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Council and Main Committees

Congregation

4 June

(1) Declaration of approval of changes to Congregation Regulations 2 of 2002: the conduct of business in Congregation

(2) Declaration of approval of Legislative Proposal: Statute VIII: Libraries, Museums and Scientific Collections, and the University Press

No notice of opposition having been given, the Vice-Chancellor declared approved (1) the changes to Congregation Regulations concerning the conduct of business in Congregation and (2) the Legislative Proposal concerning Statute VIII: Libraries, Museums and Scientific Collections, and the University Press.

Council of the University

Register of Congregation

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

Bachleitner, K, Lady Margaret Hall
Gearing, A I, Department of Oncology
Langton, L C, Finance Division
Ray, D W, Oxford Centre for Diabetes,
Endocrinology and Metabolism
Vasconcelos, A, Big Data Institute

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Congregation

Congregation

13 June

Elections

CONTESTED ELECTIONS

Council
Buildings and Estates Subcommittee

Details are in 'Elections' section below.

Congregation

18 June

¶ Members of Congregation are reminded that any two members may, not later than **noon on 10 June**, give notice in writing to the Registrar that they wish to oppose or amend the resolution or the legislative proposal below (see the note on the conduct of business in Congregation below). If no such notice has been given, and unless Council has declared otherwise or the meeting has been adjourned, the resolution and the legislative proposal shall be declared carried, and the meeting may be cancelled.

(1) Resolution: On the current and future status of language learning in our University

For full text of resolution see *Gazette* No 5242, 30 May 2019, p498.

(2) Voting on Legislative Proposal: Statute XI: University Discipline

For full text of legislative proposal see *Gazette* No 5242, 30 May 2019, p499.

Convocation

21 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 Dr N Berry at the University Offices, Wellington Square (telephone: (2)80199; email: nigel.berry@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).

Notices

General Notices

Staff and Graduate Housing Update

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Dear Colleagues,

In the course of the University-wide consultation on the Strategic Plan last year, one of the most frequently raised issues was the scarcity and unaffordability of housing for our staff and students.

My colleagues and I have been working hard to address this by developing arrangements to deliver subsidised accommodation for University staff as well as additional graduate accommodation without compromising the University's finances.

Our proposals are coming together and, subject to further discussion in University committees, we hope to be able to make announcements in the coming weeks.

In anticipation of this, David Prout, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Planning and Resources), sets out the highlights below. David will also be making presentations to staff on 11 and 12 June.

Places can be reserved via the links at the end of David's notice below.

With best regards,

Louise Richardson
Vice-Chancellor

MESSAGE FROM THE PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR (PLANNING AND RESOURCES)

One of the biggest issues facing staff and graduate students at Oxford is the ready availability of affordable accommodation, particularly when they first arrive in the city. Our global competitors have worked hard to help tackle this issue in their local areas and now is the time to do something about it in Oxford.

This came through loud and clear last year when we consulted students, staff, departments and colleges on the priorities for the new University Strategy. Staff said they couldn't afford to live in the city. Students said more affordable accommodation was needed. Departments

said they had difficulty recruiting and retaining staff. Colleges said they couldn't achieve the aspirations of the academic University without more help with the provision of graduate accommodation. And colleagues drew attention to Cambridge University which aims to provide over 3,000 affordable homes for its staff over the coming years.

That is why the University Strategy prioritised the provision of at least 1,000 subsidised homes for University and college staff and at least another 1,000 units of affordable graduate accommodation. Over the last year, overseen by University committees, we have been thinking about how we can use University assets - principally our rock-solid covenant and land holdings - to deliver against these priorities. The challenge we have set ourselves is to do this within acceptable parameters and without significant calls on the £750m bond we took out in 2017, which has been allocated to strategic, transformational or exceptional academic projects such as rebuilding Tinbergen, providing a new home for the Department of Anthropology, completing the development of the Radcliffe Observatory Site and purchasing more land for future expansion at the Churchill.

The first task has been to identify our land holdings that might be suitable for development. At the most strategic level, this process started several years ago with the review of housing land by Cherwell District Council. Last year the council proposed to allocate land owned by the University at Begbroke and north Oxford for housing development. Together with various colleges who also own land in the area we have worked with the council to achieve this allocation and are currently waiting for the government inspector to issue his report, which is expected in the autumn.

