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

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

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

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



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

John White

2010 Oxford Australia Scholarship Awards



Zachary Vermeer



Lucie Moore



Mimi Zou



Edwina Christie

This year, the Oxford Australia Fund is supporting four scholars, two of whom have Clarendon awards.

2010-2011 Zachary Vermeer graduated from the University of Sydney in 2008 with a First Class Honours degree in Law and the University Medal as the second part of his combined Arts/Law degree. In the course of his studies at Sydney he was also awarded prizes in Philosophy, English, Latin, Classical Greek and German. He is currently working as a lecturer in law at the University of Notre Dame. He is particularly interested in constitutional and public law and also in jurisprudence and the philosophy of law. His interests outside of law include international history and politics. A keen amateur actor, he hopes to find time to dabble in theatre at Oxford. He will study for a BCL, supported by a Clarendon award linked to Somerville College and a James Fairfax Scholarship.

2010-2011 Lucie Moore graduated from the University of Melbourne with a Bachelor of Science (Mathematics and Statistics) and Bachelor of Commerce (First Class Honours in Economics) in 2009. At Oxford, she plans to study for a M Phil in Economics. She wishes to focus on microeconomic issues in developing countries in order to contribute to the design and evaluation of effective poverty alleviation policies. Lucie has recently spent six months as a consultant to the Development Research Group of the World Bank working in Malawi on a project that aims to analyse the impact of schooling and income on the risk of HIV infection in young women. Her Oxford studies will be supported by a Clarendon award linked to Brasenose College and a James Fairfax Scholarship.

2010-2011 Mimi Zou graduated from the University of Sydney with First Class Honours and University Medal in Economics and Social Sciences in 2007 and with First Class Honours in Law in 2009. For these degrees, she took part in exchange studies at Tsinghua University (Peoples Republic of China) and Utrecht University (Netherlands). Mimi has recently been a Research Fellow at the Netherlands School of Human Rights and has published several peer-reviewed journal papers and presented at a number of international conferences. Her language skills include Chinese, French and Japanese. Mimi plans to study for a BCL at Magdalen College, supported in part by a James Fairfax Scholarship and in part by a University of Sydney Eleanor Sophia Wood Travelling Scholarship.

2010-2012 Edwina Christie has been in Oxford for the past year working towards a M Studies in early modern English literature, following her graduation in 2008 from the University of Sydney with First Class Honours in English and the University Medal. With the offer of a place at Oxford to continue to a D Phil, Edwina will be supported in part by a University College Old Members Scholarship.

"My time at Oxford thus far has passed extremely quickly! All my classes have proved extremely stimulating and I've never before learnt so much in such a short space of time. For me, the most amazing part of studying at Oxford has been the chance to work with the resources of the Bodleian library. Last term I uncovered a lost eighteenth century play in two manuscripts which had never before been examined by scholars.

I have tried to take advantage of the wide range of opportunities the English Faculty offers graduate students. I have been delighted to further my interest in early modern drama through reading with the Liripoop Armchair Players and taking part in the early modern graduate forum. Alongside my compulsory classes, I have chosen to pursue extra studies in literary translation and theories of editing and have taken part in a series of workshops on early modern printing run by Paul Nash. These workshops culminated this term in the chance for us to print a book ourselves on one of the hand-presses in the Bodleian collection, which was a lot of fun! The experience greatly increased my appreciation for the work of publishers and printers.

Outside the classroom, I have thrown myself into college life and am now secretary of my college MCR. I have also enjoyed discovering Oxford's musical scene: last term I sang with the Oxford gargoyles, a semi-professional jazz a capella group, and I currently sing with the Lincoln College Chapel Choir. I have also begun volunteering with the University Museums, particularly the Pitt Rivers Museum, and I hope to begin working with the Bate collection of musical instruments."

Honorary 2010 James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholarship Awards

In 2010, four 'Honorary James Fairfax Oxford Australia scholars' are being provided with an additional nominal payment to supplement other awards which this year included two Clarendons, one Charlie Perkins and one George Murray Scholarship.

2010-2011 Anne Carter graduated from the University of Adelaide with First Class Honours in both Arts (history) in 2002, and a University Medal, and Law in 2005, again winning several prizes. Since graduating she has worked as an intern at the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in the Hague, as Associate to the Hon Justice Bleby in the Supreme Court of South Australia and then to the Hon Michael Black Chief Justice of the Federal Court. Anne began her studies at University College in Oxford for the BCL in 2009 and now plans to work towards an M Phil, examining the role of fact-finding in decisions made in human rights cases. She is supported in part by a George Murray Scholarship.



Anne Carter

2010-2012 Andrew Cichy graduated from the University of Western Australia in first Commerce then Music, completed with Honours in Performance, the first organist to have obtained a performance degree at the University in a decade. With language skills in Italian and Polish, he began his Master of Studies in Musicology at Oxford in 2009 on a Clarendon award and passed with distinction. He will now work towards his D Phil in Music, focusing on "English Catholic Liturgical Music after the Reformation: behind locked doors or on distant shores".



Andrew Cichy

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. Since graduation he has worked as a psychologist with the NSW Department of Human Services, Community Services Division providing assessment and intervention for children in out-of-home care. Paul has been awarded a Charlie Perkins Scholarship to support his D Phil work where he will explore the mechanisms of risk and resilience for children exposed to early traumatic experiences. He plans to apply these additional skills and knowledge in the service of his community on his return to Australia.



Paul Gray

2010-2012 Amber Hood graduated with First Class Honours from Macquarie University in Ancient History and has spent 2009-10 on a MSc in Archaeological Science at Oxford.

"My time at Oxford has been truly remarkable. I have found my studies to be challenging and rewarding, my life enriched and fun-filled and Oxford to be absolutely wonderful! I will complete my MSc Archaeological Sciences in September 2010 and directly commence my DPhil. I'll continue to focus on Egyptian Chronology, although will now include scientific dating techniques in my research, in addition to relative dating methods. I have tried to make the most of the experiences Oxford presents both academically and personally, hence, in addition to my studies, I find myself rowing for my college (Merton), one of the Merton MCR Social Secretaries and President-elect for the Clarendon Scholars' Association. I'm very much looking forward to continuing in Oxford for another three years!"



