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Board of the Faculty of Classics 
Board of the Faculty of English Language and Literature 
Board of the Faculty of History 
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Register of Congregation

Mr Vice-Chancellor reports that the following names have been added to the Register of Congregation:

Carritt, A S, Radcliffe Science Library
Yasseri, T, Oxford Internet Institute

Congregation

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COUNCIL

COMMITTEES REPORTING TO COUNCIL
Audit and Scrutiny Committee
Buildings and Estates Subcommittee
Continuing Education Board
Curators of the University Libraries

OTHER COMMITTEES AND UNIVERSITY BODIES
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CONVOCATION

19 June

Elections

PROFESSOR OF POETRY
Details are in ‘Elections’ section below.

Note on procedures in Congregation

† Business in Congregation is conducted in accordance with Congregation Regulations 2 of 2002 (www.admin.ox.ac.uk/statutes/regulations/529-122.shtml). A printout of these regulations, or of any statute or other regulations, is available from the Council Secretariat on request. A member of Congregation seeking advice on questions relating to its procedures, other than elections, should contact Mrs F Burchett at the University Offices, Wellington Square (telephone: (2)80199; email: felicity.burchett@admin.ox.ac.uk); questions relating to elections should be directed to the Elections Officer, Ms S L S Mulvihill (telephone: (2)80463; email: elections.office@admin.ox.ac.uk).

FACULTY BOARDS
Board of the Faculty of Classics
Board of the Faculty of English Language and Literature
Board of the Faculty of History
Board of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics
Board of the Faculty of Music
Board of the Faculty of Philosophy
Board of the Faculty of Theology and Religion
Details are in ‘Elections’ section below.

General Notices

Consideration by Personnel Committee of comments on the EJRA made by the University’s Appeal Court

The University has operated an Employer-Justified Retirement Age (EJRA) of 30 September before the 68th birthday for all academic and academic-related staff since October 2011. The policy includes a process under which individuals may apply to extend their employment beyond the EJRA, such applications being considered by the EJRA Panel. If the panel declines a request, the individual may appeal to the University’s Appeal Court. It was agreed that the EJRA would operate for an initial period of ten years with an interim review after five years. In addition, annual reviews are undertaken by the Personnel Committee. As reported in the Gazette of 25 September 2014, the University’s Appeal Court has recently heard an appeal which has raised some issues regarding the EJRA policy and procedure. The decision of the court is binding only in relation to the appeal of the individual concerned, and does not create any binding precedent on the University as a whole. The other observations of the court on the EJRA policy are for the University to use in its consideration of the future of the policy.

In the Gazette of 25 September 2014, the Personnel Committee reported that it would consider in Michaelmas term how to respond to the issues raised in the judgment. In the Gazette of 13 November 2014, it was reported that the Personnel Committee had met and held an initial discussion as to whether the five-year review should be brought forward from 2016/17. The committee, mindful of the importance of giving the issues raised in the judgment careful and thorough consideration, decided that it needed further information before making its decision. The Personnel Committee met again in seventh week and discussed this matter further. It was concerned to ensure that any review of the overarching EJRA policy has the benefit of sufficient data on which to base reasoned recommendations to Congregation should any changes be considered desirable. The
committee decided that it would oversee the data collection required to inform a wider review of the EJRA in 2016/17 and that it would bring proposals to Council to set up a working party to undertake that review. It is anticipated that the working party will consider the extent to which the EJRA is meeting the Aims identified when the policy was established, whether the EJRA is appropriately set at the 30 September before an individual’s 68th birthday, and whether it applies to the right staff groups. These issues, and any others that seem relevant, will be considered in the context of case law at that time and data concerning the impact of the EJRA at Oxford and in comparison with other higher education institutions with and without a retirement age. Council considered and endorsed this plan of action at its meeting in eighth week of Michaelmas term.

Personnel Committee was also aware that those matters raised by the Appeal Court that could be considered in the short term should receive attention as soon as possible. In this context, the committee decided that, in the course of 2015 and with detailed work carried out by a sub-group with some co-opted members, it would consider whether the aims of the EJRA need to be clarified; whether changes are needed to the Considerations (the criteria) for extensions to employment; and whether there should be other procedural changes relating to the process for considering requests for employment beyond the EJRA. The sub-group met three times in Hilary term, in weeks two, four and six. After giving careful consideration to these issues, the sub-group reported its proposals to Personnel Committee at its meeting in seventh week of Hilary term.

Personnel Committee has given its initial consideration to the recommendations of the sub-group. The committee has now consulted divisions to inform them of the emerging proposals and to gain their views on the sub-group’s proposals for clarifying the Aims of the EJRA and for revising the procedures to be used for managing requests for extended employment beyond the EJRA. It is anticipated that these, or similar, proposals will be adopted in time for the next round of applications for extended employment.

In parallel with this consultation, discussions have taken place with the Legal Panel of Conference of Colleges in order to review the inter-relationships between the draft revised procedures and those currently in use by colleges, with particular attention to the implications for the employment of holders of joint appointments.

Final proposals for revisions will be presented to Council during fourth week of Trinity term 2015. The clarified Aims and revised Procedure for managing requests for extensions should be ready for publication during Trinity term with the intention of implementing them from 30 September 2015. Some academic-related staff may currently be preparing applications for extended employment beyond their due retirement date of 30 September 2016 (the current deadline for these applications being 30 September 2015): any such applications will be assessed against the considerations published in the existing procedure.

Guidelines for leave for academic staff

Academic staff are reminded of the guidelines for applying for and taking leave, which were published in full in the Gazette of 13 November 2014 and are published on Personnel Services website: www.admin.ox.ac.uk/personnel/staffinfo/academic/guidelinesforeleave.

Visiting Professorships

Medical Sciences

The Medical Sciences Board has conferred the title of Visiting Professor of Immunology on M Takiguchi, MD, DMedSci, for a period of 3 years from 1 May 2015.