Within the city's administrative boundaries we have worked with Oxford City Council to identify appropriate land to build new accommodation. These sites include the canalside at Osney Mead, the redevelopment of graduate accommodation on Wellington Square and the construction

of new homes at Court Place Gardens, where graduates currently occupy pre-fabricated post-war homes.

The second task has been to find an appropriate private sector partner to help us deliver the new accommodation. This is a well-trodden path for universities, local authorities and housing associations. The basic principle is that the accommodation delivers an income stream in the form of rents paid by residents, and that this can be used to borrow funding over a long period of time to cover build and maintenance costs.

Based on learning from others we decided to be more demanding than some of our peers. Our proposal was to enter agreements whereby our land was made available on long leases in exchange for high-quality new accommodation with affordable rents (which would also remain affordable over the period of the lease). We also said that the funding put into the agreements could not be traded on the open market (to avoid undesirable investors purchasing our leases), and that the accommodation had to be maintained by the University in order to ensure high standards and provide a University 'front door' for our staff and students. We also wanted a partner who was a good cultural fit with the University and able to take a long-term view of their investments and our partnership.

Over the last year we have spent many hundreds of hours talking to potential private sector partners. After a demanding selection process, Council agreed in March that it was sensible to enter the final stages of discussion with a single potential partner who met our requirements. Those discussions have been making good progress and, subject to our own governance and that of our potential partner, we hope to be able to put a proposal to Council for agreement before the summer. At the heart of the proposed agreement is that the University will retain the freehold of the vast majority of our land, that our potential partner will take the build and financing risk and that the University Council retains the ultimate decision-making power as to whether or not a particular development should go ahead.

In addition to residential accommodation we hope our partnership will be able to help us deliver academic, spin-out and commercial space at Begbroke Science Park and Osney Mead. And if the partnership goes well, it may be able to help the University with the renewal of academic accommodation dating from the 1950s-70s. That, however, is for another day.

The *Gazette* has advertised briefing sessions on 11 and 12 June for staff (a recording of a meeting will be available on the Staff Gateway), and we are still collecting views from our various governance committees. But if all goes well, there will be a public announcement of this new partnership over the summer. I would be very pleased to receive comments on what is set out in this article. You can reserve a place at the staff briefings via the following links:

- Tues, 11 June, 12.30–1.30pm: Academic Corridor, John Radcliffe Hospital: <https://oxforduniversityevents.wufoo.com/forms/zqe5yn10kfk6ov>
- Wed, 12 June, 1–2pm: Maths Institute, Radcliffe Observatory Quarter: <https://oxforduniversityevents.wufoo.com/forms/z4e0cv1m8goni>

Regards,

Dr David Prout
Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Planning and Resources)

Undergraduate admissions report 2018

The University's annual undergraduate admissions report has now been published, revealing steady progress in attracting students from a range of under-represented backgrounds. The report is being published for the second year, as part of the University's commitment to greater openness about its admissions process. Detailed figures are given for undergraduate entry over the past five years, broken down by region, race, socio-economic background, gender and disability. There are also figures for every college and academic department.

The report's publication follows the University's recent announcement of two new programmes - Opportunity Oxford and Foundation Oxford - which aim to increase significantly the number of most promising students from groups who are currently under-represented in Oxford.

The full report is available online at www.ox.ac.uk/about/facts-and-figures/admissions-statistics/undergraduate-students.

Encaenia

ENCAENIA GARDEN PARTY

Electronic invitations to the garden party were sent to all current members of Congregation by the University Events Office on 13 May. If you did not receive your invitation, or became a member of Congregation after this date, please email encaenia@admin.ox.ac.uk.

Actively serving retired members of faculty and staff within Congregation are also welcome to attend, as are emeritus professors and those former members of Congregation over 75 who take a deep and active interest in Oxford's work and success. Please email encaenia@admin.ox.ac.uk if you would like to attend.