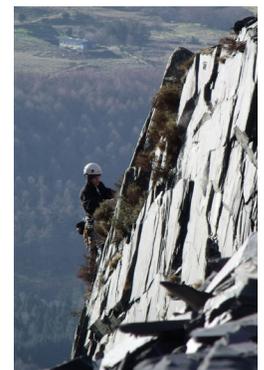
Amber Hood

Current James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars in Oxford

2009-2012 Edward Hancock graduated from the University of Sydney in 2006 with a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Electrical Engineering (1st Class Honours and University Medal), and a Bachelor of Advanced Science in Mathematics.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my first two terms at Oxford and have been taking full advantage of the incredible opportunities offered here in both academic and extra-curricular pursuits. I have been working on the interdisciplinary research area of biosystems, which incorporates systems engineering, applied mathematics and biology/biotechnology. This has involved a large amount of reading to gain an understanding of all of the areas involved while concurrently completing research on the robustness of biosystem models.

It has been great to be able to attend some of the many academic seminars around the university from high profile speakers. A highlight was attending a lecture by Lord Robert May whose research on Chaos Theory and Population Biology I first heard about while still at high school. I am also enjoying getting involved in activities around Oxford away from my research. I have become an active member in the Oxford University Mountaineering Club and have enjoyed a number of weekends climbing in various parts of England and North Wales. I have also become involved in the newly formed Clarendon Scholars' council as well as helping out as part of the Christ Church GCR (graduate common room) committee. The college involvement looks to continue for the next year as I have just been voted in as the GCR Secretary as well as the highly sought after position of Master of the Punts!



Edward Hancock

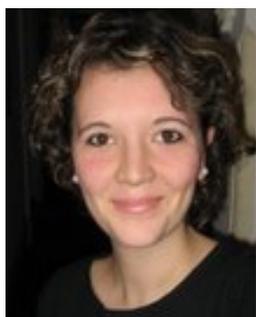
Current James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars in Oxford



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. Since then he has 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 has been studying for the one-year degree of Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL).

"I am rapidly approaching the end of the Bachelor of Civil Law programme, and am presently in the middle of exams. I have appreciated the non-specialised character of the degree, and have benefited greatly from the expertise of my teachers, who are leading thinkers in their respective fields. I have also found value in the insights of my fellow students, whose diversity of experience undoubtedly enriches the Oxford experience. Oxford itself is a wonderful place to live, and in many ways I will be very sad to leave. I am extremely grateful to the Oxford Australia Fund for making it possible for me to study here."



Maeve Eason Hubbard

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

"My first two terms at Oxford have flown by in a wonderful frenzy of activity. Academically, much of my time has been spent refining the design of my DPhil project and familiarising myself with the relevant background literature. My research is focused on characterising how the photosynthetic apparatus of marine phytoplankton has evolved in response to changing levels of carbon dioxide in the world's oceans over a time scale of millions of years. This is an exciting field of study to be involved in, as photosynthesis by marine phytoplankton accounts for approximately 40% of the world's carbon fixation and therefore constitutes a crucial component of the global carbon cycle. If we can better understand the factors that limit the rate of photosynthesis by these organisms, it will enable more accurate prediction of how anthropogenic emissions of carbon dioxide may affect phytoplankton ecology, and ultimately the global carbon cycle, in the future. I have now begun to collect meaningful data from my laboratory-based studies and also recently enjoyed an opportunity to conduct a week-long field study on Vulcano off the coast of Sicily.

Outside of my studies, I have immersed myself in the stimulating social and cultural life that Oxford has to offer, ranging from theatre, street festivals, and seminars, to debating global issues over coffee with other graduates in the St John's College bar after lunch. The college system of Oxford provides a rewarding opportunity to meet and make lasting friendships with scholars with a diverse range of academic interests and life experiences, from all corners of the world. I'm incredibly excited to be spending Trinity Term 2010, and beyond, working among this community and would like to thank the Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund for the financial support that has made it possible."



Alys Moody

2009-2012 Alys Moody has a First Class Honours degree, and University Medal, from the University of Sydney in English, with a second major in French. Her DPhil research stems from the image of the starving artist in modern literature.

"My first year at Oxford has been extremely exciting, challenging and intellectually stimulating. My work has benefited enormously from the dynamic intellectual community within Oxford and in England's south-east more generally. I've had the opportunity to present my research at conferences in Paris, Reading and at Oxford itself, and in the process to meet and discuss my work with many exciting minds in my field. I've also been involved in a range of other academically-driven activities, from organising conferences to editing journals and serving on committees, and all of these have been very productive and often surprisingly entertaining. More than simply work, though, Oxford has also been a welcoming and easy place to arrive in as a foreigner. My time here has been productive, but it has also been fun, entertaining and socially rewarding. Through college, my faculty, friends, and scholarship-based events, I have made many wonderful, valuable friendships with brilliant people from all over the world. I have found Oxford thus far to be a place that brings together exciting people, thinking exciting ideas, in a very congenial atmosphere, and I look forward to the years I have still to spend here."



Alexander Taylor

2009-2010 Alexander 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.

"I have had a wonderful year at Oxford. With its broad reading list and excellent lecture program my Masters in History of Art and Visual Culture has substantially contributed to my development as a scholar. My own research has focused on the work of mid-twentieth century sculptors Henry Moore and Alexander Calder.

Current James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars in Oxford

In the case of Moore, I have been pleased to make use of the artist's archives in Perry Green and the major exhibition at Tate Britain. While at Oxford, I have given papers on my work at the St Catherine's MCR and at a young researchers conference at the University of Liverpool. Outside of study, a highlight of my year has been singing tenor in the Oxford University Student Chorus - especially Beethoven's Mass in C, alternately sublime and insane, and not wholly unlike Oxford itself!"

Alex has just been awarded a University of Melbourne Rae and Edith Bennett Traveling Scholarship which will support him during his planned DPhil studies.

2008-2010 Zevic Mishor graduated from University of New South Wales in 2005 with First Class Honours and University Medal in physiology and psychology.

