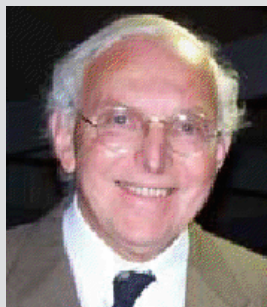


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The field of candidates continues to be outstanding for the James Fairfax Scholarship, University College, Magdalen College and, judging by the entries this year, the soon-to-be Brasenose and Lincoln College Scholarships. This year the first scholar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

The Committee recognises the continuing support and collaboration with Oxford University in the scholarship process and through our applicants in Clarendon Scholarships. The success there has been high. With Oxford's help this year, the Committee achieved the earliest selection date so far.

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

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



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

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

I would like to thank the Committee members most sincerely for their dedication to the large task of selection: Emeritus Professor Wilfrid Prest, University of Adelaide (who is retiring from the Committee after five dedicated years); Professor Merlin Crossley, Dean of Science, University of New South Wales; Professor Peter Rathjen, Vice-Chancellor, University of Tasmania and Professor Lisa Hill, University of Adelaide (whom we welcomed to the Committee).

John White

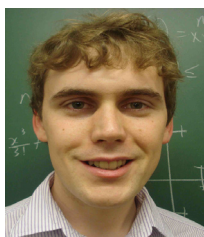
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## 2013 Oxford Australia Scholarship Awards

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Daniel Fuller



Giles Gardam



Emma Lawrance



Zachary Vermeer

***In 2013-2014, four full Oxford Australia Scholarships have been awarded. One of these is the inaugural recipient of the Ian Wilson - Magdalen College Oxford Australia award; two have James Fairfax Oxford Australia awards, one of whom also holds a Clarendon Scholarship; and one has been awarded a University College Old Members Scholarship to hold with her Clarendon award.***

**2013-2014 Daniel Fuller** graduated from the University of Queensland in 2012 with Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours and the University Medal in Law. Since graduating, Daniel has worked in a commercial law firm in the field of tax law, having previously worked in commercial litigation, intellectual property and administrative law. At Oxford he aims to complete a Bachelor of Civil Law to provide a deeper understanding of the history and theory of the common law. Daniel is the inaugural Ian Wilson-Magdalen College Oxford Australia Scholar.

**2013-2016 Giles Gardam** graduated from the University of Sydney in 2012 with Bachelor of Science, First Class Honours and the University Medal in Pure Mathematics. Giles became committed to mathematics following his medal achievements at the International Mathematical Olympiad in high school. Outside of mathematics, Giles is a keen saxophonist and enjoys running and cycling as well as studying foreign languages. Giles' team competed at the 2013 World Finals of the prestigious ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest in St Petersburg. At Oxford, Giles will undertake his Doctorate in Mathematics and his Oxford Australia award is held together with a Clarendon Scholarship and Balliol College Marvin Bower Scholarship.

**2013-2016 Emma Lawrance** graduated from Flinders University in 2009 with Bachelor of Science, First Class Honours in Chemical Physics and the University Medal. Emma then completed a Graduate Diploma in Science Communication at the Australian National University in 2011. In 2012 she was awarded an Oxford Clarendon Scholarship and a Keith-Murray Scholarship from Lincoln College to study for her Oxford MSc in neuroscience. Emma has been awarded a further three year Clarendon Scholarship in conjunction with the University College Old Members Oxford Australia Scholarship to extend this into a DPhil. Her aim is to better understand the neurochemistry and neural circuits involved in anxiety and to investigate how anxiety affects decision-making.

**2010-2011, 2012-2013, 2013-2015 Zachary Vermeer** graduated in 2008 from the University of Sydney with First Class Honours and the University Medal in Law in his combined Arts/Law degree. He has lectured in constitutional and international law at the University of Notre Dame Australia and worked as a Legal Officer in the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department. With an Oxford-Australia Scholarship, Zachary read for BCL in 2010-11, graduating with distinction and winning the Faculty Prize for International Law and Armed Conflict. He returned in 2012-13 to pursue a Master of Studies in Legal Research in public law and will now work towards a DPhil.

*"The Oxford experience has not only lived up to my expectations, but surpassed them. It has been a privilege to be taught by some of the world's finest public lawyers and legal philosophers. One legacy of my studies has been a greatly developed knowledge of the philosophical and theoretical underpinnings of public law; another the development of firm friendships with an extraordinarily diverse and talented array of fellow students from all over the world. Finally the plethora of extra-curricular activities on offer - as well as attending (and tentatively participating in) debates at the Union, brushing up my French and German at the Language Centre, I have enjoyed captaining the college University Challenge team, serving as the College MCR's welfare officer, and battling Christ Church as a member of the college croquet team (although with more zeal than skill!) I would like to thank the Oxford Australia Fund and its sponsors for making this wonderful time possible."*

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## Current Oxford Australia Scholars

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Robert O'Shea

**2012-2015 Robert O'Shea** graduated from the University of Melbourne with a Master of Arts in History, following his First Class Honours degree on social justice in Australian religious discourse. At Oxford, Robert holds an Honorary Oxford Australia Scholarship and is also supported by an Oxford Clarendon Scholarship and a Melbourne University Rae and Edith Bennett Scholarship.

