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Council and Main Committees

Council of the University

Changes in Regulations

Corrigendum: Regulations for College Contributions

Explanatory Note

When changes to relating to the increase of tax bands in respect of the accounts for 2014/15 and the contributions payable in March 2016 were published (*Gazette*, 23 April 2015, p490), the insertions and deletions were reversed in the changes. The correct changes to these regulations, which came into effect on 8 May, are shown below.

Text of Regulations

In Council Regulations 1 of 2014, concerning college contributions, delete existing regulation 4(4) and substitute (deleted text struck through, new text underlined):

'(4) The bands and rates for the contributions payable in 2013/14 <u>2015/16</u> based on the account for the year ending on the prior 31 July, shall be as follows:

On the first £ 35 <u>45 million</u> of taxable assets	NIL
On the next £3 <u>9million</u>	0.10 per cent
On the next £3 <u>9million</u>	0.20 per cent
On the next £3 <u>9million</u>	0.30 per cent
On taxable assets over £44 <u>72 million</u>	0.36 per cenť

Planning and Resource Allocation Committee of Council

Changes in Regulations

The Planning and Resource Allocation Committee of Council has made the following changes in regulations, to come into effect on **26 June**.

(a) Professorship of Development Economics

Explanatory Note

These changes, made with the approval of the Social Sciences Board, establish regulations for the Professor of Development Economics.

Text of Regulations

1 In SCHEDULE A of Council Regulations 3 of 2004, concerning statutory professorships, after 'Nuffield Professor of Economics' insert: 'Professor of Development Economics'.

2 In Sect III of Council Regulations 24 of 2002, concerning individual professorships, insert new §72 as follows and renumber existing §72 onwards by plus one:

§72. Professor of Development Economics

1. There shall be a Professor of Development Economics who shall undertake research, lecture and give instruction in an interdisciplinary area within the field of Development Economics and generally promote its study in the University.

2. The professor shall be elected by an electoral board consisting of:

(1) the Vice-Chancellor, or, if the head of the college specified in (2) below is Vice-Chancellor, a person appointed by Council;

(2) the head of the college to which the Chair may be allocated by Council from time to time, or if the head is unable or unwilling to act, a person appointed by the governing body of the college;

(3) a person appointed by the governing body of the college specified in (2) above;

(4)-(5) two persons appointed by Council;

(6) a person appointed by the Social Sciences Board;

(7)-(9) three persons appointed by the Department of International Development.

4. The professor shall be subject to the General Provisions of the regulations concerning the duties of professors and to those Particular Provisions of the same regulations which are applicable to the Chair.'

(b) Professorship of Evidence-Based Intervention

Explanatory Note

The following changes amend the title of the Professorship of Evidence-Based Intervention to the Professorship of Evidence-Based Intervention and Policy Evaluation to reflect the strategic priorities of the Department of Social Policy and Intervention. The opportunity is also taken to update the regulations to remove outdated references to the Department of Social Policy and Social Work.

Text of Regulations

1 In Schedule A of Council Regulations 3 of 2004, delete 'Professor of Evidence-Based Intervention' and substitute 'Professor of Evidence-Based Intervention and Policy Evaluation'.

2 In Sect III of Council Regulations 24 of 2002, concerning individual professorships, delete §306 and substitute (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'§306. Professor of Evidence-Based Intervention <u>and Policy Evaluation</u>

1. The Professor of Evidence-Based Intervention <u>and Policy Evaluation</u> shall engage in advanced study and research and give instruction in the field of evidencebased social intervention <u>and policy</u> <u>evaluation</u>.

