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elcome to the third edition of the Rhodes Scholar magazine, in which we focus on Rhodes Scholars working in medicine – from those who work on global health crises such as Ebola, to those who improve the health of cities, to current Scholars in biomedicine.

We also feature the Character, Service and Leadership programme at Rhodes House, a set of focal events where we discuss the core values behind the Scholarship and the elements of a good life. This same ethos lies behind one of our most significant partnerships to date, with The Atlantic Philanthropies, which provides support for the core Rhodes Scholarships, enables greater convening, as well as hosting mid-career Fellows. We outline this in more detail within this issue of the magazine, as well as the tremendous news of the geographic expansion of the Scholarships. I hope you enjoy reading it!

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



Rhodes Scholar Blog



Since we launched this new online initiative in January 2016, the Rhodes Scholar Blog has hosted an engaging variety of articles on subjects ranging from refugee rights to celebrations of Pi. The blog showcases the excellent research of Rhodes Scholars and allows them to share their insights on topical issues. So far we have featured blogs on health access, social justice, issues of the day, life at Oxford, global challenges, and leadership and public service.

Our most read posts have covered topics on stroke care in Canada, why young people apply for a Rhodes Scholarship, and the urgent need to improve global healthcare standards. We have reached across the generations with Scholars from 1971 to 2015 contributing their knowledge and expertise to the blog, and we look forward to its continued growth with great anticipation. If you would like to write a post, please email Claire at claire.skilton@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk

Rhodes Biomedicine



The Rhodes Biomedicine Conference brought Rhodes Scholars and leading industry experts together to discuss the opportunities and challenges in medicine over the next 20 years. It also provided a space for networking, sharing ideas and career guidance for current Medical Sciences students at Oxford. The conference is part of the annual calendar of events at Rhodes House.

Portrait Unveiled

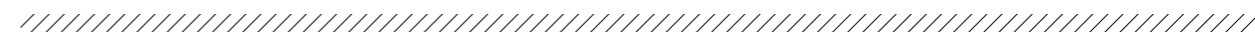
Lucy Banda-Sichone (Zambia & Somerville 1978) was an influential Zambian human rights activist and her life has been honoured through the commissioning of the first female Rhodes Scholar portrait in Milner Hall at Rhodes House.



The artist, Deidre Saunders (Rhodesia & Somerville 1978), has captured the essence of the ‘Lucy she knew at Somerville’ – an individual full of passion and determination. The portrait was unveiled by two Zambian Rhodes Scholars from the Class of 2015, Karen Mumba and Kabeleka Kabeleka. They spoke passionately about the impact Ms Banda-Sichone had during her lifetime and the need for such life stories to be celebrated through visual representation. This project was supported by Ann Olivarius (Connecticut & Somerville 1978), Chair of



McAllister Olivarius and Founder of the Rhodes Project, Tony Abrahams (Australia-at-Large & Balliol 1998), Chief Executive Officer of Ai-Media and Charles Conn (Massachusetts & Balliol 1983), Warden of the Rhodes Trust.



Selected Speakers at Rhodes House



Naomi Wolf (Connecticut & New College 1985) and Elleke Boehmer (South Africa-at-Large & St John’s 1985) advised and coached Rhodes Scholars on how the female voice has been suppressed, and how it can be expressed. Male and female Rhodes Scholars listened to Elleke’s thoughts on her recently published fifth book, *The Shouting in the Dark and Indian Arrivals: 1870-1915*. Naomi raised awareness of the pervasive inequities that exist in society and politics. She encouraged Scholars to take charge of their lives, voice their concerns and enact change. Naomi particularly focused on reclaiming the strong female voice.



Patrick Pichette (Québec & Pembroke 1987), formerly Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Google Inc., spoke to Rhodes Scholars about the impact of the Digital Economy, his life and travels after Google, and how he co-founded the Kenauk Institute, a centre for ecological studies. He left Scholars pondering several questions. Will robots replace workers? Will the world continue to be divided into countries? Is capitalism failing? You can follow his travels via his blog: pichette.org



Swati Mylavarapu (Florida & Wolfson 2005), a venture investor at KPCB, gave a co-talk with her husband Matt Rogers, Co-Founder of Nest, on ‘Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Impact: Lessons from Silicon Valley’. They provided honest and practical advice on tech start-ups and whether you can build great companies, change the world for the better, and be successful on an individual basis.

Making Waves with Big Bets

On 1 June we announced a £75 million partnership with The Atlantic Philanthropies, which includes support for the core Scholarships, expanded convening, and hosting of a new international network of Atlantic Fellows at the Atlantic Institute at Rhodes House.



Photo: Cristina Rodero Garcia



Photo: Gideon Mendel



Photo: Cristina Rodero Garcia

“From its inception, Atlantic has invested in people and in their vision and ability to realise a better world. In our final year of grantmaking, we are making our largest philanthropic investment ever, in people. Atlantic’s grant to the Rhodes Trust is one of a series of big bets to create an interconnected set of Atlantic Fellows programmes. Our vision for the Atlantic Fellows programmes is to connect and empower a new generation of people who are committed to working together, across disciplines and borders, to build fairer, healthier, more inclusive societies. The Rhodes Trust has built an unparalleled community of leaders with a commitment to serve others and better society. Their experience and their vision to amplify the impact of the existing network of Rhodes Scholars make them an ideal partner to connect and strengthen the new Atlantic Fellows programmes and their prospect for impact.”

Christopher G. Oechsli, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Atlantic Philanthropies



Camella Wilson, researcher at UCSF Medical School.
Photo: Carmen Holt



What is the new Atlantic Institute?

Up to six Atlantic Fellowship Programmes with hubs across the globe will each select 20–40 mid-career Fellows a year, to complete one to two year programmes in a variety of countries. The Atlantic Institute is a convening and knowledge-sharing central hub for this global network of Atlantic Fellows, which will be hosted at Rhodes House. Dynamic, accomplished leaders and thinkers, Atlantic Fellows are researchers, teachers, health professionals, activists, scholars, entrepreneurs, artists, writers, government officials and others dedicated to tackling global challenges to health, equity, opportunity and inclusion.

Why partner with The Atlantic Philanthropies?

The Atlantic Philanthropies is an international, limited-life foundation established by entrepreneur Charles F. Feeney. There is a terrific overlap of ethos and values between us. They are interested in supporting the Scholarships, as well as their new programme of mid-career fellows working in areas such as brain health, health equity, inequality and social change. There is a strong correlation with current Rhodes Scholar interests, and the potential for joint convening in these areas. It is supportive of our move from individual achievement towards collaborative problem solving and lifelong fellowship.

What is the future vision?

Connecting Atlantic Fellows around the world, the Atlantic Institute will maximise their impact in addressing persistent challenges to societies locally and globally. The grant will also enable the Atlantic Institute to provide support to Fellows and alumni throughout their careers, including global topic convenings, leadership development and cohort building. There will also be annual innovation prizes for Atlantic Fellows and alumni to develop and implement particularly creative and effective ideas.

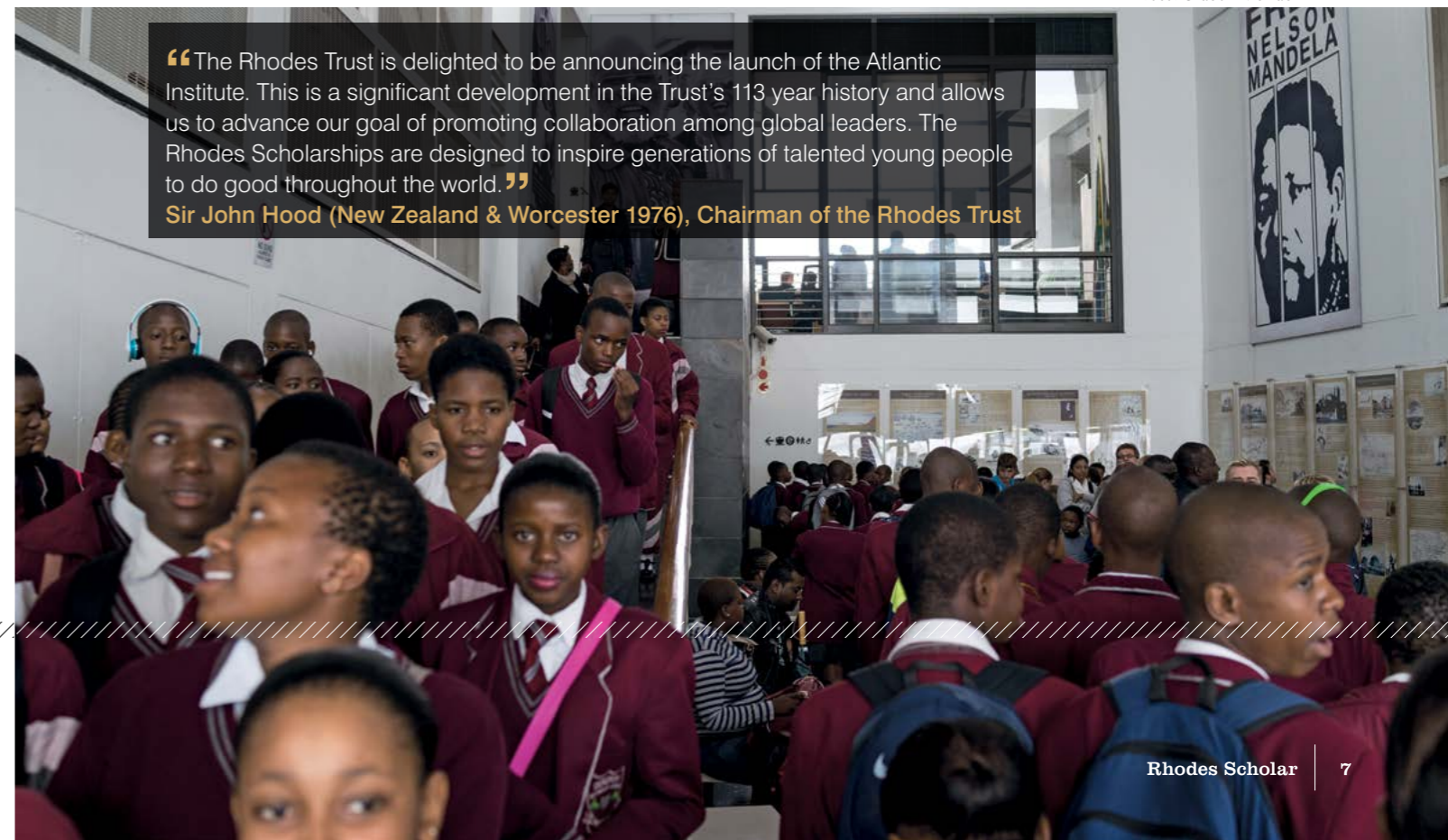
What else will this new partnership provide?

The Atlantic Institute grant also includes a capital project at Rhodes House to develop an expanded convening space. It will grow the capacity of Rhodes House to 750, including a large presentation, arts and theatre space below ground level. The funding from The Atlantic Philanthropies is also fortifying the core Rhodes Scholarships.

How will Rhodes Scholars and Atlantic Fellows connect?

We expect a high degree of interaction between Rhodes Scholars and Atlantic Fellows, including mentoring and Rhodes Scholars becoming candidates for future Atlantic Fellowships.

Photo: Gideon Mendel



“The Rhodes Trust is delighted to be announcing the launch of the Atlantic Institute. This is a significant development in the Trust’s 113 year history and allows us to advance our goal of promoting collaboration among global leaders. The Rhodes Scholarships are designed to inspire generations of talented young people to do good throughout the world.”

Sir John Hood (New Zealand & Worcester 1976), Chairman of the Rhodes Trust

Let's Make Baltimore Brilliant

Improving health across an entire city – in conversation with **Dr Leana Wen** (Missouri & Merton 2007), Baltimore City Health Commissioner.



Dr Leana Wen speaking during World AIDS Day

You have described the role of Baltimore City Health Commissioner as your dream job – what makes it so great?

It is a humbling realisation as a physician that what will impact care and outcomes for our patients is not just what happens in our hospitals but the services provided outside of the healthcare setting including housing, transportation and the built environment.

In my role, I can influence policy and deliver services so that we can care for our most vulnerable individuals. I oversee an agency of over 1,000 people. It is the oldest continuously operating health department in the United States and our core principle is creating health equity. We

believe that health is not just healthcare, it is also about delivering the right services across the city and changing longstanding policies to reduce rampant disparities and level the playing field of opportunity.

I consider all 620,000 residents of Baltimore as my patients

Did you predict this career path when you were still a Rhodes Scholar in Oxford?

I never thought I would have this opportunity at this time in my career – perhaps twenty years further down the line – but to have this opportunity now is not only something I am very grateful for, but something I intend to make the best use of. I want to serve Baltimore at a time of great need. I get to combine

my experience of clinical medicine with public policy and serving the community. Receiving the Rhodes Scholarship has been instrumental in my career; it gave me a lot of confidence and enabled me to pursue my goals boldly.

If you could have three wishes for the city of Baltimore, what would they be?

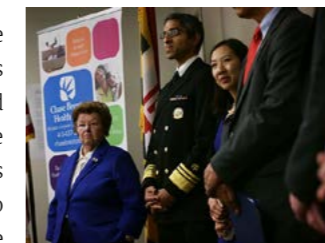
First, I would address poverty. Almost all diseases are diseases of poverty and unless we can increase the standard of living and the rate of employment we are not going to be able to improve health. Secondly, I would want health to be considered when all public policy decisions are made. We always discuss the fiscal impact; why not also ask about the health impact of every decision? Thirdly, I would want people to see addiction and mental illness as the diseases that they are. We should not stigmatise any disease and we should prioritise mental and emotional wellbeing as much as we prioritise physical wellbeing. There is a difference between how addiction is perceived between rich and poor, so it is also a question of equity and social justice.

You have a terrific Twitter feed and you recently mentioned being on a panel with President Obama. What was the conversation?

It was another of those incredible opportunities which I never expected I would have! I was honoured to be invited to share Baltimore's innovative approaches to addiction treatment with the President. Baltimore has often been in the news for all the wrong reasons, with violence, crime and unrest, but we have done a great deal – we are also a national model of addiction recovery and resilience. I was glad to share this with the President, though I was very nervous as I wanted to represent our city well. My Chief of Staff's advice to me was: "Don't throw up" so at least I was starting with a low baseline! Addiction needs to be tackled nationally – we have to increase funding for treatment as if we only save a life at the point of overdose then we simply tread water. We have to share stories that recovery is possible.



Dr Leana Wen on a panel with President Obama discussing addiction treatment



A visit of the Surgeon General, Vice Admiral Vivek Murthy

You have worked together with another Rhodes Scholar – Fagan Harris (Maryland/DC & St John's 2011), who is the founder of Baltimore Corps. What did that collaboration entail?

Fagan and I have been working closely together. This year, I fundraised for and recruited seven Baltimore Fellows from Baltimore Corps to work at the Health Department on public health priorities. It works for both of us as the Fellows have brought incredible value to the department, and, for Fagan, his programme has been able to expand. The model works very well but requires both investment by the host organisation and a partner like the Baltimore Corps who are committed to selecting and training great people committed to service.

What does the public policy aspect of your job involve?

I can get involved in the entire spectrum, from problem identification to policy change to service delivery. For example, when synthetic drugs became a problem and sickened Baltimore youth, we mobilised the community, conducted outreach to young people and teachers, educated over 1,000 grocers and storeowners to stop selling them, and then passed legislation to impose civil and criminal penalties. Within three months we identified the problem, advocated for legal change, succeeded, and tangibly changed our community for the better. When drug overdoses killed more people in our city than homicide, we got legislation changed so that I issued a 'standing order' – a blanket prescription – for the antidote to all 620,000 residents. Policy change translates directly to lives saved.

What would you say to the current Rhodes Scholar cohort about how to approach career planning?

Don't forget why you chose your particular path so far and why you chose to take on the world's fight. Be intentional about your choices going forward and don't let anyone tell you that it can't be done. There is not a single point in time to make 'the' career choice; think about where you can have the biggest impact and whether it is what will fulfill you. For any particular position, don't think about the title of the role; instead think about what you can do in it. 🙌

Rhodes Scholars' Art

The Current Scholars in residence find time in their busy schedules to pursue the creative, artistic and imaginative.

Ali Rizvi (Pakistan & Brasenose 2012)



Bronwyn Tarr
(St Andrew's College, Grahamstown & Hertford 2009)



Sarah Smierciak (Illinois & St Antony's, 2012)



Sarah Smierciak (Illinois & St Antony's, 2012)



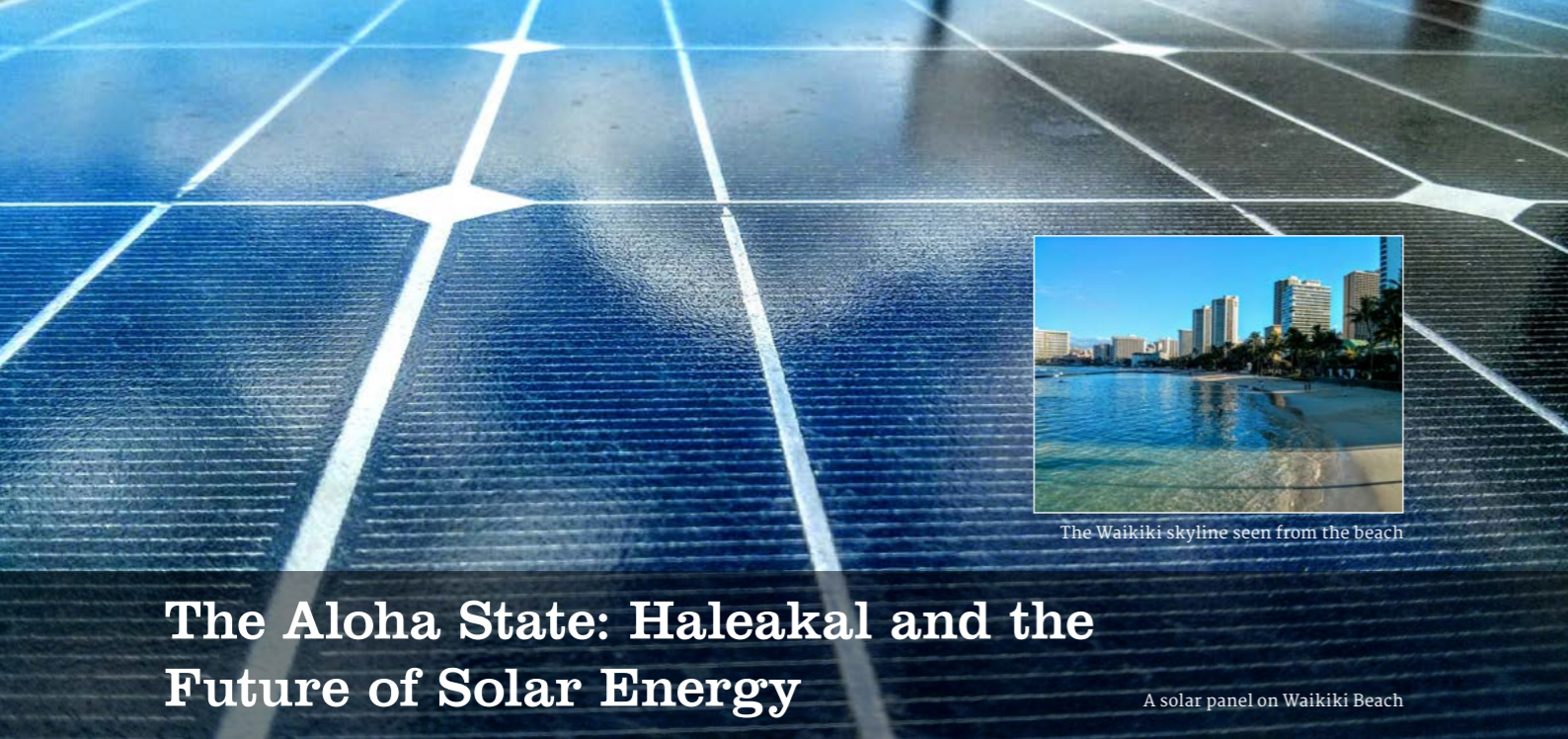
Eleanor Taylor



Sarah Smierciak (Illinois & St Antony's 2012)



Sarah Smierciak (Illinois & St Antony's 2012)



The Waikiki skyline seen from the beach

A solar panel on Waikiki Beach

The Aloha State: Haleakal and the Future of Solar Energy



Kiron Neale (Commonwealth Caribbean & Linacre 2013) is working on a DPhil in Geography and the Environment. His academic interests include islandic energy systems, solar energy and the socio-cultural perceptions of energy.

