Another seven Australians will travel to Oxford over the coming year with support from the Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund. The Fund gratefully acknowledges the considerable support to the scholars from Oxford and the scholars’ own universities. These additions have enhanced the scholarships’ values. At present, the Australian National University, the University of New South Wales, the University of Sydney and the University of Tasmania provide supplementary funding to their former students. In 2006, students from the University of Adelaide and the University of Wollongong will also take up studies in Oxford.

The Oxford Australia Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the first Scholar from the Magdalen College Oxford Australia Fund in October 2006. The determined efforts of the Friends’ Coordinator, the Honourable Ian Wilson, AM, has been highly successful and on behalf of the Committee, I thank him for his continuing, generous donation of time, money and effort which has seen the creation of a named scholarship in preparation for the celebrations of the College’s 500 year anniversary.

The generous gift from the Sir Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation in its 40th anniversary year, 2002, has provided funding for two three-year life science research scholarships for Australians at Oxford University for Jonathan Lo and Jason Wong. They, and the Scholarship Committee, thank the Trustees of the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation for their support.

Fund raising for the University College Old Members Fund is led by Mr. Stuart McCullogh. Beneficiaries are Mr. Kwan Hee Lee, finishing his DPhil in Physics and Jonathan Pearlman and Kathleen Neal (Hutson) whose post Oxford professional experiences can be found on the following pages. The Committee acknowledges with gratitude the gifts that have helped these students.

Visiting Oxford for research purposes recently, I was able to have a lunch party with eight of the current Oxford Australia scholars and senior members of the University. As always, it was good to hear their experiences and see their enthusiasm for their work and contribution to University life.

The quality and number of applicants this year were exceptional. The Scholarship Fund awarded six scholarships from the 62 students who submitted complete applications. Fifty of these had graduated with 1st Class Honours and ten had been awarded University Medals as well as numerous other academic awards. Among the twelve students short-listed, eight had graduated with a double degree, all had obtained 1st Class Honours and five had received University medals. Some information on the new scholars can be found on pages 2 and 3.

Since the first Oxford-Australia scholarships were awarded in 1998, 34 young Australians have received support to complete their studies at Oxford. All have expressed their gratitude for the funding that has enabled them to study in Oxford and benefit from that experience. I would also like to thank the British High Commission for its assistance in the selection of scholars and for its contribution to the funding of the Chevening Oxford-Australia Scholarships over the past years.

In 2007-2008, we will make a large effort to extend the Scholarship Fund to celebrate ten years.

John White
2006 – 2007  Patrick Delaney, from Canberra, graduated from the Australian National University at the end of 2005 with a Bachelor of Laws (honours and university medal) and a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in International Relations and Philosophy. Since graduating, he has worked in the legal policy branch of the National E-Health Transition Authority and as a law tutor at the Australian National University.

His interests include governance, particularly the difficult issue of corruption, as well as political and legal theory. He intends to develop his knowledge in these areas by reading for the Bachelor of Civil Law in Oxford, focusing on international law and jurisprudence. In his free time at Oxford, he is hoping to learn Spanish and to make a brief return to debating, in preference to Oxford’s other famous past-time – rowing.

2006 – 2008  Anthony Jones, from Sydney, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Asian Studies) with first class honours and the University Medal in Chinese. During the course of his degree he won scholarships and prizes for English, Latin, Ancient Greek and modern Chinese. His honours thesis however focused on Classical Chinese language, specifically the semiotic implications of the third-century BCE Daoist philosophical text *Zhuang Zi*.

While at university, Anthony was involved in debating, representing Sydney University at Australian, Australasian and World championships, and winning the award for Best Debater in Australia at the 2001 Australian intervarsity championships. He also edited *Honi Soit*, and wrote for the university’s literary journal, *Hermes*, and the Sydney University Dramatic Society. Following graduation, he studied at the Guoji Guanxi Xueyuan (College of International Relations) in Beijing over the 2004-05 Chinese winter. During 2005 & 2006, Anthony worked at the NSW Government Cabinet Office in the Premier’s policy advice unit on rural water and natural resources policy. At the same time, he has been pursuing further MA research in the area of early Classical Chinese literature – this time the ritual poetry of the ancient Book of Songs.

