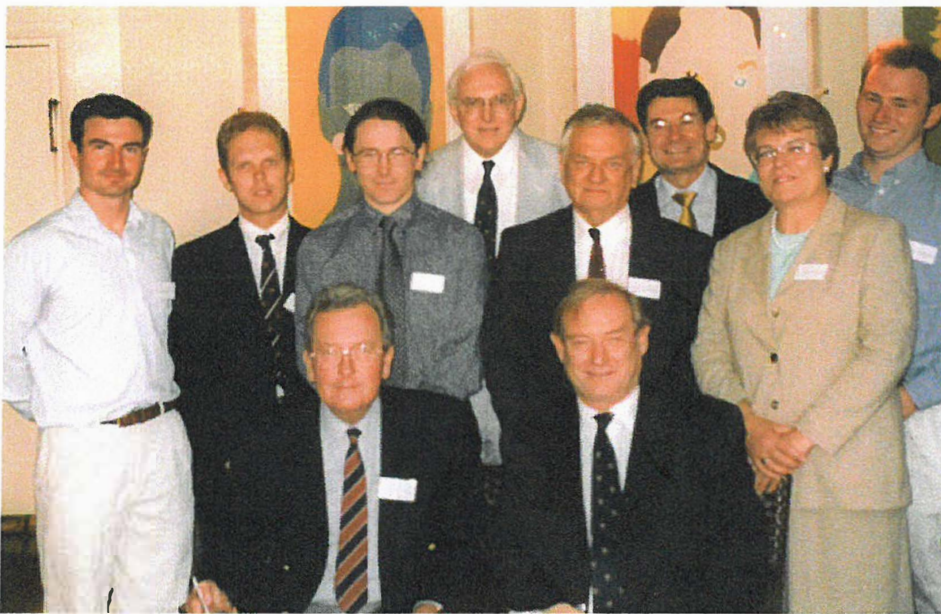


## **James Fairfax and Oxford-Australia, Chevening Oxford-Australia, and University College Oxford-Australia Scholarships News**

Thanks to the generosity of Australians who have studied at Oxford, and in particular Mr James Fairfax, scholarships have been provided for young Australians to study at Oxford University since 1998. The Fund will help another five young people go to Oxford in 2002 and is still gratefully accepting donations. In May this year James Fairfax and I were able to meet some of the scholars who are currently at Oxford and hear for ourselves what being able to go to Oxford has meant to them personally. Below you will find, in their own enthusiastic words, a few paragraphs about their experiences at Oxford from past and present scholars.

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We have also received generous donations from the **University of Queensland** and the **Australian National University** to support two James Fairfax Oxford Australia scholars, who are graduates of UQ and ANU, in 2002/2003. This is intended to supplement the scholars' considerable travel costs to and living expenses in Oxford. Other Australian universities, including the Universities of Melbourne, Tasmania, Adelaide and the Queensland University of Technology, have also pledged their support should a graduate of their university be selected for a scholarship in the future.

If you would like to find out more about the Scholarship Funds; either to support the Funds or apply for a scholarship, please contact Professor John White at the Australian National University or the International Office at the University of Oxford (<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk>).



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This year the selection committee had the great pleasure of selecting seven young Australians to travel to Oxford in October.

I would like to thank, in particular, the following benefactors:

- **Sir Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation** who provided \$120,000 in funding for two three-year life sciences scholarships.
- **British High Commission** for the renewal of our three-year agreement to co-fund the Chevening Oxford Australia scholarships and with a generous increase in funding.
- **Universities of Sydney, Tasmania, Queensland, New South Wales and the Australian National University** for providing additional funds to support Oxford Australia scholars. This is intended to supplement the scholars' considerable travel costs and living expenses in Oxford.
- Many other individual benefactors who continue to give each year to the scholarship funds.

I was in Oxford briefly this year on an experimental research campaign and I took the opportunity to meet with James Fairfax and the current Oxford Australia scholars over lunch at University College. It was a pleasure to hear their experiences and plans for the future.



Some of the 2003 Oxford Australia scholars in the  
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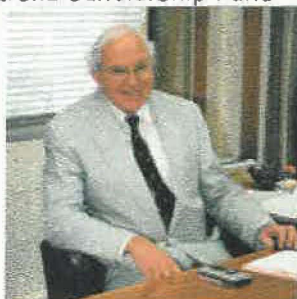
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First of all, let me thank all the Donors whose generous contributions have made it possible, since the scholarship was first awarded in 1998, for 36 young Australians to read in Oxford with financial support from the Oxford Australia Scholarship Funds.

I am pleased to report that another four Australians will travel to Oxford over the coming year with the support from the Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund. I would also like to thank the British High Commission for their assistance in the selection of scholars and their contribution to the funding of the Chevening Oxford-Australia Scholarships. The Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund also gratefully acknowledges the considerable support to the scholars from their Alma Mater. At present, the Australian National University as well as the University of New South Wales, University of Sydney, and University of Tasmania are providing supplementary funding to their former students.

In honour of Sir Vincent Fairfax CMG, the founder of the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation and an Oxford graduate, we were very fortunate to receive another generous donation from the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation in its 40th anniversary year, 2002. The \$120,000 donation has provided funding for two three-year life sciences research degrees for Australians at Oxford University. We thank the Trustees of the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation for their support.

The fund raising by the Friends of Magdalen in Australia for the recently opened Magdalen College Oxford-Australia Scholarship Fund has been very successful and a scholarship will be available when the fund is complete. The continuous efforts of the Friends' Coordinator, the Honourable Ian Wilson, AM, has been highly effective and I thank him for his generous donation of time, money and effort to promote the creation of a named scholarship for the students at Magdalen College.

I would also like to congratulate Mr Stuart McCullogh for his dynamic fund raising on behalf of the University College Old Members Fund. Mr Kwan Hee Lee is the recipient of the University College Scholarship, and his studies are progressing very well as can be seen on the next pages.

The Oxford Australia Scholarship Funds are open for tax-deductible donations and the different funds are rapidly growing. For the academic year 2005-2006, nine scholars will be supported by the fund and we expect to appoint at least another four scholars when the Scholarship Committee meets in the autumn.

The academic backgrounds of the Applicants to the Oxford Australia Scholarship are simply outstanding. We received applications from 55 students this year, 45 of whom had obtained 1st Class Honours. Among the fifteen students short-listed, nine had graduated with a double degree, fourteen had obtained 1st Class Honours and six had received University medals as well as numerous other academic awards.

In June, I was able to meet with eleven of the Oxford Australia scholars currently in Oxford. It was a pleasure to hear of their experiences in Oxford, an opportunity made possible through the generosity of donors to the Oxford Australia Scholarship fund.

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The Committee again received applications of outstanding quality for this year's scholarships. The Committee's only regret is that we cannot give more scholarships. Six scholarships were awarded from the sixty-five students who submitted applications. Sixty of these students had graduated with 1st Class Honours, many with double degrees and nine had been awarded University Medals as well as numerous other academic awards. Some information on the newly appointed scholars can be found on pages 2 and 3.

I want to welcome Professor Peter Rathjen from the University of Melbourne, who joined the Committee this year. I also wish to thank the British High Commission for its assistance in the selection of scholars and for its contribution to the funding of the British Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholarships, and the British Council who assists in providing information sessions to all scholars prior to their departure.

The Fund gratefully acknowledges the considerable support from the scholars' own universities as well as the University of Oxford through bursaries. This support enhances the scholarships' value substantially. At present, the Australian National University, the University of New South Wales, the University of Sydney, the University of Adelaide and the University of Wollongong provide supplementary funding to their former students. In 2007, two former students of the University of Queensland and the University of Melbourne respectively, will take up studies in Oxford under the aegis of the Oxford Australia Scholarship fund.

The Honourable Ian Wilson, AM, manages the fund raising campaign on behalf of Magdalen College, and the Committee and I wish to congratulate him on this success, and thank him for his efforts over the years. An alumni function for Magdalen College was organised in Sydney in October together with Ian Buchanan, in preparation of the celebrations of the College's anniversary celebrations.

This academic year also saw the conferring of Doctors of Philosophy on Jonathan Lo and Jason Wong. Their studies were supported by a generous gift from the Sir Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation in connection with its 40th anniversary year, 2002. Dr Lo and Dr Wong join the Scholarship Committee in thanking the Trustees of the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation for their support. More about the research by Dr Lo and Dr Wong can be found on page 9.

In April, Dr Kwan Hee Lee had his viva and gained his D Phil in Physics thanks to the support of the University College Old Members Fund. The Committee, and the former scholarship holders, are grateful for the donations by the Alumni that have made it possible for these students to further their studies at University College and thank Mr. Stuart McCulloch who not only coordinates the fundraising but also edits a Newsletter for the University College Alumni.

Since the first four scholarships were awarded in 1998, forty scholars have been sent to the University of Oxford, with another six to join them in October. This academic year, the Fund will be supporting twelve students at the University of Oxford. Their studies span theoretical physics, mathematics, economics, English literature, the classics, biomedical engineering, water science, politics & management, and law.

In 2007-2008, a special event will be organised to celebrate ten years of the Scholarship.

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The James Fairfax Oxford-Australia Scholarship Committee is ten years old. We sent our first scholars to Oxford in 1998. In 2008, an exceptionally brilliant year, another group of nine young Australians will go "up" making the total fifty four in the ten years. The Committee gives all credit for this success to our generous donors and co-funders, who have added to the worth of the scholarship - Oxford University and Australian Universities, British Chevening and Oxford Colleges.

The challenges ahead are financial and the Committee asks in this anniversary year for your continued strong support as part of Oxford's launch of its endowment appeal in November. Money given or promised to the Scholarship fund at the Australian National University will be tax deductible and regarded as given to "Oxford".

The Scholars' distinguished record at and after Oxford is illustrated in this Newsletter. Again in 2008 the choice of awardees from the 80 applications from academic and socially high achieving young people was very difficult.

I would like to thank the Committee members most sincerely for their dedication to the formidable selection task - Professor Penny Broumelha, Adelaide University; Professor Ian Chubb AC, ANU; Dr Lynne Pressley, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital; and Professor Peter Rathjen, University of Melbourne.

Oxford Vice-Chancellor, Dr John Hood, honoured the Scholarship at a "Distinguished Friend" dinner at Lincoln College in late October 2007. I was pleased that a number of the current Scholars were invited for this special Oxford occasion. Our Australian scholars are recognised in the University as great assets.



On a visit to Europe for a series of research experiments, I was able to be in Oxford in early July this year to have lunch with most of the current Australian scholars. Chris Allen and John-Paul Roche attended from Oxford Endowment and International Offices. I am grateful to St John's College for hosting this lunch. We had a good time together - all aspects their enjoyment and participation in the opportunities that Oxford provides were obvious - despite imminent examinations for some.

The benefits of an Oxford experience for these young Australians are only possible through the generosity of the new and continuing donors to the Scholarship Funds and I would like to thank these most sincerely for their support.

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The James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship is now ten years old with the first scholars going to Oxford in 1998. With the new Scholarships awarded in 2009, this brings to 62 the number of young Australians who will have been able to expand both their studies and their horizons in the unique environment of Oxford. The Scholarship Committee gives all credit for this success to our generous donors and co-funders, who have added to the worth of the scholarship over the years including Oxford University and Colleges, Australian Universities, British Chevening and particularly our generous Australian donors.

With the exceptional level of talent that appears each year in the Scholarship applications, the challenge ahead remains financial to ensure that these opportunities continue into the future. The Committee asks again for your continued strong support. I can assure you that money given or promised to the Scholarship Fund at the Australian National University is tax deductible and is regarded as given to "Oxford" in the current Oxford Endowment campaign.

This newsletter announces our new 2009 Scholars and provides a glimpse of the distinguished record of current and past scholars.

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In early June this year, it was a great pleasure to be able to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the scholarship with a lunch in St John's College, Oxford. We had been looking forward to having James Fairfax join us but unfortunately on the day he was ill and unable to attend. A number of current and past scholars were able to be with us and we were honoured to have present the University Vice-Chancellor, Dr John Hood, the Principal of Brasenose College, Sir Roger Cashmore and the St John's Senior Fellow for Alumni, Dr John Kelly and also Chris Allen, John-Paul Roche and Emma Sabzalieva from Oxford Endowment and International Offices. I am grateful to St John's College for making us welcome. It was a most enjoyable celebration. The commitment of the scholars and Oxford University to our Scholarship was clear.

Special tribute goes to the scholars in Oxford who organised a fund-raising event involving their fellow students following the devastating February Victorian bushfires. They raised over \$4500. What a superb endeavour.

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The Oxford Australia Scholarships again attracted an excellent field of young Australians in 2010. Most had at least one first class honours and some were university medallists. With such a field, the Committee decided to stretch its resources to the limit whilst providing for future scholarships as we expect the now established trend in quality to continue. Four full scholarships and three honorary scholarships were awarded. In 2010-11 the Scholarship will be supporting 17 scholars in Oxford in various ways.

In addition to the quality of our entry and performance of our scholars at Oxford and subsequently (recorded in this newsletter), I specially mention the Committee's gratitude for the continued support of donors. This was a frugal year because of the world financial situation but it was gratifying that some long term donors and a few former scholars, some just graduated, were moved to give quite substantial donations to our funds.

The selection policy, based entirely upon academic merit, has been the cornerstone of the Scholarship's success and has provided the basis for a good outcome from the major financial changes that the Committee has had to deal with in 2009. Chief amongst the changes has been the withdrawal by the British Government of the Overseas Research Studentship scheme - which met a large part of the fees for our scholars doing DPhils, and the disappearance of the Chevening Scholarships from Britain. Simultaneously Oxford University was unable to continue funding the Bursary scheme available to our scholars which reduced the overseas student rate to that of the "home" students. The demonstrated quality of our scholars over the last ten years helped Oxford propose that our Scholarship join with the Oxford University Clarendon Scheme. For those who win Clarendons with our Scholarships there is complete coverage of all fees and living expenses in Oxford. The offer from Oxford is greatly appreciated as part of our effort to meet the changing financial situation. The Committee is working with Oxford to develop this scheme while maintaining our independent selection process as far as our means and the intentions of our donors allow.

I would like to thank the Committee members most sincerely for their dedication to the large task of selection: Professor Wilfrid Prest, University of Adelaide; Dr Lynne Pressley, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital; Professor Peter Rathgen, University of Melbourne and Professor Jane Stapleton, Australian National University.



At the Scholars lunch in Oxford on 3 June there were 20 current and some former scholars present. It was very pleasing to have Mr James Fairfax AC and his two friends Alan Norris and Ray Hansen with us. We thank the President of St John's College, Sir Michael Scholar, for hosting the occasion.

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The Oxford Australia Scholarships, including the James Fairfax, University College, Magdalen College, Ian Wilson and soon to be Brasenose and Lincoln College Scholarships, once again attracted an outstanding field in 2011. The Scholarship awards are judged solely on academic performance as indicated by transcript, personal statement and referees. We congratulate our scholars who in the last few years have gained Fellowships at Oxford and Cambridge and success in their many fields both in Australia and overseas.

The Committee does not look at the subject balance of applications in making its selections but I have done so for candidates over the last five years for this newsletter. There have been about equal numbers of awards for arts, science, law, engineering and medicine and, I am glad to say also, in areas such as music, archaeology, visual arts and public health. The Committee recognises the continuing support and collaboration with Oxford University through some of our applicants winning Clarendon Scholarships. The success there has been high. We are very glad to provide for cross-disciplinary and cultural subject scholars as well as for second undergraduate degrees - where candidates have shown themselves to be in the top bracket. The support of Australian University Vice Chancellors' scholarships to some scholars is greatly appreciated.

At the scholarship lunch on 9 June, the available space in the St John's College Senior Common Room was filled with current and some past scholars. In the future we hope to have all past scholars living in Britain come to the lunch at least biannually as well as current scholars. The intention of this newsletter is to communicate to our donors the wealth of success and to allow our past and present scholars to know one another.

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The photo shows some 16 scholars who were able to join the Scholars lunch in Oxford. We were sorry that illness prevented James Fairfax from being able to join us on this occasion. We thank the President of St John's College, Sir Michael Scholar, for hosting the occasion and Professor Kate Nation of St John's College and Professor Paul Langford, Rector of Lincoln College, for joining us at the lunch.

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We congratulate our scholars who in the last few years are achieving success in their many different ways in Australia and overseas.