The Aloha State is an archipelago of eight islands so remote that it is located almost in the heart of the Pacific Ocean. Perhaps because of this geographic solitude, it is one of the most Eden-like landscapes on the planet with its lush tropical rainforests, crystal clear waters, volcanic lineage, and rich indigenous culture and history. This imagery and perhaps every conceivable image that comes to mind when one thinks of Hawaii suggests that it is no surprise that it's a destination frequently amongst the best places to vacation – with one of the meanings of 'Aloha', 'peace', perhaps summing up the reason why it's such a great place to be.

But as a researcher interested in islandic solar energy systems, Hawaii attracted me for a different reason (despite me trying and failing to continuously convince my peers of this). As one might guess, Hawaii's tropical nature gives it a great climate for solar energy hence why tanning on the beach is an immediate association for many. But this limitless

This is why 'Haleakalā,' meaning 'house of the sun,' is a quite fitting literary adaptation of indigenous Hawaiian culture to the role of the sun in Hawaii today; albeit a more technical and technological role

resource has been put to more technical uses across the islands. My work focuses on the governmental policies that promote residential solar energy (specifically solar water heating and photovoltaics) and in this respect, Hawaii has proven to be outstanding in not only promoting solar as an alternative to fossil fuels, but also in the implementation and adoption of these technologies. This is why 'Haleakalā,' meaning 'house of the sun,' is a quite fitting literary adaptation of indigenous Hawaiian culture to the role of the sun in Hawaii today; albeit a more technical and technological role.

Solar energy is one of the world's available alternative energies but it is also a form of renewable energy, considering that not all alternatives are renewable. In the climate change arena, renewable energy resources are considered mitigation options that represent a cleaner means of generating energy as opposed to the conventional hydrocarbons like coal, oil and natural gas. The technologies that harness these

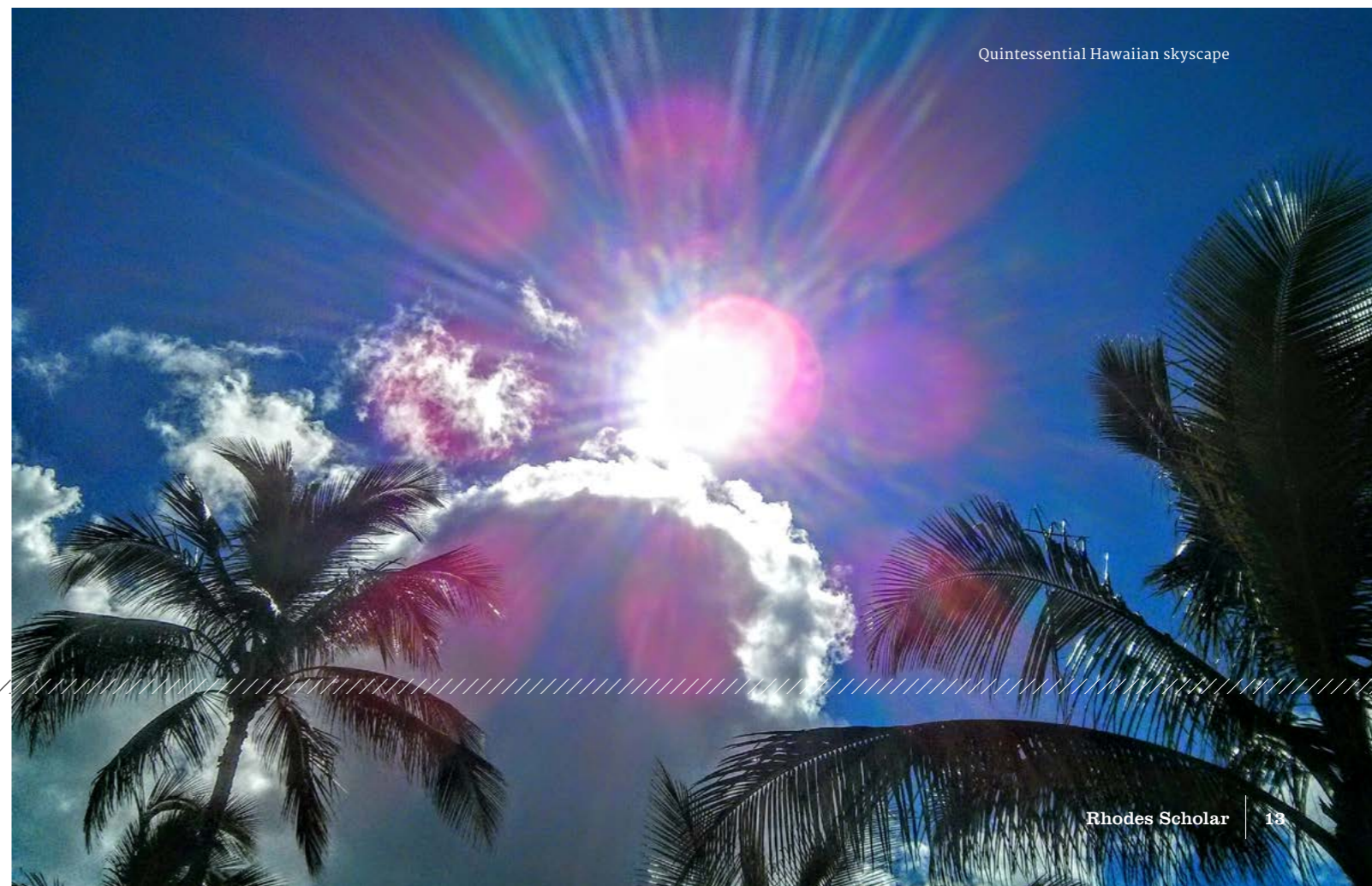
renewables act as emissions reduction technologies since they in essence are able to contribute to energy generation that would have otherwise been supplied by fossil fuels. It is also thought that renewable energies like solar are also valuable in providing power to remote and rural areas that have little to no access to electricity. And even in the urban landscape, technologies like photovoltaics and solar water heating have been thought to blend in quite seamlessly since they are conventionally installed on the roofs of buildings, considering the lack of land space that usually hampers urban development.

Hawaiian solar energy has been such a growth market because of two main reasons: the high costs of electricity and a proactive policy environment. Since Hawaii is a rather isolated location and one that has no indigenous fossil fuels, the Aloha State imports all its energy. And because of this importation, the costs of the State's import bills are passed on through the power generation sector that uses these imported fuels, to the consumers that ultimately use the electricity in the homes. So this makes solar energy an economically competitive alternative. This economic motivation to invest in solar is also encouraged through a mixture of State and Federal policies. However, the most attractive of these are the

State's net energy metering, feed-in-tariffs and tax incentives.

Without giving overbearing technical detail, the first two, net energy metering and the feed-in-tariff are, in essence, policies that allow household photovoltaics to be connected to the rest of the electricity network, i.e. the grid. So doing means that there is now a two-way stream of electricity that can be produced from the solar panels and sent to the grid, and likewise sent from the grid to the home when energy is needed. So this grid-connected arrangement allows householders to be paid for the energy they generate and send into the grid over the lifetime of their solar system (20 to 25 years). The payment scheme and per unit rate remuneration however varies based on size of solar system, and which policy is being subscribed to, i.e., net energy metering or feed-in-tariff. The latter, tax incentives, are designed to help reduce the upfront capital costs of investing in a household solar energy system and applies to both photovoltaics and solar water heating. These tax incentives can be combined with either net energy metering or the feed-in-tariff to make residential solar a substantially cheaper investment.

And for these reasons, Hawaii's solar future seems to be as bright as the sun that's driving it. ☀️



Quintessential Hawaiian skyscape

Coming Out of the Shadows: Why it's Finally Getting Brighter for Global Mental Health



Joshua Chauvin (Ontario & New College 2011) founded the mental health campaign, *It Gets Brighter*, which shares video messages of hope and support for those struggling with a mental health issue. He is also an Associate Fellow at the Evidence-Based Practice Unit (UCL), the Executive Director for TalkAbout Guides, and a final year DPhil student in Experimental Psychology at Oxford.

For the millions living in high-income countries who experience mental health challenges, there has never been greater reason to believe *It Gets Brighter*. With few exceptions, things legitimately seem to be improving: resources and access to treatment are more widespread than ever, especially in major cities, society is becoming increasingly accepting, governments are putting mental health on the agenda, and innovations in technology are multiplying, making it easier for people to get access to the kind of help and support they need.

Unfortunately, such advances have not been universal. Despite the fact that mental and substance use disorders account for 7.4% of the global burden of disease as represented by disease-adjusted life years (DALYs) and remain the leading global cause for all non-fatal burden (measured in years lived with disability), in many low-to-middle income countries

(LMICs) mental health remains low on the list of priorities – if it is acknowledged at all.

Compared with communicable and non-communicable diseases, mental and substance abuse disorders have gone largely unrecognised as a global health priority. Services in mental health have been neglected and left incommensurate with the burden, leaving up to 85% of people in LMICs with severe mental disorders without treatment for their mental health conditions. Moreover, with 80% of the world's population living in LMICs, and 90% of the global mental health resources located in high-income countries, the treatment gap is substantial.

While disconcerting, the failure to meet the needs of those with mental disorders in LMICs isn't altogether surprising or without explanation. In part, the neglect stems from a strong temptation to view mental healthcare as non-essential in environments where some basic needs aren't being met, or where

conflict is widespread. After all, in countries that lack resources, and where economic wealth is limited, how can we justify shifting our attention to mental health?

At face value, this seems to be a fair criticism; however, such a criticism fails to appreciate just how fundamental mental health is. It also fails to recognise that increased attention to mental health need not come at the expense of meeting other needs. If we consider health as a prerequisite to being able to participate fully in society and take advantage of opportunities – and if having a mental disorder prevents this – then the importance of providing adequate mental health care can hardly be overstated. Without mental health needs being met, people are left unable to provide for themselves and their families, and existing physical health problems can often become exacerbated.

The shift in emphasis from disease mortality to disease morbidity has meant challenging the prevailing notion that mental illness is a less legitimate health concern, and has led to the prioritising of mental health around the globe. Not only has the UN included mental health in its sustainable development goals, but the World Bank Group and World Health Organisation are beginning to focus some of their efforts and resources on meeting the needs of those in impoverished environments, with a particular focus on fragile and conflict states. As part of a larger agenda to meet some of the objectives of the WHO's Comprehensive Mental Health Action Plan 2013–2020, their most recent spring meeting, *Out of the Shadows: Making Mental Health a Global Priority*, has fuelled the momentum and firmly fixed mental health on the global health agenda.

With increasing emphasis being placed on mental health, and attention from major international organisations, there is some reason to feel hopeful. One ray of light for members of communities where mental health resources are scant, and societal acceptance is rare, comes from the advent of technological solutions. Entrepreneurs are re-imagining how people access help (e.g. with the advent

of tele-health models, and online peer-to-peer support such as bigwhitewall.com), and there is increasing recognition that these technologies – especially those that can be adapted to fit local realities and diverse cultural contexts – can be leveraged to support people in environments burdened by a lack of resources.

As technology becomes ever more ubiquitous and accessible worldwide, the mental health treatment gap between high and low-to-middle income countries will continue to close. Further, as people become increasingly connected, videos and social media have the potential to be used as an effective mode of educating people, reducing mental health related stigma, raising awareness, and inspiring sufferers to seek the available help in their region. Such

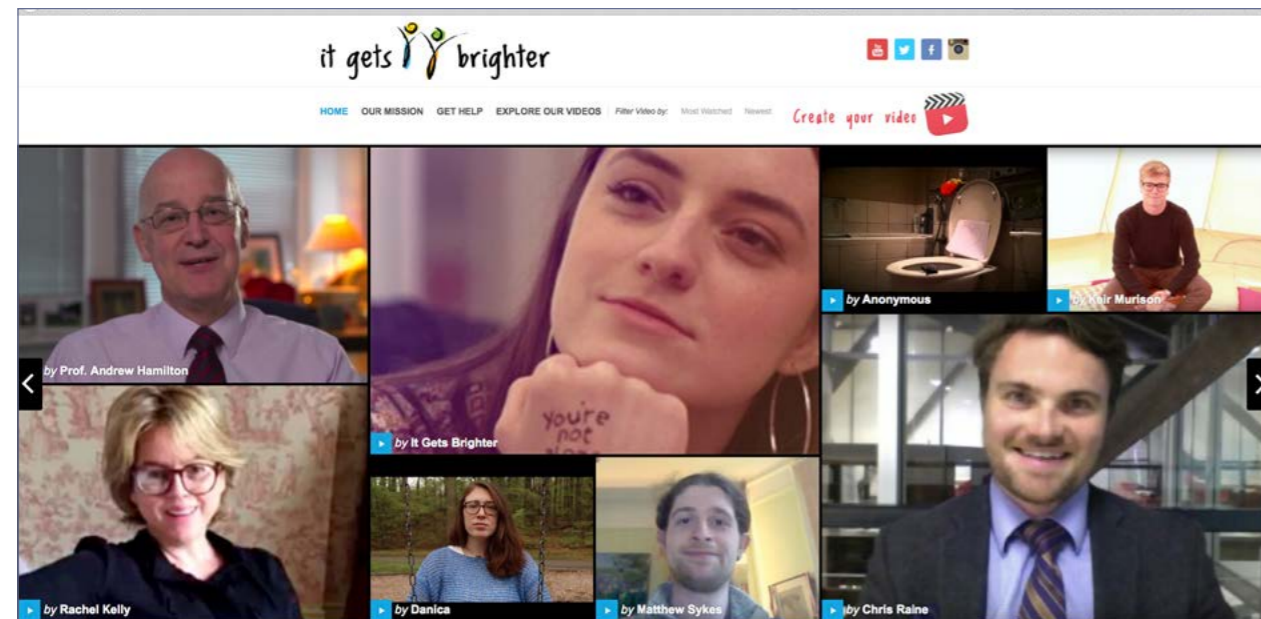
90% of the global mental health resources are located in high-income countries

interventions also have the potential to be more scalable and cost-effective than many social contact interventions.

While there is no panacea for the challenges surrounding global mental health, recognising that there is no single solution to global mental health challenges is the first step to inspiring innovation that is carefully crafted to fit the needs of people living in a range of contexts. We ought to be investing in projects that support, inspire, and enable people to be the change agents for their communities. As just one example, *It Gets Brighter** enables people from around the world to share their stories, as part of local efforts and campaigns to change the conversations around mental health.

With the global health community finally shining its light on mental health, and technological solutions to mental health challenges beginning to take off, there's never been greater cause to feel hopeful. Mental health is well and truly coming out of the shadows, and for so many, it is indeed getting brighter.

***It Gets Brighter is an initiative that endeavours to empower young people struggling with a mental health challenge (often for the first time) to seek out help and support. To that end, their website (itgetsbrighter.org) collects and publishes video messages of hope for those struggling with a mental health issue. If you're interested in helping them expand their efforts, please contact joshua.chauvin@new.ox.ac.uk**



The *It Gets Brighter* team in Oxford

Retreats and Reflection at Rhodes House

The Character, Service and Leadership programme at Rhodes House is going from strength to strength. Here moderators and Scholars comment on the experience of the intensive three-day retreats which happen for first and second year Scholars.



Michael Lamb (Tennessee & Trinity 2004) on the purpose of the retreats at Rhodes House

Inscribed in the Rhodes House rotunda are large, golden Greek letters that form one of Rhodes's favorite quotes – Aristotle's definition of the good life: 'activity of soul in accordance with virtue'. In many ways, that's what these retreats are about – helping scholars live good lives in accordance with virtue.

For years, when Rhodes Scholars were selected, it was just assumed they would come to Oxford and, through some magical process of osmosis, acquire the vision and virtues needed to 'fight the world's fight.' The current Warden has offered a different vision – one where Rhodes House takes a much more active role in the development of Scholars, helping to expose them to diverse perspectives and equip them with the tools, resources, and practices needed to lead lives of meaning, impact, and purpose. The Character, Service, and Leadership Programme has become a defining element of what it means to be a Rhodes Scholar in this era.

In addition to skills workshops, talks with visiting speakers, and programmes such as the Ethics through Fiction and Film reading group, the highlight of the programme has been the three-day retreats for first and second-year Scholars. The retreats challenge Scholars to grapple together with difficult questions about who they are and who they want to become:

- What is the difference between effective leadership and ethical leadership?
- How do we pursue justice and community in light of our current challenges?
- How do we negotiate conflicts between different values and commitments?
- When should we take risks, and how should we deal with failure?
- Why – and how – do we serve?
- What practices are needed to sustain lives of leadership and service over the long-haul?

Through a very diverse set of readings, reflections, and conversations, Scholars and Senior Scholar moderators come away with a much deeper sense of themselves and their work in the world.

Perhaps the most important outcome of these retreats is the deep sense of the community that emerges over three days, as Scholars from different disciplines, traditions, and constituencies come together to share their personal stories. The friendships I've developed and deepened during the retreats have certainly been the highlight for me. 🐾

The conversations and friendships that have emerged out of these three days have not only challenged me to continue living the questions, but they have also reminded me of why the Rhodes community is so special

Michael Lamb (Tennessee and Trinity 2004)

After a recent retreat at Rhodes House, we asked Scholars two important questions...

Name one idea which particularly resonated with you concerning how to build a life of purpose, meaning and balance?

“The discussion on friendships, relationships and mentors particularly resonated with me. The Oxford (and especially the Rhodes) experience has enabled the development of many new friendships and shared experiences, which has been wonderful, but it is bittersweet to know that we won't all be huddled into the same small bubble come the end of the year.”

“The idea that most resonated with me was Charles Conn's idea of identifying the aspects of life that sustain me, and making sure I incorporate these into my life regardless of the pressures of the outside world, as these will help me stay balanced, happy and well.”

“I really liked the idea that even if things don't turn out as you expected, it doesn't mean it was a failure but only that in a different way you can find meaning in it.”

“Maria Popova's article discussing fixed versus growth mindsets really resonated with me – the idea that what can be achieved with passion and hard work is unknowable; that our skills sets are malleable. It suggests that we can continue to grow and learn as individuals, and in turn, can find new ways to work towards our goals.”

What are you grateful for?

“The opportunity to re-connect with my cohort reminded me of the care, thoughtfulness, humour, insight and commitment that are such hallmarks of the Rhodes community – I'm grateful for the privilege of learning more about the backgrounds, passions and aspirations of my classmates.”

“I am grateful for many things – for sunshine and blue skies, for the community of friends and mentors at Oxford, for the feeling of belonging and recognition, and for the inspiring company.”

“I am grateful for the Rhodes Trust, who do a fantastic job of looking after us here in Oxford.”



Valuing Silence: Reflections on Moderating the Scholar Retreats

Nadiya Figueroa (Jamaica & St Catherine's 2007) has been a moderator on a number of the Rhodes House retreats, and in this piece she shares her thoughts on that experience.

It is a silence, which, to the uninitiated, feels uncomfortable. After letting go of some false sense that I, as a moderator, am at all in control of this experience for the participants, Scholars on their first or second year retreat – I tune further into the energy in the room.

Some are clearly grappling, confronted by something that was said or read aloud. Many are feeling challenged, interrogating a norm or view that had previously been taken for granted. And there are a few, I am sensing, who are grateful for the pause – a pause in the active listening, and steady stream of sharing and engaging with others. Without a doubt, it is the internal conversations that are rumbling loudest at this point.

And then, someone does it.

It is less a breaking of the silence and more of a tuning of the group's collective attention back into the personal conversation of one brave soul. We've been taking turns at doing this. Someone is now playing out loud with the ideas put on the table, pushing back on points made by another, peeling away at their own layers and giving us insight into their unique perspective, into their own personal experiences, beliefs and aspirations.

As the days go on I become aware of patterns. On balance, the longer the silence the more illuminating the idea, the more raw the contrasts drawn and challenges made, and the more revealing and resonant the sharing. Towards the end of each day more comments end with, "I can't believe I just said that...". Or are prefaced with some variation of, "I've never shared this before, but here goes...". The willingness to be vulnerable is palpable, and the sharing with compassion, the learning from each other, is awesome.

This is not what I expected when I replied in the affirmative to a request to moderate on the Character, Service and Leadership retreats at Rhodes House.

This aspect of my own experience and education while at Oxford was, for the most part, self-organised, under-resourced and fought for on the margins. I often



felt as though I had misplaced priorities, pulling all-nighters to participate in discussions on what is the good life? What vision and values are steering me through my work and life decisions? How are my notions and practices of home, family, relationships and friendships shifting?

It is increasingly clear to me, almost ten years on from arriving at Oxford, that there are few greater priorities than these exact discussions and contemplations – than working through what contribution I aim to make through my life and how I will keep myself content and happy in it.

Imagine my amazement, then, at the extent to which these young people already get it! I was awed watching them nudge and test each other, catch and support each other, stun and shock each other. And then, adjust, recover and show up fully for another round. It was difficult for me to observe moments of hurt and tension, to not always be able to facilitate conciliation or deal adequately with unearthed disappointments and frustrations. However, this was not my role as moderator or the intention of the retreats.

