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The James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship is now ten years old with the first scholars going to Oxford in 1998. With the new Scholarships awarded in 2009, this brings to 62 the number of young Australians who will have been able to expand both their studies and their horizons in the unique environment of Oxford. The Scholarship Committee gives all credit for this success to our generous donors and co-funders, who have added to the worth of the scholarship over the years including Oxford University and Colleges, Australian Universities, British Chevening and particularly our generous Australian donors.

With the exceptional level of talent that appears each year in the Scholarship applications, the challenge ahead remains financial to ensure that these opportunities continue into the future. The Committee asks again for your continued strong support. I can assure you that money given or promised to the Scholarship Fund at the Australian National University is tax deductible and is regarded as given to "Oxford" in the current Oxford Endowment campaign.

This newsletter announces our new 2009 Scholars and provides a glimpse of the distinguished record of current and past scholars.

I would like to thank the Committee members most sincerely for their dedication to the formidable selection task - Professor Wilfred Prest, University of Adelaide; Professor Ian Chubb AO, ANU; Dr Lynne Pressley, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital; Professor Peter Rathjen, University of Melbourne and Professor Penny Boumelha who has now left this Committee to become Deputy Vice Chancellor of Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand.



In early June this year, it was a great pleasure to be able to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the scholarship with a lunch in St John's College, Oxford. We had been looking forward to having James Fairfax join us but unfortunately on the day he was ill and unable to attend. A number of current and past scholars were able to be with us and we were honoured to have present the University Vice-Chancellor, Dr John Hood, the Principal of Brasenose College, Sir Roger Cashmore and the St John's Senior Fellow for Alumni, Dr John Kelly and also Chris Allen, John-Paul Roche and Emma Sabzalieva from Oxford Endowment and International Offices. I am grateful to St John's College for making us welcome. It was a most enjoyable celebration. The commitment of the scholars and Oxford University to our Scholarship was clear.

Special tribute goes to the scholars in Oxford who organised a fund-raising event involving their fellow students following the devastating February Victorian bushfires. They raised over \$4500. What a superb endeavour.

John White

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## 2009 James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Clarendon Scholarships

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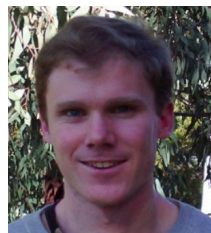
**Full Oxford Clarendon Scholarships held with honorary James Fairfax Australia Scholarships**



Edwina Christie



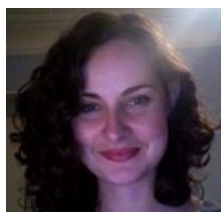
Maeve Eason Hubbard



Edward Hancock



Amber Hood



Alys Moody



Alexander Taylor

***This year, 2009, saw six of our finalists awarded full Oxford University Clarendon Scholarships (covering all fees and living allowance) so the decision was made to make them 'honorary James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholars' with an additional nominal payment. Four finalists were awarded full James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarships - making this a remarkable year.***

**2009 – 2010 Edwina Christie** graduated from the University of Sydney in 2008 with a First Class Honours degree in English and University Medal. Her Honours thesis explored the ways in which women dramatists staged questions of empire and colonialism at the end of the eighteenth century. At Oxford, she will work towards the one year Master of Studies in early modern literature with a particular focus on Renaissance drama. She is an accomplished singer, jazz musician and theatrical performer who looks forward to joining Oxford's vibrant musical community. Edwina speaks Italian and fluent French and is currently studying French literature at the Sorbonne University in Paris.

**2009-2012 Maeve Eason Hubbard** has a First Class Honours degree in Science from the University of Melbourne focusing on marine biology. She designed and evaluated nanostructured polymer coatings that might prevent the biological fouling of submerged artificial structures. For her Doctorate of Philosophy, she plans to participate in the GRACE project (Genetic Record of Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide) in Oxford's Department of Earth Sciences, examining the genetic record of marine phytoplankton with respect to past concentrations of carbon dioxide.

**2009-2012 Edward Hancock** graduated from the University of Sydney at the end of 2006 with a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Electrical Engineering (1st Class Honours and University Medal), and a Bachelor of Advanced Science in Mathematics. He has volunteered in the State Emergency Services, assisted in producing university revues and is a keen mountain climber. He also worked as a control engineer in the energy industry for several years. In Oxford he will work towards a Doctorate of Philosophy in Engineering Science.

**2009-2010 Amber Hood** has a First Class Honours degree from Macquarie University in Ancient History, which included a semester spent at the American University in Cairo. She has spent four seasons with the Australian Centre for Egyptology's excavation at Helwan, Egypt working particularly on ceramic finds. Having begun her PhD at Macquarie University, she plans to study for a one year degree of Master of Science at Oxford in Archeological Science, to gain experience in additional ceramic dating techniques, before returning to complete her PhD.

**2009-2012 Alys Moody** has a First Class Honours degree, and University Medal, from the University of Sydney in English, with a second major in French. Her current interest stems from the image of the starving artist in modern literature and she plans to investigate the ways hunger functions in modernist writing, particularly using Samuel Beckett as a case study. Her Doctorate of Philosophy research project is 'the Art of Hunger: a modernist logic of starvation'. Alys has spent the past year in Paris as an English language *Lecteur* at the Université Paris VII.

**2009-2010 Alexander Taylor** graduated with First Class Honours in Arts (Art History) from the University of Melbourne, with previous study at the University of Queensland and the University of California, Berkeley. His award-winning thesis became the basis for his first book *Perils of the Studio* (Australian Scholarly Publishing/State Library of Victoria) and an exhibition at Melbourne's City Museum. He has worked widely in arts institutions in Melbourne and overseas. At Oxford, Alex will read for the MSt in Art History and Visual Culture at St Catherine's College examining the commissioning of abstract sculpture by corporations from the 1950s to the 1970s. His project will bring together new scholarship on sculptors such as Alexander Calder and Isamu Noguchi, with new perspectives on the history of corporate funding for the arts.