The Committee recognises the continuing support and collaboration with Oxford University in the scholarship process and through some of our applicants winning Clarendon Scholarships. The success there has been high. The Committee and the University are working together to make awards as early as possible. Cross-disciplinary and cultural subject scholars are still a feature of the Scholarship and the Committee does not look at the subject balance of applications in making its selections. There have been about equal numbers of awards for arts, science, law, engineering and medicine and awards too in music, archaeology, visual arts and public health. Recent appointees now in Oxford have distinguished themselves. The support of Australian University Vice Chancellor scholarships to some scholars is greatly appreciated.

At the scholarship lunch on 1 June, the available space in the St John's College Senior Common Room was filled with current and some past scholars. We hope to continue to invite some past scholars living in Britain to come to the lunch from time to time, as well as current scholars, and are glad of the current news from all for this newsletter.

We send this newsletter to our donors on whose continuing support we depend for the funds. The Committee is grateful to the Australian National University Finance area for the returns on investment we get in the present financial climate.

I would like to thank the Committee members most sincerely for their dedication to the large task of selection: Emeritus Professor Wilfrid Prest, University of Adelaide; Professor Merlin Crossley, Dean of Science, University of New South Wales and Professor Carolyn Evans, Dean of Law at Melbourne University.

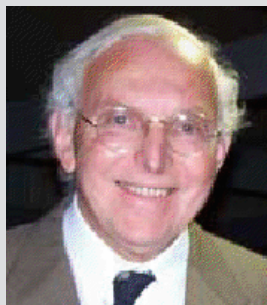


The photo shows some 14 current and former scholars who were able to join the Scholars lunch in Oxford. We were sorry that illness prevented James Fairfax from being able to join us on this occasion. We thank the President of St John's College, Sir Michael Scholar, for hosting the occasion and Dr Jane Sherwood and John-Paul Roche from the Oxford International Admissions Office for joining us at the lunch.

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The field of candidates continues to be outstanding for the James Fairfax Scholarship, University College, Magdalen College and, judging by the entries this year, the soon-to-be Brasenose and Lincoln College Scholarships. This year the first scholar funded by the donations of the late Hon Ian Wilson AM will go up to Magdalen. As always, the scholar's academic performance, indicated by transcript, personal statement and referees, is the basis for selection. Over the years, there have been about equal numbers of awards for arts, science, law, engineering and medicine and awards too in music, archaeology, visual arts and public health. Cross-disciplinary and cultural subject scholars are still a feature of the Scholarship.

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The continuing achievements of current and past scholars are illustrated in this updated newsletter.

On 9 May in St John's College Senior Common Room, current and some former scholars lunched with Mr David Clark (through whose initiative and generosity the Brasenose College scholarships became fully funded in 2013), Dr Jane Sherwood and Mr John-Paul Roche (Oxford University) as well as two committee members. Regrettably James Fairfax could not attend this year. We hope to continue to invite some past scholars living in Britain to come to the lunch from time to time with the current scholars.



We thank all of our donors on whose continuing support we depend for the scholarships' success especially in this time of rising fees and costs. As a former scholar put it "Oxford lifted our horizons".

The support of the Australian University Vice Chancellors scholarships to some scholars is greatly appreciated as are the efforts of the Australian National University Finance and Endowment areas for making the best returns on our funds and changes made in 2013 to further improve this.

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There was an outstanding field of entrants for the Oxford Australia Scholarship this year. All but a few of the candidates had First Class Honours, some in more than one discipline and 50% of the candidates were in the top first class bracket judged by their transcripts, referees comments and their submitted work. The subject areas again covered the academic spectrum: including archaeology, biology, chemistry, economics, English, engineering, history, languages, law, liberal arts, mathematics, music, neuroscience, politics, philosophy, physics and theology. Five candidates were selected for scholarships with many in reserve.

The Committee notes great depth of talent in the applications, wishing only that it could offer more awards. That situation has been improved this year as the Brasenose Oxford Australia Scholarship is now fully endowed and substantial gifts from the Hon Ian Wilson and Dr Guy White have created a joint scholarship at Magdalen, also now fully endowed. This will in future be called the Ian Wilson-Guy White Magdalen College Scholarship.

A number of our applicants won other distinguished awards and Clarendon Scholarships at Oxford University. The Committee thanks Oxford University for a new agreement for a greater intersection between our Scholarship and the Clarendon. In future, the Scholarship Committee expects to have at least two of our scholars holding Clarendons through closer cooperation.

We thank all of our donors on whose continuing support we depend for the Scholarship's success, especially in this time of rising fees and costs.

The continuing achievements of current and past scholars are illustrated in this updated newsletter.

We greatly appreciate hearing from our former scholars and note the great value they place on their Oxford experience. Comments this year have included:

*"The Fund is allowing me to take full advantage of all that this wonderful university has to offer."*

*"I continue to be grateful for fresh opportunities that stem from the time that I was supported by the Oxford Australia Fund."*

*"Studying for my DPhil was a rewarding and exciting experience, allowing me to establish myself as a young academic in an international and intellectually stimulating environment."*

*"To interact on a daily basis with many of the leading scholars in my fields of interest was a rare privilege."*

This year we welcomed to the Committee two new members, Professor Jenny Corbett (Pro-Vice Chancellor, Research and Research Training, Australian National University) and Professor Chester Brown (a former scholar, now Professor of Law at Sydney University). They join Professor Merlin Crossley (Dean of Science, University of New South Wales), Professor Peter Rathgen (Vice-Chancellor, University of Tasmania) and Professor Lisa Hill (Professor of Politics, University of Adelaide).

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All of the four Oxford Australia Scholarship awardees in 2015 have top First Class Honours in their varied subjects and some, the University Medal. The performance of these, of current and of past Scholars, goes well beyond the Oxford-Australia Scholarship selection criterion of highest academic merit. Their character and subsequent progress in this newsletter affirms this selection method.

This year we had 140 applications, all of very high quality. The selection process was greatly helped by Oxford University's provision of electronic access and early release of applications for review. We have lost fewer scholars this year to competing offers in the United States and Europe before our meeting. The Committee is very conscious of the increasing financial needs of scholars at Oxford University and aims to increase the endowment. This year a number of our scholars have again won valuable secondary awards or Clarendon Scholarships from Oxford. The Committee is working for closer linkage with the Clarendon awards, consistent with our commitment to the wishes of donors to our various scholarships.

Three of the highlights of past scholars achievements in 2014-5 are: James Hillis' internship with the Australian Government for a few months in 2015 and his expected move to the Harvard Neurology Residency Program; Mimi Zou appointed Professor of Law at the Chinese University of Hong Kong; Alex Taylor leading a three-year research initiative on the American Art Collection at the Tate in London - working in an area close to the interests of James Fairfax, a prime donor to the Scholarship and its great supporter.

The photograph shows a few of the scholars at our annual lunch in St John's. Among attendees were the President of St John's, Professor Maggie Snowling, and Mr David Clark (a major benefactor of the Scholarship). The party was most convivial but most scholars had left before we remembered to take this photo!



I once again thank the Committee - Professor Merlin Crossley, Dean of Science, The University of New South Wales; Professor Peter Rathjen, Vice-Chancellor, The University of Tasmania, Professor Lisa Hill, The University of Adelaide, Professor Chester Brown, Sydney University Law School and Professor Jenny Corbett, Pro-Vice Chancellor Research at Australian National University - for their care and attention to the selection process.

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Next year will be the 20th year in which we have selected candidates for the James Fairfax and Oxford Australia Scholarships and we are planning to celebrate that in Australia and in Britain.

2016 has turned out to be a year of change. Oxford extended us the possibility for two of our scholarships to be linked to the Clarendon awards and both James Fairfax and Brasenose College were interested to be involved. Two scholars, Samuel Aroney and Jasha Trompf, have been elected to these James Fairfax and Brasenose College Oxford Australia Clarendon awards. Other linkages are foreseen for the future as opportunities arise but our traditional process continues.

This year's scholarship selection process could not proceed because Oxford University Scholarship Section could no longer provide the support for the selection process in Australia. The Committee has decided that the 2017-2018 selection process will be based at the Australian National University. The application forms have been prepared and a new website with details for applicants and donors will be available in October. The criterion for selection will remain academic merit.

We again had an excellent scholars lunch at St John's College with seven Scholars in residence, three former scholars and two major donors David Clark and Fred Rowley - the latter for the Lincoln College scholarship which is approaching its launch. The senior tutor of Lincoln, Louise Durning, represented the Rector of Lincoln.



We welcomed an ex-scholar, Dr James Goudkamp, Fellow of Keble College, Oxford, as a member of the Committee this year and will be adding further members over the next few months to help the selection process in the future.

Once again I thank the present members of the committee especially for their wise advice during the negotiations we have had with Oxford University this year - Professor Merlin Crossley, Dean of Science, University of New South Wales; Professor Peter Rathjen, Vice-Chancellor, University of Tasmania; Professor Jenny Corbett, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Australian National University; and Professor Chester Brown, Sydney University Law School .

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This is the 20th year of the Oxford Australia Scholarships - a reason to celebrate what has been achieved and to look forward optimistically to the future.

A delightful lunch was hosted in Keble College in May this year by James Goudkamp, a member of the Oxford Australia Committee and Fellow of Keble, for current Oxford Australia scholars and some former scholars who are still based in Britain. In October we plan to have another lunch at St John's College for everyone in the United Kingdom who is available. For former scholars who are in Australia we hope to have several functions, in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra, probably in November to allow fellow scholars to meet.

In addition, the Scholarship Committee at its meeting in April decided to increase the scholarship amount to \$15,000 as a first step towards doubling the scholarship and an appeal to do that is to be launched.

The new application process based at the Australian National University this year has worked well. A series of meetings between September and December 2016 produced an excellent and very secure online system. We had excellent applicants and the long short list of 15 was exceptional. We thank Mr Gavin Perri, Mr Jeffrey Guo and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington for their support in this process. Gavin and Jeffrey will continue to be associated with the scholarship for continued improvements.

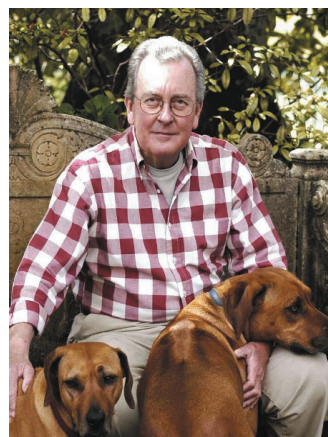
In addition, in collaboration with Oxford University and Lincoln College, we have established the Lincoln College Oxford Australia Clarendon Scholarship and the first awardee, Mr Alvin Djajadikerta, will go up to Lincoln in October.

With great regret we note the passing earlier this year of our major Scholarship donor, Mr James Fairfax AC.

Thanks to his generosity, the James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund has enabled over 50 young Australians to benefit from an Oxford academic experience.

James himself had graduated from Balliol College, as had his father before him, and he was very keen to extend such an opportunity to other young Australians.

James was always interested to hear news of the Oxford Australia Scholarship and to learn of the progress of its Scholars.

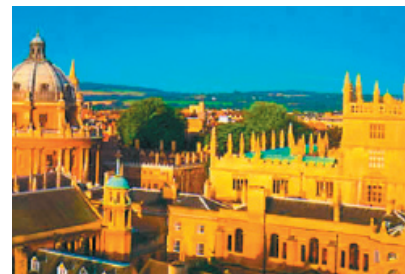


Once again I thank the present members of the Committee - Professor Merlin Crossley, Deputy-Vice Chancellor, University of New South Wales; Professor John Carver, Director of Research School of Chemistry, Australian National University; Professor Peter Rathjen, Vice Chancellor, University of Tasmania; Professor Jenny Corbett, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Australian National University; Professor Chester Brown, Sydney University Law School and Associate Professor James Goudkamp, Oxford Law School. We express our great appreciation to Professor Rathjen who will become the new Vice Chancellor of the University of Adelaide. Two new members of the Committee will be added this year for continuity.

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It is always a pleasure to compile the newsletter and record the academic and personal successes of past scholars. The Committee thanks you all for your input. This year we will send seven new scholars to Oxford and the quality of the entry to this year's Scholarship meeting was again outstanding, the limit for the Committee set only by financial constraints. The long short list was very long.

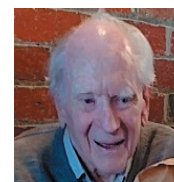
We thank Oxford University for our participation in the Clarendon Scholarships. Our new application process, created last year, again worked very well but can always be improved and this coming year we will give special attention to privacy considerations. The Scholarship office at the Australian National University has moved from the old Research School of Chemistry. We thank the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington for facilitating this. The hiatus caused by the move has hopefully not disturbed communication.

Last year in October we had the expected 20th anniversary celebratory lunch in St John's College to welcome new and current students, others still resident in Britain, and Senior Tutors of the participating Colleges. The Acting-President of St John's College, Rev Prof William Whyte, and one of our major benefactors, Mr David Clark, attended also. The photo shows the group.



In the next few years, we intend to raise funds to increase the number of scholarships and their value, commensurate with the quality of the candidates whom we have always seen. Our aim is to double the endowment. We are very grateful to former scholars for their volunteer help in this project.

We record with regret the death of Dr Guy Kendall White FAA a distinguished scientist who endowed the Guy White-Oxford Australia scholarship to Magdalen



The membership of the Oxford Australia selection Committee will change somewhat this year, Professor Merlin Crossley and Professor Jenny Corbett have retired. Professor Peter Kanowski, Master of University House, ANU, and Professor of Forestry, ANU, joined the Committee this year, Associate Professor Jane Golley, Associate Director, Australian Centre on China in the World at ANU, will join from December 2018. I thank the existing members, Professor Chester Brown, Sydney University Law School, Professor John Carver, Director of the Research School of Chemistry, Professor Peter Rathjen, Vice Chancellor of the University of Adelaide and congratulate Professor James Goudkamp at Oxford on his appointment as Professor of the Law of Obligations in the Oxford Faculty of Law and also thank him for his continued help at Oxford.

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The entry in 2019 for the Scholarships was excellent. All of the candidates had top First Class Honours and University prizes. Their academic record is as good as any year in the past and their high ambitions for study and life in Oxford bode well for their success. All, in one way or the other, have also won other scholarships which will help them to participate in Oxford life. The Committee had great difficulty in reducing the top 20 to this group of seven and went beyond its usual limit because of their excellence.

Our major event this year has been the launch at the Royal Society in London of our appeal to double the endowment of the Scholarship and create extra scholarships to meet the increasing costs at Oxford and the availability of excellent candidates. The High Commissioner of Australia, the Hon George Brandis QC, officiated at the launch and was joined by a small party of London and Cambridge based graduates. Professor Owen Lewis representing Brasenose College, Sir Ivor Crewe, Master of University College, Susan Harrison representing Lincoln College and John-Paul Roche representing the Clarendon Scholarships at Oxford University. We thank those representatives for attending and for supporting so strongly our Scholarships and also Magdalen College for their expression of support. In addition, at the launch there were some potential donors from London and benefactors including Mr David Clark and his wife. Grateful thanks to Jaani Riordan for taking the photos.



The photograph shows Oxford Law Professor, Committee member and former Scholar James Goudkamp, the Australian High Commissioner, Professor and Mrs White.

The second function was our annual Scholarship lunch at St John's College on 28 June. It was a full house from resident scholars and went on until the middle of the afternoon, much enjoyed by all.

The James Fairfax Oxford Australia Selection Committee now comprises Professor Chester Brown, Sydney University Law School, Professor Peter Rathjen AO, Vice Chancellor University of Adelaide, Professor Susan Scott FAA Australian National University, Professor Peter Kanowski, Master of University House ANU and Professor Jane Golley, Director of the ANU Centre for China in the World as well as Professor White. The appeal is being conducted by a committee comprising Professor White, Professor Brown, Mr Allen Robinson (James Fairfax trustee) and Mr Jerry Ellis AO former Chancellor of Monash University. We hope that Oxford alumni in Australia will give to the endowment generously to mark our 20th year and the success of the Scholarships and their commitment to Oxford. A donation link is on the last page.

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Each year the Committee is pleased by the quality of applicants. We keep using the word exceptional for that quality but we have not had a bad year yet. This year was no exception - with 37 candidates, all with First Class Honours and many University prizes and quite a few with the University Medal in their subjects. We congratulate those who have won scholarships along with those already at Oxford and who have graduated and are making their mark in those places.

