulled sticky pints together, inevitably fighting about now-forgotten things on the dark walk home through residential Oxford.

These memories bear little similarity to those I heard from friends during a recent reunion I hosted at our DC rowhouse, one that we bought in part because it reminded us of our old place on Oxford’s Leckford Road. My fellow Scholars have tales of the, let’s call them eccentric, living conditions in their colleges. They talk of romantic entanglements of which I was completely unaware; of late nights spent dancing; of excursions to far-flung corners of the world during breaks; of tea in common rooms and meals in hall. I was only rarely at Wolfson, and of romantic entanglements I had only the permanent one I had imported. My husband and I spent mornings walking the dog on Port Meadow and ate far too many English breakfasts at the Jericho Cafe. We travelled a bit, mostly within Europe. There was never any question who would accompany me to the Ball. Simply put, we lived a different sort of Oxford life.

Oxford gave my husband and I time to learn how to be together before we had to return to the United States and learn to be apart over years of deployments

It’s impossible to say what would have happened to us had I gone straight from commissioning day to the sea, as the Navy would have preferred. Oxford is often cited by Scholars as a space-giver: a place whose pace allows them, for the first time in years of striving, both an intellectual challenge and breathing room to appreciate it. Oxford gave my husband and I time to learn how to be together before we had to return to the United States and learn to be apart over years of deployments.

We got the chance to practice being stable in a city where few stay put. We became a place friends could come on Sunday for a home-cooked meal, or for a few weeks over summer break while working out second-year housing.

Almost nine years and almost two children (and still the same crotchety dog) later, I remain as grateful to the Rhodes Scholarship and to Oxford for what they gave me personally as what they gave me academically. And really, the latter half of that statement is something I have in common with most Scholars I know, married or not. 🐶

Rhodes Retreats

As part of the new Service & Leadership development programme for current Scholars at Rhodes House, there are two annual retreats. The retreat for first year Scholars considers concepts connected to service and the many types of leadership. The second year retreat considers building a life of purpose, meaning and balance

Michael Lamb (Tennessee & Trinity 2004) is currently the McDonald-Templeton Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of Oxford, and was one of the facilitators for the retreats

Eight years out of Oxford, I didn't know what to expect on my return, but I could not have imagined a more lively and welcoming community at Rhodes House. I have been especially grateful to take part in the Service & Leadership development programme – three days of deep and searching conversations about the meaning of service, the character of leadership, and the practices needed to live a good life. Reading poems, sharing personal stories, and hearing the diverse perspectives of other Scholars has not only challenged me to continue wrestling with big questions, but has also reminded me of why the Rhodes community is so special.

Hamish Tomlinson (New Zealand & Keble 2014) attended the first year retreat. He is reading for a DPhil in Engineering Science

The leadership retreat was a fantastic way to engage with fellow Scholars and explore the ideas of ethical leadership and impactful service. We began the retreat by defining leadership, quickly dispelling the myth that leadership is embodied in heroic figures, a stereotype to which very few of us could relate. We shared anecdotes of both good and bad leadership, and discussed famous examples including Cecil Rhodes, Nelson Mandela and Steve Jobs. We then dug deeper, exploring human nature, liberty, justice and inequality, seemingly swallowing the Oxford PPE curriculum in the process. At the end of the retreat, we tied everything back to our future careers, and discussed ways to lead a life of impact. I enjoyed the retreat and learnt a lot from the diverse experiences of Scholars from different academic backgrounds and constituencies.

Eleanor Gardner (Hertford & Bermuda 2013) attended the second year retreat. She is reading for a Masters of Public Policy

Any person on the street would probably imagine a meeting of Rhodes Scholars taking place in an old ornate Oxford room with people in suits and robes seated formally around a sturdy wooden table. They would likely not envision a sprawling group of Scholars on yoga mats in deep discussion in the upstairs hallway of Rhodes House. Yet this scene was precisely one of the highlights for me from the second year Rhodes Retreat in March. With groups crammed into every room of Rhodes House, we were all gathered together from our departments and colleges across Oxford.

The retreat brought us together with new faces, with structure and purpose to explore the idea of *Building a Good Life* with each other. What I found truly remarkable was how the retreat inspired people to want to share their personal stories, past struggles, and future dreams. Within one of my group sessions, a number of Scholars commented on how our time at Oxford often feels like a life away from our 'real' lives: the places we come from, the people we know and relate to, where we want to go, and what we want to accomplish after Oxford. We had long conversations about home and how new relationships form with the places that we call home through separation from

them. We discussed how each of us has searched for purpose and direction, guided by our passions, and we redefined the divisions between vocation and avocation for ourselves.

One of my most powerful takeaways from the retreat was from analysing the initial perspective through which we voluntarily approached a discussion of *Building a Good Life* and how this evolved during our discussions. At the beginning of the weekend, we interpreted the prompt, *building*, as a forward-looking verb of future action. However, through the sharing of our stories, we realised the importance of reflecting on how the opportunities and experiences that we currently have and those that we hope for in the future are defined by the building that we have already undertaken.

I believe that *Building a Good Life* is about constantly striving towards a better understanding of ourselves and the people around us, harnessing our agency to achieve diverse and balanced goals, investing in meaningful relationships with people and places, old and new, and appreciating the identities that we possess at different points in time, past, present, and future. Ultimately, a *Life of Purpose, Meaning, and Balance* does not come from a singular *Good Life*, but from the never-ending dedication to and appreciation of the process of *Building*, which is life. 🙌



A Cane Do Attitude

Rohan Paul (India & St Catherine's 2008) did his DPhil with the Oxford Mobile Robotics Group. He has co-invented mobility devices for visually impaired persons and steers an industry-academia-NGO alliance to bring these products to market. SmartCane for the Visually Challenged: an affordable innovation for safe independent mobility

Almost a decade ago, I was an engineering undergraduate student at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi. Searching for an interesting project, I had an opportunity to visit the National Association for the Blind (NAB) along with my fellow batch mates and met Mr Dipendra Manocha heading the Technology Training division at NAB. We asked if there were any problems for which a technology solution could be developed. Mr Manocha said, "Yes, independent mobility is a day-to-day problem for every visually challenged person. We use the white cane to tap and detect nearby obstacles on the ground, but not the ones that are above the knee level. We frequently collide with obstacles like signboards, railings, overhanging branches and sides of vehicles causing upper body or face injuries, causing fear and anxiety preventing many people from even stepping out of the house." Confronted by this reality, we pledged to work for a solution.

The idea was to develop a detachable handle-shaped unit that fits on the top fold of the white cane.



Directional ultrasound-based ranging would detect obstacles (from the knee to head height) up to an increased range of 3m from the user with the distance information conveyed through distinct vibratory patterns that vary with the proximity of the obstacle in front. Early prototypes were built to explore this concept. Users became aware of obstacles through varying vibration signatures before coming in contact and used these to determine a safe obstacle-free path.

Continual user feedback and inputs led to several design improvements. An ergonomic grip was developed to accommodate highly varied holding styles as well as a mechanism to adjust the sensor directivity. The sensor electronics was developed to detect an obstacle

as thin as 3cm at a distance of 3m. The overall size was reduced for carrying in a purse or a pocket. The in-built batteries could be charged like a cell phone and the unit could be detached from the cane in case of cane-breakage during use. The device could now be used safely for several days and more users came forward to try it out. At the end of one such training session, a parent came up to us and asked, "When will the SmartCane become a product so that my child could use this for mobility?"

Developing a usable, effective product meeting quality standards needed large scale user studies, industrial R&D, addressing manufacturing challenges as well as validation trials. IIT Delhi joined hands with Phoenix Medical System



(a biomedical device company) and Saksham Trust (a welfare organisation for the blind) supported by the Wellcome Trust, UK (through generous funding) to carry out the research needed to transcend the translational gap. The painstaking and meticulous R&D work gradually evolved a basic prototype into a usable and quality-tested product. Close to 200 users in six cities in India participated in the final stage validation trials that demonstrated a drastic 90% reduction in upper body collision and 2.5 times increase in the average distance of detection. Users reported effectiveness in everyday scenarios like reaching their school, traversing a footpath, going to the market, usage at a railway station, avoiding obstacles indoor etc. The ability to navigate in an environment without touching or colliding was particularly beneficial: avoiding collisions with people, following a person in a queue without touching the person in front from behind, or gracefully avoiding bumping into a pole or wall.

Following the successful validation of the technology, the device was "Released to the People" in early 2014 and is accompanied with extensive self-learning

resources in audio and Braille formats. The device costs USD 50 in India (which is 1/20th the price of similar international products, priced at USD 1,000 - 1,300) making it the first cost-effective electronic mobility aid accessible in the developing world that constitutes 90% of the visually challenged population.

Today, the SmartCane device is increasingly reaching the end-user nationally in India through a network of 40 plus organisations serving the visually challenged in diverse parts of India. The technology has been incorporated into the apex scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Government of India) for providing subsidised devices to those with very limited means. A fundraising programme has been launched with philanthropic and CSR support to subsidise for those with high mobility needs for education and work; students and young professionals with special focus on women. Presently, close to 10,000 SmartCanes have been disseminated in India and the program has expanded to Thailand, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, Japan and Ghana through partner organisations. The insights from the development experience led to the setting up of the Assistive Technologies Laboratory at IIT Delhi with the mission to serve unmet needs for affordable assistive devices in areas of mobility, education, employment and independence for persons with special needs. Some of the technologies on the horizon are: tactile graphics, digital Braille

reading and tutoring devices, screen reading software and public transport access technologies.

The most inspiring aspect of this work has been the opportunity to work closely with our end-users and organisations working tirelessly for their empowerment. This experience revealed to us the wider dimensions of visual impairment that include poverty, stigma, gender and exclusion, and the role that technology can play in overcoming barriers and facilitating inclusion. As engineers, we learnt the importance of co-creating the product with end-users and the critical role of the scientific process and rigorous validation before scale-up. This endeavour was made possible by a passionate team and partner organisations that came together, spanning industry-academia and the non-profit sectors to make this product a reality. We realised that the development of a usable and validated technology starting from a small idea is a complex process and needs tremendous perseverance, focus and ingenuity to take to fruition.

To end, we hope this endeavour is a humble tribute to the Mahatma who said that, "A nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members".

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Insight into... the Rhodes LGBTQ community

We asked six Rhodes Scholars to tell us a little about their experience of the Rhodes LGBTQ community. What can history teach us and what does the future hold? What is it like to be in one of the first equal marriages in Canada or to bring the first same-sex partner to a Rhodes Ball? Should it be LGBT or LGBTQIA? Read on...

Alain Locke Remembered

Jasmine Waddell (Rhode Island & St Antony's 2000) read for her DPhil in Comparative Social Policy whilst at Oxford and is now Resident Dean of Freshmen, Elm Yard at Harvard

I came out over 20 years ago and gravitated towards civil rights champions like Bayard Rustin and Audre Lorde. After graduating from Brown, I felt that I was not living up to my fullest potential, so I chose to pursue the Rhodes Scholarship because it resonated with my deep-seated values of leadership and service. To me and to my fellow black and gay Rhodes Scholars, Alain Locke (Pennsylvania & Hertford 1907) represents a model for how to live out these values and I was proud to speak at his internment ceremony.



Locke confronted the same barriers over 100 years ago and emerged as the leader Rhodes envisioned – fighting OUR world's fight. One of the ways that he did this was by developing links among the various communities that he touched. For instance,

multiculturalism served as a theoretical bridge; patronage of African art served as a cultural bridge and cosmopolitanism served as a social bridge. He built bridges to stay whole. As an Africanist scholar, Locke embodies the African principle of Ubuntu. This philosophy was defined by Rev Desmond Tutu as the idea that you are human through others' humanity. Locke lived this

ethic and now we are left with his humanity and the charge to continue building bridges for the Rhodes community to remain whole.



They shall go to the Ball...

In 1990, John Crandon (Kansas & Hertford 1989) attended the annual Rhodes Ball. He is believed to be the first Rhodes Scholar to attend an official Rhodes House function with a same sex partner

“We didn't know what to expect as we headed to Rhodes House in matching bow ties, cummerbunds, and corsages,” said John. “In 1990, there were few LGBT Rhodes Scholars, and openly taking a same sex partner to a formal Rhodes House function had apparently never been done. But, as the doors opened, we received a warm welcome from the Warden and many other Scholars.” Crandon noted that among the attendees at that year's event was his fellow Hertford College classmate Doug Hallward-Driemeier (Missouri & Hertford 1989), who recently argued the case for marriage equality in the US Supreme Court in Obergefell v. Hodges.

The Canadian campaign for Equal Marriage

Brian Rolfes (Prairies & Wadham 1989) has an academic background in law and human rights, and today is McKinsey & Company's partner in charge of global recruiting. He is also one of the founders of GLAM (the GLBT affinity group at McKinsey) and one of the firm's diversity champions



What was your involvement in the campaign for equal marriage in Canada?

I spent several years on the board of our local church here in Toronto, which is part of the international denomination “Metropolitan Community Church”. Our church was one of the successful litigants in the case that saw equal marriage ushered into Canada by the Ontario Court of Appeal on June 10, 2003. As lawyers, both my partner Brad and I were particularly interested and involved.

When in 2003 the Ontario Court of Appeal backdated the legal recognition of our church's test case marriages (which had occurred three years earlier), the Court created the world's first fully legal same sex marriages, pre-dating some of the progressive legislation in Europe that had transpired. After the court decision was handed down, same sex marriage was immediately possible in the province, but there was a threat that the government would appeal and all could ultimately be lost. Brad and I knew we had a window where equal marriage was definitely legal and we had to act. So we got married 3 days later, on June 13. Those first early marriages made international news, and our wedding was part of a front page article in the New York Times. This prompted several friends – including a number of NYT-reading American Rhodes Scholars – to quickly get in touch demanding to know why they hadn't received an invitation... My only excuse: legal necessity made it all a bit rushed!

The right to equal marriage is hugely important. It is of course personally important for the couple themselves: a public declaration of lifetime commitment, the essence of what marriage itself has been for centuries. In addition, being a gay couple who legally marries can be transformative for that couples' relatives and friends: both Brad and I had conservative relatives who suddenly looked at us – and our relationship – for what it was: a loving, committed relationship for life, fully recognised by society.

What changes still need to happen?

If you look back over hundreds of years, it seems that these last 20-30 years have been the most dramatic in terms of change, at least in most of the Western world. When Brad and I first met almost 22 years ago, we never dreamed that we would enjoy the right to be legally married. When we did finally marry, for the first few years we were truly seen as something novel, if not actually revolutionary. But the fight for LGBT equality continues in other forms and other places: in challenges still faced by the trans-communities in Canada, or internationally at very basic levels of state-sanctioned discrimination and intolerance. But things are changing: last year I conducted a diversity workshop for the McKinsey Mexico office that was truly inclusive and inspiring. Last month, I recently spoke in Sydney for the student and young professional LGBT group ‘Out for Australia’ (where the fight for equal marriage still continues). And next month, I'll present at an LGBT business conference in Brazil. In this way, I hope that I'm helping to ‘fight the world's fight’.

Your role as Secretary for the Ontario Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee puts you in contact with today's generation of young leaders. Are they more comfortable in their own skin than you were when you came up to Oxford?

In terms of LGBT identity, that is absolutely the case. Millennials have grown up in a setting which is much more open and accepting of difference... and that can be self-empowering. The internet and – in particular, social media – allows individuals to see difference, connect with others “like you”, and identify role models. I always counsel young people who are embarking on their professional lives to be authentic to themselves. For LGBT youth, I'd say that you are doing yourself a disservice by not presenting the “whole you” to potential employers. Organisations which don't recognise that talent comes in all shapes and sizes, genders and orientations aren't worthy of your effort, and they will be on the losing side of history.

Today in Oxford

Braden O'Neill (Alberta & University 2011) read for a DPhil in Primary Health Care, and led the Rhodes LGBTQ group last year

When asked to write a short piece on LGBTQ life in the Rhodes community, I thought immediately of an email conversation I had with John Wofford (New York & Balliol 1957). His article “On Being a Gay Rhodes Scholar”, published in the autumn 1994 edition of the *American Oxonian*, is a must-read, not just for “gay Rhodes Scholars,” but for everyone who has come to Oxford from somewhere else and has searched for ways to reconcile their background with their Oxford experience. He reported that “1994 was dramatically different for many LGBT people... different from today, and different from 1957, my era.” As LGBTQ Scholars recently gone down from Oxford, we can report that 2015 really is another era still, and that the Rhodes LGBTQ community today is a strong, diverse, enthusiastic group

supported by Rhodes House. One of the highlights of Rhodes LGBTQ life in the past few years for Scholars in residence was hosting an alumni reception during the 110th Anniversary of the Rhodes Scholarships in September 2013. That evening, the Scholars’ common room was filled to capacity with LGBTQ Scholars from the last half century and current Scholars could talk about life in Oxford as well as thanking previous generations for their contributions to the way it is now.