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## 2009 James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholarship Awards

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**2009-2010 Ross Abbs** obtained First Class Honours degrees and University Medals in both law and ancient history at the University of Newcastle. Since then he has worked as an Associate to Justice Michael Kirby of the High Court of Australia and as a researcher at the Victorian Law Reform Commission. He has a strong interest in various aspects of public law, and particularly in criminal law. At Oxford he will study for the one-year degree of Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL).

**2009-2010 Zevic Mishor**, who has been in Oxford for the past year working for a Master of Science in Neuroscience (see following page), will build on these insights by researching for a further year towards a MSc in Social Anthropology. Following experience in South America with indigenous peoples, he plans to study cognitive systems in various cultures to explore the links between neuroscience, psychology, philosophy and anthropology.

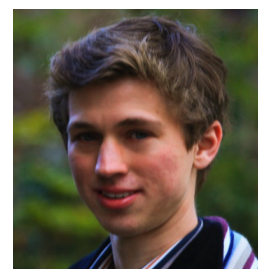
**2009-2012 Kate Purcell** has been studying in Oxford for the past year for a BCL (see below) where she achieved First Class Honours. While she was awarded a 2009 James Fairfax Scholarship to work towards a DPhil, Kate has since been awarded a Cambridge Poynter Scholarship which she has accepted to continue her PhD work. We wish her well.

**2009-2012 Jaani Riordan** has a Bachelor of Computer Science and Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours and University Medal) from the University of Melbourne. While at university he founded an IT company and was involved in the *Law Review* and debating society; more recently he worked in a commercial law firm. Jaani is an accomplished violinist and a keen cyclist, cricketer and photographer. At Oxford he will read for a DPhil in law. His research will consider the responsibility of online intermediaries - such as search engines, banks and ISPs - for cybercrime and internet security breaches, comparing modern regulation with law's treatment of technology crimes throughout history. Its aim is to bring together law, technology and history to offer a more coherent, principled understanding of civil liability for third party misconduct on the internet.

### Full James Fairfax Australia Scholarships



Ross Abbs



Jaani Riordan

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## Current British Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholars in Oxford

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

**2008-2009 Kate Purcell** graduated from Macquarie University with a Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy) and from University of New South Wales with First Class Honours and the University Medal in Law. She undertook internships with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the NSW Public Defender's Office. She has been reading for the BCL in Oxford, studying human rights, public international law, jurisprudence and political theory. *"The BCL is both demanding and rewarding and I am thoroughly enjoying the experience. I am also making the most of the many and varied extra-curricular activities on offer in Oxford. Among other activities, I am currently working on a project with Oxford Pro Bono Publico to prepare a submission for the Australian Human Rights Consultation concerning the development of a Bill of Rights for Australia. The opportunity to contribute in a meaningful way to such an important process is invaluable."*

**2008-2009 Phoebe Williams** has followed her Sydney University Bachelor Medicine/Bachelor Surgery Honours degrees and her ANU Bachelor Commerce/Bachelor Science degrees with an MSc at Oxford in Global Health Science. Phoebe founded the charity "Hands of Help" in 2005 to improve education and health care in developing communities as well as to expose medical students to the issues facing developing world health. She was a winner in the Oxford 2009 "Idea Idol" entrepreneurship competition with her "Foresight Pharmaceuticals" hormonal gel to prevent transmission of HIV/AIDS.

*"Between 2004 and 2007 I spent three months a year in Africa and over 6 months in remote indigenous communities in Australia with the program. During that time, I managed the building of four primary schools in Uganda, a child sponsorship program for 250 Kenyan orphans, the establishment of a Ugandan Community Health Project run by Ugandans for Ugandans. I was also part of a biannual preventative health care project for Australian Aboriginal people without access to regular health care. At Oxford, I am about to embark on a research project in China to investigate the health of migrant children. I will then carry out an internship with the HIV/AIDS department of the WHO in Geneva. My time at Oxford has been fantastic so far. I have been singing in the College choir, running at Varsity level and rowing. Our team won blades at the recent Topids regatta. Time passes so quickly and I feel incredibly fortunate to be here."*



Kate Purcell



Phoebe Williams

## Current James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars in Oxford



Kim Anderson

**2008-2009 Kim Anderson** graduated from the University of Adelaide with First Class Honours degrees and University Medals in Computer Systems Engineering (2004) and Law (2006). He also served as Associate to the Hon Justice Vanstone in the Supreme Court of South Australia. He is presently reading for a Bachelor of Civil Law at Oxford.

*"My studies thus far at Oxford have been both challenging and enjoyable. The quantity of material to be read and covered is greater than anything I experienced in my undergraduate studies. However the fascinating content, as well as the stimulating seminar and tutorial discussions, prevent this heavy workload from seeming like an imposition. Outside of my studies, Oxford's wide range of clubs and societies has afforded me the opportunity to continue old pastimes such as tennis and debating, as well as take up new ones such as Latin and ballroom dancing."*

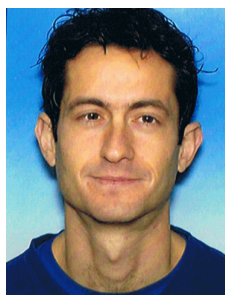


Ben Fulcher

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

*"My time at Oxford over the past couple of terms has been fantastic. The academic environment here is very active, incorporating regular talks from experts in all sorts of fields. I've had the opportunity to travel to a conference in Barcelona, have attended local workshops here in Oxford and in London, and have taken a number of lecture courses from a variety of departments - activities that have really helped my interdisciplinary physics DPhil project.*

*In my experience, the student life here in Oxford has been vibrant and inclusive. I have taken part in college rowing and play the cello in the University's Philharmonic orchestra. The extent of the musical culture here is amazing with at least one great concert on somewhere in Oxford every night, I have been trying my best to make the most of it. I am currently looking forward to my first summer for a while, even if it is an English summer..."*



Zevic Mishor

**2008-2010 Zevic Mishor** graduated from the University of New South Wales in 2005 with First Class Honours and University Medal in physiology and psychology. He has been working towards an MSc in neuroscience and will now continue with further research (see previous page) towards an MSc in Social Anthropology.