This academic year started strongly in Oxford with a welcome party arranged by Professor James Goudkamp and most of the new scholars were able to come (photo below). This was the first year also of our appeal to extend the scholarship launched in May 2019. I am glad to report that we have more than \$400,000 promised or given towards that appeal.

The Covid-19 epidemic has changed the way current students in Oxford are working because of the potential risks from large gatherings such as lectures. I am glad to say that the University has recognised that our students' work in the first two terms will count significantly towards their annual result.

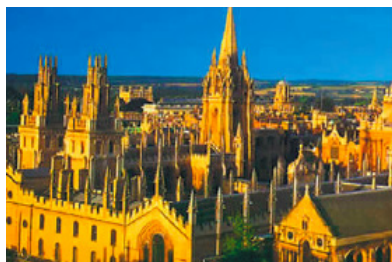
There will be no students' lunch this summer because of these difficulties but it is hoped that if the Covid-19 restrictions are lessened by October we will be able to welcome the new students, with some of those already there, in an appropriately adapted way. The 2020 selection process was not hindered by the pandemic - the Committee using Zoom and two meetings to make the selection. I am glad to say also that the Newsletter is being published early this year so that all our donors will know how arrangements have fared in Oxford. We thank all the students who have been so cooperative in responding with their input.



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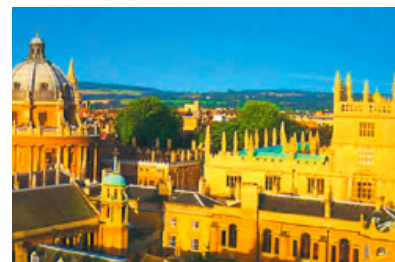
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Three splendid things have happened in our Scholarship in this COVID year.

- Our scholars in Oxford are healthy and doing well. Some of their comments on COVID 19 are recorded in their contributions to this newsletter. Some have done exceptionally well. We acknowledge with thanks the great efforts of the Oxford Colleges and the University to cope with the epidemic and were glad to have feedback on this when I wrote to all scholars on 1 January.
- We had an excellent set of applicants, once again, in February 2021 and have sent to Oxford five new scholars whose details are recorded here. One extra scholar this year is funded by the interest from donations already given in our Appeal. Their quality is emphasised by their winning additional awards.
- Our Appeal aim is 4 million dollars to double the endowment, It has now passed the half million mark. I thank the Appeal Committee and the faithful donors who have already contributed so that we can do new things and partly meet the growing Oxford costs. A letter, enclosed, asks for your continued help to reach our target.

Because of COVID, we were not able to hold our annual scholars' lunch in May 2020 in Oxford nor to welcome the new arrivals in October. The same is true for 2021. The response of existing scholars was splendid as a number of them volunteered to create a "buddy system". The Committee met by Zoom, as in 2020, but was able to have a dinner before the meeting at which the Deputy Vice Chancellor Research ANU, Professor Keith Nugent FAA, was present. Fortunately, Canberra has been almost COVID free throughout the epidemic.



I would like to thank the Committee and the Australian National University for their commitment to the Scholarship process in this difficult time when all Universities are struggling financially.

I expect to be stepping down as the Chairman of the Selection committee in this coming year and I wish my successor the joy and success that I have had in working with these wonderful students from all over Australia in the past 24 years.

The James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship Committee comprises Professor Chester Brown, Sydney University Law School, Professor Susan Scott FAA Australian National University, Professor Peter Kanowski, Master of University House ANU, Professor Jane Golley, Director of the ANU Centre for China in the World, Professor James Goudkamp, Professor of Law at Oxford University as well as Professor White.

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The Committee welcomed two new members this year – Dr Anna Oldmeadow and Mr Stuart McCulloch. There was again an excellent group of applicants from nine universities across Australia. All of very high quality including fifty with First Class Honours and twelve with University Medals in addition. The Committee studied not only their transcripts but also their aims at Oxford, their written work and their referees' reports. All were needed in the discussion of these excellent people. The outcomes are given in this newsletter. Subjects include ancient Egyptian history, law, synthetic chemistry and interdisciplinary biological science. DPhil, Masters and the BCL were the most popular courses.

My individual enquiries to resident scholars in Oxford on 5 January this year showed that all present were having an academically and socially good experience despite COVID. The Colleges and university are to be congratulated for what they have done. Once again we have not had a Scholars lunch in St John's College for our resident scholars. Professor James Goudkamp, now a Fellow of Keble, has stepped up again to welcome new scholars and others in October. We will try to attend if possible.

The Australian National University, after negotiation, has agreed to new arrangements for the cash holding in Scholarship funds. This will put more money into the Long Term Investment Funds and make our donors' gifts more valuable. We still aim for more scholarships to meet the demand.



The Committee Members

I would like to thank the Committee and the Australian National University for their commitment to the Scholarship in this difficult time when all Universities are struggling financially.

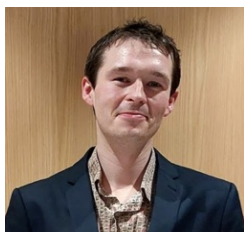
The James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship Committee comprises Professor Chester Brown, Sydney University Law School, Professor Susan Scott FAA Australian National University, Professor Peter Kanowski, Master of University House ANU, Professor Jane Golley, College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU, Professor James Goudkamp, Professor of Law at Oxford University, Dr Anna Oldmeadow, Dept Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr Stuart McCulloch, former partner of Allens in Sydney as well as Professor White.

John White

## 2022 Oxford Australia and Clarendon Scholarships



Anna Wotherspoon



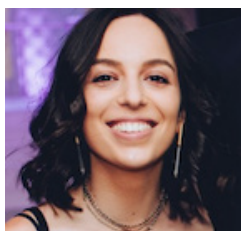
Trent Hugler



Callan Maloney



Gabriel Abrahams



Olivia Morris

***In 2022, the Oxford Australia Scholarship Committee was able to make five awards. Three scholars were awarded Clarendon Scholarships by Oxford University, one of which was linked to a James Fairfax Oxford Australia award and one to a Lincoln College Oxford Australia Scholarship. Two Honorary Oxford Australia Scholarships were awarded, one to a scholar with a University of Sydney Peter Cameron Scholarship and one to the third Clarendon scholar.***

**2022-2023 Anna Wotherspoon** graduated from Monash University in 2020 with a Bachelor of Science (First Class Honours), Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours), the University Medal in Law, Sir John Monash Medal and Supreme Court Prize for Best Honours Student. Anna's Honours thesis, which won the Supreme Court Exhibition Prize for Best Honours Thesis, was published in the Journal of Legal Philosophy in 2021. The article presents a novel critique of the property status of nonhuman animals by reference to traditional private property theory, reflecting Anna's interests in animal law and property law. At Oxford, Anna plans to study for the Bachelor of Civil Law, and will be supported by a James Fairfax Oxford Australia scholarship and the Wadham College Oxford-Hackney BCL scholarship.

**2022-2025 Trent Hugler** graduated from Macquarie University in 2021 with Master of Research in the Department of History and Archaeology following his Bachelor of Philosophy in 2020 and Bachelor of Ancient History in 2019. Trent's current interest is on the female pharaoh Hatshepsut and the measures taken to erase her hieroglyphs (epigraphy and text) and images (iconography). At Oxford his aim is to pursue a Doctorate in Egyptology, supported by a Clarendon award and a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship.

**2022-2026 Callan Maloney** graduated from the University of Sydney in 2021 with a Bachelor of Science, First Class Honours and University Medal in Organic Chemistry. With a passion for synthetic organic chemistry and its industrial applications, Callan has been funded with a Lincoln College Oxford Australia Clarendon linked award to pursue a DPhil in Synthesis for Biology and Medicine (Centre for Doctoral Training).

**2022-2026 Gabriel Abrahams** graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2021 with a MSc in Physics with Distinction, receiving the N.D Goldsworthy Scholarship for Physics and Dean's Honour List awards. Previously he completed a BSc with First Class Honours and a Diploma in Applied Mathematics also at Melbourne. Gabriel has been part of research teams in several institutions and co-authored a number of papers in the fields of condensed matter physics and structural biology. He is passionate about developing transformative technologies that will enable human civilisation to become more sustainable. For his study at Oxford, he has been awarded a Clarendon Scholarship for the Interdisciplinary Bioscience Doctorate (BBSRC Doctoral Training Partnership) and also an Honorary James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship.

**2022-2023 Olivia Morris** graduated from the University of Sydney in 2020 with a Bachelor of Economics and Laws (First Class Honours and University Medal). She has since been admitted as a lawyer in the Supreme Court of NSW and has been practising since 2021. At Oxford Olivia plans to study for a BCL, supported by a Sydney University Peter Cameron Scholarship and an Honorary Ian Wilson Guy White Oxford Australia Scholarship.

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## Current James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

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**2021-2024 William Clarke** graduated from the University of Sydney in 2019 with a Bachelor of Science, First Class Honours and University Medal in advanced mathematics. He then completed an MPhil in applied mathematics, also at the University of Sydney. Supported in part by a James Fairfax Oxford Australia scholarship, Will is currently studying for a DPhil in theoretical physics within the plasma physics theory group at the University of Oxford. This is an exciting study into thermonuclear fusion and the promise of clean energy. A keen drummer, Will has played at jazz festivals around Australia and is also a fitness enthusiast.

**2021-2022 Ruben Robertson** graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Science (Advanced Mathematics), First Class Honours and a Bachelor of Laws, First Class Honours. He then worked as an Associate to the Hon Justice Nye Perram in the Federal Court of Australia. With a passion for constitutional law, human rights and intellectual property law, at Oxford Ruben is studying for the Bachelor of Civil Law and looks forward to developing a comparative perspective on the UK and EU legal systems in these areas. He is being supported in part by a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship.

**2021-2024 Monica Hu** completed a Bachelor of Biomedicine followed by a Doctor of Medicine (with Distinction) at the University of Melbourne, placing on the Dean's Honours List during each degree. Monica completed a project at the Centre for Eye Research Australia investigating a preclinical model for retinal gene therapy. At Oxford, Monica is continuing her interests in retinal disease research by pursuing a DPhil in Clinical Neurosciences at the Nuffield Department of Ophthalmology, exploring both the pathogenesis and treatment of age-related macular degeneration. With full funding from Oxford's Medical Sciences Division, Monica has also been awarded an Honorary Oxford Australia scholarship.

**2020-2023 Alexander (Sandy) Craze** graduated from Western Sydney University with a Bachelor of Science (Advanced) in 2016 and a Masters of Research in 2018. With a passion for both chemistry and the environment, his research has been on applications of supramolecular architectures in magnetic materials and he has been a co-author in a number of published papers. At Oxford, on a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship, Sandy is pursuing a DPhil in inorganic chemistry, studying catalysts for the utilisation of carbon dioxide.

*"All is going well and I'm having a great time!"*

**2020-2023 Luke Priestley** graduated from the University of Sydney in 2017 with a Bachelor of Psychology, First Class Honours and the University Medal. He then completed an MSc in Experimental Psychology at the University of Oxford in 2019, which was partially funded by the University College Old Members Oxford Australia Scholarship. He is now pursuing a DPhil in Experimental Psychology at Oxford, during which he will implement novel brain imaging and stimulation techniques to examine the neural mechanisms of learning and decision-making. This is being supported in part by a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship.



William Clarke



Ruben Robertson



Monica Hu



Sandy Craze



Luke Priestley



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## Current James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Clarendon Scholars

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***Oxford University's Clarendon Fund, set up in 2000, was subsequently expanded to partner with a number of Oxford Colleges and other funds, including the Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund, to provide coverage of all university and college fees plus a living allowance. Three of the Oxford Australia Scholarship funds, the James Fairfax, Brasenose College and Lincoln College, now have the support of additional Clarendon funding and the selection of one scholar at a time is made by Oxford University from its received applications.***



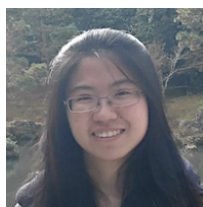
Kon Panegyres

**2019–2022 Konstantine Panegyres** graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2017 with a BA (Hons) First Class in Classics, and completed an MA research degree in 2019; during this time he published several academic papers. At Oxford he is working towards a DPhil in Classical Languages and Literature studying unedited papyri from the Oxyrhynchus Papyri collection, supported by a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Clarendon Scholarship and a Trinity College Christie-Miller Scholarship. He reports that during the pandemic, *"my research has not been interrupted at all. My supervisor had the foresight back in March to get digital images of all the Oxyrhynchus papyri I am working on for my thesis, so I have been able to continue despite the lack of access to libraries (or to the papyri 'in person')."*



Orion Tong

**2019-2022 Orion Tong** graduated from the University of Sydney in 2017 with Bachelor of Science (Advanced), First Class Honours and University Medal. After graduating he worked as a research assistant in the HIV Immunology Group at the Westmead Institute for Medical Research, through which he explored his passion for molecular and cellular immunology. In Oxford, based at St Edmund Hall and supported by a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship and also awarded a Clarendon scholarship, Orion works towards a DPhil in Oncology looking at the genetics of treatment responses in melanoma.



Hui Min Tay

**2020-2023 Hui Min Tay** graduated from the University of Melbourne with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry in 2018, in which she achieved First Class Honours and the Bachelor of Science Medal. Since then, Hui Min completed an Honours project in Inorganic Chemistry, working on the synthesis and characterisation of chiral coordination polymers. A bronze medal winner in the International Chemistry Olympiad while in High School, Hui Min developed a keen intention to pursue a research career and at Oxford, on a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship and a Clarendon award, Hui Min is pursuing a DPhil in Inorganic Chemistry.



Keith Chambers

**2020-2023 Keith Chambers** graduated from the University of Sydney in 2019 with a Bachelor of Science, First Class Honours and University Medal in advanced mathematics. His primary research interest is the mathematical modelling of atherosclerosis - a field at the intersection of applied mathematics and biomedicine. Since graduating, Keith has continued to contribute to Sydney University as an active researcher in the atherosclerosis modelling group and as an undergraduate mathematics tutor. Outside academia, he is also an avid rock-climber and shares his passion for music as a piano teacher. At Oxford, Keith is working towards a DPhil in Mathematics with a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship and a Clarendon award.



Janek Drevikosky

**2021-2024 Janek Drevikosky** graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts, First Class Honours and University medal in Classics. A highlight of his exchange year in Rome was that all classes were taught in either Ancient Greek or Latin. At Oxford he is beginning his DPhil with an MSt in Greek literature. Janek hopes to take options in Greek textual criticism and reception, while writing his dissertation on the intersection between Hellenistic poetry and Hellenistic literary criticism. Janek is being funded by a James Fairfax Oxford Australia scholarship and also a Clarendon award.

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## Current Brasenose College - Oxford Australia Clarendon Scholar

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*The generous support from members of Brasenose College now living in Australia made it possible for a Brasenose College Oxford Australia scholarship to be awarded in 2014. Since then, the Fund has been supported by Oxford Clarendon funding with the first Brasenose College Oxford Australia Clarendon Scholarship awarded in 2016.*

**2020-2023 Lachlan Deimel** graduated from the Australian National University in 2020 with Bachelor of Philosophy, First Class Honours in science. Lachlan has been involved in several molecular biological research projects at the ANU resulting in publication of several papers and conference presentations. In 2020, Lachlan was awarded a Brasenose College Oxford Australia Clarendon Scholarship to work towards a DPhil in Molecular Cell Biology in Health and Disease, based at Oxford's Sir William Dunn School of Pathology.



Lachlan Deimel

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## Current University College - Old Members Oxford Australia Scholar

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*The generous support from many members of University College now in Australia has made it possible for the University College Old Members' - Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund to continuously maintain an Australian student at University College since 1999.*

**2019-2023 Kimberly Becker** completed a Bachelor of Advanced Mathematics in 2017 at the University of Adelaide where she also completed an MPhil in Pure Mathematics, for which she was awarded the University medal. Kim is passionate about diversifying STEM fields. In 2018, she founded the University of Adelaide's Women in STEM Society to support minority groups studying STEM and she ran an outreach program to rural schools. At Oxford, Kim is working for a DPhil in Statistics, where she specialises in probability. Kim rows for the University College Boat Club and enjoys learning Mandarin in her spare time. Kim is currently a non-stipendiary lecturer at New College in mathematics. Kim's studies are supported by a University College Old Members Oxford Australia Scholarship and an Oxford University Department of Statistics EPSRC Doctoral Training Program studentship, together with a University of Adelaide alma mater award.

