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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I would like to thank the Committee members most sincerely for their dedication to the large task of selection.

John White

2014 Oxford Australia Scholarship Awards



Jessica Buck



Georgia O'Connor



Daniel Tracey



Daniel Ward

In 2014-2015, four full Oxford Australia Scholarships have been awarded.

One of these is the inaugural recipient of the expanded Ian Wilson-Guy White Magdalen College Oxford Australia award, one is the inaugural recipient of the Brasenose College Oxford Australia Scholarship, one holds a Charlie Perkins Scholarship with her James Fairfax award and one is a recipient of a James Fairfax Oxford Australia award.

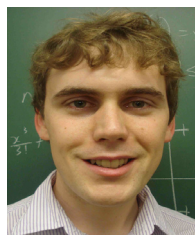
2014-2015 Jessica Buck graduated from Newcastle University with a Bachelor of Biomedical Science with Distinction and the Faculty of Health and Medicine medal, and a Diploma in Languages majoring in Japanese. Jessica plans to study for a Master of Science in Neuroscience, with future research ambitions to understand the causes and neurological signs of diseases such as stroke and cancer. A descendant of the Kamilaroi, Jessica hopes ultimately to apply this study to understanding and preventing diseases which affect Aboriginal health. Jessica has been a Surf Lifesaver team leader for several years, and for her study at Oxford has also been awarded a Charlie Perkins Scholarship.

2014-2015 Georgia O'Connor graduated from Monash University with Bachelor of Arts, First Class Honours in History. Her thesis focused on the seventeenth-century English East India Company factory in Japan. At Oxford, Georgia plans to further explore this historical episode within the broader context of the first age of globalization and the origins of the English empire. She will do so through a Master of Studies in Global and Imperial History. Outside her studies, Georgia has developed a strong interest in the academic publishing world. After two years working as an Associate Editor for an undergraduate research journal, she has recently taken a position as Editorial Assistant at global academic publishing company, Wiley. Georgia holds the inaugural Brasenose College Oxford Australia Scholarship.

2014-2017 Daniel Tracey graduated from the University of Sydney in 2013 with Bachelor of Science (First Class Honours and University Medal in Chemistry, co-major in Physics) and Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Philosophy). Daniel has been involved in volunteering activities, plays Australian Football, and in 2010 hiked the Kokoda Track. At Oxford he will undertake a Master of Science in Theoretical and Computational Chemistry followed by a doctorate in Physical and Theoretical Chemistry. His doctorate will seek to understand the design rules for colloidal particles to assemble into particular target structures.

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

Current James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars



Giles Gardam



Zachary Vermeer

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 with his medal achievements in high school at the International Mathematical Olympiad. Outside mathematics, Giles is a keen saxophonist and enjoys running and cycling as well as studying foreign languages. At Oxford, Giles is undertaking his DPhil in Mathematics and his Oxford Australia award is held together with a Clarendon Scholarship and Balliol College Marvin Bower Scholarship.

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 and worked as a Legal Officer in the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department. Zachary read for his BCL in 2010-11 graduating with distinction and winning the Faculty Prize for International Law and Armed Conflict. In 2013 he completed his MSt in Legal Research, with a thesis examining the preemptory status of the prohibition on the use of force in international law. He is now working towards his DPhil examining international legal regulation of cross-border use of force which takes place with the consent of the territorial State. Zachary has also begun teaching constitutional law and jurisprudence at his college, Somerville, as well as representing it on TV as part of its team on the BBC's University Challenge. The team reached the finals, but were bested by Trinity College Cambridge. Zachary has been active on the student executive at Somerville, and as a legal researcher on several projects undertaken by the Oxford Pro Bono Publico group.

Current James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

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."



Robert O'Shea

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 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."



Hamish King

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 since been awarded a General Sir John Monash Scholarship to enable her to continue towards a DPhil in Law.



Kate Mitchell

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."



Hilary Martin

2010-2013 Amber Hood graduated with First Class Honours from Macquarie University in Ancient History and spent 2009-10 on an 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 officer 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."



Amber Hood

Current University College-Old Members Scholars

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.

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 Lincoln College Keith-Murray Scholarship to study for her 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.

