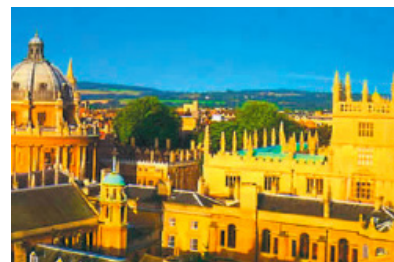




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Three splendid things have happened in our Scholarship in this COVID year.

- 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.

John White

2021 Oxford Australia Scholarship Awards

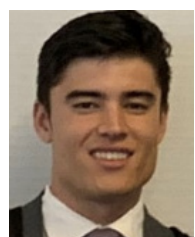
In 2021, the Oxford Australia Scholarship Committee awarded five James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarships, with one of these an Honorary award. Oxford University had advised later in 2020 of a Brasenose College Oxford Australia Clarendon award and so the details were not available to include in the 2020 Newsletter.



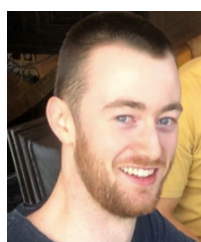
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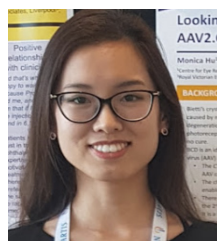
Shaun Milligan



Ruben Robertson



William Clarke



Monica Hu

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 plans to start a 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 will be funded by a James Fairfax Oxford Australia scholarship and also a Clarendon award.

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. His thesis examines the recently developed Hague Rules on Business and Human Rights Arbitration. At Oxford, Shaun will study 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.

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. Since then he has been working 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 plans to study 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 will be supported in part by a James Fairfax Oxford Australia scholarship.

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 is currently completing an MPhil in applied mathematics, also at the University of Sydney. Supported in part by a James Fairfax Oxford Australia scholarship, Will has accepted a place to study 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.

2021-2024 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 will continue 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.

Current James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

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.



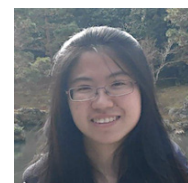
Keith Chambers

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 supra-molecular 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 aims for a DPhil in inorganic chemistry studying catalysts for the utilisation of carbon dioxide.



Sandy Craze

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.



Hui Min Tay

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 will now remain in Oxford to pursue a DPhil in Experimental Psychology, during which he will implement novel brain imaging and stimulation techniques to examine the neural mechanisms of learning and decision-making. This will be supported in part by a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship.



Luke Priestley

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.



Orion Tong

Former James Fairfax - Oxford Australia Scholar

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."



Alice Zhou

Current James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars



Kaspar Yaxley



Kon Panegyres



Daniel Altman



Hayley Pring



Jasper Fried

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 is undertaking an MSc in evidence-based healthcare, supported by a James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholarship.

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')."*

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. Daniel is currently back in Sydney and is completing his thesis 'remotely'.

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."*

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."

Current James Fairfax - Oxford Australia Clarendon Scholar



Jasha Trompf

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.

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 is the first recipient of the James Fairfax Oxford Australia Clarendon Scholarship and is completing a DPhil in Medical sciences, based at the Radcliffe Department of Medicine. Jasha has been a volunteer crisis counselor and played football for Sydney University. He also enjoys hiking.

Current Brasenose College - Oxford Australia Clarendon Scholars

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.

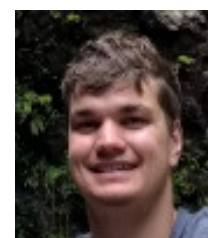


Lachlan Deimel

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 has been working towards a DPhil through the four year Interdisciplinary Biosciences Doctoral Training Partnership.

"I have been working 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 recently presented 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."

In his latest news, Samuel has advised that he has submitted his thesis and will graduate soon.



Samuel Aroney

Current University College - Old Members Oxford Australia Scholar

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 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 will be 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

Current Lincoln College-Oxford Australia Clarendon Scholar

The generous support from many members of Lincoln College now in Australia, together with the support of the Oxford University Clarendon Fund, has made it possible for the University to award the first Lincoln College - Oxford Australia Clarendon Scholar.

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

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



Kathryn Leslie

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.

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.

"My PhD is focusing on making fluorescent dyes that we can use to image nano-structures inside cells, which will hopefully in the future help biological researchers understand the processes behind different diseases. I have also been busy starting the Oxford Women in Chemistry society, and participating in the student organising committee for the Oxford Summer Synthesis Conference. In my spare time I've been playing Aussie Rules Football (yes there is a team here, and this year we won varsity against Cambridge)! I'm very grateful to be able to study here and for all the opportunities it has provided."

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."

Former Brasenose College Oxford Australia Scholar



Georgia O'Connor

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.

Former Lincoln College - Oxford Australia Clarendon Scholar

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.

"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."



Brendon Neuen

Former Magdalen College-Oxford Australia Scholars

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."



Alicia Lyons

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!"



James Hillis

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."



James McComish

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."