*"My department, the department of Statistics, has handled everything during Covid very well, and I feel safe and happy here. I was still able to teach in Michaelmas at New College in person. As my degree is entirely research based I have not had to adapt to online learning very much, and my supervisor still meets me in person."*



Kimberly Becker

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## Current Lincoln College-Oxford Australia Clarendon Scholar

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*The generous support from many members of Lincoln College now in Australia, together with the support of the Oxford University Clarendon Fund, made possible the award by Oxford university of the first Lincoln College - Oxford Australia Clarendon Scholarship.*

**2019-2023 Adele Jackson** graduated from the Australian National University in 2018 with a Bachelor of Philosophy, First Class Honours, specialising in mathematics. As well as being a tutor for the Australian Informatics Olympiad Program for several years, Adele has volunteered helping high school students with literacy and sung in university college choirs. Supported by a Lincoln College Oxford Australia Clarendon Scholarship, Adele is pursuing a DPhil in mathematics, working in low-dimensional topology.



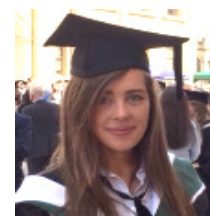
Adele Jackson

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## Former Brasenose College-Oxford Australia Scholar

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**2014-2015 Georgia O'Connor** graduated from Monash University with Bachelor of Arts, First Class Honours in History. The inaugural Brasenose College Oxford Australia scholar, Georgia graduated with a Master of Studies in Global and Imperial History in 2015. She has since returned to Melbourne and is now studying for a PhD, the focus of which is British ambassador William Norris and his embassy to Mughal India (1699-1702). Georgia is also working on a related research project with academics from Monash University and the University of Warwick, which aims to publish the diaries of William Norris for the first time. In addition, she works part-time as an editor for educational publishing house, Cengage. Her memories of her time at Brasenose are among her most treasured.



Georgia O'Connor

## Current Ian Wilson-Guy White Magdalen College-Oxford Australia Scholar



Shaun Milligan

*The generous provision of funding from both the (late) Hon Ian Wilson and from (the late) Dr Guy White has assisted Australians to study at Magdalen College.*

*The first Ian Wilson Magdalen College Oxford Australia scholar commenced in 2013 and the first Ian Wilson-Guy White Magdalen College Oxford Australia scholar in 2014.*

**2021-2022 Shaun Milligan** graduated from Griffith University with a Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours and the University Medal) and a Bachelor of Business (Distinction). As an Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade New Colombo Plan Scholar, Shaun spent 19 months working and studying across the Asia-Pacific region in locations including Hong Kong, Taiwan and Mainland China. In 2021, Shaun's Honours thesis was published by the American Review of International Arbitration at Columbia Law School. At Oxford, Shaun is studying for the Bachelor of Civil Law focusing on human rights law, international dispute settlement, and private international law. He will be funded in part by an Ian Wilson – Guy White Oxford Australia Magdalen College Scholarship.



Kathryn Leslie

**2018-2022 Kathryn Leslie** graduated from the University of Sydney in 2016 with First Class Honours and the University Medal in her Bachelor of Science, and is completing a four year DPhil with the EPSRC Synthesis for Biology and Medicine doctoral training centre.

*"I am in the final year of my PhD, making fluorescent dyes that we can use to image nano-structures inside cells. Now that international travel is possible again, I am presenting some of my work at the Methods and Applications in Fluorescence conference in Sweden in September, which is going to be an excellent chance to meet some top researchers in my field. Thankfully, my PhD has been extended 6 months to make up for missed lab time during the pandemic, so I have slightly more time to bring a thesis together. I am very grateful for all of the funding and support that has made it possible to complete a PhD during very challenging times!"*

## Former Ian Wilson Magdalen College-Oxford Australia Scholar and Former Ian Wilson-Guy White Magdalen College-Oxford Australia Scholars



Mohammad Jaamae Hafeez-Baig

**2019-2020 Mohammad Jaamae Hafeez-Baig** graduated from the University of Queensland in 2016 with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons I, University Medal) and in 2017 with a Master of Laws. He read for the Bachelor of Civil Law in 2019-2020 at Magdalen College, where his studies were supported by the Guy White–Ian Wilson Magdalen College Oxford Australia Scholarship and a Banking and Financial Services Law Association award. He has worked as an Associate at the Supreme Court of Queensland and was an Associate to the Hon Justice Patrick Keane AC at the High Court of Australia. He practises at the Queensland Bar.



Emma Day

**2017-2018 Emma Day** graduated from the ANU in 2015 with a B Phil (Honours) with First Class Honours and the University Medal in biology. After research at both the ANU and CSIRO, Emma published papers on how migrating birds adapt to climate change and the evolutionary relationship between species specialisation and extinction risk. At Oxford, Emma graduated with the MSc in Biodiversity, Conservation and Management. She is currently a policy advisor at the UK Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs working on marine environment policy. In her spare time, Emma enjoys music, theatre, travelling and coffee. Emma has played the violin since a young age and completed her AMusA in 2010.



Daniel Ward

**2014-2015 Daniel Ward** graduated from the University of Sydney with First Class Honours and the University Medal in both Law and Arts (music). After graduation, Daniel worked as Associate to the Hon Chief Justice James Allsop in the Federal Court of Australia. Daniel has worked as a volunteer at the Redfern Legal Centre and at New York City's Unemployment Action Centre while on a student exchange to New York University School of Law. A talented cellist and pianist, Daniel joined the Sydney University Symphony Orchestra and became its president for two years. At Oxford he studied for a Bachelor of Civil Law as the inaugural recipient of the Ian Wilson-Guy White Magdalen College Oxford Australia Scholarship after which he returned to Australia to work in the office of the Australian Attorney General.



Daniel Fuller

**2013-2014 Daniel Fuller** graduated from the University of Queensland in 2012 with Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours and the University Medal in Law. At Oxford he completed a Bachelor of Civil Law focusing on the theory and philosophy of the common law. Daniel was the inaugural Ian Wilson-Magdalen College Oxford Australia Scholar. He is now at 5 Wentworth Chambers in Sydney.

*"I went to the Queensland Bar in November 2015 after returning from Oxford and working in a commercial law firm for a year. My practice is currently focused on commercial law but I hope to expand it to include more administrative and public law. The law I learned and the skills I developed at Oxford have been very useful in my early time at the Bar, often in unexpected ways. I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to study there with the support of the Ian Wilson-Magdalen College Oxford Australia award."*



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## Former Lincoln College - Oxford Australia Clarendon Scholars

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**2018-2019 Brendon Neuen** graduated from James Cook University in 2013 with a Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery, First Class Honours and the Academic Medal. At Oxford, on the inaugural Oxford Australia Lincoln College Clarendon Scholarship, he completed a MSc in Global Health Science and Epidemiology. His thesis on using routinely collected primary care data to analyse kidney disease progression was awarded the prize for best dissertation. He is currently an academic nephrology registrar and NHMRC Postgraduate Scholar in Sydney at The George Institute Australia.

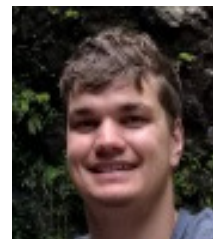
*"The opportunity to study at Oxford has been transformative and I have not only gained technical skills and knowledge but also built research collaborations which will help me conduct international clinical trials to improve the lives of people with kidney disease going forward."*

**2016-2020 Samuel Aroney** graduated from the University of Queensland in 2016 with a Bachelor of Science, First Class Honours focusing on Biochemistry and Molecular Microbiology. As the first recipient of the Brasenose Oxford-Australia Clarendon Scholarship, Samuel worked towards a DPhil through the four year Interdisciplinary Biosciences Doctoral Training Partnership. Now graduated, Sam is currently doing postdoctoral research at the Queensland University of Technology.

*"In Oxford, I worked with Professor Philip Poole at the Department of Plant Sciences, working on understanding the nitrogen-fixing symbiosis between soil bacteria and legumes. My project focused on the control of the swimming ability of these bacteria and the importance of swimming to the symbiosis. I was able to present some of my exciting and novel results at the Sensory Transduction in Microorganisms conference in California. This was a fantastic opportunity, enabling me to form networks with some of the top researchers in my field. I am deeply grateful for all the opportunities that this scholarship has enabled by bringing me to study at the University of Oxford."*



Brendon Neuen



Samuel Aroney

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## Former Magdalen College-Oxford Australia Scholars

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***The generous provision of funding from a number of members of Magdalen College, now living in Australia, has made it possible for the Magdalen College Old Members-Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund to assist an Australian student to study at Magdalen College, commencing in 2006, with additional support from the College itself.***

**2012-2013 Alicia Lyons** graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Law (First Class Honours and University Medal). She then worked as Associate to Justice Bell in the High Court of Australia. At Oxford Alicia read for the BCL at Magdalen College, supported by an Oxford Australia - Magdalen College award, and graduated with Distinction and the Sir Rupert Cross Prize for Evidence. Alicia then worked for several years as an Associate in the Banking and Litigation groups at Allens, before being called to the Bar in May 2017.

*"My time at Oxford was one of the most stimulating of my life. I gained knowledge and skills that have a persistent relevance to my practice today – and had a wonderful time doing so. I want to thank everyone who contributed to the Oxford-Australia Scholarship Fund for the amazing opportunity to study at that great institution."*

**2011-2014 James Hillis** graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2009 with First Class Honours for a Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery. He completed a DPhil in Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics at the University of Oxford with his research focusing on stem cells in multiple sclerosis. He continues to combine his clinical and research interests in the Department of Neurology at Massachusetts General Hospital / Harvard Medical School in Boston, where he is now an Instructor in Neurology at Harvard Medical school and Clinical Manager of their Artificial Intelligence Clinical Research Organisation. Between his time in the UK and the US, he also returned to Australia to work as an advisor in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

*"The 'Oxford experience' continues to resonate with nostalgia. The academic challenges, the diverse conversations and, most importantly, the life-long friendships made. Thank you to the Magdalen College Old Members-Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund for such an incredible opportunity!"*



Alicia Lyons



James Hillis

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## Former Magdalen College Oxford Australia Scholars

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James McComish

**2008-2011 James McComish** graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2006 with First Class Honours in law, history and art history, and from the University of Oxford with a DPhil in history. After teaching law at the University of Cambridge for three years as a Fellow of Selwyn College, he has returned to Australia where he practices as a barrister at the Victorian Bar and teaches law as a Fellow of the Melbourne Law School.

*"My time in Oxford was formative in shaping my intellectual and professional outlook. It opened the doors to many unexpected opportunities, including representing Magdalen College on University Challenge. Oxford provided an environment in which my historical imagination really flourished and where I gained a wider perspective on law and its history. I am so grateful to the donors of the Oxford-Australia fund for their generosity in supporting my endeavours."*



Prue Bindon

**2007-2008 Prue Bindon** graduated from The Australian National University in 2001 with degrees in Arts and Law (First Class Honours and the University Medal in Law). Prue worked in private practice in Sydney and Canberra and became an Associate to the Hon Justice Dyson Heydon AC QC of the High Court of Australia. The Magdalen College Scholarship, together with a Clarendon Bursary, enabled Prue to read for a Bachelor of Civil Law, from which she graduated in 2008 with distinction and the Herbert Hart Prize in Jurisprudence.

*"Reading for the BCL at Oxford was an amazing experience which I shall never forget. It has given me a thoroughly fresh perspective on private practice to which I have since returned, in both Australia and Hong Kong. The opportunity to ponder and dissect the fundamental principles of the common law through the subjects I studied for the BCL provided me with a very solid foundation to enter practice in a different common law jurisdiction. I am hugely grateful for the Magdalen College-Oxford Australia Scholarship that made this all possible."*



James Goudkamp

**2006-2009 James Goudkamp** graduated from the University of Wollongong in 2003 with degrees in science and law, with First Class Honours and the University Medal in law. He was an Associate Lecturer in Law at Wollongong University (2004-2005) and an Associate to the Hon Justice Michael Kirby AC CMG of the High Court of Australia (2005-2006). As the first recipient of the Magdalen College-Oxford Australia Scholarship, James achieved his BCL, MPhil in Law and DPhil. During these studies, he was a Lecturer in Law at St Hilda's College (2008-2009), then a Junior Research Fellow at Jesus College (2009-2011), subsequently a Fellow and Tutor in Law at Balliol College and CUF Lecturer in the Oxford Law Faculty (2011-2013). Since 2013 he has been a Fellow and Tutor in Law at Keble College and is Professor of the Law of Obligations in the Oxford Law Faculty. His primary research interest is the law of torts and his major work is a book *Tort Law Defences* (Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2013).

*"I was very fortunate to receive the Magdalen College-Oxford Australia Scholarship. Oxford is an unparalleled environment in which to work and it has been a privilege to be able to spend several years here thinking about some of the philosophical puzzles that the law presents."*

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## Former University College Old-Members Oxford Australia Scholars

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Emma Lawrance

**2013-2016 Emma Lawrance** graduated from Flinders University in 2009 with BSc, First Class Honours in Chemical Physics and the University Medal. Emma then completed a Grad. Dip. in Science Communication at the ANU in 2011. In 2012 on an Oxford Clarendon Scholarship and a Lincoln College Keith-Murray Scholarship she studied for her MSc in neuroscience. Emma was awarded a further three year Clarendon Scholarship together with the University College Old Members Oxford Australia Scholarship in 2013 to extend this into a DPhil which she completed in Clinical and Computational Neuroscience in 2018.

*"I remain as Mental Health Innovations Fellow at the Institute of Global Health Innovation, Imperial College London. I have been pleased to see the Climate Cares programme I lead on climate change and mental health go from strength to strength, after the very successful launch of our policy briefing paper, our COP26 Resilience Hub event, our first research studies coming out soon, and our first intervention co-designed and tested. My research in digital mental health with Shout crisis textline has also seen its first publications, and I finally had my DPhil paper published! Hoping to get the next one out this year. That might be made easier by being back in Oxford itself - I moved back here to enjoy more time with friends and the wonderful countryside we have access to here. Hoping to make it back to Aus before too long though!"*



## Former University College Old-Members Oxford Australia Scholars

**2009-2010, 2011-2013 Edwina Christie** graduated from the University of Sydney in 2008 with First Class Honours in English and the University Medal. Following her MSt in English at Oxford in 2010 on a Clarendon award and Hon James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship, Edwina began her DPhil in 2011 with the University College Old Members' Scholarship and the Class of '59 Scholarship, investigating the evolution of English and French prose fiction in the first half of the seventeenth century. With her DPhil complete in 2016, she was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the School of Advanced Studies at the University of London from 2018.

*"I moved home to Sydney in 2020 and now work for Sydney Living Museums. After so many years thinking about British history, it is fascinating to immerse myself in my own country's heritage. While the pandemic has made Oxford feel very distant in some ways, in others the global academic community feels closer than ever. I've had opportunities to teach and to present my research online and enjoy connecting with researchers all over the world. Perhaps the scholarly highlight of my year was publishing a short biography in the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography on Susan Herbert, an early modern literary patron whom I first encountered over a decade ago at Oxford. It is wonderful to reflect on how that research has continued to be generative, and I remain deeply grateful to the Oxford Australia Fund for their support over my years of study. I continue to be enriched by the experiences I had, the skills I learned and the people I have met while in Oxford."*

**2008-2011 Justin Richards** graduated from the University of Melbourne with a First Class Honours degree in physiotherapy and subsequently obtained a MSc (Distinction) in the Science and Medicine of Athletic Performance in 2007 at Oxford. He completed a DPhil in Public Health with the support of the University College Old-Members Oxford-Australia fund in 2012.

*"After my DPhil I worked as a post-doc in the Nuffield Department of Population Health at Oxford University. However, after almost 8 years overseas I was eager to return to the Antipodes and I commenced work as a Public Health Officer at the NSW Ministry of Health in 2013. I subsequently moved back into academia as an NHMRC Early Career Fellow at the University of Sydney from which I took a two year break in 2017 to support Sport New Zealand align with the new "well-being" agenda of the New Zealand Government. I have subsequently remained in New Zealand and in 2021 I was appointed as Associate Professor in Physical Activity and Wellbeing at Victoria University Wellington. I have enjoyed ongoing collaboration with colleagues in Oxford and I continue to be grateful for fresh opportunities that stem from the time that I was directly supported by the Oxford-Australia fund."*

**2007-2010 Rhys Davies** from Bendigo completed a Bachelor of Science in Pure Mathematics and an Honours year in Theoretical Physics at the University of Melbourne, graduating with First Class Honours. He subsequently completed a DPhil in the Oxford Theoretical Physics department, followed by a three-year Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in the Mathematical Institute, also at Oxford. He returned to Australia to take up a role in the public service, where he still works.