At Oxford, Anthony will study law for the first time, reading for the BA in Jurisprudence with Senior Status at University College.

2006 – 2009  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.

Phil will undertake a Masters in Economics. He plans to focus on economic growth, investment and institutions, exploring issues such as the impact of governance on measures of welfare. Phil also plays soccer, squash and tennis.

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

At the moment I’m tutoring a course on the Romantic period and finishing my MPhil thesis on Jane Austen’s juvenilia. At Oxford I plan to research travel and mobility—both economic and social—in Austen’s works, and in the Regency period in general for my DPhil. The Austen family was closely connected to Oxford, and I’m looking forward to exploring the countryside around Oxford, and finally seeing many of the places which she knew and wrote about.
2006 – 2007 Erin Schwarz, from Adelaide, graduated from the University of Adelaide in 2004 with a Diploma in Languages (Japanese) and a Bachelor of Arts majoring in English. She was awarded First Class Honours in English in 2005.

I have been passionate about English literature for almost as long as I can remember. Therefore, I am very much looking forward to reading for the MSt in English Language and Literature at Oxford. My course focuses on Romantic and Victorian literature, and I plan to write my Masters thesis on the poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins. I would like to explore the relationship between poetry, sensation and God, as it is seen in Hopkins’s work. By experiencing English culture, I hope to gain an enriched understanding of British literature.

In addition to my study commitments, I tutor high school students and I like to spend my free time volunteering for the Animal Welfare League of South Australia. I enjoy working with teenagers: in the past, I helped to establish and run a youth group at a local church.

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.

While my main area of study is Physics, I have always been drawn towards research with an interdisciplinary element. My Honours year in Physics, and my soon to be completed Masters, both focus on looking at some interesting optical microstructures found in butterflies. I find it fascinating that physicists have much to learn from these biological systems, and also that we may help increase biologist’s understanding of them. I have also been involved in testing new technologies for tiger surveillance in Manas National Park, Northeast India, and spent a semester of my undergraduate degree on exchange in Russia.

I am looking forward to continuing in interdisciplinary science research at Oxford, as part of the Life Sciences Interface Doctoral Training Centre. This centre coordinates a 4-year course, which is aimed at training students from the physical sciences to apply their skills to problems in the life sciences. It includes a year of doctoral training in advanced life sciences areas, after which I will complete a DPhil in the area of Bionanotechnology, within the Physics department.
2005 – 2006, 2007 –2008 Brenda Tronson, from Werombi, New South Wales, graduated from University of New South Wales with a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Science (Hons). Brenda will complete her BCL in July and has been granted a deferral before continuing her studies with a MPhil in Law.

Wow - the year’s almost over! Everyone told me that the BCL was intense, but I still can’t quite believe how quickly it’s gone. Part of the reason for this is that there’s always so much going on (decisions, decisions!). So I’ve managed to get involved in a fair range of activities - from keeping up my kickboxing and learning to play soccer, to the Merton Big Band, being on the Lincoln College MCR committee as women’s officer, and other bits and pieces.

Next year I’ll be heading home for a 12-month judicial associateship, then hopefully I’ll be back here (in Oxford) to do the MPhil in law. I’ve really enjoyed this year - the BCL is an excellent course, and it has provided an excellent grounding for my legal career, whether in research or practice.

2004 – 2006 Eloise Scotford, from Sydney, graduated from the University of Sydney with a combined science/law degree and a University Medal in Law in 2001. After graduating she worked as an associate for the Chief Justice of Australia and lectured in Property Law and Equity at the University of New South Wales. She undertook a Bachelor of Civil Law in Oxford, pursuing interests in equity, contract, intellectual property and European Union law. As a volunteer, she provides legal advice at a homeless shelter in inner Sydney. Other interests include tennis, reading, horse-riding and she is a fluent French speaker.