Electoral Boards

Composition of Electoral Boards

The composition of the electoral boards to the posts below, proceedings to fill which are currently in progress, is as follows:

DRUE HEINZ PROFESSORSHIP OF AMERICAN LITERATURE

Appointed by

The President of

Corpus Christi

Mr Vice-Chancellor

The President of St John's

ex officio

Professor S West

Humansities

Division

Professor W Brown

English Faculty

Professor L Marcus

English Faculty

Professor S Perry

English Faculty

Professor J Goldsby

Council

Professor J Sexton (after consultation with the donor)

Council

St John's

PROFESSORSHIP OF SOCIAL POLICY

Appointed by

The Principal of

Somerville

Mr Vice-Chancellor

The Acting Principal of

Green Templeton

ex officio

Professor R Goodman

Social Sciences

Division

Professor J Allmendinger

Department of Social Policy and Intervention

Professor B Nolan

Department of Social Policy and Intervention

Professor M Seeleib-Kaiser

Department of Social Policy and Intervention

Professor Sir John Robert

Council

Hills

Professor H Sutherland

Council

Professor M Daly

Green Templeton

1Appointed by Mr Vice-Chancellor under the provisions of Statute IX, Sect 10 and 11.
Lectures

Musical and other Events

Oriel

ORGAN RECITALS
The following recitals will be given at 5.15pm on Sundays; admission free. More information: www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/content/organ-recital-series.

17 May: David Maw, Director of Music, Oriel
24 May: Mark Purcell, Libraries Curator, National Trust, and freelance organist
31 May: Maks Adach, Senior Organ Scholar

Exhibitions

Museum of the History of Science
until 18 October: ‘Dear Harry…’: Henry Moseley: A Scientist Lost to War. Marking Moseley’s great contribution to science and the impact of his death on the international scientific community and its relationship with government and the armed forces

Museum of Natural History
until 24 August: Biosense. Celebrating the University’s leading science research by combining scientific stories with incredible images and previously unseen museum specimens. A number of public engagement events will be held as part of the exhibition at 2pm on various Saturdays.

Pitt Rivers Museum
16 May–11 October: Architecture for All: The Photography of Paul Oliver. Capturing an inclusive and cross-cultural understanding of architecture including images of landscapes, buildings and architectural details, monumental as well as ordinary

Humanities

Faculty of Philosophy

GARETH EVANS MEMORIAL LECTURE
Professor Sarah-Jane Leslie, Princeton, will deliver the Gareth Evans Memorial Lecture at 5pm on 9 June in the Gulbenkian Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Law.

Subject: ‘ Cultures of genius: why women are underrepresented in certain academic disciplines’

Medical Sciences

Oxford Clinical Trials Research Unit (OCTRU)
A new Chief Investigator course will be held 9am–4.30pm on 24 June to provide a thorough grounding and introduction to those planning on becoming a Chief Investigator or recently appointed to this role. The presentations will be given by experienced Chief Investigators, Regulatory Experts and senior members of OCTRU and the Centre for Statistics in Medicine. Free of charge and includes lunch, refreshments and a comprehensive delegate pack including associated reading. Places are limited, more information: octrtrialshub@ndorms.ox.ac.uk.

Social Sciences

Department of Education

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN (OXFORD BRANCH) WITH THE PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION AND EDUCATION FORUM
Dr Fiona Jenkins, ANU, will lecture at 5pm on 26 May at the Department of Education, 15 Norham Gardens.

Subject: ‘ Gendered excellence in the social sciences’

Colleges, Halls and Societies

Kellogg

SEMINAR
A series of papers, a discussion and a book launch will be held 3–7pm on 16 June at Kellogg. Speakers: Dr Kate Hodgson, Liverpool; Dr Nicola Frith, Edinburgh; Professor Christine Chivallon, Sciences Po Bordeaux; and Professor Charles Forsdick, Liverpool. Free; for more information and to register (for seminar and dinner) email david.howard@kellogg.ox.ac.uk by 12 June.

Subject: ‘ At the limits of memory. Legacies of slavery in the Francophone world’

Oriel

THOMAS HARRIOT LECTURE
Dr Stephen Clucas, Birkbeck, will deliver the 25th Thomas Harriot Lecture at 5pm on 28 May at Oriel.

Subject: ‘ Thomas Harriot in the 21st century: 25 years of the Harriot Lecture’

St John’s

ST JOHN’S COLLEGE RESEARCH CENTRE INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR IN PSYCHOANALYSIS
Alessandra Lemma, co-director, Young People Consultation and Therapy Service, Group Analytic Practice for Psychological Therapies, will give a seminar at 8.15pm on 18 May in the Lecture Room of the Research Centre, 45 St Giles’. Open and free of charge to members of the University and to mental health professionals but space is limited; it is helpful (but not essential) to email paul.tod@sjc.ox.ac.uk if you will be attending.

Conveners: Louise Bradock, Richard Gipps, Paul Tod

Subject: ‘ The fate of the body in virtual space’
Examinations and Boards

Examinations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

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Elections

Elections

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Nominations for the elections below will close at 4pm on 14 May.

Council

One member of Congregation elected by Congregation from members of the faculties in the divisions of Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences and of Medical Sciences

Current/Retiring Member  To hold office until

Professor M S Williams, New College  MT 2019

One member of Congregation elected by Congregation from members of the faculties in the divisions of Humanities and of Social Sciences

Current/Retiring Member  To hold office until

Dr E J Smith, Hertford  MT 2019

One member of Congregation, not necessarily being a member of any division and not in any case being nominated in a divisional capacity, elected by Congregation

Current/Retiring Member  To hold office until

Dr F Lannon, Lady Margaret Hall  MT 2017

Note: Full details of Council’s remit, composition, functions and powers can be found at: www.admin.ox.ac.uk/statutes/783-121.shtml.

Elected members of Council will ordinarily be expected to serve on a small number of other committees (typically between one and three, usually including at least one of the main committees of Council; ie PRAC, GPC, Education Committee, Personnel Committee, Research Committee).

For further information, please contact the Deputy University Secretary (emma.rampton@admin.ox.ac.uk).
Committees reporting to Council

AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
One member of Congregation elected by Congregation from among members of the faculties in the divisions of Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences and of Medical Sciences who shall not serve on Council or any committee which in the view of Council has mainline executive authority within the University, or hold any office in the University or any college which involves executive authority

Current/Retiring Member To hold office until
Professor R W Daniel, Brasenose HT 2017
For further information, please contact the Secretary (sally.vine@admin.ox.ac.uk).

BUILDINGS AND ESTATES SUBCOMMITTEE
One person elected by Congregation

Current/Retiring Member To hold office until
Mr M C Bradbury MT 2018
For further information, please contact the Secretary (ellen.hudspith@admin.ox.ac.uk).