*"I remember fondly my six years in Oxford, and my time there had a major impact on the person I am now. I was lucky enough to meet and collaborate with some of the best mathematicians and physicists in the world, and those experiences have given me the confidence and ability to be a technical leader in my current role. None of it would have been possible without the scholarship from Oxford Australia, for which I will always be grateful."*

**2004-2007 Kwan Hee Lee**, from Sydney, graduated from the University of Sydney with a double degree in Science and Electrical Engineering, with First Class Honours and the University Medal in Engineering. At Oxford, his DPhil was in Condensed Matter Physics.

*"I am continuing to work in the Australian resource sector, joining a major mining company, and continuing to apply my skills (and experience) in mining, automation and digitalisation."*

**2001-2002 Kathleen Neal (nee Hutson)** completed a MSt in Historical Research (Medieval History) at Oxford and holds PhDs from The University of Melbourne and Monash University.

*"I am an academic in the Centre for Medieval & Renaissance Studies at Monash University. My work concerns the meaning of rhetorical devices in royal correspondence in thirteenth-century England. Primarily based on original documents, my research has been greatly facilitated by the training, especially in Latin and palaeography, provided in Oxford during my MSt. I often also call upon my Oxford connections to provide advice and avenues for forging international connections and research collaborations. I am indebted to the Oxford-Australia Fund for its past support which continues to benefit me in such ways."*

**1999-2001 Jonathan Pearlman** was the first scholar the University College Old Members' Fund supported. He graduated with a BA (Hons) and LLB at the University of New South Wales and completed an MPhil in modern English literature at Oxford in 2001.

Jonathan Pearlman is now editor of *Australian Foreign Affairs* and the world editor of *The Saturday Paper*. He previously worked at The Sydney Morning Herald, covering foreign affairs and politics from Canberra and Sydney. He has worked as a correspondent in the Middle East, and has covered various international stories, including the 2008 US election and the violence in eastern Congo. He is a correspondent for *The Straits Times* newspaper (Singapore) and was Australia-Pacific correspondent for *The Telegraph* (UK).



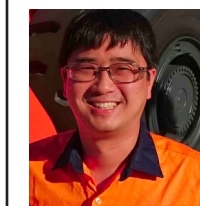
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Justin Richards



Rhys Davies



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Kathleen Neal



Jonathan Pearlman



## Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Clarendon Scholars



Jasha Trompf

**Three of the Oxford Australia Scholarship funds, the James Fairfax, Brasenose College and Lincoln College Oxford Australia, now have the support of additional Clarendon funding which provides coverage of all university and college fees plus a living allowance. For each of these, the selection of one scholar at a time is made by Oxford University from its received applications.**

**2016-2019 Jasha Trompf** graduated in 2015 from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Medical Science, First Class Honours and the University Medal in Cell Pathology. Jasha was the first recipient of the James Fairfax Oxford Australia Clarendon Scholarship and has now completed his DPhil in Medical sciences, based at the Radcliffe Department of Medicine. Jasha had been a volunteer crisis counselor and played football for Sydney University.

## Former James Fairfax - Oxford Australia Scholar



Kaspar Yaxley

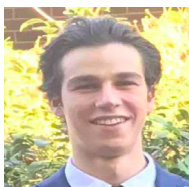
**2019-2021 Kaspar Yaxley** graduated from the University of Western Australia in 2017 with a Doctor of Medicine with Distinction. Prior to this he completed a Bachelor of Engineering (Chemical) with First Class Honours at the University of Adelaide. He has worked as a junior doctor at Royal Perth Hospital and in the Pilbara and Kimberley Regions of WA and has interests in radiology, medical technology and evidence-based medicine. At Oxford he undertook an MSc in evidence-based healthcare, supported by a James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholarship.



Alice Zhou

**2019-2020 Alice Zhou** graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Science (Advanced) and a Bachelor of Laws (Honours Class I). At Oxford, Alice completed her Bachelor of Civil Law at Christ Church, supported by a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship, the Peter Cameron Sydney Oxford Scholarship and the University of Sydney Eleanor Sophia Wood Postgraduate Travelling Scholarship. She achieved the BCL Vinerian Scholarship Proxime Accessit, and gained first place in subjects, Comparative Human Rights and Civil Procedure. Alice is now an Associate at an international London law firm.

*"My time at Oxford was nothing short of remarkable. I was challenged to think in ways I had not before, both by academics and my peers. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to immerse myself in such an intellectually stimulating environment and for the no doubt lifelong friendships I made."*



Daniel Altman

**2018-2021 Daniel Altman** graduated from the University of New South Wales in 2017 with a Bachelor of Science (Advanced Mathematics), First Class Honours and University Medal in Pure Mathematics. Daniel has achieved top places in several international competitions in programming and mathematics and has published in the areas of combinatorics and number theory. Since arriving at Oxford, he has rowed for his college, captained his college in cricket and football, and is currently a Blues cricketer. Academically, Daniel has been pursuing a DPhil in mathematics as part of the Number Theory Research Group, supervised by Professor Ben Green. He has been supported by a University of Oxford Mathematical Institute doctoral award and a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship.



Hayley Pring

**2018-2020 Hayley Pring** graduated from the Australian National University having studied the Bachelor of Philosophy/BA with First Class Honours in International Relations. In addition to working as a researcher and tutoring in the political science department at ANU, she has written articles on International Trade as a Fellow with the Young Australian in International Affairs, runs half-marathons and is training for the Great Ocean Road Marathon. At Oxford, having completed her MPhil supported by both the James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship and the Governor Phillip Scholarship, Hayley is studying for a DPhil in International Relations with a focus on the design of international trade agreements.

*"Nuffield has been fantastic during the pandemic and I have been able to keep my room there. I still have access to libraries, or I can just request the books online to pick up."*



Jasper Fried

**2017-2020 Jasper Fried** graduated from the University of Western Australia in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science and in 2016 with a Master of Physics degree, with distinction. During his Masters degree Jasper worked on the development of a new technique to detect magnetic nanoparticles for applications in magnetic biosensing and was able to publish several research papers on his work. At Oxford, his DPhil in Material Science, within the Oxford Quantum Electronic Devices Research Group, is on DNA sequencing using graphene nanoelectrodes.

*"I have recently handed in my PhD thesis which focused on novel techniques to fabricate single-molecule biosensors via electrical breakdown. These fabrication techniques are cheap, rapid and fully automatable thus making these methods widely accessible to the community. I will now be completing a short post-doc at Imperial College London before heading back to do a post-doc at UNSW in the Department of Chemistry. Outside of work, I have been involved in several sporting teams during my time in Oxford, including the University Cricket Club and Australian Rules Football Teams. I am very grateful to Oxford-Australia for providing me with the support they have over the past several years to complete my studies at Oxford."*

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## Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

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**2018 – 2019 Jack Maxwell** graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2012 with a Bachelor of Arts, First Class Honours in Philosophy, followed by a Juris Doctor in 2015. After graduation, Jack worked at the Victorian Government Solicitor's Office, interned with Kimberley Community Legal Services, and volunteered for several not-for-profits. At Oxford, he completed a BCL on a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship, with distinction. Jack is now based in London, working as a Research Fellow at the Public Law Project. His work focuses on how technology is changing the way government makes decisions and the channels by which people can challenge those decisions.

*"My year at Oxford was just wonderful. The BCL was stimulating and demanding, I met some fantastic people through the course and my college, and it has enabled me to continue to pursue my passion for public law in London this year. I am truly grateful to the Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund and its generous donors for making this possible."*

**2018-2019 Jacqueline Meredith** graduated from the University of Newcastle in 2016 with First Class Honours and the University Medal in Law. She has worked as an Associate Lecturer in Law and an Associate to the Hon Justice Michael McDonald in the Supreme Court of Victoria. At Oxford, Jacqueline read for the Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) at Lincoln College. She was supported by a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship and obtained her BCL with Distinction and a Law Faculty Prize. Jacqueline is currently undertaking a PhD in Law at the University of Melbourne, based at the Centre for Employment and Labour Relations Law.

**2017-2019 Amanda Stewart** graduated from the University of Sydney in 2016 with a Bachelor of Arts, First Class Honours and the University Medal. In her Honours thesis, Amanda examined Christa Wolf's experimental literary style in relation to the context of East Germany. Amanda has also studied French and Russian. At Oxford on a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship, she undertook an MPhil in modern languages, working within and across national and linguistic boundaries.

*"I have had an excellent year. I gave a conference paper at the 2018 Symposium "Literature and Social Emotions". I also published a peer-reviewed article in "German Life and Letters" which can be found here: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14680483/2019/72/2>."*

**2015-2018 Lachlan Lindoy** graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Science, First Class Honours and University Medal in Chemistry. Lachlan completed a DPhil in Physical and Theoretical Chemistry focusing on the theory and application of path integral methods, supported by a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship and a Sydney University Travelling Scholarship. Lachlan is currently based at the Department of Chemistry, Columbia University, NY.

**2015-2018 Lindon Roberts** graduated from the Australian National University in 2011 with a Bachelor of Computational Science, First Class Honours and a University Medal in Mathematics. At Oxford his four year DPhil was at the Centre for Doctoral Training in Industrially-Focused Mathematical Modelling.

*"In 2019 I finished my DPhil, where I developed new mathematical techniques for solving optimisation problems, particularly where the quantity being optimised is expensive to compute or noisy. My work is being applied in areas such as climate science and battery development, and is available in commercial software released by NAG, a British software company who was the industrial partner for my research. I am now an MSI Fellow at the Australian National University, where I am developing an independent research program and delivering a new lecture course on mathematical techniques in data science."*

**2014-2015, 2015-18 Jessica Buck** graduated from Newcastle University with a B Biomed Science, Faculty of Health & Medicine medal and a Diploma in Languages (Japanese). At Oxford, Jessica achieved a MSc in neuroscience and a DPhil in oncology. Following her DPhil, Jessica is now a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Telethon Kids Institute in Perth, testing new drugs in combination with chemotherapy and radiotherapy in the treatment of children's brain tumours. As a Kamilaro woman, Jessica is also interested in mentoring the next generation of women in STEM and encouraging more indigenous children to become involved in science.

**2015-2017 Merrilyn Groom** graduated from the University of New South Wales with a Bachelor of Economics, First Class Honours and University Medal in Econometrics. Supported by both a Clarendon Scholarship and a James Fairfax Oxford Australia award, Merrilyn worked towards a MPhil in Economics, to empirically test a theory from behavioural economics to see if it can explain individual decision-making seen in the real world, based at Nuffield College. She is currently in her second year of a DPhil, working on mental accounting and the economics of identity.

*"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in Oxford, playing for the women's second basketball team and attending a variety of concerts, talks and seminars. My time has been intense, incredible and truly engaging. Oxford provides an exceptional education, both within and outside the seminar room. I am incredibly grateful to Oxford Australia and Clarendon for providing me not only with this world-class education but with the opportunity to meet so many talented colleagues and fellows who continually push the boundaries of my knowledge in a variety of disciplines."*



Jack Maxwell



Jacqueline Meredith



Amanda Stewart



Lachlan Lindoy



Lindon Roberts



Jessica Buck



Merrilyn Groom



## Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars



Bradley Jordan

**2015-2018 Bradley Jordan** completed his research MA with high distinction in Classics and Archaeology in 2014 after First Class Honours at the University of Melbourne and a BA at the University of Western Australia in 2011. At Oxford, supported by Clarendon and James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarships, Bradley completed his DPhil in Ancient History at Merton, focusing on the origin and development of Roman provincial institutions in Asia and exploring how Roman power developed in dialogue with existing local practice. He is currently a Postdoctoral Fellow at the British Institute at Ankara, where he is writing his first book on Roman imperialism and local agency in the late Republican provinces. .

*"I presented my research at several conferences in Europe, the USA and UK. Outside of research, I again represented the Oxford University Australian Rules Football team in a successful season and served as Secretary of the Oxford University Australia and New Zealand Society. Once again, I would like to extend my thanks to the fund for providing me with the opportunity to experience and research in Oxford."*



Daniel Tracey

**2014-2017 Daniel Tracey** graduated from the University of Sydney in 2013 with BSc (First Class Honours and University Medal in Chemistry, co-major in Physics) and BA (Philosophy). At Oxford he first undertook an MSc followed by his DPhil in Physical & Theoretical Chemistry. Returning to Australia, Daniel is now an Associate with McKinsey and Company in Sydney.

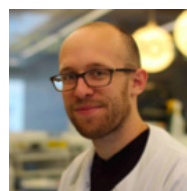
*"In May 2019 I passed my DPhil viva, and so my 4.5 years in Oxford came to a close. The DPhil was long and tough, but rewarding. The experience as a whole in Oxford has been wonderful - unique opportunities, and people from whom I've learnt a lot. Thanks again to the Oxford Australia Fund!"*



Giles Gardam

**2013-2016 Giles Gardam** graduated from the University of Sydney in 2012 with a BSc, First Class Honours and University Medal in Pure Mathematics. Outside mathematics, Giles is a keen saxophonist, enjoys endurance sport and learning foreign languages. Giles' Doctorate was in Mathematics, supported by his Oxford Australia award, a Clarendon Scholarship and Balliol College Marvin Bower Scholarship. After a postdoc in geometric group theory in the Hausdorff Trimester Program Logic and Algorithms in Group Theory in Bonn, from January 2019 he is working in the Topology Group at the WWU Münster as a Research Associate.

**2012-2015 Hamish King** graduated with First Class Honours in molecular biology and a University Medal from Flinders University. At Oxford, Hamish completed his DPhil as part of the Wellcome Trust 4 Year Doctoral Programme in Chromosome and Developmental Biology based in the Department of Biochemistry, investigating the molecular mechanisms that allow genes to be turned on and off at different stages of development. Hamish was then a Sir Henry Wellcome PostDoctoral Fellow at the Queen Mary University of London and the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute. He is now back in Australia as Head of the Division of Epigenetics and Development at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute in Melbourne.



Hamish King

**2012-2015 Robert O'Shea** graduated from the University of Melbourne with an MA in History. At Oxford, Robert held an Honorary Oxford Australia Scholarship with his Oxford Clarendon Scholarship and a Rae and Edith Bennett Travelling Scholarship from Melbourne University. He was President of the Pembroke College MCR, Secretary of the Australia New Zealand Society and Secretary of the Newman Society.

*"My DPhil explored the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conferences 1944-1969. Britain's attempts to preserve its influence through the Conferences while withdrawing trade and immigration preferences from the Commonwealth has remained relevant as Britain finalises a free trade deal with Australia! In 2016 I returned to Australia and now work in Canberra with the Department of Defence. In 2021 I returned to study with a Masters in Military and Defence Studies at ANU via the Australian Command and Staff College. I am deeply grateful for the support of the Oxford Australia fund throughout my DPhil."*



Robert O'Shea

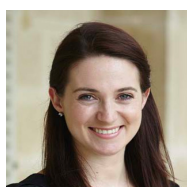
**2011-2014 Hilary Martin** graduated from the University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Science majoring in genetics and is particularly interested in the origins and consequences of normal human genetic variation. At Oxford, supported also by a Clarendon, her DPhil research was in Clinical Medicine, assessing the clinical and translational value of "next-generation" DNA sequencing technologies in finding disease-causing mutations.

*"My work at the Wellcome Sanger Institute outside Cambridge continues, this year with exciting new projects including on the genetics of cognitive and behavioural traits. Life has been complicated but also enriched by the arrival of baby Hugo, born coincidentally ten years to the day since I arrived in Oxford. He would not have come into existence if I had not been to Oxford and met my partner there, so I am very grateful to the Oxford Australia fund for their support!"*



Hilary Martin

**2011-2012 and 2012-2013 Kate Mitchell** graduated from Bond University in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts (University Medal) and Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours and University Medal). She became an Associate to Justice Michelle Gordon in the Federal Court of Australia and a lawyer in Melbourne. At Oxford in 2011-2012, supported also by a Clarendon Scholarship, Kate studied for the BCL at Magdalen College focusing on comparative public law and socio-economic rights. With a full Oxford Australia Scholarship she researched human rights and international investment law for her MPhil in Law. Kate was then awarded a General Sir John Monash Scholarship to enable her to complete her DPhil in Law. She is now the Principal Research Officer to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights in Canberra.