Prue Bindon

Former Magdalen College Oxford Australia Scholar



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."

Former University College Old-Members Oxford Australia Scholars



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.

"What a year it has been! I can't say I envisaged quite how long I would be in lockdown in London when I wrote my last newsletter update. It was a challenging time but I was fortunate to know my family was safe and well back in Australia and to have the on-going support of my Oxford friends. I am still working at Imperial College London and Mental Health Innovations, splitting my time between research and innovation to understand and respond to the mental health needs revealed by those using charity mental health services (e.g. Shout crisis text line), and the mental health impacts of the climate crisis. I was lucky enough to make it back to Adelaide for my sister's wedding in March, and have been very much enjoying seeing family and spending time in nature after a year in a London flat! I remain incredibly grateful to the on-going privileges afforded through my time in Oxford, enabled by this programme."

2009-2010, 2011-2013 Edwina Christie graduated from the University of Sydney in 2008 with First Class Honours in English and the University Medal. She completed 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, when the conventions of chivalric romance began to give way to the birth of the novel. Edwina completed her DPhil in 2016.

"Since 2018 I have been a Postdoctoral Visiting Research Fellow in the School of Advanced Study at the University of London, where I am writing a book on the history of romance reading in England and France. I undertook further research in the US towards this book with the support of a short-term research fellowship at the Newberry Library in Chicago. I have been fortunate to maintain ongoing connections with Oxford, where I have been lecturing on Shakespeare and early modern women's writing for visiting students from the US and Canada. Last year I was very flattered to receive a student nominated teaching award from the Middlebury College CMRS Oxford Humanities Program, for which I have been teaching for several years. In 2020 I am moving back to Sydney and I'm excited to explore new opportunities at home. I remain deeply grateful to the Oxford Australia Fund for their support over my years of study; I am continually enriched by the experiences I've had, skills I've learned and people I've met in Oxford."



Edwina Christie

Former University College Old-Members Oxford Australia Scholars

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 the University of Oxford. He completed a DPhil in Public Health with the support of the University College Old-Members Oxford-Australia fund in 2012.

"After finishing my DPhil I worked as a post-doc in the Nuffield Department of Population Health at the University of Oxford. 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 the middle of 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 the 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).



Justin Richards



Rhys Davies



Kwan Hee Lee



Kathleen Neal



Jonathan Pearlman

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Jack Maxwell

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."



Jacqueline Meredith

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.



Amanda Stewart

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>."



Lachlan Lindoy

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.



Lindon Roberts

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."



Jessica Buck

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.



Merrilyn Groom

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."

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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 researcher at the University of Cologne.

"I have presented my research at several conferences across Europe, the USA and UK. Outside of research, I again represented the Oxford University Australian Rules Football team in a successful season and I 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."

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!"

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. During his DPhil studies, he investigated the molecular mechanisms that allow genes to be turned on and off at different stages of development. He is currently a Sir Henry Wellcome PostDoctoral Fellow at the Queen Mary University of London and the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute where he is studying gene regulatory networks in B cells using advanced single cell genomics."

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! After my viva in 2016 I returned to Australia and now work in Canberra with the Department of Defence. In 2021 I have 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."

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.

"I am now in the third year of running my lab at the Wellcome Sanger Institute near Cambridge. We work on population and medical genetics, including both common and rare diseases, in populations with varied ancestry. The group is growing fast which presents new challenges and excitements. I'm most grateful to the Oxford-Australia fund for supporting my endeavours in Oxford where I had a glorious four years."

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.



Bradley Jordan



Daniel Tracey



Giles Gardam



Hamish King



Robert O'Shea



Hilary Martin



Kate Mitchell

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Amber Hood

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."



Paul Gray

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.



Clancy Reid

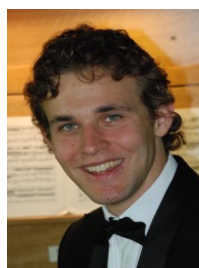
2011-2012 and 2012-2013 Clancy Reid graduated from the University of NSW with a BA, First Class Honours and University Medal in English and completed his LLB on exchange at University College London. At Oxford, he gained a Master of Studies in English, focusing on the early collaboration between T S 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."



Mimi Zou

2010-2013 Mimi Zou 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 studies were 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. At 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 returned to Oxford in 2018 to take up the Fangda Career Development Fellowship in Chinese Commercial Law at St Hugh's College, in association with the Oxford Law Faculty and the Oxford China Centre. This fellowship is the first post in Chinese law at Oxford. In 2019, she also co-founded the Oxford Deep Tech Dispute Resolution Lab, an internationally leading hub of interdisciplinary and multi-stakeholder research cooperation that advances the study of deep technologies in dispute resolution. Before this appointment, Mimi was Edwards Fellow at Columbia Law School (New York) and Assistant Professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Mimi's research focuses on transnational commercial law issues arising from China's digital economy and Chinese outbound foreign investments. Mimi is a member of the World Economic Forum Expert Network, special adviser to the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office, and a distinguished expert member of the Asia Society Policy Institute's Belt and Road Initiative Taskforce. In 2020, she was recognized in the inaugural 40 Under 40 Most Influential Asian-Australians Awards and included in the Young Australians in International Affairs 'Young Women to Watch in International Affairs' list.