LORD CREWE'S BENEFACTION

Heads of House, Pro-Vice-Chancellors, Heads of Division, holders of the Oxford Degrees of Doctor of Divinity, Civil Law, Medicine, Letters, Science, and Music, the Proctors, the Assessor, the Public Orator, the Professor of Poetry, the Registrar, the outgoing President of the Oxford University Student Union, and the Presidents of the Junior and Middle Common Rooms of Hertford College, Balliol College and St John's College (as being the colleges of the Proctors and the Assessor) are invited to partake of Lord Crewe's Benefaction to the University on the morning of the ceremony and then to walk in procession to the Sheldonian Theatre. Holders of the Oxford Higher Degrees (described above) who wish to participate are invited to contact the Events Office at encaenia@admin.ox.ac.uk or on 01865 270568 for more information. All other guests will be contacted directly by the Events Office.

Appointments

Humanities

NOLLOTH PROFESSORSHIP OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION

Mark Wynn, BA DPhil Oxf, Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Leeds, has been appointed to the Nolloth Professorship of the Philosophy of the Christian Religion in the Faculty of Theology and Religion. Professor Wynn will take up the post with effect from 1 July 2020. Professor Wynn will be a fellow of Oriel.

Graduate Awards and Prizes

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Exhibitions

St John's

LAUDIAN VESTMENTS AND COLLEGE SILVER ON DISPLAY

A display of liturgical vestments and embroidery from the late medieval period will take place 2–5pm on Saturday 15 June in the Garden Quadrangle Reception Room.

Accompanying the display will be an exhibition of the college silver. The theme of this term's display is 'nature'. Much of the college silver from the 17th–20th centuries is decorated with elaborate and highly skilful depictions of birds, beasts and plants and offers insights into ways in which silversmiths played with the relationship between the organic and the highly wrought. The vestments, a unique medieval collection, are a magnificent example of *opus anglicanum*, a form of embroidery which similarly used motifs of exquisite intricacy drawn from the natural world. More information: www.sjc.ox.ac.uk/discover/about-college/history/laudian-vestments.

Lectures

Humanities

History of Art Department/Centre for Visual Studies

IMAGE AND OBJECT WORKSHOP: COLLABORATIONS AND CONFRONTATIONS IN ART AND SCIENCE

A conference will take place 2.30–5.30pm on 14 June at the Sultan Nazrin Shah Centre, Worcester. Speakers will include **Andrew Parker, Christopher Morton, Marcus Banks, John Lidwell-Durnin, Daniel Bone** and **Morwenna Blewett**. Registration required: admin@hoa.ox.ac.uk. Convener: Dr John R Blakinger

Institutes, Centres and Museums

Foundation for Law, Justice and Society

FLJS WORKSHOP

A workshop will begin at 9.30am on 19 June in the Haldane Room, Wolfson. Convenor: Denis Galligan

Subject: 'Governance of online speech in the age of platforms'

Oxford Martin School

The following events will take place at 5pm on Tuesdays at the Oxford Martin School, followed by a drinks reception. All welcome; registration required.

PUBLIC LECTURE

Professor Alex Rogers (to register: www.oxfordmartin.ox.ac.uk/event/2744)

10 Jun: 'Protecting the high seas'

BOOK TALK

Barbara Finamore, Natural Resources Defense Council (to register: www.oxfordmartin.ox.ac.uk/event/2743)

18 Jun: 'From pollution to solution: will China save the planet?'

Examinations and Boards

Examinations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

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Colleges, Halls and Societies

Blackfriars

AQUINAS AND LAS CASAS INSTITUTES

Baroness Nuala O'Loan will lecture at 5pm on 14 June at the Taylorian Institute. Free and open to all but registration required: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/promoting-a-responsible-and-free-conscience-in-todays-society-tickets-61377143689.

Subject: 'Promoting a responsible and free conscience in today's society'

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**Examinations for the Degree of Master
of Letters**

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Changes to Examination Regulations

For the complete text of each regulation listed below and a listing of all changes to regulations for this year to date, please see <https://gazette.web.ox.ac.uk/examination-regulations-0>.

Education Committee

**REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS - PART 18**
changes regarding appeals against
decisions of the Proctors

Medical Sciences

**MSC IN INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND
TROPICAL MEDICINE**
clarification of wording for essay
submission process

FHS OF NEUROSCIENCE

- (a) minor amendment to rubric for one paper
- (b) clarification of subject options required to graduate with degree of BA (Hons) Neuroscience within undergraduate programme in Biomedical Sciences

Social Sciences

RESEARCH DEGREES IN ARCHAEOLOGY
expansion of article-based thesis route

Colleges, Halls and Societies

Obituaries

Exeter

Sydney Brenner, 5 April 2019; 1952.