*"My DPhil explores the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conferences 1944-1969, a period in which formal imperial power gave way to a multitude of political and personal connections. While the Commonwealth membership expanded, it also became less cohesive as the 'old' Commonwealth attempted to preserve influence over newly independent states. My analysis of the changing loyalties and ideals of the period has resonance today in debates over multilateral organisations. Oxford itself features an interplay between old ways and new ideas. I have enjoyed the customary croquet, punting and rambles in the countryside, but have also encountered fresh approaches to history and other fields. Moreover, thanks to bodies such as the Oxford Australia Fund, the University is genuinely multinational and enables links across continents as well as across colleges."*

## Current James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

**2012-2015 Hamish King** graduated with First Class Honours in molecular biology and a University Medal from Flinders University. While at Oxford, Hamish is undertaking his DPhil as part of the Wellcome Trust 4 Year Doctoral Programme in Chromosome and Developmental Biology, supported by the Wellcome Trust and a Clarendon Scholarship. He is based in the Department of Biochemistry and is investigating the molecular mechanisms which allow genes to be turned on and off at different stages of development. In particular, his research focuses on how accessibility of DNA contributes towards gene regulation. Hamish also holds an Honorary Oxford Australia Scholarship.

*"In my first year at Oxford, I have completed two rotation projects, based in the Department of Biochemistry and the Weatherall Institute for Molecular Medicine, beginning to try to address my key research questions with two different experimental approaches. These approaches have both yielded novel insights into the regulation of DNA accessibility, which will be pursued further into my DPhil thesis. In addition to working at the lab bench, I have been exposed to a very diverse range of research topics within the fields of biochemistry and developmental biology through weekly tutorials with researchers in our programme. With regards to my extracurricular life at Oxford, I am an active member of both college and University life. I am a member of the Green Templeton Squash Club, and was very fortunate to be recognised by the club as the Most Improved Player for the season."*

**2011-2012 and 2012-2013 Kate Mitchell** graduated from Bond University in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts (University Medal) and Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours and University Medal). After graduation she worked as an Associate to Justice Michelle Gordon in the Federal Court of Australia and as a lawyer in Melbourne. At Oxford in 2011-2012, supported by a Clarendon Scholarship and with an Honorary Oxford Australia award, Kate studied for the BCL at Magdalen College focusing on comparative public law and socio-economic rights. With a full Oxford Australia Scholarship she researched human rights and international investment law for her MPhil in Law. Kate has now been awarded a General Sir John Monash Scholarship to enable her to continue towards a DPhil in Law.

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

*"I am loving life in Oxford as much as ever, and have been even busier this year than my first. My work at the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics continues to be challenging and interesting. I have just submitted the first paper from my DPhil work and am starting a new, exciting project on platypus genetics (how ironic to cross the world to study an Australian animal!). I am heavily involved in the Balliol College Music Society, running our chamber music series and planning the next season, and I am also the Arts and Research officer for my MCR, organising seminars and cultural activities. I am very grateful to the Oxford Australia Fund for their generous support, which is allowing me to take full advantage of all that this wonderful university has to offer."*

**2010-2013 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.

*"I have been in Oxford for four years now, and am just completing the third year of my DPhil (having completed my MSc in the first year). In my first three years I became heavily involved with life at Merton, rowing in my first year and acting as social secretary then welfare office for the MCR in 2010 and 2011. I was also the president of the Clarendon Scholars' Association during the 2010 academic year. My DPhil continues to look at the chronology of Early Dynastic Egyptian pottery, primarily using optically stimulated luminescence dating. Since the beginning of my second year I have travelled extensively for both fieldwork in Egypt and for museum sample collection in several museums around the world. I'm now looking forward to my final year, when my sample analyses will be completed and results will be forthcoming! I still love living in Oxford as much as ever, and even after four years, I don't take for granted the beauty of the city or the incredible privilege it is to be here."*

**2010-2013 Paul Gray** graduated with BSc (Psychology) Honours degree and BA Sociology and Aboriginal Studies from the University of Sydney in 2007. Paul, a descendant of the Bogan River Wiradjuri from NSW, is the first Aboriginal Australian student to graduate with Honours in Psychology. After graduation he worked as a psychologist with the NSW Department of Human Services, Community Services Division providing assessment and intervention for children in out-of-home care. Paul was awarded a Charlie Perkins Scholarship to support his DPhil work where he is exploring 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.



Hamish King



Kate Mitchell



Hilary Martin



Amber Hood



Paul Gray

## Current James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars



Clancy Reid

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

*"The popular image of Oxford as a place of languorous repose can be misleading. With every day consumed by the thousand different things on offer, my time here has passed in the blink of a fevered eye. It has been thrilling to be part of such an engaged intellectual community, where the variety of lectures, seminars, readings and performances is astounding, and not just within the fields of English and film aesthetics, with which I am most familiar. The MST has been a demanding and exciting course, introducing advanced methods of scholarship that have allowed me to make use of Oxford's singular archives. It has combined rigorous supervision with a variety of scholarly methods, all of which have strengthened the approach of my current research and spurred me on to unfamiliar territory, often cross-pollinating disciplines. The course has introduced me to some of the sharpest, pluckiest people I could have imagined meeting, many of whom are now the closest of friends. The support of my college has allowed me to take part in landmark conferences within Oxford and London, and has made my social life particularly vibrant, sometimes testing my wishes (early morning rowing), usually with enthusiastic assent (film society). I am extremely grateful to the James-Fairfax Oxford Australia Fund for making my time at Oxford possible. It has been a uniquely wonderful experience that will affect me profoundly, long after I have left."*



Mimi Zou

**2010-2013** **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. She began her BCL studies in 2010.

*"I completed the BCL with Distinction in July 2011 and have been very fortunate to extend my Oxford experience with the generous support of a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship and a Commonwealth Scholarship from the UK Commonwealth Scholarship Commission. I am currently close to completing my DPhil in Law at St John's College. My thesis examines the role of immigration law and policies in labour market regulation through analysing temporary skilled labour migration schemes in Australia and the UK. In addition to my research, I have been admitted as a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales. I acquired my practising certificate early this year so I could spend some of my spare time providing pro bono advice and assistance at local community legal centres. I have immensely enjoyed various other activities in Oxford, such as being Junior Dean at St John's, tutoring undergraduates, editing a law journal, and 'balancing the budget' of the Australia New Zealand Society. Venturing outside of Oxford, I have travelled extensively around Europe, Asia, and the US for conferences, visiting fellowships, and short breaks."*



Andrew Cichy

**2010-2013** **Andrew Cichy** graduated from the University of Western Australia in Commerce and then Music, with Honours in Performance and the first organist to do so in a decade. Fluent in Italian and Polish, his Master of Studies in Musicology at Oxford was begun in 2009 on a Clarendon award. He passed with distinction and his DPhil in Music is on "English Catholic Liturgical Music after the Reformation: behind locked doors or on distant shores".