"The last two terms of Anthropology at Oxford, following a year of Neuroscience, have opened my mind to different ways of thinking, and to the importance of trying to understand the world not only at the level of brain and mind, but also of society and culture. Next year I plan to return to Sydney and undertake a PhD in Anthropology at the University of Sydney, with a large period of fieldwork in the Amazon region. I'm hoping to better understand a cosmology very different from our own, with its distinct symbolic representations of reality, age-old technologies for altering consciousness, perception of that reality and unique understandings of what it is to be human. I think that such an experience, and the learnings and insights gained, could better help me understand our own sciences and models of the world.

In the past year I've also been closely involved with the rowing club of my college, St Catherine's ("Catz"), and currently am Men's Vice Captain. Rowing, something I did for the first time here, has deep and old traditions in Oxford and it has been an enriching experience to train, compete, and help lead the club. Generally, I would like to express my deep and sincerest gratitude to the Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund, for enabling me to have two of the most intense, experience-ful, educational and fulfilling years of my life".

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 arriving in Oxford, my research has focussed on the legal responsibility of internet intermediaries (such as ISPs, search engines and social networks) for defamatory statements authored by others. In my second year, I expect to broaden this research to consider their liability for IP infringement and cybercrime, and to conduct some field work in Silicon Valley. The project is proving as interesting as it is topical, and I am excited by the prospect of systematising this emerging field.

This year I have endeavoured to take full advantage of the opportunities on offer at Oxford. On the sporting side, I have greatly enjoyed coxing for Magdalen in the college regattas, training for the upcoming novice fencing varsity match, representing Magdalen in croquet and cricket, and learning ballroom dancing. I have been fortunate to attend many interesting lectures, concerts and conferences in Oxford, Cambridge and London, to resume Spanish lessons, debating and mootng, to play violin in various Oxford orchestras and chamber groups and to pursue my interest in photography among Oxford's picturesque architecture. 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 possible these experiences."

2008-2011 Benjamin Fulcher completed a Bachelor of Science with First Class Honours and University Medal in Physics at the University of Sydney in 2007. He is now reading for a DPhil in Physics.

"I have had an amazing time in Oxford over the past year. It's extremely difficult to avoid being extremely busy all year round (in a good way). I've become more accustomed to the over-stimulation of the Oxford environment this year, allowing me to focus in on activities I really enjoy. I've been concentrating more on my research, which is starting to develop in new directions. I've also done some teaching, presented my work in London, played cello in the University's Philharmonic orchestra and piano as part of smaller college-based ensembles and I am a member of my college's MCR committee. It's easy to take the abundance of music concerts and workshops and talks and the fascinating interdisciplinary mix of students in Oxford for granted - as always, I'm trying my best to make the most of it!"



Zevic Mishor



Jaani Riordan



Ben Fulcher

Current James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars in Oxford



Michael 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 while on a British Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholarship in 2007-08 and is continuing to work for a DPhil in Engineering Science.

"My DPhil project is based around developing applications of therapeutic ultrasound in orthopaedic surgery. In contrast to the ultrasound imaging familiar to most people, therapeutic ultrasound focuses acoustic energy to a small point, much the same as a magnifying glass does with light; this focal point can be placed inside the body and used to 'burn out' tumours and other tissues inside the body completely non-invasively. My recent work has been looking at ways to monitor what is going on inside the body during treatment, so that we know what tissue is being 'burnt out' and how long this is taking; we hope to have a prototype for animal studies in the next 12 months. But Oxford is also about extracurricular activities. This year I have been playing squash with the Squirrels (University 2nd team), and am also in training for a (relay) swim across the English Channel in July with a group of 5 other Australians studying here in Oxford. The cricket season is coming up again, and I look forward to the odd afternoon spent standing out in the middle.

Finally, my studies in Oxford would not have been possible without the support of the Oxford Australia fund, and I would like to thank all donors for their support."



Neil Rabinowitz

2008-2011 Neil Rabinowitz graduated from the University of Western Australia with First class Honours in Physics and Mathematics. After completing an MSc in neuroscience at Oxford in 2008, he is now working on a DPhil in the Auditory Neuroscience Laboratory within the Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics.

"Working on the brain is a delightful enterprise for a scientist, since it's full of surprises. In the last few months I've discovered a new way in which the auditory system adapts to the sounds we're hearing. We've known for a long time that we adjust to a wide range of sound intensities - this is what lets us function in both the quietness of a night in the forest to the hooting drama of crossing the street. But the important sensory information within these contexts may lie in either small or large changes from the average sound intensity. A subtle increase in the level or pitch of an approaching car's engine can be as relevant as a loud honk. By playing sounds with very carefully controlled statistics, and recording the responses of auditory cortex cells, I've found that if sounds have only small changes in them, cells become more sensitive to these changes. Strangely, although a given cell may also care about low frequency sounds, how sensitive it is to these depends on what is happening in higher frequency ranges too. We can use subtle cues, but prefer the obvious when it's available."



Melissa Duncan

2007 - 2010 Melissa Duncan from Brisbane, graduated from the University of Queensland in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in both mathematics and physics and in 2006 graduated with First Class Honours and a University Medal in Mathematics.

"I am now nearing the end of the third year of my DPhil and whilst working on some new problems I'm also beginning to collate my results and look towards writing up my thesis. Most of my work has been concerned with mathematical structures related to supersymmetry, which is an elegant extension of the normal symmetry associated with spacetime. It is interesting to investigate how these structures and their implications are modified when we deform the usual spacetime into something referred to as a noncommutative space. I have continued teaching undergraduate classes this year and also had the opportunity to take some smaller tutorials within colleges. I'm extremely grateful for the support of the Oxford Australia Fund - it has been both a very challenging and rewarding three years."



Shelley Wickham

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

"I am now entering the final stretch of my DPhil course in the Life Sciences Interface Doctoral Training Center, finishing off experiments and writing up. My thesis is in the area of bio-nanotechnology and involves using DNA as a building material to construct nano-machines. I have also been able to use DNA nanostructures as a tool to help us better study and understand protein motors that occur in living cells. I recently attended an exciting Gordon Conference on Nanostructure Fabrication in Boston and will be speaking at the Institute of Physics 'Physics meets Biology' conference here in Oxford in September. The Fairfax Oxford-Australia lunch this year was another enjoyable event and it's great to catch up with Professor White and the other scholars each year. I am currently looking into options for post-doctoral research next year and want to continue working at the interface between physics and biology. I have had a wonderful time during my studies in Oxford and will be sad to leave but am looking forward to the opportunities ahead."