Kate Mitchell



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## Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

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**2010-2013 Amber Hood** graduated, First Class Honours, from Macquarie University in Ancient History.

Spending nearly seven years in Oxford from 2009-2016, Amber focused on achieving the first optically stimulated luminescence dates for ancient Egyptian pottery by working with museum-based artefacts. During her time at Oxford she was the President of the Clarendon Scholars' Association, as well as being elected twice to the Merton MCR committee. Amber is now a researcher at Lund University in Sweden, where she continues to focus on archaeological science in Egyptology, although she has begun to work in Scandinavian archaeology too. She has recently co-founded a new academic journal, Interdisciplinary Egyptology, for which she is an editor. She is also now mum to an almost-two year old son.

*"My time in Oxford prepared me well for pursuing a career in academia; the training and experiences that I had the fortune to benefit from have helped me find an ideal research position working in a field I'm passionate about. My seven wonderful years in Oxford will always bring back the fondest of memories and I am so very grateful to the Oxford-Australia Scholarship for being part of that journey."*

**2010-2013 Paul Gray** graduated with BSc (Psychology) Honours degree and BA Sociology and Aboriginal Studies from the University of Sydney in 2007. Paul, a descendant of the Bogan River Wiradjuri from NSW, is the first Aboriginal Australian student to graduate with Honours in Psychology. After graduation he worked as a psychologist with the NSW Department of Human Services, Community Services Division. On a Charlie Perkins Scholarship to support his DPhil work at Oxford, Paul explored the mechanisms of risk and resilience for children exposed to early traumatic experiences.

**2011-2012 and 2012-2013 Clancy Reid** graduated from the University of NSW with a BA, First Class Honours and University Medal in English and completed his LLB on exchange at University College London. At Oxford, he gained a Master of Studies in English, focusing on the early collaboration between T S Eliot and Ezra Pound and their contest over art in modernist aesthetics. Clancy followed this with a Master of Studies in Film Aesthetics.

*"With every day consumed by the thousand different things on offer, my time passed in the blink of a fevered eye. It was thrilling to be part of such an engaged intellectual community, where the variety of lectures, seminars, readings and performances is astounding. The MSt was a demanding and exciting course, introducing advanced methods of scholarship that allowed me to make use of Oxford's singular archives. I am extremely grateful to the James-Fairfax Oxford Australia Fund for making my time at Oxford possible - a uniquely wonderful experience that will affect me profoundly, long after I have left."*

**2010-2013 Mimi Zou** is Professor of Commercial Law at the University of Exeter, UK. Mimi completed her BCL (2010-2011) with Distinction at Christ Church, and her DPhil (2011-2014) at St John's College, Oxford. In addition to the James Fairfax Scholarship, her DPhil was supported by a Commonwealth Scholarship from the UK government. Mimi graduated from the University of Sydney with First Class Honours and the University Medal in Economics and Social Sciences in 2007 and with First Class Honours in Law in 2009. During her studies in Oxford, Mimi served as Junior Dean at St John's College, President of the Australian and New Zealand Society, and represented Oxford in Powerlifting at the Oxford v Cambridge Varsity Match. Mimi has held academic appointments at the University of Reading, University of Oxford, Columbia Law School, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Utrecht University and the University of Sydney. Mimi's research is primarily in the areas of digital law, employment law, contract law, and Chinese law.

**2010-2013 Andrew Cichy** graduated from the University of Western Australia in Commerce and then Music, with Honours in Performance – the first organist to do so in a decade. After an MSt in Music at Merton College, his DPhil was completed on a Clarendon Scholarship in 2014. Recently, Dr Cichy has been Director of Music at St Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane.

*"The experience of finishing my doctoral research at Oxford was not one of closure but rather of broadening horizons: all the tantalising avenues that presented themselves along the way lay open to me, and I felt free and eager to explore them. My post-doc year in Bremen enabled me to do just that: having been made aware of Poland's rich musical culture during the 17th and 18th centuries, I engaged with the little-known keyboard repertoires that are again accessible to Western Europe after the fall of the Iron Curtain, while also continuing development as a professional organist, playing some of the most beautiful and well-crafted organs in the world. My commitment to pursuing musicological and performance studies to their highest levels simultaneously grows as I plan for the future and remains my highest priority."*



Amber Hood



Paul Gray



Clancy Reid



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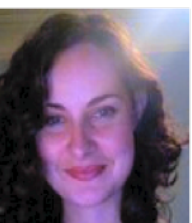
Lucie Moore

**2010-2012 Lucie Moore** graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2009 with a Bachelor of Commerce (First Class Honours) and a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Economics and Mathematics. After graduation, she worked for the World Bank on a research project in Zomba, Malawi. At Oxford, from 2010-2012, Lucie studied for the MPhil in Economics at Brasenose College focusing on development economics. She was supported by a Clarendon Scholarship with an Honorary James-Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship. Lucie is currently Head of Monitoring, Reporting, Evaluation and Learning for The Prosperity Fund (on loan from the UK Department for International Development).



Zachary Vermeer

**2010-2011, 2012-2013, 2013-2015 Zachary Vermeer** In 2018 Zachary completed his doctorate in international law, which considered the role played by government consent as a legal justification for foreign military intervention in civil wars. He then worked as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford, co-leading a research project examining State consent to the jurisdiction of international tribunals. During his time at Oxford he also taught international law, constitutional law and legal theory to undergraduate and postgraduate students. He was recently a Judicial Fellow at the International Court of Justice in The Hague, assisting Judge James Crawford with legal research relevant to cases before the Court.



Alys Moody

**2009-2012 Alys Moody** graduated with First Class Honours and the University Medal in English from the University of Sydney in 2006. After an MPhil at Sydney and teaching for a year at the Université Paris VII-Paris Diderot, she studied for a DPhil in English at Oxford, with the support of a James Fairfax Oxford Australia award, and funding from the Clarendon Trust and Jesus College. Alys completed her DPhil in 2013, while working as a stipendiary lecturer in Modern and Victorian Literature at Jesus College and a Junior Dean at Brasenose. Since graduating, she has taught at the University of Waikato, New Zealand (2013-16) and Macquarie University in Sydney (2016-19). She is currently Associate Professor in Literature at Bard College, and an editor of the journal *Modernism/modernity*. She has published a book based on her DPhil research (*The Art of Hunger: Aesthetic Autonomy and the Afterlives of Modernism*; Oxford University Press, 2018), and co-edited, with Oxford peer Stephen J. Ross, the anthology *Global Modernists on Modernism: An Anthology* (Bloomsbury, 2020), which won the 2021 Modernist Studies Association Prize for a Collection, Edition or Anthology.



Jaani Riordan

**2009-2012 Jaani Riordan** has Bachelor of Computer Science and Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours and University Medal) from the University of Melbourne. Since his DPhil at Oxford, Jaani has worked as a barrister at 8 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, a leading intellectual property, technology and media law chambers, where he is developing a specialist practice in internet and technology litigation.

*"My research considered the legal responsibility of internet platforms (such as Wikileaks, Google and Facebook) for wrongfully disclosing confidential, private or classified information obtained by their users, as part of a larger project examining the liability of intermediaries for third party wrongdoing on the internet. As a stipendiary lecturer in law at University College, I tutored undergraduates in contract and trusts law. I played violin in two Oxford orchestras, one of which toured Portugal in the summer, and have taken photographs of Oxford's wonderful architecture at balls and College events. On the sporting side, I greatly enjoyed coxing for Magdalen in the college regattas, and competing in fencing, cricket and tennis tournaments. I was also fortunate to attend many interesting lectures, concerts and conferences in Oxford, Cambridge and London. I would like to express my gratitude to the James Fairfax-Oxford Australia fund and its donors for their generous support of my research and for making my postgraduate studies possible."*



Edward Hancock

**2009-2012 Edward Hancock** graduated from the University of Sydney in 2006 with a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Electrical Engineering (First Class Honours and University Medal), and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. Following his DPhil at Oxford, Edward is now a researcher in the Charles Perkins Centre at the University of Sydney.

*"I worked as a research associate on a bioengineering project in the Department of Engineering Science at Oxford for my DPhil and then did a post-doc in synthetic biology at Oxford. During my DPhil, I had a great time as a visiting student at Caltech (California Institute of Technology) for a few months, which was a bit like going from Hogwarts to The Big Bang Theory. I am very grateful to my sponsors for giving me the opportunity to study at Oxford."*



Maeve Eason Hubbard

**2009-2012 Maeve Eason Hubbard** graduated from the University of Melbourne with a First Class Honours degree in Science, focusing on marine biology.

*"My DPhil research focused on the cellular mechanisms that phytoplankton use to acquire carbon dioxide from seawater, a process essential for photosynthesis. This is an exciting field of study, as marine phytoplankton play an important part in driving the global carbon cycle and climate. As part of my studies, I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to undertake fieldwork in a number of interesting locations, including a 6-week scientific cruise across the Atlantic Ocean. After leaving Oxford, I have worked at Rutgers University (New Jersey, USA) and the Scottish Association of Marine Science (UK). I'd like to thank the Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund for their invaluable support during my graduate studies."*



## Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

**2010-2011 Anne Carter** graduated from the University of Adelaide with First Class Honours in both History and Law with a University Medal in History. Upon graduating she spent five months as an intern at the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague. She then returned to Australia and worked as Associate in both the Supreme Court of South Australia and the Federal Court, and then as the Researcher to the Victorian Solicitor-General. Anne completed the BCL and MPhil in law at University College in 2009-2011. Upon returning to Australia Anne practised in constitutional law and administrative law for a number of years. In 2018 she completed a PhD in constitutional law at Melbourne Law School and she is now working in academia.

*"I had a wonderful two years in Oxford, enjoying living and working in such a vibrant academic and social environment. I particularly enjoyed the chance to pursue my research interests in evidence and human rights law, and outside of my studies I volunteered with Oxford Pro Bono Publico and rowed for Univ in Summer VIIIs. I made many wonderful friends from around the world with whom I stay in touch. I am very grateful to the Oxford-Australia Scholarship for helping to make my studies possible."*

**2009-2010 Ross Abbs** obtained First Class Honours degrees and University Medals in both law and ancient history at the University of Newcastle. He then worked as an Associate to Justice Michael Kirby of the High Court of Australia and as a researcher at the Victorian Law Reform Commission. At Oxford he studied for the Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL). Ross has been appointed a Lecturer in the Sydney University Law School and is currently undertaking research for a PhD on matters relating to the work of the High Court of Australia in the field of criminal justice.

*"I appreciated the non-specialised character of the degree and benefited greatly from the expertise of my teachers who are leading thinkers in their respective fields. I also found value in the insights of my fellow students whose diversity of experience undoubtedly enriches the Oxford experience. I am extremely grateful to the Oxford Australia Fund for making my study there possible."*

**2009-2010 Alexander J Taylor** graduated with First Class Honours in Arts (Art History) from the University of Melbourne, with previous study at the University of Queensland and the University of California, Berkeley. Alex continued his DPhil in History of Art at Oxford as a Rae and Edith Bennett Travelling Scholar and has revised his doctoral dissertation on corporate patronage for publication. Alex led a three-year research initiative on the American art collection of the Tate, with scholarly publications, workshops and displays and contributed to Tate Modern's *Alexander Calder: Performing Sculpture* exhibition (2016), including a catalogue essay on the artist's early wire sculptures, based on his research at Oxford in 2009. After his role as Terra Foundation Research Fellow for American Art at Tate in London concluded, Alex has taken a faculty position as Academic Curator and Assistant Professor of History of Art and Architecture at the University of Pittsburgh.

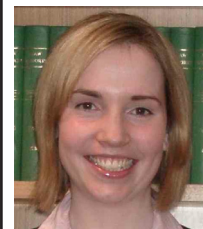
**2008-11 Michael Molinari** graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2004 with a Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Science (chemistry/biochemistry). He obtained an MSc in Biomedical Engineering on a British Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholarship in 2008 and completed his DPhil in Engineering Science (Biomedical Engineering) in 2012. His thesis was concerned with developing applications of therapeutic ultrasound for the treatment of chronic lower back pain. Michael has recently taken up a new role leading IP Group in Australia and NZ. IP Group are a global leader in building companies around disruptive technological innovation, primarily arising from partner universities in the UK, US and Australia.

**2008-2011 Benjamin Fulcher** completed a Bachelor of Science, First Class Honours and University Medal in Physics, at the University of Sydney in 2007. At Oxford his DPhil was in Physics.

*"I am a recent first-time father, and in my spare time work in the School of Physics at The University of Sydney as a Senior Lecturer in Neurophysics and Brain Dynamics. As I think more about balancing family life with work, I am reminded how lucky I am to have been exposed to so many fascinating and passionate people at Oxford, who shaped who I am as a person, enriching both my life and my interdisciplinary work. Now as a mentor, I try to pass on this spirit to my students. I am very grateful to the Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund for supporting my time in Oxford — the skills and academic contacts I obtained, as well as the many amazing friends I made there, have both defined my career and broadened my outlook on life."*

**2008-2011 Neil Rabinowitz** graduated from the University of Western Australia with First Class Honours in Physics and Mathematics. After an MSc in neuroscience at Oxford in 2008, he then completed a DPhil in the Auditory Neuroscience Laboratory within the Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics, and did a post-doc at the Laboratory for Computational Vision at New York University. He is currently a research scientist at DeepMind in London, working on artificial intelligence.

*"We are a species of intelligent apes, but only just beginning to figure out what this intelligence actually comprises. We have recently made some unexpected steps forward in distilling the computational essence of these smarts, and harnessing these components to develop novel machine learning systems. These technologies however are not designed for transparency: they produce solutions we don't understand to problems we don't fully understand either."*



Anne Carter



Ross Abbs



Alexander Taylor



Mike Molinari



Ben Fulcher



Neil Rabinowitz



## Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars



Zevic Mishor

**2008-2010 Zevic Mishor** graduated from the University of NSW in 2005 majoring in physiology and psychology. At Oxford he obtained an MSc in neuroscience and subsequently an MSc in social anthropology. In 2016 he completed his doctorate in anthropology at the University of Sydney, with a thesis exploring the structures of the Jewish ultra-orthodox lifeworld, based on ethnographic work with a Chasidic community in the northern Galilee of Israel. Zevic currently lectures in anthropology at Tel Hai College, a tertiary institution located in the same part of the country.



Kim Anderson

**2008-2009 Kim Anderson** graduated from the University of Adelaide with First Class Honours degrees and University Medals in Computer Systems Engineering (2004) and Law (2006). He served as Associate to the Hon Justice Vanstone in the Supreme Court of South Australia and practised as a solicitor in Melbourne. Kim completed his BCL (with Distinction) at Oxford in 2009 and returned to commercial practice in Sydney, having been admitted to the Bar in 2014.

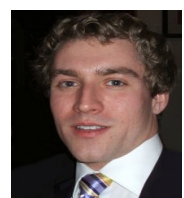
*"My experience at Oxford was immensely rewarding, without a doubt the highlight of my academic career. To interact on a daily basis with many of the leading scholars in my fields of interest was a rare privilege. The vibrant social and extra-curricular life of Oxford was also very stimulating. It has been satisfying to draw upon what I learnt on the BCL in commercial practice, although I must confess there are times when I fondly imagine being back amidst the dreaming spires!"*



Melissa Duncan

**2007-2010 Melissa Duncan** from Brisbane, graduated from the University of Queensland in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in both mathematics and physics and in 2006 graduated with First Class Honours and University Medal in mathematics. Her Oxford DPhil was in mathematics. Melissa currently works in the financial sector in London.

*"My thesis was mainly concerned with mathematical structures related to supersymmetry. I had a great opportunity to explore topics in the wider field of mathematical physics thanks to frequent seminars and interacting with other graduate students here. I will certainly miss the lively academic environment and also the social scene in Oxford. I'd like to thank the Oxford Australia Fund for their support and am grateful for the many chances to meet the other Oxford Australia scholars here."*



Andrew Whitby

**2007-2009 Andrew Whitby** completed an MPhil in Economics funded by a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship, having previously studied economics and computer science at the University of Queensland. Andrew successfully defended his DPhil thesis in 2013.