*"As my time as a DPhil student in Oxford draws to an end, I can look back with a great amount of happiness and satisfaction: what an extraordinary three years! The doctoral thesis that I will shortly submit will contain a vast number of sources that have never been used in musicological research, and will have broader relevance to scholars of early modern history, English Catholic studies, women in music, and the cultural impacts of the Reformation and Counter-Reformation. It is based on archival research from some fifteen archives in Italy, Spain, Belgium and England. Oxford is such a vast melting-pot of people and ideas, and the scope of my research and the range of insights that I have gained are due in no small amount to my experiences here. To be surrounded by so many brilliant minds - and beyond those minds, some of the most kind, patient and generous people I have ever met - has been a unique privilege and joy. It is these experiences and these people who have helped me to shape my future path. Most immediately this entails a move to Continental Europe for the next twelve months, where I will study Baroque organ performance practice with some of the world's foremost authorities on interpretation and instruments. A trip to Central Germany in September 2012 with Oxford's organ scholars was the turning point: to play the beautiful instruments that Bach and his contemporaries played opened my mind and ears to a completely new musical world, and I now hope to develop a specialisation as a performer that will complement my academic research. I have always believed in the inextricable connection between performance and scholarship, and my time in Oxford has only strengthened this inner conviction."*

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## Current University College-Old Members Scholar

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***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.***

**2009-2010, 2011-2013 Edwina Christie** graduated from the University of Sydney in 2008 with First Class Honours in English and the University Medal. She completed the Master of Studies in English (1550-1780) at Oxford in 2010 with the support of the Clarendon Fund and an Honorary James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship. She began her DPhil at Oxford in 2011 with a University College Old Members' Scholarship and the Class of '59 Scholarship. Her DPhil investigates the evolution of epic romance in the first half of the seventeenth century, when the conventions of chivalric romance were giving way to the birth of the novel.

*"In the second year of my DPhil, my research has focused on original English prose fiction of the 1640s and 1650s. Very few of these books have received critical attention, and several only survive in a handful of extant copies. I feel extremely fortunate to have access to the Bodleian collection - my research simply would not be possible anywhere else. As I go into my third year, my research on mid-seventeenth century English romances will broaden into a wider project on the generic conventions of seventeenth-century French and English romances and their relationship to the birth of the novel. This year I am also a convenor of the Early Modern Graduate Forum, which is a wonderful opportunity to hear about cutting edge research in my field. Outside studies, I have volunteered for the University Museums and continued my involvement with college life. I have served as both the Secretary and Welfare Officer for University College. I've also become increasingly involved with Oxford's musical and theatrical communities. Every day I'm struck by how lucky I am to be studying here at Oxford, where there is always the opportunity to learn something new and to take on fresh challenges. I'm extremely grateful to the Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund and to University College, whose generous support is allowing me to explore so much of what Oxford has to offer."*



Edwina Christie

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## Current Magdalen College-Oxford Australia Scholars

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***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 an Australian student to study at Magdalen College with additional financial support from the College itself.***

***The first Magdalen Scholar commenced in 2006.***

**2011-2014 James Hillis** graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2009 with First Class Honours in Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery and with Bachelor of Medical Science. He was President of the Australian Medical Association of Victoria's Doctors in Training Subdivision and champions the role of doctors providing a public health voice. At Oxford James' DPhil is in Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics and he is supported also by a Clarendon award.

*"I am now approaching the end of my second year - and feel that the "story" of my DPhil continues to come together. The research still involves stem cells in multiple sclerosis and fortunately the results are steadily coming in. Perhaps more importantly the results are cohesive and exciting! Outside of the lab I have continued to be active - rowing for Magdalen M1, preparing to swim the English Channel in late summer, and cycling wherever my bike will take me (Bristol, Cardiff and Swansea was the route of choice at Easter). I have held committee positions with the Cortex Club neuroscience discussion group and the Magdalen College Boat Club. I have also remained involved in projects back home to do with mental health awareness and sex education through beyondblue, AMA Victoria and the University of Melbourne."*



James Hillis

**2012-2013 Alicia Lyons** graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Law (First Class Honours and University Medal). She then worked as Associate to Justice Bell in the High Court of Australia. At Oxford Alicia has studied for the BCL at Magdalen College, supported by an Oxford Australia - Magdalen College Old Members award.

*"My nine months in Oxford have been an absolute whirlwind. In the BCL we take four subjects. Mine are Evidence, Conflict of Laws, Principles of Civil Procedure and Philosophical Foundations of the Common Law. The depth of engagement is amazing. Many classes are one-on-one/two/three debates with the fellows. We are encouraged to pursue issues that interest us and develop our own responses. I have learnt so much from this process. My studies have kept me very busy, but I have also managed to squeeze in as many extra talks as I can (Oxford has amazing visiting speakers and discussion groups), college netball, yoga and many fantastic formal dinners, parties and balls. One year (less, really) is hardly enough time. I want to thank everyone who has contributed to the Oxford-Australia Scholarship Fund for making this invaluable and unforgettable experience possible."*



Alicia Lyons

## Former University College-Old Members Scholars



Justin Richards

**2008-2011 Justin Richards** graduated from Melbourne University with a First Class Honours degree in physiotherapy and subsequently obtained a MSc (Distinction) in the Science and Medicine of Athletic Performance at Oxford and subsequently completed his DPhil.