There is no solving of problems, no provision of a



master roadmap, no reaching for the 'right' way or the 'right' answer. The retreats ask questions, seek to carefully raise concerns and contentions, to purposefully create room and supply tools and materials for the journey of self-discovery. And what of my role as moderator? I found it most critical not to rush it, not to be tempted to overly steer or control. As if a group of young, dynamic and diverse Rhodes Scholars would permit me that kind of control anyway!

My role was to guide and to allow the silences to become meaningful and constructive. And to learn, to myself become more open and vulnerable.

And what kind of gems emerged through the silence?

To share a few: that life, with its varying opportunities and challenges, presents choices. And it is empowering that we each have a role of creativity and resourcefulness, informed by our own sense of morals and ethics, to play in crafting our lives. That the urges to push it to the limit with work, to contribute to society and to nurture intimate relationships may well be in competition with each other. And being aware of this while striving for balance is a part of the lifelong journey. That we each exist on complex axes of privilege and oppression, that as one person is entitled to their tears and shame another is entitled to their curses and anger. And



hopefully we can meet each other honestly and openly in this, with an understanding that no one is wholly to blame or wholly blameless. That gratitude and humor are characteristics to be practiced and embraced. That life involves doses of pain, loss and trauma. And the best preparation for weathering these storms may include building solid routines of self-care, consistently investing in collectives that offer enduring love and support, and prioritising art, exercise, travel and spirituality, whatever it is that returns us to our core.

It struck me that as the Rhodes Scholarships undergo a significant transition, expanding into new territories and engaging on what it means to identify as a Rhodes Scholar and what a sense of the Rhodes community looks like and feels like, it is fitting that the experience of Scholars while in residence is being reinvigorated in this way. To the extent that its people determines the ethos and direction of an institution, I've never been as optimistic about the future of Rhodes as after this interaction with the youngest cohorts of Scholars. I would even go as far as to say I am more optimistic about the possibilities for the world, far beyond the confines of Rhodes and Oxford.

Nadiya Figueroa (Jamaica & St. Catherine's 2007) is a member of the Warden's Programme Advisory Council. She completed her DPhil in International Development and has worked in the Caribbean with development agencies, the regional university and think tank, and in government and non-government roles since leaving Oxford.

The Trust is very pleased to announce that she will be joining the Rhodes House senior team as Dean of Scholarships and Director of Leadership and Change, with a portfolio of responsibilities that includes the Character, Service and Leadership Programme, building strategic linkages with new programme partners, furthering relationships with Oxford University divisions and departments, providing mentorship to Scholars, developing roll-out strategies for new jurisdictions, and liaising with National Secretaries and alumni organisations on selection, orientation and integration of Scholars, as well as outreach to less served populations. Welcome Nadiya!

Did Shakespeare Invent characters?



Professor Blair Hoxby (Ohio & Pembroke 1989) is an Associate Professor of English at Stanford University. He writes on the literature and culture of England, France, Italy, and Spain from 1500 to 1800 and his recent research has focused on the theory and practice of tragedy during that period. To mark the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death in 2016, he considers how the Bard approached character development and individuality on the stage.

If we can believe Harold Bloom, Shakespeare invented the human. But did he invent characters? There are reasons to think he did not: actors doubled roles, plays often lack lists of dramatis personae or regular speech prefixes, and the word 'character' could not even be used of a dramatis persona until the late seventeenth-century. In Shakespeare's day, actors 'personated' roles.

That character could be a source of dramatic unity was one of the great critical discoveries of the eighteenth century, a discovery that had to await the publication of works such as John Locke's *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding* (1690) and Samuel Richardson's long novel *Clarissa* (1748). Only then was it possible to write about characters as if they were the record of minds shaped in childhood, scarred by experience, and distinguished by chains of remembrance and anticipation. It could even be warranted, maintained

Maurice Morgann in his *Essay of the Dramatic Character of Sir John Falstaff* (1777), the first great example of 'character criticism', to account for the conduct of Shakespeare's characters 'from the whole of character, from general principles, from latent motives, and from policies not avowed'.

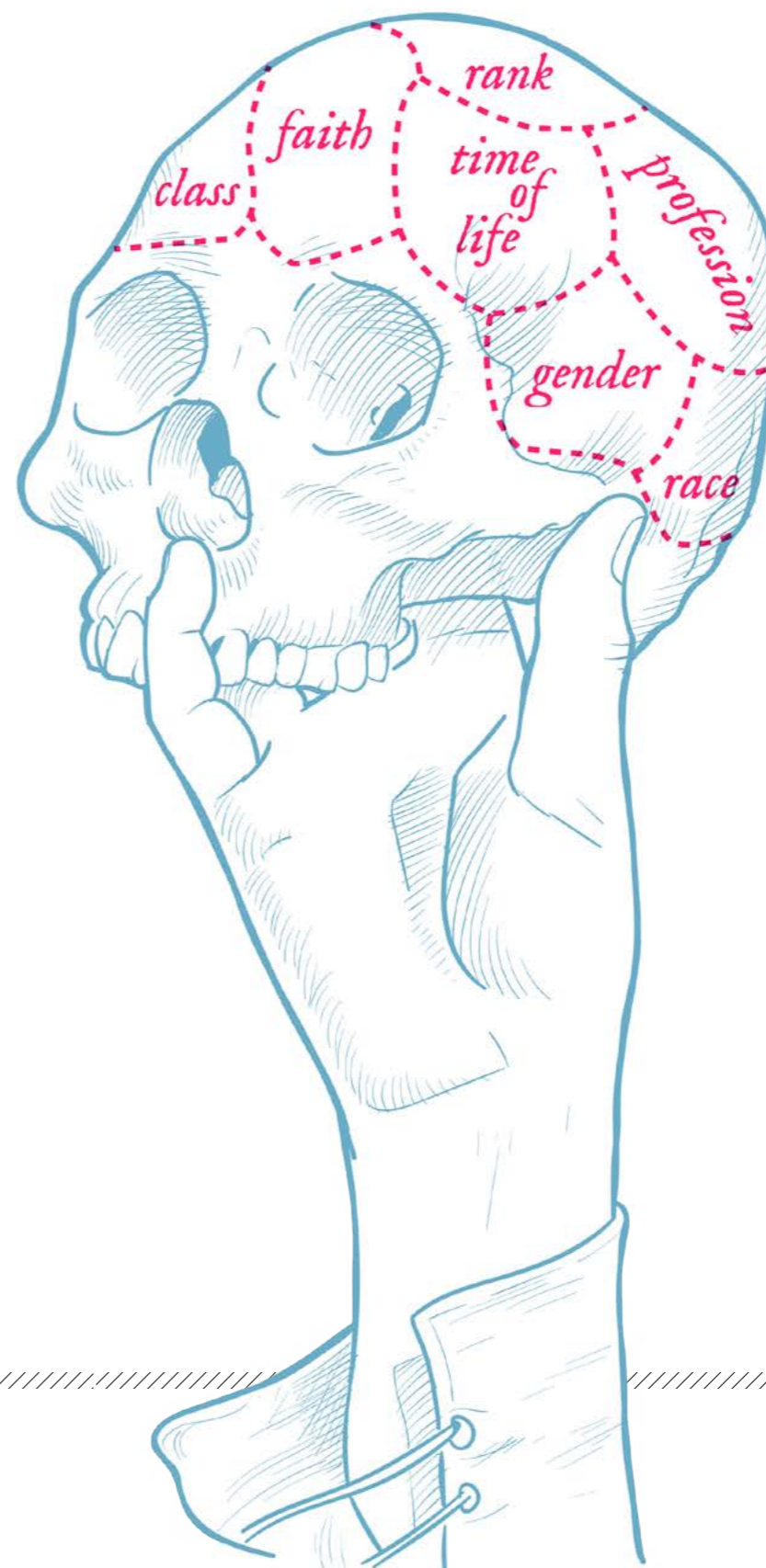
The Romantics' emphasis on organic development and self-cultivation led them to add that literary characters, like living beings, should develop and find their own form. They declared Shakespeare to be the master of conferring such freedom on his characters. 'Hamlet is not a person whose nativity is cast, or whose death is foretold by portents', writes William Hazlitt in 1826; 'he weaves the web of his destiny out of

his own thoughts'. This critical tradition has some basis in Shakespeare's reading, for one of his chief sources was Plutarch, who explains that while traditional historians document deeds, the purpose of his life-writing is to understand *ēthos* (or the 'manners and disposition' of a man, as his Elizabethan translator renders the word). That's why even trivial words or actions may be worth recording: 'a light occasion, a word, or some sport makes men's natural dispositions and manners appear more plain than the famous battles won'. Michel de Montaigne, another of Shakespeare's favorite authors, reiterates the lesson: 'The very same mind of Caesar we see in directing, marshaling, and setting the battle of Pharsalia is

likewise seen to order, dispose, and contrive idle, trifling, and amorous devices'. Such life-writing lies behind many of the scenes that we cherish in Shakespeare, such as Cleopatra's idle talk of the pranks she and her lover

played while fishing. Modern critics often translate *ēthos* as *character*, but the translation can be misleading if we do not construe it in a strictly ethical sense. Most early modern Englishmen preferred *manners* (via the Latin *mores*). This is an important category to keep in mind for interpreting any literature from Shakespeare's tragedies to Jane Austen's comedies of manners, not least because readers of Aristotle knew that poets imitated the actions, manners, and sentiments of human beings. Because critics tended to gloss Aristotle in light of Horace's instructions on how to fit the manners of persons to their native country, sex, rank, profession, and time of life, playwrights drew on a

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range of texts (medical, geographical, political) that treated the manners and dispositions of whole populations as facts of nature or statistical generalisations.

Both classical literary criticism and the accounts of manners in early modern medical and geographical texts encouraged audiences to type the persons on stage rather than to focus on their radical individuality. But because the manners of a stage person could be conceived as the product of choices *influenced* by humoral disposition, social rank, gender, national customs but nevertheless freely undertaken, manners as a critical category also negotiated the interstices between the individual and the group, agency and determinism.

In *Othello*, for example the Moorish general thinks he is not given to jealousy because he has the cold temperament that some classical geographers ascribed to a black complexion, but readers of the Arabic geographer Leo Africanus might have suspected a Moor of being jealous and prone to violence. *Othello* supposes that Desdemona should be cold, moist, and chaste, but her young palm feels hot; and sea-faring and commercial peoples were known for their changeable ways and their capacity for deception. By trading in this language of natural law, national custom, and humoral disposition, Iago infects Othello's imagination, insinuating that for Desdemona, 'Not to affect many proposed matches / Of her own clime, complexion, and degree' smells of a 'will most rank' and 'thoughts unnatural' (3.3.229-33). The tragedy of *Othello* is that the calculus of manners sullies the lovers' initial purity of perception and imagination. Thus an attention to manners, and not just to character, can reveal some of the otherwise unobservable tensions between volition and determinism, the individual and his or her class, faith and probability, that the early modern stage explores with such penetration. 🐼

Eradicating Ebola

Rhodes Scholars around the world are helping to tackle Ebola



Dr Adhiambo Odaga

(KENYA & ST ANTHONY'S 1986)

Former CEO of the charitable arm of the Dangote Group, which has donated \$3m to contain the disease



Dr Kopano Mabaso

(SOUTH AFRICA-AT-LARGE & MAGDALEN 2010)

Leading a group of Rhodes Scholars for THINK Liberia, establishing a transit centre for children orphaned by Ebola



President Bill Clinton

(ARKANSAS & UNIVERSITY 1968)

The Clinton Global Initiative, coordinated the largest single shipment of aid to the Ebola zone

Research



Dr Pardis Sabeti

(FLORIDA & NEW COLLEGE 1997)

Led a team that sequenced the RNA of 99 Ebola viruses collected during the first weeks of the outbreak



Professor Antoinette Handley

(NATAL & ST ANTHONY'S 1993)

Published a research article entitled *Ebola: why we are worried for all the wrong reasons*



Dr Amanda Rojek

(QUEENSLAND & UNIVERSITY 2012)

Worked in camps administering the Ebola treatment clinical trial

Funding

Awareness



Grace Yu

(NEW YORK & TRINITY 2002)

Created a public awareness film which was the launching platform for the Ebola Survival Fund



David Quammen

(OHIO & MERTON 1970)

Article *Ebola and the New Isolationism*, argues against closing borders between countries

The Ebola Emergency - From a Public Health perspective



Dr S.S. Vasan (India & Trinity 1998), Professor of Public Health as well as Public Health England's Senior Business Development Manager, discusses Ebola, emergency response models and how to promote international collaboration – when it is a matter of life and death.

What was Public Health England's role in the Ebola outbreak?

Public Health England (PHE) has a domestic remit but a global role. The agency helped mobilise and train frontline staff, establish laboratories and strengthen safe working practices in the affected countries. Many of my colleagues won the Ebola Medal for their bravery and knowledge transfer to West Africa to combat the outbreak. However, PHE's role should be seen in the larger context of the UK working with the UN, WHO and the wider international community to combat Ebola at the source in the affected African countries. Significant funds to provide direct support to help contain, control, treat and ultimately defeat Ebola have helped early recovery in these countries. The RCUK-PraxisUnico Impact Awards recognise the role of knowledge exchange and commercialisation (KEC) professionals in maximising research impact. We are honoured to have been chosen as the winner under 'contribution to society' from a list of equally deserving projects, in recognition of our KEC stewardship during the Ebola response. This involved phenomenal work for our team under intense pressure to develop systems, build new business relationships, write proposals, negotiate contracts, and troubleshoot issues. We were also featured as a cover story by the *Science in Parliament* magazine.

Looking back at how Ebola was handled, what are the biggest lessons learnt?

Ebola and other infectious diseases like it are global health challenges that require sustained, long-term investment and collaboration to strengthen emergency preparedness and response (EPR) in identified areas. The ideal response would be from enabled local experts who are able to stop it at the source.

KEC professionals can greatly enhance the effectiveness of response by ensuring a robust, prompt and fair way

to exchange knowledge between academia, industry and public bodies. Failure to achieve quick consensus is not an option during public health emergencies.

Finally, we have limited Bio-Safety Level 4 (BSL4) capacity in the world therefore such laboratories should share information in near real-time to ensure an effective response.

Can you elaborate on how BSL4 laboratories could collaborate better?

We are trying to achieve this domestically through the UK InterLab Forum, and with our counterparts in Australia, Canada and USA through the Medical Counter-Measures Consortium and the recently-formed Four Eyes BSL4 Laboratories Network. For instance, current UK regulations on biosafety make us better suited to perform rapid down-selection of pharmaceuticals, so that promising leads could be evaluated further elsewhere.

When PHE down-selected pharmaceuticals against Ebola with support from the Wellcome Trust, we successfully convinced developers, many of them private companies, to let us publish negative results because time is of the essence and we do not want another BSL4 laboratory to evaluate something that we know is unlikely to work against this pathogen. We have shared these clauses with our international partners so we can move towards a unified template for contracts during a crisis. It can save time and, more importantly, lives.

You mentioned enabling local experts to stop Ebola at the source. How is PHE working towards this long-term goal?

The UK played a major role in Sierra Leone during the outbreak, including contributing regular cargo flights carrying UK aid. With the epidemic no longer out of control, DFID has funded PHE over £6 million to strengthen Sierra Leone's laboratory diagnostic capacity

and EPR capability, including training and skills transfer to local staff to maintain Resilient Zero for Ebola. I am also involved with another DFID grant to help strengthen EPR in Bengaluru and Chennai metropolitan regions of India. We hope this pilot can be converted into self-sustaining training opportunities for global cities and airport hubs in partnership with the BMJ.

Has the Ebola experience influenced the way the Zika outbreak is being handled?

In some ways. For instance, the WHO made its fourth declaration of 'public health emergency of international concern' promptly, even before the link between microcephaly and Zika virus was conclusive. In PHE, we have been reusing Ebola contract templates and legal agreements so collaborative work can start within days. Ebola also set a good precedent where people and organisations, including the private sector, were willing to set aside their interests and come together for an effective global response.

But the two are also different – Ebola needs BSL4 facilities but Zika work can now be performed under BSL2. Zika is Aedes mosquito-borne, therefore integrated vector control and entomological factors are more important, as is the now proven link to microcephaly.

When you were a Rhodes Scholar did you think this was the sort of work you wanted to do? How did you get into public health?

I have always been interested in public service and health, but I took my own path and time to get into public health service. After the customary McKinsey rite of passage, I returned to Oxford as visiting fellow and head of public health for its spin-out company Oxitec. In 2011, I joined the British government's Health Protection Agency which became Public Health England through a merger with 128 other public bodies in 2013.

Isn't Oxitec in the news for Zika? What were you focused on when you worked there?

Indeed – Oxitec was established in 2002 and successfully acquired last year for \$160 million. Its genetically sterile mosquitoes are being considered in the Americas as part of integrated control of *Aedes aegypti* – one of the two mosquito species transmitting Chikungunya, Dengue, Yellow Fever and Zika. I was Oxitec's head of public health from 2005 to 2011, and led the world's first semi-field (and subsequently open-field) trials involving these mosquitoes, and the commercial foundations for translating this technology from laboratory to field. 🗣️



Expanding the International Reach of the Rhodes Scholarships

The Rhodes Trust has announced major global expansions recently, with ambitious plans for the future also being discussed. The ultimate goal is to make the Rhodes Scholarships accessible to any young person, regardless of where they were born or where they undertook their education – a truly global Scholarship.

In 2015, we announced four new Scholarships for China, and in 2016 we added Scholarships for regions including Africa, Israel and the Middle East, and Southeast Asia. In partnership with the Saïd Foundation, the University of Oxford, and selected Oxford colleges, there will be new Scholars from Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Palestine, and with support from the Salama Bint Hamdan Al Nahyan Foundation, from the United Arab Emirates. A partnership with Yayasan Khazanah has allowed for a reinstatement of the Rhodes Scholarship for Malaysia.

There will also be new Scholarships for Israel, supported by an international coalition of donors. Furthermore, there is an increase in the number of Scholars from Africa, with the addition of a West Africa Scholarship supported by investor and philanthropist Miles Morland and the Cohen Charitable Trust. Africa will also be a focus for further Scholarship expansion in 2017.

With these recent additions, the total number of Scholarships awarded each year will increase from 83 to 95. This increases the number of Rhodes Scholars studying at the University of Oxford at any one time to approximately 250.

“I am absolutely delighted that there will now be Rhodes Scholarships for students from across Israel and the Middle East, Southeast Asia, and more Rhodes Scholarships in West Africa. Embracing global talent and diverse perspectives is a hallmark of pre-eminent universities and bringing more Rhodes Scholars to the University will enhance Oxford as a truly international community of scholars.”

Professor Louise Richardson, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford

“Our aspiration is to identify and support innovative, energetic and ethical young leaders globally. The addition of these new Scholars from regions that have an important international role to play in the 21st century marks a substantial step in that direction. We see the value of additional cultural diversity in our cohorts of Scholars every day: they learn from each other in profound ways, leaving behind the narrow interests of individual nationalities. The new Rhodes Scholars will contribute significantly through sharing their skills, experiences and energy with their peers at Oxford and we look forward to welcoming them to Rhodes House.”

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

First Rhodes Scholars from China

Rhodes Scholarships have been awarded in China for the first time ever and the selection committee chose four outstanding individuals: Gong Chenzhuo, Ren Naying, Zhang Chunying and Zhang Wanyu.

Hundreds of individuals submitted applications, and selectors reviewed their records and interviewed them over the course of three rounds, culminating in final interviews in Shanghai. The selectors were deeply impressed by the calibre of the applicants, a testament to the talent and the accomplishments of China's young generation. The Scholars Elect will begin their studies at Oxford in the autumn of 2016.

Biographies of the Scholars Elect

GONG Chenzhuo graduated from Fudan University with a Bachelor's in International Politics, receiving the Star Graduates award given to the top-10 undergraduates. He completed study exchanges around the world: in Brazil, Britain, America and Finland. This past year Chenzhou has worked with UNESCO in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, as a trainee in the communications and information team. It is

Chenzhuo's second time in Tanzania, having previously volunteered for a summer as an English teacher in primary school there. He has also volunteered as a teacher in rural parts of China, going back to the same county every winter vacation for three consecutive years. Chenzhuo is an avid footballer and has also completed a 'vertical marathon', climbing to the top of the 101-floor Shanghai World Financial Center. At Oxford, Chenzhou will read for the MSc in Social Science of the Internet, followed by an MBA in his second year. His objective is to create an NGO that empowers rural students and other marginalised groups in China.



REN Naying has just completed her degree in English language and literature at Tsinghua University. Naying is co-founder of the China LGBT+ Youth Network, supervising the organisation with a focus on the development of gender education and academic research. She has extensive volunteer experience both at the Beijing LGBT Centre as well as at the LGBT North West centre in Manchester, where she studied for a term. Naying has taught English to the children of migrant workers in Beijing and has also been a long-time member of the Tsinghua Association of Student International Communication, participating in exchanges with students from France and around Asia. A lover of the arts, from film to musicals, she has researched differences in humour between Western and Chinese cultures. Naying will study an MPhil in Social Anthropology at Oxford. Her ambition is to help develop the theoretical foundations of gender studies in China.