Eloise was awarded the Eleanor Sophia Wood Postgraduate Research Travelling Scholarship from the University of Sydney to supplement her living and travelling expenses.

This academic year has been (and continues to be) an extremely demanding and challenging one. The BCL year is renowned for its intensive workload, and my experience has not been exceptional in this respect. With the challenge and intensity, I have found myself stretched into new academic dimensions, and significant reward has come with all the hard work.

My Dissertation required a very different academic approach and was a more personal project. My thesis topic concerned Waste Regulation in the European Community, looking in particular at whether industrial by-products (should) come within the scheme of EC waste regulation. I plan to continue and extend this project next year, staying on to pursue further research for the MPhil. I have been awarded an ORS Award to assist in this research.

I am very much looking forward to a more flexible schedule next year so that I can get more involved with my sport (dancing and tennis) and pursue voluntary environmental work. I have signed up to be a Vacation Host at the Law Faculty over the summer, and have been asked to do legal research assistance work next year. I have, however, been able to take advantage of some extra-curricular activities this year including many of the events organised by the Oxford Australian and New Zealand Society, particularly enjoying their Anzac service in New College Chapel.

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 a Doctor in Philosophy (DPhil) in Classics, specialising in Late Antiquity, in particular St Augustine and Late Antique Religious Polemic, at Keble College, Oxford in 2003.

Over the past few years, I have been on a thesis on the subject ”The Historia Augusta and Late Roman Literary Culture,” which is now nearing completion.

The Historia Augusta is one of the more enigmatic books in Latin literature. It is 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. During the nineteenth century, critics gradually realised that the whole thing was an enormous hoax, perpetrated by a single forger, writing late in the fourth century.

Whenever you read something faintly odd or disreputable about a Roman emperor of the third century, then it was probably derived from the Historia Augusta. So, for instance, the claim that the Emperor Heliogabalus travelled around Rome in a wheelbarrow, dragged by four naked ladies, is not an accurate historical observation, but rather the work of our forger. The suggestion that the Emperor Maximinus ("the Thracian") was a seven-foot tall barbarian, perpetually drunk, who could win half a dozen wrestling bouts in a single afternoon (without breaking into a sweat) is also a fabrication. The claim that the Emperor Tacitus ordered all the books of his ancestor, the historian Tacitus, copied and placed in the libraries of Rome represents yet another devious invention. The list is almost endless.

The author of these bizarre lies was something of a genius, and he inflicted untold horrors upon classical studies: bogus authors, senators, buildings, dates, coins, 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. In the process, I have found that some very important people in the later Roman empire had what could be described as a sense of humour, which they exercised under the most outlandish pseudonyms. The attempt to unravel their elaborate in-jokes and codes involves some difficult philological problems and casts light upon many aspects of life at Rome around the turn of the fifth century.

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 in 2002.

This was my first year on the Economics DPhil. Program at Oxford, having completed the corresponding MPhil. last year. My thesis is a quantitative comparison of firms in East Asia with those in Africa with the aim of understanding sources of difference between the two. Technology, prices, productivity and the institutional environment are the main aspects I am investigating with current results indicating that, in comparison with previous thinking, the first two are relatively more important than the latter two. This work has been presented at two conferences this year: the UK Efficiency and Productivity Analysis Network Conference, and also at the Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference. I have also been involved in a UN project on the Nigerian economy. I have been a Lecturer at St Peter’s College for the past two years, and I have recently been offered a position at New College for the coming year. Teaching in the Oxford system is unique and a great experience, as well as ensuring that I don’t forget all the basics of my discipline!

I spent some time in Australia last December, and presented a research seminar at the University of Tasmania as well as meeting with the Vice-Chancellor where we talked, among other things, about the Oxford-Australia Trust.