*"I finished my DPhil at the beginning of 2012 and worked as a post-doc in the Department of Health at the University of Oxford. However, after almost 8 years overseas I was eager to make a direct contribution to Australian society and I recently commenced working as a Public Health Officer for the NSW Ministry of Health. I also have ongoing links with the University of Oxford and the University of Sydney investigating physical activity interventions and associated mental health outcomes. All of these opportunities are a direct result of the academic development and connections that occurred while I was in Oxford. Thank you to the Oxford-Australia Fund for its support."*



Rhys Davies

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

*"Following my DPhil, I was awarded a three-year Postdoctoral Research Fellowship by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (UK), to be held in the Mathematical Institute at Oxford. The position finishes this September, after which I will return to Australia, where I am seeking new opportunities outside academia. My six years in Oxford have been very enjoyable and rewarding and I will leave with a wealth of experience and skills."*



Kwan Hee Lee

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

*"In 2010 I became a University of Queensland Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Centre for Organic Photonics and Electronics (COPE). This enabled me to investigate interesting problems in organic electronics - most notably how the structure affects device performance. I was able to build upon my industry experiences with the experimental research skills gained through the DPhil from Oxford. While academic research was interesting (and intellectually stimulating), it was time to seek new career horizons. I began my new role with BHP Billiton (i.e. back to my roots as an Electrical Engineer!) in early 2011. But the DPhil from Oxford, made possible by the University College Fund, played an important role in directing me towards this. I am now enjoying my new challenge as the Automation Engineer on a project to deliver a new, state-of-the-art underground equipment (called a longwall) for BHP Billiton in Queensland's Bowen Basin. As the photo shows, the job involves being at the 'coal face' (quite literally) to commission the control system on board the longwall, and when a problem occurs, to assist with the fault-finding process. When I am not underground, I am busy analysing data (normally writing programs) to assess the performance of the equipment and providing feedback on ways to improve the performance."*



Kathleen Neal

**2001-2002 Kathleen Neal (nee Hutson)** has a BSc and BA from University of Melbourne. She completed a Masters of Studies Historical Research (Medieval History) at Oxford.

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



Jonathan Pearlman

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

*"Following my studies at Oxford, I returned to Australia and worked as a journalist at the Sydney Morning Herald. In the newspaper's investigations team, I covered New South Wales politics and then worked in the Canberra bureau covering foreign affairs and defence. Since last year, I have been based in Sydney as the Australia-Pacific correspondent for England's Daily Telegraph newspaper. I have very fond memories of my time at Oxford - my literature studies there helped me break into journalism (and gave me several story ideas)."*

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## Former Magdalen College-Oxford Australia Scholars

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**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). His DPhil study in history focused on political and legal authority in mid-Tudor England. On completing his DPhil studies, James was elected to the Slaughter and May Teaching Fellowship in Law at Selwyn College, Cambridge.

*"Oxford provides a physical and intellectual environment in which one's historical imagination can really flourish. While here I have greatly benefited from the expertise and guidance of senior scholars, as well as from the friendship and enthusiasm of 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."*

**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.

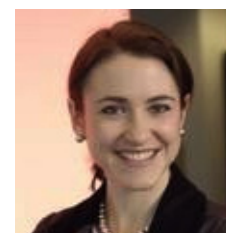
*"Reading for the BCL at Oxford was an amazing experience which I shall never forget. It has given me a thoroughly fresh perspective on private practice to which I have returned, albeit in the new context of Hong Kong. The opportunity to ponder and dissect the fundamental principles of the common law 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."*

**2006-2009 James Goudkamp** graduated from the University of Wollongong in 2003 with degrees in science and law, with First Class Honours and the University Medal in law. He was an Associate Lecturer in Law at Wollongong University 2004-2005 and an Associate to the Hon Justice Michael Kirby AC CMG of the High Court of Australia 2005-2006. As the first recipient of the Magdalen College-Oxford Australia Scholarship, James read for the degrees of Bachelor of Civil Law, MPhil in Law and DPhil. James held a Junior Research Fellowship in Law at Jesus College, Oxford, from 2009 to 2011 and is currently a Fellow and Tutor in Law at Balliol College, Oxford, and CUF Lecturer in the Faculty of Law, University of Oxford. James holds visiting positions at Harvard Law School, the University of Western Australia and the University of Wollongong. His primary research interest is the law of torts.

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



James McComish



Prue Bindon



James Goudkamp

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## Former James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholars

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

*"I had a fantastic time studying at Oxford and loved the opportunity to make friends with people from all over the world. I now work at an Oxford-based development economics research consultancy firm, in their Evaluation Methods portfolio. Our clients include developing country governments, as well as bilateral and multilateral aid agencies. I work on the design and implementation of rigorous impact evaluations of health, education and social protection policies. At the moment, my biggest project is the evaluation of a cash transfer program in Northern Nigeria, which aims to improve maternal health and reduce child stunting and wasting, by giving cash to pregnant woman and mothers with young children."*

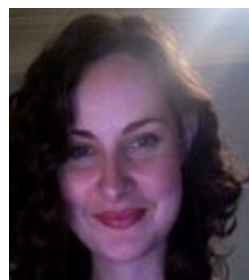


Lucie Moore

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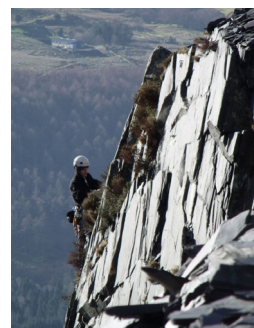
Maeve Eason Hubbard