ZHANG Chunying has completed her Master's in journalism at Columbia University, having previously earned an honors degree in economics and English at Zhejiang University. Chunying has interned with Reuters and the New York Times in Shanghai and Xinhua new-media centre in Zhejiang, exploring topics from labour disputes to corruption. She was coach and captain of the Chu Kochen College debating team at Zhejiang University and also secretary-general of the

Morningside Cultural China Annual Forum, organising three-day conferences in both 2012 and 2013 with discussions on social innovation, youth leadership and more. Chunying will read an MSc in Sociology in her first year at Oxford. She dreams of creating a media organisation in China that will provide a platform for keeping track of and appraising public policies.



ZHANG Wanyu studied law at Peking University, ranked first in her class. From her beginnings in a small town in southwestern China, Wanyu has gone on to receive a national scholarship for the top 0.2% of university students in the country. She also excelled as an exchange student at Stanford Law School and was Chinese champion of the Jessup Moot Court Competition. Wanyu has been active as a legal-aid volunteer both at Peking University and in Sichuan province, focusing on factory workers who have

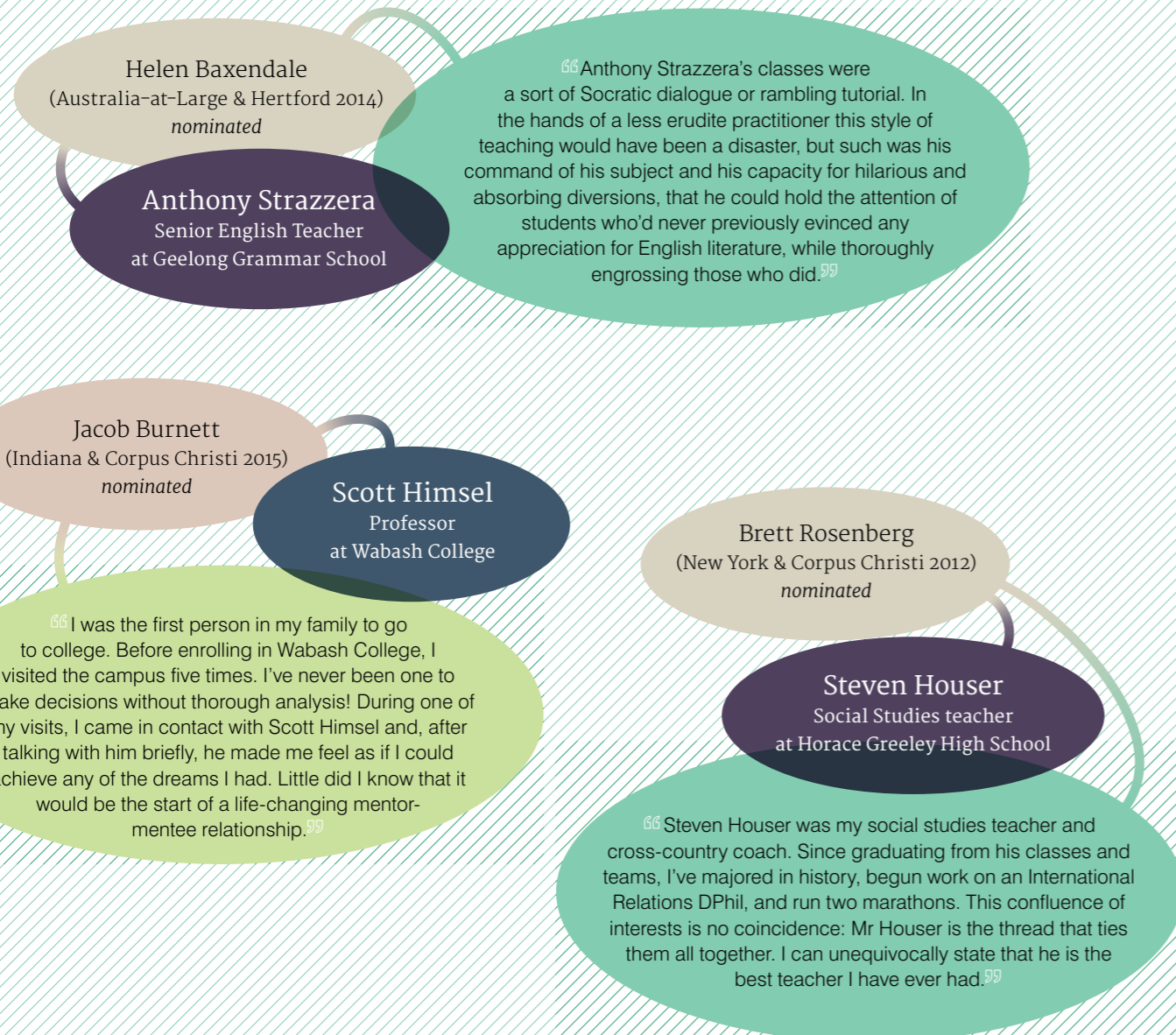
suffered workplace injuries, with a special emphasis on those afflicted by silicosis. Her favourite quote in legal literature is from jurist Oliver W. Holmes: 'if [a man] has the soul of an idealist, he will make - I do not say find - his world ideal.' Wanyu will read for a second BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Oxford, hoping to explore the theoretical underpinnings of social justice to make law meaningful for marginalised populations.



Recognising Inspirational Educators

These awards are a new initiative from the Rhodes Trust, in recognition of the profound effect outstanding educators can have on a young person's life. Current Rhodes Scholars were asked to nominate a teacher or lecturer who had gone above and beyond the call of duty, inspired a love for learning, and facilitated new dreams for the future.

The nomination letters included some very powerful and moving tributes, a short selection of which is given below.



We are looking for the next set of recipients of the Rhodes Inspirational Educator Awards. If you had a teacher at school or a professor at university who particularly inspired you and who you would like to acknowledge in this way, please contact Babette Tegldal, Director of Communications at babette.tegldal@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk. Please include your name and Rhodes identifier, the name, position and institution of the educator, and a short description about why you are nominating them.

First female Vice-Chancellor for Oxford
Oxford welcomed its new Vice-Chancellor, Louise Richardson, on 1 January 2016

Professor Richardson is the former Principal of the University of St Andrews and an internationally renowned scholar of terrorism and security studies. On her admission at the Sheldonian Theatre, the Chancellor, Lord Patten of Barnes, stated: “You have an outstanding record as a teacher and scholar. I know you wish to be judged primarily not by the glass ceilings you have smashed, but on your achievements”. Professor Richardson has spoken out on the increasing cost of compliance with bureaucratic regulation, and advocated free speech and diversity.



“I feel incredibly privileged to be taking on the leadership of this extraordinary institution. Oxford has been at the forefront of higher education for 800 years, transforming lives through the quality of its teaching and generating world-changing new ideas through the quality of its research. I want to bring all my energy and commitment to maintaining those high standards, working with the remarkably talented colleagues and students that we have at Oxford.”

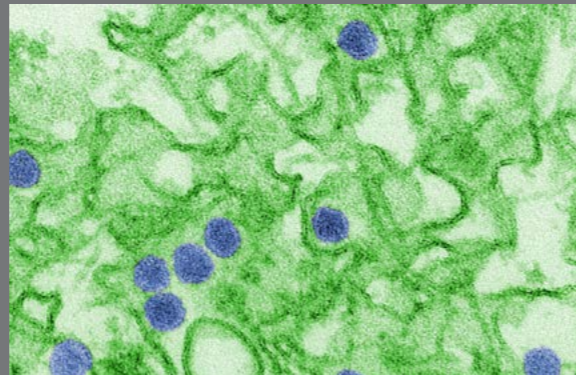
One Year Anniversary of Weston Library



Vinesh Rajpaul (South African College School, Newlands & Merton 2013)

The Weston Library has exceeded expectations in its opening year, welcoming a staggering 770,000 visitors. It has become an inviting tourist attraction as well as a research library. Formerly known as the New Bodleian, the library underwent an £80 million transformation between 2012 and 2015. In recognition of a £25 million donation to the project by the Garfield Weston Foundation, matched by OUP, the Weston Library was thus renamed. An anonymous generous benefactor also helped the Bodleian attain its 12 millionth book – a lost poetical essay by Percy Bysshe Shelley on the Existing State of Things. Shelley, one of England’s great nineteenth century poets, wrote the poem at Oxford University in 1810. It is the only known copy in existence and is now freely available online.

Zika Research



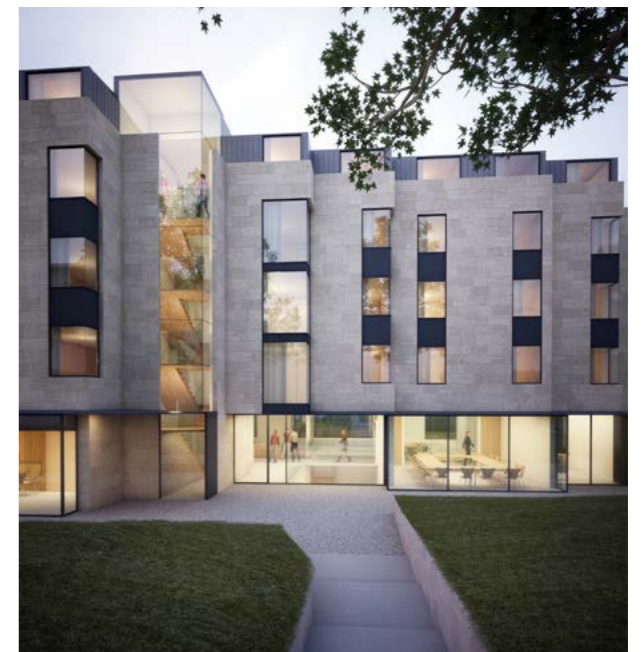
Oxford’s Infectious disease specialists, particularly Professor Trudie Lang (Professor of Global Health Research at the Nuffield Department of Medicine and head of the Global Health Network), have been leading the research into the Zika outbreak in South America. Crucially, they are using the lessons from Ebola to tackle the growing problem of Zika, which can cause birth defects in babies born to women who have had the virus. The Global Health Network and ISARIC (global network of researchers who aim to enable research in disease outbreaks) provide vital and quick support to frontline health organisations to help them understand, manage and treat Zika.

Understanding Shakespeare’s life and times



A crowdfunded research project to transcribe the handwritten documents of Shakespeare’s contemporaries is being undertaken by Zooniverse.org at Oxford University, the Oxford English Dictionary and the Early Modern Manuscripts Online Project at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington DC. Letters and recipes can be recorded on the Shakespeare’s World website, and family papers, legal documents, poetry and unfinished plays will later be added to the collection. Academics hope to identify new words, phrases and dates of interest which will provide new contributions to the scholarly study of Shakespeare and his contemporaries.

The Bonavero Institute of Human Rights at the University of Oxford



Credit: Rick Mather Architects

Mansfield College, near Rhodes House, is in partnership with Oxford’s Faculty of Law and will soon be home to the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights. It will be dedicated to the study and promotion of greater understanding of human rights law through teaching, research and interdisciplinary collaboration. Rick Mather Architects have designed the building over two floors, featuring a lecture auditorium, a seminar room, and study rooms. There will also be 74 student rooms for Mansfield undergraduates. This new initiative is generously supported by the Bonavero family. Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, Mansfield Principal, believes the ‘Institute will be at the heart of one of the greatest conversations of mankind – how to make a better world.’ The Institute will open for the 2017–2018 academic year.

Navigating the Uncertain World of Clinical Decision Making

Aravind Ganesh (Prairies & St John's 2014) is reading for a DPhil in Clinical Neuroscience. He read and reviewed *The Laws of Medicine* by **Dr Siddhartha Mukherjee** (India & Magdalen 1993) for this magazine. Dr Mukherjee is an assistant professor of medicine at Columbia University and staff physician at Columbia University Medical Center in New York City. His earlier book, *The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer*, was awarded the 2011 Pulitzer Prize for General Non-Fiction and it was named one of the 100 most influential books written in English since 1923 by the magazine *Time*.

There is an unspoken universal contract in the interaction between patients and physicians. The patient comes in with a complaint, and leaves with a diagnosis and (hopefully) a treatment. In between those two steps, the doctor works with the patient to unpack the story of how their symptoms came about, using the physical examination and laboratory tests to then identify a likely diagnosis and treatment plan. But what if the patient, owing to stress or a leading question, misremembers key bits of their story? What if the test the doctor thought she could rely on to make the diagnosis was, in this particular case, falsely negative? What if the large trial that guided the doctor's treatment recommendation, was, unbeknownst-to-her, fundamentally flawed? Suddenly, we see that there are various hidden holes all along the pathway, and the doctor and patient could fall through them at any point.

Dr Siddhartha Mukherjee's newest book deals with this fundamental challenge of medicine, which is that we are called to make 'perfect' decisions with ultimately imperfect information. His 'Laws' are principles that help frame the way one interprets this clinical information, and he presents them in the context of compelling tales from his own medical practice and from the larger world of clinical research.

The book is especially welcome as it comes at a time when other professionals like engineers and data

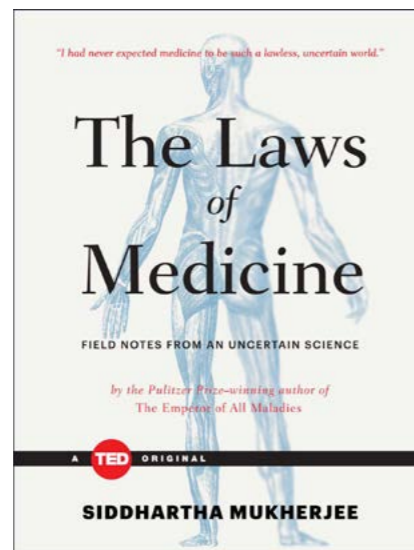
Dr Siddhartha Mukherjee



scientists are increasingly trying to tackle issues of clinical decision-making, and inevitably grappling with this unfamiliar uncertainty. In the present-day hype of 'Big Data' in medicine (which, like quantum mechanics, is poorly understood and misused as a term), it is easy for patients and even physicians to buy into the idea that diseases and their management can be boiled down to algorithms: if A, then B; if not, then C. Sure, certain aspects of disease management can be optimized through an algorithmic approach, aided by digital technology and insights from individual-patient and population-level data. But what Mukherjee skillfully demonstrates through his anecdotes and case studies is that no matter how sophisticated our monitors or how granular our data, clinical decision-making at its core will remain a very human pursuit, charged with

making tricky calls in the face of uncertain, inaccurate, and imperfect information. This is what leads him to confidently proclaim: 'the medical revolution will not be algorithmized'.

The Laws of Medicine will help lay readers better appreciate the blurry, murky world of medical problem-solving that they step into every time they enter a doctor's office or hospital. It will also help healthcare professionals appreciate the pitfalls that we can experience when we ignore the unknowns and mistake our fund of medical knowledge for absolute truths. 🙌



Poetry Corner

Julian Gewirtz (Connecticut & Merton 2013) received a Master's degree in History at the University of Oxford in 2014 and is currently completing his Doctorate. His book *Unlikely Partners: Chinese Reformers, Western Economists, and the Making of Global China* is forthcoming from Harvard University Press this winter. His poems have been published in *Boston Review*, *The New Republic*, and the *Yale Review*. The poem below was first published in *Ploughshares* (2016).

THE GANG'S ALL HERE

"Nature's Grand Hotel has its Season, like the others. As the guests one by one pack, pay, and depart, and the seats at the table-d'hôte shrink pitifully at each succeeding meal...Why not stay on quietly here, like us, and be jolly?"

– Kenneth Grahame, *The Wind in the Willows*

Don't sit too close, the smell
of her perfume is somehow
here still on this mondegreen
cableknit, I'm wearing it anyway

because you'd like that,
if I reminded you of her,
you'd never say. She checks out
of the Grand Hotel Nature

with the lean vacationers
all still sunning
on the whitening dock,
those boys whose shoulders

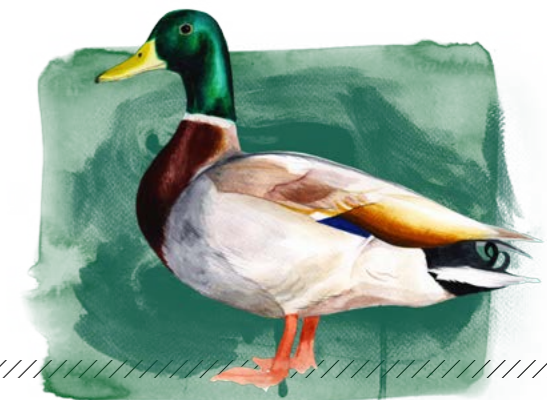
grow wider with each meal
and girls whose voices ring
more of birdsong
than half the birds here,

loud mallards buoying
the hazards of that black
water, heads gleaming
with richest green velvet

like the chair she climbs
kicked away.
But you know that part
of the story, you find her there

a pendulum stilled.
Meantime I in the marble bar
pressed against what
experts name serpentine,

dark green stone-scales
which Romans thought
to resemble a coiled whip-
snake that could not bite.



George Parkin Service Awards 2016

The George Parkin Service Awards were launched last year to celebrate the volunteer service of the Rhodes Scholar community. Winners of this award demonstrate exceptional leadership, dedication to fellow Scholars and devote vast amount of time to further the mission of the Scholarships. We salute them!

William Barber OBE
(Kansas & Balliol 1949)



Served as American Secretary for 12 years, during which time he played a key role in the complicated process that led to the admission of women. In addition, William was on the AARS Board for a total of 16 years.

Geraldine Buckingham
(Victoria & Green 2003)



As Executive Officer of the Rhodes Trust's Governance Committee for several years, Geraldine has been instrumental in the planning, development and delivery of a number of key strategic priorities for the Trust. She was also instrumental in the expansion plans for China.

Paul Dodyk
(Michigan & Magdalen 1959)



US Selection Committee Secretary, and offers pro bono legal advice to the Rhodes Trust in the US. He is Chair of American Friends of Oxford, through which many Rhodes donations are channeled.

Lissa Muscatine
(California & Wadham 1977)



Served for 21 years as a US Selector and seven as a Committee Secretary. Lissa was also The American Oxonian (TAO) Class Secretary and was one of their advisory board members. She also held a position on the AARS board.

Arthur Scafe
(Ontario & Corpus Christi 1961)



For more than 30 years, Arthur played a leadership role in Canadian scholar selection, most significantly as National Secretary. This role has enabled him to develop strong and on-going relationships with Scholars across the country and across generations. He is a lead volunteer in the Canadian development effort.

Distinguished Friend of Oxford
Michael G. McCaffery
(Pennsylvania & Merton 1975)



The Distinguished Friend of Oxford (DFO) Award started in 1997 and is a way for the University of Oxford to recognise individuals who are exceptional volunteers for the benefit of the wider collegiate University.

"Michael G. McCaffery has served the University through his critical

work in supporting the creation of Oxford University Endowment Management Ltd (OUem) and The Oxford Funds, as well as his far-reaching service to the Rhodes Trust. Michael was involved from the inception of OUem in 2007, providing guidance and support to the team and agreeing to serve on the investment committee of the fund in 2011. He brings a wealth of investment experience and knowledge from his respected career in finance and his work from 2000 to 2006 as President and CEO of the Stanford Management Company.

Michael also serves the Rhodes Trust with great commitment, enthusiasm and characteristic diligence, playing a key governance role for the Rhodes Scholarships as a Rhodes Trustee and as Chairman of the Finance and Investment Committee. He is the longest-serving Rhodes Scholar Trustee (serving since 2007) and is also a benefactor to the Rhodes Trust.

Save the dates

The calendar of upcoming Rhodes House activities is listed below. Let us know if you would like more information on any of these events by sending a message specifying your interest to conferences@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk.

Oxford Alumni Weekend:
17 - 18 September 2016

All Rhodes alumni are welcome to attend the activities organised by the University during its annual weekend in Oxford. On 18 September, we will host a Rhodes Open House for all Scholars and their families and offer brunch, tea, conversations among Scholars and other activities including anniversary lunches.

2nd Annual Rhodes Healthcare Forum:
12 - 13 November 2016

Following last year's successful first event, this Forum will explore the latest innovations in healthcare, featuring renowned experts from the Rhodes community and beyond. This year's topic will be Optimisation or innovation: Making meaningful differences in healthcare.

Inaugural Rhodes LGBTQ Forum:
24 - 25 February 2017

Rhodes House welcomes all LGBTQ Scholars, together with their partners, family and friends, for an inaugural gathering in Oxford during the UK's LGBTQ History Month to acknowledge and connect this diverse global community. This forum will bring together Scholars past and present to explore and address some of the most pressing issues that LGBTQ people around the world still face today.