Today, there is a cohesive and collegial group of LGBTQ Scholars who meet at least several times per term in formal and informal settings. There are discussions about LGBTQ politics and human rights, movie nights, and the group attends talks and theatre productions in Oxford throughout the year. We hope to strengthen the network of LGBTQ alumni who have gone down from Oxford and to build a cohesive worldwide network of LGBTQ Rhodes Scholars.

A Walk Down Rainbow Road

Rachel Paterson (Western Australia & St Edmund Hall 2012) is a current Scholar, studying for her DPhil in Infection, Immunology and Translational Medicine

When I was a kid, my favourite colour was “rainbow coloured”. I didn’t want just one of the colours: I wanted all of them. I also loved Cheer Bear, the pink Care Bear with a rainbow on its tummy. Perhaps fittingly, I soon realised that I’m part of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex, asexual (LGBTQIA) rainbow. Despite this, until I came to Oxford I was quite sheltered from the diversity that exists within the rainbow and the seriousness of the challenges faced.

As a teenager grappling with the daunting task of coming out, my thoughts were completely self-centred. I was consumed by worry; worry about how to tell my parents, worry about losing my friends, and worry that I would never be happy. After receiving the Rhodes, I was discussing with my therapist my nervousness about taking my partner to the official University “send off” event. My therapist advised me that I should “consider hiding that part of my life”, for my own good of course.

Thankfully, I didn’t take her advice and there was only one awkward “is this your sister?” moment.

I realise now that although these experiences were significant for me, many of the “rainbowers” I have met in Oxford have faced, and continue to face, much bigger challenges. Homosexuality is still criminalised in nearly 80 countries, including 11 countries from which Rhodes Scholars are elected. So, instead of worrying about coming out, LGBTQIA people from these countries are worried about being fired, arrested, or worse.

I was encouraged to find out that Oxford now allows for the wearing of subfusc of either gender, so individuals can feel comfortable in their clothes on stressful exam day. Progress such as this is in part due to the fight for equality from the LGBTQIA community itself, but it is also critically dependent on supportive allies. There is a lot of progress that can be achieved by collectively putting into action small changes in our daily lives that will have a ripple effect throughout our communities. After all, it is not only children who can learn from my beloved Care Bears’ message: when you care enough about someone, you don’t give up!

A Conversation about Change

Dr E. Scott Pretorius (North Carolina & University 1989) is a radiologist and author of “Radiology Secrets”. He is co-owner of USTeleradiology, which provides off-site interpretation of radiologic studies performed at hospitals and imaging centres throughout the United States

How would you describe the current attitude towards the LGBTQ community in the States?

It’s astonishing how quickly the legal situation has changed for gay people in America and most of the West. I never thought I would see gay marriage in my lifetime. It’s no longer socially acceptable to hate gay people, so even if a person harbours negative feelings toward LGBTQ persons, that hatred tends to go unvoiced.

What have been some of your best and worst experiences?

The worst experience was the 1999 assault of my then partner, author Robert Drake, in Ireland, in an act of anti-gay violence. He remains profoundly brain-injured as a result of that attack.

The best was probably the response of my friends to that attack. When this awful thing happened, it became rapidly clear who my truest friends were. Many of them donated time and money toward Robert’s care. My brother, however, told me I had shamed our family by being in such an abominable relationship; he and I didn’t speak for the last 15 years of his life.

You have two twins, what prompted the decision to start a family?

I have always wanted a family. When I was a kid, the part of being gay that troubled me the most was the knowledge that I wouldn’t have kids. My son and daughter were created by egg donation and surrogacy, and I feel very fortunate to live in a time when this is possible. There are other children in my kids’ preschool with gay parents, so it’s really a non-issue here. What I find most remarkable is how very much my family is like the straight families of my kids’ friends. My 3 year-old twins do not know that I am gay, they just know that their Daddy really, really loves them.



What are your thoughts on other parts of the world?

Even as great progress has been made in the western democracies, unfortunately there has been a real backlash against gay people in many other parts of the world. India re-criminalised homosexuality in 2013. Gay people are a favourite scapegoat of Vladimir Putin. The Islamic State is throwing gay people off buildings. American evangelicals finance anti-gay hatred throughout their churches in Africa.

I think the geographic area in which we will see the greatest progress occur is in developed Asia and in Southeast Asia. I think Japan will eventually legalise gay marriage. Thailand has a long history of acceptance of gay people. Vietnam’s legislature actually debated a gay marriage bill in 2013. It didn’t pass, but there has been remarkable progress in that country.

What would you say to those in the LGBTQ community currently experiencing persecution?

Well, if that person lives in the developed western world, I’d say that you have to live your own life. Eleanor Roosevelt once said that “No one can make you feel inferior without your consent”. Some people won’t like you, and you have to be strong enough to get through that. If you live in one of the approximately 80 nation-states that still criminalises homosexuality, I’d say “be careful”. Political change is possible, but you have to choose your opportunities to affect change wisely.

Oars of Victory

It was a day when both gender equality and the dark blues triumphed



Katie Chan

The Boat Race this year was the first time that the women's boat race was staged on the same day and over the same stretch of water as the men's race. Oxford won the men's and the women's races convincingly, with both boats being 6 1/2 lengths clear of their Cambridge competitors. Both Oxford reserve boats won too, making it a clean sweep!

Top Research Results

According to the recently published Research Excellence Framework (REF) results, Oxford has been rated number one in the UK for the quality of its research

This is a peer-review process to assess the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. Oxford's submission comprised 8,414 research outputs from 2,409 members of staff across 31 subjects. 48% of their research and impact was rated 4*, which means it has the largest volume of world-leading (4*) research in the UK.

Majestic Medicine

The University of Oxford's Medical Sciences Division has again been ranked number one in the world for the fourth time by the Times Higher Education World Rankings (THE) for clinical, pre-clinical and health sciences. It is the only non-North American institution to be top-ranked by THE in any subject discipline.

News from The Mandela Rhodes Foundation

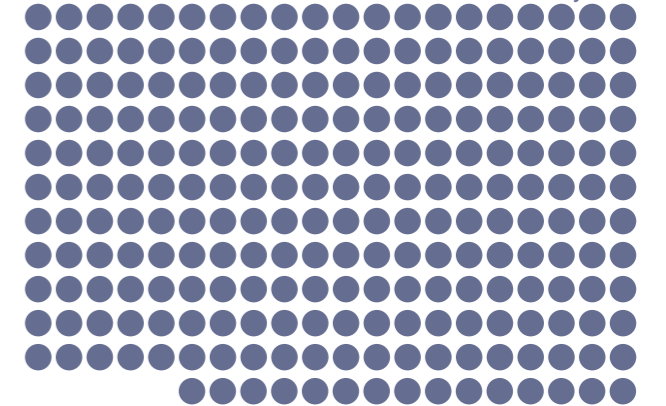
Highlights from 2014

There were a record number of Mandela Rhodes Scholars in residence and they attended some terrific leadership Workshops. Mandela Rhodes Scholars from earlier years have taken up positions within the Foundation so there are Scholars from the first four Classes (2005-2008) playing vital roles in the development and growth of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation. There has also been a move to two Selection Committees. At the Mandela Rhodes Building, flags have been unveiled representing all the countries from which Mandela Rhodes Scholars have been drawn.

The First Ten Years

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Mandela Rhodes Scholars elected in first ten years



Studied at 19 different institutions



Drawn from 17 different African countries



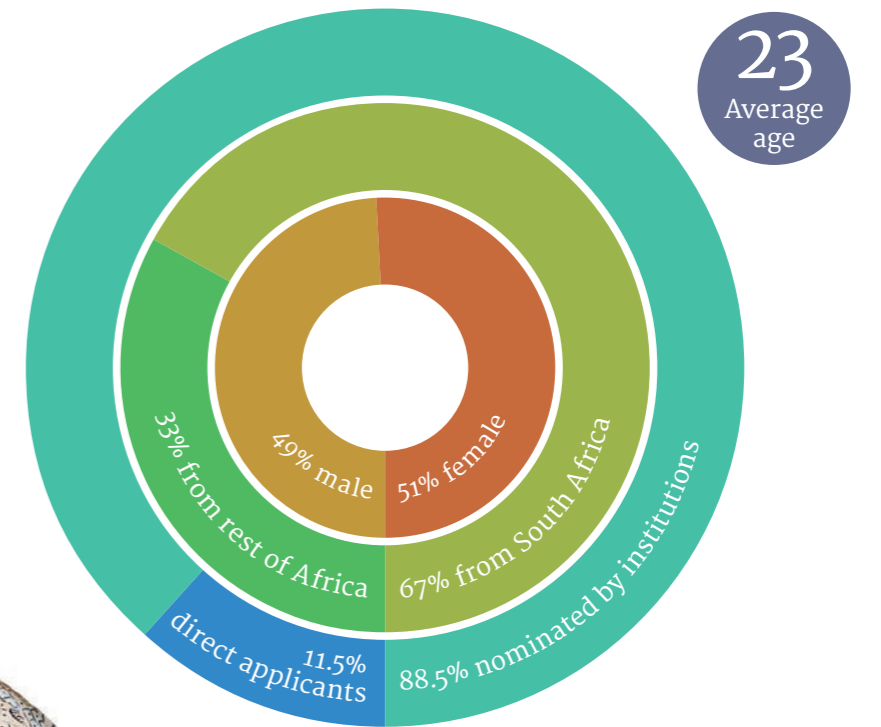
12 Mandela Rhodes Scholars have gone on to become Rhodes Scholars



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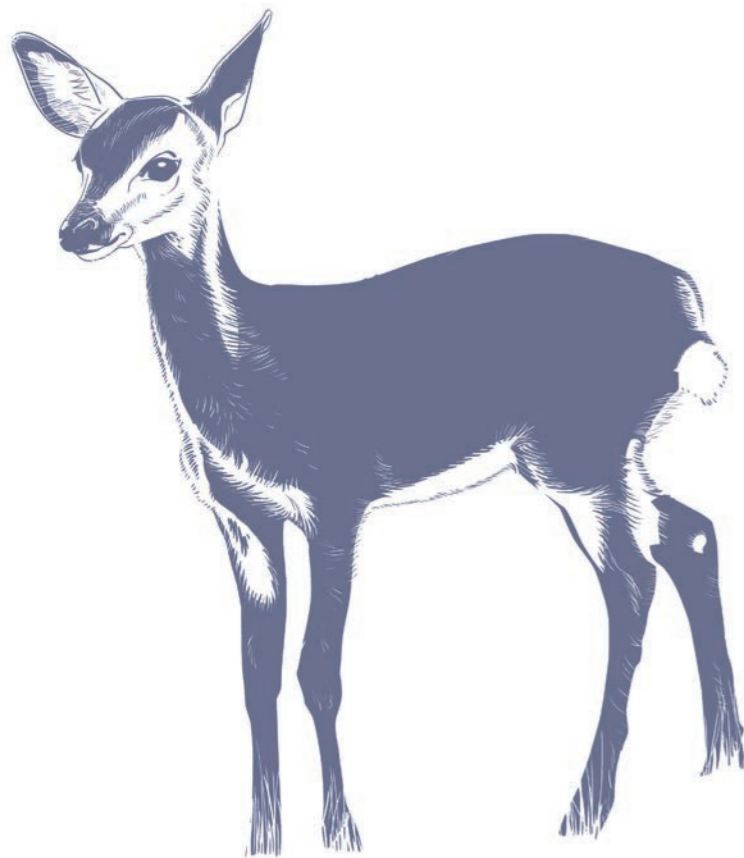
A Building for Governance

The new Masters of Public Policy course is proving popular amongst Rhodes Scholars and whilst the Blavatnik School of Government opened in 2012, the new building is set to be completed in September 2015. It has been designed to promote open discussion, interaction and collaboration and it includes several new lecture theatres and an open central forum.



The First Ten Years

Unexpected Oxford



Dear Deer

Paul Manning (Maritimes & Magdalen 2013) is reading for his DPhil in Zoology

Birders often tell the best stories. If you happen across a friendly person staring into a tree, or a meadow with a pair of binoculars, asking a few open-ended questions about birds will often yield to a fascinating conversation. Running through Addison's Walk, I noticed three women intensely staring into the deer park with binoculars, and a heavy duty telescope. I nodded a quick hello, did a loop through University Parks only to find the women in the same place upon return. I succumbed to my curiosity, and asked what sort of bird had turned up. To my surprise, the women weren't looking at birds at all, but rather a fallow deer named Anna.

After having found the tiny days-old fawn next to her dead mum at the side of the motorway in 2014, zoologist Sasha Norris (herself an Oxford alum), fed the deer until she grew healthy and strong. Anna's rehabilitation was helped along by the companionship of a Hebridean ewe named 'Elsa'. In early January 2015, Anna was released into the Magdalen deer park, and is settling in quite comfortably with the rest of the herd. She's a little darker, and more finely boned than the others, and you can easily pick her out while rambling along Addison's Walk. If you find yourself there, do say a quick "Hello" to Anna, and if you spot any birders why not strike up a conversation? You could be in for a delightful story.

Only in the Oxford Bubble

Adam Mastroianni (Ohio & St Cross 2014) is reading for his MPhil in Evidence-Based Social Intervention

Since arriving here in October, I have seen a unicyclist in cutoff jeans, undergraduates painted up like clowns and chanting, a man not so much streaking down High Street as running naked with no destination in mind, an inexplicably angry Eastern European man with a very large stuffed bear who threatened me outside of a nice men's clothing store, a gaggle of women wielding a selfie stick in front of a stained glass window at a church that some enterprising people re-purposed into a club, a man in a bunny suit riding a stationary bicycle attached to a mechanism that sprays bubbles into the air, a man in a fish suit casually reading a romance novel in a lawn chair and a man in a devil costume hollering at people to come to an improv show...okay, fair enough, that last one was me.



An Unexpected Present

Aravind Ganesh (Prairies & St John's 2014) is reading for his DPhil in Clinical Neurosciences

When I came up to Oxford six months ago, I quickly fell in love with the city, especially with being able to bike to and from work every day – something I couldn't imagine back home in Canada. Then a hit-and-run incident while biking home in early February left me sprawled on my back with (fortunately just) an unstable knee, and newly dubious of the intrinsic goodness of people and the purported eliteness of Oxford. Two months on crutches made me doubly admire my fellow-Scholars who have thrived in this poorly accessible city despite their disabilities. But what I really hadn't bargained for were

my new true friends in the Rhodes community. Our community is renowned for its talented talkers, but I've had a chance to discover the real doers. People who had known me for just a couple of months but went out of their way to visit me, help me with groceries, check in on me after my surgery, or – knowing my baseline culinary ineptitude – surprise me with food so I would have one less meal to fret about. No Blues to be won or Firsts to brag about, just good old-fashioned friendship, which they have earned for life. And that, while unexpected, has been the most beautiful gift.

Rhodes Scholars in Research

In the first edition of the magazine, we looked at a Scholar involved in computational genetic research. Now the spotlight falls on the humanities sphere... **Hugh Gaston Hall** (Mississippi & St John's 1953) is Professor Emeritus at the University of Warwick



Before leaving Oxford, I married Gillian Lund, the girl reading English at St Anne's who, on the afternoon of my arrival from the old 'Queen Elizabeth', had knocked on the door to my new rooms in St John's in search of their former occupant. Thence to Yale for a PhD in Romance Languages and my first experience of college teaching – a career pursued mostly in French departments

at the Universities of Glasgow and Warwick and in delightful visiting appointments at Berkeley, the CUNY Graduate Center, Monash University, the ANU, the Camargo Foundation and elsewhere. Carbon-dated to July 1955, our marriage will, with help from our two surviving children, be feted by diamond anniversary celebrations this summer.

My interest in Shakespeare, the current focus of my research, began in school and developed as part of an English minor at Millsaps College, but was overtaken by French studies during a Fulbright year in France and two years reading French and Italian at Oxford. However, Henri Fluchère, then Director of the Maison Française in Oxford, gave me a copy of his book on Shakespeare to be read on the banks of the Mississippi River (inconvenient!); and I continued to see Shakespeare plays in performance. Later, when *Hamlet* appeared on the syllabus of a Warwick University course on European theatre, my research took a comparative turn: *Hamlet* compared with French classical, Spanish Golden Age and English Restoration dramas. However, the focus of my research remained early-modern French theatre, not least because my tutor at St John's, Will G. Moore, suggested I publish an essay on Molière in which I had disagreed with his own interpretation, commissioned a little book on Molière's *Tartuffe* for the new series of 'Studies in French Literature' he edited, and also invited contributions to *The Modern Language Review*. Oxford University Press has also been helpful by publishing my contribution to *Essays in Honour of W. G. Moore* (1973), my edition of Molière's *Les Femmes savantes* (1974), my Yale dissertation revised as *Richelieu's Desmarests and the Century of Louis XIV* (1990) and my translation from

French of *Sir Politic Would-be* for the Buckingham volumes (2007).