Alys Moody



Jaani Riordan



Edward Hancock

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

*"After almost four years, my time in Oxford is coming to a close. I've had a wonderful time here, both academically and socially! My DPhil research is focused on how phytoplankton may respond to rising levels of carbon dioxide in the ocean and more particularly, how this response may be mediated by their photosynthetic capabilities. This is an exciting field of study to be involved in, as marine phytoplankton play an important part in driving the global carbon cycle and climate. I've also been very fortunate to conduct fieldwork in some fantastic locations, including the coast of Sicily. Outside of work, I've enjoyed an active involvement with my college MCR and made some wonderful friends. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Oxford Australia scholarship fund for making this all possible!"*

**2009-2012 Alys Moody** graduated with First Class Honours and the University Medal in English from the University of Sydney in 2006. After an MPhil from Sydney and teaching for a year at the Université Paris VII-Paris Diderot, she studied for a DPhil in English at Oxford, with the support of a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Award, as well as funding from the Clarendon Trust and Jesus College. Her research focused on the relationship between hunger and aesthetics in twentieth-century literature. Alys completed her DPhil in 2013, while working as a stipendiary lecturer in Modern and Victorian Literature at Jesus College, and a Junior Dean at Brasenose. In September 2013, she will return to the antipodes to take up a permanent Lectureship in Contemporary Literature at the University of Waikato, New Zealand.

*"Studying for my DPhil at Oxford was a rewarding and exciting experience, allowing me to establish myself as a young academic in an international and intellectually stimulating environment. During my three and a half years in Oxford, I worked with leaders in my field, at Oxford and beyond, and was privileged to study alongside a brilliant and friendly cohort of fellow graduate students, who will remain valued colleagues and close friends throughout my career. The opportunities afforded to me by studying at Oxford helped me to publish in respected academic journals; present at conferences in France, the UK, and the US; attend the Cornell School of Criticism and Theory in summer 2011; and spend time in Germany. Ultimately, my time at Oxford has been key in helping me to find academic employment in English and I look forward to taking these experiences back with me to the antipodes."*

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

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

**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 Science in Mathematics.

*"I am currently working as a research associate on a bioengineering project in the Department of Engineering Science at Oxford and am about to submit my DPhil thesis. Apart from research at Oxford, in the past few years I had the great experience of tutoring undergraduates at Christ Church. I also had a great time as a visiting student at Caltech (California Institute of Technology) for a few months, which was a bit like going from Hogwarts to The Big Bang Theory. I am very grateful to my sponsors for giving me the opportunity to study at Oxford."*



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## Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

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**2010-2011 Anne Carter** graduated from the University of Adelaide with First Class Honours in both Arts (History) and Law with a University Medal in History. On graduating she worked as an intern at the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in the Hague. She then returned to Australia and worked as Associate to the Hon Justice Bleby in the Supreme Court of South Australia and the Hon Michael Black, Chief Justice of the Federal Court, and also as research assistant to the Victorian Solicitor-General. Anne completed the BCL at University College in 2009-2010 and the MPhil in law in 2010-2011. Her MPhil thesis focused on the proof of facts in human rights adjudication. Anne is now a solicitor at the Crown Solicitor's Office in South Australia.

*"I had a wonderful two years in Oxford, and felt extremely privileged to live and work in such a vibrant academic and social environment. I particularly enjoyed the chance to pursue my research interests in evidence and human rights law. Outside my studies I did volunteer work for Oxford Pro Bono Publico and rowed in Summer VIIIs. I made many wonderful friends worldwide. Since returning to Australia I have been working at the Crown Solicitor's Office and, even in my brief time in practice, I have found the broader perspective of my Oxford studies to be invaluable."*



Anne Carter

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

*"I appreciated the non-specialised character of the degree and benefited greatly from the expertise of my teachers who are leading thinkers in their respective fields. I also found value in the insights of my fellow students whose diversity of experience undoubtedly enriches the Oxford experience. Oxford itself is a wonderful place to live, and in many ways I was very sad to leave. I am extremely grateful to the Oxford Australia Fund for making my study there possible."*



Ross Abbs

**2009-2010 Alexander J Taylor** graduated with First Class Honours in Arts (Art History) from the University of Melbourne, with previous study at the University of Queensland and the University of California, Berkeley. Alex Taylor has continued his DPhil in History of Art at Oxford as a Rae and Edith Bennett Travelling Scholar. In 2011-2012 he was awarded a Terra Foundation for American Art Predoctoral Fellowship at the Smithsonian American Art Museum and the National Museum of American History. While in Washington DC, Alex curated *Lie of the Land*, an exhibition of contemporary Australian landscape painting for the Embassy of Australia. Work from his Master's dissertation at Oxford was recently published in the journal *American Art* and was awarded the Terra Foundation International Essay Prize for American Art.



Alexander Taylor

**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 completed his DPhil in Engineering Science (Biomedical Engineering) in 2012. His DPhil thesis was concerned with developing applications of therapeutic ultrasound for the treatment of chronic lower back pain in which he was able to show, using ox spines as a model, that such a treatment approach is feasible. Work on the approach is now continuing in a joint project between Oxford and Leeds, supported by a significant EPSRC grant. Michael is now working at IP Group, an investor in early-stage technology companies with a particular focus on university spin-outs. He is also the proud father of 6-month old twins Thomas and Juliet, who continuously present new challenges.