CONTINUING EDUCATION BOARD
One member of the Department for Continuing Education elected by and from among the members of the department

Current/Retiring Member To hold office until
Dr T C Buchanan, Kellogg MT 2018
The following nomination has been received:
N Ghanae, BA PhD Keele, MA Leeds, MA Oxf, Fellow of Kellogg, Faculty of Law

Nominated by:
I Baptista, Kellogg, Department for Continuing Education
E A Gemmill, Kellogg, Department for Continuing Education
C I R O’Mahony, Kellogg, Department for Continuing Education
A Ross, Kellogg, Department for Continuing Education

Note: For the purposes of this election, the members of the department are the professors, readers, University lecturers and other staff on grade 8 and above who work in the department.

For further information, please contact the Secretary (peter.gambles@admin.ox.ac.uk).

CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES
Two members of Congregation elected by Congregation

Current/Retiring Member To hold office until
Dr K L Blackmon, Merton MT 2019
Dr H O’Donoghue, Linacre MT 2019
For further information, please contact the Secretary (richard.ovenden@bodleian.ox.ac.uk).

Other Committees and University Bodies

VISITORS OF THE ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM
One member of Congregation elected by Congregation

Current/Retiring Member To hold office until
Professor M J Burden, New College MT 2019

The following nomination has been received:
H L Spencer, BA Newc, MA DPhil Oxf, Fellow of Exeter, Faculty of English Language and Literature

Nominated by:
A L Duffell, Harris Manchester
E C S Eve, Harris Manchester, Faculty of Theology
V J Lill, Harris Manchester
I C Ruiz Olaya, Harris Manchester, Faculty of Social Studies

For further information, please contact the Secretary (stephen.harris@plants.ox.ac.uk).

DELEGACY FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ECCLESIASTICAL BENEFICES
Two members of Congregation elected by Congregation

Current/Retiring Member To hold office until
Professor V D Cunningham, Corpus Christi MT 2021
Dr S J Gunn, Merton MT 2021

The following nomination has been received:
Simon M Jones, BA MA Durh, MA DPhil Oxf, PhD Camb, Fellow of Merton, Faculty of Theology

Nominated by:
K L Blackmon, Merton, Faculty of Management
S R I Foot, Christ Church, Faculty of Theology
R J C Gilbert, Magdalen, Faculty of Clinical Medicine
S J Gunn, Merton, Faculty of History

For further information, please contact the Secretary (tora.pickup@admin.ox.ac.uk).
DELEGACY FOR MILITARY INSTRUCTION
One person elected by Congregation
Current/Retiring Member To hold office until
Dr C P MacKenzie, Green Templeton MT 2019

COMMITTEE FOR THE RUSKIN SCHOOL OF ART
Two other persons holding teaching posts in the Ruskin School, who shall be elected by all those holding such posts except the Ruskin Master of Drawing under arrangements as per Council Regulations 19 of 2002, regulations 31–39
Current/Retiring Member To hold office until
dr C P macKenzie, mT 2019
Green Templeton
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Two other persons holding teaching posts in the Ruskin School, who shall be elected by all those holding such posts except the Ruskin Master of Drawing under arrangements as per Council Regulations 19 of 2002, regulations 31–39
Current/Retiring Member To hold office until
Professor B d Catling, Linacre MT 2018
Professor M Chevska, Brasenose MT 2018
For further information, please contact the Secretary (bob.green@ruskin-sch.ox.ac.uk).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE VICe-CHANcellorSHIP
Two persons not also being members of Council elected by and from Congregation
Current/Retiring Member To hold office until
Professor J Savulescu, St Cross MT 2022
Professor Sir John Vickers, All Souls MT 2022
Note: Further information on the board can be found at: www.admin.ox.ac.uk/statutes/regulations/308-072.shtml.

VISITATORIAL BOARD PANEL
Three persons elected by and from Congregation
Current/Retiring Member To hold office until
Dr N Bowles, Corpus Christi MT 2019
Dr H O'Donoghue, Linacre MT 2019
Dr L J Smith, Harris Manchester MT 2019
Note: Further information on the board can be found at: www.admin.ox.ac.uk/statutes/353-051a.shtml and www.admin.ox.ac.uk/statutes/regulations/248-062.shtml.

Divisional Boards
HUMANITIES BOARD
One person elected by and from among the members of the Faculty of Oriental Studies
Current/Retiring Member To hold office until
Professor M J Smith, University College MT 2016
Professor J Savulescu, St Cross MT 2022
For further information, please contact the Secretary (lynne.hirsch@humanities.ox.ac.uk).

MATHEMATICAL, PHYSICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES BOARD
One person elected by and from among the members of the Faculty of Chemistry
Current/Retiring Member To hold office until
Professor C J Schofield, Hertford MT 2019
The following nomination has been received:
Philip Mountford, MA DPhil Oxf, Fellow of St Edmund Hall, Faculty of Chemistry
Nominated by:
P D Beer, Wadham, Faculty of Chemistry
T P Softley, Merton, Faculty of Chemistry
A S Weller, Magdalen, Faculty of Chemistry
M C Willis, Lincoln, Faculty of Chemistry
For further information, please contact the Secretary (saira.shaikh@mpls.ox.ac.uk).

Faculty Boards
BOARD OF THE FACULTY OF CLASSICS
Two persons elected by and from among the members of the Sub-faculty of Classical Languages and Literature
Current/Retiring Member To hold office until
Dr R M Armstrong, St Hilda’s MT 2017
Dr R B Rutherford, Christ Church MT 2017
For further information, please contact the Secretary (administrator@classics.ox.ac.uk).