*"My first book, The Sum of the People: How the Census has Shaped Nations from the Ancient World to the Modern Age was published in March 2020. It was well received, with favorable reviews from the Economist and the New Yorker amongst others. The genesis of the book—though unrelated to my academic work—came to me while I was working on my MPhil, so I want to restate my appreciation for the opportunity the Oxford Australia Fund gave me. With 2020 in the rear-view mirror, and after five years at the World Bank posted nominally in Washington, DC but lately split between there and New York, I have finally accepted that I now live in the latter and begun a new job at Bloomberg LP."*



Shelley Wickham

**2006-2010 Shelley Wickham** graduated from the University of Sydney with a combined degree in Science and Arts, a major in Russian Language, First Class Honours and University Medal in Physics.

*"In 2011 I completed my DPhil in bio-nanotechnology, using DNA structures as a tool to help study and understand protein motors that occur in living cells. I then moved to a post-doctoral fellowship in Professor William Shih's lab at Harvard Medical School, based in the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the department of Biological Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology where I worked on using techniques from nanotechnology to study biological problems, supported by a Lindemann Trust Fellowship in 2011/12. In 2016 I returned to the University of Sydney as a Lecturer (now a Senior Lecturer) to start my own research lab in DNA nanotechnology in the Schools of Physics and Chemistry and the new Australian Institute of Nanoscale Science and Technology (AINST). I am currently supported by the Professor Harry Messel Research Fellowship (2016-2019) and following that by a Lectureship in Physics and Chemistry."*



Olivia Murphy

**2006-2009 Olivia Murphy**, from Canberra, graduated with a University Medal in English from the University of Sydney in 2005. After her DPhil, she lectured for two years at Murdoch University in Perth, before taking up a postdoctoral fellowship in British Romanticism at the University of Sydney in January 2015. Her DPhil thesis was published in 2013 as *Jane Austen the Reader*.

*"I will always be grateful to everyone involved in the Fairfax-Oxford Australia fund for the wonderful opportunity to pursue my research at Oxford. I have benefited immensely from being part of that community of scholars."*



Patrick Delaney

**2006-2007 Patrick Delaney** from Canberra, graduated from the Australian National University in 2005 with a Bachelor of Laws (University Medal) and Bachelor of Arts (majoring in International Relations and Philosophy). He read for the Bachelor of Civil Law at Christ Church, Oxford, graduating with Distinction in 2007. Patrick worked in the Ministry of Justice (UK) in 2008, and was judicial associate to Judge Shi Jiuyong (China) and Judge Leonid Skotnikov (Russia) of the International Court of Justice in 2008-9. He has published work on transnational corruption and discrimination. Patrick presently works in the Office of the General Counsel for PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in New York, and was previously an Associate in the New York office of Davis Polk & Wardwell.

## Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

**2006-2007 Erin Schwarz** graduated from the University of Adelaide in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours in English) and a Diploma in Languages (Japanese). At Oxford she read for the MSt in English Language and Literature and was awarded the degree with distinction.

*"My year reading for the MSt afforded many opportunities for academic and personal growth. Being at Oxford gave me a rare opportunity to experience literature in a new cultural context, and I particularly relished the chance to work with the manuscripts and first editions at the Bodleian Library. After my degree, I spent six years working in the publishing industry, as a Journal Publishing Assistant at Wiley-Blackwell and as a Production Editor, then Senior Production Editor, at Oxford University Press. In 2015 I returned to Australia, taking the opportunity to launch my own business as a freelance editor and proofreader – a venture that I am thoroughly enjoying. My Oxford degree opened the door to the publishing industry for me, and I am extremely grateful to the Oxford-Australia Scholarship Committee for enabling me to pursue something that would have otherwise remained a dream, and for going out of its way to provide an exceptional level of support."*



Erin Schwarz

**2006-2008 Phil Manners** completed an MPhil in Economics (Nuffield College), having previously graduated from the Australian National University in Canberra with a Bachelor of Economics (Honours and University Medal) and a Bachelor of Science majoring in mathematics. Currently, Phil is a Director of the Centre for International Economics in Sydney.

*"I had a terrific time studying the MPhil in Economics at Oxford. Highlights included a course in international economics, lectures by many of the best people in the field as well as captaining Nuffield College in football. My study in Oxford serves me very well back in Australia and I am using many of the techniques I learnt there in my work at the Centre for International Economics."*



Phil Manners

**2006-2008 Anthony Jones** studied a BA in Law at University College on a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship from 2006 to 2008, having previously obtained an MA and BA with First Class Honours and the University Medal in Chinese from Sydney University. He graduated from Oxford with First Class Honours and prizes in Jurisprudence and Land Law. While at Univ, Anthony was Secretary of the MCR, a Choral Exhibitioner, a fast (although admittedly erratic) bowler for the Univ XI, and a sometime second-row forward for the XV. After Oxford, he worked as a speechwriter to the Hon Bob Carr, and then as policy advisor to the Hon John Hatzistergos, NSW Attorney-General. Anthony returned to the UK in 2010 to qualify as a barrister, and has since 2012 been a tenant at 4 New Square in Lincoln's Inn with a practice in commercial and public law.



Anthony Jones

**2005-2006 and 2007-2008 Brenda Tronson**, from Werombi, graduated from the University of New South Wales with a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Science (Hons). Brenda completed her BCL in Oxford in 2006 and her MPhil in Law in 2008, having been granted a 12 month deferral to work for the Hon Justice Crennan at the High Court of Australia.

*"After completing my Oxford studies, I started at the Bar here in Sydney. I read on Sixth Floor Selborne Wentworth Chambers and have been a member of Level 22 Chambers since it started in 2013. My practice encompasses both commercial law and public law and I have been teaching at UNSW and in the College of Law LLM program. My Oxford studies provided me with an excellent theoretical foundation for all my work."*



Brenda Tronson

**2004-2006 Eloise Scotford** from Sydney, graduated from the University of Sydney with a combined degree in science and law and the University Medal in Law in 2001. At Magdalen College, Eloise completed a BCL with Distinction in 2005-6, MPhil in Law in 2006-7, and DPhil in Law in 2007-10.

*"After my MPhil, I took up a three-year post as a Career Development Fellow in Environmental Law at Corpus Christi College, Oxford (2007-2010) – a Faculty-based teaching and research post in which I taught undergraduate EU law and administrative law for Corpus Christi and undergraduate and postgraduate environmental law for the Faculty. During this time, I also finished my DPhil – a comparative project on Australian and European environmental law – which I successfully defended in December 2010. I then took up a permanent post as Lecturer then Senior Lecturer in Law at King's College London, before being appointed as Chair of Environmental Law at University College London in 2017. A version of my doctoral thesis was also finally published as a monograph by Hart Publishing in 2017 (Environmental Principles and the Evolution of Environmental Law). This book was completed whilst two other major projects – my two daughters – were born in 2014 and 2017. It is thanks to my Oxford funding that I find myself in this very fortunate position today. I am hugely appreciative."*



Eloise Scotford

**2004-2005 Naomi Hawkins**, from Brisbane, graduated from the University of Queensland with degrees in science and law and a University Medal in Law in 2002. At Oxford, she pursued a Bachelor of Civil Law degree with a focus on commercial, comparative and intellectual property law.

*"Following my BCL, I undertook my DPhil in law, funded by the Wellcome Trust. I am now an Associate Professor at the University of Exeter Law School. My research explores intellectual property and medical law in emerging biomedical technologies, particularly genomics, and I am currently funded by the Economic and Social Research Council. I am enjoying life with my husband and two children, and I will always be grateful to the James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship for the opportunity to begin my Oxford studies, which have led to such a happy, fulfilling academic career."*



Naomi Hawkins



## Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars



Simon Baptist

**2003-2006 Simon Baptist**, from Hobart, graduated from the University of Tasmania with a combined science/economics degree and First Class Honours and University Medal in Economics.

*"I am now based in Singapore and working as the Global Chief Economist and Editorial Director for the EIU, the research and intelligence arm of The Economist Group. I run a team of around 100 analysts around the world and oversee the EIU's analysis of global and political events, and engage in public economics debates in the media, at conferences and other forums. This year I'm heavily focussed on issues such as the nature and pace of the recovery from the covid-19 pandemic, especially how and why it differs between countries, the immediate and longer-term impacts of US-China tensions (including the important impacts on Australia), and how monetary relationships are evolving and impacting macroeconomic and financial stability. In turn, I work with executives, banks, governments and multilateral institutions to help them understand how to use the EIU's analysis to inform their decisions. I studied the MPhil and DPhil in Economics from 2003-2008 at New College."*



Mark Thomson

**2003-2006 Mark Thomson**, from Adelaide, graduated from the Australian National University with two First Class Honours degrees and University Medals in Latin and English Literature. His DPhil studies were in Classics, specialising in Late Antiquity, returning to Australia in 2007.

*"My thesis was "The Historia Augusta and Late Roman Literary Culture". These biographies of Roman emperors from Hadrian to the Carinus (117-285), apparently written in the reigns of Diocletian, Constantius I and Constantine were realised in the nineteenth century to be an enormous hoax, perpetrated by a single forger, writing late in the fourth century. As well as trying to find the genuine historical materials hidden beneath these inventions, I tried to place some of this nonsense in its context, to integrate it into the culture of its day."*



Corin Throsby

**2002-2005 Corin Throsby**, Corin Throsby, from Sydney, graduated with the University Medal in English from the Australian National University. She completed an MST and DPhil at Hertford College and worked as Welfare Dean at Merton. She now teaches at the University of Cambridge. In 2011 she was named one of the BBC's New Generation Thinkers and is a regular commentator and presenter for BBC radio.

*"My experience at Oxford shaped me intellectually and personally, in ways that are still unfolding. I will always be enormously grateful to the Oxford-Australia Fund for changing the course of my life."*



Nicholas Apostoloff

**2002-2005 Nicholas Apostoloff**, from Canberra, graduated from the Australian National University with a Bachelor of Information Technology in 1998, a University Medal in Engineering in 2000 and an MPhil in Computer Vision in 2002. He was awarded his DPhil thesis in Computer Vision in 2007 after an enjoyable five years in Oxford.

*"After 6 exciting years in San Francisco working as a researcher in the film industry for Disney's Image Movers Digital and then Digital Domain I was awarded an Academy Award for Technical Achievement. Since then I joined an agricultural robotics startup as their Chief Scientist, after which I was recruited by Apple where I currently manage a machine learning research group. While industry is a dramatic change from academia, I am enjoying applying the knowledge I learnt at Oxford to real-world problems. I would like to thank the James Fairfax - Oxford Australia fund for helping me with my research and wish the fund all the best for the future."*



Dan Piggott

**2002-2003 Dan Piggott** QC graduated from the University of Queensland with First Class Honours and a University Medal in Law. He completed the BCL at Oxford with distinction and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2019.

*"The broader thinking that I learned studying law as a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Fund Scholar helps me every day in my practice at the Queensland Bar. More recently, I have been pleased to mentor and work with both Dan Fuller, the inaugural Ian Wilson-Magdalen College Oxford Australia Scholar, and with Mohammud Jaamae Hafeez-Baig, a Guy White - Ian Wilson Magdalen College Oxford Australia Fund Scholar, at the commencement of their respective careers at the Queensland Bar."*



Patrick Porter

**2001-2004 Patrick Porter** is Professor of International Security and Strategy at the University of Birmingham, Senior Associate Fellow at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) and Fellow of the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft. He also worked at the British Defence Academy, King's College London, the University of Reading and the University of Exeter. He was born and grew up in Australia, and graduated at the Universities of Melbourne and Oxford, where he obtained his doctorate in history. He has written four books. *Blunder: Britain's War in Iraq* appeared in November 2018 with Oxford University Press. His latest book is *The False Promise of Liberal Order*, published by Polity in 2020. He has also written for Politico, The National Interest, The Critic, The New Statesman, The American Conservative and The Washington Quarterly, with academic articles in International Security, Security Studies, International Affairs and War in History. His research interests are US and British foreign and defence policy, great power politics, realism, and in particular the causes and consequences of imperial 'hubris' and overstretch. He likes cricket, wine, ancient history, and cigars.



## Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

**2000-2003 Garry Bowen** won the Australian National University Medal for Theoretical Physics in 1999 and completed his DPhil in Physics in Oxford in 2003.

*"I have continued my physics research in quantum information theory. The James Fairfax Oxford-Australia Scholarship allowed me to undertake a doctorate with one of the leading quantum information research groups in the world and a research career would have been considerably more difficult without the support and opportunities it provided for me."*

**1999-2001 Patrick Mackerras** read Mathematics for his Bachelor of Science degree at the Australian National University from 1994 to 1997 before gaining a James Fairfax Oxford-Australia Scholarship to Christ Church, Oxford to study Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE). Patrick has now resumed his teaching career and is greatly enjoying his time at Wycombe High School in England. In addition to teaching mathematics, Patrick is also now the Head of the Department of Religious Studies, Philosophy, Citizenship and Critical Thinking.

**1999-2002 Benjamin Kelly** read Arts and Law at the University of Sydney. He completed his DPhil in Classics in 2002 at Brasenose and lectured in the ANU History Programme between 2003 and 2007.

*"The Oxford Faculty of Classics is one of the largest in the world and is one whose senior members are distinguished by their constant willingness to engage with the work of their colleagues and of graduate students, and to debate issues of fundamental cultural importance. New academics can lose sight of the higher cultural purpose of their work under the crush of research production targets, grant proposals, quality reviews, strategic planning, and the like. Having experienced the vibrant atmosphere Oxford, I have been left with an enduring sense of what is really important in my professional life: to study the classical origins of Western culture, to help to transmit the classical tradition to future generations, and to interact with academic colleagues and students with generosity and collegiality. In 2008, I joined the History Department at York University, Toronto and am now Associate Professor. My book, which emerged from my DPhil, was published in 2011 by Oxford University Press."*

**1998-2001 Dale Smith** read Law and Arts at the University of Melbourne and his was the first James Fairfax Oxford-Australia Scholarship to be awarded. He completed a DPhil in Law at Oxford.

*"I was a recipient of a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship from 1998 to 2001, which enabled me to undertake my D.Phil in Law at Oxford. My thesis examined the relevance of the debate between moral objectivists and anti-objectivists to how judges should decide cases. Studying at Oxford gave me the opportunity to meet, and learn from, many of the leading figures in my discipline. After leaving Oxford, I took up a position in the Faculty of Law at Monash University; in 2014, I moved to Melbourne Law School, where I am now a Professor and a former Associate Dean (Research). My current work is primarily on issues in legal philosophy and statutory interpretation, but I also work, together with Dr Colin Campbell from Deakin University, on certain issues in anti-discrimination law. The training I received at Oxford has proven to be of enormous value in my pursuit of an academic career."*



Garry Bowen



Patrick Mackerras



Ben Kelly



Dale Smith

## Sir Vincent Fairfax Life Sciences Scholarships 2003-2006

**The Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation, in its 40th anniversary year 2002, made a donation of \$120,000 to honour the Oxford graduate and Founder of the Foundation, Sir Vincent Fairfax CMG. This generous donation provided funding for two three-year life science research degrees at Oxford University.**

**2003-2006 Jonathan Lo**, from Melbourne, graduated from the University of Queensland with First Class Honours and University Medal in Engineering (1996) and Master of Engineering Science (1998). Based at Balliol, he worked in the Medical Vision Laboratory, specialising in diagnostic medical analysis such as tumour detection and disease localisation.

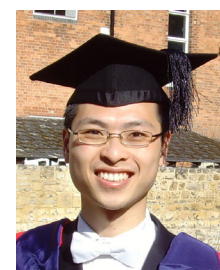
*"My work included developing computed-aided breast cancer detection using MRI images through trying to extract physiologically important information out of the images and use it for cancer detection. My study has been very beneficial to me in many ways. After graduation, I decided to apply my skill set in a different field and I worked as a quantitative researcher for an investment bank first in Japan and now in London. The photo was taken after crossing the finishing line in the 2011 Tokyo marathon."*

**2003-2006 Jason Wong**, from Sydney, graduated from the University of Sydney with First Class Honours in Bioinformatics in 2002. Based at Linacre College, his DPhil research involved the development of a computational tool intended to help the understanding of genomes.