Aged 92.

Walter Eltis, 5 April 2019; Fellow 1958–60, 1963–88; Lecturer, Exeter and Keble 1960–3. Aged 85.

Herman Hardy Hamilton, Jr, 30 April 2019; Rhodes Scholar 1950. Aged 91.

Patrick Fabian Radcliffe, 1 April 2019; 1948. Aged 90.

St Hugh's

Mrs Elizabeth Brent-Smith (née Hern), 3 December 2018; 1950. Aged 86.

Mrs Mary Harley (née Weir), 13 March 2019; 1946. Aged 93.

Mrs Margaret Mann (née Hartshorne), 1 May 2019; 1943. Aged 94.

Worcester

David Hugh Cronyn, 15 September 2018; 1954. Aged 85.

Marie Joseph Albert Menagé, 3 November 2018; 1945. Aged 96.

Anthony Collier Myer, 3 April 2019; 1954. Aged 84.

Miles Francis Osmaston, 3 May 2019; 1943. Aged 93.

Michael David Scott, 2016; 1954.

Sultan Ahmad Shah, 22 May 2019; 1950. Aged 88.

Henry Peter Francis Swinnerton-Dyer, 26 December 2018; Honorary Fellow 1980–2018. Aged 91.

Elections

Contested Elections

13 June

The nomination period for these elections closed at 4pm on Thursday, 16 May. The following elections will be contested and the results determined by postal ballot of the eligible electorates.

Council

MATHEMATICAL, PHYSICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES AND MEDICAL SCIENCES

- 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 to hold office from MT 2019 to MT 2023 (*vice* Professor M J A Freeman, Lincoln)

The following nominations have been received:

Professor Peter P Edwards, BSc PhD DSc Salf, MA Oxf, Fellow of St Catherine's, Faculty of Chemistry

Nominated by:

H L Anderson, Keble, Faculty of Chemistry

S J Conway, St Hugh's, Faculty of Chemistry

S G Davies, Magdalen, Faculty of Chemistry

S Faulkner, Keble, Faculty of Chemistry

Candidate statement:

I am particularly interested in protecting democratic self-governance and ensuring that Council is robust in its scrutiny and approval of proposals that are brought to Congregation appropriately and in a timely way. Council must also respond to widespread concerns to help stop or reverse the erosion of pay and pensions.

I would bring broad experience and expertise in research, management and administration and practices to increase the diversity of our community. I was Head of Inorganic Chemistry (member of MPLS Divisional Board) from 2004 to 2014 and previously 5 years as Head of Chemistry at Birmingham, following earlier periods at Cambridge (Jesus College; Director of Studies in Chemistry) and Cornell (Fulbright Scholar, NSF Fellow). I was Co-

Founder of the first EPSRC Interdisciplinary Research Centre (1987) and the UK Sustainable Hydrogen Energy Consortium (2003) leading to my election as EPSRC RISE Fellow; currently establishing the Interdisciplinary Centre in Clean Carbon Energy with China, India, the USA and Saudi Arabia. Previously Chair of the European Research Council Advanced Investigators Award Panel on Chemical Synthesis and Advanced Materials. I was Outreach Ambassador for Jesus College (1980's) and recently elected to the Royal Society of Chemistry Inclusion and Diversity Committee. I am a Fellow of the Royal Society, Foreign Member of the German Academy of Sciences, Einstein Professor of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Foreign Member of the US Academy of Arts and Sciences, and International Member of the American Philosophical Society.