*"Oxford so far has been an amazing experience, in terms of its history, traditions and atmosphere. The academic environment is very rich; the types of conversations and discussions one can have, whether after a lecture, in the lab, or even at a party, never cease to amaze. What is very striking is people's passion for what they study- whether Neuroscience like myself, the History of Art, Anthropology, Astrophysics, and everything in between. Passion for what we do is one of the most cherished things we can possess and I've witnessed such passion in most Graduate students here at Oxford."*



Michael Molinari

**2008-11 Michael Molinari** graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2004 with a Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Science (Chemistry/Biochemistry). He held a British Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholarship in 2007-08 to work for an MSc in Biomedical Engineering with a research project on engineering physiological tumour models. He is now continuing to read for a DPhil in Engineering Science.

*"Biomedical engineering interests me because it addresses real medical problems in a very practical way. Health systems around the world are being placed under increasing stress by the rising cost and demand for treatment, and engineers have a role to play in delivering improved patient outcomes at a greatly reduced cost. My project is based on the use of high-intensity ultrasound in the treatment of degenerative spinal discs, which can address the cause of lower back pain for many people. The aim is to develop a product for clinical trials within the next 3-4 years.*

*One of the best parts of the Oxford experience is the broad range of extracurricular activities available. This year I have continued to play hockey for the university and my college, been an member of Bacchus (the Oxford Wine Society), and helped to organise a quiz night raising funds for the Victorian Bushfire Appeal."*

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## Current James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars in Oxford

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

*"One of the problems I'm working on is how the brain segregates different streams of auditory input, and isolates individual 'objects' from this messy sensory data. It's a lot simpler to do this in the visual system, because visual objects are spatially confined. Plus, with vision, when things are obscured, our brain fills in the missing bits. Sound landscapes cannot be broken down into constituent parts that easily, so we're trying to figure out how we actually do it. Over the longer term, I plan to work on the development of neural interfaces. We have had cochlear implants for a while and we are just starting to see the first retinal implants coming to fruition. But these technologies are still developing and I am fascinated by their potential to radically change human perception and experience through sensory augmentation, neural communication devices and biological computation."*

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

*"I'm now halfway through my second year and having a great time here in Oxford - it seems to be flying by so fast! I'm now focussing in on a particular DPhil project and am finding it both challenging and rewarding. In addition to my DPhil I'm also continuing to do some undergraduate teaching. Outside of study, I'll be helping out at my college as a member of the Merton MCR Committee for the next year."*

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

*"My time in Oxford seems to be passing very rapidly! Since my last report I've mainly been working on my DPhil thesis (on Jane Austen and literary criticism), and I'm now into the final stage of writing it up.*

*In Michaelmas Term I spent six weeks at Chawton House Library in Hampshire, a library specialising in pre-Victorian women's writing. The library awarded me a visiting fellowship, which was a wonderful opportunity, not only to work with such easy access to so much useful material, but also to enjoy the beautiful environment in which the library is housed. Jane Austen lived in Chawton village from 1809 until her death, writing all her major works there, and her cottage is now a museum. The library is in Chawton House, which in Austen's lifetime belonged to her younger brother, and contains many rare editions and some manuscripts.*

*I've also enjoyed teaching in Oxford - the Oxford tutorial system takes some getting used to, but it's the kind of experience that could never be duplicated elsewhere. I've been able to design six different courses of my own to teach to nine visiting students from different American colleges over the last four terms, and I've had the chance to tutor three Oxford finalists in different areas of study. The most enjoyable teaching experience, however, has been my weekly classes with my own college's first year English students, whom I'm tutoring for the moderations Paper 1 (Introduction to Literary Studies) exam at the end of this academic year. I'm using some of this teaching to fulfil the requirements of the university's Developing Learning and Teaching programme.*

*The geography of the UK and the prominence of English studies here has made it possible for me to speak at several conferences, and see a lot of the country in the process. I've delivered papers in Aberdeen, Chawton, two in Cambridge, a few at conferences and seminars in Oxford, and one at the 'Rethinking Late Style' conference at the Australian National University in August. I also organised my own conference at Oxford last August along with my fellow co-convenors of the Romantic Realignments seminar. I've had a couple of holidays up to the Lake District and the west coast of Scotland, and to France, Spain and Holland, and once my thesis is finished I hope to take a longer trip around Italy before returning to Australia."*



Neil Rabinowitz



Melissa Duncan



Olivia Murphy

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## Current James Fairfax- Oxford Australia Scholars in Oxford

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Andrew Whitby

**2007 - 2009 Andrew Whitby**, from Brisbane, graduated from the University of Queensland in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science (First Class Honours and a University Medal in Computer Science) and a Bachelor of Economics. After graduation, he worked at Accenture and the Allen Consulting Group on projects involving public policy (health and education), regulatory economics and economic modelling.