2. The professor shall be elected by an electoral board consisting of:

 the Vice-Chancellor, or, if the head of the college specified in paragraph
 <u>below</u> is Vice-Chancellor, a person appointed by Council;

(2) the head of the college to which the professorship shall be for the time being allocated by Council under any regulation in that behalf, or, if the head is unable or unwilling to act, a person appointed by the governing body of the college;

(3) a person appointed by the governing body of the college specified in paragraph(2) above;

(4), (5) two persons appointed by Council;

(6) a person appointed by the Social Sciences Board;

(7)-(9) three persons appointed by the Department of Social Policy and Social Work Intervention. 3. The professor shall be subject to the General Provisions of the regulations concerning the duties of professors <u>and</u> to those Particular Provisions of the same regulations which are applicable to the <u>Chair</u>.'

Congregation

Question and Reply: Report of Proceedings

Under the provisions of Part 5 of Congregation Regulations 2 of 2002, the question and reply were read in Congregation and supplementary questions were asked.

QUESTION

The following question was read by Professor Julia Bray, on behalf of the nine signatories to the question:

'Oxford University Strategic Plan for 2013-2018 stresses as part of our commitment to maintaining excellence of Oxford research that the collegiate University "will enhance the infrastructure which supports research at the highest level, including libraries". At the same time, funding for university libraries, on top of a 10% reduction in 2010-2013, was further reduced in 2013/4 and 2014/5 financial years, while additional savings, characterised in Michaelmas 2014 update from the Bodleian Libraries as "significant", will need to be found in 2015/6. Amalgamation of important research libraries in the Humanities is now being implemented or proposed (notably Taylorian Slavonic and Modern Greek library, Oriental Institute library and Sackler library), with considerable potential effect on the university's ability to conduct worldclass research in these disciplines and on undergraduate and graduate teaching provision.

What consideration has been given by the Council to the potential detrimental effects of further cuts to the Bodleian Libraries budgetary settlement and to the possibilities of finding additional funding to libraries' operational costs?'

Georgy Kantor, St John's David Seifert, St John's Barry Murnane, St John's Julia Bray, St John's Christopher Minkowski, Balliol Alison Salvesen, Mansfield David Taylor, Wolfson James Benson, Wolfson John Ma, Corpus Christi

REPLY

2 June

The following reply was read by the Registrar, on behalf of Council:

'Council shares the view that the Bodleian Libraries are essential in order to conduct world-class research and teaching in Oxford and that the reputation and success of the University in these academic endeavours have been influenced by the collections and services provided by the libraries over the past 400 years. It remains committed to ensuring that the Bodleian Libraries can continue to provide their services to Oxford and recognises that the nature of the provision made by the Bodleian affects the academic disciplines in different ways.

Over the last five years Council has approved significant capital investments of just under £110m on library projects (funded from both University and philanthropic sources) to allow the development of the Book Storage Facility, refurbishment of the Radcliffe Camera and the Gladstone Link, the Weston Library, the Philosophy and Theology Faculties Library, and the creation of the Bodleian KB Chen China Centre Library, all of which contribute to the sustainability of the services and have enhanced the infrastructure to support research.

One of the reasons that the Bodleian Libraries are now making arrangements for accommodating required reduction through a combination of efficiencies in their existing service provision, raising additional funds, and reducing some areas of expenditure is the need for the University as a whole to maintain a sustainable financial plan. An additional reason for such change is the need to provide new services to support researchers in the University, including digital provision, open access support and research data curation and publication.

Council is accountable for the financial health of the University, for ensuring that the University has a strategic plan and an annual operating plan and budget; and that the Strategic Plan is supported by a financial and investment strategy. Council has, appropriately, addressed its considerations to the broad issue of a sustainable budget for the University as a whole, to ensure that facilities, collections and University infrastructure can be sustained responsibly into the future.

The University's Strategic Plan 2013-2018, proposed by Council and approved by Congregation, notes that to support the University's academic communities with appropriate libraries and museums, seminar rooms, laboratories, IT systems and research equipment will require significant capital investment; and to ensure that facilities, collections and University infrastructure can be sustained responsibly into the future will require a sufficient recurrent surplus. The Strategic Plan therefore aims for the University to achieve an operational surplus (calculated as earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation: EBITDA) of at least 5%, taking into account the increasing cost of replacing assets through inflation or rising expectations of functional suitability.