Professor Anna Christina (Kia) Nobre, BA Williams, MA Oxf, PhD Yale, Fellow of St Catherine's, Faculty of Psychological Studies

Nominated by:

M J Snowling, President of St John's, Faculty of Psychological Studies

J Baird, St Anne's, Faculty of Social Studies

R S Crisp, St Anne's, Faculty of Philosophy

Dame Kay Davies, Hertford, Faculty of Physiological Sciences, Faculty of Clinical Medicine

N J Emptage, Lincoln, Faculty of Physiological Sciences

H I McShane, Harris Manchester, Faculty of Clinical Medicine

G R Sreaton, University College, Faculty of Medical Sciences

K Talbot, Faculty of Clinical Medicine

T Williamson, New College, Faculty of Philosophy

N Woods, University College

Candidate statement:

I am strongly committed to the values of our Collegiate University, and would like to contribute to its governance as a member of Council. I have been a member of Congregation for 25 years. Since my JRF days, I have become increasingly involved in leadership and assumed positions of growing responsibility. I currently hold

a statutory professorship, jointly shared between the Departments of Psychiatry and of Experimental Psychology and serve as a Professorial Fellow at St Catherine's College. I chair the Oxford Neuroscience Strategy Committee, direct the Oxford Centre for Human Brain Activity, and act as head of the Department of Experimental Psychology. In the latter role, I had to manage the unexpected closure of the Tinbergen Building. I witnessed first-hand what can be achieved when all aspects of the University come together for the common good, and feel it would be a privilege to give something back in return. I am particularly committed to promoting the importance of scholarship and science in our society; and to fostering an inclusive, diverse, and nurturing environment in which we educate and train future generations to the highest standards.

Committees reporting to Council

BUILDINGS AND ESTATES SUBCOMMITTEE

- One person elected by Congregation to hold office from MT 2019 to MT 2020 (*vice* Professor Martin C J Maiden, Hertford)

The following nominations have been received:

Rosie Mortimer, MA Oxf, Department of Chemistry

Nominated by:

M Brouard, Jesus, Faculty of Chemistry
N J B Green, Faculty of Chemistry
K N Harrison, Faculty of Chemistry
A Lintern, Department of Chemistry

Candidate statement:

I am currently the Head of Administration in the Department of Chemistry and have previously been a member of BESC. This role and previous lead administrator roles in the departments of Social Policy & Intervention, and Mathematics, as well as a role in the Medical Sciences Division, where I had responsibility for the Division's portfolio of capital projects, have given me considerable experience of the matters that BESC deals with. I have considerable direct experience of the governance and delivery of capital projects, both large and small, and as an experienced Head of Administration am well used to working at a strategic and operational level. On BESC I would be able to place the matters under consideration in their broader context as well as articulate any operational implications.

I believe my experience, together with my common sense and balanced approach to issues, would make me an effective member of BESC. If elected I would work hard to bring my operational knowledge and experience to bear in a constructive and thoughtful manner.

Louise Stratton, Finance Division

Nominated by:

G L Boon, Finance Division
S Davies, Estates Division
R A Greaney, Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics
N B Heath, Finance Division
E Morris, Saïd Business School
H L Parker, Finance Division
P A Ransom, Department of Politics and International Relations
N A Roberts, Continuing Education
C S R Taylor, Finance Division
R J Walker, St Cross

Candidate statement:

In my role as University Fixed Asset Accountant I engage with the end result of the decisions made in BESC and PRAC. I feel the detailed work I do on the accounting of the University Functional Estate, including leased properties, gives me detailed knowledge that could be of value to BESC as well as enhance understanding and appreciation in my own role. I could offer a different perspective due to my 12 years in post, such as an awareness of financial implications of decisions. I would give an objective and independent view of the estate but hopefully an informed one. I believe it would give me a broader view of Estates and the activity undertaken by them, which in turn will aid me in my own area of work. I want to contribute more and I feel this membership would be part of this by the additional contribution this will allow me to give. I am currently studying for a PgCert in Higher Education with Nottingham Trent University and this has given me a wider knowledge and understanding of HE Governance and the history behind it and I wish to use this in a wider context outside of my substantive role. Having recently been appointed to several strategic building and housing groups I wish to continue this expansion in to a more strategic outlook on the University and I believe that being part of this Subcommittee will be part of this.

Convocation

21 June

Nominations for this election closed on 9 May.

Election of the Professor of Poetry

An election by Convocation will be held in Trinity term 2019 in order to elect the Professor of Poetry, to hold office for four years from the first day of Michaelmas term 2019. A meeting of Convocation will be held on Friday, 21 June 2019, to announce the results.