Current University College Old Members' Scholars in Oxford

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

2008 - 2011 Justin Richards is following his earlier Melbourne University First Class Honours degree in physiotherapy and subsequent MSc in Science and Medicine in Athletic Performance with work for a DPhil in Public Health in Oxford.

"In the past year Oxford has continued to provide a unique experience for intellectual engagement and extra-curricular activities rich in variety. From enjoying a game of footy against our Cambridge counterparts to listening to the head of UNDP speak on the future of international development or engaging in debate with fellow students on any number of issues - Oxford provides simulating events for an incredible array of interests. I have enjoyed the way these interactions have complemented my academic development as my research on the health impact of sport programmes in post-conflict settings has evolved. I will shortly commence fieldwork in northern Uganda where I will be evaluating the mental health and physical fitness response of children to humanitarian sport programs. I hope that this will contribute to improving the delivery and health outcomes of community-based sport programs in similar populations."

2007 - 2010 Rhys Davies from Bendigo graduated from the University of Melbourne with a Bachelor in Science and Honours degree in Physics.

"The two-and-a-half years I have so far spent in Oxford have been very enjoyable and rewarding. My work has led to three research papers, focussed mainly on mathematical properties of Calabi-Yau manifolds, which are important objects in string theory. I have also been lucky enough to present several seminars here at Oxford, and recently gave an invited seminar at the University of Liverpool.

I am aiming to submit my thesis later this year, and will then take up a research fellowship which I have been offered, to be held here in Oxford. It represents a fantastic opportunity for me, and I look forward to this next step in my career.

But of course life is not all about work. My fiancée and I have made firm friends here, with whom to enjoy the pubs, punting, and other small pleasures of Oxford life. It is a magnificent place to be in the summer, and I eagerly await its arrival. I will again be playing cricket for a local team, as well as for the physics department; it is a wonderful way to enjoy the good weather while it is here."



Justin Richards



Rhys Davies

Current Magdalen College - Oxford Australia Scholar in Oxford

The generous support 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, with additional financial support from the College itself, an Australian student to study at Magdalen College. The first student commenced in 2006.

2008-2011 James McComish graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2006 with First Class Honours degrees in both law and arts (history and art history). He is reading for a DPhil in history with a focus on political and legal authority in mid-Tudor England.

"Oxford provides a physical and intellectual environment in which one's historical imagination can really flourish. During my time here I have greatly benefited from the expertise and guidance of senior scholars, as well as from the friendship and enthusiasm of my fellow students. Outside of study, Oxford has afforded me a rich variety of social and cultural opportunities, and a particular highlight this year has been the chance to represent Magdalen College on University Challenge. As always, I'm immensely grateful to the donors and administrators of the Oxford-Australia fund for their generosity in supporting my work."



James McComish

Former Magdalen College-Oxford Australia Scholars



Prue Bindon

2007 - 2008 Prue Bindon graduated from The Australian National University in 2001 with degrees in Arts and Law (First Class Honours and the University Medal in Law). Prue worked in private practice in Sydney and Canberra and became an Associate to the Hon Justice Dyson Heydon AC 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 returned, albeit in the new context of 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 new common law jurisdiction. Additionally, I find that the network of Oxford alumni throughout the world gives my time in Oxford a lasting presence on a social front as well. I am hugely grateful for the Magdalen College-Oxford Australia scholarship that made this all possible."



James Goudkamp

2006 - 2009 James Goudkamp graduated from the University of Wollongong in 2003 with degrees in science and law with first class honours and the University Medal in law. He was an Associate Lecturer in Law at Wollongong in 2004-2005 and an Associate to the Hon Justice Michael Kirby AC CMG of the High Court of Australia in 2005-2006. Thereafter, as the first recipient of the Magdalen College-Oxford Australia Scholarship, James read for the degrees of Bachelor of Civil Law and Master of Philosophy in Law at Oxford. James is currently studying for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He is a Junior Research Fellow at Jesus College, Oxford, and a Visiting Fellow at the University of Wollongong.

"I have been very fortunate to be able to study at Oxford. Oxford is a wonderful environment in which to work. It has been a privilege to be able to spend several years thinking about some of the philosophical puzzles that the law presents."

Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars



Kim Anderson

2008 - 2009 Kim Anderson graduated from the University of Adelaide with First Class Honours degrees and University Medals in Computer Systems Engineering (2004) and Law (2006). He also 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 Bachelor of Civil Law (with Distinction) at Oxford in 2009, and has now returned to commercial practice in Sydney.

"My experience at Oxford was immensely enjoyable and 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 once more amidst the dreaming spires!"



Andrew Whitby

2007 - 2009 Andrew Whitby, from Brisbane, graduated from the University of Queensland in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science (First Class Honours and a University Medal in Computer Science) and a Bachelor of Economics. After graduation, he worked at Accenture and the Allen Consulting Group on projects involving public policy (health and education), regulatory economics and economic modelling. He completed the MPhil in Economics with Distinction at Oxford in 2009 and is now pursuing a DPhil, focussing on time series econometrics methods.

"The last year has been particularly busy, as I have been beginning my DPhil research while also teaching in the Said Business School and serving as President of the Balliol College Middle Common Room. Having now handed over my MCR Presidency, I'm looking forward to concentrating on my research in the coming year."

Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

2006 – 2008 Anthony Jones held a James Fairfax scholarship to study for a second BA in law at University College from 2006 to 2008. Prior to Oxford, Anthony completed a BA and MA in Chinese at Sydney University. While at Oxford, Anthony was Secretary of the MCR, a choral exhibitioner, a fast but erratic bowler for the Univ XI, and a cameo second-rower in the XV. In his final exams, he received first class honours and prizes in Jurisprudence and Land Law.

Since graduating, Anthony has worked as speechwriter for former NSW Premier, the Hon Bob Carr, volunteered in a legal research NGO in Ghana, and, since the beginning of 2010, been a policy advisor to the NSW Attorney-General, the Hon John Hatzistergos. Anthony looks forward to returning to the UK later in 2010 to embark on training as a barrister in London.



Anthony Jones

2006 – 2009 Olivia Murphy, from Canberra, graduated with a University Medal in English from the University of Sydney in 2005.