*"I am currently finishing my MPhil thesis, which has focussed on asymptotic methods in econometric theory, applied to tests for parameter constancy in time series models. In addition to this work, I have taken second year options in Advanced Econometrics and Economic Growth in History. This latter has been particularly interesting: it is fascinating--if somewhat depressing--to read contemporary accounts of past financial crises and recessions, only to see the same sentiments expressed on the front pages of the next day's newspapers. Next year I hope to continue my work in econometric theory into a DPhil, with particular applications in the detection and analysis of unfolding financial bubbles: another area of all-too-recent historical interest."*



Shelley Wickham

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

*"After a year of intense coursework, I'm now entering the second year of my 4 year DPhil at Oxford. I have recently started work on my extended research project, which focuses on the area of bionanotechnology. More specifically, my project involves using DNA as a novel building material to construct nano-devices. This is an exciting new field of research, where instead of painstakingly constructing nano-scale devices one by one as has been done in the past, insights from biology are used to design structures which then self-assemble in solution. In December 2007 I was awarded a prize by the Doctoral Training Centre for my preliminary work towards this project, and I'm looking forward to attending a Foundations in Nanoscience conference in Utah in April 2008. I really enjoyed my first year living in Oxford, and particularly liked meeting the other scholars and Professor White at a number of Fairfax Oxford-Australia events."*

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## Current University College Old Members' Scholars in Oxford

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



Justin Richards

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

*"I continue to be amazed and inspired by the intellectual and extra-curricular opportunities available in Oxford. Everyday presents exciting prospects to meet notable scholars, join a new club or simply soak up the atmosphere that buzzes around Oxford. However, perhaps the most interesting activity has been the opportunity to share ideas with other members of an incredibly eclectic group of young people. Everyone has a different story to tell or an alternative perspective to discuss. Interacting with these people has played a major role in refining my academic focus and shaping an overflowing extra-curricular schedule. Currently, my research is looking at the role that sports programmes can play in delivering health-related benefits. I am hoping that this will enable me to translate my passion for sport and my previous technical experience into a meaningful public health message."*



Rhys Davies

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

*"Oxford has so far been every bit as rewarding as I expected. The town is a beautiful place to live, and the academic environment is constantly stimulating and challenging. My knowledge of string theory, as well as physics in general, is growing quickly here, and I'm enjoying beginning to do some meaningful research. I have co-authored one paper so far, and am involved in ongoing collaborations. Outside of my work, I am still playing football for my college MCR team and taking evening classes in German, both of which provide welcome interludes."*

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## Current Magdalen College - Oxford Australia Scholar in Oxford

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**More recently, generous support from a number of members of Magdalen College, now living in Australia, has made it possible for the Magdalen College Old Members' - Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund to assist, with additional financial support from the College itself, an Australian student to study at Magdalen College. The first student commenced in 2006.**

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

*"There's no better place to study Tudor England than in Oxford. Here, the world's leading scholars and students of early modern English history inhabit a city in which the past is so richly visible. When I'm not poring over 500 year old documents in the National Archives, I've found plenty of time to be distracted by other pursuits, including the choir of Hertford College and the Magdalen MCR committee. My first year has been a wonderful intellectual and social experience, and I'm most grateful to the Oxford-Australia fund for its generosity in supporting my work."*



James McComish

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## Former Magdalen College-Oxford Australia Scholars

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**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, became an Associate to the Hon Justice Dyson Heydon AC of the High Court of Australia then returned to private practice. The Magdalen College scholarship, together with a Clarendon Bursary enabled Prue to read for a Bachelor of Civil Law.

*"I am finding my time at Oxford to be challenging and fulfilling in so many ways. I can attest that the BCL lives up to its reputation as an intense and demanding course. This is owed not just to the world class instruction of the professors who are leaders in their respective fields but also to the calibre and diversity of fellow students. The ability to engage with top students from so many nations is more enriching than I could have imagined, both on an academic level and a social level. I certainly feel that my position on, and approach to, the specific areas of law on which I am focussing are being challenged, developed and improved all the time. Amidst the demands of the BCL I am taking every opportunity to soak up the riches on offer in Oxford. From attending lectures and debates by pre-eminent figures, through to screenings by the numerous film societies that are active in Oxford, there is simply no end to social and cultural outlets. Magdalen College boasts an extremely supportive and social group of graduates and every week there are new events to look forward to. It is both a pleasure and a privilege to be part of the Magdalen graduate community and I am extremely grateful for the financial assistance that has made it possible."*

**2006 - 2009 James Goudkamp** graduated from the University of Wollongong in 2003 with degrees in science and law with First Class Honours and the University Medal in law. James was an Associate to the Hon Justice Michael Kirby AC CMG of the High Court of Australia in 2005 and 2006 and was the first recipient of the Magdalen College-Oxford Australia Scholarship. In 2007 James graduated from Oxford with the degree of Bachelor of Civil Law with distinction and the prize for civil procedure. He completed the degree of Master of Philosophy in Law in 2008 and is currently pursuing doctoral studies. He will take up a Junior Research Fellowship in Law at Jesus College, Oxford, in October 2009.

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



Prue Bindon



James Goudkamp

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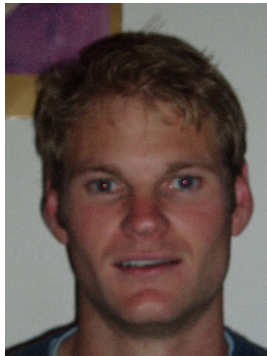
## Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

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Anthony Jones

**2006 – 2008 Anthony Jones** studied a BA in Law at University College on a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship from 2006 to 2008, having previously 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 University College, Anthony was Secretary of the MCR, a Choral Exhibitioner, a fast (though admittedly erratic) bowler for the University College XI, and a sometime second-row forward for the XV. Anthony hopes to return to the UK to work at the London bar in public law and human rights, but is currently speechwriter to the Hon Bob Carr, former Premier of NSW.