Generation 1.5 - The Intergenerational Rhodes Climate Conference

April / May 2017 t.b.c.

How can this generation limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius in their lifetimes and ensure a sustainable future for those generations to come? A unique two day retreat of current and recently graduated Rhodes Scholars, alongside world leading experts, working to address climate change.

40th Anniversary of Rhodes Women
August / September 2017 t.b.c.

A time to connect and celebrate with a remarkable and diverse community. There are now 1,268 female Scholars across the globe and there is much to learn from their professional and personal journeys. Planning is underway for a superb programme of events, and more details will follow.

Rhodes Scholar Network

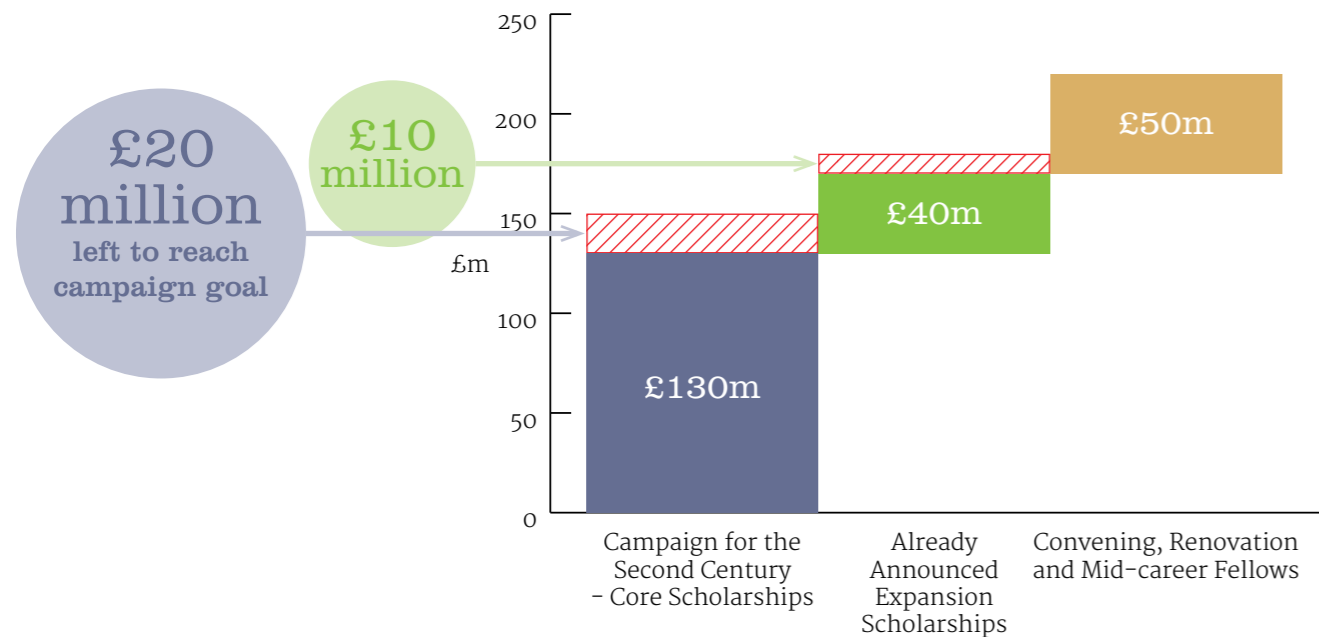
The Rhodes Scholar Network is increasing its presence within the Rhodes community, with 35 new mentors and 32 mentees signing up to the new mentoring module. We also recently launched an app to allow the platform to be accessed whilst on the move. At the start of Michaelmas term we will launch the new events functionality which will be used to enable Rhodes Scholars to sign up easily to all events organised by the Rhodes Trust. Do join your fellow Scholars on the Network by going to rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/rsn

CAMPAIGN FOR THE SECOND CENTURY

Close to Completion!

The Trust has raised over £200m in recent years towards (i) the Campaign for the Second Century to secure the core Scholarships, (ii) funding for new expansion Scholarships and (iii) the partnership with the Atlantic Philanthropies to invest in mid-career Fellows and increase our convening capacity.

Over 2,500 people (including more than half of all living Rhodes Scholars) and institutions have contributed towards this success. Thank you to all of you who have given so generously.



All gifts to the Campaign for the Second Century directly support the development of young leaders and take us closer to our goal of funding the core Rhodes Scholarships in perpetuity.

We are enormously grateful to our donor community for their philanthropy in support of the next generation of Rhodes Scholars. Each and every gift makes an impact on the funding requirements and can also catalyse other giving.

Major donors often make their gifts subject to others' giving, and donors previously unconnected to the Trust have taken confidence from the high level of Scholar fundraising and involvement in the Trust's activities. The McCall MacBain Foundation's £50m gift to the Campaign for the Second Century has very successfully been employed as an innovative match funding scheme.

Campaign Progress

Over £20m of the Atlantic Philanthropies gift is allocated to supporting the core Scholarships. This gift plus the many others received means that, as of June 2016, there is just **£20m remaining to achieve the £150m goal of the Campaign for the Second Century.**

Every gift in the coming months will make a difference in closing the campaign

It is our ambition to preserve the Rhodes Scholarship as the leading postgraduate Scholarship programme. Once the capital campaign goal is achieved, we will continue to seek support from Rhodes Scholars each year through a new Annual Fund to support the endowment returns that are available for the Scholarship. The purpose of the Fund will be to ensure the best possible support for the development of young leaders and to enhance the Rhodes Scholarships into the future, including:

- The Character, Service and Leadership programme
- Providing hardship, travel and research funds
- Alumni community and events



John McCall MacBain O.C.
(Québec & Wadham 1980)
Second Century Founder

Thank you!

to all our supporters for your financial gifts, your guidance and your time as volunteers, in particular the Class Leaders. Your continued support is critical to the enhancement of the Rhodes Scholarships.

Appointments and Awards

A selection of appointments and awards from the last year.

Do view the Rhodes House website for the complete list.

John McCall MacBain (Québec & Wadham 1980), awarded the Order of Canada.

Shamma Al Mazrui (United Arab Emirates & University 2014), appointed Minister of Youth Affairs in the new United Arab Emirates Cabinet. At 22, Shamma is the youngest Minister in the history of the UAE.



Dana Brown (New Jersey & St Antony's 1994), former Director of the MBA at the University of Oxford's Saïd Business School, was named Principal of Leicester Castle Business School at De Monfort University.

Edwin Cameron (South Africa-at-Large & Keble 1976), appointed Foreign Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Jim Collins (New Hampshire & Balliol 1987), appointed 2016 Allen Distinguished Investigator for his work on synthetic biology approaches to antimicrobial resistance.

Abdul El-Sayed (Michigan & Oriel 2009), appointed the Executive Director of the Detroit Department of Health & Wellness Promotion.

David Finegold (Texas & Pembroke 1985), named President of Chatham University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Chrystia Freeland (Prairies & St Anthony's 1991), re-elected as the Liberal Member of Parliament from Toronto University-Rosedale and is Minister of International Trade.

Cyrus Habib (Washington & St John's 2003), State Senator Cyrus Habib (D Bellevue) selected to serve on the Platform Committee for the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

Bill Lahey (Maritimes & Exeter 1984), appointed President of University of King's College in Halifax, Canada.

John Lazar (South Africa-at-Large & Balliol 1983), awarded a CBE on the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to engineering.



Kopano Mabaso (South Africa-at-Large & Magdalen 2010), named one of South Africa's top icons in the 21st century by the 21 Icons Project.

Don Markwell (Queensland & Trinity 1981), appointed Senior Adviser to the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Australia).

Dennis Morrison (Jamaica & Balliol 1975), sworn in on 4 January as the President of the Jamaican Court of Appeal.

Kumi Naidoo (South Africa-at-Large & Magdalen 1987), appointed the inaugural Director of the Africa Civil Society Centre, a new dynamic and robust space where progressive African civil society leaders engaged in various civic struggles can convene. The Centre will be based in Tanzania and is co-founded by ActionAid and CIVICUS.

Rohan Paul (India & St Catherine's 2008), MIT Technology Review listed him as one of the top innovators under 35 for his work on the SmartCane.



Marc Tessier-Lavigne (Québec & New College 1980), Neuroscience pioneer appointed President of Stanford University.

Paul Vogt (Prairies & Magdalen 1983), named President and CEO of Red River College.

Heidi Williams (North Dakota & Pembroke 2003), named a 2015 MacArthur Fellow, as an economist unravelling the causes and consequences of innovation in health care markets.

Obituaries

Selected obituaries from the past year.

JOHN BALDWIN
(New Mexico & Magdalen 1971)
23 December 1948 – 3 April 2016

Over the course of his medical career, Dr Baldwin published hundreds of scientific papers and was a passionate advocate for universal access to healthcare and human rights within the United States and abroad. He was Dean of Dartmouth Medical School, President of the Immune Disease Institute at Harvard and President of the Health Sciences Centre at Texas University.

JOHN BRADEMAS
(Indiana & Brasenose 1950)
2 March 1927 – 11 July 2016

Dr Brademas was a Democrat Congressman for 22 years, championing education and increasing government funding for the arts. From 1981 to 1992 he was President of New York University and in 2005 NYU set up the John Brademas Centre for the Study of Congress which is a research and teaching facility.

STEPHEN CLARKSON
(Ontario & New College 1959)
21 October 1937 – 28 February 2016

Professor Clarkson was an extraordinary political researcher and a prolific and multiple-award winning author of books about trade and politics.

WILLIAM FARLEY
(Pennsylvania & St Catherine's 1972)
20 February 1950 – 22 April 2016

Mr Farley had a long and successful legal career in Chicago, with a particular focus on social change. He worked for the City of Chicago, the Chicago Transit Authority and as Chief Operating Officer at Applied Business Strategies, before becoming partner of Burriss, Wright, Slaughter & Tom and subsequently of Gonzalez, Saggio & Harlan.

MARK WILLIAMS
(Kansas & New College 1973)
9 November 1951 – 6 March 2016

With a PhD in Physics, Dr Williams was tempted to academia but ultimately pursued a career in business, rising to the top of Royal Dutch Shell, a company he remained with throughout his career. In retirement he became Chairman of Hess Oil Company.

KATLEGO BAGWASI



(Botswana & Oriel 2010)

23 February 1986 – 12 February 2016

Katlego Bagwasi tragically died far too young and is greatly missed by classmates and Rhodes House staff alike. She read for the BCL and for an MSc in Criminology and Criminal Justice whilst a Rhodes Scholar in Oxford. She taught Public International Law in the Law Department at the University of Botswana where she was also the Legal Clinic Coordinator at the university. From 2009 to 2010, she was a practicing attorney at Monthe Marumo & Company. Following this she was based at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon at The Hague, where she worked in the Appeals Chamber, working closely with judges and assisting them in the research of fair judgments and the writings of their decisions. She expressed a hope "to be part of the people who were in the solution for maintaining world peace".

WARDEN ROBIN FLETCHER



30 May 1922 – 15 January 2016

Dr Robin Fletcher (Warden of Rhodes House, 1980-89) was a University of Oxford Lecturer in Modern Greek, Domestic Bursar of Trinity College, and Olympic medallist for hockey before taking up the Wardenship at Rhodes House. During his time as Warden, the very successful 80th anniversary celebrations of the Rhodes Scholarships were held in 1983, and new Rhodes Scholarships were offered in a number of countries. He is fondly remembered by many Scholars, particularly for the warm hospitality which he and Mrs Jinny Fletcher offered.

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1956

Colin Gordon Beer (New Zealand & Magdalen 1956)

On completing a DPhil in 1960, Colin took up a Post-doctoral Fellowship at the Institute of Animal Behavior, Rutgers University in Newark, New Jersey. After two years he returned to Otago University, where he had been an undergraduate and graduate student, as a lecturer in zoology. In 1964 he was invited to the faculty at Rutgers, Newark, and so became a member of the Psychology Department there. This was something of an irony since, as a youth, he had despised psychology as soft science – a case of the arrogance of ignorance. He ended up half seriously arguing that you could get a complete liberal education by studying psychology alone since it comprises everything from molecules to myths. He remained at Rutgers until his retirement at the end of 2009, except for the years 1969–1970 when he was a Tutorial Fellow at New College and Lecturer in the Zoology Department at Oxford. In addition to teaching, his activities included field research on the breeding behavior of gulls, service on Federal grant reviewing panels, and editorial work for several journals. He has an active interest in the history and philosophy of science. He had a substantial career as a long-distance runner, which included completion of 30 marathons. He is married to Jeanette Beer, a noted scholar of medieval French. Together they have two grown-up sons.

John Clatworthy (Rhodesia & Queen's 1956)

worked in the Department of Agricultural Research in Rhodesia/Zimbabwe for 28 years, specialising in the development of legume-based pastures for livestock. He is an Honorary Life Member of the Grassland Societies of Zimbabwe and Southern Africa. After being superseded for promotion following the indigenisation of the Department after Zimbabwe's independence, he left research and worked as a consultant. Later he supervised the construction of a 22km-long irrigation canal and then worked as Customer Relations Officer in the Mashonaland Farmers' Co-op in Marondera. Married in 1964 to Shirley (daughter of W. H. Phear (Rhodesia & Queen's 1927)), they have three sons. They moved to England in 2003 and now live happily and quietly in Ilminster, Somerset.

A.M. Gibbs (Victoria & Magdalen 1956)

is an Emeritus Professor of English at Macquarie University, Sydney. An expanded version of his Oxford B.Litt. thesis on the seventeenth-century poet, playwright and adventurer, Sir William Davenant, was published by the Clarendon Press. His other publications include seven books on the life and work of George Bernard Shaw. His *Bernard Shaw: A Life* (2005) was shortlisted for four literary awards in the US and Australia. He was elected to the Australian Academy of the Humanities in 1982, and served terms of office as Vice President, Editor and Council member. At Melbourne

and Oxford he won a number of varsity and intervarsity high jump events, using the Western Roll. Now earthbound, he lives in Sydney with his wife Donna.

Vince Larson (North Dakota & Magdalen 1956)



Vince is mainly retired after 55 years as a litigation attorney, married to Karin, in excellent health, still skiing in winter and mountain hiking in summer. He has traveled widely, from Antarctica to the north Arctic and points in between, enjoying life but concerned about the deplorable state of national politics in recent years.

Geoffrey Phillips (Rhodesia & Lincoln 1956)

was in a packed Westminster Abbey, among others from the widely spread Anglican Diocese in Europe, to receive from the Queen on her 85th birthday in April 2011, her Maundy money. He had been active as a Reader and member of synods since retirement more than a decade earlier from the English Department at Åbo Akademi, the Swedish medium university in Finland. Rhodes Scholars had been unable to marry until sometime after he had surrendered his Scholarship in order to marry, with unfortunate consequences for both marriage and studies. But the need to earn opened a different side to life and learning in Oxford through working for Boffins Bakeries, then a major supplier of bread to the area. A couple of years later, through a grant from the Rhodes Trust and the kindness of his college, he was able to complete his undergraduate degree.

Robert D. Sider (Saskatchewan & Exeter 1956)

retired in 1997 from his position as Charles A. Dana Professor of Classical Languages at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and returned to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, his wife's native province. He continued research and publication in the field of his DPhil (Theology - Patristics) during the early years of his career. In 1979 he was invited to join the 'Erasmus Project', for which he was appointed General Editor of the New Testament Scholarship, 20 volumes (41-60) in the Collected Works of Erasmus, University of Toronto Press. His latest volume, 41, prolegomenous to the 20, is in Press. He will celebrate with his wife the 60th anniversary of their engagement in July, proud of their three children and nine grandchildren.

David Simmers (New Zealand & Balliol 1956)

after completing BA in Litterae Humaniores went on to a Bachelor of Divinity in Edinburgh. Returning to New Zealand, he was a University Chaplain and then ministered in two Presbyterian parishes. Being impressed by the 'post-theistic' writings of theologians like Don Cupitt, he realised he no longer knew how to honestly conduct worship and in 1980 resigned from

parish work. He secured a position as a policy analyst in the Government's Department of Social Welfare where he stayed until retiring in 1999. In 2008 he published *Preaching Post-Theism* containing some of his later sermons. He and his wife Shirley live in Wellington.

Cliff Thompson (Kansas & Magdalen 1956) Fortunately nothing bad to report. Enjoying life in retirement with his wife and visits with children and grandchildren in Maine.



1966

Walt Bachman (Minnesota & Exeter 1966) after studying law at Oxford and Stanford, held a variety of positions in public and private practice as a trial lawyer in Minnesota for 22 years. After retiring from the law, he wrote *Law v. Life*, a book about the realities of U.S. lawyering, aimed at law and pre-law students. In addition to extensive travels (90-plus countries) with his wife, Elizabeth, he has devoted much of the last 15 years to researching and writing US history. He is working on a comprehensive history of slavery as practiced by officers of the US Army during the years before the Civil War. He and Elizabeth live in Manhattan.

John Baird (New Zealand & Merton 1966) and his wife Marge are slowly retiring and now live in the wine area of Marlborough, N Z. However, their industry participation is currently limited to that of supportive tasters. After a career in the food industry, John became an independent director and has continued some business interests. He has also been a member since 1999 of the Waitangi Tribunal (which investigates claims arising from Treaty of Waitangi breaches). A son and his family appear to have put down their roots in London so travel includes regular visits to Europe, while a daughter and her family live in NZ. Rugby remains an interest.

John Bergeron (Quebec & Worcester 1966)

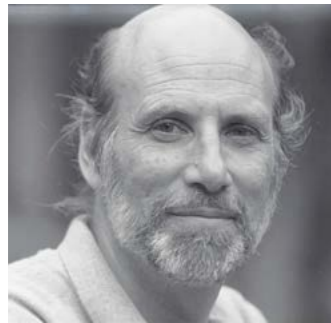


is emeritus Robert Reford Professor, Professor of Medicine and past chair of Anatomy and Cell Biology at McGill University. He has had a privileged career as a discovery scientist in molecular cell biology, past President of the Human Proteome Organisation, past co-founder and CSO of the biotech company Caprion, co-founder of the McGill Innovation Centre and fortunate to have been singled out by peers for several national and international awards for discovery research. Happily married, father of two wonderful children and grandfather to three amazing grandchildren, every day is a wondrous occasion to celebrate scholarship and life.

Class Notes

In this edition we hear from the Rhodes Classes of '56, '66, '76, '86, '96 and '06

Stephen J. Bergman (Massachusetts & Balliol 1966) by the



flicker of a butterfly's wing, Stephen was on a boat to Oxford. He had wanted to be a writer; his Harvard teacher declared he had no talent. In the wild, roaring '60s at Oxford he learned to join together and dare – to resist the warmongering systems. 'Samuel Shem' was born. *The House of God*, his first novel, about medical internship, is called 'a classic'. Five other novels, and – with Janet Surrey his 50-year love and partner – other writings. In writing and life, Shem, Stephen, and Surrey focus: staying human is to shift from the centrality of 'self' to that of 'relationship'. Our 'world's fight' is to speak out with others in resistance to injustice, on the danger of isolation and the healing power of good connection. But for that butterfly's wing, Stephen declares he would now be a divorced, alcoholic neurosurgeon.

Michael C. Bonello (Malta & St Edmund Hall 1966) is currently Chairman of Lombard Bank Malta p.l.c after having served as Governor of the Central Bank of Malta from 1999 to 2011. During this time, he steered the Bank towards adoption of the euro in 2008 and was also a member of the Governing Council of the European Central Bank (ECB) and of the Board of Governors of the Malta Financial Services Authority (MFSA). Michael had previously served with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva from 1983 to 1999, occupying senior positions in the areas of trade and finance. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Financial Services and an Officier de la Légion d'Honneur. Michael and his wife Rosette have two sons and two grandsons.

Andrew Brook (Alberta & Queen's 1966) has been at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada, since coming down in 1969. He added a qualification in psychoanalysis to his DPhil in Philosophy in 1991. He was appointed Chancellor's Professor (an honorific similar to University Professor) in 1992. He has been President of the Faculty Association, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, and long-time Director of the Institute of Cognitive Science at Carleton and is the only person ever to be President of both the Canadian Philosophical Association and the Canadian Psychoanalytic Society. He is currently Treasurer of the International Psychoanalytic Association. He has about 130 publications, including seven book-length projects, on Kant, history and philosophy of psychoanalysis, cognitive science and philosophy of mind, and environmental ethics. He is married with two sons and two grandsons.

Ken Carty (New Brunswick & Jesus 1966) is retired in



Vancouver after a career in the Department of Political Science at the University of British Columbia where his research was primarily concerned with questions of party organization and electoral politics. Often engaged with the 'real world' he regularly consulted to parties, public agencies and on electoral boundary commissions, culminating with Citizens' Assemblies in BC, Ontario, the Netherlands and Ireland. He is keeping busy by gently pursuing a new book project exploring political dominance in five democracies and, with Elaine (herself retired as founder of the UBC midwifery school), enjoys summers spent in the Ottawa Valley where they have a cottage alongside those of their extended family.