"After a whirlwind first year being introduced to both the plethora of extracurricular opportunities that Oxford offers and the broad field of Neuroscience through my MSc, my second year at Oxford is going really well as I settle into my DPhil in Clinical Neuroscience. I am exploring individual differences in decision-making under conditions of uncertainty using modelling of both behaviour and neural networks. The latter I will be learning when I travel to a summer school on Computational and Cognitive Neuroscience in Shanghai in July. Understanding the relationship between individual differences in decision-making brain architecture/function with the tendency to experience anxiety will help us better understand the brain basis for anxiety disorders, informing future diagnosis and treatment approaches.

Outside of the lab I have been enjoying exploring the surrounds of Oxford by bike and foot, playing squash and attending many of the interesting seminars and social activities on offer at Oxford. My biggest project has been working as campaign manager for the It Gets Brighter campaign - a campaign that uses short video testimonials to spread messages of hope to young people suffering from mental health issues, and helps connect them to the appropriate resources available. The campaign is led from Oxford by a small committed team and will be launched in Australia and the UK later in the year. I am also on the logistics committee for the Global Scholars Symposium and enjoyed working at the Skoll World Forum for social entrepreneurship in Hilary term.

Thank you very much to the generous support of the Oxford Australia Fund for allowing me access to these opportunities!"

2009-2010, 2011-2013 Edwina Christie graduated from the University of Sydney in 2008 with First Class Honours in English and the University Medal. She completed her MSt in English at Oxford in 2010 on a Clarendon award and Hon James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship. Edwina began her DPhil in 2011 with a University College Old Members' Scholarship and the Class of '59 Scholarship, investigating the evolution of epic romance in the first half of the seventeenth century, with conventions of chivalric romance giving way to the birth of the novel.

*"My research this year has focused on the ethics of dissimulation in seventeenth-century French and English prose. This work on early modern ethical theory has led me to develop new perspectives about the reception of the ancient writer Xenophon. I have presented this work at seminars in Oxford and am now writing an article about reading Xenophon during the crises of the English Civil War and the Fronde. I've continued my involvement with Oxford's musical and dramatic communities, and coordinated a staged reading of Heywood's *The Fair Maid of the Exchange* as part of an academic conference for the Malone society.*

I am extremely grateful to the Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund and to University College, whose generous support has allowed me to explore so much of what Oxford has to offer."



Emma Lawrance



Edwina Christie

Current Magdalen College-Oxford Australia Scholar

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 in 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 into the final stages of my DPhil and am thinking about finishing in Oxford. My thesis is starting to take shape and I have multiple research papers in the works. The next step will hopefully involve a neurology residency, as I work towards becoming an academic clinician. Over the past year I have continued to be involved in various extracurricular activities - rowing with both Magdalen College Boat Club (as Men's Captain) and the Oxford University Lightweight Rowing Club, teaching medical students across multiple years, and becoming involved in "It Gets Brighter", which is a youth mental health initiative led by Oxford students.

I am already starting to feel nostalgic about my time in Oxford and have no doubt that I'll look back on it fondly. Thank you very much to the James Fairfax - Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund for giving me this amazing opportunity!"



James Hillis

Current Ian Wilson Magdalen College-Oxford Australia Scholar

The generous provision from the (late) Hon Ian Wilson of funding for a Scholarship to Magdalen College, has made it possible to assist an Australian student to study at Magdalen College.

The first Ian Wilson Magdalen College Oxford Australia scholar commenced in 2013.

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 tax law, having previously worked in commercial litigation. At Oxford he is completing a Bachelor of Civil Law focusing on the theory and philosophy of the common law. Daniel is the inaugural Ian Wilson-Magdalen College Oxford Australia Scholar.

"Oxford is an amazing academic environment. Every day I have gone to seminars and participated in discussion groups with leading academics in every field of law and with top students from all walks of life. They have taught me ways of looking at the law that I had never considered. It has been very liberating to spend the year thinking, writing and talking creatively about what explains the law and what it should be rather than just what it is. I am looking forward to coming back to Australia and putting what I've learned to good use! I would not have had this opportunity without the Ian Wilson-Magdalen College Oxford Australia award and I am extremely grateful for it."



Daniel Fuller

Former Magdalen College Oxford Australia Scholars



Alicia Lyons

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."