Phil Manners

**2006 – 2008 Phil Manners**, from Armidale, New South Wales, currently in Sydney, graduated from the Australian National University in Canberra with a Bachelor of Economics (Honours and University Medal) and a Bachelor of Science majoring in mathematics. Since graduating he has worked at the Reserve Bank of Australia and at the Centre for International Economics. Initially, he undertook research into monetary policy and exchange rates, futures markets and monetary policy in an uncertain world. At the Centre for International Economics he was involved in micro economic issues such as regulatory reform, the impact of trade and investment liberalisation and the assessment of economic policies.

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



Brenda Tronson

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

*"I have now completed my studies at Oxford and have started working as a barrister back in Sydney. My post-grad work is providing a good theoretical base for my work here, and I'm aiming to establish a practice at least partly in human rights law, the area in which I wrote my MPhil thesis."*



Erin Schwarz

**2006 – 2007 Erin Schwarz** graduated from the University of Adelaide in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours in English) and a Diploma in Languages (Japanese). She went to Oxford in 2006 to read for the MSt in English Language and Literature, and was awarded the degree with Distinction in 2007.

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



## Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

**2006 - 2007 Patrick Delaney**, from Canberra, graduated from the Australian National University at the end of 2005 with a Bachelor of Laws (1st Class Honours and University Medal) and Bachelor of Arts, majoring in International Relations and Philosophy. In 2007, he graduated from the Bachelor of Civil Law at Oxford University with a Distinction. He has published work on corruption and discrimination, and worked in government and non-government organisations. He is presently a judicial associate at the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

**2004-2006 Eloise Scotford**, from Sydney, graduated from the University of Sydney with a combined degree in science and law, and with the University Medal in Law in 2001. As a student at Magdalen College, Eloise completed a Bachelor of Civil Law with Distinction in 2005-6, and an MPhil in Law in 2006-7. She continues as a DPhil student. The focus of her studies at Oxford has been on environmental law and regulation. Eloise's study at Oxford has also been funded by a Clarendon bursary.

*"Since completing my MPhil, I have taken up a post as a Career Development Fellow in Environmental Law at Corpus Christi College, Oxford. I am finishing my DPhil – a comparative project on Australian and European environmental law – whilst in this post. This position has given me a terrific professional academic opportunity at Oxford. I teach EU law and environmental law at an undergraduate level for Corpus and the Faculty, and environmental law at a postgraduate level for the Faculty. I am enjoying it all very much, and learning a huge amount. It is thanks to my Oxford funding that I find myself in this very fortunate position today. I am hugely appreciative."*

**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.

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

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

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

*"Over the past few years, I have been working on a thesis on the subject "The Historia Augusta and Late Roman Literary Culture". The Historia Augusta is one of the more enigmatic books in Latin literature, a series of biographies of Roman emperors from Hadrian to the Carinus (117-285), attributed to six authors, writing in the reigns of Diocletian, Constantius I and Constantine. During the nineteenth century, critics gradually realised that the whole thing was an enormous hoax, perpetrated by a single forger, writing late in the fourth century. The author of these bizarre lies was something of a genius and he inflicted untold horrors upon classical studies: bogus authors, senators, buildings, dates, letters and laws, even a few spurious emperors. As well as trying to find the genuine historical materials hidden beneath these inventions, I have tried to place some of this nonsense in its context, to integrate it into the culture of its day.*



Patrick Delaney



Eloise Scotford



Naomi Hawkins



Mark Thomson

## Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars



Simon Baptist

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

*"My DPhil has been really gratifying. The work has been on the differences between the performance of manufacturing firms in East Asia and in Africa. Education has always been held to be an important aspect of development, and yet the rapid expansion of education in Africa has had little discernible impact. My research shows that firms in Africa are not able to capitalise on the education their workers have. Conversely, education is much more strongly linked to productivity in East Asia. There needs to be more of a focus on the technology that African firms use, and particularly how they use workers of different skill types, if they are to emulate their East Asian counterparts."*



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 College with a Distinction. Her doctoral thesis was on Byron and the birth of celebrity culture in the Romantic period. Corin then worked as Welfare Dean at Merton.

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



Nicholas Apostoloff

**2002-2005 Nicholas Apostoloff**, from Canberra, graduated with a Bachelor of Information Technology in 1998 from the Australian National University and a University Medal in Engineering in 2000. He began his DPhil in October 2002 at Brasenose, specialising in Computer Vision. *"After five enjoyable years in Oxford, my thesis on automatic methods for video segmentation and matting was passed in July of 2007, shortly followed by an amazing graduation ceremony in October. During 2007 I worked as a research assistant for Prof. Andrew Zisserman in Oxford on automatic detection, tracking and identification of people in video.*

*I now live in San Francisco and work for ImageMovers Digital, a film studio owned by Disney, as a Senior R&D engineer. I am responsible for the development of facial motion capture and animation technologies within the company and while industry is a dramatic change from academia, I am enjoying applying the knowledge I learnt at Oxford to real-world problems. I would like to thank the James Fairfax - Oxford Australia fund for helping me with my research and wish the fund all the best for the future."*



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 with distinction.