My time as President of the OU Korfball Club and as Sports Officer for the OUANZ society have also finished this term and it’s been great to be involved in the organisation of the clubs. One particularly good aspect of sports clubs at Oxford is that they give you a chance to get to know people, especially undergraduates, who are not at your college or doing your subject. This year also marks my final year with the Oxford-Australia Trust and so a big thanks to everyone involved! I’ll still be in Oxford for a few more years and look forward to continuing our relationships in the future.
Chevening Oxford Australia Scholars in Oxford

The Chevening Oxford Scholarships have been funded jointly by the British High Commission and the Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund, and have been available for one year of study at the University of Oxford.

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 degree with first class honours in 2001. Since graduating, Catherine has worked as a tipstaff to a Supreme Court Judge in NSW and has been employed in a financial services and corporate advisory practice. At Oxford, Catherine is reading for a Masters degree of Bachelor of Civil Law at St John’s College. Catherine intends to pursue her interest in comparative corporate regulation, with a particular focus on market and business regulation and policy. Catherine’s other interests, that she has been able to pursue in Oxford, include music, dancing, reading, theatre and fun-runs.

Given my interest in comparative corporate regulation and policy, several highlights of my year at Oxford have involved attending a two day conference on the topic of regulating the European market, the 2006 Clarendon Lectures presented by Professor John Coffee entitled ‘Gatekeepers: Corporate Governance and the Professions’, and the discussion forums run by the Law Faculty’s Financial Laws Group.

When I haven’t been studying I’ve been making the most of Oxford’s green spaces: rambling the countryside with the Oxford Walking Club, jogging in fun runs at Blenheim Palace, and trying my hand at punting.

Above all, I have enjoyed soaking up the history of the University and its surrounds, and being challenged by the intellectual rigour of my peers and studies. Indeed, I can only confirm what others before me have noted, an academic year really does pass far too quickly!

2005 - 2006  Alexander Phipps, from Canberra, graduated from the Australian National University with a Bachelor of Arts degree (History/Politics) with First Class Honours and a Bachelor of Law degree with First Class Honours and a University Medal. Alexander is reading for a Masters level qualification of Bachelor of Civil Laws at St Edmunds Hall. Alexander’s extra curricular activities and interests include writing and reading, as well as tennis, cricket and swimming.

The first term has seen me focusing on my dissertation and Principles of Civil Procedure. Under the supervision of Andrew Burrows QC (Norton Rose Professor of Commercial Law), the former has distilled into a paper concerned with a doctrine typically known as ‘common law forbearance.’ This doctrine provides for the enforcement of promises that lack this consideration element, providing the law in this area with a essential element of flexibility. In the Principles of Civil Procedure course, I have been exploring the nature and effect of fundamental reforms effected to English civil procedure in the late 1990s designed to make civil litigation quicker, cheaper and less complex.

In the social context, I have been active in Teddy Hall’s large MCR community, with the highlights of this term being the annual ‘Medieval Feast’, the St Edmund’s Day Feast in November (an event to which junior members of the College are invited only once) and a series of Wednesday Seminars at which graduate students present their research topics to fellow students for discussion.
Sir Vincent Fairfax Life Sciences Scholarships

A donation of $120,000 was made in 2002 by the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation to celebrate its 40th anniversary. In the honour of Oxford graduate and founder of the Foundation, Sir Vincent Fairfax CMG, this donation has provided funding for three-year life science research degrees for two Australians at Oxford University. The two scholarship holders, Mr. Jonathan Lo and Mr. Jason Wong, are now successfully completing their studies.

2003 - 2006 Jonathan Lo, from Melbourne, graduated from the University of Queensland with a first class honours degree and University Medal in Engineering in 1996 and a Master of Engineering Science in 1998. Based at Balliol College, he is working in the Medical Vision Laboratory, specialising in the area of diagnostic medical analysis, such as tumour detection and disease localisation. He has also been awarded a full Clarendon Fund bursary from the University of Oxford to assist with his university and college fees.