James McComish

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."



Prue Bindon

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

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



James Goudkamp

2006-2009 James Goudkamp graduated from the University of Wollongong in 2003 with degrees in science and law, with First Class Honours and the University Medal in law. He was an Associate Lecturer in Law at Wollongong University (2004-2005) and an Associate to the Hon Justice Michael Kirby AC CMG of the High Court of Australia (2005-2006). As the first recipient of the Magdalen College-Oxford Australia Scholarship, James read for the degrees of Bachelor of Civil Law, Master of Philosophy in Law and Doctor of Philosophy. While completing his studies for those degrees, James was a Lecturer in Law at St Hilda's College, Oxford (2008-2009) and then a Junior Research Fellow at Jesus College, Oxford (2009-2011). James was subsequently a Fellow and Tutor in Law at Balliol College and CUF Lecturer in the Oxford Law Faculty (2011-2013). Since 2013 James has been a Fellow and Tutor in Law at Keble College, Oxford, and an Associate Professor in the Oxford Law Faculty. James holds or has held 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. James's major work is a book entitled Tort Law Defences (Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2013).

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

Former University College-Old Members Scholars

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

"After finishing my DPhil I worked as a post-doc in the Nuffield Department of Population Health at the University of Oxford. However, after almost 8 years overseas I was eager to make a direct contribution to Australian society and I commenced work as a Public Health Officer at the NSW Ministry of Health in 2013. I have subsequently moved back into academia as an NHMRC Early Career Fellow at the University of Sydney. My work continues to focus on physical activity interventions and associated mental health outcomes in vulnerable adolescents. I have enjoyed ongoing collaboration with colleagues in Oxford and I continue to be grateful for fresh opportunities that stem from the time that I was directly supported by the Oxford-Australia fund."

2007-2010 Rhys Davies from Bendigo 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."

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.

"Following the successful completion of the project with BHP Billiton, I have moved onto a new challenge, while still continuing my journey in the resource industry (underground coal) as an Engineer."

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

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

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

"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)."



Justin Richards



Rhys Davies



Kathleen Neal



Jonathan Pearlman

Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

2010-2013 Paul Gray graduated with BSc (Psychology) Honours 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 explored the mechanisms of risk and resilience for children exposed to early traumatic experiences. He plans to return to apply these additional skills and knowledge in the service of his community on his return to Australia.



Paul Gray

Former 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 then followed this with a Master of Studies in Film Aesthetics.

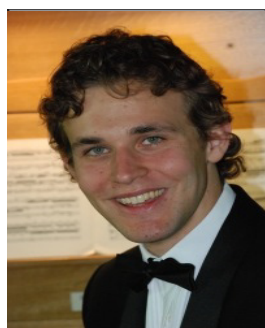
"The popular image of Oxford as a place of languorous repose can be misleading. With every day consumed by the thousand different things on offer, my time here has passed in the blink of a fevered eye. It has been thrilling to be part of such an engaged intellectual community, where the variety of lectures, 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.

"Like sands through the hourglass, so are the days of our lives in Oxford. In the blink of an eye, I have spent nearly four years in the city of dreaming spires, with two degrees, two colleges, and too many special memories to last a lifetime. This past year I have survived the arduous journey of writing up my DPhil, while running the ANZ Society and embarking on a promising career in powerlifting (with the unexpected feat of being the top female lifter at the Oxford-Cambridge Varsity). My Oxford experience would not have been possible without the generous support of the James Fairfax Scholarship, for which I am deeply thankful. In September 2014, I will be starting a tenure-track appointment at the Faculty of Law, Chinese University of Hong Kong. I very much look forward to this new adventure which will take me a bit closer to home (8.5 hours on a plane is much more bearable than 22 hours!)"



Andrew Cichy

2010-2013 **Andrew Cichy** graduated from the University of Western Australia in Commerce and then Music, with Honours in Performance – the first organist to do so in a decade. After completing an MSt in Music at Merton College, he was awarded a Clarendon scholarship to study for the DPhil in the same discipline, and successfully defended his thesis in March 2014. Since September 2013 he has lived in Bremen, Germany, where he has been pursuing a one-year postdoctoral project on historical performance practice on Baroque organs with Professors Hans Davidsson and Harald Vogel, while also researching Polish organs and organ music from 1600 to 1750.