*"Studying law as a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Fund Scholar helped me develop the skill set I needed to progress my legal career in both practice and academia. The broader thinking that I learned helped me to branch out of a traditional commercial litigation practice into areas of public interest. This included conducting a pro bono case in the Federal Court and High Court of Australia that refined the law relating to the Commonwealth's power to deal with aliens. I have now joined the private bar in Brisbane, where I hope to continue my involvement in public and constitutional law in addition to building a commercial litigation practice. Academically, my studies allowed me to hold a position as a visiting lecturer 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** read Law and History at the University of Melbourne from 1995 to 2000 and has a First Class Honours degree in history. He was awarded a DPhil in Modern European History at Magdalen College, having completed his MPhil with distinction. Patrick is now a lecturer at the University of London.

*"With the generosity of the James Fairfax Oxford-Australia Scholarship, I completed a DPhil at Magdalen College, on the cultural history of the First World War, doing a comparative analysis of religious rhetoric in the German and British armies. I have since been appointed a Lecturer in Defence Studies at the Staff College of the British Defence Academy, where I have taught since 2006. My research interests are now strategy and strategic culture. I have just written a book, Military Orientalism: Eastern War through Western Eyes, available at all fine bookstores shortly. I'm now working on a range of projects on American contemporary and historical strategy, including a history of intelligence in the Pacific War. I am extremely grateful to the assistance of the Oxford-Australia fund for making this possible."*

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## Former James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Scholars

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

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

**1999-2002 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. He is presently an Assistant Professor in the Department of History, York University, Toronto.

*"The Oxford Faculty of Classics is one of the largest in the world. Doing graduate work at Oxford therefore offered me opportunities to develop a wide range of technical skills and to experience a considerable variety of approaches to my subject. Moreover, Classics at Oxford is not just a large Faculty, it is a flourishing one. It is one whose senior members are distinguished by their constant willingness to engage with the work of their colleagues and of graduate students, and to debate issues of fundamental cultural importance.*

*It is easy, I think, for academics starting out on their careers to lose sight of the higher cultural purpose of their work under the crush of research production targets, grant proposals, quality reviews, strategic planning, and the like. Having experienced the vibrant atmosphere of a large European Classics faculty, I have been left 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.*

*Around eighteen months ago, I took up a position in a large history department in a Canadian university. The experience of being under recruited to this post and my subsequent interactions with North American colleagues have underlined for me the high regard with which Oxford degrees are held. And this is not the result of ancient prejudices. It is the consequence of very clear-headed assessment by the international academic community of the quality of graduate training that Oxford continues to deliver."*

**1999-2001 Patrick Mackerras** read Mathematics for his Bachelor of Science degree at the Australian National University from 1994 to 1997 before gaining a James Fairfax Oxford-Australia Scholarship to Christ Church College, Oxford where he studied Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE). Patrick has now resumed his teaching career, teaching mathematics at Wycombe High School in England and is greatly enjoying it.

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

*"I was a recipient of a James Fairfax Oxford Australia Scholarship from 1998 to 2001, as a result of which I was able to complete my DPhil which was on the relevance of the debate between moral objectivists and anti-objectivists to legal adjudication. In the process, I was afforded the opportunity to meet, and learn from, many of the leading figures in my discipline. I am currently a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Law at Monash University, researching primarily in legal philosophy. The training I received at Oxford has proven to be of enormous value in my pursuit of an academic career."*



Garry Bowen



Benjamin Kelly



Patrick Mackerras



Dale Smith

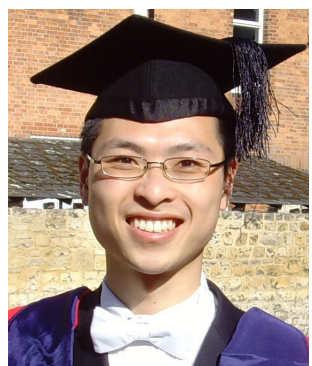
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## Sir Vincent Fairfax Life Sciences Scholarships 2003-2006

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Jonathan Lo



Jason Wong

**The Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation, in its 40th anniversary year 2002, made a donation of \$120,000 to honour the Oxford graduate and Founder of the Foundation, Sir Vincent Fairfax CMG. This generous donation provided funding for two three-year life science research degrees at Oxford University. The two scholarship holders, Dr Jonathan Lo and Dr Jason Wong, have now successfully completed their studies.**

**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 College, 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 have decided to apply my skill set in a different field. Currently, I am working as a quantitative researcher for an investment bank in Japan."*

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

*"Following the completion of my D.Phil in October 2006, I took up a post-doctoral fellowship in Ireland at University College Dublin continuing research in the area of mass spectrometry based proteomics. By the end of 2007, I found myself deciding whether to spend a couple more years overseas on a NHMRC CJ Martin post-doctoral fellowship or to return back to Sydney and become a research fellow at the newly found UNSW Cancer research centre. I have chosen the later and currently looking forward to establishing a bioinformatics research group over the next few years. I am most grateful for the academic opportunities that the Sir Vincent Fairfax Family foundation, in cooperation with the Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund, has opened up for me."*

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## Former University College Old Members' Fund Scholars

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Kwan Hee Lee



Kathleen Neal

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

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

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

*"The year was a stimulating and exciting one for me in terms of career development and I continue to build on the wonderful foundation afforded me by my MSt. I have recently been appointed book reviews editor of the Journal of the Australian Early Medieval Association, and I regularly contribute reviews to this journal as well as Parergon, the journal of the Australia and New Zealand Association for Medieval and Early Modern Studies. My own historical output continues apace: in the past year I have submitted for publication a paper on the portrayal of speech in early Irish hagiography, and presented at a number of conferences around Australia on aspects of my next major project, a study of medieval literacy through the letters of Eleanor of Provence. None of this would have been possible without the great training, especially in Latin and palaeography, which I received in Oxford."*

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## Former University College Old Members' Fund Scholars

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

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



Jonathan Pearlman

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## Former Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholars

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**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.