In retirement, my interests shifted to publishing verse and verse translations for my 'Richmond House Verse' series, then back to *Hamlet* and Joseph Haydn. As it happens, the title of my article 'Imitation, Invention and Wit in Haydn's Creativity' in the *Haydn Society Journal* (2014) reflects my approach not only to Shakespeare, but to Molière and Desmarests (who among other things invented modern comparative literature), since all three were witty, inventive imitators of contemporary society on stage and on the page also skilled in adapting well-selected literary models.

I have been lucky to find an outlet for my latest research in *Cahiers Élisabéthains*, a glossy biannual international scholarly journal with stunning colour photographs of Elizabethan plays in performance. I write as an outsider experienced, however, in continental theatre traditions, secondary sources such as Franco Simone's untranslated research on humanism, the De auxiliis and other background religious controversies and early-modern music. To me conflicting keys in Josquin des Prez's *Fortuna d'un gran tempo* expressing mutation of fortune suggests the mutation of fortune and of styles in *Hamlet*. John Dowland's exactly contemporary *Lacrimae* variations can be compared with variations on the themes of suicide and of Virgil's "tears of things" in *Hamlet*. Shakespeare handles thematic reminiscence and thematic segmentation in topoi like *tempus edax* ("Devouring time") as if they were musical themes, while repetition, variation, augmentation, acceleration, reversal and inversion all occur quasi musically in *Hamlet*. The 'Mousetrap' inner play, substituted for a less heinous murder at a banquet in Shakespeare's source, can be read as a retrograde inversion of the Annunciation as represented c. 1600. With a soliloquist as solo protagonist and varied restatement of themes, the structure of *Hamlet* anticipates aspects of the sonata form concerto. In a fifth paper in progress, 'Hamlet: tragedy as ethics and epic', I hope to show how Shakespeare draws upon Aristotle's *Ethics*, Horace's *Ars poetica*, Italian Renaissance epics and particularly Virgil's *Aeneid* in crafting a tragedy more subtle, more humane, more varied and more poetic than the tragedies of the two rival playwrights whose efforts he also recycles to great advantage: Kyd's *Spanish Tragedy* and Marlowe's *Dido Queen of Carthage*.

It seems almost like yesterday that Gillian Lund invited me to tag along on a St Anne's excursion for my first visit to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon. Will Moore, bending the rules, let me back into St John's College after midnight by a back door. 🐾

"There is a willow grows aslant a brook,
That shows his hoar leaves in the glassy stream;
There with fantastic garlands did she come
Of crowflowers, nettles, daisies, and long purples,
That liberal shepherds give a grosser name,
But our cold maids do dead men's fingers call them.

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Try, Try, Try Again

This year Oxford won the Rugby Varsity match 43-6, captained by **Jacob Taylor** (New South Wales & Keble 2013). We asked him for his reflections, and also looked back at other Rhodes Scholars who found success on the rugby field

Reflections on Captaincy

Two days ago I sat down to write my entry in the Captain's Diary. The large and weary leatherbound book contains one handwritten entry from every captain of Oxford University Rugby Football Club (OURFC), dating back to 1948. At the end of each Varsity season, win, lose, or draw, the Captain records advice and reflections for the Captains to follow.

The Varsity Match is the most historic amateur rugby fixture in the world. This year, perhaps much like the four years before it, was defined by a day at Twickenham where everything ultimately "clicked" for Oxford, and we achieved an unprecedented fifth successive victory. So the story goes, the courage of 23 individuals to make themselves vulnerable to each other – to toil, to bleed, to find shared strength in shared weaknesses – produced an

indomitable collective spirit that possessed and propelled us. The magic of this experience was victory in and of itself, irrespective of the final score line. Or so the story goes at least...

"One thing I have noticed," I began to write, perplexed by the task of distilling an entire year of rugby – more accurately for me, the final year in an entire career of rugby – into a few short pages of left-handed scribble, "is that these pages are filled with retrospective calm. I have read words that are intoxicated with fulfillment, and words that are frustrated by regret. Either way, the words written here are written from a place of calm, at a point at which almost all is said, and all, at least, is done."

"Very rarely can you glimpse in these pages the tumult of being 'in the moment', the feud of existence in the soul of the captain as he wrestles, each year, with the task of becoming. Even less do you sense the continuation of becoming that burdens the captain beyond OURFC, the fact that for the captain who sits down to write his retrospective, the journey is not over, but in reality has only just begun. He is treading water in the depths of another ocean. Having experienced the divine, he looks wildly around for it once more, only to be defeated and confused by the speed at which the fly escapes his gaze."

As I continued to write, I tried to resist, as much as possible, the calm of hindsight.

I attempted instead to reconstruct snippets from the journey as I encountered them, with all the uncertainty and doubt and anticipation of that process. It was a modest and clunky testament, I thought, to all who find themselves in joyous tumult of being "in the moment" in rugby and in being. 🐾



Other famous Rugby playing Rhodes Scholars

Peter Dawkins (Michigan & Brasenose 1959): Won three Blues and reputedly pioneered the torpedo throw at the line-out which is now the norm throughout the rugby world. Bravery awards in Vietnam and Korea before rising to Brigadier General. More recently, Chairman of Bain and Company.

David Kirk (New Zealand & Worcester 1985): Arrived at Oxford having retired from Test rugby at the age of 26 as New Zealand's World Cup winning captain. Studied PPE at Worcester and won two Blues. Subsequently worked as an aide to New Zealand Prime Minister Jim Bolger and was CEO of the Fairfax Media Group.

Tuppy Owen-Smith (Diocesan College, Rondebosch & Magdalen 1930): Played cricket for South Africa and captained the England rugby team from full-back during his time at Oxford. A cricket and athletics Blue as well as rugby. Studied Medicine at Magdalen College and at St Mary's Hospital before subsequently returning to work as a GP in Rondebosch.

George Cawkwell (New Zealand & Christ Church 1946): Gained a Blue and Scotland cap in 1947. Fellow and Praelector of Ancient History at University College from 1948 to 1987 and he still lives in Oxford.

Hubert "Trilby" Freakes (Natal & Magdalen 1936): Another South African full-back who came to Magdalen College to study PPE and captained Oxford in 1938 and played for England that season. He was killed in March 1942 when crash-landing at Honeybourne airfield in Worcestershire.

Chris Laidlaw (New Zealand & Merton 1968): Gifted scrum-half who studied Geography at Merton and won two Blues while at the height of his All Blacks career, captaining Oxford in the 1969 Varsity match. Has had a posting as New Zealand High Commissioner in Harare and served as MP for Wellington Central.





The Global Rhodes Footprint

2015 is a year which has seen the Rhodes Scholarships expand to China and the United Arab Emirates. The Rhodes Trust has ambitious plans for securing and increasing the core Scholarship numbers, reinstating suspended Scholarships in Africa and Asia, and adding new Scholarships in emerging regions. We are working with funders who are interested in education and leadership in all regions of the world, but these discussions proceed at different speeds which in turn determines the sequence of new announcements. The bold vision and approach stems from the positive effect which young ethical leaders can have in their countries, and the desire for a truly global impact from the Rhodes community.

The Core 83 Scholarships

The key priority for the Rhodes Trust, and the focus of the Campaign for the Second Century, is to secure the core 83 Scholarships. For several of the existing constituencies, we would also like to increase the numbers over time, for example in India and Pakistan where the number of Scholarships is very low on a per capita basis.

Reinstatement

There are a number of Rhodes countries where we plan to reinstate the Scholarships. These include Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda, Malaysia, Bangladesh and Singapore.

Expansion – 2015

China

The launch of the Rhodes Scholarships for China was marked by a gala dinner in Beijing on 30 March, at which over 250 distinguished guests attended. There will be four Chinese Rhodes Scholars as part of the Class of 2016.

The United Arab Emirates

Following a two year trial programme, during which time they were known as the Falcon Scholarships, the United Arab Emirates Scholarship now has full Rhodes status. All Falcon Scholars, past and present, will now be known as Rhodes Scholars, and one to two will be elected annually.

Expansion – Future Plans

The Rhodes Trust is discussing possible expansion to other countries in Africa (including Tanzania, Egypt and Ethiopia), the Middle East (including Oman, Bahrain, Syria, Israel, Palestine, Jordan and Lebanon), Brazil and Russia. There has been a deep and long-seated commitment to expansion in Africa and initial conversations are also in place concerning a pan-African Rhodes Scholarship. Our sister organisation, The Mandela Rhodes Foundation, has also been doing terrific work in Africa, and it too is increasing the number of Scholarships it offers each year. As we move towards a global footprint, we can use your contacts, energy and ideas!

Simon Rabinovitch (Québec & Pembroke 2004) – New National Secretary for China

“The China launch is a critical part of making the Rhodes Scholarships more global and up to date for our times. Our mission is, at the most basic, to promote international understanding and collaboration, and it is hard to imagine that happening without China. For Chinese students, the Rhodes Scholarships will be a unique opportunity, bringing them into a community with the highest standards of academic excellence and ethical leadership. This is the start of an exciting new chapter for the Rhodes Scholarships.”



UAE Scholars, Class of 2015

Rhodes Scholar Network Launched

The Rhodes Scholar Network site gives Scholars an opportunity to connect across generations and countries. It is a platform for Scholars to come together and discuss topics of interest, collaborate on projects, advertise job openings, and facilitate mentor/mentee relationships.

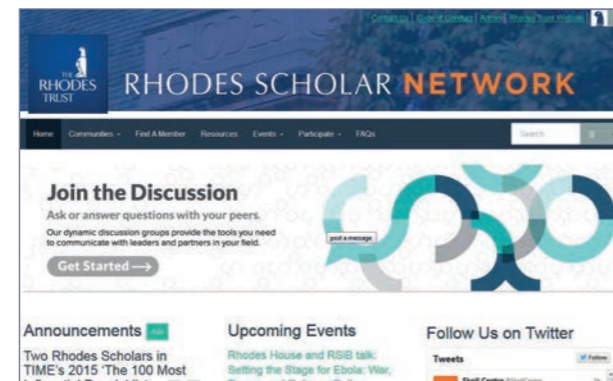
The Network's membership directory is a more sophisticated version of the paper Registers that were previously published by the Trust, and allows Scholars to search for and contact each other based on election information, locations, interests and experience.

Since the Network was launched last winter, 50% of the Rhodes Scholar community have signed up and are taking part in over 30 different groups, ranging from their alumni association, to general interest and topic-specific cohorts such as education, the creative arts, global health, climate change, and technology ventures. The Network allows members to upload documents, videos and other files, which has made collaboration on projects easy. There are many discussions running on the Network at any one time, ranging from gender equality,

to cultural policy, and to early stage technology commercialisation.

We are currently building functionality to support Scholars who are interested in providing or receiving mentoring within the community. This feature will allow Scholars to search for mentors in the community based on their experience, interests and availability.

Join your fellow Scholars on the Network and take part in the community by going to rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/rsn



Ralph Smith II MStJ (Alabama & Corpus Christi 1973) has been recognised by the University of Oxford as a 'Distinguished Friend of Oxford'. Mr Smith has served the University with distinction in his leadership role as Administrator for the American Trust for Oxford since 2008 and has sat on the US Rhodes Scholar Selection Committee for District VII and Alabama since 1981, and as District VII Secretary from 2003. Ralph has been an exceptional volunteer, supporting the application process across the last four decades, resulting in the selection of 76 Rhodes Scholars. Ralph has also served on the board of the American Association of Rhodes Scholars since 2006, serving as an Executive Committee member from 2008 and Vice-President from 2014. He is also a Rhodes Scholar Class Leader, galvanising his fellow alumni to engage with the Rhodes Trust and Oxford.



George Parkin Distinguished Service Award



In 1902, George Parkin was invited by the founding Trustees to undertake the task of translating the idea of the Rhodes Scholarships into a working system, as the Trust's first Organising Secretary. The Scholarships would not be what they are today without his efforts.

The Rhodes community has benefitted greatly from the volunteer service of its members over many years. The Trustees have decided to recognise these volunteers for their time, leadership, advice and dedication to the growth of the Scholar community, by the presentation of the newly established George Parkin Distinguished Service Award. Up to four Scholar and non-Scholar members of the Rhodes community will be awarded each year, and this year's recipients were selected by the Trustees after consultation with National Secretaries and Rhodes Trust staff. We are delighted to announce the inaugural recipients are the following Rhodes Scholars:

Judge Sir David Baragwanath (New Zealand & Balliol 1964)

David tirelessly served the Rhodes community in New Zealand for over 30 years. On his return from Oxford in 1966, he chaired the New Zealand Rhodes Scholars Association and, in this role, organised various activities to prepare Scholar-elects for Oxford. He ensured reports and newsletters were circulated, which was vital to maintain contact between Senior and current Scholars in the 1960s. His skills and commitment to the community were such that he was later appointed and served as the New Zealand Secretary for 26 years.

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

Edwin has served the Southern African Rhodes community since 1980, first as Assistant General Secretary and then General Secretary, responsible for the administration of the Rhodes Scholarships in South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Namibia, and Swaziland. His leadership has ensured the selection of over 110 Rhodes Scholars from Southern Africa, and he undertook these duties with characteristic fairness, graciousness and dedication. Edwin has actively supported the LGBTQ Rhodes Scholar community in Oxford.

Voting for 2016's awards will open in October 2015 and we welcome your nominations until the end of the year. We are looking for members of the community who have:

- shown strong and positive leadership and/or service within alumni associations over a sustained period of time or in a highly impactful way
- provided support to current and/or recent Scholars at scale
- significantly increased public awareness for and/or the standing of the Scholarships
- strongly guided the Trust's efforts in increasing existing or reinstating suspended Scholarships
- been critical to the expansion of Scholarships to new territories.

Serving Trustees, National Secretaries, Wardens, Rhodes House staff and current Scholars will not be eligible. Please send your nomination to alumni@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk

Susan E. Duffey Campbell (Iowa & St Anne's 1978)

Susan has served the Rhodes community with wisdom, great care and conscientiousness as a Selector for 29 years, and as a United States Rhodes District Selection Secretary (on both State and District committees) for a combined 21 years. Her great passion for the Scholars and the Scholarships is also evident in the pro bono guidance she has provided for non-citizen (LPR) applicants.

John Morrison OBE Hon. (New Mexico & University 1955)

John has devoted much time to the Rhodes community in multiple capacities - as a Rhodes Selector for 30 years in five states, AARS Board Member, past President and Secretary, Class Secretary for more than 42 years, and many other roles to date. Informally, John has been instrumental in engaging and connecting Rhodes Scholars locally, globally and across many generations.

This year's awards will be presented at Rhodes House in June and I hope you will join us in thanking these outstanding Scholar volunteers.

Update on the Campaign

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have now raised just over £100m of the £150m campaign goal. The Campaign for the Second Century focuses on securing the core 83 Rhodes Scholarships and there have been a number of new fundraising initiatives this year:



Question and Answer

Does my gift matter?

Yes! Every gift of any size matters. Being able to show a strong level of support from within the community is extremely important when seeking external funding.

Why do we hear so much about fundraising?

This campaign aims to secure the 83 core Scholarships which will enable future generations of Scholars to experience all that Oxford and the Rhodes programme can offer. We hope the campaign will be complete by the end of 2017 – please support us during this crucial time.

What about expansion funding?

This is not part of the Campaign for the Second Century – all expansion is funded and accounted separately in the Rhodes Trust Horizon Fund.

Scholar Calling

At the end of 2014, a number of Current Scholars spoke to Senior Scholars about their recollections of Oxford, the new Rhodes Scholar Network and also about the progress of the campaign. Conversations were enthusiastic and wide-ranging, and covered the Oxford experience, research, shared interests and careers. The team comprised Scholars from eight different countries: Australia, Canada, India, Kenya, Namibia, Pakistan, the United States and Zambia. They clocked up 389 conversations with Senior Scholars over the two weeks of the programme.

Online Annual Giving

During May and June, annual giving was encouraged through an online interactive portal where Scholars can trace the increasing participation of their country, class and college. It is a fun and social platform, with plenty of friendly Oxford rivalry.