In setting the University's budget for 2014/15, Council, informed by the Planning and Resource Allocation Committee and the Finance Committee, noted that there was an anticipated shortfall against the University's EBITDA target in 2013/14 and future years. At that time EBITDA was forecast to be 4.7% in 2013/14 and about 4.5% in 2014/15 and 2015/16 without action being taken. To address this, Council required the University's budget to be set for 2015/16 with the aim of achieving the EBITDA target of at least 5% in that year. That required savings in that year across the University as a whole of the order of £9.5m.

Since growth in expenditure was the primary cause of the failure to meet the EBITDA target the necessary savings were allocated across the divisions and services pro rata to the growth in budgeted departmental expenditure between 2013/14 and 2014/15. This resulted in divisions and services being required to find savings on their submitted plans totalling £9.5m, with all service areas (Finance, Development, UAS and ASUC) required to make savings totalling £3.1m to accommodate the necessary reduction in funding.

A key element of the future strategy for providing sustainable funding, which would mitigate the negative effects of the reduction in other funding streams, is the continued development of an endowment fund. In the last five years the Bodleian Libraries' endowment value has increased from £27m to £45.5m, enabling the protection of key specialist staff positions, as well as providing funding for preservation, exhibitions, and acquisition of collections. As part of the Oxford Thinking campaign the Bodleian Libraries have been a strategic area for fundraising that has resulted in donations of £32.3m over the last five years with £4.7m cash received this year (to date). Efforts will continue to maximise income from philanthropic giving and so grow the endowment fund in support of the Bodleian Libraries. A plan to leverage external endowment for libraries and museums is under development and expected to come for discussion to PRAC this term.'

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

The following supplementary questions were asked:

Professor James Lewis, Wolfson and Oriental Studies:

'Given that the University is carrying extraordinarily low levels of debt compared to the sector generally and that the sectoraverage operational surplus lies at 3.7% or less, and that reportedly 90% of donations to the Oxford Thinking campaign come from Humanities and Social Science graduates, why is an operational surplus of 5% or more given absolute priority in the University strategic plan, when this policy results in small savings but irreparable damage to research infrastructure, to the University's reputation and would cripple efforts to obtain endowments?'

Professor John Ma, Corpus Christi and Faculty of Classics:

'Given that, for Humanities and Social Sciences, libraries are the equivalent of laboratories and other equipment, could Council explain why capital investment in new projects is prioritised over the running costs of existing world-class research library infrastructure?'

¶ These supplementary questions will be considered by Council at its next meeting on 22 June. A reply will be published in the *Gazette* shortly after that date.

6 June

Congregation

Conferment of Honorary Degrees

(i) The Degree of Master of Arts, *honoris causa*, approved by Resolution of Congregation on 28 April 2015, was conferred upon **Valerie Boasten**.

(ii) The Degree of Master of Arts, *honoris causa*, approved by Resolution of
 Congregation on 28 April 2015, was
 conferred upon Charles John Vaisey Jones.

(iii) The Degree of Master of Arts, *honoris causa*, approved by Resolution of Congregation on 28 April 2015, was conferred upon **Alison Miles**.