Richard L. Cohen (Texas & St John's 1966) has spent his career in senior management positions in the public, private and non-profit sectors, including as foreign affairs correspondent for Congressional Quarterly and National Journal; a principal of the media consulting firm Houston/Ritz/Cohen/Jagoda; first staff director of the Public Agenda Foundation; Executive Assistant to the Director of USIA; co-founder of BidNet, Inc.; Senior V.P. for Marketing of UPI; and COO of Institutional Shareholders Services. Richard and his wife of 45 years, Grisselle, live in Chevy Chase, MD and enjoy travel, reading, foreign language study, meals and conversations with friends.

Jonathan Culler (Connecticut & St John's 1966) has begun phased retirement as Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Cornell, now teaching only in the fall semester and spending the spring in Paris. He published *Theory of the Lyric*, a book on the tradition of Western lyric poetry from Sappho to Ashbery, in 2015 (Harvard University Press). Now serving as Secretary of the American Council of Learned Societies and Chair of the New York State Council for the Humanities, he looks forward to a little more leisure in coming years.

Stewart Early (Pennsylvania & Brasenose 1966) After 30+ years working at five Fortune 150 firms, Stewart's career progressed in 1998 when he established his management consulting practice, helping a handful of corporations, and their CEO's, with corporate strategy, business and organization development. Those experiences, and accompanying insights into leadership, found their way into adjunct teaching, service at several NFP organizations and participation in local politics. In addition, contributing to the Association of American Rhodes Scholars (AARS), as President and now as a Board member, provides the opportunity to renew friendships and to meet many amazing members of the Rhodes community. Together with his wife Trish, he has raised two sons who are now ensconced in high tech companies in Seattle. They are fortunate to be able to spend

three to four months a year, visiting with and enjoying their four grandchildren. In between travels, they try to remain reasonably fit. They look forward to our 50th Rhodes Class Reunion in Oxford this September.

Adrian Fowler (Newfoundland & Queen's 1966) Professor Emeritus of English Language and Literature at the Grenfell Campus of Memorial University of Newfoundland, retired from full-time university teaching in 2009. Still active as a scholar and writer, his primary academic interest has been the relationship between literature and culture. His career as a university teacher spanned 37 years at Memorial, first at the St John's Campus, then at the Grenfell Campus, where he became Chair of the English Programme and later Principal. As a faculty member and administrator, he played key roles in the development of degree programmes at Grenfell, especially in fine arts and English. He is married to Joanne Barber, a counselling psychologist, and has two children, Maddy, a historian living in Australia, and Joe, an artist living in St John's. Bridget, his first grandchild, lives in Australia.

Michael M. Martin (Iowa & New College 1966) Mike went into law teaching immediately after Oxford and has been professing ever since, the last 44 years at Fordham Law School in New York City. His teaching and writing have focused on Torts, Civil Procedure, and Evidence (two books). He completed five years as Fordham Law's Dean in 2015 and is now contemplating (without any follow-up action yet) reducing his teaching and spending more time with wife Ellen (m. 1971) and their son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren, who are conveniently located in Brooklyn.

Robert McLaren (Cape & University 1966) is now busy publishing his own and helping others publish their books. His most recent being *Zimbabwe: Challenging the Stereotypes* – published under the name Robert Mshengu Kavanagh. Others include translation of satiric Xhosa poems, three books on theatre and another on Arts Education in Southern Africa. Founded, chaired theatre arts departments [Addis Ababa, Zimbabwe] and founded, headed theatre and arts education organisations [South Africa, Zimbabwe]. Gets on quite well in six African languages and three European. A theatre highlight – playing rather risky part of Queen Victoria's Consul in the play *Tewodros* [Theodore] in Amharic in a public performance in Addis Ababa and being felled by an unrehearsed right to the jaw by the emperor.

David M. Newby (Western Australia & Wadham 1966) returned to Perth and law practice after Oxford. Left partnership to join Mars, West Pacific, in Sydney. Challenged with combining young family and travel, turned to consulting and then a CEO role in an Australian public company. Rejoined Mars, Incorporated in 1993, moved to London, then Washington DC, retired as Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Secretary and family advisor in

2004. Back to Australia in 2006, now breeding beef cattle in New South Wales between Sydney and Canberra. Recently remarried after losing his soulmate, blessed with Jane and children and grandchildren. A fortunate life, with Oxford and the Rhodes Scholarship pivotal.

James O'Toole (California & Hertford 1966) is Professor and



Director of the Neely Center for Ethical Leadership at the University of Southern California. Now twice 'un-retired', he is author of 18 books on management, leadership, and philosophy. Married since 1967, he has two daughters and two grandchildren. He and his wife Marilyn split their time (inefficiently) between San Francisco and Malibu.

Wilson Parasiuk (Manitoba & St John's 1966) Wilson has



spent over 45 years in the public and private sectors in Canada and abroad organizing government policy, planning and implementation at various levels, and in developing public/private partnerships in the export of Canada's health care, housing, civics and energy expertise. Wilson held Deputy Minister and Minister positions in Manitoba before moving West to the Vancouver area, which he has used as a base for international activities. Wilson and spouse, Wilma, spent the first year of their 49 years of marriage living in a flat on St Giles' in downtown Oxford. They share fond memories of Oxford and visit it often. Today, they are fortunate to have their two children, their spouses and four lovely grandchildren living near them in Vancouver.

Rasih Ratnalingam (Malaya & Wadham 1966) After his DPhil, Rasiah was appointed lecturer in the University of Science, Penang, Malaysia, later Associate Professor, Professor and Dean. After taking an early retirement from the University, he was appointed as the Foundation President of the Penang Medical College in collaboration with the National University of Ireland and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. He was also the Honorary Consul of Sweden and Norway for Northern Malaya for 11 years. He was awarded Commander, Royal Order of the Polar Star (Sweden) and Knight First Class, Royal Order of Merit (Norway) in 2015. He was previously awarded DSPN by the Governor of Penang, which carried the title of 'Dato'. He also received an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. He is now fully retired and enjoys traveling and visiting his three children, who are all medical doctors, and five grandchildren.

1976

Robert H. Rawson, Jr. (Ohio & New College 1966) retired at the end of 2015 after nearly 45 years as an antitrust litigator at Jones Day. His principal avocation has involved service in support of education, in raising resources for the Cleveland Municipal School District, as a 20-year member of the Princeton University Board of Trustees, including service as Chair of the Executive Committee, and more recently as Chair of the Board of Trustees of Cleveland State University. The purpose has been to help make education more effective, more affordable, and more accessible for all. In retirement he anticipates more well-deserved attention to his wonderful wife of 43 years, his accomplished two sons, his remarkable daughters-in-law and his four engaging granddaughters.

Michael Spence (Ontario & Magdalen 1966) has for the past ten years been involved in research and policy formation for growth and development in emerging economies. He lives in Milan, teaches a course in the fall at NYU, and in the spring at Bocconi University. In the past he served as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard and as Dean of the Business School at Stanford. He has been privileged to be an Honorary Fellow of Magdalen College for the past few years. He and his wife, Giuliana, and family enjoy time off in Ft Lauderdale and the waters of south Florida and on the coast of Liguria in Italy.

Michael Sheridan Stone (Rhodesia & St Edmund Hall 1966) has been a Director and Trustee of the African Leadership Institute (AFLI) since 2003. AFLI is a charity founded by another Rhodes Scholar, Peter Wilson, and runs an annual Tutu Fellowship Leadership Programme for 24 Africans aged 25 to 40 with high leadership potential. The group is drawn from different sectors from countries across Africa and Rhodes Scholars are well represented among the 200 Tutu Fellows instituted thus far. Michael remains semi-active in the legal field as a life sciences consultant at Clyde & Co. He also writes poetry intermittently and 32 of his poems were published under the title *The African Sun* in 2009. He retains his life-long love for the African bush.

(William) Frank White (Mississippi & New College 1966) Frank continues to work on space exploration and development, especially the implications of Overview Effect theory, which he has been developing since the 1980s. He is a frequent speaker on this topic, and the third edition of his book on the subject was published in 2014. Frank is also the founder of the 'Academy in Space Initiative', which launched at Framingham State University in April of this year. He teaches in Harvard Extension School, Harvard Summer School, and Boston University's Metropolitan College. Frank and Donna enjoy family life with their five children and ten grandchildren and plan to attend the 50th reunion of the Class of 1966 in Oxford in September.



Philip Bryden (Maritimes & Balliol 1976) was appointed Deputy Minister, Alberta Justice and Solicitor General and Deputy Attorney General of Alberta in 2015 and Queen's Counsel in 2016. Philip joined the Alberta public service after spending five years as Dean of Law at the University of Alberta (2009-2014), which followed a five-year term as Dean of Law at the University of New Brunswick (2004-2009). While at the University of Alberta, Philip returned to Oxford briefly as a member of the external review team for Oxford's Faculty of Law. He and his wife, Cindy McKinley, were married in 1984 and have two sons.

Hans-Paul Buerkner (Germany & St Catherine's 1976) As the global Chairman of The Boston Consulting Group, Hans-Paul focuses most of his efforts on supporting clients and teams in the emerging markets. Besides his original office in Frankfurt, he has offices in Bangkok, Beijing, Jakarta, Moscow, Mumbai and Riyadh. Despite the slowdown in global growth driven to a significant extent by China and the decline in commodity prices, the dynamic in many emerging markets is still strong. Both governments and companies are investing heavily and are making good progress to delivering better value for their citizens and customers. It is very satisfying to be able to help them shape the future of their countries and their industries. Despite the doom and gloom spread by many, he is very optimistic about the future of the global economy and the emerging markets in particular. The passion and the tremendous efforts of the six billion people in the emerging markets to build a better future for themselves and for their children will continue to drive the world economy to new heights in the coming years.

Chesley F. Crosbie (Newfoundland & Balliol 1976) married Lois Hoegg, now a judge, whom he met at Dalhousie Law School after leaving Oxford. Three daughters, Charlotte, Catherine and Rachel. Attempted to leave a high profile consumer rights law practice in NL for elected political life as a Conservative in the Canadian federal election of 2016, but was denied the nomination by Prime Minister Harper. Thinks he may be the luckiest Tory in Canada.

John Dupree (Mississippi & Christ Church 1976) retired from his role as Senior Vice President at Sprint at the end of 2013 and has since been spending his time working with newly forming ventures. Having experienced how huge companies mature, he wanted to gain a better understanding of how new companies formed so he became an entrepreneur, an angel investor, and a limited



partner in a new venture capital fund. He is currently a Partner at Opus Faveo, a boutique venture development firm that fosters innovation specifically by helping commercialize technology through spin-out companies. He also performs executive coaching and advisory services for individual and organizational clients around the world. He lives in Dallas with his wife Regina.

Spencer Fleischer (South Africa-at-large & Lincoln 1976) is still working full time, as Managing Partner of FFL Partners and a Director of Levi Strauss and Clorox. He stays in touch with Lincoln and with Oxford friends, and led Vincent's Club's V150 appeal in the US (he's happy with the revamped club and the recent overdue decision to admit women). He and Calla, a photographer, settled in San Francisco 18 years ago after stints in New York, LA, London, and Hong Kong. They visit South Africa every year, often with their four adult daughters: a teacher, a consultant, an aspirant medic, and a senior at Stanford. Spencer is an occasional triathlete and amateur sculptor, and enjoys friends, meeting inspiring younger Oxford entrepreneurs working in California, good architecture, and wine.

Eckart Förster (Germany & Balliol College 1976) returned to the US in 2001 after several years at the University of Munich. He is now Professor of Philosophy at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, and Honorary Professor of Philosophy at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Germany) where he often teaches in the summer.



Christopher P. (Kip) Hall (New Jersey & Exeter 1976) continues as Senior Counsel at DLA Piper LLP (US) in New York City, as Adjunct Professor at the University of Connecticut School of Law and Fellow at the Insurance Law Institute, as a Member of the Connecticut State Competitiveness Council and as an instructor at the Crested Butte Ski School. He and his sailing partner are preparing for their fifth Newport Bermuda Race, this time (for the first time) in the Double-Hand Division. He and his wife, Britt, have two adult children who are happily pursuing their careers.

Derek N. J. Hart (New Zealand & Brasenose 1976) stumbled on dendritic cells (DC) during his DPhil. He directed the Christchurch Clinical Haematology and Bone Marrow Transplant Unit before migrating to Brisbane, as the inaugural Director of the Mater Medical Research Institute, where he helped establish the Queensland Translational Research Institute. In 2010, Derek, moved to Sydney as Professor of Transplantation and Immunotherapy to work with his haematology colleagues at



the Royal Prince Alfred, Concord and Westmead Hospitals. His Group continues to study DC biology and has developed several therapeutic antibody candidates for commercialization by DendroCyte BioTech. Derek and his wife, A/Professor Georgina Clark, have two children, James and Olivia, who share biotech beginnings, house building, sailing, skiing, educational activity and some chores.

Doug Hutchinson (British Columbia & Balliol 1976) remained in Oxford until 1983, teaching philosophy and working towards his DPhil thesis on Aristotle's theory of moral virtue, before being appointed to the University of Toronto, where he was tenured in 1987 and promoted to Professor in 2000. Among his publications in ancient Greek philosophy, he was co-editor of *Plato: Complete Works* (1997), and is editing a lost early dialogue of Aristotle (protrepticus.info). His medical marijuana smoking room at U of T in 2006 was ahead of its time; it addressed his health problems successfully, but created other ones. Later in 2016 he will be retiring and moving to Vancouver Island with Martha Perrier, to whom he was married in 2014. He has a step-son, a daughter, and a son.

Hubert P. Joswick (Minnesota & Oriel 1976) Hugh completed his PhD from Yale University with a dissertation on the philosopher Charles Peirce. He taught philosophy for a few years until he and his wife, Abbe Blum, moved to Berkeley, California where he became involved with the Tibetan Nyingma Meditation Center and its related organizations. He is currently program director at the Nyingma Institute and continues to explore the boundaries of Tibetan Buddhism and Western culture. In addition to teaching, he has worked on a number of documentaries describing the efforts to maintain the Tibetan Buddhist heritage. The latest film, *The Great Transmission*, is currently on the festival circuit. Check it out.

Tim Lancaster (Bermuda & Corpus Christi 1976) is Professor of Primary Health Care at Oxford University. After medical training in London, Vermont and Massachusetts, he settled in Oxford in 1992, where he combines research, clinical practice and teaching. He is the founder and co-ordinating editor of the Cochrane Tobacco Addiction Review Group, an evidence-based resource to help reduce the prevalence of smoking. Since 2002 he has been Director of Clinical Studies for the Oxford Medical School, responsible for the training of Oxford clinical students. He practises as a GP at the Jericho Health Centre in central Oxford.

Seth Landefeld (Ohio & New College 1976) serves as chair of the Department of Medicine at UAB, the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He now sits in the belly of the beast of the medical-industrial complex and loves the job because he learns everyday about medicine and people, and because he can make a difference for the medical school and the community. He also works with Holy Family Cristo Rey High School, which

serves financially disadvantaged students in north Birmingham, with the goal of matriculating every student in college. Seth previously founded the Division of Geriatrics at UCSF. The Bay Area remains a home for him, his wife, Meg, and their three children and daughter-in-law.

Jeff McMahan (South Carolina & Corpus Christi 1976) stayed in the UK until 1986, completing his doctorate at Cambridge. He has recently returned to Oxford after many years of teaching philosophy in the US. In 2014 he became the White's Professor of Moral Philosophy and a fellow of his old college, Corpus Christi. His work has concentrated on life and death issues in ethics, particularly, in recent years, the ethics of self-defense and war.

Jim Murray (Montana & Wadham 1976) is Practice Leader of the Insurance Coverage Group at Blank Rome LLP in DC. His practice consists exclusively of suing insurance companies in large-scale loss and liability cases. He has been admitted to the American College of Trial Lawyers. He and his brother recently cut their second CD of (mostly) original ballads entitled *Range Fire*. He and his wife Lynne Bivona have two children, Will 12 and Anna eight. They spent last spring break in Florence, which hadn't changed (at least in Jim's mind) from the last time he was there 35 years ago.

Chisanga Puta-Chekwe (Zambia & Exeter 1976) retired from the Ontario Public Service where he had served for six years as Deputy Minister for citizenship, Immigration and international trade. He also had responsibility for women's issues and seniors' affairs, in addition to being secretary general of the Order of Ontario. He continues to serve on the OPS Advisory Council on Inclusion and Diversity. After his retirement Chisanga took the Directors Education Programme at the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto. He graduated in January 2016 and obtained the ICD.D designation in March 2016. Chisanga continues to serve as a director of Kansanshi Mining Plc, a subsidiary of First Quantum Minerals Ltd, and as president of the Masomo Education Foundation.

Zia Qureshi (Pakistan & University 1976) joined the International Monetary Fund upon completing his DPhil in Economics and then moved to the World Bank. After 35 years of service with these institutions that spanned all regions of the world, he retired from the World Bank in 2015, where his last position was Director of Development Economics. He has published widely, and engaged actively at international forums, on the global economic and development agenda. He is now a



Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution and is also advising and consulting with several other organizations. He continues to be a frequent contributor of op-eds and blogs on the global economy. He and his wife, Marie-José, live in Washington DC and have one daughter, Noor.

David Scobey (Connecticut & New College 1976) For much of the past 30 years, David taught American Studies at the University of Michigan, publishing a book about urbanism in New York City and other studies. He also became passionate about civic engagement, launching a program that pursued public work in the arts, humanities, and design and then a center for community partnerships at Bates College. After a stint as dean at The New School in New York, he is a Visiting Scholar back home at the University of Michigan, writing about change in higher education. His wife Denise Thal (Michigan & Jesus 1975) and he celebrated their 33rd anniversary last summer. They have three sons: Jake (28, a magazine editor); Rafe (25, a filmmaker); and Isaac (18, a freshman at Yale).

Salim Yusuf (India & St John's 1976) has continued with his global work in controlling cardiovascular diseases as the Executive and Founding Director of the Population Health Research Institute, and Professor of Medicine at McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada. He is also currently serving as the President of the World Heart Federation. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada and his work has been recognized by over 40 international awards. He is among the most cited scientists in the world and was the second highest cited in 2012. He has been married to Wahida and they have three children (Zaheera, Arif and Shireen) and one grandson (Taidgh Syed Coffey).



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Evan Dale Abel (Jamaica & Green 1986) After his DPhil,



Dale trained in Internal Medicine and Endocrinology at Northwestern and Harvard University respectively. After a five-year stint at Harvard, Dale moved to the University of Utah, successfully establishing a diabetes research program and leading their Endocrine Division. He was recruited to the University of Iowa (UI) in 2013 to lead the F.O.E. Diabetes Research Center and was appointed in January, 2016 as Chair of the

Department of Internal Medicine at UI. Dale was recently elected into the National Academy of Medicine of the USA for contributions to diabetes research and for mentoring the next generation of biomedical researchers. Dale and his wife Jennifer have two children the first of whom gets married this summer.

Gregory Abowd (Michigan & Trinity 1986) is a Regents' and J.Z. Liang Chair in Interactive Computing at Georgia Tech, where he has been on the faculty since 1994. Gregory married Meghan Burke in 1991, whom he met at Trinity College, and they now have three children (Aidan 18, Blaise 15, and Mary Catherine 11). The two boys have autism and this has greatly impacted the kind of work that Gregory has done. He started a non-profit, the Atlanta Autism Consortium, in 2008 to connect different stakeholder communities. Meghan is a very successful professor of Mathematics at Kennesaw State University, outside Atlanta.

Bronte J. Adams (Western Australia & Balliol 1986) was



invested as a Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order Of Australia in 2016 for significant service to the community through executive roles in business, publishing, health and industry innovation, and cultural organisations. She has served on a number of public bodies including

the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Melbourne University Publishing and on health and technology reform bodies for

governments in Australia. She continues as Director at Dandolo Partners, the public policy firm she established in 2002 after time in the public sector and at McKinsey & Co. It remains thoroughly enjoyable and challenging. A recent four-year stint on a Rhodes Scholar selection panel reminded her of the need to relentlessly renew and refresh the diversity of our community through the Scholars we select.

Suneel Apte (India & St Catherine's 1986) has been a scientist at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, since 1996. After completing a DPhil in 1990, he left clinical orthopedics, undertook several years of post-doctoral training at Harvard Medical School and now conducts research on the genetics and molecular biology of extracellular matrix, connective tissues and a variety of birth defects. His typical academic's existence is leavened by a considerable amount of time (but never enough) spent trail running, cycling, and best of all, cross-country skiing, which he enjoys most in the company of his sons Sameer and Gautam. He has a deep interest in preservation of the natural world.