During the last academic year, I have continued my work in developing computed-aided breast cancer detection using MRI images. My effort is put into trying to extract physiologically important information out of the images and use it for cancer detection. Instead of using the image intensity, we have used T1 relaxation time (an intrinsic value unique to the underlying tissues), and showed that it provides a better accuracy in detection. I went to an international conference in Washington D.C. during April to present my papers, and I have another one accepted for a conference in Copenhagen during October. Hopefully I will be finishing my thesis by then!!

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 involves the development of a computational tool intended to help the understanding of genomes.

Over the past year, I have made significant progress in my research. My project relates to the development of artificial intelligence based algorithms to analyse biomedical mass spectrometry data, and it has so far resulted in three publications. I am currently in the final stage of my project hoping to apply the algorithms developed to analyse some real life biomedical datasets. I intend to submit my thesis, titled “Computational approaches to the pre-processing and analysis of biomedical mass spectrometry datasets”, later this year. In August, I will be attending the 17th International Mass Spectrometry conference in Prague where I will be presenting some of my research.

Outside of study, in possibly my last summer in Oxford, I have continued to play cricket in the intercollegiate and interdepartmental competitions.

Following my DPhil, I intend to continue working in academia by become a post doctoral researcher. I have applied for a number of fellowships and I hope to join a research group at University College Dublin (UCD) with whom I have been collaborating in my current research.
University College Old Members’ Scholarship

Thanks to the generous support of many members of University College living in Australia, the University College Old Members’ Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund has supported three scholars at the University College since 1999, Jonathan Pearlman and Kathleen Hutson-Neal. Kwan Hee Lee is at present completing his DPhil in Physics.

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.

The past twelve months can be best described as being "constantly on the GO"... - Working with our collaborators in Cambridge, we have developed a novel way of registering single quantum dots. Quantum dots are very small semiconductor structures (~1000 atoms) and this represents next generation of material for optical and electronic application. In addition, I have been working on other projects involving the characterisation, simulation and analysis of these very small semiconductor structures.

This progress can be reflected in my publications. As a lead author, I have had two papers published, and a third accepted, in Applied Physics Letters which is a highly respected and cited journal in my field. I have also been involved in other publications and I have more papers ready to be submitted in the coming.

University College Old Members - Past Scholarship Awardees

1999-2001 **Jonathan Pearlman** read Art and Law at the University of New South Wales gaining a BA (Hons) and LLB. Jonathan was the first to be awarded a special scholarship sponsored by University College Old Members in Australia. He completed an MPhil in modern English literature.

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 a state political reporter in the Herald’s bureau at the NSW Parliament. 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.

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 completed my MST Historical Research (Medieval History) at Univ in 2002 with the assistance of the University College Oxford-Australia Scholarship. After going down, I returned to Melbourne while my husband completed his MA. I have been working and studying in my ‘other’ field, biological science, while in Melbourne, but my driving passion remains history. In my ‘spare’ time, I participate in a number of postgraduate history fora at the University of Melbourne, sharing some of the essential skills gained during my MST (for example, Latin and palaeography) with local graduate students. I have also been work-shopping ideas for a DPhil at a fortnightly medieval studies discussion group. Now that our commitments in Melbourne are nearly at an end, my husband and I aim to return to Oxford so I can get stuck into pursuing an academic career in history. See you again soon among the dreaming spires!
### Past James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholars

#### 2002 - 2005 Corin Throsby
from Sydney, graduated with the University Medal in English Literature from the Australian National University. She then worked as a journalist at Fairfax for two years before starting a Master of Studies in English at Somerville College, which she completed with a Distinction. She is now a Senior Scholar at Hertford College, in her second year of a DPhil in English, and has published articles on Lord Byron, Joseph Conrad and literary responses to the sinking of the Titanic. She is writing her thesis on Byron and the birth of celebrity culture in the Romantic period. When not chained to a desk in the Bodleian, she has been performing in student theatre productions, taking hip-hop dance classes and learning to speak Italian.