BOARD OF THE FACULTY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
Four persons elected by and from the members of the Faculty of English Language and Literature
Current/Retiring Member To hold office until
Professor E D Boehmer, Wolfson MT 2017
Professor S C P Horobin, Magdalen MT 2017
Professor J C G Pitcher, St John’s MT 2017
Professor D L Wakelin, St Hilda’s MT 2017
The following nominations have been received:
Francis P V Leneghan, BA MPhil PhD Dub, Fellow of St Cross
Nominated by:
V A Gillespie, Lady Margaret Hall
S C P Horobin, Magdalen
H O'Donoghue, Linacre
N E R Perkins, St Hugh’s
Daniel Wakelin, MA PhD Camb, Fellow of St Hilda’s
Nominated by:
V A Gillespie, Lady Margaret Hall
S C P Horobin, Magdalen
H O'Donoghue, Linacre
N E R Perkins, St Hugh’s
For further information, please contact the Secretary (richard.sykes@ell.ox.ac.uk)

BOARD OF THE FACULTY OF HISTORY
Nine persons elected by and from among the members of the Faculty of History holding posts on the establishment or under the aegis of the board
Current/Retiring Member To hold office until
Professor J C Belich, Balliol MT 2017
Professor T C Buchanan, Kellogg MT 2017
Professor P Corsi, Linacre MT 2017
Dr A M Gregory, Pembroke MT 2017
Dr D M Hopkin, Hertford MT 2017
Dr B E Jackson, University College MT 2017
Dr M S Kempshall, Wadham MT 2017
Professor K H A O’Rourke, All Souls MT 2017
Dr G Tapsell, Lady Margaret Hall MT 2017
For further information, please contact the Secretary (administrator@history.ox.ac.uk).
BOARD OF THE FACULTY OF LINGUISTICS, PHILOLOGY AND PHONETICS

Two persons elected by and from among the members of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics

Current/Retiring Member To hold office until
Professor M D Maiden, Trinity MT 2017
Dr S Paoli, Balliol MT 2017

For further information, please contact the Secretary (administrator@ling-phil.ox.ac.uk).

BOARD OF THE FACULTY OF MUSIC

Two persons elected by and from among the members of the Faculty of Music

Current/Retiring Member To hold office until
Dr R W Allen, St Peter's MT 2017
Professor M J Burden, MT 2017
New College

The following nomination has been received:

Mark Doffman, BA Lond, MA Sheff, PhD Open, Faculty of Music

Nominated by:
E Clarke, Wadham
J Cross, Christ Church
M Harry, St Hilda's
E E Leach, St Hugh's

For further information, please contact the Secretary (administrator@music.ox.ac.uk).

BOARD OF THE FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY

Three persons elected by and from among the members of the Faculty of Philosophy

Current/Retiring Member To hold office until
Professor R S Crisp, St Anne's MT 2017
Dr O E E Pooley, Oriel MT 2017
Dr D M W Wallace, Balliol MT 2017

For further information, please contact the Secretary (david.gardner@philosophy.ox.ac.uk).

BOARD OF THE FACULTY OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGION

Four Ordinary Members elected by and from among all members of the Faculty exclusive of the persons qualified to be Official Members as per Regulation 10 of Council Regulations 19 of 2002

Current/Retiring Member To hold office until
Dr R A Ellis, Regent's Park MT 2017
Professor G D Flood, Wolfson MT 2017
Dr S L Hauser, St Peter's MT 2017
Dr D N Lincicum, Mansfield MT 2017

The following nominations have been received:

Robert Ellis, MA DPhil Oxf, Principal of Regent's Park

Nominated by:
E C S Eve, Harris Manchester
G D Flood, Wolfson
D MacCulloch, St Cross
W D Wood, Oriel

Gavin Flood, BA MA PhD Lanc, MA Oxf, Fellow of Wolfson

Nominated by:
E C S Eve, Harris Manchester
D MacCulloch, St Cross
C J Westerhoff, Lady Margaret Hall
W D Wood, Oriel

S E Gillingham, BTh Nott, MA PGCE Exe, MA DPhil Oxf, Fellow of Worcester

Nominated by:
E C S Eve, Harris Manchester
G D Flood, Wolfson
D MacCulloch, St Cross
W D Wood, Oriel

Sondra Leslie Hauser, BA Princeton, MA PhD Cornell, Fellow of St Peter's

Nominated by:
E C S Eve, Harris Manchester
G D Flood, Wolfson
D MacCulloch, St Cross
W D Wood, Oriel

Three Official Members elected by all members of the faculty and from the persons qualified to be Official Members as per Regulation 10 of Council Regulations 19 of 2002

Current/Retiring Member To hold office until
Canon Professor N J Biggar, Christ Church MT 2017
Canon Professor S R I Foot, Christ Church MT 2017
Canon Professor G J Ward, Christ Church MT 2017

The following nominations have been received:

Sarah Foot, MA PhD Camb, Student of Christ Church

Nominated by:
E C S Eve, Harris Manchester
G D Flood, Wolfson
D MacCulloch, St Cross
W D Wood, Oriel

C Harrison, MA PhD Camb, Student of Christ Church

Nominated by:
E C S Eve, Harris Manchester
G D Flood, Wolfson
D MacCulloch, St Cross
W D Wood, Oriel

Graham Ward, MA PhD Camb, Student of Christ Church

Nominated by:
E C S Eve, Harris Manchester
G D Flood, Wolfson
D MacCulloch, St Cross
W D Wood, Oriel

For further information, please contact the Secretary (alison.broadby@theology.ox.ac.uk).

Notes:

Nominations for writing in the elections on 11 June, by four members of Congregation other than the candidate, will be received by the Elections Office, University Offices, Wellington Square, up to 4pm on 14 May.

At least one nomination in respect of each candidate must be made on an official nomination form (available at www.admin.ox.ac.uk/elections/oxonly/forms/index.shtml). Council has decided that nominations should show for each signatory the name and college or department in block capitals. Any names which are not so shown may not be published.

Candidates are invited to include with their nomination forms a written statement of no more than 250 words setting out his or her reasons for standing and qualifications for the office being sought. In the event of a contested election, these statements will be available online at www.admin.ox.ac.uk/elections and published in the Gazette dated 28 May. Voters may wish to wait until they have read these statements before returning their ballot papers.
Ballot papers will be sent out to members of Congregation as soon as possible after the closing date for nominations. Completed ballot papers must be received by the Elections Office not later than 4pm on 11 June.

For further information, please contact the Elections Officer (shirley.mulvihill@admin.ox.ac.uk).

Convocation 19 June

Nominations for this election closed on 6 May.

Election of the Professor of Poetry

An election by Convocation will be held in Trinity term 2015 in order to elect the Professor of Poetry, to hold office for four years from the first day of Michaelmas term 2015. A meeting of Convocation will be held on Friday, 19 June 2015, to announce the results.