The Public Orator made the following speeches in presenting the recipients of Honorary Degrees:

VALERIE BOASTEN

Sir William Dunn School of Pathology and E P Abraham Trust, 1983–2013; first female Bedel of the University of Oxford, Bedel of Arts 1998–2003 and Bedel of Divinity 2003–15

Ecce femina cuius facies permultis inter Oxonienses bene nota est; in ephemeride quoque quae Salve inscribitur imago eius apparuit; nam saltatricem quandam honestaveramus cuius formam et artem vulgus magnopere admirabatur. Itaque et Bedella et Orator aliquantulo celebritatis, sane necopinatae, breve spatium fruiti sunt. Universitatem ut bonam civitatem oportet non solum bene gubernari sed etiam aliquid splendoris in caerimoniis exhibere; quare iuvat nos studiosis in hoc theatro pompa atque apparatu gratulari. Haec femina, ex quo tempore prima e muliebri sexu numero bedellorum est adscripta, munere semper maxima et elegantia et maiestate perfuncta est. Histriones quidem, antequam partes coram spectatoribus agunt, multos per dies exercentur: nos sine exercitatione. sine meditatione officium graduum conferendorum exsequimur. Honorandi igitur nonnumquam timiditate afficiuntur; quibus dicere soleo, 'Pone curam: sciunt hoc omne bedelli.' Itaque, dum unam feminam laudamus, simul omni bedellorum cohorti grates nostras offerimus. Haec quam nunc produco nescioquo pacto simul subridere et gravitatem tenere videtur. Cuius in honore ego laeto pectore illud verbum dico quo saepenumero eam de sella surgere iussi.

Praesento universitatis nostrae fautricem fidelem, Valeriam Boasten, Divinitatis Bedellam, ut admittatur honoris causa ad gradum Magistri in Artibus.

Admission by the Vice-Chancellor

Virgae portatrix dignissima, quae tot caerimonias praesentia tua ornavisti, ego auctoritate mea et totius Universitatis admitto te ad gradum Magistri in Artibus honoris causa.

Paraphrase

Here is a lady whose appearance is known to a huge number of Oxford people. Her picture has even appeared in *Hello!* magazine, following the occasion when we gave an honorary degree to a ballerina much admired by the public for her art and beauty, so that the Bedel and the Orator both enjoyed their brief moment of modest and unexpected celebrity. A university, as in any good constitution, should not only be well governed but should display a sort of splendour on ceremonial occasions; that is why we like to congratulate our graduands in this theatre with procession and pomp. From the time that she joined the bedels, this lady, the first woman to be appointed to their number, has always performed her office with both grace and dignity. Actors rehearse for weeks before opening their show to the public, but we confer degrees without the benefit of rehearsal. So honorands are sometimes a little nervous, but I can always say to them, 'Don't worry: the bedels know it all.' And so, as we honour a particular person, we are also expressing our thanks to the whole corps of bedels. She herself has a way of seeming to smile while preserving the appropriate seriousness. It is with a happy heart that I now speak that word with which I have so often summoned her to her feet.

I present a loyal supporter of our university, Valerie Boasten, Bedel of Divinity, to be admitted to the honorary degree of Master of Arts.

Admission by the Vice-Chancellor

Most deserving bearer of the mace, who have adorned so many ceremonies with your presence, I on my own authority and that of the whole University admit you to the honorary degree of Master of Arts.

CHARLES JOHN VAISEY JONES

Mechanical Engineering Technician and Student Workshop Supervisor, Department of Chemistry, 1966–2015

Vergilius, qui in Aeneide pietatem super omnes virtutes tollere videtur, virum prope me nunc adstantem voce facundiore quam mea laudare possit. Quomodo satis homini grates nostras offeram qui annos fere quinquaginta in Facultate Chimiae summa fide summa peritia tirones docuit, doctos adiuvit? Idem poeta in Georgicis apium laborem labori Cyclopum comparat; honorandus noster ut hi materiem suae voluntati parere cogit, ut illae opera subtilissima mira calliditate fabricatur. Ouod tam excellenter Oxoniensibus effecit ut docti et in Hispania Germania Francogallia sibi similes machinas eum creare rogaverint. Collegae ipsius non solum sollertiam eius diligentiamque sed etiam hominem ipsum praedicant: semper enim ridet; si consulitur, semper vacare videtur; si novicius difficili nodo impeditur, auxilium libenter parat. Quapropter adfirmare ausim neminem in ulla huius universitatis parte melius meruisse ut rude iam donetur otioque diuturno posthac fruatur.