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



Michael Molinari

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

*"After backpacking for most of last year, I returned to Sydney feeling confident in a scientific career. I have since held short research posts at Sydney University and now Imperial College, London, and am hoping to obtain a more permanent position by the end of the year. I recently returned to Oxford to graduate, which reminded me of how beautiful it is there and how lucky I was to have been supported to study there. I am extremely grateful to the James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Fund for supporting me and my work throughout my uniquely stimulating years in Oxford."*



Ben Fulcher

## Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars



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 then completed a DPhil in the Auditory Neuroscience Laboratory within the Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics. He currently has a post-doc position in the Laboratory for Computational Vision at New York University.

*"The brain is a treasure chest for scientists, as it's both a mess, and it's full of treasures. I've been studying the ways in which the auditory system adapts to the sounds we hear. We rarely hear sounds on their own, but usually do so against a background of noise. When mixtures of sounds and background noise reach the ears, the whole sound mixture is encoded by neurons in the early part of the brain. Yet when these signals reach the higher auditory brain, neurons here encode just the sounds of interest, and are not particularly sensitive to the presence of background noise. I've been investigating this process by studying how sound is represented by populations of neurons at different stages along the auditory pathway. I've been surprised to find that as information about sound flows through the auditory brain, the influence of the background noise slowly diminishes. This seems to be because individual neurons along the auditory brain are adapting more and more to the statistics of heard sounds."*



Zevic Mishor

**2008-2010 Zevic Mishor** graduated from the University of New South Wales in 2005 with First Class Honours and University Medal in physiology and psychology. At Oxford he obtained an MSc in neuroscience and an MSc in social anthropology.

*"Soon after returning home I commenced my PhD in Anthropology at the University of Sydney. The practice of neuroscience and anthropology, as with all disciplines, is the act of studying the structure of Being at different "levels", and trying to build models and say something useful at each level. In my mind, there are recurring themes and principles across all such levels of this fractal of Being, and it is the understanding of such parallels and similarities that I'm interested in. Originally planned to research psychedelic shamanism amongst the Shipibo people of northern Peru, I changed my project, and am currently in Safed, Israel, exploring the relationship between Judaism and the natural environment (forest, mountains, and so forth). Whilst at face value these may sound like radically different projects, the basic questions remain quite the same! I hope, through this research, to better understand the tradition into which I was born, and to make some kind of small yet authentic contribution to ethnography and anthropology."*



Kim Anderson

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

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



Melissa Duncan

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

*"I have now completed my DPhil and have decided to stay on in the UK a little longer. I value the research skills I obtained in Oxford and the broader perspective on mathematics my studies have given me. I remain in touch with many of my fellow alumni as we all move on to new things. The Oxford Australia Scholarship gave me an amazing foundation to build upon in the future. I am grateful for the opportunity the fund gave to me and it is great to see it continuing to provide these opportunities to new people."*



Shelley Wickham

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

*"In 2011 I completed my DPhil in bio-nanotechnology, using DNA structures as a tool to help study and understand protein motors that occur in living cells. Currently I am a post-doctoral fellow in Professor William Shih's lab at Harvard Medical School, based in the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the department of Biological Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology. I am also linked to the Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering working on using techniques from nanotechnology to study biological problems. I was awarded the Lindemann Trust Fellowship in 2011/12 to support my post-doctoral work at Harvard. I had a wonderful time during my studies in Oxford and it was great to catch up with Professor White and the other scholars at the Fairfax Oxford Australia lunch each year."*

## Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

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

**2006-2009 Olivia Murphy**, from Canberra, graduated with a University Medal in English from the University of Sydney in 2005. Olivia has recently been appointed a Lecturer in Post-Renaissance Literature at Murdoch University and her first book *Jane Austen the Reader* was published in 2013.

*"My time in Oxford passed very rapidly. My DPhil thesis was on Jane Austen and literary criticism. 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."*

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

*"I have just submitted my DPhil, which examines tests of structural stability in macroeconomic time series models. This is an important area of research, as structural change in the economy is a major cause of failure of the models upon which policymakers rely. Soon I will begin a role as Research Fellow at Nesta (a London-based think tank), investigating the creative and digital economy. With my time at Oxford finally at an end, I look back with fondness. Highlights include serving as President of Balliol MCR, running in the London Marathon for the Varsity team, and reaching the quarter-finals of University Challenge; not to mention long summer days spent reading in the garden at Holywell Manor, and even longer summer days (and, on occasion, nights) spent scrambling amongst Scotland's Munros. I truly appreciate the opportunity the Oxford Australia Fund gave me."*

**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, lectures by many of the best people in the field as well as captaining Nuffield College in football. My study in Oxford serves me very well back in Australia and I am using many of the techniques I learnt there in my work at the Centre for International Economics."*

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

*"My year reading for the MSt passed very quickly and afforded many opportunities for academic and personal growth. Being at Oxford gave me a rare opportunity to experience literature in a new cultural context, and I particularly relished the chance to work with the manuscripts and first editions at the Bodleian library. 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. After my degree, I spent some time as a Publications Intern at the Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion and then as a Journal Publishing Assistant at Wiley-Blackwell. I am now a Digital Production Editor at Oxford University Press and am immensely enjoying contributing to the University's endeavours in a very practical way. I'm certain that my Oxford degree opened the door to the publishing industry for me and that it will continue to be a great advantage to me in my future pursuits. 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."*



Anthony Jones



Olivia Murphy



Andrew Whitby



Phil Manners



Erin Schwarz

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Patrick Delaney

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



Eloise Scotford

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

*"After completing my MPhil, I took up a three-year post as a Career Development Fellow in Environmental Law at Corpus Christi College, Oxford (2007-2010). This was a Faculty-based teaching and research post in which I taught undergraduate EU law and administrative law for Corpus Christi and undergraduate and postgraduate environmental law for the Faculty. During this time, I also finished my DPhil – a comparative project on Australian and European environmental law – which I successfully defended in December 2010. I have now taken up a permanent post as Lecturer in Law at King's College London, which I am enjoying enormously. 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 undertook my DPhil in law, funded by the Wellcome Trust. After completing the DPhil in 2009, I worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the Centre for Health, Law and Emerging Technologies in the Department of Public Health at the University of Oxford. Since September 2010, I've been working as a 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 the University of Tasmania with a combined science/economics degree and First Class Honours and University Medal in Economics in 2002.