Matching

All gifts benefit from the current McCall MacBain match. Your gift will release a 1:1 match for donations to the Canadian Scholarships and a 1:2 match for all others.

Leave a Legacy

Remember anyone who plans to leave a legacy to the Rhodes Trust will become a member of the Rhodes Society, be invited to events and receive their Society pin. For further information please contact david.mungall@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk

How to Give

Full giving information, including how to make your gift tax efficiently, can be found on the Rhodes House website at rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/support. You can give online or download a donation form. You can also support the Rhodes Trust via:

Corporate matched giving
Making a gift of shares or securities
Including the Rhodes Trust in your will

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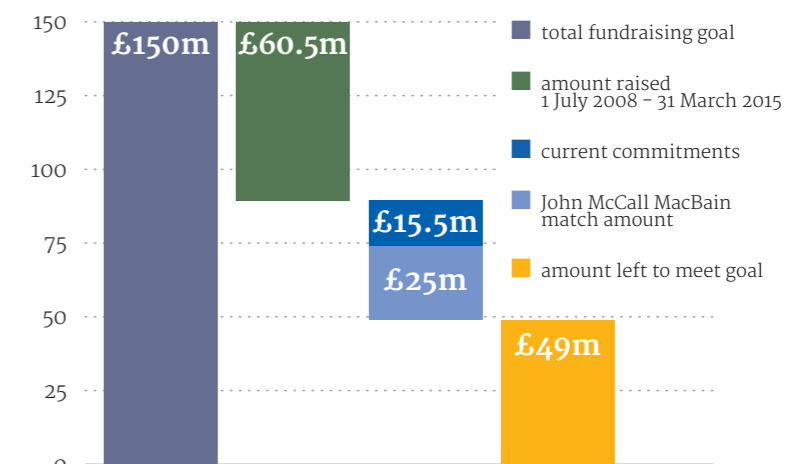
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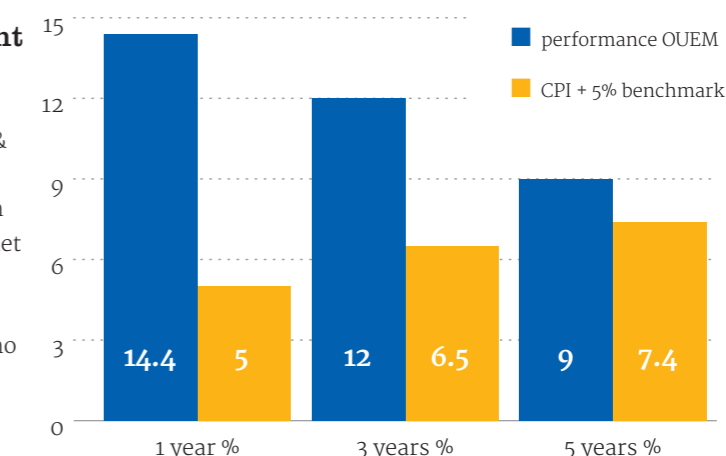
Progress towards our fundraising goal is positive

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 Rhodes fundraising campaign.



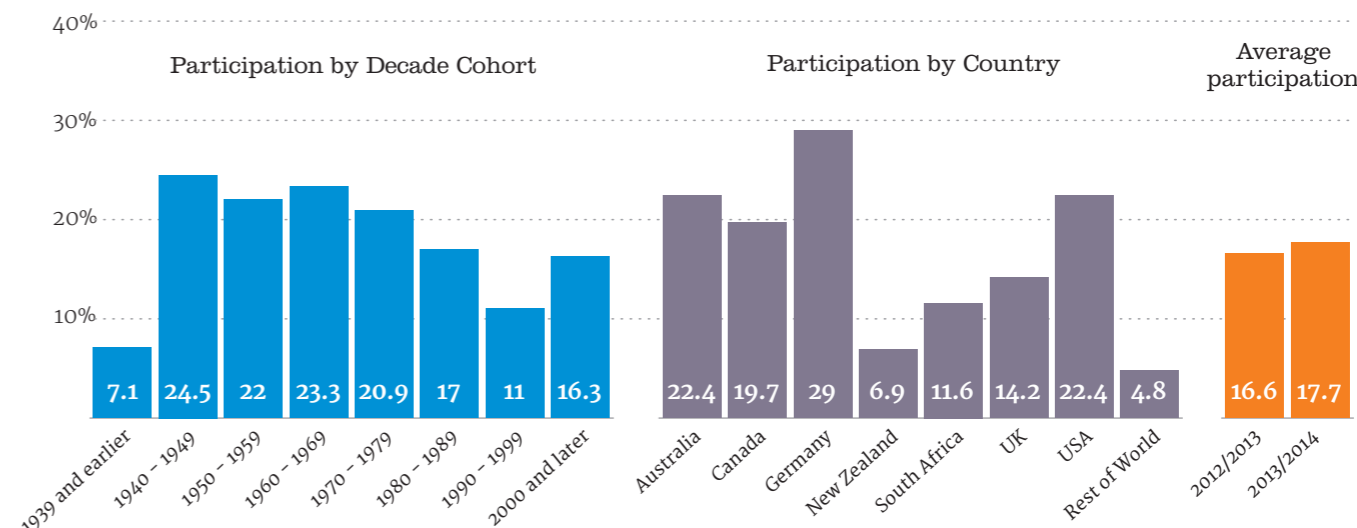
Update on the Rhodes endowment

82% of the Trust's investment assets are managed by Oxford University Endowment Management (OUEM). The Rhodes Finance & Investment Committee is pleased with the performance of OUEM which is illustrated in the graph, benchmarking OUEM's historic net performance against CPI. OUEM's stated target objective is to deliver 5% above the Consumer Price Index (CPI), with volatility no more than MSCI World.



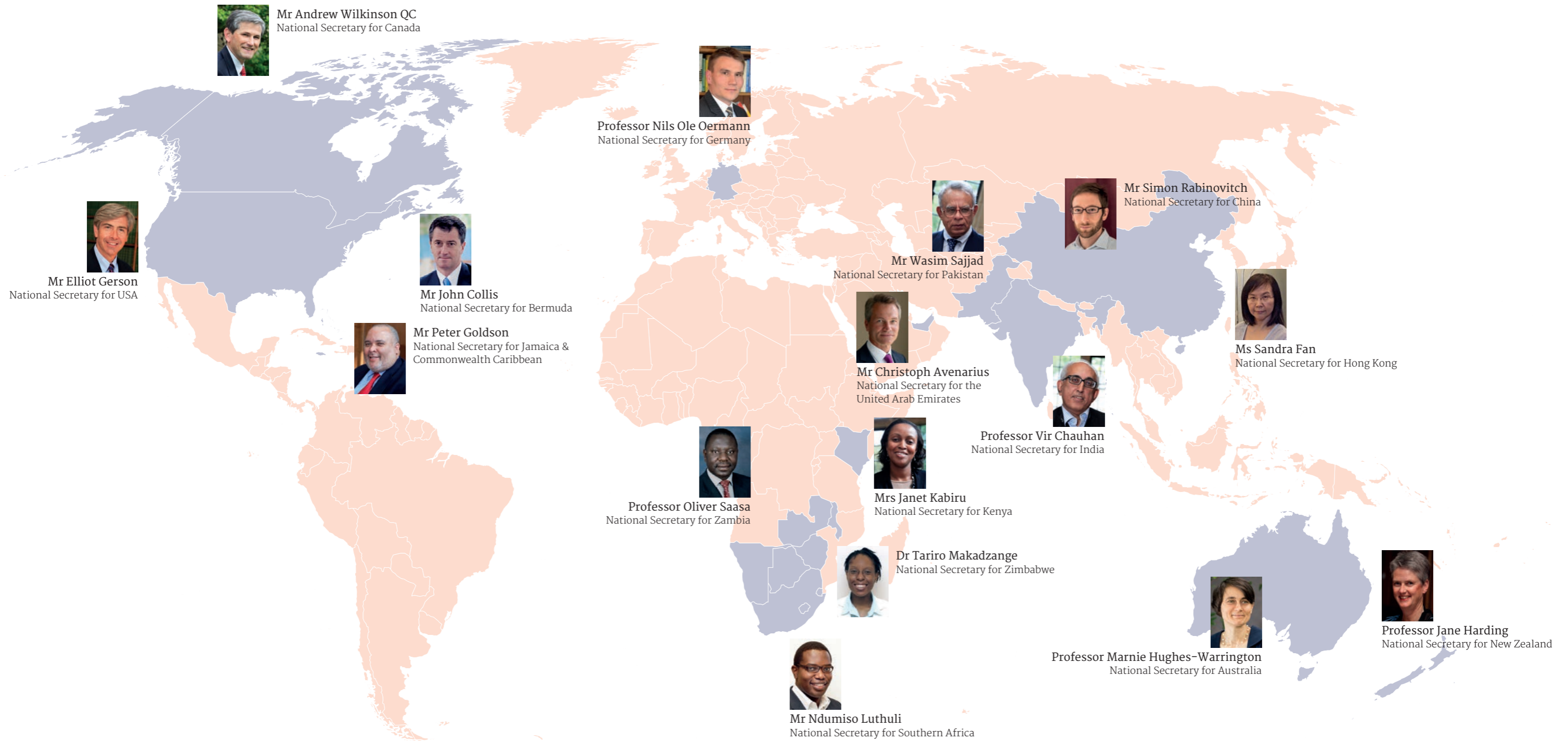
Participation rates across the Rhodes community

The annual participation rate is a strong focus for the Campaign and we are seeing a steady increase. In 2012/2013 it was at 16.6%, in 2013/2014 it reached 17.7% and at the time of going to press in 2014/2015 we are at 23.2%. Thank you to every Scholar who has donated!



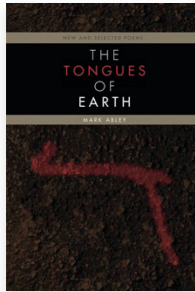
National Secretaries Around The World

The Rhodes selection process is part of what makes the Scholarships so successful. On this map, you can see our current National Secretaries. We are extremely grateful to them and the world-wide Selection Committees for all they do to ensure such terrific young Scholars arrive in Oxford each October



Books

The Tongues of Earth
(Coteau Books, April 2015)



This is Mark Abley's (Saskatchewan & St John's, 1975) fourth book of poems, published in April 2015. It includes 20 new poems as well as the best pieces from his previous collections.

Oxford Sonata

The robin who kept on hurtling
the river from willow to willow
sang no louder or clearer as we
nestled on his territory. And
although he acted tamer than
a kingfisher or stoat,
even if we'd rooted crumbs
of gingerbread from our pockets
he would never have fed from our hands.
We were rocks at home in the earth,
we were stones the water
polished. When he landed so close
you could have stroked his breast
he was merely preparing a foray
into rival airspace

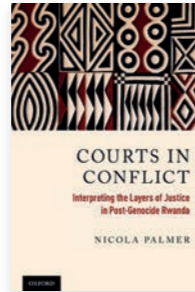
– not

working to make us a couple as
bells pealed beyond the meadows,
a dog clamoured downriver, and
neither of us dared a breath

– last night

while he must have rested
wing muscles, nerves and lungs,
I dreamt that I could sing
to you as he carelessly did,
and the smile his music conjured
out of silence grew again.

Reflections on writing *Courts in Conflict*
(Oxford University Press, May 2015)



Nicola Palmer (St Andrew's College, Grahamstown & Queen's 2007) read for her DPhil in Law at Oxford and now works as a Lecturer in Criminal Law at the Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London.

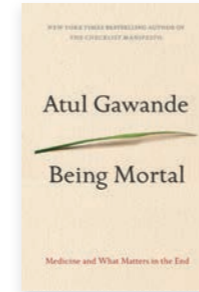
When I first went to Rwanda in 2006, I completely underestimated how much this small landlocked country would come to shape my life and occupy my mind. An outsider, with an air ticket in my back pocket to the internationalised comforts of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) in Arusha, Tanzania, I couldn't have imagined that this first trip would be the first of many.

Yet it was an interview I conducted in a prison in Rwanda's Northern Province on that first trip which sparked the question I have then sought to answer in writing *Courts in Conflict*. How have international, national and localised criminal courts, adjudicating overlapping sets of offences, interacted with one another? The book examines the practices of the ICTR, the Rwandan national courts and the gacaca community courts through both the views of its participants and its legal decisions. It argues that although the courts are compatible in law, an interpretive cultural analysis shows how and why they have often been in conflict.

The writing of this book was made possible, in no small part, due to the unimaginable privilege and the hugely enabling opportunity of being awarded a Rhodes Scholarship. For me, this privilege was twofold. First, if offered the chance to engage more fully with the complexity of post-genocide life in Rwanda, whether interviewing judges in sparse government offices, listening to court proceedings in rural districts or negotiating potential interviews on winding roads through the Rwandan hills.

Second, it provided the space to read, think, talk and write my way through making sense of these different interpretations of post-genocide justice. The diverse corners of Oxford offered the opportunity to place those Rwandan conversations in a context of wider literatures, to draw on theory to make sense of the social data and to be offered guidance as to when I was on an interesting track or off in the academic wilderness. It also provided the space to argue it out at pubs, seminar rooms or on aeroplanes with the man I would ultimately come to marry. Our next trip to Rwanda is in July this year – this time it's to work with Rwandan researchers as they continue to ask the next set of tough questions.

Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End
(Profile Books, October 2014)



Dr Atul Gawande (Ohio & Balliol 1987)
Reviewed by Aravind Ganesh (Prairies & St John's 2014)

On Aging, Dying, and the Healing Art...
There's an adage in the medical profession that comes up from time to time when we deal with the terminally ill: "The reason we nail the patient's coffin shut, is to keep the oncologist out." While rather morbid-sounding, it alludes to a key problem with modern medicine, which is that when a patient draws to their last days – from the complications of age, or from terminal illnesses like cancer – doctors and our treatments can become more torturous than disease itself.

It is this fundamental problem of our time that surgeon-writer Dr Atul Gawande addresses in his powerful book, which is as much about aging – and living meaningfully – as it is about dying. Through insightful stories from numerous patients, nurses, and physicians he has carefully followed over the years, as well as deeply moving personal anecdotes, Dr Gawande skilfully weaves a very clear picture of the complex tragedy that is modern aging and dying, and how it has been aided and abetted by our medicalisation of the inescapable aging process. We all dream of being able to live according to our own terms and retain as much independence as possible in our last years, but everything about our current system flies in the face of that shared need. Our healthcare systems are designed to address single, discrete problems (a broken hip, a clogged heart vessel) but when faced with the slowly crumbling mechanisms of a naturally aging body, we become lost tinkering with each of those worn-out cogwheels and forget that our job is ultimately to better the quality-of-life of the actual person inhabiting that body. Boy do we miss the forest for the trees.

However, this is not a book of lamentations, but rather a rallying cry for meaningful change. Dr Gawande highlights the important drivers of change who are trying to change the established narrative – proponents of "assisted living" who seek to empower seniors to live as independently as possible, for as long as possible; geriatricians who are teaching their colleagues to focus on seniors as people rather than potpourris of discrete diseases; and palliative care professionals who help dying patients and their families come to terms with what actually matters most to them, and recognise when the time comes to stop fighting. This book will provide a helpful starting point for how to critically think about – and prepare for – those last roads we must all go down.

The Work: My Search for a Life that Matters
(Random House, January 2015)



Wes Moore (Maryland/DC & Wolfson 2001)

Reviewed by Charlie Tyson (North Carolina & Balliol 2014)

In his first memoir, *The Other Wes Moore*, Moore wove together two lives. He recounted his own story of growing up in a Bronx neighborhood blighted by crack. And he traced the life of his eponymous double, the other Wes Moore, who came of age in urban Baltimore. Writer Wes ended up as a Rhodes scholar. The other Wes found himself serving a life sentence.

In *The Work*, Moore continues to consider lives he could have lived. But these multiple paths arise not from contingency – another wrong step, and he could have been the "other" Wes – but from reinvention. Moore describes how his search for meaningful work led him to stints as a banker in London, a paratrooper in Afghanistan, a fellow at the State Department and, finally, a social entrepreneur and media personality. He ends each chapter with stories of other inspiring workers: an elementary school principal, veterans' advocates, the mayor of Denver.

The Work is not about a quest for one true vocation. It's about the dizzying array of ways a person can serve humanity. Moore's journey through multiple professions will resonate with many Rhodes scholars – especially those of us who yearn to transform institutions like government, finance, law, and the military, yet long for the stability those same institutions provide. While *The Other Wes Moore* traced a life lived headlong, *The Work* shows Moore constantly reflecting on his choices. Driven by high ideals and aware of the limits and virtues of each of his pursuits, Moore is a sure-footed guide for readers pondering how best they can make a difference.