DUTIES AND STIPEND OF THE PROFESSOR

The duties of the Professor are: normally to give one public lecture each term on a suitable literary subject (where the term 'public lecture' does not include poetry readings or recitals or other such events); to deliver an inaugural lecture; normally to offer one more event each term (which may include poetry readings, workshops, hosted events etc); 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 Jon Stallworthy 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 £12,710 per annum which is increased in line with the annual cost-of-living increases for academic and related staff, 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 for the Professorship are available on the University website (www.ox.ac.uk). Informal enquiries about the post should be addressed to the Chair of the Faculty Board, Professor Ros Ballaster, who can be contacted by email at chair@ell.ox.ac.uk. All enquiries will be treated in strict confidence.

ELECTION PROCEDURES

This election will be conducted electronically by Electoral Reform Services Ltd (ERS) on behalf of the University of Oxford.

All members of Convocation are eligible to vote in this election.

Convocation

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 Oxford 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).

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, 9 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, 9 May. In the event of a contested election, these statements shall be published in 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/529-122b.shtml#_Toc28141352).

Voting arrangements

If the election is not contested the result will be announced online and in the *Gazette* following the close of nominations. In the event of a contested election, an online 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, 21 June.

Voter registration

All members of Convocation who wish to vote in this election must register their intention to vote on www.ersvotes.com/oxfordpoetry19 by **noon on Thursday, 6 June** (BST).

Once you have submitted your request to register, your details will be checked to ensure you are a member of Convocation and eligible to vote in this election. You will be notified by email if your request has been **unsuccessful**. If you are unable to register online, or have any queries about the registration process, a telephone helpline will be available during the registration period.

Voting

Registered voters will be able to vote online from Thursday, 23 May, until noon on Thursday, 20 June (BST). Voters will be sent instructions on how to vote once their eligibility to vote has been verified.

Result of a contested election

The result of a contested election will be announced in a meeting of Convocation at 3pm on Friday, 21 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 should be addressed to the Chair of the Faculty Board, Professor Ros Ballaster, who can be contacted by email at chair@ell.ox.ac.uk. All enquiries will be treated in strict confidence.

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 (2)80528 or stuart.gillespie@admin.ox.ac.uk; +44 (0)1865 283877).

All other queries should be addressed to the Elections Officer, Ms S L S Mulvihill, Council Secretariat, University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JD (email: poetry.election@admin.ox.ac.uk; tel: +44 (0)1865 (2)80463).

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

The nomination period for this election closed at 4pm on Thursday, 9 May 2019. Three candidates met the threshold of 50 nominations from members of Convocation:

- Andrew McMillan
- Alice Oswald
- Todd Swift

Candidate statements are published in this issue of the *Gazette*. Members of Convocation who wish to vote in the election are reminded that they must register online at <https://secure.ersvotes.com/oxfordpoetry19> before **noon on Thursday, 6 June 2019**. Please note: the names of further nominators of the candidates below will be published as and when their membership of Convocation has been verified.

Andrew McMillan

Nominated by:

Sophie Afdhal
Ms Samira Ahmed
Dr Natasha Alden
Mr Rob Alderson
Dr Jacob Anders
Dr Joanne Baker
Mr Dominic Barker
Mr Charles Beckett
Billy-Ray Belcourt
Ms Kathryn Bevis
Mr Luka Boeskens
Ms Hannah Bond
Simon Boyle
Mr Nicholas Brooksbank
Mr Alan Buckley
Ms Louise Chantal
Dr Rosalind Clarke
Mr Andrew Copson
Mrs Elizabeth Coulter
Mr Benjamin Curthoys
Mr Rishi Dastidar
Mr Michael Donkor
Ms Rosemary Edge
Mr Richard Egleton
Dr Gareth Evans

Ms Georgia Faletas
 Mr Stuart Ffoulkes
 Miss Dorothy Finan
 Ms Susannah Ford
 Professor Matthew Fox
 Miss Alison Garcia
 Ms Charlotte Geater
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ALICE OSWALD

I'd like to be considered for the position of poetry professor, which I see as an opportunity to deepen my research into Spoken Poetry and to bring that research to a wider audience.

It's important to me to find ways of connecting with the City of Oxford as well as the University and for this reason, besides delivering lectures, I'd like to stage some Extreme Poetry Events: for example all-night readings of long poems, poetry in the dark or in coloured light, even perhaps a Carnival of Translation, A Memory Palace, a Poem-Circus (like the Music-Circus of John Cage), or an exhibition of mobile poems. A book is a wonderfully quiet place, but I've always thought that poetry, if offered the right occasions, will rise to meet them and that one of our tasks as poets is to invent such occasions for ourselves and for others.