Praesento fabrum peritissimum, adminiculum facultatis suae firmissimum, chimicorum innumerabilium magistrum et adiutorem, Carolum Iohannem Vaisey Jones, in Facultate Chimiae diu ministrum, ut admittatur honoris causa ad gradum Magistri in Artibus.

Admission by the Vice-Chancellor

Vetus amice, cuius artem industriam humanitatem admirantur omnes, ego auctoritate mea et totius Universitatis admitto te ad gradum Magistri in Artibus honoris causa.

Paraphrase

Virgil, who in the Aeneid seems to rank loyalty above all the other virtues, would be able to praise the man now standing beside me with a voice more eloquent than mine. How may I offer sufficient thanks to one who has for nigh on fifty years taught students and aided professors in the Department of Chemistry with a faithfulness as outstanding as his skill? In the Georgics the same poet compares the labour of bees to that of the Cyclopes; the present honorand, like the latter, compels materials to obey his will and like the former builds delicate constructions with amazing dexterity. So excellent has his work for Oxford people been that researchers in Spain, Germany and France too have asked him to make machinery of the same kind for them. His colleagues praise not only his expertise and application but also his character: he is always smiling; if someone consults him, he always seems to have time for them; if a beginner is entangled in some knotty problem, he helps them with a good will. For these reasons I venture to claim that there is no one in any part of this university who has better deserved to collect his longservice medal and to enjoy a long retirement to come.

I present a most skilful craftsman, a stalwart support of his department, the teacher and helper of countless chemists, Charles John Vaisey Jones, long-serving technician in the Department of Chemistry, to be admitted to the honorary degree of Master of Arts.

Admission by the Vice-Chancellor

Old friend, whose skill, hard work and humanity are admired by all, I on my own authority and that of the whole University admit you to the honorary degree of Master of Arts.

ALISON MILES

Former secretary to two Masters of Balliol; former Vice-Chancellor's secretary; Chancellor's Executive Assistant, 2004–15

Miles bonus semper vigilat, iussa ducis sui prompte exsequitur, simul intelligit quando sua sponte agere debeat; quarum virtutum exemplum femina nunc a me producta admirabiliter praestat. Multos abhinc annos Magistri Collegii Balliolensis minister facta est, quem, cum Vice-Cancellarius creatus esset, ad tabularia universitatis est secuta. Mox in locum Vice-Cancellarii successerunt alii; ea mansit. Quot arcana imperii necesse est eam scire: noscit ubi corpora, ut dicitur, sint sepulta, quibusque in armariis larvas reperire possis. At si ex ea commissa quaeres, tacebit; nam miles fidelis, etiamsi supplicia atrocissima minantur, silentium servat. At licet magna pars ex eius opera a nobis non videatur, hoc saltem certum est: constat per omnes cuncta eam negotia sibi data diligentia et sagacitate curavisse. Porro a principibus nostris praecipue laudatur quia contiones caerimonias Encaenia oculatissime praeparaverit, ita ut per eam magna parte stet ut in conspectu et populi et benefactorum dignitatem praebeamus. Quapropter nunc grato pectore et triumph**ali son**o eam salutemus.

Feminam praesento quae insignissimos nostrae litterarum reipublicae magistratus summa fide adiuvit, Alisonem Miles, Cancellarii et Vice-Cancellarii per multos annos ministram, ut admittatur honoris causa ad gradum Magistri in Artibus.

Admission by the Vice-Chancellor

Rituum nostrorum antistes prudentissima, quae caerimonias maxima sedulitate curavisti, ego auctoritate mea et totius Universitatis admitto te ad gradum Magistri in Artibus honoris causa.