Scholar Book Project

Please send us either your favourite book or any books you have written or edited. They will be added to the Rosebery room for future generations of Rhodes Scholars to read and enjoy. Send them to: Peter Anderson, Rhodes House, South Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3RG, UK and inscribe them with your name, Rhodes identifier, and why you have chosen to submit this particular book.

Appointments and Awards

A selection of appointments and awards from the last year.

Do view the Rhodes House website for the complete list

David Agrast (Ohio & New College 1978), appointed as Executive Director of the American Society of International Law.

Nick Allard (New York & Merton 1974), appointed President of the Brooklyn Law School, and will continue in his role as the Joseph Crea Dean and Professor of Law.

Sir John Bell (Alberta & Magdalen 1975), appointed GBE for services to medicine, medical research and the UK life science industry in the 2015 New Year's Honours List. Sir John has pioneered the development of genomic and genetic research programmes across the UK.

Ashton Carter (Connecticut & St John's 1976), sworn in as the 25th US Secretary of Defense.

Richard Flanagan (Tasmania & Worcester 1984), won the 2014 Man Booker Prize for his novel *The Narrow Road to the Deep North*.

Eileen Gillese (Alberta & Wadham 1977), appointed Chancellor of Brescia University College.

Two Rhodes Scholars have been included in TIME's 2015 'The 100 Most Influential People' list.

Dr Vikram Patel (India & Worcester 1987)

Well-being warrior

"As a co-founder of the NGO Sangath and the Centre for Global Mental Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, he helps spread the simple yet profound idea of mental health for all. He provides hope that mental illness and trauma make us neither weak nor unworthy of love and respect."

Dr Pardis Sabeti (Florida & New College 1997)

Ebola detective

"When the Ebola epidemic began in West Africa, Dr Pardis Sabeti led a team that did something critically important: it sequenced virus samples from infected patients almost as soon as the outbreak began. This marked the first in-depth use of real-time DNA sequencing in the midst of such a deadly pandemic... her work proves that there's nothing like real data to get rid of myths and guesses and get down to the facts."

Eric Greitens (Missouri & Lady Margaret Hall 1996), awarded the Gleitsman Citizen Activist Award from The Center for Public Leadership at Harvard Kennedy School.

Fagan Harris (Maryland/DC & St John's 2011) named in the 2015 Forbes 30under30 social entrepreneur category, co-founder of Baltimore Corps.

Max Harris (New Zealand & Balliol 2012), elected to a Fellowship at All Souls College, Oxford, by examination at the College.

Noorain Khan (Michigan & St Antony's 2006), appointed to the Board of Directors at Girl Scouts of the USA.

Michael McFaul (Montana & St John's 1986) appointed Director of Stanford University's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies.

Lionel Opie (Cape Province & Lincoln 1955), presented with a NRF Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to cardiovascular research from the South African National Research Foundation.

Ben Rimmer (Victoria & Balliol 1997), appointed Chief Executive of the City of Melbourne.

Abigail Seldin (Pennsylvania & St Antony's 2009), named in the 2015 Forbes 30under30 education category, co-founder of College Abacus.

Leana Wen (Missouri & Merton 2007), appointed Health Commissioner for Baltimore.

Obituaries Selected obituaries from the past year

BERNARD ADELL

(Alberta & Wadham 1961)

26 August 1939 – 23 July 2014

Joined the Queens University Faculty of Law in 1964 and rose to become Dean of the Law School, with key influence in the field of Canadian labour law.

J. CLAUDE BERTRAND

(Québec & University 1940)

27 March 1917 – 7 August 2014

A key proponent of the use of arteriography in acute head injuries and initiated the Committee for road accidents in Canada. In 1950, his interest in pain problems led him to review the spinal and brain pathways of ascending pain fibres.

JOSEPH BORG COSTANZI

(Malta & Balliol 1951)

22 December 1926 – 2 November 2014

Mr Borg Costanzi has worked for both the Water and Electricity Department of Malta, and as a UN Fellow, studying petroleum engineering in Canada.

JOHN EVANS

(Ontario & University 1953)

1 October 1929 – 13 February 2015

An innovator in medicine, education and business, Dr Evans pioneered a new model of medical education as the founding Dean of McMaster University Medical School in 1965 and served as President of the University of Toronto from 1972 – 1978. Dr Evans was the first Director of the World Bank's Population, Health and Nutrition Division and also the CEO of Allelix, Canada's first biotechnology company. Other prominent positions during his career included Chair of the Rockefeller Foundation and most recently, the founding Chair of MaRS.

RAMSAY GUNTON

(Ontario & University 1946)

30 July 1922 – 22 January 2015

A distinguished medical scientist, professor of medicine and academic administrator. He was one of the first Canadian cardiologists to develop cardiac catheterization technique in Canada.

JAMES HESTER

(California & Pembroke 1947)

19 April 1924 – 31 December 2014

He became Dean of both the undergraduate and graduate schools of arts and sciences at New York University, and in January 1962 was named President. He played a strong role in strengthening the University, and acted as a spokesman for urban, private higher education. Following his tenure there, Dr Hester served as Rector of The United Nations University in Tokyo from 1975–1980, President of the New York Botanical Garden from 1980–1989, and President of The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation from 1989–2004.

THE HON. DAVID MALCOLM AC

(Western Australia & Wadham 1960)

6 May 1938 – 20 October 2014

Chief Justice of Western Australia from May 1988 until his retirement from the bench in February 2006. He was also an expatriate justice of the Supreme Court of Fiji.

GEORGE MUNROE

(Illinois & Christ Church 1949)

5 January 1922 – 19 August 2014

Worked in the Office of the US High Commissioner for Germany in the early 1950s, serving first in Bonn as a lawyer and later in Nuremberg as a Justice of the US Court of Restitution Appeals of the Allied High Commission. Led the copper mining and manufacturing company Phelps Dodge Corporation from 1969 to 1987 and was a trustee of Dartmouth College and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

LAWRENCE HOGBEN



(New Zealand & New College 1938)

(14 April 1916 – 20 January 2015)

After reading for his degree in Mathematics whilst at Oxford, Dr Hogben joined the navy at the outbreak of the Second World War. His most crucial role during the war was as one of the meteorologists tasked with predicting the weather which would allow the Allies to launch D-Day. "It took courage for us to say 'No' on June 5; and it took courage to forecast 'Yes' for June 6. I was scared, I think we

all were, of getting it wrong . . . we knew we were making history," said Dr Hogben when looking back on events many years later.

KENNETH NORTH (New Zealand & Magdalen 1954) 19 August 1930 – 22 January 2015

Worked as a medic in the UK for many years, including as a tutor, consultant physician and medical director before returning to New Zealand.

WOLFRAM SCHMITT

(Germany & Jesus 2002)

25 August 1976 – July 2014

He worked within behavioural neuroscience, as a consultant and within project management.

THE HON. JOHN SEARS

(Massachusetts & Balliol 1955)

18 December 1930 – 4 November 2014

Served as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1965–1968 and as Sheriff of Suffolk County, Massachusetts from 1968–1969. Boston City Councillor from 1980–1981 and was a candidate for Mayor of Boston in 1967.

PETER LYNN SENAI

(India & Christ Church 1954)

14 June 1933 – August 2014

Served in the Indian Foreign Service and was the Indian Ambassador to a number of countries.

ALISTAIR STEPHEN

(South African College School, Newlands & University 1941)

23 February 1922 – 8 November 2014

Distinguished career in Organic Chemistry at the University of Cape Town. Professor Stephen started there in 1951, became Senior Lecturer in 1958 and rose through the ranks to become Professor Emeritus.

JOHN WALSH

(Vermont & Lincoln 1951)

26 October 1926 – 27 September 2014

Joined *Science*, the weekly magazine of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, where he became the second journalist on the staff. In the 1980s, he developed a keen interest in the Africa's Green Revolution and in the challenges of technology transfer and cross-cultural interaction in sub-Saharan Africa.

DAVID WHITEHEAD

(Rhodesia & Trinity 1957)

18 January 1933 – 26 Feb 2015

Professor Whitehead pursued a long and successful career in academia. He focused on zoology, biochemistry and veterinary medicine and spent time in research foundations in Africa.

1955

Peter Barrett (Rhodesia & Worcester 1955) After retirement from an academic career in the field of experimental plasma physics (Culham Laboratory, UCLA, Princeton, U Natal Durban), Peter has spent the past 20 years at the University of KwaZulu Natal writing theological journal articles and a book in the field of science-and-theology. He and his psychiatrist wife Ann (married in Cape Town in 1961) have two daughters and two very young granddaughters.

Stephen G. Brush (Maine & Magdalen 1955) His book *Making 20th Century Science: How Theories Became Knowledge* was published by Oxford University Press in March 2015. On 20 May, he was given an honorary doctorate at the University of the Sciences - Philadelphia. His granddaughter received her bachelor's degree in Physics at the same ceremony.

Daud Ilyas (Pakistan & St Peter's 1955) was called to the Bar



by Gray's Inn after Oxford and has been in law practice ever since, currently practising as a Barrister from chambers in London. He has had an exciting legal career, including some 30 years as legal adviser to multilateral financial institutions. He worked on legal and membership issues following the dissolution of the former Soviet Union, the former Yugoslavia, and the former Czechoslovakia.

He has drafted founding documents for several international entities including the Centre for International Forestry Research in Indonesia, the Iwokrama International Rainforest Programme in Guyana, and the Commonwealth Education Centre at Cambridge University.

Rex Jamison (Iowa & Merton 1955) After Merton College,



Rex attended Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts General and Columbia Presbyterian Hospitals and the National Institutes of Health. His career as physician, teacher and researcher began at Washington University, St Louis, and for most of his life was at Stanford University. He co-founded and was chief of nephrology and professor of Medicine at Stanford. He has published over 160 articles and four books. He was appointed Academic Secretary to the University in 2007 and retired in 2014. He married Dede Lockwood in 1962. They have two sons: Richard, a surgeon, and John, a business leader, as well as three grandchildren. All are thriving.

Colin Maiden (New Zealand & Exeter 1955) writes: "After Oxford I worked for The Defence Board of Canada for three years and then for General Motors in The United States for 10 years. In 1971, I returned to NZ as Vice-Chancellor of The University of Auckland. I retired from this position in 1994 and, until recently, held a number of Chairmanships and Directorships of various government and public companies. Jenefer and I were married in Oxford in 1957 and the reception was held in Rhodes House. We have four children and nine grandchildren. Present interests are family, travel and tennis."

John H. Morrison (New Mexico & University 1955) As class secretary for the American Rhodes Class of 1955, John is pleased to confirm their 60th Reunion to be held at the Cosmos Club in Washington, DC, during September 25-27. Numbers will be small; only 16 of the original 32 class members survive. Richard Ullman (Texas & New College) and John Sears (Massachusetts & Balliol) died in 2014. John continues modest activity in the International Bar Association. He is an ex officio member of the AARS Board of Directors and is engaged in various pro bono activities at home in Evanston, Illinois. He and Barbara enjoy their three daughters' families, including six grandchildren.

Roger Raab (Natal & Christ Church 1955) continues physics research as Emeritus Professor in the University of KwaZulu Natal, publishing in established journals. (The honorific was explained by a Trinity classicist: the Roman army used the term for mules too old to be of use.) After his DPhil, he was appointed lecturer in the University of Natal, later senior lecturer, professor, department head, dean; was invited onto the editorial board of Proc. Roy. Soc. A Lond., was awarded the biennial gold medal of the S.A. Physics Institute, and with a physics colleague had two books published by OUP. He and Lorraine, a painter and

art historian, married in 1963, parenting three children who have made them grandparents nine times over.

Graeme Salmon (Tasmania & Merton 1955) He still lives in Oxford with his wife, Judith, and continues to be busy in retirement. No longer active in physics research, he has more time to devote to art and to a recent interest in archaeology and local history. Their son, David, teaches Physics at a school.

Robert Solomon (New South Wales & Wadham 1955) was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2010 for his work for the Australian Institute of Urban Studies, for the Association of Former Members of the Parliament of Australia and for Masters Athletics. He continues to chair the NSW Division of AIUS and has been editing the quarterly journal of the AFMPA for 17 years. Apart from GB and the US, he has recently made trips to Iran, Trinidad, Mexico and Cuba.



Richard S. Thompson (Washington & University 1955) writes: "In 2013, visited Turkey, the last country on my 'bucket list'. In July 2014, had a pleasant week in Bermuda, which I resolved would be my last foreign travel. In January 2015, resigned for medical reasons from part-time work (12 hours a week) at the State Department declassifying documents, which I had been doing for eight years. On the brighter side, the last two years I have had a great social life with supporters of two Northern Virginia orchestras. My three children and five granddaughters are all doing well."



1965

John Adams (New Brunswick & St Peter's 1965) After 35 years with the Canadian Armed Forces, John retired as a Major General and joined the Canadian Federal Public Service. He served three years as the Assistant Deputy Minister (Infrastructure and Environment) in the Department of National Defence before moving on to become the Commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard in 1998. In 2005, John became the Chief of the Communications Security Establishment Canada. In 2012, he moved to Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, as the Skelton-Clark Fellow. He is now an Adjunct Professor in the School of Policy Studies at Queen's as well as in The Norman Patterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario. When not playing hockey or skiing in the winter and golf and cycling in the summer, John and his wife spend as much time as possible with their children and nine grandchildren.

Danilo Bach (California & Corpus Christi 1965) is a screenwriter and lives in Santa Monica.



Ronald M. Bancroft (Maine & Oriel 1965) writes: "50 years and the legacy of the Rhodes Scholarship is still with me. I am much in the world's fight - just not quite in the way I thought of it at Oxford. At Oxford I dreamed of changing the world. Today, I am doing a small part in helping elevate education standards in Maine and have discovered that it is a long, difficult and frustrating task. But, as Nelson Mandela reminded us, life is about the journey. My journey has been a good one, full of more ups than downs, several wonderful friendships, including the one with my spouse of nearly 50 years, a close and loving family, and work that keeps me learning. Add a couple of recent grandsons and who could ask for more."

George Barisas (Missouri & Balliol 1965) writes: "I remain on the Faculty of Colorado State University as Professor of Chemistry, as does my wife, Deborah, who is Professor of Biomedical Science. Our joint research projects involve cell biophysics and molecular endocrinology. My free time is devoted largely to mountaineering and judo, while Deb's interests center

Class Notes

In this edition we hear from the Rhodes Classes of '55, '65, '75, '85, '95 and '05

on music. Our son Derek is beginning an MD-PhD program this summer at Washington University in St Louis while our daughters Elizabeth and Catherine are high school seniors and juniors, respectively.”

John Corbett (Queensland & St Catherine's 1965, St Peters 1969)



After establishing Australia's largest group of Sleep Centres and then selling them to Air Liquide Healthcare, John is slowly winding down a busy clinical neurophysiology practice on Queensland's Gold Coast, but is still active as a full professor at Griffith University. With more spare time now, he and his wife Lorraine spend large amounts of time growing wonderful trees and other plants in nearby Springbrook, home to an Australian World Heritage rainforest.

Thomas A. Cotton (Texas & New College 1965) After becoming fully engaged with the US radioactive waste management problem in 1978 at the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment, Tom began supporting the Department of Energy's efforts in that area as a consultant in 1987 and continues to do so, with no specific plans for retirement while the problem remains unresolved. He and his wife, Melinda, greatly enjoyed a nostalgia-drenched one week stay in Oxford in spring of 2014. His continuing contacts with his Rhodes classmates over the decades since leaving Oxford mean much to him.

Brian Fay (California & St Edmund Hall 1965) Since leaving



Oxford, Professor of Philosophy and sometimes Dean at Wesleyan University. Committed teacher. Author of three books, editor of two others, and writer of many articles on the nature of the social sciences and their role in human life. For 20 years the editor of *History and Theory*. Helped raise four daughters, now all successful women. For the last 22 years, the partner of Julie, who brings him great joy. Tries to be a good Buddhist. Beneath these externals lie struggles, seekings, involvements, disappointments, pleasures, friendships, and deep gratitude for so much received.

Alan Gayer (Massachusetts & Balliol 1965) writes: “Now settled in New Castle, NH, an island facing the Gulf of Maine, after a peripatetic career achieving the NAFTA Trifecta, five years in each of Mexico, Canada and the USA. Served 17 years as McKinsey management consultant in New York, Mexico City and Atlanta. Next began a career as CEO of Childrens' Hospitals, first in Atlanta and then in Toronto, Canada. Then pursued entrepreneurial ventures in West Africa (Alumina Refinery in Guinea) and Australia (Inglewood Farms Organic Chicken). Now concentrating on Micro Finance (via Opportunity International) and more local issues: healthcare management via Fallon Health in Massachusetts (Board and continuing consulting); President of large residential community; Marine Docent educating middle school students on Marine ecosystems. Sally and I celebrate 49th anniversary this year and are relishing time with four delightful and challenging grandchildren.”