"My time in Oxford passed very rapidly. My DPhil thesis was on Jane Austen and literary criticism and I have now written it up. Since my last report I have returned to Australia and submitted my thesis. I shall be back in Oxford in October for my viva, and until then I'm working as a research assistant on an ARC Discovery Project about Shakespeare memorialisation in Australia (quite a departure from Jane Austen!) and as a tutorial fellow at the Women's College, University of Sydney. In my spare time I've also begun working on some new research projects.

I want to thank everyone involved in the Fairfax-Oxford Australia fund for making my research and my time in Oxford possible. I have benefited immensely from being part of that community of scholars, and from access to Oxford's resources and my wonderful supervisor."



Olivia Murphy

2006 – 2008 Phil Manners, from Armidale, New South Wales, currently in Sydney, 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. Since graduating he has worked at the Reserve Bank of Australia and at the Centre for International Economics. Initially, he undertook research into monetary policy and exchange rates, futures markets and monetary policy in an uncertain world. At the Centre for International Economics he was involved in micro economic issues such as regulatory reform, the impact of trade and investment liberalisation and the assessment of economic policies.

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



Phil Manners

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). She went to Oxford in 2006 to read for the MSt in English Language and Literature, and was awarded the degree with Distinction in 2007.

"My year reading for the MSt passed very quickly and afforded many opportunities for academic and personal growth. Being at Oxford gave me a rare opportunity to experience literature differently, in a new cultural context, and I particularly relished the chance to work with the manuscripts and first editions at the Bodleian Library. As I expected, the MSt in English was a challenging course, demanding an acutely analytical mindset and well-developed skills in argumentation. However, there was a wonderful amount of support on offer not only from my tutors and College, but from the friends I made whilst in Oxford. I am currently working as a Publications Intern for the Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion, in London. I'm certain that my degree from Oxford opened the door to this opportunity for me, and that it will continue to be a great advantage to me in my future endeavours. I am extremely grateful to the Oxford-Australia Scholarship Fund Committee for enabling me to pursue something that would have otherwise remained only a dream, and for going out of its way to provide an exceptional level of support for my studies."



Erin Schwarz

Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars



Patrick Delaney

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



Brenda Tronson

2005 – 2006 and 2007 - 2008 Brenda Tronson, from Werombi, NSW, 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 July 2006 and her MPhil in Law in July 2008, having been granted a 12 month deferral in order to work for the Hon Justice Crennan at the High Court of Australia. *"I have now completed my studies at Oxford and have begun working as a barrister back in Sydney. My post-grad work is providing a good theoretical base for my work here, and I'm aiming to establish a practice at least partly in human rights law, the area in which I wrote my MPhil thesis."*



Eloise Scotford

2004-2006 Eloise Scotford, from Sydney, graduated from the University of Sydney with a combined degree in science and law, and with the University Medal in Law in 2001. Eloise completed a Bachelor of Civil Law with Distinction in 2005-6, and an MPhil in Law in 2006-7. She continued as a DPhil student with the focus of her studies on environmental law and regulation.

"Since completing my MPhil, I have taken up a post as a Career Development Fellow in Environmental Law at Corpus Christi College, Oxford. I am finishing my DPhil – a comparative project on Australian and European environmental law – whilst in this post. This position has given me a terrific professional academic opportunity at Oxford. I teach EU law and environmental law at an undergraduate level for Corpus and the Faculty, and environmental law at a postgraduate level for the Faculty. I am enjoying it all very much, and learning a huge amount. 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. She pursued a Bachelor of Civil Law degree with a focus on commercial, comparative and intellectual property law.

"Following my BCL (funded by the Fairfax scholarship), I remained in Oxford to undertake my DPhil in law, funded by the Wellcome Trust. I submitted the DPhil in 2009 and for the past year I've been working as a postdoctoral researcher at the Centre for Health, Law and Emerging Technologies in the Department of Public Health at the University of Oxford. In September 2010 I take up a post as Lecturer in Law at the University of Exeter. I will always be very grateful to the James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund for giving me the opportunity to begin my studies in Oxford."



Simon Baptist

2003-2006 Simon Baptist, from Hobart, graduated from University of Tasmania with a combined science/economics degree and First Class Honours and University Medal in Economics in 2002.

"I graduated with my DPhil in Economics in June 2009 and am working full time for a consulting firm called Vivid Economics. It is a small firm - I was the third employee and we are now up to six; most of the work is based in the UK but we have done some Australian projects and that is something I'm trying to encourage more! The firm aims to put economics to good use and we focus on projects where we can deliver both a public and a private interest. Recently a lot of our work has been in the area of climate change; for example, modelling the strategic and competitive implications of carbon pricing in various locations and also advising various parties in the international climate negotiations. I feel very satisfied to be working in a job where I can feel proud of what I'm doing. Without the postgraduate experience at Oxford I would not have had the opportunity or the skills to be able to engage in this work. I'm hoping to further build my company's Australian connections, and in the future I'd love to be involved in opening up the Australian office!"



Mark Thomson

2003 – 2006 Mark Thomson, from Adelaide, graduated from the Australian National University with two First Class Honours degrees and University Medals in Latin and English Literature. He began his DPhil in Classics, specialising in Late Antiquity, and prepared the final draft of his thesis before returning to Australia in 2007 to take up a sessional vacancy in Ancient History at the Australian National University, lecturing on aspects of Roman urbanism.

"The subject of my thesis was "The Historia Augusta and Late Roman Literary Culture". The Historia Augusta is one of the more enigmatic books in Latin literature, a series of biographies of Roman emperors from Hadrian to the Carinus (117-285), attributed to six authors, writing in the reigns of Diocletian, Constantius I and Constantine. In the nineteenth century, critics gradually realised that it was all an enormous hoax, perpetrated by a single forger, writing late in the fourth century. The author of these bizarre lies was something of a genius and he inflicted untold horrors upon classical

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studies: bogus authors, senators, buildings, dates, letters and laws, even a few spurious emperors. As well as trying to find the genuine historical materials hidden beneath these inventions, I have tried to place some of this nonsense in its context, to integrate it into the culture of its day."