DUTIES AND STIPEND OF THE PROFESSOR

The duties of the professor are: normally to give one public lecture each term; to deliver an inaugural lecture; normally to offer one more event each term; to give the Creweian Oration at Encaenia every other year (a duty established by convention); each year, to be one of the judges for the Newdigate Prize, the Lord Alfred Douglas Prize and the Chancellor’s English Essay Prize; every third year to help judge the prize for the English poem on a sacred subject; and generally to encourage the art of poetry in the University.

The professor receives a stipend of £12,000 per annum plus £40 for each Creweian Oration. The professor may hold the post in conjunction with another professorship or readership within the University. The post enjoys an association with All Souls College but there may be occasions when the postholder is offered an association by another college (eg if the postholder has a prior association with another college).

Further particulars of the professorship are available on the University website (www.ox.ac.uk/poetryprofessor2015). Informal enquiries about the post may be made to the Chair of the Faculty of English (seamus.perry@ell.ox.ac.uk).

ELECTION PROCEDURES

Eligibility to vote in this election

All members of Convocation who wish to vote in this election must first register their intention to vote (see ‘Voter registration’ below).

Convocation consists of all the former student members of the University who have been admitted to a degree (other than an honorary degree) of the University, and of any other persons who are members of Congregation or who have retired having been members of Congregation on the date of their retirement.

Membership of Convocation is conferred automatically to members of Congregation whose names have been entered in the Register of Congregation and to degree holders after having attended a formal degree ceremony (either in person or in absentia). Those wishing to verify their current status as members of Convocation are asked to contact their college secretary or departmental administrator.

The functions of Convocation are set out in the University Statutes (www.admin.ox.ac.uk/statutes/780-121.shtml).

Eligibility to stand for election

The single criterion for eligibility, in addition to not having held the Professorship on a previous occasion, is that candidates be of sufficient distinction to be able to fulfil the duties of the post.

Eligibility to nominate in this election

All members of Convocation were entitled to nominate a candidate in this election (see ‘Nominations’ below). Please note that members also wishing to vote must also register their intention to vote (see ‘Voter registration’ below).

Nominations

Nominations by 50 members of Convocation other than the candidate were received by the Elections Office at the University Offices, Wellington Square, up to 4pm on Wednesday, 6 May. The list of all those nominated by the deadline is published in this issue of the Gazette.

Candidate statements

Each candidate for election, or authorised representative, was permitted to submit for publication a written statement, of no more than 500 words, setting out the candidate’s reasons for standing, including for publication one photograph of themselves and one URL to the candidate’s own website if they so wished. These statements were received by the Elections Office at the University Offices, Wellington Square, by 4pm on Wednesday, 6 May. These statements are published in this issue of the University Gazette and on the official University website.

Congregation flysheets

Ten or more members of Congregation may arrange to have a flysheet circulated with the Gazette in regard to this election. The rules made by Council governing the circulation of flysheets are given in Appendix B of Congregation Regulations 2 of 2002 (www.admin.ox.ac.uk/statutes/regulations/529-122h.shtml#Toc28141352).

Voting arrangements

As this election will be contested, a ballot will be conducted by the Electoral Reform Services in accordance with the following procedures and the results announced at a meeting of Convocation on Friday, 19 June.

Voter registration

Members of Convocation must register their intention to vote. To register to vote, please go to the registration site www.votebyinternet.oxfordpoetry15. Once you have submitted your request to register and confirmed this via an emailed link to your email account, your details will be checked to ensure you are a member of Convocation. You will be notified by email if your request has been unsuccessful.

The registration period is now open and will close at noon on Monday, 8 June 2015 (BST). If you are unable to register online, or have any queries about the registration process, please send an email to Alex Lonie (alex.lonie@electoralreform.co.uk) or telephone +44 020 8365 8909.

Voting

Registered voters will have the option of voting, either online or in person at the University Offices, from Friday, 22 May, until noon on Wednesday, 17 June (BST). Voters who have registered to vote online will be sent instructions on how to vote once their eligibility to vote has been verified. To allow time for verification of eligibility, members wishing to vote in person must register at least five working days before collecting their ballot paper from the University Offices at Wellington Square, Oxford, between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Members voting in person must bring some form of photo identification, such as a University card, Bodleian reader’s card, new-style driving licence or passport.
Result of the contested election

The result of the contested election will be announced by the Proctors in a meeting of Convocation at 4pm on Friday, 19 June, in Convocation House. Members of Convocation wishing to attend the meeting are asked to note that the wearing of gowns is optional. The result will subsequently be reported on the University’s website and published in the Gazette.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Informal enquiries about the post may be made to the Chair of the Faculty of English (seamus.perry@ell.ox.ac.uk).

Further information about election procedures may be found in Council Regulations 8 of 2002 (www.admin.ox.ac.uk/statutes/regulations/1089-120.shtml).

Those wishing to verify their current status as members of Convocation are asked to contact their college secretary or departmental administrator.

Media enquiries should be directed to the University of Oxford News and Information Office (email: news.office@admin.ox.ac.uk; tel: +44 (0)1865 280463).

All other queries should be addressed to the Elections Officer, Ms SLS Mulvihill, Council Secretariat, University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JD (email: poetry.election@admin.ox.ac.uk; tel: +44 (0)1865 280528 or email: matt.pickles@admin.ox.ac.uk; tel: +44 (0)1865 280532).

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The following nominations have been received:

Simon Armitage

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W T Armbrust, St Antony’s
F M Ashcroft, Trinity
J M Barnard, Wadham
S L Beal, Trinity
D L Birch, St Hugh’s
S P Breen, Trinity
F S Broers, Trinity
P R Bullock, Wadham
J Carey, Merton
R J Carwardine, Corpus Christi
D H Cecil, Queen’s
P E Chaisty, St Antony’s
J M Dodsworth, Wadham
D W Dwan, Hertford
S Evangelista, Trinity
T W Faithfull, Keble
C J Y Fletcher, Exeter
R F Foster, Hertford