John Gearen (Indiana & Merton 1965) writes: “Our American



Rhodes Class of 1965 resolved at an early reunion that we would help each other “fight the world's fight”; our collaboration has been fulfilling for me. My own efforts have concentrated on Board work in organizations promoting study abroad for American college students, leadership programs at Chicago area colleges and high schools, and mentorship of African American high school students in Chicago. I am still enjoying being a real estate partner at Mayer Brown in Chicago. My wife Ann and I will celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary this year. We love spending time with our three wonderful children, Cameron, John and Sarah, and their families.”

Nicholas Hope (Tasmania & Balliol 1965) In September 2014, a month before his 70th birthday, Nick stepped down after seven years as Director, Stanford Center for International Development, but retains a three-quarter time appointment as the Director of the Center's China program. The time freed will be used for travel and grandchildren: the first two months of 2015 were spent in Tasmania with Elliot (aged four) and Graham (aged two) and their parents. Ellen and Nick will be down-under again in June to welcome the boys' new little brother.

Doug House (Newfoundland & Jesus 1965) is Honorary Research Professor at Memorial University of Newfoundland. In his academic career, he had authored six books and numerous articles and papers. He has also worked extensively in the provincial public service where he chaired several commissions and worked as a policy advisor and deputy minister. Having played soccer for Jesus and ice hockey for Oxford, Doug is a member of the Newfoundland and Labrador Sports Hall of Fame. He and his English wife, Jeannie, whom he met at Jesus College,

have been happily married for 48 years. They have three children and five granddaughters.

Rob Knapp (New York & Magdalen 1965) writes: “Three years



ago I went emeritus after 39 years on the faculty of Evergreen State College, a feisty, courageous, truly innovative place, flawed in some ways and world-leading in others, programmatically ambitious and radical, and dedicated to the teaching and learning of state college (i.e. non-elite) students with state college (i.e. low) budgets. Evergreen has carried me from physics to serious engagement with sustainable buildings. My marriage is a year older than all that, and deeper. Our mid-30s children are all married; their spouses are as interesting and special as they are; there's one grandchild. I'm a lucky guy.”

J. Timothy Londergan (Delaware & Merton 1965) Tim spent his career as Professor of Nuclear Physics at Indiana University. For the past 10 years until his retirement in June 2014 he was Director of the Wells Scholars Program, a merit scholarship for students with outstanding academics, proven leadership and public service interests. The program provided special courses, study abroad and enrichment opportunities. It was rewarding to recruit and mentor talented students at a large Midwestern public research university. Following retirement, Tim continues his research in theoretical physics, while his wife, Gail, works with community groups focused on aging and creativity.

Kitsiri Malalgoda (Ceylon & Wadham 1965) At the end of his Rhodes Scholarship in 1968, Kitsiri began an academic career at his old university (Peradeniya) in Sri Lanka. He returned to Oxford in 1969-70 to complete his doctoral research in Sociology, and then taught at Peradeniya until the end of 1973. He shifted to the University of Auckland in New Zealand in the following year. During periods of sabbatical leave, he revisited both Peradeniya and Oxford. Now retired, Kitsiri continues to live in Auckland while maintaining personal ties with and research interests in Sri Lanka (whose connections with Rhodes Scholarships, unfortunately, came an end in the late 1970s). Among Kitsiri's more recent publications is a contribution to the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*.

Douglas McCalla (Alberta & Oriel 1965) After more than 30 years at Trent University, Doug moved to the University of Guelph in 2002 as Canada Research Chair in Rural History. Retired since 2010, he still thinks there is life in his long-term research questions; a new book, *Consumers in the Bush: Shopping in Rural Upper Canada* (Montreal 2015), attempts to prove that. He and Anna will celebrate their 45th anniversary in 2015, as

always at their summer retreat, on a rocky island in Ontario's cottage country. Buying it, almost 40 years ago, has been the best investment they ever made.

Merle McClung (Minnesota & Trinity 1965) writes: “Facing failing health and the possibility that soon I would not be able to publish anymore, last year I published several books now available at Amazon.com, and started the new website/blog MakeOurDemocracyWork.com. Join us at MODW, and perhaps we can fight the world's fight by making our Democracy work better.”



William McGrew (Oklahoma & Merton 1965) writes: “In fourth year of semi-retirement from position as Professor of Evolutionary Primatology, Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Cambridge. Still doing some teaching and trying to publish bits and pieces of old data, knowing that if I don't, it will end up in the dumpster! Still enjoying the good life as a Fellow of Corpus Christi College, i.e. high table dining and all that. Field work has lessened but, last summer, I spent some time chasing capuchin monkeys in the Brazilian wilderness.”

Robert Moncur (Saskatchewan & St Peters 1965) writes: “I would love for my classmates to know that I am alive and well, still married to Reggie (our 45th year), proud of our two sons Andrew (33) and David (31) and grandson Romeo (seven), still City Manager of Burnaby, British Columbia (named by *Macleans Magazine* as best managed city in Canada!), and still enjoying wine and food and world travels (leaving next week for Tahiti and Peru). I would enjoy hearing from any of my 1965 classmates.”

Tim Newton (Diocesan College, Rondebosch & Oriel 1965) reports he is “still in transit”. His time at Oxford was also punctuated with trips to North America and South Africa and it seems little has changed, as he has just been to New Zealand.

Alex Potts (Ontario & Balliol 1965) is professor of Art History at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. After studying Theoretical Chemistry, he changed disciplines, completing a PhD in Art History at the Warburg Institute. His research on the late Enlightenment gave rise to the book *Flesh and the Ideal: Winckelmann and the Origins of Art History*. His most recent publication, *Experiments in Modern Realism*, is based on the Slade Lectures he gave at Oxford in 2008. While at the Princeton Institute this year, he has returned to an early interest in nineteenth century art which he studied under Francis Haskell at Oxford.

Philip Slayton (Manitoba & Exeter 1965) Philip has been a law clerk at the Supreme Court of Canada, law dean at a Canadian university, and senior partner at a leading Toronto-based law firm. In 2000, he retired from the legal practice and became an author: so far he has published four best sellers, fiction and non-fiction. Philip married his childhood sweetheart, Cynthia, and they have three children and five grandchildren. Most recently he has been president of PEN Canada.



Andrew Spray (British Columbia & St John's 1965) writes: "Though officially retiring five years ago from Lester B. Pearson United World College of the Pacific, I've been back teaching there in spring 2015. My wife, Leslie, and I celebrated our 45th anniversary in December, accompanied by three of our four daughters including one now living in Oxford. Her husband is doing post-doctoral cancer research at the Churchill and supervising a 2013 Canadian Rhodes Scholar in her DPhil work. I recently stepped down from seven years as President of the Vancouver Island Rugby Union and have been involved for many years in Search and Rescue in BC."



Paul Tipping (New Zealand & St John's 1965) retired in 2004 and is living with his wife Wendy in Wellington, New Zealand. He keeps busy with (mainly) his church and NZ Rhodes Scholars Association activities, family history, travel to visit their two daughters living in Europe, and reading. His working life was spent in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, during which time he was New Zealand Ambassador to Chile, Spain, Mexico and a number of other countries.

Timothy A. Vanderver, Jr. (Alabama & Exeter 1965) After serving in the US Army and in the government, Tim spent over 40 years practicing environmental and federal housing law in Washington, DC. Retired in May 2014. Have three great sons, three lovely daughters-in-law, and six (mostly) wonderful grandchildren.



1975

Mark Abley (Saskatchewan & St John's 1975) In the first post-Rhodes years, Mark lived and wrote in London, Toronto, and rural Oxfordshire; he and his wife, Ann Beer, settled in Montreal in 1983. They have two grown children. Mark spent 16 years as a journalist for the *Montreal Gazette*, mostly writing features; he won Canada's National Newspaper Award in 1996. He has published four volumes of poetry, two books for children, and several works of non-fiction. In 2009, Mark was awarded the LiberPress Prize in Girona, Spain, mainly for his book *Spoken Here: Travels Among Threatened Languages*, which drew international attention to the issue of language loss.



Gert Michael Buresch (Germany & Christ Church 1975) worked at universities in Japan for 35 years – first as lecturer and promoted twice, to associate professor and professor – and published over 30 scholarly articles before retiring in March 2014. He and his partner of 34 years, a Japanese neurologist, have been spending much time travelling all over the globe, with emphasis on underprivileged countries in Central Asia, Africa and South America where they support children's health and education projects. At home, they enjoy gardening, music, movies, cooking and good wines. They reside in Japan and Germany.



Peter Carfagna (Ohio & University 1975) writes: "As '75 Class Secretary, I have been thrilled to reconnect with so many classmates since I submitted our last Oxonian Class Newsletter for *The American Oxonian*. In particular, I was privileged to visit with Mike Poliakoff when he most recently visited Harvard for his very impressive presentation re: improving the state of college "Board governance" – we had a very nice visit at The Faculty Club thereafter. Similarly, Dick Fallon (and our wives) enjoyed a great dinner (and even better conversation) at my favorite Harvard Square restaurant, while I was a Visiting Lecturer at HLS again last Fall Term re: Sports Law. "Professor Fallon" continues to be the "most popular Professor" at HLS among the many common students we share. Finally, my wife and I visited Jim and Linda

Merrell at Vassar last summer – what a wonderful catch-up visit we all had at the Merrell's favorite coffee shop on campus. Please check out Jim's very impressive Wiki page for his most current/exciting professional (and personal) developments. As for myself, I look forward to reconnecting with all of my '75 Classmates soon, when I begin to assemble our next Oxonian Newsletter. In the meantime, please feel free to update me at pamc@msn.com, since I will begin to sweep up our Class Clippings soon!"

Michael Fitzpatrick (Western Australia & St John's 1975) writes: "I will retire from the Rio Tinto board in May after nearly nine years of service to this outstanding company. I continue as chairman of the Australian Football League, and Treasury Group, which recently merged with the Seattle based Northern Lights. Green themes continue to dominate my investments, with interests in Proterra (electric buses), Infrastructure Capital Group (wind farms) and Carnegie Wave Energy (world's only grid connected wave energy generator). My better half, Helen Sykes, (St Annes 1975) has joined the local board of Alzheimer's Australia, chairs the JMB Foundation (for acquired brain injury) and has a successful editing business. Kate and Will are overseas. We are plotting their return."

David Goldbloom (Nova Scotia & Exeter 1975) is still working as a psychiatrist at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, still teaching at the University of Toronto, still chairing The Mental Health Commission of Canada, still happily married to Nancy Epstein (39 years!), still playing squash and piano, though not simultaneously. Our sons, Daniel and Will, are both lawyers in Toronto. I was honoured to be appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2014; if getting a Rhodes 40 years earlier signaled "maybe you will do something", the Order suggests "maybe you did something".



Dev Lahiri (Delhi & St Catherine's 1975) writes: "After having done close to 35 years as educators in the Indian school system, my wife Indrani and I finally 'retired' in 2011. Shortly after, we received an invitation to work at the Wasatch Academy in Utah, a private residential school. We spent close to two years there and are now in India trying to involve ourselves in education for the underprivileged. My memoirs *With a little help from my Friends* is due for publication around October. It should be interesting, considering the "political" vicissitudes my career went through, not to mention 16 heart procedures and cancer!"

Scott M. Matheson, Jr. (Utah & Magdalen 1975) Robyn and I live in Salt Lake City and have been married for 37 years. Our daughter works for a clean technology firm and our son for a law firm, both in San Francisco. My work as a judge on the US Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit is fascinating and challenging, and sometimes quieter than the Bodleian on a Saturday night! I'm constantly thankful for the many wonderful opportunities the Rhodes has made possible, especially the amazing friendships that endure and grow.



Chris Maxwell (Victoria & New College 1975) married Sarah Stephen in 1980. Chris and Sarah have three children (Lucy 27, Jack 24, Alice 21). Chris was a barrister for 20 years before being appointed President of the Victorian Court of Appeal in 2005. In 2014, he and fellow Rhodes Scholar, Chris Cordner (Victoria & University 1972), combined forces to introduce a new subject at Melbourne Law School entitled "Philosophical Foundations of Law".

Carlisle Ford Runge (North Carolina & New College 1975) teaches and does research at the University of Minnesota, where he is the Distinguished McKnight University Professor of Applied Economics and Law. He is an adjunct member of the College of Forestry, the program in Conservation Biology, the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, and a Fellow of the Institute on the Environment. He lives in Stillwater, MN, with his wife, Susan, and daughter, Elizabeth. His son Carlisle Piehl Runge graduated from Yale in 2013. His most recent publication is 'Global Agriculture and Carbon Trade-Offs' in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, August 2014.

Larry J. Sabato (Virginia & Queen's 1975) Dr Sabato is director of the Center for Politics, University of Virginia, and University Professor of Politics. He runs an award-winning website, The Crystal Ball (centerforpolitics.org/crystalball), which has a cumulative 98% record of accuracy in predicting US elections. His two latest books are: *A More Perfect Constitution: Why the US Constitution Must Be Revised* and *The Kennedy Half-Century: The Presidency, Assassination, and Lasting Legacy of John F. Kennedy*. Recently, he has received two Emmys for producing public television documentaries on the dysfunctional US Senate as well as President Kennedy's legacy.



Roger Sorrell (Kansas & Corpus Christi 1975) writes: "This is the third year of my successful post-retirement career as a "plant portraitist" artist (rogersorrell.com). I'm thrilled to be a successful artist now, particularly because I had no idea before three years ago that I had any artistic talent. My husband (David Frost, Kent State 1971) and I live in San Diego, where we enjoy a musical life together - we play duets with a flautist and perform regular concerts. Our travels usually revolve around Hawaii (second home, with many friends), Arkansas (my parents), and Germany (my sisters and their families)."

Laurence Wright (Rhodesia & Lincoln 1975) has recently retired after a 22 year stint as Director of Rhodes University's Institute for the Study of English in Africa and, latterly, H.A. Molteno Professor of English. He is currently a Senior Research Associate at North-West University, writing on the economics of language policy, on rural education in South Africa, and on the future of the humanities, while assisting in the formation of a southern African association for Digital Humanities. He is Honorary Life President of the Shakespeare Society of Southern Africa and Vice President of the English Academy of Southern Africa. He lives in Simon's Town, swims, and is learning to draw.



1985



Randy Berholtz (Pennsylvania & Pembroke 1985) is a general counsel for a pharmaceutical company and a senior advisor to a life sciences venture capital fund in San Diego. Together with a Nigerian colleague, he is also a co-founder of One Healthcare Africa, Inc., a group of diagnostics clinics for the African middle class in Lagos. He and his wife Rachel (Pembroke 1985) will celebrate their 29th wedding anniversary and are planning on spending more time traveling now that their two daughters (22 and 19) are in college.

Richard Biggs (South African College School, Newlands & Pembroke 1985) began his teaching career (Maths and Physics) at Magdalen College School in Oxford in 1985. He was appointed Director of Studies in 1998. He moved to Lancing College, Sussex, as Second Master in 2001, serving two stints as Acting Head Master. In 2007 Richard was appointed as Headmaster of King's College, Taunton. He is married to Sarah, a journalist, and they have two sons, Henry (17) and Oliver (13), both academic scholars in his school. Richard's proudest achievement to date is passing Grade 8 on the French horn a few years ago.



Elleke Boehmer (South Africa-at-Large & St John's 1985) completed her DPhil in 1990, and has spent the past 25 years working on and thinking about books, readers and networks in various global dimensions (as of course befits a Rhodes Scholar). In 2007, returned to Oxford as its first Professor of World Literature in English. She has published nearly 20 books, including *Colonial and Postcolonial Literature* (1995), *Nelson Mandela* (2008), four novels, and a book of short stories. In 2015 she will publish *Indian Arrivals* and a new novel, *The Shouting in the Dark*. She has two sons, Thomas and Sam, one an aspirant archaeologist, the other an aspirant Premier League footballer, and is married to Essex man Steven Matthews. For the past couple of years she has enjoyed serving as an International Man Booker judge.



Atul Dhir (India & New College 1985) After completing his MBBS and DPhil in Medicine at Oxford, Atul has lived in the US working at the interface of management and medicine, leading healthcare companies. He initially worked as a consultant at McKinsey in New York followed by a series of leadership roles in a range of companies including healthcare services, biotech and health insurance. When he is not busy running his current company or exploring a new type of mindfulness meditation, Atul and his wife, Maya, (married for 18 years), who live in

Boston, are busy with the lives of their two sons Rohan (16) and Rishi (14).