Lisa Backus (Wisconsin & St John's 1986) continues to work for the US Department of Veterans Affairs / Population Health Services striving to improve the health of all veterans. She attends on the inpatient medicine service at the Palo Alto VA hospital training the next generation of physicians. She is the Vice President of the S.H. Cowell Foundation which pursues place-based grant making to improve the lives of families in Northern California and the Central Valley. She spends not nearly enough of her free time on the tennis court. She and her husband (Monte) are kept busy shuttling around their two sons which hopefully will stave off old age a little longer.

Alexander (Alec) Cameron (New South Wales & University



1986) Alec has held senior roles in the Australian university sector for the past 13 years including as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Resources and Infrastructure) and Dean of the Australian School of Business at UNSW. At the beginning of 2013, he and his wife, Liz, moved to Perth to take up appointment as Deputy Vice-

Chancellor (Education) at the University of Western Australia. In February, 2016, he was announced as the next Vice-Chancellor at Aston University in Birmingham, where he will commence in September. Alec has been involved with the Rhodes Scholarships in Australia, and is stepping down as Deputy National Secretary with his pending move to the UK. He has also been involved in various boards and committees including the Councils of Knox Grammar School in Sydney and Scotch College in Perth; the Finance and Audit Committee of Rugby WA; and the Council of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA. Alec's active interests outside of work include cycling, golf, travel, hiking and following Rugby (the first four of which he shares actively with Liz). Alec and Liz have two children (Molly and Hugh) now aged 23 and 21, who have graduated from university are now working in Canberra and Perth respectively.

Marc Godin (Quebec & St John's 1986) After investment banking jobs with Merrill Lynch and Bank of Montreal, Marc spent the next decade in telecommunications with the Telesystem Group where he helped them financing their initial wireless operations in Brazil and Romania. He returned to the UK in 1996 as CFO of their Western Europe wireless operations. In Montreal since 2000, he held successive senior positions with National Bank of Canada, Bfinance, and until 2014 as CFO of GDI, one of Canada's largest engineering and construction groups. Marc is currently Managing Director with Chevrny Capital, where he acts as financial advisor and placement agent to corporations, private equity investors and asset managers. Marc has been married for over 25 years with Marie-Claude and they have four children.

Janet Kentridge (South Africa-at-Large & Balliol 1986) Following her time at Balliol and the LSE, Janet returned to Wits University in Johannesburg, where she lectured in the Law Faculty until 1994. She was called to the Bar in Johannesburg in 1994, and became involved in a number of the early leading cases on the interpretation of the new South African Constitution. Janet served as a selector for the South Africa-at-large scholarships from 1992 to 2001, and as Assistant General Secretary in South Africa from 1997 to 2001. Since 2001, Janet has practised in England as well as South Africa. She is based in London with her husband, Matthew and her two children, Emma and Alexander.

Aamir Khan (Pakistan and St Edmund Hall 1986) In line with the same ten-year boredom curse that had led Aamir to change his profession from Engineering to Diplomacy via Oxford (1986-91), after working as First Secretary in Beijing from 1995-2000 he went on leave in 2002 to do an MBA at the ripe age of 40 at EU-run CEIBS in Shanghai, and at an even riper age an MSc in Management from INSEAD. He received a PhD from Cranfield UK where he taught before moving back to Pakistan. He now teaches Marketing and Organizational Behavior and visits China frequently.

Vivian S. Lee (Oklahoma & Balliol 1986) continues to lead



the University of Utah's health sciences campus where she's responsible for the healthcare system, five colleges including medical, nursing, pharmacy, health, and dental schools, and ARUP Laboratories. She's passionate about helping to fix the healthcare system in the US and continues her research in MRI. She and Benedict Kingsbury (New Zealand & Balliol 1982) - who runs the Institute of International Law and Justice at NYU, teaches at University of Utah Law School, and is co-editor of the American Journal of International Law - enjoy all the adventures of living in Utah with their four daughters. They're looking forward to hosting a combined 30th reunion for classes of '85-87 in Park City this summer.

Philip Ma (Saskatchewan & University 1986) recently joined Biogen as VP of Digital Health Technology and Data Sciences, after 20 years at McKinsey & Company, Inc., where he was Director (Senior Partner) in the Silicon Valley office. Before McKinsey, and immediately after Oxford (MPhil, Economics), Philip earned his PhD degree in Biology from MIT. At McKinsey, Philip served as a counselor to pharmaceuticals and biotechnology companies for many years. Now with Biogen, the oldest independent biotechnology company, Philip is looking forward to working directly at the interface of high tech and biotech. When not thinking about 'Big Data', internet-of-things, and healthcare transformation, Philip enjoys family life with his wife, Margaret, and his two teen-aged boys - Benjamin and Marcus.

Gregg Meyer (New York & Oriel 1986) continues as the Chief Clinical Officer at Partners Healthcare System and Harvard Medical School. He still gets to see patients and be a real doctor at both the Brigham and Mass General although most of his time is spent on administrative tasks. He and his wife Bonnie still live in Weston in the Boston suburbs and now get to commute in together (Bonnie is now a Senior Scientist at the Brigham). They are lucky that Caitie, a consultant with Deloitte, and Ian, a Junior at Harvard, are in the area. Bonnie and Gregg enjoyed a brief visit back to Oxford to participate in a Rhodes House Biomedical Symposium last fall and were reminded of how much they missed their year-long honeymoon in Oxford.

Tim Orton (Australia-at-Large & Magdalen 1986) is in his 17th year as founder and MD of Nous Group, an Australian and now UK public policy, strategy and executive development firm. It grows and morphs each year to Tim's unending interest. He

plays more broadly on the boards of the Australia Council for the Arts and the Committee for Melbourne, and continues his Rhodes connection as Chair of the board of Rhodes Scholarships in Australia. He and wife, Barb Dennis, have three sons who have scattered across the world: law student at Oxford, software engineer in Silicon Valley start-up, and daily poet by the surf beaches of Victoria.

Elliott I. Portnoy (West Virginia & New College 1986) Elliott and Estee are preparing for their oldest son, Josh, to head to Pomona College in September to play football. They hope to see friends in California on football Saturdays for the next four years. Josh's little brother is excited to inherit his car, and their little sister is already sad about the disappearance of her oldest brother. Elliott continues to attempt to lead 8,000 lawyers around the world at Dentons to move forward in the same direction, and Estee continues her work for Michael Jordan, providing them with endless frequent flyer miles and adventures.

Daniel Promislow (British Columbia & Merton 1986)



completed his DPhil in Zoology in 1990, and joined the faculty at the University of Georgia in 1995. While in Georgia, he enjoyed serving as Secretary for the District 6 selection committee for many years. Daniel and his wife Leslie returned to the Pacific Northwest in 2013, fortunate to have solved the academic two-body problem. In addition to a lab full of fruit flies, Daniel is leading a team of researchers at the University of Washington to create a national long-term study of aging in companion dogs. His two step-children, Carly (25), an MD/PhD student and Joey (22), a jazz drummer, live on the East Coast.

Bonnie St. John (California & Trinity 1986) travels the globe as a keynote speaker and leadership consultant for Fortune 500 senior executives. She has published six books, with her seventh, *MICRO-RESILIENCE: Five Immediate Boosts for Focus, Drive, and Energy*, due to be released in February, 2017. After leaving Oxford, Bonnie served in the White House on the National Economic Council during the Clinton Administration, and despite having her right leg amputated at age five, became the first African-American in history to win medals in winter Olympic competition. Bonnie lives on a serene mountaintop in upstate NY with her husband, Allen, and three daughters, Darcy, Kat, and Ella. *NBC Nightly News* called Bonnie, 'One of the five most inspiring women in America'.

Kimberly Strong (Newfoundland & St John's 1986) has



been a Physics Professor at the University of Toronto since 1996, and was appointed inaugural Director of the University's new School of the Environment in July 2013. She and her research group measure atmospheric composition using instruments on the ground, high-altitude balloons, and satellites. They are using these measurements to study a variety of issues related to ozone chemistry, air quality, and climate. A big focus of her current work is the Arctic, where she runs several instruments at the Polar Environment Atmospheric Research Laboratory on Ellesmere Island. She is married to Richard Hornsey (University, 1982), who is Vice-Dean of the Lassonde School of Engineering at York University, and they have two daughters, Jessie (15) and Gemma (12).

Wrenn Wooten (Arkansas & Exeter 1986) is a partner with Texas Radiology Associates, L.L.P. based in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. After finishing his DPhil and a postdoctoral fellowship at UC Berkeley, he was on the biophysics faculty at the University of Michigan before doing his medical degree at Vanderbilt University where he also taught chemistry. He then did his residency in diagnostic radiology at Washington University followed by a fellowship at Baylor University Medical Center. His research interests have involved magnetic resonance applications in biophysics and materials science and modeling of physiological acid base balance. His area of clinical interest is body MRI. His wife Kimberly is a registered nurse and attorney. They have four children Robert, Elizabeth, Katherine, and Mary Ella.



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Subho Banerjee (Australia-at-Large & Brasenose 1996) continues to enjoy the privilege of doing public policy work in the Australian Public Service. He is currently the Deputy Secretary responsible for skills and training in the Department of Education and Training. He has previously worked in a number of departments, providing policy advice across a broad range of environmental, social and economic policy issues. Subho has also worked as a management consultant in the private sector, and helped to set up an Indigenous policy think-tank. His main contact with Oxford nowadays is through hosting a series of astonishingly bright and hard-working public policy interns - let's hope they use their powers for good! Subho's so-called free time is generally taken up chasing after two spirited young daughters.

Surya Vahni Priya Capildeo (Commonwealth Caribbean & Christ Church 1996)



Vahni has had five books and two pamphlets published, including *Simple Complex Shapes* (Shearsman, 2015), conceived during her Judith E. Wilson Poetry Fellowship (2014-15) at the University of Cambridge, and *Measures of Expatriation* (Carcenet, 2016; nominated for the T.S. Eliot Prize 2016), inflected by her experience as Programme Officer and

Senior Programme Officer for Commonwealth Writers, the cultural initiative of the Commonwealth Foundation (2013-14). Her academic posts include a Research Fellowship at Girton College, Cambridge, and time at the University of Glasgow. She loves the deeper connexion to Oxford and language gained as a lexicographer at the Oxford English Dictionary (2000; 2006-10). The Harper-Wood studentship (St John's College, Cambridge) sees her creating site-specific events abroad (2015-16).

Alice Chen-Plotkin (Mississippi & Magdalen 1996)

After medical school and training as a neurologist at Harvard, Alice moved to the University of Pennsylvania for a scientific postdoctoral fellowship. In 2010, she started her own research group as an Assistant Professor at UPenn, where she continues as a physician-scientist focusing on neurodegenerative diseases. Along the way, she married Joshua Plotkin (Professor of Biology, UPenn, 1995-1996 visiting student at Oxford) and, to her surprise and joy, eventually produced a son and a daughter. Highlights of 2015 included two trips to Oxford (first time back since

graduation), during which Alice greatly enjoyed pub-crawling with current Rhodes Scholars and introducing her then-seven-year-old son to cream tea.

Eleanor Chye (Singapore & Brasenose 1996) continues to work in the healthcare industry in the United States. After her DPhil in Geography-Anthropology, Eleanor joined McKinsey as a consultant in her home country, Singapore. She then transferred with McKinsey to Washington DC where she supported health plans, before leaving as Associate Principal to build AT&T's healthcare IT solutions business. Eleanor has also led healthcare product development at Walgreens, a retail pharmacy, and her current role is VP of Strategy with Surgical Care Affiliates, the largest independent provider of day surgery in the US. Today, Eleanor lives in the Chicago area, with her husband Dan Law (whom she incidentally met on Port Meadow in Oxford!) and her sons Benjamin and Jacob.

Jeremy A. Dauber (Massachusetts & Magdalen 1996)

continues to serve as the Atran Professor of Yiddish Language, Literature, and Culture at Columbia University, where he also directs its Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies and teaches in the American Studies program. His next book, his fifth, will be a history of Jewish comedy to be published by Norton in 2017. He lives with his wife, Miri, and two children (Eli, three; and Ezra, one), in Manhattan, and spends a not insignificant amount of time picking up toys off the living room floor.

Jennifer DeVoe (Montana & St Peter's 1996) lives in

Portland, Oregon, where she is on the faculty of OHSU and Research Director for the OCHIN practice-based research network of community health centers. While finishing her DPhil at Oxford, she earned her MD from Harvard (1999) and began family medicine residency in Portland. Today, she sees patients as a family doctor and is the principal investigator on research studies with \$20 million in active grant funding (virtually unheard of for a family medicine researcher). Her research findings inform community, practice and policy interventions that help to improve the delivery of care for vulnerable populations and eliminate health disparities. She was just elected to the Institute of Medicine, but she is most proud of her two awesome children - Carly (ten) and Bucky (five)!

Eric Greitens (Missouri & Lady Margaret Hall 1996) After

stepping down as CEO of The Mission Continues, a national non-profit that helps returning veterans get back on their feet and give back to their communities, Eric Greitens is now running for Governor in his home state of Missouri. He lives in St Louis, Missouri with his wife Sheena, and their son, Joshua. They're expecting their second son in summer 2016.

Laura Nell Hodo (Tennessee & Merton 1996) completed her medical training at Harvard Medical School and her residency in family medicine at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. She worked as a full-spectrum family physician in a federally qualified community health center providing health care to medically underserved patients for seven years before changing careers and becoming a pediatric hospitalist. She is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Inpatient Medicine in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Utah and works at Primary Children's Hospital. Since moving to Utah, Nell has learned to love skiing, snowshoeing, and hiking, and does all of them as much as possible (though with indifferent talent). She is also involved in several local volunteer organizations.

Michael Huggins (Queensland & New College 1996)



After Oxford Michael returned to Australia to join McKinsey and then Partners In Performance, a management consulting firm where he is a Partner and heads up the Australian Practice. Michael is also a Non-Executive Director of Coates Hire. It has been a very different experience being on the other side of the board table. Michael proposed to Kate on the New College grounds (old Quad) in 2006 as Kate is English and Michael couldn't think of a more special place in the UK. They now have two children: Charles (five) and Georgina (three). Both children appear to be the only ones that appreciate Michael's didgeridoo playing. Otherwise Michael continues to ocean swim at Bondi Beach most weekends.

Michelle Gavin (Arizona & Lincoln 1996) is trying to

figure out post-government life in New York city with husband David Bonfili (West Virginia & Lincoln 1996) and their two children, Clara (seven) and Max (three). She currently serves as the Managing Director of The Africa Center, a nonprofit, multidisciplinary institution aimed at increasing Americans' understanding of contemporary Africa. She left government service in 2014 after three wonderful years as the US Ambassador to Botswana. Prior to that she served as a Special Assistant to

President Obama and Senior Director for Africa at the National Security Council, and earlier in her career spent many years working on Capitol Hill. After half a decade of taxing commutes, she and Dave are greatly enjoying having the whole family together.

Lisa Grushcow (Quebec & Balliol 1996) is happily back in Canada, serving as Senior Rabbi at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom. Following her DPhil, she received rabbinic ordination in 2003 and has been engaged in congregational life ever since. At the time of writing, her synagogue is undertaking the sponsorship of two Syrian refugee families. Lisa is the author of *Writing the Wayward Wife* (Brill 2006); edited a book entitled *The Sacred Encounter: Jewish Perspectives on Sexuality* (CCAR Press, 2014); and writes the occasional quasi-academic article. Recently, she had the absolute pleasure of returning to Oxford, staying in Rhodes House, and, with some amount of chutzpah, speaking with a group of current Scholars about leadership. She is kept on her toes by her two daughters.

Chimène Keitner (Maritimes & New College/St Antony's



1996) continues to write and teach about issues at the intersection of international relations and international law as a Professor at UC Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. She recently completed a new edition of a popular treatise (International Law Frameworks, westacademic.com/Professors/ProductDetails.aspx?NSIID=35323), and her work on foreign official immunity is frequently cited by courts and commentators. Chimène plays an active role in the leadership of the American Society of International Law. She serves as an Adviser on Sovereign Immunity for the American Law Institute and as founding Co-Chair of the International Law Association's Study Group on Individual Responsibility in International Law. Her three young children continue to keep her busy, as you can read in this blog post for The Rhodes Project (rhodesproject.com/blog-archive/chimene-keitner-parental-balancing-act).

Samuel Munzele Maimbo (Zambia & Lincoln 1996) After



leaving the Bank of Zambia and joining the World Bank in 2001, Sam has worked on a wide range of emerging market financial sector development challenges including financial sector stability, financial infrastructure, and long term finance. Today, he is Practice Manager (Long-term Finance and Risk Management) in the Finance and Markets Practice. He is also Hon. Senior Research Fellow at the University of Manchester, an Adj. Professor of Finance at the University of Lusaka, a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, and a Fellow of the Zambia Institute of Certified Accountants. He lives in Washington DC with his wife Mwaka, and two children, Matipa and Mudenda.

Barnaby Marsh (Alaska & Magdalen 1996) has moved to New York City, where he is becoming increasingly active in large-scale philanthropic innovations. In addition to being the Senior Advisor to the President of the John Templeton Foundation, Dr Marsh is working on pioneering several new philanthropic fund structures. He also continues with his academic collaborations at Harvard University and the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, on the subjects of risk, awareness, and decision architecture. He and his wife Michelle now have two children.

Upamanyu Pablo Mukherjee (India & Oriel 1996) works as a Professor at the Department of English and Comparative Literary Studies, Warwick University, where he has taught since 2005. In addition to his teaching and research, Upamanyu remains committed to building collaborations between British, South Asian, South African, North American and Australian universities as well as facilitating exchanges between schools and universities in Britain. He still plays regular cricket and football in regional leagues, and drops into the Rhodes House Library when he feels like taking a break from the long sessions in the Bodleian Upper reading Room.

Frank Lorenz Müller (Germany & Merton 1996) Having completed his DPhil in Modern History in 1999, Frank stayed at Oxford as a Junior Research Fellow at Univ until 2002. From there he and his wife Celia moved to Scotland, where he has lectured at the University of St Andrews ever since. He has gained two great sons, a chair in Modern History and a fair amount of grey hair along the way.

Alexander Ploghaus (Germany & St John's 1996) is founder and managing director of Principia Mentis, developers of the collaboration platform ChangeMaker for corporate change initiatives. After leaving Oxford, Alexander continued his neuroscientific research at Harvard Medical School and worked as a management consultant with McKinsey & Company for eight years before being appointed secretary general of a foundation focussing on human cognition. Alex, his sales director partner Anke Hardt (Somerville 1994) and their children Greta (seven) and Julius (two) live in Munich, Germany.

Duncan Randall (Kwazulu-Natal & Balliol 1996) completed his DPhil in Politics in 1999 and returned to South Africa where he worked for McKinsey & Company before setting up a small and medium enterprise focused private equity firm. The firm was acquired by First Rand Bank Limited for whom he worked for several years building a non-traditional lending business for the banking group. In 2006 he joined E. Oppenheimer & Son to set up an African focused private equity firm called Africa Holdings. He is currently Managing Director of Tana Africa Capital, a joint venture between the Oppenheimer Family and Temasek, Singapore's sovereign wealth fund, which invests in consumer related business across the African continent. He is married to Meredith Cohen (Keble 1997) with whom he has four rambunctious children: Dominique, Sean, Eden and Annabel.

Samantha Salvia (Pennsylvania & Jesus 1996) will be representing the US at the World Ultimate Championships (wugc2016.com) outside London this June as captain of the Women's Masters National Team. Sam first discovered ultimate 20 years ago while at Oxford and has fond memories of afternoons spent playing at Angel & Greyhound Meadow before retiring to the adjacent pub. Professionally, she continues to lead workshops for coaches, parents, and athletes as part of the nonprofit Positive Coaching Alliance with a mission to give all young athletes a positive, character-building sports experience. She lives in Burlingame, CA with her sons Rylan (eight) and Spencer (four) and her wonderful husband of ten years, Mike Payne.

Anasuya Sengupta (India & St Peter's 1996) is currently working on a campaign to correct the skewed representations of knowledge on the internet, a.k.a making visible knowledge that is less white, male, straight, and global North in origin. Her impetus for 'Whose Knowledge?' comes out of her past and present experiences in the free knowledge and open technology, human rights, and social justice movements as an activist, funder, and strategist. She lives (metaphorically, if not physically) between her homes of Berkeley and Bangalore, and when online can be found at sanmathi.org/anasuya

Dayne Walling (Michigan & St Peter's 1996) After working on urban policy for the DC mayor and community organizations in Minneapolis, Dayne returned to his hometown of Flint and served as mayor through the fall of 2015. In such a position there were obviously high points (such as adopting the first long-term city plan in more than 50 years) as well as daunting challenges (like the Flint water crisis). Dayne is now enjoying more time with his family, especially his wife Carrie (Associate Professor of international politics and human rights at Albion College) and their two sons Bennett (age 15) and Emery (age 11), while he figures out his next career move and is beginning to write a book about his experience in public office.