*"My time at Oxford was immensely rewarding in many ways and provided the best possible environment for my studies. After the completion of my DPhil, I spent a year as a post-doctoral Fellow at University College Dublin. In 2008, I came to the University of New South Wales to further my research in the field of Cancer Bioinformatics. In 2013, I was awarded an ARC Future Fellowship and currently lead the Bioinformatics and Integrative Genomics group at the Lowy Cancer Research Center, UNSW. I am most grateful for the opportunities that the Sir Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation, in cooperation with the Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund, has opened up for me."*



Jonathan Lo



Jason Wong

## Former Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholars

**From 1998 to 2008, the British High Commission and the Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund jointly funded two Chevening scholarships a year to the University of Oxford for one-year taught post-graduate courses in a range of fields.**



Kate Purcell

**2008-2009 Kate Purcell** graduated from the University of New South Wales in 2008 with First Class Honours and the University Medal in Law. She completed the BCL at Oxford in 2009 graduating with a First and then read for a PhD in Law at the University of Cambridge with the support of the Cambridge Trusts' Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship and the St John's College JC Hall (Benefactors') Scholarship in Law. Her PhD was awarded the Cambridge Law Faculty's Yorke Prize. After a post-doctoral appointment in the Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales, Kate joined the Law Faculty of the University of Technology, Sydney. She was a Visiting Fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law at the University of Cambridge for the 2017-2018 academic year.

*"My research considered loss and change of territory in international law and examined the legal implications of the various effects of climate change on geomorphology globally. In 2011 I spent time as a visiting researcher in the Law Faculty of the University of the South Pacific in Vanuatu. This gave me the opportunity to visit several sites where increasingly frequent and intense extreme weather events are already reshaping the coastline, and to meet both with scientists and legal academics working in the area and members of affected communities. I was also able to meet with government officials to discuss their views on, and policy responses to, the threat of climate change and possible implications in interim international law. My time in Oxford was both academically stimulating and socially rewarding and I am extremely grateful to the Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund for making it possible. The BCL is excellent preparation for doctoral research and I would strongly recommend it to law graduates. I have no doubt that Oxford will continue to be a part of my life for years to come - not least because of the enduring friendships and memories it has left me with."*



Phoebe Williams

**2008-2009 Phoebe Williams** graduated from the ANU with B Commerce / B Sc (Psych) in 2004 before going on to complete her Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery with Honours at The University of Sydney. In 2008-2009 she studied the Masters of Global Health Science at Oxford University with the assistance of a Clarendon and Oxford Australia Scholarship, and was one of only two students in her year to graduate with distinction. She then returned to Australia to complete her clinical specialty training in Paediatrics and Infectious Diseases, working in clinical medicine at Sydney Children's Hospital. In 2015 she was awarded a Nuffield Department of Medicine Prize Studentship to undertake her DPhil in Paediatric Clinical Medicine. After a period in Oxford, she has recently returned from Kilifi (Kenya), where she was working under Professor Jay Berkley at The Oxford University Tropical Medicine Network to conduct a major clinical trial investigating new antibiotic regimens for neonatal sepsis to combat rising global rates of antibiotic resistance. She also established the University of Sydney's Diploma of Child Health within Kilifi, to train 22 local nurses and clinical officers in evidence-based best practice paediatric medical skills, during her time in the tropical medicine department.

**2007-2008 Carla Bissett**, from Newcastle, NSW, graduated in 2006 with a Bachelor of Engineering in Industrial Chemistry (Honours) from the University of New South Wales.

*"I completed my Oxford MSc degree in Water Science, Policy and Management with the aim of developing a career in the public policy and natural resource management sector. Since my return to Australia in 2010 I have been working for the NSW Government's independent Natural Resources Commission. Advising on natural resource management, including water management, at a state and regional scale is both challenging and rewarding. I am extremely grateful to the Oxford Australia Committee for providing me with the opportunity to study water resource management in an international context."*



Carla Bissett

**2005-2006 Catherine Eakin**, from Kempsey, New South Wales, graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours in 2001. Catherine is now Senior Manager and Senior legal counsel at ASX.

*"The year I spent as a Chevening Oxford Australia scholar enriched my life academically, professionally and personally. I was challenged to consider why and how we regulate and the ways in which Australia is both ahead of and behind the UK and European Union in formulating regulatory policy. At a time of global financial crisis, a critical appraisal of comparative regulatory approaches has never been more vital. I am indebted to Professor White and the Scholarship Committee for the opportunity Oxford provided to refine my analytical skills, learn from internationally acclaimed scholars and to befriend and exchange ideas with students from around the world."*



Catherine Eakin



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## Former Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholars

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**2005 – 2006 Sandy Phipps**, from Canberra, attended the Australian National University and received a Bachelor of Arts degree with first class Honours in 2001, graduating with the Mick Williams Prize for the best History Honours degree in his year. He then received a Bachelor of Laws with first class Honours in 2003, graduating with a University Medal and the Attorney General's Prize. In 2005, he took up a Chevening Oxford-Australia Fund scholarship to read for a Bachelor of Civil Law at St Edmund Hall and graduated with distinction the following year. He remained in England following his time in Oxford and, in 2008, was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn. He now practices from Chambers at One Essex Court in the Temple and, alongside his practice, maintains an interest in academic law.

*"Having the opportunity to study at Oxford by virtue of the Chevening Oxford-Australia Scholarship programme was a remarkable experience, and one that has – as, I imagine, for many other scholars – shaped my personal and professional life since. The Bachelor of Civil Law was the most intellectually rigorous course of study I have ever undertaken, not the least because of the enthusiasm and ability of my fellow students. While we have gone on to do many different things in many different places since graduation, I remain in personal and professional contact with a number of my fellow students (and tutors) and, a decade and a half later, continue to exchange views and ideas with them in much the same way we did at Oxford. I therefore wholeheartedly recommend the scholarship to prospective students, and commend the tireless and ongoing work in support of it carried out by John and Ailsa White."*

**2004-2005 Andrew Battison**, from Canberra, graduated from the Australian National University with a Bachelor of Commerce degree and a Bachelor of Laws degree with First Class Honours in 2002. After graduating, Andrew practised in the fields of litigation and takeovers, and securities law in Sydney. At Oxford, he read for the Bachelor of Civil Law at St Anne's College. He pursued his interest in these areas and the developing relationship between commercial law and improving compliance with human rights. Andrew was also awarded a scholarship from the international commercial law firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer to supplement his Chevening scholarship. Andrew is currently a partner with Norton Rose Fulbright in Sydney with a focus on international arbitration.

**2004–2005 Jodi Gray** graduated from the Australian National University with a combined science/law degree in 2002 with two First Class Honours in science (Psychology) and law as well as a University Medal in Law. At Oxford, Jodi undertook a Bachelor of Civil Law with a focus on international law including comparative human rights, international trade law, international dispute resolution and private international law. Since then, Jodi has worked for the Linklaters LLP competition team in London and Paris, for the King Wood and Mallesons' competition team in Sydney and in the Corporate Affairs team at Telstra supporting the regulatory, communications and sustainability offices. As part of her role at Telstra, Jodi advised the Chief Sustainability Office and the Telstra Foundation, and is proud of the community focused work undertaken in these teams. While in Melbourne, Jodi also studied photography part-time at the Photography Studies College before returning to King Wood and Mallesons. Jodi is now a partner with Corrs Chambers and Westgarth.

**2003–2004 David Tomkins** graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours from the University of Western Sydney. He read for a Bachelor of Civil Law at Jesus College in Oxford.

*"After completing my DPhil at Oxford in constitutional law I took up a fellowship at the John Jay Institute in Philadelphia, USA researching and writing in the fields of constitutional law and political theory. I was then a visiting research fellow at the Maxim Institute in Auckland, NZ researching and writing in the field of constitutional law and constitutional change in conjunction with a New Zealand Government constitutional review. After returning to Australia I worked as a tutor in law at Sydney University School of Law and also served as a panellist for the Governor-General's Constitutional Essay Competition. I am now a Lecturer in Law at Newcastle University."*

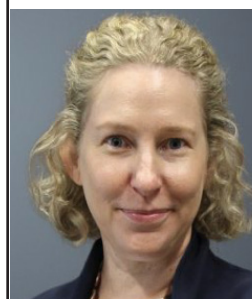
*My time as a Chevening-Oxford Australia scholar was invaluable, not only academically but also personally. The Oxford BCL is a unique opportunity to work with some of the best minds in the field (both students and academics) and I was continually challenged in my thoughts and perspectives. On the extra-curricular side, I had no trouble getting involved with music, drama and sport. One of the greatest things about Oxford is the opportunity to meet interesting, intelligent people from all over the world and from just about every academic discipline imaginable."*



Sandy Phipps



Andrew Battison



Jodi Gray



David Tomkins



## Former Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholars



Sarah McCosker

**2002-2003 Sarah McCosker** graduated from the University of Queensland with a Bachelor of Arts (1998) and Bachelor of Laws (2001) with double First Class Honours. After working as an Associate to a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland, she qualified as a barrister before going to Oxford. She completed the BCL in 2003, MPhil in 2004 and DPhil in Law in 2009.

*"My year as a Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholar began what came to be a very full and fulfilling time at Oxford. After the BCL I undertook the MPhil in Law, writing on the relationship between international law and diplomacy in international dispute settlement — a topic I continued for my DPhil. After Oxford I moved to Canberra to work in the Office of International Law in the federal Attorney-General's Department. I then worked as a Legal Adviser for the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva from 2012-2017, before returning to Australia to work in my own international law firm and consultancy, Lexbridge Lawyers – the first of its kind in the Asia Pacific region. The knowledge and experience I gained at Oxford has proven extremely valuable. I will always be immensely appreciative of the many opportunities that the Chevening Oxford- Australia Scholarship provided."*

**2003-2004 Sophie Ward**, from Canberra, graduated with a Bachelor of Economics and a Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours from the Australian National University. Her Chevening Scholarship took her to Oxford for a Bachelor of Civil Law.

*"After completing the BCL at Christ Church, I returned to private practice as a competition lawyer at Freehills in Sydney. However, my BCL studies had sparked an interest in international trade law and this prompted me to move to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and then to work as an adviser to the Minister for Trade. I have since returned to competition law and am currently working in the Mergers Division of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission. I often find myself drawing upon both the knowledge and the skills I acquired during my BCL year and am forever grateful for the opportunity I had to study at Oxford."*



Hoi Trinh

**2001-2002 Hoi Trinh** has a double degree in Arts and Law from the University of Melbourne (1990-94). At Oxford he completed the Master of Studies in Forced Migration at Magdalen.

*"Since my graduation at Oxford in 2002, I managed to fulfill my ultimate dream: to find a home for some 2,000 stateless Vietnamese refugees left stranded in the Philippines over the last 17 years. Starting with Australia, to date most of this stateless population has been resettled in Norway, Canada, and the U.S. Receiving the scholarship not only enabled me to complete my Masters in refugee studies, but it has also given me much credibility in this line of work whenever I have to deal with government officials or organisations. I'm still heading up VOICE, an NGO working in Southeast Asia to help develop civil society and promote human rights in Vietnam. Anyone who might be interested in working with us, please contact me at [hoi.trinh@vietnamvoice.org](mailto:hoi.trinh@vietnamvoice.org)."*



Laura Dawes

**2001-2002 Laura Dawes** has a First Class Honours degree in mathematics and statistics from Murdoch University and a University Medal in Science. At Oxford, she completed a MSc in Economic and Social History, specialising in the History of Science and graduated with distinction.

*"I graduated from Oxford in 2002 and took my PhD at Harvard in 2010 in the history of science. I now run a research and writing consultancy business ([www.lauradawes.org](http://www.lauradawes.org)) and write books on the history of medicine. My most recent book, "Fighting Fit: The Wartime Battle for Britain's Health" was published last year. I visited the UK to speak about it at literary festivals and launched it here at Canberra's own Writers Festival. It is about public health in Britain during the Second World War and the developments in medicine in that time. The paperback version comes out this year. The Chevening was the means to an exceptional experience and one which I continue to build on. I will always be hugely grateful for the opportunities it gave me -- and still does."*



Matthew Harding

**2000-2001 Matthew Harding** read Law and Arts at the University of Melbourne from 1992 to 1997 and at Oxford completed a Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL).

*"After I finished my BCL, I stayed on in Oxford and gained a DPhil in law. In January 2005, I joined the Melbourne Law School as a lecturer, and I have worked there since. I am currently a Professor and was recently appointed Dean of the Melbourne Law School. I am immensely grateful for the opportunity that my scholarship gave me, to start an academic career and dedicate myself to teaching, research and, more recently, leadership roles in my university. I am also grateful for the many friends I made from all over the world during my time at Oxford."*

## Former Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholars

**2000-2001 Chester Brown** read Arts and Law at the University of Melbourne, graduating with First Class Honours in both degrees in 1997/1998. At Oxford, he completed a BCL with Distinction and was subsequently awarded a Menzies Scholarship to study for a PhD in public international law at the University of Cambridge. His doctoral work was published as *A Common Law of International Adjudication* (OUP, 2007).

*"I am Professor of International Law and International Arbitration at the University of Sydney Law School, and I am the Law School's Director of Global Engagement. I am also a practising barrister at 7 Wentworth Selborne Chambers, Sydney, and Essex Court Chambers, London. I practice, teach and research in public international law, international investment law, international commercial arbitration, and private international law. I am extremely grateful for the British Chevening-Oxford Australia award which provided me with an invaluable first career step."*

**1999-2000 Sacha Moran** graduated from Sydney University with First Class Honours and the University Medal in Arts (Government) and First Class Honours in Law. He read for a BCL at University College. He was legal adviser to the Commonwealth Treasury from 2011 to 2013 and now as a Senior General Counsel, leads the Energy, Environment and Regulation team in the Attorney General's Office of General Counsel.

*"The calibre of teachers within the BCL course is exceptional and the mixture of students from common law and civil law backgrounds exposes students to different approaches to common problems. The BCL offers a very wide range of legal topics from Roman Law to Corporate Insolvency. Oxford's tutorial system is rigorous and unlike anything I had experienced before. My experience at Oxford has been invaluable and has repaid the effort many times over."*

**1999-2000 Kimberlee Weatherall** graduated from the University of Sydney in Arts in 1995 and in Laws (with First Class Honours) in 1998.

*"I studied the BCL at Magdalen College in 1999-2000, where I wrote a short thesis later published in the Modern Law Review. I followed that with a Masters of Law from the Yale Law School in the US. I am now a Professor at the Sydney Law School at the University of Sydney, still researching and writing about some of the issues I studied at Oxford: the conceptualisation and reform of intellectual property rights. I've recently been appointed to the Australian Advisory Council on Intellectual Property as well as a committee advising the Australian Law Reform Commission in its inquiry into Copyright in the Digital Economy. Last year I gave birth to a son, Linus, who is a delight. The Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholarship was an important first step in my academic career – it was a great year and an amazing opportunity."*

**1998-1999 John Cheong Lee** graduated with a BA (Philosophy) with 1st Class Honours and LLB at the University of NSW in 1995 and 1998. He completed his Masters in 2000 on his Oxford-Chevening Scholarship and his Doctorate in International Relations in 2002 whilst at University College, Oxford.

*"On returning to Australia I co-founded a research organisation, L21, of which I remain its Chairperson even though I resigned as Managing Director several years ago. I am now a senior fellow at the Hudson Institute in Washington DC, and hold adjunct professorships with the University of Sydney and Australian National University. I serve on the Board of Directors of the Institute for Regional Security in Canberra, a think-tank focused on strategic and defence issues and also serve on the community advisory committee to the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) Board of Directors. My time at Oxford broadened my exposure and also expanded the range of options available to me after university. I am genuinely grateful to the Oxford Australia awards for allowing me to spend four extremely enjoyable and productive years there."*

**1998-1999 Justine Isemonger** graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Economics and an LLB (First Class Honours). Justine read for a BCL at St John's College.

*"Following an arduous but very enriching year in Oxford, I stayed in London for two years working for law firm Slaughter and May. Returning to Australia, I worked as a corporate solicitor at Freehills and later moved to Fairfax Media as an in-house lawyer. After a brief interlude back at University of Sydney studying a Master of Teaching, I returned to law and now work for Social Ventures Australia, a not-for-profit organisation that works with partners to alleviate disadvantage - towards an Australia where all people and communities thrive. I keep in touch through the Oxford and St John's alumni magazines and events in Sydney, and recently visited Oxford again with my family - almost 20 years to the day that I first stepped through the gates at St John's. The opportunity I had through the Chevening - Oxford Australia Scholarship to study in such an environment, and to be taught by leading scholars, was an enormous privilege and something I will always value."*



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