2002 - 2005 Corin Throsby, from Sydney, graduated with the University Medal in English Literature from the Australian National University. She completed her Master of Studies in English at Somerville College with a Distinction. Her doctoral thesis was on Byron and the birth of celebrity culture in the Romantic period. Corin then worked as Welfare Dean at Merton.

"As my time in Oxford comes to an end, I am appreciating more than ever the beauty, intellectual richness, and fun of the place. I am deeply grateful to the Oxford Australia Fund for enabling me to come here. I have no doubt that my Oxford experience - the things I've learned and the people I've met - will continue to influence and shape my life long after I've left."

2002-2005 Nicholas Apostoloff, from Canberra, graduated from the Australian National University with a Bachelor of Information Technology in 1998 and a University Medal in Engineering.

"After five enjoyable years in Oxford working on computer vision, my DPhil thesis on automatic methods for video segmentation and matting was passed in July 2007, followed by an amazing graduation ceremony in October. I now live in San Francisco and work for ImageMovers Digital, a film studio owned by Disney, as a Senior R&D engineer. I am responsible for the development of facial motion capture and animation technologies within the company and 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."

2002-2003 Daniel Piggott graduated from the University of Queensland with First Class Honours and a University Medal in Law. He completed the BCL with distinction.

"Studying law as a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Fund Scholar helped me to develop the skill set I needed to progress my legal career in both practice and academia. The broader thinking that I learned helps me every day in my practice at the Queensland bar. Academically, my studies allowed me to lecture in law at the University of Queensland, teaching both graduates and undergraduates. I have also published articles in Australia and England and presented a number of professional seminars."

2001 - 2004 Patrick Porter read Law and History at the University of Melbourne from 1995 to 2000 and has a First Class Honours degree in history. He was awarded a DPhil in Modern European History having completed his MPhil with distinction.

"I recently became a Senior Lecturer at Kings College London at the British Defence Academy. My first book was published in 2009 by Columbia University Press and Hurst, Military Orientalism: Eastern War through Western Eyes. Presently I am working on a history of American 'defence intellectuals' from Pearl Harbor to Iraq. I was also awarded a grant by the British Academy to attend a conference in Oxford on 'War and Orientalism.' All of this would have been impossible without the Oxford Australia Fairfax Scholarship. My wife and I live in the Oxfordshire countryside."

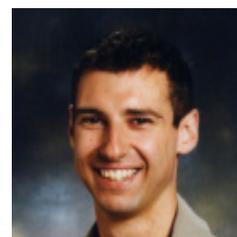
2000-2003 Garry Bowen won the University Medal for Theoretical Physics at the Australian National University in 1999. He completed his DPhil in Physics in 2003.

"Since leaving Oxford I have continued research in physics, specifically in the field of quantum information theory. I spent three years at the University of Cambridge, where I had a position as a Junior Research Fellow at Churchill College. The James Fairfax Oxford-Australia Scholarship allowed me to undertake a doctorate as part of one of the leading quantum information research groups in the world. Developing a research career would have been considerably more difficult without the support of the Oxford-Australia fund, and I am very grateful for the opportunities it has 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 College, Oxford where he studied 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.



Corin Throsby



Nicholas Apostoloff



Daniel Piggott



Patrick Porter



Garry Bowen



Patrick Mackerras

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Benjamin Kelly

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

"The Oxford Faculty of Classics is one of the largest in the world. Doing graduate work there offered me opportunities to develop a wide range of technical skills and to experience a considerable variety of approaches to my subject. Moreover, 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 a large history department in a Canadian university. The experience of being recruited to this post and my subsequent interactions with North American colleagues have underlined for me the high regard with which Oxford degrees are held."



Dale Smith

1998-2001 Dale Smith read Law and Arts at the University of Melbourne and was the recipient of 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, as a result of which I was able to complete my D.Phil, 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 currently a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Law at Monash 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

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.

"During the last academic year, I continued my work in developing computed-aided breast cancer detection using MRI images. My effort was put into trying to extract physiologically important information out of the images and use it for cancer detection. I presented papers at an international conference in Washington D.C. during April 2006 and a conference in Copenhagen during October. The experience of my study is very valuable and beneficial to me in many ways. After my graduation, I decided to apply my skill set in a different field. Currently, I am working as a quantitative researcher for an investment bank in Japan."



Jason Wong

2003 - 2006 Jason Wong, from Sydney, graduated from the University of Sydney with a First Class Honours degree 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 I think provided the best possible environment for my studies. Since the completion of my DPhil in October 2006, I spent a year as a post-doctoral fellow at the University College Dublin. At the start of 2008 I returned to Sydney as a research fellow at the newly established Lowy Cancer Research Centre at the University of New South Wales. I am currently establishing my own research team in the area of cancer bioinformatics. I am most grateful for the academic opportunities that the Sir Vincent Fairfax Family foundation, in cooperation with the Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund, has opened up for me."

Former University College Old Members' Fund Scholars

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, he completed a DPhil in Condensed Matter Physics.

"My DPhil research involved investigating some of the fundamental physics behind light emitting III-V based nanostructures. After experience in industry and a brief foray into the patent profession, I am now at the University of Queensland as a Research Fellow. I wish to thank the donors to the University College Fund whose contributions made it possible for me to further my research in an international context."

2001-2002 Kathleen Neal (nee Hutson) has a science and arts degree from the University of Melbourne. She completed a Masters of Studies Historical Research (Medieval History) at the University of Oxford.

"I am currently a doctoral student at Monash University, Australia, working on the correspondence of the royal government of England in the thirteenth century. Primarily based on original documents, my study has been greatly facilitated by the great training, especially in Latin and palaeography, which I received in Oxford during my MSt. As Chair of the Medieval Academy of America's Graduate Student Committee in 2010-11, and having particular care for collaborative opportunities for students, I often call upon my Oxford connections to provide advice and avenues for forging international connections among the student body. I am indebted to the Oxford-Australia Fund for its past support which continues to benefit me, and students of medieval studies everywhere, in such ways."

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

"Receiving the Oxford Australia Scholarship in 1999 allowed me to realise a long-held dream of studying English literature at Oxford. After completing an MPhil in 2001, I joined the Sydney Morning Herald as a trainee journalist. I have since worked in the newspaper's investigations team and on the foreign desk and am currently the foreign affairs and defence correspondent in the Herald's Canberra bureau. So, aside from leaving me with great memories, the scholarship and my time at Oxford have helped me with my next step in life by enabling me to break into journalism."