K Ghosh, Trinity
A S Harris, Christ Church
W N Hutton, Hertford
J J Keeling, Trinity
Y F Khong, Nuffield
K J S Knott, Trinity
H Konagaya, Trinity
R H Lonsdale, Balliol
R McCabe, Merton
S N MacFarlane, St Anne’s
M O MacMillan, St Antony’s
L K Marcus, New College
M N Mendelsohn, Mansfield
A Menon, University College
L J N Mignon, St Antony’s
K A Nicolaidis, St Antony’s
M Nishi, Trinity
G C Olcott, Trinity
R Ovenden, Bodleian Libraries
R S Parker, Trinity
J H Pellow, St Hilda’s
E M Percy, Trinity
T J Power, St Antony’s
L Pratt, Linacre
A M S Prochaska, Somerville
I A Roberts, Trinity
T K Roynon, Wolfson
D Sanchez-Ancochea, St Antony’s
M Sekine, Trinity
A Shlaim, St Antony’s
A M F Skilbeck, Somerville
E J Smith, Hertford
C A Stovell, Trinity
D M Thomas, Keble
V J Worth, Trinity

Ian Gregson

Nominated by:

N D Abrams, Corpus Christi
P E Apsion, Magdalen
L C Arthur, Lady Margaret Hall
E C Barry, Queen’s
C C Baughan, St Catherine’s
M B Bigold, St Anne’s
L J Blake, Wadham
S J Broadbent, Keble
K A Butler, Personnel Services
D R Carey, Hertford
P Cawley, Keble
A M Claydon, Jesus
M D Condon, St Catherine’s
L M Cottrell, Hertford
E M Craig, Hertford
T Culwick, St Edmund Hall
I C Curr, Keble
N A Drury, Jesus
C Elliott, Somerville
H D C Felton, Pembroke
S E Fernando, St Anne’s
J V Flood, Keble
U J Gillen, Exeter
W J Gregory, Hertford
A Grounds, Wadham
A N J Hamburger, Wadham
Y-H He, Rudolf Peierls Centre for Theoretical Physics
C A Henderson, Hertford
C A Hirt, Hertford
V J J Lill, Harris Manchester
D Loh, New College
O Madgwick, St Edmund Hall
N A Melhuish, New College
K Mellor, New College
R Michael, St Edmund Hall
M E Mulholland, St Catherine’s
L Nakhlia, Christ Church
M Pearson, St Edmund Hall
A Pennock-Purvis, Oriel
J C Pennock-Purvis, Hertford
C L Phelpstead, Wolfson
C A Plasa, Mansfield
S Pourghadiri, Wadham
A Rigby, Lady Margaret Hall
P J Rudden, Hertford
V Rumbold, Lady Margaret Hall
L J Smith, Harris Manchester
L J Southern, Brasenose
J Spurr, St Edmund Hall
P N Stoneley, Hertford
C B Sullivan, Hertford
W J Swadling, Brasenose
A R J Thomson, New College
M D Titterington, Somerville
R C Tomlinson, New College
E Wylie, Pembroke

Seán Haldane

Nominated by:

P C Adams, Department of Pharmacology
R A Andrews, St John’s
H Asari, Trinity
L B S Batchelor, Somerville
S L Bevan, University College
T J Bevan, University College
M G Broers, Lady Margaret Hall
M E Buckley, Exeter
R J Bulkeley, Exeter
J Burley, Green Templeton
L F Cockburn, University College
N B S Cockburn, University College
P F Cockburn, University College
N B S Cockburn, University College
L J Cockburn, University College
N J Cockburn, University College
J L Broadbent, Keble
L J Smith, Hertford
J L Southern, Brasenose
L Graves, St Anne’s
B Harrison, Christ Church
D H A Harrison, University College
N G Irving, Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences
E Kendall, Somerville
W S Kynoch, Worcester
S M A Lloyd-Bostock, Lady Margaret Hall
D B C Logan, University College
A P T Lurcock, University College
A J Macdonald, University College
R E McHenry, University College
R W McTurk, University College
Nominated by:

Wole Soyinka

Nominated by:

B J A'Hearn, Pembroke
A S Al-Shahi, St Antony's
S Anand, St Catherine's
M E Ballard, Trinity
F Ballim, St Antony's
D M P Barnes, St Edmund Hall
R A Bartlett, St Antony's
W J Beinart, St Antony's
N J Bird, Brasenose
S R Blairney, St Edmund Hall
E Boehmer, Wolfson
E B Bowers, Lady Margaret Hall
H Bowers, St Peter's
J S Bowers, Lincoln
M Bragg, Wadham
C Bugan, Balliol
S J Burston, St Edmund Hall
P R Bush, St John's
R A L Bush, Wadham
A S Caria, St Antony's
S Chigudu, St Anne's
A Christofidou, Worcester
T Clucas, St Edmund Hall
D J Cockburn, St Catherine's
N P S Cole, Pembroke
C R Conn, Balliol
J B M Considine, St Edmund Hall
N P M Considine, St Edmund Hall
D J Constantine, Queen's
H F Constantine, Lady Margaret Hall
J M Cowan, St Edmund Hall
J Cox, St Edmund Hall
K J W Crossley-Holland, St Edmund Hall
J S Daniel, St Edmund Hall
N S Davidson, St Edmund Hall
J Deutsch, St Cross
C J Driver, Trinity
A J Fogdale, Queen's
S A Ellis, Brasenose
D F Eltringham, St Edmund Hall
L L Epp, Balliol
S A Estell, St Edmund Hall
A C Franklin, Balliol
J G Franks, St Edmund Hall
S H Franks, Lady Margaret Hall
J Gaiger, Ruskin School of Art
P C Gardner, Jesus
C R Gayford, Balliol
J K Le, Keble
A K Hawkins, St Anne's
P R Hayes, St John's
A K Heffernan, St Antony's
J A Hiddleston, Exeter
D B Hildyard, St Edmund Hall
C P Holbrook, Pembroke
J Hulse, St Edmund Hall
J N Jacobs, Christ Church
A S Jahan, St Edmund Hall
H Johansen-Berg, Department of Clinical Neurosciences
T G Jones, St Edmund Hall
V M Jones, Lady Margaret Hall
W B Jones, Balliol
G D Josipovici, St Edmund Hall
A S S Kahn, St Edmund Hall
M A Keith, Merton
M J Kettle, Balliol
T Khaitan, Wadham
P J King, Pembroke
C D H Klaces, St Edmund Hall
J B Knight, St Edmund Hall
V A Kolve, Jesus, St Edmund Hall
H M Laehnemann, Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages
G J Lally, St Edmund Hall
F M Larkin, St Edmund Hall
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A L Lloyd, St Edmund Hall
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K D J Macdonald, Wadham
R G Macfarlane, Magdalen
T W MacFaul, St Edmund Hall
A J McConnell, Wadham
P D McDonald, St Hugh's
A J McNeille, Magdalen
A Mukherjee, Wadham
S Mukherjee, Keble
K Nabulsi, Balliol
H Neveu-Kringlebch, St Anne's
J D Newlyn, Lady Margaret Hall
L A Newlyn, St Edmund Hall
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N W O Royle, Exeter
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J G Saunders, Worcester
U P Saunders, St Edmund Hall
M N Schmidt, Wadham
A G Shipton, St Edmund Hall
M D E Slater, Wadham
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M O Spillberg, St Edmund Hall
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H M Taylor, Worcester
A R F X Teal, Pembroke
D A Thörley, Merton
A Tricoli, Balliol
N Z Trott, Balliol
S G N Tuck, Pembroke
K E Tunstill, Worcester
M J Tweddle, Wadham
A C Ugwu, Keble
N T Walker, St Edmund Hall
C S Wates, Brasenose
C W C Williams, St Edmund Hall
R D Williams, Christ Church
A R Wood, St Edmund Hall
L Yueh, St Edmund Hall