Andrew Cichy

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."

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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).



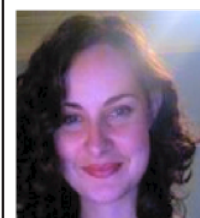
Lucie Moore

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.



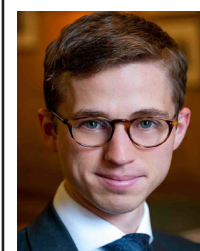
Zachary Vermeer

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, as well as 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 worked as a Lecturer in English at the University of Waikato, New Zealand (2013-16) and as a Lecturer and then Senior Lecturer at Macquarie University in Sydney. In 2018-19, she was the Early Career Fellow in the Humanities Center at the University of Pittsburgh, and in August 2019, she took up a position as Assistant Professor in Literature at Bard College, in upstate New York. She is the author of *The Art of Hunger: Aesthetic Autonomy and the Afterlives of Modernism* (Oxford University Press, 2018), based on the DPhil thesis she completed at Oxford, and, with Stephen J. Ross (an Oxford classmate), is the editor of *Global Modernists on Modernism: An Anthology* (Bloomsbury, 2020), a project that came out of the connections and expertise she developed during her DPhil.



Alys Moody

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.



Jaani Riordan

"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."

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.



Edward Hancock

"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."

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



Maeve Eason Hubbard

"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."

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Anne Carter

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, thoroughly 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."



Ross Abbs

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."



Alexander Taylor

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.



Mike Molinari

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.



Ben Fulcher

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."



Neil Rabinowitz

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."

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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.

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!"

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."

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."

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."

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."

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 Juyong (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.



Zevic Mishor



Kim Anderson



Melissa Duncan



Andrew Whitby



Shelley Wickham



Olivia Murphy



Patrick Delaney

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Erin Schwarz

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."



Phil Manners

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."



Anthony Jones

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.



Brenda Tronson

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."



Eloise Scotford

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 completing 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."



Naomi Hawkins

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."

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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."



Simon Baptist

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."



Mark Thomson

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."



Corin Throsby

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."



Nicholas Apostoloff

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."



Dan Piggott

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.



Patrick Porter

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Garry Bowen



Patrick Mackerras



Ben Kelly



Dale Smith

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, spending three years at the University of Cambridge where I was a Junior Research Fellow at Churchill College. 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. Classics at Oxford 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. Academics starting out on their careers 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 of a large European Classics faculty, 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 took up a position in 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: Petitions, Litigation, and Social Control in Roman Egypt."

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, enabling me to complete my DPhil which was on the relevance of the debate between moral objectivists and anti-objectivists to legal adjudication. In the process, I was afforded the opportunity to meet, and learn from, many of the leading figures in my discipline. I am now an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law at Melbourne University, researching primarily in legal philosophy. The training I received at Oxford has proven to be of enormous value in my pursuit of an academic career."

Sir Vincent Fairfax Life Sciences Scholarships 2003-2006



Jonathan Lo



Jason Wong

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."

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.

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."

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."

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."



Kate Purcell



Phoebe Williams



Carla Bissett



Catherine Eakin

Former Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholars



Sandy Phipps



Andrew Battison



Jodi Gray



David Tomkins

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."

Former Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholars

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."



Sarah McCosker

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."

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."



Hoi Trinh

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) 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."



Laura Dawes

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 was appointed a lecturer in the Law School at the University of Melbourne and am now a Professor there. From 2016-2020 I was Deputy Dean and Head of Department of the Melbourne Law School and in 2020 was Kwa Geok Choo Distinguished Visitor at the National University of Singapore. I am currently the Academic Director of the Researcher Development Unit and I also chair the Charity Law Association of Australia and New Zealand. The Oxford scholarship meant that I have been able to start my academic career by taking the BCL, which led to my research degree and my current appointment! I have made many friends from all over the world through that time in Oxford."



Matthew Harding

Former Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholars



Chester Brown

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 in 2007 by Oxford University Press - *A Common Law of International Adjudication*.

"I am a Professor at Sydney Law School, where I lecture in Public International Law, International Investment Law, International Dispute Settlement, and International Commercial Arbitration. I am also a practising barrister, affiliated with 7 Selborne Chambers, Sydney; Essex Court Chambers, London; and Maxwell Chambers, Singapore. Prior to Sydney, I served as Assistant Legal Adviser at the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, advising on a range of public international law issues including international investment, State and diplomatic immunities, international arbitration, and the work of the International Law Commission. Before the FCO, I was a Senior Associate in the International Law and International Arbitration Group of Clifford Chance LLP, London, where I was involved in the settlement of international commercial and investment treaty disputes. I am extremely grateful for the British Chevening-Oxford Australia award which provided me with an invaluable first career step."



Sacha Moran

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."



Kimberlee Weatherall

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."



John Cheong Lee

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."*



Justine Isemonger

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."