Peter Goldson (Jamaica & St John's 1985) After more than a decade as Partner at his law firm in Kingston, Peter was appointed Managing Partner in 2014. He continues as Secretary to the Rhodes Trust for Jamaica and for the Commonwealth Caribbean. He and his law lecturer wife, Suzanne (Wadham 1989) have three sons (ages 23, 17 and 12) and will hopefully see the second son off to college in the fall. Peter is Deputy Chairman of the Jamaica International Financial Services Authority. He also serves as the Honorary Consul General for Sweden.

Lisa Hill (Tasmania & University 1985) After leaving Oxford, Lisa worked as a lecturer in Politics at the University of Sydney. She then took up an appointment as a five year research fellow at the Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University. Her next position was at the University of Adelaide as an Australian Research Council Senior Fellow. She is currently Professor of Politics at the same institution. Recent publications include *Compulsory Voting: For and Against*, New York/London: Cambridge University Press, 2014 (with Jason Brennan) and *The Intellectual History of Political Corruption*, London/New York, Palgrave Macmillan, 2014 (with Bruce Buchan).

Ian Jackman (New South Wales & University 1985) Ian continues to practise as Senior Counsel at the Sydney Bar, as well as writing in the areas of restitution, contract and company law. Ian and his wife, Nicola, are deeply grateful for the moral support provided by many in the Rhodes community when their fourth child was ill with leukaemia, and are pleased to report that Hazel has now fully recovered, having passed the crucial milestone of five years from diagnosis, thanks to an outstanding medical team.

Richard Major (New Zealand & Magdalen 1985) is living and lecturing in Budapest with his wife, Kris, and two children (ten and eight).

Bronek Masojada (South Africa-at-Large & Trinity 1985) Bronek and Jane became one of the a select few when they married after first year, and part of an even smaller group when their first child Adam was born in Oxford at the end of second year. Subsequently another four arrived. Adam (27) is working on a start-up in London, Michaela (24) is in final year medicine, Lara (21) at fashion college, Dominik (18) travelling in Africa on his gap year and Marek (15) still at school. On leaving Oxford Bronek joined McKinsey & Co, working for them in Sydney, London and Tokyo over five years. In 1993, he joined Hiscox, a

specialist insurer active in Lloyd's of London, as Group Managing Director. Since then, Hiscox has expanded from a London-based firm with one office, £350m in revenues employing 200 people to a global firm, active in 13 countries, with revenues of £2bn, employing 2,000 people. He continues to enjoy the creative process of building a business.

Edward Roelofse (Paul Roos Gymnasium & Queens's 1985) is still an active manager, director and shareholder of Imibala Orchards in Western Cape, South Africa. Imibala produces and packs plums, pears, table grapes and citrus for the export market. Recently also started producing vegetable crisps for the domestic market. Edward has just completed his 15th Cape Town cycle race.

Robert Vonderheide (Kentucky & University 1985) As a physician-scientist, Bob directs a research program in cancer immunology and immunotherapy at the Abramson Cancer Center at the University of Pennsylvania, where he is the Hanna Wise Professor in Cancer Research. Bob and his wife (Susan Domchek, Marshall Scholar and Brasenose 1994; directs the Basser research cancer center at Penn) recently celebrated their 20th anniversary at Half Dome Yosemite. Their 16-year-old son, David, published his book, *The Prince of Destiny* (Amazon), having started the epic fantasy in third grade. Their younger son Matthew (11 years-old), is the home IT and basketball expert.

Eric Wear (Arkansas & Brasenose 1985) 20 years in Hong Kong and six in Shanghai, Eric has held academic posts and worked with markets and public institutions. His focus has been on design, art and the shape and use of culture in civic, commercial and private life. This has been undertaken during 'interesting times' where tensions and contradictions have accompanied rapid economic and social change. Most recently, he has moved to Bangkok. With his wife and fellow Oxonian, Chuk-Kwan Ting, he has three daughters.

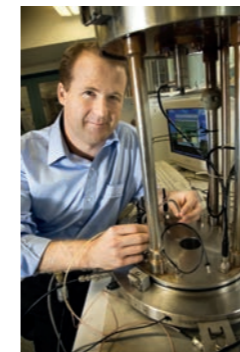


1995



Jonathan Beere (Michigan & Balliol 1995) Jonathan is Professor für antike Philosophie und Wissensgeschichte at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, where he is director of a program for graduate work in Ancient Philosophy and pursues research on Ancient Philosophy and Mathematics. He is married and has four children, ranging in age from four to 12.

Mark Cassidy (Queensland & New College 1995) Developing solutions to anchor offshore oil and gas platforms, as well as renewable energy facilities, to the seabed through his role as Australian Research Council Laureate Fellow, Lloyd's Register Foundation Chair and Director of the Centre for Offshore Foundation Systems at the University of Western Australia. Further soil mechanics experiments regularly conducted on Cottesloe beach with children Benjamin (four) and Emily (two) and wife Joy.



Carolyn Evans (Victoria & Exeter 1995) is currently Dean at Melbourne Law School, where she has worked since her return from Oxford. Her research focuses on the intersection of law and religion. She and her husband, Stephen, celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary this year and have two children, Caitlin (15, born in Oxford) and Michael (14). She is Honorary Secretary of the Victorian Rhodes Selection panel.



Pierre Faber (South Africa-at-Large & Keble 1995) moved to Connecticut shortly after completing his DPhil in 1999. He and his wife, Margaret (Linacre 1993), founded Classic Africa, a tour operator specialising in tailor-made African safaris. For the subsequent 16 years, Classic Africa has provided Pierre the unmitigated pleasure of introducing thousands of North Americans to the beauty and diversity of his native southern Africa. On sabbatical from track and field, Pierre currently enjoys Alpine ski racing, photography, and spending time with Margaret and their two sons, William (seven) and Edward (three).

Felix Geiringer (New Zealand & Magdalen 1995) After a few years working in IT as a cryptologist and coding theorist, Felix returned to New Zealand to read Law. He has since practiced in both NZ and England (as both a solicitor and a barrister). He is currently in Wellington, where he has been appearing in high profile commercial and civil rights cases. He acted for the New Zealand Māori Council in a landmark case on water rights, and is currently representing a journalist, Nicky Hager, in a source

protection case. He is civilly united with two children.

Vishal Gulati (India & Imperial 1995) After leaving University, Vishal joined the Wellcome Trust, followed by Atlas Venture and since then he has spent 15 years as a venture capitalist focusing on the healthcare industry, currently at DFJ Esprit. Vishal serves on the board of several public and private healthcare companies and also on the UK Government’s Biomedical Catalyst Fund, and holds a visiting faculty position in Imperial College. In 2007, Vishal married Tamar Kasriel, a futurist, and they have had a rather eventful year with the arrival of non-identical twins Nina Yasmin and Leo Rohan who join the more mature Harry Neel (six) and live in London.

David F. Klemm (Germany & Hertford 1995) David decided to embark on a career in investment banking in London after spending a third Rhodes year at the London School of Economics earning a Master’s degree. He finally moved back to Germany in 2004 and still works in Mergers & Acquisition advisory. He lives with his wife, Kerstin, and daughter, Maya, just outside Frankfurt. He is active as treasurer of the German Rhodes Alumni organization and spends his spare time piloting small aircraft.

Peter Koch (Diocesan College & Mansfield 1995 (and Brasenose)) Peter returned to South Africa with not just a degree but an English wife, Rosalind, who had read Law at Worcester College. Peter qualified as a Chartered Accountant with PwC in Cape Town before returning to the UK for a two year stint with the Outward Bound Trust – based first in London and then the Lake District. The family moved back to Cape Town in 2004 where Peter first worked for an NGO that played an oversight role in the fledgling cooperative banking sector (credit unions) before joining an emerging public sector consultancy, Pegasys Strategy and Development, in 2007.

Kezia Lange (South Africa-at-Large & Christ Church 1995) After working briefly as a barrister, Kezia returned to medicine, completing her specialist training in London, Baltimore and Sydney. She has worked as a consultant psychiatrist for the last 10 years, and sits on Ministry of Justice mental health tribunals. Kezia is married, with two young sons, and moved back to Oxford recently, enjoying visiting Rhodes House occasionally. Kezia has recently been appointed training programme director for junior doctors training in Psychiatry across the Oxford Deanery and finds making cakes for the South Oxford Farmers’ Market oddly relaxing.

Elizabeth Leane (South Australia & Magdalen 1995) Elle is an Associate Professor of English and currently holds a research fellowship split between the School of Humanities and the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies at the University of Tasmania. Her books include *Reading Popular Physics* (Ashgate, 2007), *Antarctica in Fiction* (Cambridge UP, 2012) and *South Pole* (Reaktion Books, in press). She married Damian Murphy in 2005. They live in Hobart with their children Zachary, seven, and Tessa, five.



Audri Mukhopadhyay (Maritimes & Magdalen 1995) is a diplomat with the Canadian government. From 2009 to 2013 he was posted in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, and prior to that he was based in Ottawa where he worked in various roles. Audri and his wife, Sonali, currently reside in Washington, DC.

Michael O’Sullivan (Ireland & Balliol 1995) writes: “When I left Oxford, I went to Princeton to teach Economics and Finance though I now practise these ‘dark’ arts at Credit Suisse (as chief investment officer in UK and EMEA). I do also try to stay in touch with Ireland and have written two books on its recent ups and downs – *Ireland and the Global Question* (Cork University Press, 2006) and *What did we do right?* (Blackhall 2010), and I am also an independent member of Ireland’s National Economic Social Council (NESC). Helene and I have three children Elvire, Shane and Emmet which makes for a busy life in Paris.”



Lorelei Ormrod (British Columbia & St John’s 1995) revels in her work teaching writing and literature at NYU. She’s heartened to be healthy at last, after a life-threatening wrestle with a rare auto-immune blood disorder that required many months of hospital treatment and years of difficult recovery. Stepping back

on the soccer field this spring felt like coming home. She hopes never to recover from serious wanderlust, still passionately rambling the planet to explore and visit old Rhodes friends. This Christmas was spent in captivating India with Alex Debs (Quebec 2000), Mira Debs (Iowa 1999), and Jackie Cook (South Africa 1995).

Madhusudhan Raghunath (Kenya & Templeton 1995) met Phoebe at Oxford and used his Rhodie charm (and stipend) to attract her into marriage. Madhu and Phoebe moved to London where they were gifted with two beautiful boys, Krishna and Keshava. To help keep Phoebe his forever, Madhu stuck it out in Investment Banking to become top rat – or Managing Director – running a global equities business line at a major firm. Outside the office, Madhu focuses on family, two-handed piano, experimental cooking, and thinking. He looks forward to engaging with Rhodies on life, enlightenment and on fighting the world’s fight.

Peter Rutledge (New Zealand & Magdalen 1995) After his DPhil and a post-doctoral stint in Oxford, Peter took up a lectureship in Chemical Biology at University College Dublin in 2003. Three years later, he moved to the University of Sydney where he is currently Associate Professor and Associate Head of School for Teaching in the School of Chemistry. Peter married Kate (also an Oxford DPhil chemist) in the Botanic Gardens in Sydney in September 2006. Their sons Eric (seven) and Toby (five) enrich and challenge in equal measure, as effervescent young boys are wont to do.

Diana Sabot Whitney (New Hampshire & Magdalen 1995) Diana’s first book of poetry, *WANTING IT*, was released in 2014 by Harbor Mountain Press and became an indie bestseller. Her essays and poems have appeared in *The Huffington Post*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Washington Post*, *The Rumpus*, and many more. She’s currently finishing a second book, *SPILT MILK*, based on her syndicated parenting column about the darker side of motherhood. A yoga teacher by trade, Diana runs a yoga studio attached to her family’s farmhouse in Brattleboro, Vermont, where she lives with her husband, Tim, their two daughters, and 14 chickens. diana-whitney.com



Jordan Schreiber (New Mexico & Magdalen 1995) owns a martial arts school that teaches self-defense and leadership skills to children and adults (including his four-year-old son). He also oversees Team PRIDE, a non-profit organization he established to enroll low-income and at-risk children throughout the United States in martial arts programs that reduce delinquency and promote educational achievement. (PRIDE is an acronym for Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Discipline and Excellence.) He lives in Berkeley, California, with his wife, Helena Echlin, and their two children, Griffin and Seraphine.

Sumit Sen (India & London School of Economics 1995) Sumit is an international lawyer, speaker, author, visiting professor, consultant and advisor-at-large on legal matters. Sumit moved from Oxford to the LSE with his PhD supervisor. After completing his PhD thesis in International Law, Sumit went to work for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Geneva and worldwide. He co-authored *The State of the World’s Refugees* (OUP). Sumit and his wife, Mahnaz (married in 1997 when Sumit was a Scholar-in-residence), decided to move to live in Toronto, Canada. Sumit runs a successful Immigration Law firm, SEN Immigration, in Toronto, Canada (SenImmigration.com). He is also a Legal Advisor/Consultant to the UN and other international organizations in the area of refugee law and displacement. He is active in the Canadian Association for Rhodes Scholars (CARS). Sumit and Mahnaz are blessed with two daughters, 10-year-old Sarina and 13-year-old Sara. The Sen family are self-proclaimed ‘foodies’ and love to travel the world. They have been to over 35 countries together, and have planned an extensive trip to Europe in the Summer of 2015.



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Joelle Abra (Ontario & Wadham 2005) It has been a big year for Joelle. She raised a second investment fund and now has farms in four of Canada's provinces, and has become an expert at redeveloping farmland. Global food crisis – we're getting ready to respond! In all seriousness, work has gone really well. While she was always a good spender, it was amazing to her that she managed to buy nearly \$50m of property in the last couple years. Fortunately, she created significant value for investors and is on track for more spending. On a personal side, she is improving her golf and tennis game, and had a most wonderful trip to Botswana, Zimbabwe and South Africa. While she tears up a dance floor much too infrequently these days, she would love to do so whenever any of you pass through Toronto.

Ted Alexander (Tasmania & St Antony's 2005) is happily back in sunny Sydney with wife, Mira (St Antony's 2006), and dog Bonny (Woofcester 2012) after nine wonderful years in England. Ted is working in fund management with Magellan Asset Management, and spending his recreational time lobbying for a knighthood, while they last.

Peter Buttigieg (Indiana & Pembroke 2005) Peter, better known around South Bend as "Mayor Pete", has been serving as mayor of his Indiana hometown since 2012 and hopes to have been re-elected to a second four-year term by the time you read this. His administration has focused on economic development, reducing gun violence, and vacant and abandoned properties. He spent much



of 2014 on leave from the office in order to serve in Afghanistan as a Navy Reserve officer. He is perpetually fixing up his historic home in South Bend, and has enjoyed hosting fellow Scholars passing through town.

Nicholas Farrelly (Australia-At-Large & Balliol 2005) is back home in Canberra where he works at the Australian National University. He holds an Australian Research Council fellowship for research on political culture in Myanmar's transition from military dictatorship. Last year, he and his wife, Ali Jenkins, had a long stint in Naypyitaw working in Myanmar's new parliamentary institutions. That base provided plenty of opportunities to see visiting classmates including Anna Oldmeadow (Australia-At-Large & University 2005) and Bryony Lau (Alberta & Balliol 2005). In 2014, Nicholas also co-founded, with Ryan Manuel (South Australia & Merton 2006), a political risk consultancy called Glenloch Advisory.

Jeremy Farris (Georgia & Balliol 2005) After completing his DPhil. (Oxon) and JD (HLS) and clerking for the US federal court of appeals, Jeremy returned to Georgia to work on Jason Carter's (Jimmy's grandson) gubernatorial campaign and to practice law at Bondurant, Mixson & Elmore, a litigation boutique in Atlanta. Jeremy and Lisa (who also came to Oxford with the Class of 2005) will celebrate ten years of marriage and best-friendship in July.

Ruth Anne French-Hodson (Kansas & Merton 2005) After two federal clerkships, Ruth Anne joined the law firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon, where she specializes in class actions, appellate practice, and international regulatory consulting. Jake is now in his second year running a landscape design and installation

business, and Otis is about to finish kindergarten. Ruth Anne, Jake, and Otis recently bought a house in Kansas City, KS, with lots of room for guests.

Damany Gibbs (Commonwealth Caribbean & Hertford 2005)



Damany is still based in Johannesburg, South Africa and has been there for the past six years. Damany and his wife welcomed their first child in November, a baby girl (Zawadi) and are enjoying parenthood. On the career front, Damany's 'newish' venture, Pioneer Academies (creating a network of affordable private schools in Africa), opened its first two

schools in January. It's exciting to see the ship leave the harbour and they look forward to the new challenges ahead to improve their education model and scale the business in South Africa and West Africa.