"The experience of finishing my doctoral research at Oxford is not one of closure but rather of the broadening of horizons: now that I have completed one line of enquiry, all the tantalising avenues that presented themselves along the way are open to me, and I feel both free and eager to explore them. This postdoctoral year in Bremen provides me with an opportunity to do just that: having been made aware of Poland's rich musical culture during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries by Noel O'Regan's recent research on the topic, I have decided to engage with the little-known keyboard repertoires that are now accessible to Western Europe again after the fall of the Iron Curtain, while also continuing development as a professional organist, playing some of the most beautiful and well-crafted organs in the world. To sit at the great Schnitger organ of St Jacobi Church in Hamburg and play on pipework that has stood in that building since Praetorius was organist there in the sixteenth century was a deeply moving experience – When one stands before an artwork, one views an object frozen in time; to play an instrument with such an ancient heritage brings the past itself to life, as it breathes, speaks and sings into our own time. My commitment to pursuing musicological and performance studies to their highest levels simultaneously continues to grow, and as I plan for the future, remains my highest priority."

Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

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."

2009-2012 Alys Moody graduated with First Class Honours and the University Medal in English from the University of Sydney in 2006. After an MPhil at Sydney and teaching for a year at the Université Paris VII-Paris Diderot, she studied for a DPhil in English at Oxford, with the support of a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Award, as well as 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 returned to the antipodes to take up a permanent Lectureship in English 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 four 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. During my time at Oxford, I attended the Cornell School of Criticism and Theory; presented at conferences in France, the UK, and the US; spent time in Germany; and developed a strong network of friends and colleagues in the UK and throughout the world. Ultimately, my time at Oxford was key in helping me to find academic employment in English, and has prepared me to be a better scholar and teacher as I begin my first permanent academic position. I am very grateful to the donors of the James Fairfax Oxford Australia fund for making all this possible."

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.

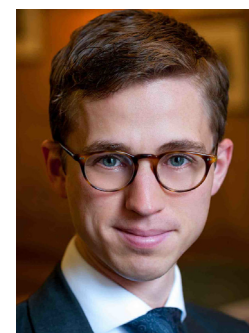
"I am currently working as a research associate on a bioengineering project in the Department of Engineering Science at Oxford and am about to submit my DPhil thesis. Apart from research at Oxford, in the past few years I had the great experience of tutoring undergraduates at Christ Church. I also had 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."



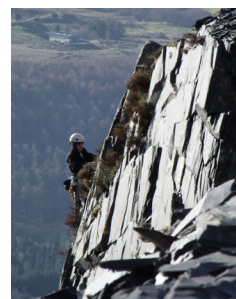
Lucie Moore



Alys Moody



Jaani Riordan



Edward Hancock

Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars



Maeve Eason Hubbard

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

"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!"



Anne Carter

2010-2011 Anne Carter graduated from the University of Adelaide with First Class Honours in Arts (History) and Law with a University Medal in History. Anne then worked as an intern at the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in the Hague. She returned to Australia to be 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 a research assistant to the Victorian Solicitor-General. Anne completed the BCL at University College in 2010 and the MPhil in law in 2011. 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."



Ross Abbs

2009-2010 Ross Abbs obtained First Class Honours degrees and University Medals in both law and ancient history at the University of Newcastle. He then worked as an Associate to Justice Michael Kirby of the High Court of Australia and as a researcher at the Victorian Law Reform Commission. At Oxford he studied for the Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL). Ross has 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. I am extremely grateful to the Oxford Australia Fund for making my study there possible."



Alexander Taylor

2009-2010 Alexander J Taylor graduated with First Class Honours in Arts (Art History) from the University of Melbourne, with previous study at the University of Queensland and the University of California, Berkeley. Alex Taylor continued his DPhil in History of Art at Oxford as a Rae and Edith Bennett Travelling Scholar. He recently submitted his dissertation entitled 'Forms of Persuasion: Art and business in the 1960s,' a study of corporate art patronage. Upon completion he will take up a post-doctoral position at the Tate as the Terra Foundation for American Art Research Fellow, working on the museum's collection of post-war American painting and sculpture.