I'd be delighted if I could tempt school children to take part in some of these.

I believe that poetry is, among other things, an ancient memory system, that it asks to be heard out loud or at least read in the manner of a musical score, that it promotes imaginative over rational understanding and that the strength of the imagination is its ability to think between disciplines and to conceive of wholes not just parts. While I was at University I was grateful that the Ruskin School of Art offered different approaches to learning and I like to think that a poetry professor might provide something similar, perhaps in the form of workshops or structured conversations. There is after all plenty to discuss. It's exciting to be engaged in poetry at a time when its medium is changing almost as radically as it did in the eighth century B.C. I see no reason why Instagram poems shouldn't prove as rewarding as Concrete poems or the visual poems of classical Chinese and I'd welcome the chance to invite young poets to engage in discussion about what poetry has been and is becoming.

As a Homer fanatic, I'm keen to make links between ancient epic and contemporary performance poetry. Through my association with the Archive for Performance of Greek and Roman Drama, I'd like to remind people that a poem is always more than a written text and that short lyric poems need to operate among longer more theatrical forms, such as the verse drama, the song-cycle, the folk tale, the liturgy. I have recently been commissioned to write a book about Homer and it would be a pleasure to be in contact with other classicists while working on this.

In fact it goes without saying that my own poems would benefit immeasurably from contact with the University. I am currently working on a number of collaborations with visual artists, dancers and musicians and would love to try these out in a critical environment. And of course the Bodleian Library would be an invaluable resource for any poet.

ANDREW MCMILLAN

It's a cliché, but poetry is having a bit of a 'moment' right now; more than any time in the past two decades we're witnessing a new generation of poets step forward and claim space within the prize-lists and the editorial boards and the inner-rooms of our art form. Yet still, the poets who have been so central to our culture for the past half-century continue to expand their craft, improving their body of work with each new poem,

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each new collection. The Oxford Professor of Poetry feels like a position which is uniquely suited to this current moment; both future-facing, towards the student-body and yet with the weight and prestige of the lineage of predecessors standing behind it as well.

When I was in Year 9 or 10 of Secondary School, me and another boy from my class were grouped together with other kids from Barnsley and bussed down to Oxford as part of an Aim Higher campaign to get more of us to consider going to Oxbridge. My memories of the day are hazy, but I recall walking down some long corridors and then being taken to see the film *The Day After Tomorrow* in the evening, before travelling back up the next day.

It is true that I am young (though with half a decade on Keats, at his oldest), but I would hope to make a dynamic, insightful and fresh contribution to the life of poetry and literature at the university. Perhaps the best thing a role like this can do is to offer illumination of poets who time or fashions have pushed back into the dark.

There's a scene in *The Day After Tomorrow* where a huge wall of water is coming towards the cast as they stand in New York City; they seek shelter by hiding in the New York Public Library and (spoiler alert!) a select few of them stay there until they are rescued at the end of the film. It's an interesting image to contemplate at this current cultural intersection we find ourselves at. Perhaps there's a temptation to see this new generation as a flood seeking to drown out all tradition. Maybe there's a tendency to think of our plethora of mid-career and long-serving poets as solid, important, but a little bit dull, standing stoically as the wave approaches. Neither of these statements is true. Indeed if that wave had been allowed to reach the library, to reach the shelves and the tomes that slept on them, that would have been the ideal outcome. The new generation mixing with the central voices of our poetic culture. A professorship that speaks both forwards and looks back. A professorship which seeks to illuminate today, but also looks ahead, to tomorrow, and the day after that as well.