A E Stallings

Nominated by:

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C Aridjis, Magdalen
M Bawtree, Worcester
A Benaissa, Lady Margaret Hall
A Burnett, St John's
E Camatos, St Cross
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A S Goodspeed, St Catherine's
C M Guthenke, Corpus Christi  
C J E Harlow, Worcester  
S J Harrison, Corpus Christi  
E A Hilbert, St Catherine's  
T Hodos, Keble  
R H A Jenkyns, Lady Margaret Hall  
G Kantor, St John's  
J M Kaveenna, Linacre  
P J M Keegan, Merton  
F Lannon, Lady Margaret Hall  
G Lewis, Balliol  
C J S Lock, Keble  
P A Mackridge, St Cross  
C M MacRobert, Lady Margaret Hall  
J D Maltby, Corpus Christi  
S H F Martin, University College  
E L McAlpine, Keble  
P D McDonald, Christ Church  
P R A McGuinness, St Anne's  
A G McInty, Lady Margaret Hall  
R E S Mills, Worcester  
D A Mitchell, St Catherine's  
D J J Morgan, St Catherine's  
J H W Morwood, Wadham  
H F G Mount, Magdalen  
J J J Murphy, St Catherine's  
C B R Pelling, Christ Church  
C A Phillips, St Catherine's  
J Phillips, Keble  
C P Reynolds, Worcester  
C B Richards, Balliol  
C L Richards, Balliol  
D B Richards, Christ Church  
R B Rutherford, Christ Church  
J Sexton, Corpus Christi  
Y A Shamma, Linacre  
N G Shrimpton, Balliol  
L C O Singer, Lady Margaret Hall  
S H Smith, St Edmund Hall  
G O Souren, Balliol  
S R Stem, University College  
P M Stothard, Trinity  
M E Swann, Corpus Christi  
K V Thomas, All Souls  
N S Thompson, St Anne's  
W M Tsutsui, Corpus Christi  
K R Van Dyck, St Antony's  
J Weston, Worcester  
K J Winn, Christ Church  
T J A Wolff, Hertford  
D J Womersley, St Catherine's  
K E Woodhouse-Beyer, Trinity

Candidates’ statements

SIMON ARMITAGE

I fell under poetry’s spell when I was fifteen and have remained under its influence ever since. At first I only wanted to read poetry, then eventually and inevitably wanted to try my hand at the stuff. Now, after so many years in the field, I feel I have plenty to say on the subject and a desire to talk and write about it. It’s for that reason and at this time that I have put myself forward for the position of Professor of Poetry.

I believe the post has been well served by active poets. By poet-professors whose critical responses were shaped through both reading and writing, and who experienced the exasperations and ecstasies of putting poems together as well as the pleasures and pains of taking them apart. I would maintain the tradition of giving one formal lecture per term, the emphasis being on close reading of past and contemporary work, right up to the present day (and with accompanying texts, courtesy of my assistant PowerPoint!). The watchword will be craft. I’d also use the platform to discuss the situation of poetry and poets in the twenty-first century, to address the obstacles and opportunities brought about by changes in education, changes in reading habits, the internet, poetry’s decreasing ‘market share’, poetry’s relationship with the civilian world and the (alleged) long, lingering death of the book. Following the example of the current post-holder, who knows, I might even break into song. Practicalities permitting, I’d also organise seminars or workshops for students who have ambitions of their own as poets, and encourage established poets to visit Oxford to read and talk about their work, so we might learn by example.

Most poets are critics at some level, and at some stage find themselves employed as teachers of poetry. Since 2011 I have been Professor of Poetry at the University of Sheffield, and before that held lectureships and professorships at the Universities of Manchester Metropolitan, Leeds, Falmouth and the University of Iowa’s Writers’ Workshop, plus further teaching positions in this country and the United States. In March of this year at the invitation of Trinity College I gave the Hillary Lecture at Oxford. But rather than my teaching CV, I offer as credentials my passion for poetry, my reputation as a communicator and an advocate for my chosen art form, my track record as a published poet, and my work as a poet for theatre, radio, television and as a translator of Middle English verse. I don’t have a manifesto, except to say that if there is a more suitable applicant then please vote for that person, but if Oxford saw fit to appoint a self-taught poet who views poetry from a hill above a Yorkshire village, then I would be greatly excited and deeply honoured to take on the challenge. A former Oxford Professor of Poetry, Robert Graves, once described poetry as a continual, lifelong apprenticeship, and to that end it would be an adventure and an education. Website: www.simonarmitage.com.

IAN GREGSON

I want to stand for the Professorship of Poetry to address the major issue facing contemporary poetry, which is, nonetheless, the one most shunned in the poetry world: how poetry has suffered, in recent decades, a catastrophic loss of cultural prestige and popularity.

Poetry isn’t dead, or even dying, but it is being relegated to the status of a geeky, minority pursuit. The decline is not mostly the fault of poets. It has been driven by astonishing changes in the culture, especially over the past thirty years. This is a turning point: five hundred years, in which poetry and indeed the poet played a central role in the culture, are at an end. You could, now, be as talented but self-destructive as Dylan Thomas, or you could fight a corrosive but symptomatic gender battle like Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes, but go unnoticed.