Michael Molinari

2008-11 Michael Molinari graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2004 with a Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Science (Chemistry/Biochemistry). He obtained an MSc in Biomedical Engineering while on a British Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholarship in 2008 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. Michael is now working at IP Group, an investor in early-stage technology companies with a particular focus on university spin-outs and is an Associate in their venture capital fund management subsidiary Top Technology Ventures. He is also the proud father of 18-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."



Ben Fulcher

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

"This year I returned to Australia as a Research Fellow at The University of Monash. I am working in a group that uses MRI scanning to investigate how the brain changes in disorders like schizophrenia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, following heavy cannabis use, etc. I'm finding it really exciting to be able to use my mathematical background to gain insights into the brain. I have great memories of my incredibly stimulating time in Oxford, and am really grateful for the support of the Oxford Australia Scholarship, which has allowed me to return to Australia to pursue research that excites me."

Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

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."

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. He is now completing his doctorate in anthropology at the University of Sydney.

"The practice of neuroscience and anthropology, as with all disciplines, is the study of the structure of Being at different "levels", and the attempt to build models and say something useful at each particular level. In my mind, there are recurring themes and principles across all such layers of this fractal of Being, and it is the understanding of such parallels and similarities that I'm most interested in. My journey has so far taken me from neuroscience to anthropology, and I'm now in the final stages of writing my doctoral thesis in the latter discipline, based on a year of fieldwork with the Breslov Chasidic group in northern Israel. Using as a starting point the particular forms of this Jewish ultra-orthodox relationship with the Divine, my thesis aims to be one building block in a larger understanding of the overall Western relationship with God. Without such an understanding we cannot truly understand ourselves, for (and despite their often fervent denials of it) the dominant paradigms of modernity - particularly modern science - emerged from the largely religious lifeworlds (especially Islamic and Christian) and metaphysical milieus of the Middle Ages and beyond. Without the previous millennia of the human endeavor to understand reality, an endeavor rooted as it was in a religio-spiritual worldview, our modern forms of scientific theory and technology - including this printed piece of paper or screen that you're now reading - would not exist as they do. Upon completion of my thesis I'll be looking to continue this research through some kind of interdisciplinary approach and setting".

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!"

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.

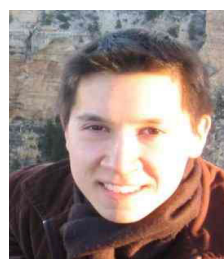
"My thesis was mainly concerned with mathematical structures related to supersymmetry. I had a great opportunity to explore topics in the wider field of mathematical physics thanks to frequent seminars and interacting with other graduate students over my time here. I will certainly miss the lively academic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



Neil Rabinowitz



Zevic Mishor



Kim Anderson



Melissa Duncan

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Andrew Whitby



Shelley Wickham



Anthony Jones



Patrick Delaney



Erin Schwarz

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.

"After successfully defending my DPhil thesis last year, I am currently working 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."

2006-2010 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."

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.

2006-2007 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.

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. The MSt in English was a challenging course, demanding an acutely analytical mindset and well-developed skills in argumentation. After my degree, I was a Publications Intern at the Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion and then worked 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. My Oxford degree opened the door to the publishing industry for me and it will continue to be a great advantage to me in my future pursuits. I am extremely grateful to the Oxford-Australia Scholarship Committee for enabling me to pursue something that would have otherwise remained a dream and for going out of its way to provide an exceptional level of support."

Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

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, from access to Oxford's resources and my wonderful supervisor."

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

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

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

"After completing my studies at Oxford, I started at the Bar here in Sydney. I read on Sixth Floor Selborne Wentworth Chambers and have been a member of Level 22 Chambers since it started in 2013. My practice is broad, encompassing both commercial law and public law, and I teach at UNSW. My post-grad work at Oxford has provided me with an excellent theoretical foundation for all my work."

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

"After completing my MPhil, I took up a three-year post as a Career Development Fellow in Environmental Law at Corpus Christi College, Oxford (2007-2010) - a Faculty-based teaching and research post in which I taught undergraduate EU law and administrative law for Corpus Christi and undergraduate and postgraduate environmental law for the Faculty. During this time, I also finished my DPhil - a comparative project on Australian and European environmental law - which I successfully defended in December 2010. I have now taken up a permanent post as Senior 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."