*"I studied the MPhil and DPhil in Economics from 2003-2008 and at New College. After graduating I worked for 5 years for a small start-up economics consultancy called Vivid Economics. My work there focused on energy, climate change, resources and international development. It was an extremely rewarding company to work with: not only did we have real impact by having some of the world's largest companies and most important governments and international organisations as clients, but I also felt proud about the contribution we were making to the world. Starting in December 2012 I took up a position as the Regional Director for Asia with the Economist Intelligence Unit. I have staff based in five cities around the world and my team produces our economic and political analysis and forecasts for all the countries in Asia as well as for Chinese provinces and cities. The content of the role is fascinating, and it is great to be getting involved in a topic that is going to be absolutely critical for Australia's future. I am continuing to pursue academic interests outside of work, and recently had a paper on intermediate inputs and economic productivity published in the Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A."*



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.

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

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## Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

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**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 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.

*"With my time in Oxford at 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, a University Medal in Engineering in 2000 and an MPhil in Computer Vision in 2002. He was awarded his DPhil thesis in Computer Vision in 2007 after an enjoyable five years in Oxford.

*"I now live in San Francisco with my wife and work for Digital Domain, the visual effects studio responsible for movies such as Titanic, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button and Tron: Legacy. As a senior software engineer, I am responsible for the research and development of new technologies to support future productions, focusing on facial motion capture and animation, and computer vision techniques. 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 at Oxford 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** graduated in Arts/Law from the University of Melbourne with First Class Honours in History. At Oxford he was awarded a DPhil in Modern European History. He worked for five years at King's College London at the British Defence Academy. Recently he took up a new post as Reader in Strategic Studies in the Politics and International Relations Department at the University of Reading. He lives in Oxford.

*"I will always be grateful to the Oxford-Australia Scholarship Fund for enabling me to study at Oxford for three great years. For so many of us, Oxford lifted up our horizons, and gave us the chance to study with the leading figures in our fields. I hope the Oxford-Australia Fund continues to be able to give others the same opportunities."*

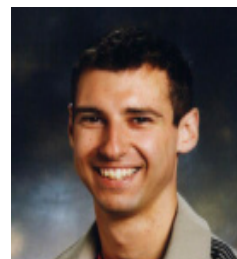
**2000-2003 Garry Bowen** won the Australian National University Medal for Theoretical Physics in 1999 and completed his DPhil in Physics in Oxford in 2003.

*"I have continued my physics research in quantum information theory. I spent three years at the University of Cambridge where I was a Junior Research Fellow at Churchill College. The James Fairfax Oxford-Australia Scholarship allowed me to undertake a doctorate with one of the leading quantum information research groups in the world. 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 provided for me."*

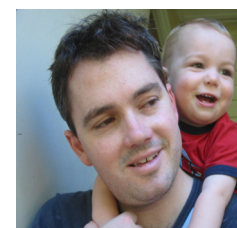
**1999-2001 Patrick Mackerras** read Mathematics for his Bachelor of Science degree at the Australian National University from 1994 to 1997 before gaining a James Fairfax Oxford-Australia Scholarship to Christ Church, Oxford to study Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE). Patrick has now resumed his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



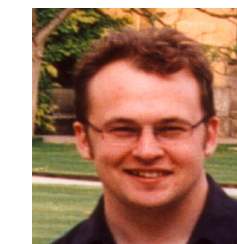
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## Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

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Ben 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 the History Department at York University, Toronto and am now Associate Professor. My book, which emerged from my DPhil, was published in 2011 by Oxford University Press: Petitions, Litigation, and Social Control in Roman Egypt."*



Dale Smith

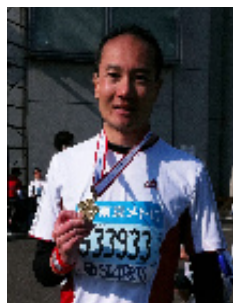
**1998-2001 Dale Smith** read Law and Arts at the University of Melbourne and was the recipient of the first James Fairfax Oxford-Australia Scholarship to be awarded. He completed a DPhil in Law at Oxford.

*"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 DPhil, which was on the relevance of the debate between moral objectivists and anti-objectivists to legal adjudication. In the process, I was afforded the opportunity to meet, and learn from, many of the leading figures in my discipline. I am 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."*

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## Sir Vincent Fairfax Life Sciences Scholarships 2003-2006

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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. The photo was taken after crossing the finishing line in the 2011 Tokyo marathon."*



Jason Wong

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

*"My time at Oxford was immensely rewarding in many ways and I think provided the best possible environment for my studies. After the completion of my DPhil in October 2006, I spent a year as a post-doctoral Fellow at 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."*

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## Former Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholars

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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 the University of New South Wales in 2008 with First Class Honours and the University Medal in Law. She completed the BCL at Oxford in 2009 graduating with a First and is currently reading for a PhD in Law at the University of Cambridge with the support of the Cambridge Trusts' Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship and the St John's College JC Hall (Benefactors') Scholarship in Law.