Kwan Hee Lee



Kathleen Neal



Jonathan Pearlman

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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 Macquarie University with a Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy) and from University of New South Wales with First Class Honours and the University Medal in Law. She undertook internships with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the NSW Public Defender's Office. She read for the BCL in Oxford studying human rights, public international law, jurisprudence and political theory.

"After graduating from the Bachelor of Civil Law with a Distinction in July 2009, I began reading for a PhD in Law at the University of Cambridge under the supervision of Professor James Crawford. My doctoral research considers the implications in public international law of loss of territory and displacement resulting from climate change.

My year among Oxford's 'dreaming spires' is a time I will never forget. An intellectually demanding whirlwind of new ideas and ancient traditions in a setting that to me will always appear dressed in a soft air of whimsy, richly layered with histories both real and imagined. Its many rewards have included wonderful and enduring friendships, a more rigorous academic approach, and exciting directions of thought to pursue in my doctoral studies. I am extremely grateful to the Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund for making this all possible."



Kate Purcell

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Phoebe Williams

2008-2009 Phoebe Williams followed her Sydney University Bachelor Medicine/Bachelor Surgery Honours degrees and her ANU Bachelor Commerce/Bachelor Science degrees with an MSc at Oxford in Global Health Science. Phoebe founded the charity "Hands of Help" in 2005 to improve education and health care in developing communities and to expose medical students to the issues facing developing world health. She was a winner in the Oxford 2009 "Idea Idol" entrepreneurship competition with her "Foresight Pharmaceuticals" hormonal gel to prevent transmission of HIV/AIDS. After completing her MSc in 2009, Phoebe returned to Australia to complete her medical internship, and hopes in the future to return to Oxford to study for a DPhil.

"Between 2004 - 2007 I spent 3 months a year in Africa and over 6 months in remote indigenous communities in Australia with the program. I managed the building of four primary schools in Uganda, a child sponsorship program for 250 Kenyan orphans and the establishment of a Ugandan-run Community Health Project. I was also part of a biannual preventative health care project for Australian Aboriginal people without access to regular health care. At Oxford, I carried out a research project in China investigating the health of migrant children then did an internship with the HIV/AIDS department of the WHO in Geneva. My time at Oxford was fantastic and passed so quickly. I sang in the College choir, ran at Varsity level and rowed. I felt incredibly fortunate to be there."



Carla Bissett

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, building on my previous experience in the private engineering sector. At the start of 2010 I commenced work as an analyst for the NSW Government's independent Natural Resources Commission, providing advice on matters relating to natural resource management primarily at a state and regional scale. Working in this new field is proving to be 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. Now that I am back in Australia, I hope I am able to use the knowledge I gained at Oxford to improve the management of our own natural resources."



Catherine Eakin

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. After completing her BCL, Catherine worked as a tipstaff to a Supreme Court Judge in NSW and has been employed in a financial services and corporate advisory practice.

"The 2005-2006 academic year I spent as a Chevening Oxford Australia scholar reading for the BCL enriched my life academically, professional and personally. As part of this, I was challenged to consider why and how we regulate, and the ways in which Australia is both ahead of and behind the United Kingdom and European Union in formulating regulatory policy. This experience was an invaluable resource in my recent six month secondment at the Australian Securities and Investments Commission working in Strategic 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."



Alexander Phipps

2005 - 2006 Alexander (Sandy) Phipps, from Canberra, graduated in 2003 from the Australian National University with degrees in Arts (History/Politics) and Law. He read for a Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) at St Edmund Hall and since completing that degree in 2006, has remained in England, working as a litigator at a London law firm. Sandy has drawn heavily in his new role on his BCL studies, particularly in the fields of private international law and civil procedure.

"Having the opportunity to study at Oxford by virtue of the Chevening Oxford-Australia Scholarship programme was a remarkable experience. The BCL was the most intellectually rigorous course of study I have ever undertaken, because of the inherent nature of the degree and perhaps more importantly, the enthusiasm and ability of my fellow students. But of course these same features made it an immensely rewarding and enjoyable experience as well; and this is not to mention the opportunities for travel and the pursuit of non-academic interests that my time in Oxford presented. I would therefore recommend wholeheartedly the scholarship to prospective students; and would thank Professor White and the Fund committee for their support and on-going work in support of the scholarship programs."

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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 from the Australian National University, 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 Battison

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 a University Medal in Law. Before leaving for Oxford, Jodi worked as a solicitor in Sydney and as a volunteer for the international humanitarian law section of the International Committee for the Red Cross. Jodi undertook a Bachelor of Civil Law with a focus on public international law including the law of war and international human rights, comparative human rights, international dispute resolution and conflict of laws.

"I focused on international law and human rights and found all the subjects fascinating and the small group tutorials both challenging and rewarding. There is much to absorb from an academic standpoint in Oxford with regular seminars on timely international law issues presented by leading practitioners, policy-makers and academics throughout the world. I felt very privileged to be in such a setting and learned a great amount. Aside from the academic, Oxford provided a great opportunity to become involved in new sports. I took up rowing and rowed in the Christ Church Regatta for novices - and novices we were! It was all a lot of fun."



Jodi Gray

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 the BCL, I received a scholarship to study in Trier, Germany for a year where I undertook an LL.M in German and European law. This year was most rewarding and really complemented the experience of Oxford. I have since returned to Oxford and completed an MPhil with a dissertation on Judicial Review of Emergency Powers. I'm currently pursuing a DPhil which I should finish in 2010 on The Justiciability of Political Questions. I will then very much be looking forward to returning to Australia."

"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). I was continually challenged in my thoughts and perspectives and am eager to use what I have gained here when I return home. 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."



David Tomkins

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 work 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. I thoroughly enjoyed my very busy time at Oxford. Between 2003 and 2006 I worked as the Assistant Dean of Brasenose College and in 2005-2006 I taught international law, both to undergraduate Oxford students and to diplomats on the Oxford University Foreign Service Programme. I also enjoyed working as an Assistant Editor, then Editor, of the Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal, and being involved for four years in Oxford Pro Bono Publico. In August 2006 while completing my DPhil, I moved to Canberra to work as a lawyer with the Office of International Law with the federal Attorney-General's Department. I am working in international human rights and humanitarian law and am enjoying translating my postgraduate studies into practice. 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 me."