Poetic difficulty is regarded with suspicion in the twenty-first century in a way that it wasn’t in the 1920s, when a large readership tackled The Waste Land. Eliot’s poem acquired enormous currency and influenced everyone with intellectual interests. Its rebarbative content and form were regarded with respect and fascination.

But such features are now distrusted in poetry, following a radical shift in sensibility. The initiating factor was the rise of popular culture to a position of dominance in the 1960s. Television in particular shaped a crucial shift in which the visual took the upper hand over the verbal, and thus, the literary.

The most damaging changes for poetry, however, came in the 1980s, when television was joined by the new media. It is not the content of the internet that’s the problem but its form. No matter how many poems are mounted on the web, the sensibility it creates is indifferent to poetry. This is a medium which ranks words below speed. It is the opposite of poetry, which, in this context, is made to seem ponderously slow, atavistically verbal, and snobbishly inaccessible.

I would use the high profile of the Oxford Professorship of Poetry to draw attention to the marginal status of contemporary poetry. In suggesting how poetry can be brought back into the centre of the culture, I will draw on my experience as an established poet and novelist, and as a cultural critic. I have two substantial collections of poetry with Salt (and a third forthcoming with Parthian). For these, I was shortlisted for the Forward prize, received a Gregory
award, and was the Guardian's poet of the week in 2014. My two novels are with Cinnamon Press, and I have published six monographs on contemporary writing. My poems, reviews, and commentary have appeared in the LA Times, the THES, the TLS, and Guardian, as well as in poetry world publications like the North, Poetry Review, and Poetry Wales. Samples of my work can be seen on my website: www.iangregson.co.uk.

SEÁN HALDANE

When I was nominated for Professor of Poetry in 2010 and came third out of eleven, there was some debate about whether the post required an Oxford insider or an outsider. I claim to be both; in that I lived the Oxford experience as an undergraduate and got a First in English, but I have never been an academic. I resolved early never to make a living from poetry or by teaching it, and that any earnings from my poems would go towards publishing poetry by others. The main published books of my own poems are: Skindiving (Ladysmith Press, 1972), Desire in Belfast (Blackstaff Press, 1992), Lines from the Stone Age and Always Two – Collected Poems 1966–2009 (Greenwich Exchange, 2000 and 2009). The Memory Tree - Poems 2009–2015 will be published this year.

I have worked as a small press publisher, part-time farmer, writer, and clinical psychologist/neuropsychologist in various health services - including the NHS, where I established Memory Clinics in East London and as an expert witness in civil and criminal court cases. I still have a part-time practice in London in neuropsychology supervision and psychotherapy. From 1968 to 1972 I was co-publisher at The Ladysmith Press, in Québec, which published over 20 books by young poets. In 2013 I founded Rún Press, Ireland, which publishes 'Pocket Poems', small hardbacks of the Complete Poems of poets whose work has previously not been fully collected. Its first books (2014) are the Poems of Valentin Iremonger and The Poems of Martin Seymour-Smith.

Across the decades I have published books on practical psychology, 'student guides' on Donne and Hardy, collections of poems, editions of poets (Trumbull Stickney, Kenneth Leslie), essays on poets and poetry in various periodicals (mainly the Scottish-American poetry magazine, Dark Horse, and The Reader), and two books on the nature of poetry - What Poetry Is (1970) and Time / No Time - the Paradox of Poetry and Physics (2014). I now also write novels. The Devil's Making - A Victorian Detective Mystery won the Canadian Best Crime Novel award 2014 and is being published in a new US edition by Macmillan in 2015.

When I was at Oxford the Professor of Poetry was Robert Graves. His lectures were provocative. I remember undergraduates saying 'He can’t mean it!' But he kept an open door when at St John's, and I and many others felt free to visit him. In private he was as frank as in his lectures. As Professor of Poetry I would establish just such an open presence.

I would lecture on such things as: What Poetry Is and Is Not; Poetry, Brain and Body; Paradox in Poetry and Physics; Poetry in Different Englishes; Poetry and Music. The poetry I know best is in English, but I am also at home with French, German, Italian, Portuguese, and Gaelic (Irish and Scottish). If elected I shall finally be breaking my resolution not to teach poetry, but shall square that by channelling part of the stipend into publishing it. See www.seanhaldane.com.

A E STALLINGS

I studied Classics at the University of Georgia, in Athens, Georgia, and later at Oxford. This was how I trained to be a poet, as many of my favourite poets had studied Classics. Many of my early poems were informed by Greek mythology, but my relationship to Greece has deepened and changed since I moved in 1999 to Athens, Greece, where I am a writer, wife of a journalist, and mother of two bilingual children.

I admire free verse and prose poems, but I write what I love, received forms, in rhyme and meter. When asked whether form somehow limits the poet, I reply that form is freeing, it is about giving up control to something outside the self (call it the subconscious, call it the Muse). Rhyme schemes. It is not ornament, but a method of composition, a kind of echolocation. Form frees you from what you want to say. While I write mostly short lyrics, my translation of didactic and narrative poems (Lucretius, Kornaros, Hesiod), has taught me something about the building of long poems. And I agree with Kenneth Rexroth that translation saves us from our contemporaries.

It is not only the making of poems that interests me, but memorizing and speaking them. Being active in the spoken-word scene in the States in the 1990s confirmed to me that audiences enjoy listening to rhyme and rhythm as much as I enjoy working in them. Performance also taught me about revision, to cut anything that goes slack in utterance. Learning poetry by heart is, as the phrase suggests, an embodiment. Poetry lives for as long as it flies living through the mouths of men (and women).

If elected, I would speak on a variety of topics, including the problems and possibilities of translation, poets in other languages (such as modern Greek), the Classical tradition, the gears and springs of technique, the resonance between poems, and on new poets and poets fallen out of fashion. I love teaching and mentoring, and have extensive experience with leading workshops (I have co-taught with Mark Strand), craft lectures, and close reading. When in Oxford, I would keep an open door, and generally make myself available for discussion and debate, and for those who would like advice on their poetry writing, to offer it. It would be an honour to profess poetry. For more information, please see: www.aestallings.wix.com/aestallings.
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