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, I undertook my DPhil in law, funded by the Wellcome Trust. I then worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the Centre for Health Law and Emerging Technologies at Oxford, and since 2010, as a lecturer at the University of Exeter Law School. I am currently funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council Future Research Leaders Scheme investigating the impact of patents on translational research, with case studies on non-invasive prenatal diagnosis and genetic testing. I am enjoying life in the beautiful south west of England with my husband and one year old daughter and I will always be grateful to the James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship for the opportunity to begin my Oxford studies, which have led to such a happy, fulfilling academic career."

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 Vivid Economics - a small start-up economics consultancy. My work focused on energy, climate change, resources and international development. It was extremely rewarding work: 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. I am now Chief Economist as well as Regional Director Asia with the Economist Intelligence Unit. I'm based in London, although my job takes me all around the world, and I normally spend 6-8 weeks a year in Asia, and even manage to find an excuse for the odd work trip back to Australia! I have staff based in six 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 and another on Technology in Africa in World Development."



Olivia Murphy



Phil Manners



Brenda Tronson



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Naomi Hawkins



Simon Baptist

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Mark Thomson

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

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



Corin Throsby

2002-2005 Corin Throsby, 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."



Nicholas Apostoloff

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

"After 6 exciting years in San Francisco working as a researcher in the film industry for Disney's Image Movers Digital and then Digital Domain, I've joined Blue River Technology, an agricultural robotics company, as their Chief Scientist. At Blue River Technology we utilize computer vision and robotics to build a future in which 'every plant counts' - where the needs of each plant are precisely measured and delivered, significantly reducing chemical use. 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."



Daniel Piggott

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."



Patrick Porter

2001–2004 Patrick Porter graduated in Arts/Law from the University of Melbourne with First Class Honours in History. After his Oxford DPhil in Modern European History, he spent five years at King's College London at the British Defence Academy. He is now Reader in Strategic Studies in the Politics and International Relations Department at the University of Reading.

"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."



Garry Bowen

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

"I have continued my physics research in quantum information theory, spending three years at the University of Cambridge where I was a Junior Research Fellow at Churchill College. The James Fairfax Oxford-Australia Scholarship allowed me to undertake a doctorate with one of the leading quantum information research groups in the world and a research career would have been considerably more difficult without the support and opportunities it provided for me."



Patrick Mackerras

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.

Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

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."

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 now a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Law at Melbourne University, researching primarily in legal philosophy. The training I received at Oxford has proven to be of enormous value in my pursuit of an academic career."



Ben Kelly



Dale Smith

Sir Vincent Fairfax Life Sciences Scholarships 2003-2006

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

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

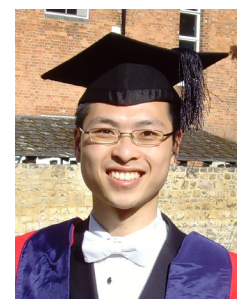
"During the last academic year, I continued my work in developing computed-aided breast cancer detection using MRI images. My effort was put into trying to extract physiologically important information out of the images and use it for cancer detection. I presented papers at an international conference 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."

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

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



Jonathan Lo

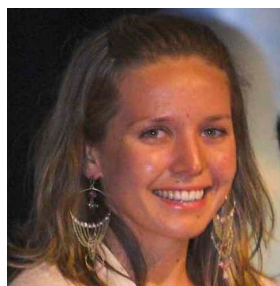


Jason Wong

Former Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholars



Kate Purcell



Phoebe Williams



Carla Bissett



Catherine Eakin

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

2008-2009 Kate Purcell graduated from the University of New South Wales in 2008 with First Class Honours and the University Medal in Law. She completed the BCL at Oxford in 2009 graduating with a First and then read for a PhD in Law at the University of Cambridge with the support of the Cambridge Trusts' Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship and the St John's College JC Hall (Benefactors') Scholarship in Law. She is now a post-doctoral Fellow in the Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales, developing a genealogy of the concept of territory and its relationship with statehood in international law.

"My research considered loss and change of territory in international law and examined the legal implications of the various effects of climate change on geomorphology globally. In 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 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 specialty 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 two and a half years 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."

Former Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholars

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."