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Paul Angelo (Ohio & Lincoln 2006) reported to the Navy destroyer USS Kidd upon completion of his MPhil in Latin American Studies. During his follow-on tour, he put his thesis research to use while based at the US Embassy in Bogotá as a counternarcotics liaison to the Colombian military. He continued his work in diplomacy as an exchange officer with the UK's Ministry of Defence, which afforded him stints on the frigate HMS Lancaster and as a NATO policy advisor. He concluded his naval career with a posting to the US Naval Academy, where he taught Spanish and Latin American politics. At present he is enjoying a year at the US Embassy in Tegucigalpa as a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow.

Jacquelyn Bengfort (North Dakota & Wolfson 2006) completed her final deployment with the US Navy in 2012 and took up work as a freelance writer, editor, and communications specialist in Washington, DC. She also writes short stories, essays, poems, and plays; her body of work can be found at JaciB.com. Her husband, Benjamin, is in the final stages of PhD research in the computer science department at the University of Maryland. They have two children ages one and three and continue to be loyally attended by Winston, a Staffordshire bull terrier hailing from King's Sutton, South Northamptonshire.

Tanmay Bharat (New Delhi & Hertford 2006) completed his PhD at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory in Heidelberg, Germany (2008-12), where he resolved structures of pathogens like Ebola virus and HIV-1. Tanmay is now an investigator scientist at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge, UK conducting research on bacterial antibiotic resistance. He is hoping to re-connect with other Rhodes Scholars as he goes about setting up his own laboratory.

Malcolm Birdling (New Zealand & St Catherine's 2006) After spending three years as a Research Fellow and Tutor at Keble College, Malcolm returned to legal practice. He is currently a barrister at Brick Court Chambers in London specialising in public and human rights law. He continues to have a particular interest in miscarriages of justice (the subject of his DPhil thesis), and regularly acts in cases involving suspected wrongful convictions, most recently as a member of the counsel team for New Zealander Teina Pora, whose 1994 convictions for rape and murder were quashed by the Privy Council in what may be the last New Zealand appeal heard by that Court.

Jonathan Bonnitcha (New South Wales & Magdalen 2006) From 2013-2016 Jonathan lived in Yangon, where he worked as an advisor to the Government of Myanmar on investment treaties and investment law reform. During this time he also

worked remotely as a lawyer for the Australian Government, in its successful defense of Australia's tobacco plain packaging laws in a case brought by Philip Morris under an investment treaty. He recently returned to Sydney, where he will take up a position as Lecturer in Law at UNSW in July 2016. He and wife Emily Speers Mears (Balliol College, 2006) were expecting their first child in May 2016.

Jeeshan Chowdhury (Alberta & Hertford / Green Templeton 2006) is in San Francisco and continuing his passion at the intersection of technology and medicine leading a digital health startup, Listrunnerapp.com. While completing his MD/DPhil, Jeeshan began to practically apply his academic interest by founding Hacking Health, a community organization linking technologists and clinicians to foster grassroots innovation in healthcare. At the end of his clinical training in 2014, he made the jump to entrepreneurship moving to Silicon Valley as part of the Y Combinator accelerator. While the startup life is a roller coaster, leading a talented team that is passionate about grander mission, helping clinical teams deliver better care and reach more patients, reminds him of his best times at Oxford.

Nick Douglas (New Zealand & St Catherine's 2006) After completing his DPhil, Nick returned to clinical medicine, first at Royal Darwin Hospital in the Northern Territory of Australia and then back in New Zealand at Christchurch Hospital. He completed his physician exams in 2014 and is now working as a senior medical registrar towards a fellowship in infectious diseases. Nick has continued a research interest in the epidemiology of Plasmodium vivax malaria through an honorary position at Menzies School of Health Research, Australia. He hopes to mix clinical and academic medicine in the long term. He and wife, Zoe (a neurology trainee), have a two-year-old son whose current interests include diggers, planes and doing flips.

Shibani Ghosh (India & Corpus Christi 2006) She is a practicing lawyer in New Delhi specialising in environmental and access to information laws. She has been involved in several environmental cases on issues including flawed regulatory approvals granted to infrastructure projects, ineffective public participation processes and wildlife protection. She appears regularly before the country's environmental court - the National Green Tribunal - as well as the Supreme Court of India. Along with her litigation work, she researches and writes on contemporary environmental issues as a Fellow at the Centre for Policy Research, a premier think tank of the country. In 2013, Shibani married Rishad, her classmate in law school, and now partner at a law firm in New Delhi.

Amal Isaiah (India & St John's 2006) Amal finished his DPhil in Physiology, following which he commenced residency training in Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Maryland (2010-2015). His research focuses on biomedical sensors for diagnosis of sleep apnea and has published widely

in the area. In the summer of 2015, he began a clinical fellowship in pediatric otolaryngology at Children's Medical Center, Dallas, where he continues advanced training in the management of high-risk neonatal and pediatric airway disorders. Amal and his wife Teena, an attending pediatric gastroenterologist in the same institution, will be returning shortly to the Washington, DC area where they will resume faculty positions at the University of Maryland and George Washington University, respectively.

Nick Juravich (Illinois & Christ Church 2006) is completing his PhD in US History at Columbia University, where he studies public education, social movements, labor organizing, and metropolitan development in the twentieth-century. His dissertation explores the lives and labor of community-based, working-class woman educators in schools, communities, and the labor movement from the 1960s to the 1980s. As a practitioner of public and digital history, Nick contributes to the 'Educating Harlem Project' (at Teachers College, Columbia University) and 'East of East: Mapping Community Narratives in South El Monte and El Monte' (California). His essays and reviews have appeared the *Journal of Urban History*, the *New York Observer*, *The Huffington Post*, and *Dissent*. He lives with his spouse, artist Jean Seestadt, in Crown Heights, Brooklyn.

William R. Kelly (New York & Trinity 2006)



continues his active duty military service in the US Navy. As a Strike-Fighter pilot, he flies the F/A-18 "Hornet" from the decks of US Aircraft Carriers. Now a Lieutenant Commander, he has completed multiple combat deployments to Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria in support of multinational coalition forces. He has also had the privilege to act as an instructor pilot mentoring novice Navy and Marine Corps fighter pilots. He is married to the novelist Victoria Kelly whose two recent books, *When The Men Go Off To War* and *Mrs. Houdini*, have earned critical acclaim. Most significantly, they have been blessed with two beautiful daughters, Alida and Rose.

Jessica Leight (Massachusetts & St Antony's 2006) Currently an assistant professor of economics at Williams College, continuing her research on development economics and political economy, and adjusting to life in a small college town. She travels frequently all over the world for conferences and field work, and while home enjoys spending time with her husband Amir and jointly pursuing their shared love of music, movies and reading. She will be spending the 2016-17 academic year on sabbatical at several research and policy institutions in Washington, DC.

Andrew Lodder (Western Australia & Magdalen 2006)



After completing his DPhil, Andrew worked as a lawyer in New York and London before being called to the bar by the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple in 2012. He has been a practising barrister at One Essex Court Chambers ever since, specialising in civil fraud, restitution, equity and commercial cases. Last year, Andrew married fellow Australian émigré and lawyer Giulia Da Re in Perth, happily with numerous Rhodes classmates from all corners of the globe in attendance to light up the dance-floor.

Ryan Manuel (South Australia & Merton 2006) is a fellow at the Australian Centre on China in the World and the Crawford School of Public Policy and Government, both at The Australian National University in Canberra. He works on China as both an academic and as a consultant for governments and businesses (he founded Glenloch Advisory with Nicholas Farrelly, Australia-at-Large 2005). As per the first sentence of this update, he is also busy trying to design a new format of business card that allows for longer job titles.

Jeffrey Miller (Texas & Magdalen 2006) having received his DPhil in English Language and Literature from Oxford in 2012, is now in his fourth year as an Assistant Professor of English at Montclair State University, just outside of Manhattan in New Jersey. His research and teaching primarily focus on Renaissance or early modern literature, history, and theology, with a particular attention to the writing of John Milton and his contemporaries, and in the course of putting off writing the book about Milton that he was supposed to be finishing, he

also recently discovered what is now the earliest known draft of the King James Bible, first published in 1611. He divides his time these days between New Jersey and Boston, where he and his wife, Amy Bregar, recently moved so that Amy could begin a three-year fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology at the Massachusetts General Hospital. She remains, as ever, the star of the family.

James Morrissey (South African College School, Newlands & New College 2006) is currently working as a researcher at Oxfam America, based in Washington DC. He recently completed a study of the political economy of accountability, looking at revenue flows from extractive industries (oil, gas and mining) in Ghana, Senegal, Peru and Tanzania. He remains at Oxfam working on issues of energy poverty and climate change in sub-Saharan Africa. After finishing his DPhil James took up a post-doc position, expanding on his thesis through a MacArthur Foundation grant, exploring the human rights dimensions of migration in response to climate stress in: Ghana, Kenya, Ethiopia, Vietnam and Bangladesh. James spends his time moving between Washington and New York where his partner is based.

Trang Ho Morton (Nebraska & St Antony's 2006) joined UNICEF after graduation from Oxford in September 2008 to work on child rights advocacy. Her career with UNICEF has brought her to postings in New York, Panama, Belize, Switzerland, and now India. As a Research and Evaluation Specialist, she manages evaluations to better understand the impacts and policy lessons of UNICEF-supported programmes for children in

17 states. Her job takes her to the villages and state capitals in different parts of India, allowing her to witness the incredible diversity that the country has to offer as well as its development challenges. She is joined by her husband, Matthew Morton (Green Templeton, 2007), in New Delhi where he works for the World Bank's Social Protection and Labour practice. Together, they have been exploring Asia extensively.

Luke Norris (Pennsylvania & St Antony's 2006) After graduating from Yale Law School in 2011, Luke clerked on the US Second Circuit Court of Appeals for Judges Guido Calabresi (Connecticut & Magdalen 1953) and Robert D. Sack. He also practiced as a litigator at Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York City. Luke is now a fellow at Columbia Law School, where he writes about American constitutional development during the New Deal era and focuses on American social and economic

rights. Luke and his fiancé, Justin Lo, who practices law in New York City, live on the Upper West Side near Columbia. They plan to get married at Yale, where they met, next spring.

Chelsea Purvis (California & Merton 2006) After receiving her JD (Yale), Chelsea returned to the UK to work in international human rights litigation. She is now a senior policy and advocacy officer at the International Rescue Committee in London, where she advocates to European policymakers for solutions to major humanitarian crises. This year Chelsea celebrates five years of marriage with Alnawaz Jiwa, who works as an executive director at Goldman Sachs. Chelsea and Al were thrilled to welcome their baby boy to the world this March.

Heidi Stöckl (Germany & Nuffield 2006) is a Lecturer in Social Epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Her research passion is focused on preventing and addressing intimate partner violence, partner and child homicide and human trafficking. Her next plan is to conduct the first longitudinal study on intimate partner violence in a low and middle income country. Heidi is dividing her time between London and Munich, where she is raising two lovely boys with her partner Ulrich.

Keon West (Jamaica & Balliol 2006) After a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the University of Leeds (2010-2012), Keon took up a permanent Lectureship in the Psychology Department at Goldsmiths, University of London. His research investigates several types of social inequality; some of it occasionally takes him back to Jamaica, where he examines the causes of and solutions to anti-gay prejudice. Every so often he appears in *The Guardian* or on the BBC (usually Radio 4 or World Service) discussing his publications. He and his wife, Dr Zoe Norridge of Kings College London (Salvesen Fellow - New College, 2008-2010), produced Thelonious West in 2015. Thelonious' little brother, Pheonix, is currently under construction and should be completed in August 2016. They live in London.



Katharine Wilkinson (Tennessee & Trinity 2006) Returning to her DPhil field of study, Katharine recently started a dream job with the nonprofit Project Drawdown, a research and advocacy organization focused on how and when we can reverse global warming. She is collaborating with Paul Hawken and a global coalition on the book *Drawdown*, detailing the 100 most significant solutions to climate change and painting a vision of possibility for our world. Living in (and loving) Atlanta, Georgia,

Katharine is also co-founder of the social venture Civic Dinners and is working on an initiative to reshape Atlanta's relationship with its river. (And riding horses again as well!) Among her favorite pastimes is plotting a next rendezvous with her best Rhodes ladies.



Looking Back on the Year



Welcome Day 2015



Coming Up Dinner 2015



Thanksgiving Preparations



Christmas Dinner 2015



DPhil Mingle



Betsy Masiello Talk



Shakespeare in the Garden



Going Down Dinner 2016



News from The Mandela Rhodes Foundation

Highlights from 2015 and 2016

In a period of public contestation about aspects of the Rhodes legacy, The Mandela Rhodes Foundation simultaneously enjoyed great successes and passed significant new milestones.

After the first 12 years of the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships programme, 325 Mandela Rhodes Scholarships have been awarded in total.

Scholars have been drawn from 21 different African countries.

Their average age on election was 23.

They have studied at postgraduate level at 19 different South African institutions of higher learning.

New Scholarships awarded for the Class of 2016 numbered 50, a record, and the total number of Mandela Rhodes Scholars in residence in the year is 72.

The Class of 2016 is participating fully in three residential leadership development workshops facilitated by MRF Programme Director (and Mandela Rhodes Scholar) Judy Sikuza, assisted by the MRF team.

For the Class of 2016, some 300 were 'long listed'; 75 were then 'short listed'; and 50 were selected – another record.

More than 8,000 registrations of interest were recorded on the Foundation's electronic applications platform for the Class of 2016, a 55% increase over 2015.

Of these, more than 1,000 met the requirements to be qualified for further consideration.

New voluntary Peer Mentoring and Class Giving programmes were successfully implemented.

At the Completion Workshop for the Class of 2015, we marked the 10th anniversary of the pioneering Class of 2005 – the very first group of Mandela Rhodes Scholars. Two of those Scholars addressed the Workshop and were honoured at the 'graduation dinner'.

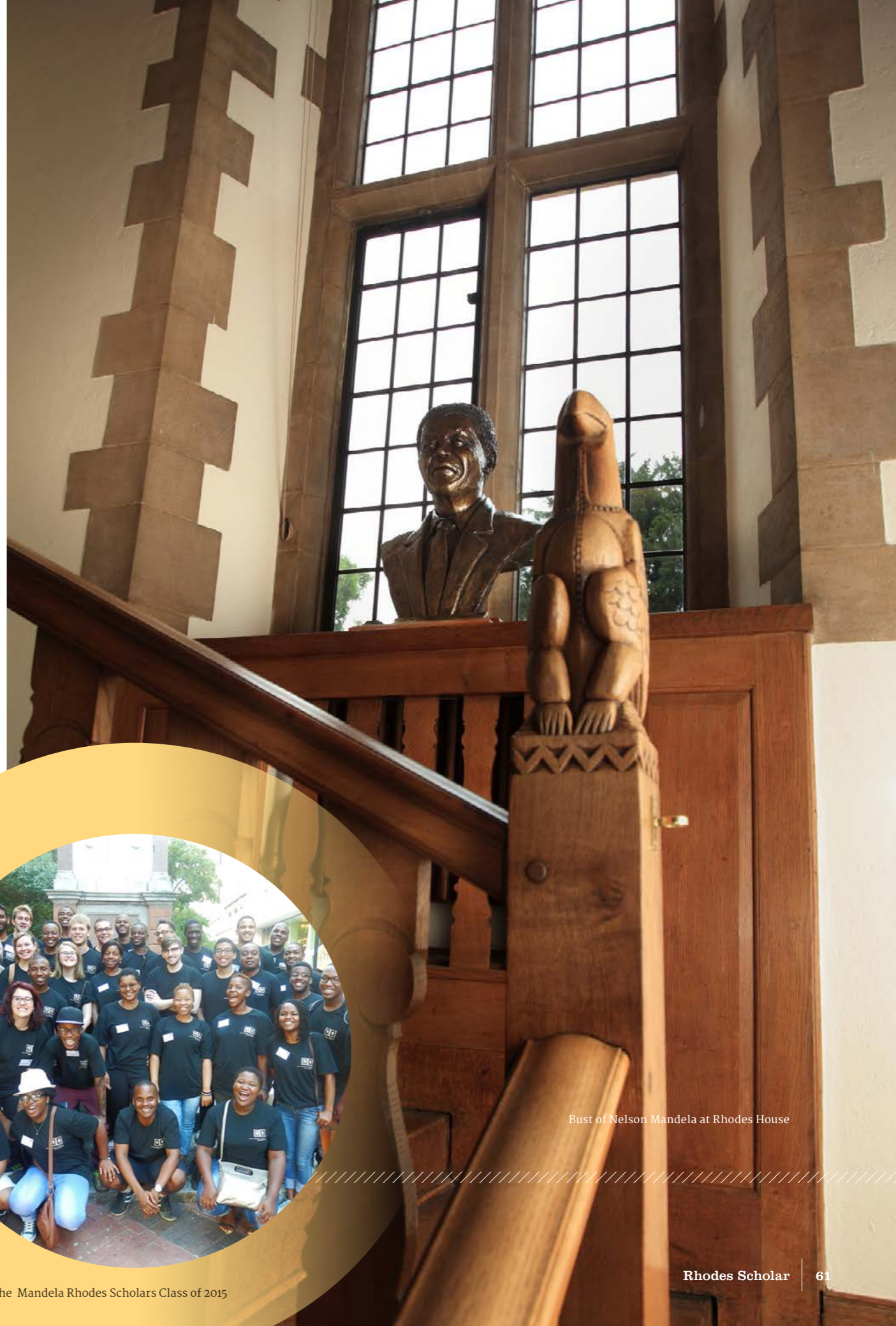
The preserved Scholarships endowment for sustainability surpassed all targets.

We were delighted to assist with the historic establishment of The Mandela Rhodes Room at Rhodes House, and to present to the Rhodes Trust a bust of our late Patron Mr Nelson Mandela by the renowned South African sculptress Jean Doyle.

Shaun Johnson, Executive Director, The Mandela Rhodes Foundation (South Africa-at-Large & St Catherine's 1982)



The Mandela Rhodes Scholars Class of 2015



Bust of Nelson Mandela at Rhodes House

Profile: Sheila Partridge

After 21 years working for the Rhodes Trust, Sheila will retire this summer, and she will be greatly missed by both Scholars and staff. We decided to track her down before she shut the Rhodes House gate for the final time.

Have you always been the accountant here or did you start in a different role?

I have always been the accountant, but when I started I was part time and joined a team of three other members of staff. It was a very different set-up and it resulted in me also being very involved in the administration.

Why did you want to work for the Rhodes Trust?

I was working just down the street at the Experimental Psychology Department, and wanted a change. I was very impressed by the architecture of Rhodes House and it has always been a beautiful place in which to work. I have been in the basement office, the Hawksley room, the Michell room and twice in the front office. So I have seen it from all angles!

What have been some of the highlights during the 21 years here?

The Centenary celebrations were a big highlight – meeting Nelson Mandela, President Clinton and the Queen. Every year I have met incredible people from all walks of life – there aren't many places where that could happen.

What will you miss most?

Definitely getting to know the Scholars each year. For eight years I baked a cake for them every Wednesday, I have hosted countless Sunday lunches for them at home, several dinners on Christmas Day, and recently started an annual cricket match.

What are your plans for your well-earned retirement?

I want to do a lot more gardening, do more upholstery and woodworking, and also learn some entirely new crafts.



Sheila Partridge with Rhodes Scholar Sishuwa Sishuwa (Zambia & St Antony's 2010)

Connecting both Sheila's link to the Rhodes House archives, and her role as accountant, we have tracked down some wonderful correspondence from 1951, and the mystery of new-fangled technology, namely The Adding Machine.

8 May 1951
Dear Godfrey
I have often felt the need for an Adding Machine here. It would save a lot of time with some of our accounts which are made up of a large number of separate items.
It occurs to me also that your office might like to use it form time to time, and perhaps it could be shared in that way - unless Miss Bain feels that a mechanical aid is not worthy of her mathematics!
Yours ever
The Secretary

8 May 1951
I did consult our auditors about an adding machine some time ago and they were extremely sceptical. They said that they could not think that the sort of totals that Rhodes House would have to deal with would be appropriate fodder for a machine, even if they were all left to be added at considerable intervals when they had reached their maximum!
Apparently it is quite easy, even after considerable practice to touch the wrong key.
I have no experience whatever of adding machines myself.
Godfrey

14 May 1951
Dear Godfrey
With regards the adding machine: the one I mentioned, costing only £16, is quite a different matter. I have tried it myself and am convinced it is well worth the money, as a saver of time, and as a check on figures, and totals.
I firmly believe that any mechanical aid, which, without disproportionate expense, can save time and labour, is a good investment for any office.
Yours ever
The Secretary

Rhodes Scholar Alumni Events



Australia National Dinner



Southern African Association of Rhodes Scholars drinks



Rhodes Scholars in Britain Dinner



The Association of American Rhodes Scholars Garden Party