#### 2002-2005 Nicholas Apostoloff
from Canberra, graduated with a Masters degree in 2005, a University Medal in Engineering in 2000 and a Bachelor of Information Technology in 1998 from the Australian National University. He began his DPhil in October 2002 at Brasenose College, specialising in Computer Vision.

> Since moving to Oxford in 2002, I have experienced many of the weird and wonderful aspects of student life in Oxford and the James Fairfax Oxford-Australia scholarship has been instrumental in this experience. Rowing for Brasenose College on the Isis, watching the Magdalen choir atop a tower at 6am in the rain, attending lectures by some of the most brilliant minds in the world and working with some of those minds only touches on why I will always remember this part of my life with fondness.

> Currently, I am writing my thesis on computer vision and alpha matting - a special effects technique that is central to the film industry. After this, I will start a post doctoral research position at my lab in Oxford for one year before moving to San Francisco to experience another side of my research - industry. Eventually, I hope to settle back home in Australia and continue my research there. I would like to thank the Oxford-Australia fund for helping me with my research and wish the fund all the best for the future.

#### 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. Naomi also received a funding supplement from the University of Queensland to support her scholarship.

> Since completing my Bachelor of Civil Law in 2005, I have continued my studies at Oxford. I am now undertaking my DPhil in law, funded by a Biomedical Ethics Studentship of the Wellcome Trust. My research will examine and analyse the impact of patents over human genes on the translation of medical biotechnology research into clinical application, in the context of the development of genetic diagnostic tests. I am fortunate to be based at the Ethox Centre within the Department of Public Health and Primary Care, a multidisciplinary research group of clinicians, philosophers, lawyers, social scientists and psychologists who examine the ethical, legal and social implications of health care.

> I continue to enjoy living in Oxford; it truly is an amazing place. I have made a number of very good friends, in diverse disciplines, and from various countries. When I am not pursuing my research, I appreciate the social side of Oxford life, and have become involved in the Oxford University Dancesport Club, and social and competitive Ballroom and Latin-American dancing.
Past James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholars

2002-2003 Daniel Piggott graduated from the University of Queensland with first class honours and University Medal in Law. He completed the Bachelor of Civil Laws 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 learned in my studies helped me to branch out of a traditional commercial litigation practice into areas of public interest. This included recently conducting a pro bono case in the Federal Court and High Court of Australia that refined the law relating to the Commonwealth’s power to deal with aliens. I have now joined the private bar in Brisbane, where I hope to continue my involvement in public and constitutional law in addition to building a commercial litigation practice.

Academically, my studies have allowed me to hold a position as a visiting lecturer in law at the University of Queensland, teaching both graduate and undergraduate students. 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 at Magdalen College, having completed his MPhil with distinction.

Thanks to the generosity of the Fairfax Scholarship, I was able to complete a DPhil in Modern History at Magdalen College, Oxford. My doctoral thesis, (which survived the viva!), examined religious rhetoric in the British and German armies in the First World War.

I worked as a Tutor at Oxford in both British History and the comparative history of the First World War. I also worked as a Teaching Fellow at the British Defence Academy, where I have just been appointed as a Lecturer in Defence Studies.

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 has been an associate lecturer in the History Programme at the ANU since 2003.

The Oxford Faculty of Classics is one of the largest in the world. Doing graduate work at Oxford therefore 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 not just a large Faculty, it is a flourishing one. It 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. It is easy, I think, for junior members of Australian humanities departments to 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, I hope, 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.
**Past James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholars**

**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 have spent the last three years at the University of Cambridge, where I also have 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. He studied Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE).

**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 a DPhil in Law at Oxford University. 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 lecturer in the Faculty of Law at Monash University, and the training I received at Oxford has proven to be of enormous value as I embark upon an academic career.