*"Last year I completed my MSc degree in Water Science, Policy and Management, after a long summer spent investigating physical characterisation methods for environmental flow and abstraction limit setting in UK rivers. The diversity of subject matter covered on the WSPM course, along with contacts made at the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Wallingford, allowed me to identify and develop my interest in environmental flow issues into a dissertation topic. Environmental flow policy is an area that I hope to pursue further when I return to Australia, as I feel it will be an increasingly important consideration in water management. In the meantime I am currently working as an Environmental Consultant for a UK firm, Gifford. It is an opportunity to gain some wider environmental experience, encompassing ecology and flood risk work and environmental impact assessment on large civils projects. I would not have had this opportunity to diversify without the assistance of the Oxford Australia Committee in providing the support required to allow me to complete my MSc course."*



Carla Bissett

**2007-2008 Michael Molinari** graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2004 with a Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Science (Chemistry/Biochemistry). On his Chevening Scholarship, Michael studied for his MSc in Biomedical Engineering. During the MSc course, he was also supported by the Bennett Travelling Fund.

*"I found the MSc course to be both interesting and stimulating. The student group was incredibly diverse - with the 16 of us hailing from 10 different countries and almost as many undergraduate disciplines. My research project for this course was on engineering physiological tumour models. The social and sporting life here in Oxford is great. I've been playing hockey for the University, and was part of the 2nd XI that drew with Cambridge as well as rowing for Wolfson College."*



Michael Molinari

**2005 - 2006 Catherine Eakin**, from Kempsey, New South Wales, graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws degree with First Class Honours in 2001. Since graduating, Catherine has worked as a tipstaff to a Supreme Court Judge in NSW and has been employed in a financial services and corporate advisory practice. At Oxford, Catherine read for a Bachelor of Civil Law at St John's College.

*"The 2005-2006 academic year I spent as a Chevening Oxford Australia scholar reading for the BCL enriched my life academically, professional and personally. Among other things, I was challenged to consider why and how we regulate, and the ways in which Australia is both ahead of and behind the United Kingdom and European Union in formulating regulatory policy. This experience was an invaluable resource in my recent six month secondment at the Australian Securities and Investments Commission working in Strategic Policy. At a time of global financial crisis, a critical appraisal of comparative regulatory approaches has never been more vital. I am indebted to Professor White and the Scholarship Committee for the opportunity Oxford provided to refine my analytical skills, learn from internationally acclaimed scholars and to befriend and exchange ideas with students from all around the world."*



Catherine Eakin

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## Former Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholars

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Alexander Phipps

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

*"Having the opportunity to study at Oxford by virtue of the Chevening Oxford-Australia Scholarship programme was a remarkable experience. The BCL was the most intellectually rigorous course of study I have ever undertaken, by virtue 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 programmes."*



Andrew Battison

**2004 - 2005 Andrew Battison**, from Canberra, graduated from the Australian National University with a Bachelor of Commerce degree and a Bachelor of Laws degree with First Class Honours in 2002. He read for the Bachelor of Civil Law at St Anne's College. After graduating from the Australian National University, Andrew practised in the fields of litigation and takeovers, and securities law in Sydney. At Oxford, 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 as a University Medal in Law. Before leaving for Oxford, Jodi worked as a solicitor in Sydney and as a volunteer for the international humanitarian law section of the International Committee for the Red Cross. Jodi undertook a Bachelor of Civil Law with a focus on public international law including the law of war and international human rights, comparative human rights, international dispute resolution and conflict of laws.

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



Jodi Gray

**2003 - 2004 Sophie Rigby Ward**, from Canberra, was awarded a Bachelor of Economics degree and a Bachelor of Laws degree 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 in 2004, I returned to private practice at Freehills in Sydney. However, my BCL studies had sparked my interest in international trade law and this prompted me to move to the public sector in 2006. In my current role as an adviser to the Minister for Trade, I find myself frequently drawing upon both the knowledge and the skills I acquired during my BCL year. I am forever grateful for the opportunity I had to study at Oxford, and for the opportunities that experience continues to offer me."*

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## Former Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholars

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

*"After completing the BCL in 2003-2004 (thanks to the Chevening scholarship) I received a scholarship to study in Trier, Germany for a year where I undertook an LL.M in German and European law. The year in Germany was most rewarding and really complemented the experience of coming from Australia to Oxford. I have since returned to Oxford and completed an MPhil with a dissertation on Judicial Review of Emergency Powers. I'm currently pursuing a DPhil which I should finish in 2009 on The Justiciability of Political Questions. I will then very much be looking forward to returning to Australia."*

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

**2002-2003 Sarah McCosker** graduated from the University of Queensland with a combined Bachelor of Arts (1998) and Bachelor of Laws (2001), with double First Class Honours. She worked as an Associate to a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland and qualified as a barrister before going to Oxford in 2002. She completed the BCL in 2003, MPhil in Law 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 completing 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 working on for my DPhil. I thoroughly enjoyed my very busy time at Oxford. Between 2003 and 2006 I worked as the Assistant Dean of Brasenose College, and in 2005-2006 I taught international law, both to undergraduate Oxford students and to diplomats on the Oxford University Foreign Service Programme. I also enjoyed working as an Assistant Editor, then Editor, of the Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal, and being involved for four years in Oxford's pro bono law program, Oxford Pro Bono Publico. In August 2006 while completing my DPhil, I moved to Canberra to work as a lawyer with the Office of International Law with the federal Attorney-General's Department. I am working in international human rights and humanitarian law and am enjoying translating my postgraduate studies into practice. The knowledge and experience I have gained at Oxford has proven extremely valuable. I will always be immensely appreciative of the many opportunities that the Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholarship provided me."*

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

*"Since my graduation at Oxford in 2002, thanks to my Chevening Scholarship, I've managed to fulfil my ultimate dream: to find a home for some 2,000 stateless Vietnamese refugees left stranded in the Philippines over the last 17 years. Starting with Australia, most of this stateless population has been resettled in Norway, Canada and the U.S. Receiving the scholarship not only enabled me to complete my Masters in refugee studies, but it has also given me much credibility in this line of work whenever I have to deal with government officials or organisations."*

**2001-2002 Laura Dawes** has a First Class Honours degree in mathematics and statistics from Murdoch University and was awarded a University Medal in Science. At Oxford she completed a Master of Science in Economic and Social History, specialising in the History of Science.