TODD SWIFT

I have been an international poetry activist, poet, small press publisher, editor, anthologist, and poetry tutor for over 30 years, beginning in Montreal, where I was mentored by Ezra Pound's mentee, Louis Dudek. I was listed in the *Oxford Companion to Modern Poetry*, and was the 2017–2018 Poet-in-residence at Pembroke College, Cambridge. As Oxfam GB's Poet-in-residence I ran a national poetry contest and edited numerous anthologies, and ran a reading series for a decade. My own poetry has appeared across the world in periodicals and magazines; and in over 20 collections, including pamphlets. In 2003, I was featured on CNN for my work as a co-organiser of the Poets Against the War movement, and edited the *Salt* anthology. In the 90s I pioneered Fusion poetry, a hybrid of performance, hip hop, and digital poetics. My PhD is on style in modern poetry. Over three decades I have shown a commitment to innovation, encouragement, enthusiasm and excitement in poetry – and have always supported, and advocated for, a diverse and open understanding of what poetry is, and can do. As a Canadian-British poet, I bring a multilingual and multicultural vision to poetics and the promotion of ideas about poetry in the 21st century. The themes of my own poetry are relevant at this time, since my key themes are gender identity, pop culture, sex, desire, politics, violence, religious faith and doubt, ecology, and scientific inquiry, as they swirl about in a language mash-up – created by a fractured lexical construct that may or not be a coherent being. I am a high modernist romantic, taking my bearings from FT Prince, Hart Crane, Wallace Stevens as well as Pound and H.D. My work has been described as a strange admixture of Dylan Thomas and Paul Muldoon. It is in fact its own stylish melange of low and high diction, exploring the eccentric possibility of being a true person or persona in a hyper-mediated age. As a long-time public speaker and polemicist, I would enjoy the chance to lecture on current trends in poetry, and as a gadfly of sorts continue to ask questions of poetry, poets and poems.

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Colleges, Halls and Societies

All Souls; Examination Fellowships; up to £15,480 plus £5,715 housing allowance if eligible; 4pm, 2 September; www.asc.ox.ac.uk/examination-fellowships-further-particulars

All Souls; Visiting Fellowships 2020–21; accommodation, college study and free lunches and dinners; 4pm, 23 August; www.asc.ox.ac.uk/visiting-fellowships-2020-2021-further-particulars

All Souls; Senior Research Fellowships in Linguistics and Mathematics; £103,825–£113,446 including £6,543 housing allowance if eligible; noon, 13 September; www.asc.ox.ac.uk/senior-research-fellowships-2020-further-particulars

Harris Manchester and Blavatnik School of Government; Tutor and Official Fellow of Harris Manchester in Applied Economics; £47,263–£63,463; 8 July; www.hmc.ox.ac.uk/vacancies

Lady Margaret Hall; Lecturer in Classics; £13,513–£15,198; noon, 28 June; www.lmh.ox.ac.uk/about-lmh/jobs/stipendiary-lectureship-classics

Magdalen; Sub-Dean; £2,607 pa plus free college accommodation and 7 meals pw; noon, 21 June; www.magd.ox.ac.uk/job-vacancies

Mansfield; Assistant Junior Dean; 5pm, 17 June; www.mansfield.ox.ac.uk/vacancies

Oriel; Lecturer in Modern European History or World History; £18,017–£20,263; 28 June; www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/people/vacancies/stipendiary-lecturer-modern-european-or-world-history-1800-2000

Oriel; Development Assistant; c£19,000; www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/people/vacancies/development-assistant-1

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Oriel; Chef de Partie; c£23,500; www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/people/vacancies/chef-de-partie-0

Pembroke; Lodge Receptionist; 18 June; www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/vacancies

St Anne's; Director of Development; noon, 3 July; www.st-annes.ox.ac.uk/about/job-opportunities

St Catherine's; Academic Officer (Admissions); noon, 25 June; www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/category/vacancies

St Catherine's; Development Director; noon, 14 June; www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/category/vacancies

St Cross; non-stipendiary Emanuel Lee Junior Research Fellowship; 19 July; www.stx.ox.ac.uk/emanoel-lee-junior-research-fellowship-medical-sciences

St Hilda's; part-time Academic Assistant; 28 June; www.sthildas.ox.ac.uk/content/vacancies

External Vacancies

University of Cambridge; Professorship of Geophysics; 30 July; www.hr.admin.cam.ac.uk/professorships

Selwyn College, Cambridge; Bursar; 19 June; www.sel.cam.ac.uk/selwyn-college/employment

Selwyn College, Cambridge; fixed-term Schools Liaison Officer; £24,369; noon, 17 June; www.sel.cam.ac.uk/selwyn-college/employment

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