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**Past Chevening Oxford Australia Scholars**

**2004 - 2005 Andrew Battisson**, 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. He has read for the Masters degree of Bachelor of Civil Law at St Anne’s College and is looking forward to putting his new knowledge to good use.

After graduating from the Australian National University, Andrew practised in the fields of litigation and takeovers, and securities law in Sydney. At Oxford he has pursued his interest in these areas and the developing relationship between commercial law and improving compliance with human rights.

Andrew also won a scholarship from the international commercial law firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer to supplement his Chevening scholarship.
Past Chevening Oxford Australia Scholars

2004 – 2005 Jodi Gray, from northern NSW, 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 am finding all the subjects I studied fascinating. The small group tutorials (a characteristic of Oxford study) are 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 am feeling very privileged to be in such a setting and learning a great amount. Aside from the academic, Oxford also provides through its collegiate system a great opportunity to become involved in new sports. I took up rowing in first term and rowed in the Christchurch Regatta for novices - and novices we were! It was all a lot of fun.*

2003 – 2004 Sophie Rigby, from Canberra, was awarded a Bachelor of Economics degree and a Bachelor of Laws degree with first class honours from the Australian National University.

*I studied for the BCL at Christ Church in 2003-2004. The experience of studying at Oxford, with its tutorial system, is truly unique. The BCL well deserves its reputation as the most rigorous postgraduate taught course in the common law world, and it is immensely rewarding to have completed it. After some time in Sydney, I am returning to Canberra this year where I have joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.*

2003 – 2004 David Tomkins, from Sydney, was awarded a Bachelor of Commerce degree and a Bachelor of Laws degree with first class honours from the University of Western Sydney. He read for a Bachelor of Civil Law at Jesus College.

*After completing the BCL in 2003-2004 (thanks to the Chevening Oxford-Australia scholarship) I received a scholarship to study in Trier, Germany for a year where I undertook an LL.M in German and European law. During my time in Trier I also held a post as a research assistant for Professor Birk at the Institute for Labour Law and Industrial Relations in the European Community (http://www.iaaeg.de/). The year in Germany living, working, and learning in a different language, culture and legal system was most rewarding and really complemented the experience of coming from Australia to Oxford.*

*I have since returned to Oxford to complete the M.Phil. My dissertation is on Judicial Review of Emergency Powers. I'm currently considering whether or not to stay on for the D.Phil. Either way, once I am finished here I will 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 put to use what I have gained here when I return home. On the extra-curricular side of things I have had no trouble getting involved with music, drama and sport. And one of the greatest things about Oxford is the opportunity to meet interesting and intelligent people from all over the world and from just about every academic discipline imaginable.*
2002-2003 Sarah McCosker graduated from the University of Queensland with a combined Bachelor of Arts Honours degree (1998) and Bachelor of Laws degree (2001), receiving double first class honours. She worked as an Associate to a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland and gained her qualifications as a barrister before going to Oxford in 2002.

After completing the BCL in 2003 I undertook the MPhil in Law, writing my thesis on the relationship between international law and diplomacy in international dispute settlement. I finished the MPhil in 2004, and am currently working on this topic for my DPhil, which I aim to complete at the end of 2006. Since 2003 I have been working as the Assistant Dean of Brasenose College, and in 2004-2005 also worked at the Law Commission of England and Wales. Over 2005-2006 I have been enjoying complementing my studies with teaching international law, both to undergraduate students and to diplomats on the Oxford University Foreign Service Programme. I have also been involved in Oxford’s pro bono law program, Oxford Pro Bono Publico, since 2002, serving as the Chairperson of the program over the past year.

On the non-academic front, I have enjoyed a range of activities here in Oxford—competing for my college in rowing, singing in the Oxford University College choir, acting in the Oxford University Dramatic Society, and working as an Assistant Editor then Editor of the Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal. I have thoroughly enjoyed my very busy time at Oxford, and am looking forward to translating my postgraduate studies in international law into practice. I will be returning to Canberra this year to join the Attorney-General’s Department.