Chris Haw (Diocesan College & Magdalen 2005) returned to Cape Town after Oxford and entered the renewable energy industry. As well as founding two of his own companies, Aurora Power Solutions and SOLA Future Energy, Chris set up the solar industry association in South Africa, SAPVIA, which assisted the government to implement and administer a procurement program attracting more than 3000MW new clean power stations in South Africa. Chris and his wife, Dzvinka, met in Oxford and have a two-year-old daughter, Kvitka. They were expecting a son in early April 2015.

Imre Hunyor (New South Wales & Magdalen 2005) is completing his Cardiology training at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney. In his final year, he is concurrently pursuing a Fellowship in Cardiac MRI and furthering his post-doctoral research in the molecular and imaging aspects of cardiac energetics. He and his wife, Kristina Cook, are kept busy by their son Aidan, who is less than a year old!

Joe Jewell (Michigan & Keble 2005) After defending his PhD at Caltech last May, Joe and his wife, Katie, moved from California to Dayton, Ohio. Both work on Wright-Patterson AFB; Joe at the Air Force Research Laboratory, on a fellowship from the National Research Council to investigate high Mach number flows for re-entry and high speed flight applications (rekindling his rowing skills on the side), and Katie in the educational outreach office where she runs the FIRST Lego League STEM program for the state of Ohio. They were expecting a baby boy in May 2015 and are very excited to be parents!

Andrew Kim (New Jersey & Magdalen 2005) Andrew currently works at the White House serving as the Director for Iraq at the National Security Council. In this position, he served as the coordinator for the White House's response to the

ISIL crisis. Previously, Andrew worked at the Departments of State and Defense, and in Afghanistan as an advisor to General Petraeus and General Allen. In 2012, Andrew married his Oxford sweetheart Kammy.

David Knezevic (Western Australia & Balliol 2005) moved to Boston to take up a post-doc position at MIT after completing a D Phil in Numerical Analysis at Oxford. During his post-doc, David worked on new algorithms for fast computational simulations of engineering infrastructure, and in 2012 David co-founded a startup (Akselos) to commercialize this technology. Akselos now has 15 employees and offices on three continents. David was recently engaged, and he and his fiancée, Jessica, will be getting married in July 2015.

Christoffer Koch (Germany & St John's College 2005) works at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas as an economist.

Laurel Yong-Hwa Lee (Washington and Christ Church 2005) Laurel completed a medical degree at Harvard Medical School in 2012 with a postdoctoral work exploring the immune mechanisms of cerebrovascular diseases. She enjoys her current residency training at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and continues to enjoy rowing and writing about music.

Rachel Mazyck (North Carolina & Linacre 2005) was excited to marry Tim Pfeifer in May 2015, and continues to work at Collegiate Directions, Inc., helping low-income, first-generation-to-college students get into and graduate from college.

Sindiso Mnisi Weeks (South Africa-at-large & New College 2005) After returning to University of Cape Town (2009–2013) to work on the Rural Women's Action-Research Programme, doing research and policy work on governance and dispute management under customary law, Sindiso is now Assistant Professor in Public Policy of Excluded Populations at University of Massachusetts Boston's School for Global Inclusion and Social Development. She and husband, Daniel Weeks (Marshall Scholar, 2006), live in New Hampshire where Dan causes trouble (the good kind!) directing non-profit, Open Democracy, and its lead campaign, the NH Rebellion. They continue social justice commentary at sindisoanddan.wordpress.com and in popular media, and enjoy travel outside their Arctic residence.

Seshadri Nadathur (India & Trinity 2005) After four years of postdoctoral research work at universities in Germany and then Finland, Seshadri will return to the UK in October 2015. He will continue his research into the vast emptiness of the universe at the Institute of Cosmology and Gravitation at the University of Portsmouth, where he will hold a Marie Skłodowska-Curie European Fellowship. Seshadri and his partner, Iza, have done some adventurous climbing (and had some nervous moments) in the mountains of the Dolomites and the Pyrenees, but perhaps

the most unusual experience he can report is playing club cricket in Finland and Estonia!

Andreas Nunnenkamp (Germany & St John's 2005) writes: "After three years at Yale and then three years at the University of Basel, I started a five-year Royal Society University Research Fellowship at Cambridge University. (My partner, Paulina, received a PhD in Philosophy from MIT and is in her third year as a lecturer in the Faculty of Philosophy at Cambridge). This means that we solved the two-body problem (at least for the medium term) just as it was about to turn into a three-body problem: our daughter Martha Rosa was born 3 October 2014."

Chelsea Payne (New Zealand & Balliol 2005) After more than three years working in Liberia on access to justice programming and rule of law support in this post-conflict West African country, Chelsea has been working for the past two and a half years with the United Nations Rule of Law Unit in the Office of the Secretary-General. Chelsea married Luke Rooney (also Balliol) in Italy in 2014 and they are enjoying living in the East Village, New York. They are looking forward to the arrival of their first child in the summer.

Elizabeth Pearson (Iowa & Somerville 2005) Elizabeth will graduate in May 2015 with a PhD in Sociology from the University of California-Berkeley. After calling the Bay Area home for the past six years, she and her husband, Tarek Ghani, plan to move to Washington, DC and then to St Louis, where Tarek has accepted a faculty position at the Olin Business School at Washington University in St Louis, beginning in fall 2016.

K. Sabeel Rahman (New York & Pembroke 2005) Having completed his JD-PhD at Harvard, Sabeel now lives in Brooklyn with his wife, Noorain Khan (Michigan & St. Antony's 2006), where he teaches at Brooklyn Law School and focuses on democracy and economic policy issues. Sabeel helped launch the Gettysburg Project, a Ford Foundation-backed innovation lab for civic engagement and social justice organizations, where he now serves as Design Director. He also served as Special Advisor on economic development strategy for the de Blasio administration and was recently appointed to the Rent Guidelines Board for the City of New York.

Graham Reynolds (Maritimes & Balliol 2005) In 2013, Graham took up a position as an Assistant Professor at the Peter A. Allard School of Law at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. Graham's research and teaching focus on the intersection of intellectual property and human rights. Graham and his wife, Meg, celebrated their third wedding anniversary in August 2014. They are enjoying life in Vancouver, and are looking forward to a summer of hiking in British



Columbia and Alberta, as well as visiting with family and friends.

Mike Rivers-Bowerman (British Columbia & Corpus Christi 2005) lives in Halifax, NS, with his family where he is approaching his final year of residency training in diagnostic radiology at Dalhousie University. He and Helen Rogers were married in 2009 and have two wonderful children, Jack (four) and Anna (one). The family will be moving to Toronto in July 2016 where Mike will undertake fellowship training in vascular and interventional radiology.

Anna Robinson (Newfoundland & St John's 2005) Since leaving Oxford in 2007, Anna has married her college boyfriend, Gareth Davies, and moved to Nigeria for two years where she worked on the monitoring and evaluation of a multimillion pound health systems development programme. She then returned to university, this time at Imperial College London to study medicine. She graduated in 2014 and is now a Foundation Year 1 doctor at Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, a central London teaching hospital. When not at work she continues to enjoy travelling with her husband, most recently to Myanmar.



Farnaz Sabet (Victoria & Trinity 2005) continues to love exploring the world. She completed family medicine training in 2012, and combines this with public health, community development and policy work, in countries as diverse as Samoa, Philippines, Nauru, Egypt and India. Farnaz and her husband, Osama, spent last year exploring a number of countries in the Middle East, and have recently settled down in Jordan where she is consulting with the Syrian Refugee Crisis, Women's Health NGOs and working as an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Public Health. Although she keeps getting questioned what an Australian doctor is doing in Jordan, she hopes to further delve into the fascinating processes of health, culture and development. Farnaz also looks forward to hosting many visitors, including of course dear friends from her time in Oxford.

Eugene Shenderov (New York & Magdalen 2005) Since leaving Oxford, Eugene has completed medical school and is now a Resident in Internal Medicine at Johns Hopkins University. Recently, he co-founded the Charm City Clinic, a non-profit serving the socioeconomically disadvantaged in Baltimore, Maryland where he resides with his family. His wife, Maryana, is a Fellow in Infectious Disease at the University of Maryland and they have a two-and-a-half-year daughter Leora Alice. In his spare time, he continues medical research, enjoys activities with the family, running, and catching up with friends.



Lev Sviridov (New York & New College 2005) writes: "This past year, I have been appointed an Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Hunter College to run concurrently with my appointment as the Director of the Macaulay Honors College. As Director, I oversee admissions, curriculum development, hiring and firing of faculty, and professional development of my students and staff in the largest and most diverse public universities in the United States. I plan on continuing the collaborative research projects in materials for my research."



Ravish Tiwari (India & Linaere 2005) has worked as a political journalist since leaving Oxford in 2006. Based out of New Delhi, he has covered national politics and social policy issues for *The Indian Express*, an influential English daily, and later for *India Today*, largest circulating national English weekly, since July 2014. As a political reporter, he has so far covered six major elections - two National and four provincial - during this period. He lives in Delhi with his wife, Poojya Trivedi, a voracious fiction reader, and both enjoy watching movies together in cinema halls.

Matt Wenham (Australia-at-Large & St John's 2005) Matt and his wife, Sarah, left the UK for a four-year stint in the US, where Matt undertook postdoctoral research at the National Institutes of Health, before moving in to science policy as Associate Director with Washington, DC-based think tank the Institute on Science for Global Policy. In 2013, they returned to Australia, where Matt now runs the science policy team at the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, Australia's national academy of engineering and technology. They live in Melbourne, and in 2014 adopted Fudge, a maltese cross who-knows-what, who now runs their lives.

Carolyn Wills (Utah & Jesus 2005) and **Mike April (Colorado & St Edmund Hall 2005)**: Nearing the end of residency, the Aprils anticipate staying in San Antonio, TX for faculty positions. Carolyn will be working with the Department of Medicine at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center while Mike will serve as an Emergency Medicine attending affiliated with the San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium. Zoe and Zach (nearly four and two) are enjoying Spanish immersion preschool.

Christopher Young (South Africa-at-Large & University 2005) After completing a MSc and DPhil in Neuroscience, investigating the role of neural stem cells for brain repair after stroke, Chris joined Groote Schuur hospital in Cape Town as a medical officer in Neurosurgery and Neurology. He was appointed a Clinical Fellow in Neurosurgery at the University of Cape Town for 2013/14. He recently completed a research fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston under the mentorship of Dr Ed Laws. In July, Chris and his partner, Karen, will move to Seattle, where he will commence neurosurgery residency at University of Washington.

Silas Xu (New Zealand & Balliol 2005) moved to Hong Kong from New York in 2009 and works at a long short equity hedge fund, with particular interest in global technology and China-related opportunities. Silas has maintained a general sense of coordination and mobility, but has few heroics to share, besides pedaling a folding bike across Japan for a month. Silas and his wife, JJ Chen (Somerville, 2004), married in 2012 in Queenstown, New Zealand. They are delighted with Hong Kong's growing artistic and culinary offerings and moreover the territory's lovely country parks and lazy beaches in the summer.



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Profile:

Tajudeen-Abdul Raheem (1961 – 2009)

This profile is written by **Dr Patricia Daley**, Associate Professor of Human Geography at the University of Oxford, who was a contemporary of Tajudeen-Abdul Raheem at Oxford

Tajudeen (Taju) Abdul-Raheem (Nigeria & St Peter's 1983), died in a road accident on 25 May 2009 in Nairobi, Kenya.

Taju was born on 6 January 1961 in the northern Nigerian town of Funtua and had a national and pan-African outlook. He was fluent in at least three of the major languages of his country. In his application for the Rhodes Scholarship he did not shy from expressing his political views and aspirations for the continent of Africa. He is probably the most well-known African Rhodes Scholar of the late 20th century and was President of the University Africa Society. While at Oxford, Taju was an activist; committed to African liberation, and more broadly to social justice irrespective of the racial, gendered, ethnic or geographical origins of those affected. As a supporter of the anti-Apartheid movement, African National Congress, SWAPO, Save the Sharpeville Six campaign, and any other liberation or people-centred movement, he was always willing to pick up a banner and protest, as well as organise to raise money to support campaigns.

Before completing his DPhil in Political Science under the supervision of Gavin Williams, Taju moved to London to work for the Institute of African Alternatives. Later, with close comrades, he established, in London, a number of

Africa-oriented think tanks: the Africa Research and Information Bureau, whose journal *Africa World Review* he co-founded and edited, the Centre for Democracy and Development, the Pan-African Development Education and Advocacy Programme, and Justice Africa.

Taju returned to Africa as the Secretary General of the Global Pan-African Movement in 1993, having been recruited by the former Tanzanian Minister Abdul-Rahman Babu. As the then OAU Secretary General, Salim Ahmed Salim, said, 'while Taju could have gone from Oxford to work in any country or company of his choice, he instead returned to Africa to help rebuild it'. Taju organised the 7th Pan-African Congress (PAC) which was held in Kampala in April 1994. Some 5,000 delegates from Africa and the African Diaspora attended. The theme of the Congress was 'Facing the future in unity, social progress and democracy – perspectives towards the 21st century'. The resolutions called for a second liberation front to defeat re-colonisation, dictatorships, and genocidal practices across the continent. The motto, which became Taju's own, was: "Don't agonize, Organize!"

Taju's reputation in Africa spread rapidly as he criss-crossed the continent, attending wherever progressive forces needed support. He was known for his political

astuteness, an orator of penetrating insights into African and global politics, and a fearless champion of the oppressed. Taju disseminated his thoughts on Africa and Pan-Africanism in his weekly postcards that were published first in the Ugandan newspaper *New Vision*. Soon the postcards were eagerly awaited on a Thursday and were syndicated to newspapers across the continent and online – PambazukaNews.org. In the postcards, and in face-to-face meetings, Taju was not afraid to speak truth to power, and to castigate African leaders at the African Union. Possessing immense diplomatic skills he could criticise leaders whilst making them laugh. He was opposed to the top down, male-centred, and state-centred Pan-Africanism, and wrote in one of his postcards, 'it is now widely recognised that Pan-Africanism needs to leave the confines of conferences and executive mansions of our leaders and become part and parcel of all our lives building from the down-up'. Taju was opposed to dictatorship. In a postcard of 19 February 2009, entitled 'respect term limits for democratic change', he voiced his opposition to dictatorship, noting, 'the world has changed and so must revolutionaries'.

Taju was a champion of the poor, the dispossessed, and women. In a postcard of 5 May 2009, he declared, 'it is not morally or politically right



and it cannot be acceptable that mothers die giving life'. At the time of his death, he was the Deputy Director of the UN Millennium Development Goals in Africa, where, rather than being mainstreamed, he became a fighter in the struggle to get the campaign to support meaningful programmes.

Taju exhibited immense warmth, energy, and passion. His loud infectious laugh and presence would instantly fill a room. More importantly, he was an eternal optimist, possessing an unwavering confidence in the people of Africa to overcome adversity.

Taju never forgot his home town and set up Hawa Memorial College in Funtua in memory of his mother, who died in 1997, and personally funded the education of numerous school and university students across Africa. He published one book after the 7th PAC, entitled: *Pan-Africanism: Politics, Economy & Social Change in the Twenty-First Century*, and his postcards were published posthumously in *Speaking Truth to Power: Selected Pan-African Postcards*.



Rhodes Events

16–17 July

Higher Education Conference

The 2015 Higher Education Conference at Rhodes House will focus on current challenges in Asia and Africa where the Rhodes network can create innovative, sustainable, and impactful change.

Questions which will be explored include:

- What does it take to create leading research universities in Asia and Africa? What is the current and future real need for world-class research institutions in Asia and Africa, and how can that demand be met?
- What makes a university world-class? What metrics and evaluations are appropriate, useful or necessary for institutions in higher education in Asia and Africa to position themselves as leading global institutions?
- How can higher education institutions attract and retain top talent? How can we build partnerships to ensure top researchers have access to world-class research space and be internationally relevant?

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18–20 September

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18 August 2015
Saskatchewan Scholars evening reception hosted by Henry Kloppenburg (Saskatchewan & Exeter 1986) and Cheryl Kloppenburg. Invitations with details to follow.

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- The Southern African Association of Rhodes Scholars Bon Voyage Conference in Johannesburg
- The Association of American Rhodes Scholars Bon Voyage Weekend
- The Canadian Association of Rhodes Scholars Sailing Dinner
- Rhodes Scholars in Britain event in November
- The Association of Zimbabwe Rhodes Scholars event in December
- ...and many more!

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