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



David Tomkins



Sarah McCosker



Hoi Trinh



Laura Dawes

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## Former Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholars

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Matthew Harding

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

*"After I finished my BCL, I stayed on in Oxford to undertake a DPhil degree in law, which I recently completed. In January 2005, I was appointed a lecturer in the Law School at the University of Melbourne. I now live and work in Melbourne.*

*The scholarship has meant that I have been able to start my academic career by taking the BCL, which has led to my research degree, and my current appointment! I have also made a lot of friends from all over the world through spending that year in Oxford."*



Chester Brown

**2000-2001 Chester Brown** read Arts and Law at the University of Melbourne, graduating with First Class Honours in both degrees in 1997/1998. As a British Chevening-Oxford Australia scholar, he completed a BCL with Distinction. He was subsequently awarded a Menzies Scholarship, and studied for a PhD in public international law at the University of Cambridge. His doctoral dissertation was published by Oxford University Press under the title "A Common Law of International Adjudication" in 2007.

*"I was recently appointed to the position of Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Sydney. Prior to taking up this position, I served as Assistant Legal Adviser at the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office. During my time at the FCO, I advised on a range of public international law issues, including international investment, State and diplomatic immunities, international arbitration, and the work of the International Law Commission, and I participated in the negotiation of bilateral investment treaties. I was a member of the United Kingdom delegation to various multilateral fora, including the Sixth Committee of the UN General Assembly, the Council of Europe's Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law, and the European Union's 'Comité Juridique'. I was also involved in representing the United Kingdom and the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs in international, foreign and domestic litigation. Before joining the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, I was a Senior Associate in the International Law and International Arbitration Group of Clifford Chance LLP, London, where I advised on, and acted in, commercial and investment treaty claims governed by the UNCITRAL, ICSID, ICC, LCIA, and AAA/ICDR Arbitration Rules.*

*I am extremely grateful for the British Chevening-Oxford Australia award, which made it possible for me to start an international career."*



Sacha Moran

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

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



## Former Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholars

**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 from 1999-2000 on an Chevening-Oxford Australia Scholarship. It was an important stepping stone - from Magdalen, I was lucky enough to be offered the opportunity, the following year, to study for the Masters of Law at Yale Law School, one of the most prestigious in the US. I'm sure that being at Oxford, and my work there helped me stand out to the Yale selection committee. My BCL thesis was published in the Modern Law Review, and was awarded a prize for the best publication in that year.*

*After Yale, I returned to Australia and commenced as a Sesqui Lecturer in Commercial Law at the University of Sydney Law School. After four years as a Lecturer at the University of Melbourne Law School and the Associate Director of the Intellectual Property Research Institute of Australia, I continued to research issues that I started to look at in Oxford: the enforcement of intellectual property, the conceptualisation of intellectual property rights as property rights, and the development and reform of intellectual property in a more interconnected world.*

*I have left the University of Melbourne (and the Intellectual Property Research Institute of Australia) and am now a Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Queensland, in Brisbane, and associated with the Australian Centre for Intellectual Property in Agriculture up here. I'm really pleased with the move, as it has given me a new set of colleagues and challenges!*

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

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

*"Upon returning to Australia in 2002, I co-founded a research organisation, L21 Pty Ltd, of which I am the Managing Director. I am also a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Independent Studies in Foreign Policy, based in Sydney, and a Fellow at the Hudson Institute in Washington DC.*

*The British Chevening - Oxford Australia Scholarship allowed me to study with some of the best students in the world and learn from pre-eminent scholars in my field. I returned to Australia with a greater global perspective and a much more developed and mature understanding of many things in my field of work. I have also made some lifelong friends from many countries around the world. The opportunities flowing from the scholarship are genuinely rare ones and I am thankful to be a recipient of it."*

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

*"Following an arduous but thoroughly enriching year in Oxford, I stayed on in London for two years working for law firm Slaughter and May. Since returning to Australia I have worked as a corporate solicitor at Freehills (along with a number of other Oxford graduates) and recently moved to Fairfax Media as an in-house lawyer. My two boys Daniel (6) and Tom (4) help ensure life is never quiet or boring and although my time at Oxford sometimes seems a world away, I do keep in touch through the Oxford alumni magazines and functions in Sydney.*

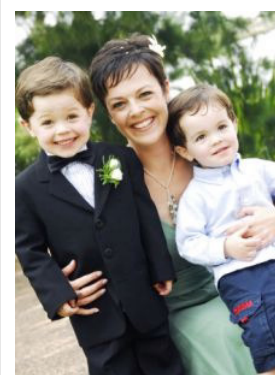
*The opportunity I had through the Chevening - Oxford Australia Scholarship to study in such an environment, and to be taught by leading scholars, is something I will always value. The skills I developed and knowledge I gained benefit me every day in my practice, and the friendships I made and the personal experiences I enjoyed have undoubtedly enriched my life."*



Kimberlee Weatherall



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