Sarah McCosker

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Hoi Trinh



Laura Dawes



Matthew Harding



Chester Brown

2003 – 2004 Sophie Rigby 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 College.

"Since my graduation at Oxford in 2002, I've 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 am currently working with International Lifeline Fund (ILF), a non profit US organization as its director of program development overseeing its clean water and fuel efficient stove programs in Uganda, Kenya and Haiti. If you wish to learn more about my work or intern with ILF in its Washington DC or Uganda office, please go to www.lifelinefund.org or write to me at hoitrinh@lifelinefund.org."

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 Master of Science in Economic and Social History, specialising in the History of Science.

"After completing my Master's studies at Oxford as a Chevening Oxford Australia Scholar in 2001-02, I lived in Hanoi, Vietnam for two years where I taught maths and physics and worked at as an honorary Canadian (!) at the Canadian Embassy. On returning to Canberra in 2004, I had a busy year getting married in April and starting a new job at the Australian National University. I am now at Harvard and am just about finished my fourth year of a PhD on the history of childhood obesity in the US since the nineteenth century. The Chevening was the means to an exceptional experience and one which I continue to build on and for which I am and will be forever hugely grateful."

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. I now live and work in Melbourne. The scholarship has 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 year in Oxford."

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 was recently appointed to the position of Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Sydney. Prior to taking up this position, I served as Assistant Legal Adviser at the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office where I advised 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. I participated in negotiation of bilateral investment treaties and was a member of the UK delegation to various multilateral fora, including the Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly, the Council of Europe's Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law and the European Union's 'Comité Juridique'. I was involved in representing the UK and the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs in international, foreign and domestic litigation. Before joining the FCO, I was a Senior Associate in the International Law and International Arbitration Group of Clifford Chance LLP, London, where I advised on, and

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acted in, commercial and investment treaty claims governed by the UNCITRAL, ICSID, ICC, LCIA, and AAA/ICDR Arbitration Rules. I am extremely grateful for the British Chevening-Oxford Australia award, which made it possible for me to start an international career."

1999- 2000 Sacha Moran, from Sydney, graduated from Sydney University with First Class Honours and the University Medal in Arts (Politics) and First Class Honours in Law. He read for a Bachelor of Civil Law at University College. He is now a senior lawyer in the Office of General Counsel in Canberra.

"The calibre of teachers within the BCL course is exceptional, and the mixture of students from common law and civil law backgrounds exposes different approaches to common problems. My own BCL subjects all related to international law, public and private, but the BCL offers a very wide range of legal topics from Roman Law to Corporate Insolvency. Oxford's tutorial system is rigorous and quite unlike anything I had experienced before, as was the gently tribal college system. My experience at Oxford has been an invaluable tool, and has repaid the effort many times over."

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

"I studied the BCL at Magdalen College. It was an important stepping stone as I was then offered the opportunity to study for the Masters of Law at Yale Law School, one of the most prestigious in the US. My BCL thesis was published in the Modern Law Review and was awarded a prize for the best publication in that year. After Yale, I returned to Australia and commenced as a Sesqui Lecturer in Commercial Law at the University of Sydney Law School. After four years as a Lecturer at the University of Melbourne Law School, and Associate Director of the Intellectual Property Research Institute of Australia, I continued to research issues that I started to look at in Oxford: the enforcement of intellectual property, the conceptualisation of intellectual property rights as property rights, and the development and reform of intellectual property in a more interconnected world. I have left the University of Melbourne (and the Intellectual Property Research Institute of Australia) and am now a Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Queensland, in Brisbane, and associated with the Australian Centre for Intellectual Property in Agriculture up here. I'm really pleased with the move, as it has given me a new set of colleagues and challenges!"

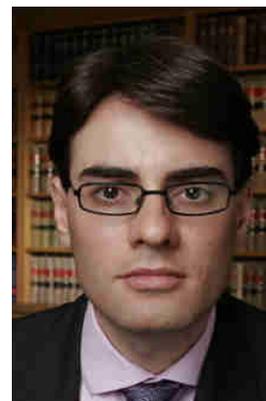
The Chevening-Oxford Australia scholarship gave me the start I needed to launch myself into global academia and in particular the international group of scholars studying IP law. Through the St Peter's Centre, during my stay at Oxford, I was exposed to a large number of important scholars and developed the taste for academic and legal debate. I still look back at that year as a very special one and an amazing opportunity."

1998-1999 John Cheong Lee graduated with a BA in Philosophy with 1st Class Honours and Bachelor of Laws at the University of New South Wales in 1995 and 1998. He completed his Masters degree in 2000 on his Oxford-Chevening Scholarship and completed his Doctorate in International Relations in 2002, whilst at University College, Oxford.

"On returning to Australia in 2002, I co-founded a research organisation, L21 Pty Ltd, of which I am the Managing Director. I am also a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Independent Studies in Foreign Policy, based in Sydney, and a Fellow at the Hudson Institute in Washington DC. The British Chevening - Oxford Australia Scholarship allowed me to study with some of the best students in the world and learn from pre-eminent scholars in my field. I returned to Australia with a greater global perspective and a much more developed and mature understanding of many things in my field of work. I have also made some lifelong friends from many countries around the world. The opportunities flowing from the scholarship are genuinely rare ones and I am thankful to be a recipient of it."

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

"Following an arduous but thoroughly enriching year in Oxford, I stayed on in London for two years working for law firm Slaughter and May. On returning to Australia I worked as a corporate solicitor at Freehills (along with a number of other Oxford graduates) and recently moved to Fairfax Media as an in-house lawyer. My two boys Daniel (6) and Tom (4) help ensure life is never quiet or boring and although my time at Oxford sometimes seems a world away, I keep in touch through the Oxford alumni magazines and functions in Sydney. The opportunity I had through the Chevening - Oxford Australia Scholarship to study in such an environment, and to be taught by leading scholars, is something I will always value. The skills I developed and knowledge I gained benefit me every day in my practice, and the friendships I made and the personal experiences I enjoyed have undoubtedly enriched my life."



Sacha Moran



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