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

**2008-2009 Phoebe Williams** graduated from the ANU with B Commerce / B Sc (Psyc) in 2004 before going on to complete her Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery with Honours at The University of Sydney. In 2008-2009 she studied the Masters of Global Health Science at Oxford University with the assistance of a Clarendon and Oxford Australia Scholarship. She was one of only two students in her year to graduate with distinction. She has since returned to Australia to complete her clinical speciality training. After two years at St Vincent's Hospital, Phoebe is now into her second year at Sydney Children's Hospital where she is completing her training to become a Paediatrician. Last year she successfully completed a Diploma in Child Health with Distinction. She continues a vast array of public health work, currently conducting research on TB testing in refugee children as well as lecturing in malaria, HIV and women & children's health in the MIPH programme at Sydney University. She has also had three children (triplets) who are now 18 months of age.

**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."*

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

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



Kate Purcell



Phoebe Williams



Carla Bissett



Catherine Eakin

## Former Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholars



Alexander Phipps

**2005-2006 Alexander (Sandy) Phipps**, from Canberra, graduated from the Australian National University with honours degrees in Arts (History / Politics) and Law in 2003. In 2005, he took up a Chevening Oxford-Australia Fund scholarship to read for a Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) at St Edmund Hall. Following the completion of his BCL, Sandy remained in England and returned to private practice as a solicitor in London. In 2008, he was called to the Bar and took up practice from Chambers at 3 Verulam Buildings, Gray's Inn, where he remains.

*"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."*



Andrew Battison

**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.

**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.



Jodi Gray

*"After working in London and Paris for three years in the Competition team of a law firm, Linklaters LLP, I returned to Australia as a Senior Associate at Mallesons Stephen Jaques. I made a three month stopover in Africa where I travelled through Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia, and volunteered with a wildlife conservation and photography project run by African Impact in St Lucia, South Africa. Working closely with wildlife made me remember how much I love the outdoors and open spaces, and I was therefore glad to be heading home to Australia. I am now working as an in-house legal counsel for Telstra Corporation in its Regulatory division. As part of my role, I advise Telstra Foundation, part of Telstra's community investment strategy. I am enjoying working for Telstra in this role."*

**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.



David Tomkins

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

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



## Former Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholars

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

*"My year as a Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholar began what came to be a very full and fulfilling time at Oxford. After the BCL I undertook the MPhil in Law, writing on the relationship between international law and diplomacy in international dispute settlement — a topic I continued for my DPhil. Between 2003 and 2006 I worked as the Assistant Dean of Brasenose College and in 2005-2006 I taught international law to undergraduate Oxford students and to diplomats on the Oxford University Foreign Service Programme. I also worked as an Assistant Editor, then Editor, of the Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal, and was involved for four years in Oxford Pro Bono Publico. In 2006 I moved to Canberra to work in the Office of International Law in the federal Attorney-General's Department, where I worked primarily on international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and general international law. I now work as a Legal Adviser for the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva. The knowledge and experience I gained at Oxford has proven extremely valuable. I will always be immensely appreciative of the many opportunities that the Chevening Oxford-Australia Scholarship provided."*

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

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

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

*"Since my graduation at Oxford in 2002, I'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 heading up VOICE, a non profit organization that helps to resettle the last remaining Vietnamese refugees in Southeast Asia. Our other mission is to help develop civil society in Vietnam especially as it relates to the issues of freedom of expression and human rights. If any of you is interested to learn more about our work, or intern with us in our office in the Philippines, please do not hesitate to contact me at [hoitrinh@gmail.com](mailto:hoitrinh@gmail.com). I am particularly looking for a volunteer lawyer to work in VOICE Manila office for a year in exchange for room and board."*

**2001-2002 Laura Dawes** has a First Class Honours degree in mathematics and statistics from Murdoch University and a University Medal in Science. At Oxford, she completed a MSc in Economic and Social History, specialising in the History of Science and graduated with distinction. She took her PhD at Harvard, writing her thesis on the history of childhood obesity in the United States. Laura now lives in Canberra where she works as a historian of modern medicine, writing on obesity, health activism and the intersection of medicine and the law.

*"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. Oxford is the most stimulating, immersive scholarly community that I have worked in. The combination of its superb research facilities, the happy and deeply thinking company, and the inspiration that oozes from its sandstone pores makes Oxford the most excellent place to live and work. I am indebted to the Oxford Australia Fund for allowing me the time I spent there."*

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

*"After I finished my BCL, I stayed on in Oxford and gained a DPhil in law. In January 2005, I was appointed a lecturer in the Law School at the University of Melbourne and am now an Associate Professor there. 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 time in Oxford."*



Sarah McCosker



Hoi Trinh



Laura Dawes



Matthew Harding

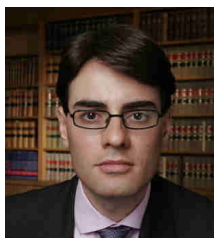
## Former Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholars



Chester Brown

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

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



Sacha Moran

**1999-2000 Sacha Moran** 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 BCL at University College and 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 unlike anything I had experienced before, as was the gently tribal college system. My experience at Oxford has been invaluable and has repaid the effort many times over."*



Kimberlee Weatherall

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

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



John Cheong Lee

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

*"On returning to Australia, I co-founded a research organisation, L21 Pty Ltd, of which I remain the Managing Director. I am also a Research Fellow at the Centre for Independent Studies in Foreign Policy, based in Sydney, and 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 my field of work. I 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."*



Justine Isemonger

**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 very enriching year in Oxford, I stayed in London for two years working for law firm Slaughter and May. Returning to Australia, I worked as a corporate solicitor at Freehills (with other Oxford graduates) and later moved to Fairfax Media as an in-house lawyer. My boys Daniel (10), Thomas (8) and Samuel (30 mths) help ensure life is constantly busy. Although my time at Oxford can seem 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."*