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. At Oxford, Jodi undertook a Bachelor of Civil Law with a focus on international law including comparative human rights, international trade law, international dispute resolution and private international law. Since then, Jodi has worked for the Linklaters LLP competition team in London and Paris, for the King Wood and Mallesons' competition team in Sydney and in the Corporate Affairs team at Telstra supporting the regulatory, communications and sustainability offices. As part of her role at Telstra, Jodi advises the Chief Sustainability Office and the Telstra Foundation, and is proud of the community focused work being undertaken in these teams. Jodi also studies photography part-time at the Photography Studies College in Melbourne.

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

"After completing my 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. After returning to Australia I worked as a tutor in law at Sydney University School of Law and was also served as a panellist for the Governor-General's Constitutional Essay Competition. I am now a Lecturer in Law at Newcastle university."

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



Alexander Phipps



Andrew Battison



Jodi Gray



David Tomkins

Former Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholars



Sarah McCosker

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

"My year as a Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholar began what came to be a very full and fulfilling time at Oxford. After the BCL I undertook the MPhil in Law, writing on the relationship between international law and diplomacy in international dispute settlement — a topic I continued for my DPhil. 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, working primarily on international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and general international law. I then worked 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."



Hoi Trinh

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. I am particularly looking for a volunteer lawyer to work in VOICE Manila office for a year in exchange for room and board."



Laura Dawes

2001-2002 Laura Dawes has a First Class Honours degree in mathematics and statistics from Murdoch University and a University Medal in Science. At Oxford, she completed a MSc in Economic and Social History, specialising in the History of Science and graduated with distinction. She took her PhD at Harvard, writing her thesis on the history of childhood obesity in the United States.

"After a spell at the University of Cambridge, I have now set up my own historical consultancy and writing business (www.lauradawes.net), taking commissions for history projects, fact checking on science and medicine TV programs and popular articles, as well as writing them myself. My first book, based on the research I did for my doctoral thesis was published in June by Harvard University Press - "Childhood Obesity in America: Biography of an Epidemic". I am now working on two other books, one called "Fighting Fit" which is about public health in Britain during WWII and the other, "The Glow-In-the-Dark Girl", is about phossy jaw, a nineteenth century industrial disease in match factories."



Matthew Harding

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

"After I finished my BCL, I stayed on in Oxford and gained a DPhil in law. In January 2005, I 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."

Former Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholars

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

1999-2000 Sacha Moran graduated from Sydney University with First Class Honours and the University Medal in Arts (Government) and First Class Honours in Law. He read for a BCL at University College. He was legal adviser to the Commonwealth Treasury from 2011 to 2013 and is now a Senior General Counsel in the Australian Government Solicitor's 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 students to different approaches to common problems. The BCL offers a very wide range of legal topics from Roman Law to Corporate Insolvency. Oxford's tutorial system is rigorous and unlike anything I had experienced before. My experience at Oxford has been invaluable and has repaid the effort many times over."

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

"I studied the BCL at Magdalen College in 1999-2000, where I wrote a short thesis later published in the Modern Law Review. I followed that with a Masters of Law from the Yale Law School in the US. I am now 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 Advisory Council on Intellectual Property as well as a committee advising the Australian Law Reform Commission in its inquiry into Copyright in the Digital Economy. I've 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."

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."

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

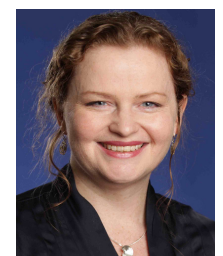
"Following an arduous but very enriching year in Oxford, I stayed in London for two years working for law firm Slaughter and May. Returning to Australia, I worked as a corporate solicitor at Freehills and later moved to Fairfax Media as an in-house lawyer. After a 15 year legal career, I recently changed path and am now studying a Master of Teaching at the University of Sydney to become a high school legal studies and business studies teacher. Although my time at Oxford can seem a world away, I keep in touch through the Oxford alumni magazines. 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 benefitted me every day in my legal practice, and I hope will inspire my future students."



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Sacha Moran



Kimberlee Weatherall



John Cheong Lee



Justine Isemonger

Some of the participants at the annual Oxford Australia Scholarship lunch in St John's College 6 June 2014