2001-2002 Hoi Trinh has a double degree in Arts and Law from the University of Melbourne (1990-94). He has worked as a solicitor with refugees since 1997. He completed the Master of Studies in Forced Migration course at Magdalen College on an Oxford-Chevening Scholarship.

Since my graduation at Oxford in 2002 (thanks to my Chevening Scholarship), I’ve managed to fulfil 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.

2001-2002 Laura Dawes has a first class honours degree in mathematics and statistics from Murdoch University and was awarded a University Medal in Science. She completed a Master of Science in Economic and Social History, specialising in the History of Science.

After completing my Masters 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 first year of a PhD, also in History of Science. 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. As a Chevening Oxford Australia scholar, he completed a Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL).

Since I finished my BCL, I have been working on a DPhil degree at Oxford on the subject of trust and fiduciary obligations. I expect to submit the thesis in June. Also, 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 has led to my research degree, and my current appointment! I have also made a lot of friends through spending that year in Oxford, from all over the world.
Past Chevening Oxford Australia Scholars

2000-2001 Chester Brown read Arts and Law at the University of Melbourne graduating with a double first in 1997/1998. As a Chevening Oxford Australia scholar, he completed a BCL at Oxford. He was subsequently awarded a Menzies Scholarship, and studied for a PhD in international environmental law at the University of Cambridge.

I received the scholarship in 2000 to undertake the BCL at Oxford University. I was in residence at Magdalen College, and I completed the BCL with Distinction in 2001. I then went on to St John's College, Cambridge, to begin a PhD in public international law. My doctoral supervisor was Daniel Bethlehem QC, who is now the Legal Adviser to the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Since completing my PhD, I have been working as an Associate in the International Law and International Arbitration Group at Clifford Chance LLP, an international law firm, based in London. The main focus of my work is the arbitration of disputes arising under investment treaties. This has seen a large growth in recent years due to the many bilateral and multilateral investment treaties which permit investors to bring international proceedings directly against States. I am also a Part-time Lecturer in Public International Law at Queen Mary, University of London.

Receiving the Fairfax Scholarship has enabled me to follow my interest in public international law, and it has also opened up a world of possibilities in international legal practice and in the academic field. In addition, during my year at Oxford, I met my wife, Catherine, who was also studying for the BCL. So the year in Oxford will always be very special!

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 commercial barrister in Sydney.

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 read Law and Arts at the University of Sydney from 1993 to 1997.

I studied the BCL at Magdalen College from 1999-2000 on an Chevening Oxford-Australia Scholarship. It was an important stepping stone - from Magdalen, I was lucky enough to be offered the opportunity, the following year, to study for the Masters of Law at Yale Law School, one of the most prestigious in the US. I’m sure that being at Oxford, and my work there helped me stand out to the Yale selection committee. 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. Since 2003, I have been a Lecturer at the University of Melbourne Law School and the Associate Director of the Intellectual Property Research Institute of Australia, where I have 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.
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** read a BA (Philosophy) with 1st Class Honours and Law at the University of New South Wales from 1992 to 1998. He completed his Masters degree in 2000 from an Oxford-Chevening Scholarship and completed his Doctorate in International Relations in 2002, whilst at University College, Oxford.

Upon returning to Australia in 2002, I co-founded a leading research organisation, L21 Pty Ltd, of which I am the Managing Director. I have completed or am in the process of completing commissioned senior projects for leading Australian and global think-tanks on foreign and security policy such as Chatham House in London, Centre for Strategic & International Studies in Washington, ASPI and SDSC in Canberra and Centre for Independent Studies in Sydney. The Oxford-Chevening 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 degree in B Ec and an LLB (1st 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. Since returning to Australia I have worked as a corporate solicitor at Freehills (along with a number of other Oxford graduates) and recently returned to part-time work following the arrival last year of my second son, Thomas - big brother Daniel having been born in 2003. Although my time at Oxford now seems a world away, the opportunity I had through the Chevening 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.