Paraphrase

The good soldier is always on the alert, quick to carry out his commander's bidding, but equally aware of when he should use his own initiative - virtues all admirably displayed by the lady whom I now present. Many years back she became assistant to the Master of Balliol, and when he was appointed Vice-Chancellor, she followed him to the University Offices. Since then Vice-Chancellors have come and gone, but she has remained. How many state secrets she is bound to know! - she knows where the bodies are buried, as they say, and in which cupboards the skeletons are to be found. But if you ask her about such confidential matters, she will say not a word, for the loyal soldier keeps silence, however dire the consequences with which he is threatened. But although a great part of her work may be hidden from us, this at least is sure: everyone agrees that she has dealt with all the business entrusted to her with attention and efficiency. Our top brass praise her especially for the eye for detail which she has brought to Encaenia and our other public meetings and ceremonies,

so that the fine show we have made in presenting ourselves to the public and to our benefactors owes much to her. For which reasons let us hail her now with thankful spirits and triumphal sound.

I present a lady who has supported the highest officers in this our republic of letters with the utmost reliability, Alison Miles, for many years executive assistant to the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor, to be admitted to the honorary degree of Master of Arts.

Admission by the Vice-Chancellor

Sagacious mistress of our rituals, who have overseen our ceremonies with the keenest attention, I on my own authority and that of the whole University admit you to the honorary degree of Master of Arts.

Congregation

8 June

Degree by Resolution

This content has been removed as it contains personal information protected under the Data Protection Act.

Council of the University

Register of Congregation

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

Brusius, M S, Trinity Coop, C M, IT Services Costa, M, Wolfson Distelhorst, G M, Green Templeton Fleming-Brown, D S, Faculty of Clinical Medicine Gibbs, E C, Radcliffe Science Library Manning, C A, University College Noble, P H, IT Services Nunan, D, Faculty of Clinical Medicine Snape, D T, Blavatnik School of Government Stephen, A T, Worcester Williams, B J, Pembroke

Congregation

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Elections

CONTESTED ELECTIONS Council Curators of the University Libraries Visitors of the Botanic Garden Delegacy for Military Instruction

Details are in 'Elections' section below.

Congregation

16 June

The meeting of Congregation is cancelled. The sole business comprises questions to which no opposition has been notified and in respect of which no request for adjournment has been received, and Mr Vice-Chancellor will accordingly declare the resolutions at 1 and 2, the changes to Congregation Regulations at 3, the suspension of Congregation Regulations at 4 and the legislative proposals at 5 and 6 below carried without a meeting under the provisions of Sect 7 (1) of Statute IV.

(1) Voting on a Resolution authorising the use of space in the Robert Hooke building

(For explanatory note and text of resolution see *Gazette* No 5098, 28 May 2015, p581.)

(2) Voting on a Resolution authorising the use of space in the Oxford Molecular Pathology Institute

(For explanatory note and text of resolution see *Gazette* No 5098, 28 May 2015, p582.)

(3) Voting on Changes to Congregation Regulations 3 of 2002: Religious Services and Sermons

(For explanatory note and text of resolution see *Gazette* No 5098, 28 May 2015, p582.)

(4) Voting on the Suspension of Congregation Regulations 3 of 2002: Religious Services and Sermons

(For explanatory note and text of resolution see *Gazette* No 5098, 28 May 2015, p583.)

(5) Voting on Legislative Proposal: Statute VIII: Libraries, Museums and Scientific Collections, and the University Press

(For explanatory note and text of legislative proposal see *Gazette* No 5098, 28 May 2015, p583.)

(6) Voting on Legislative Proposal: Hensley Henson Fund

(For explanatory note and text of legislative proposal see *Gazette* No 5098, 28 May 2015, p584.)

Convocation	19 June

Elections

PROFESSOR OF POETRY

Details are in 'Elections' section below.

Congregation	24 June
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(1) Encaenia

Mr Vice-Chancellor invites Pro-Vice-Chancellors, Heads of House, 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 Keble, St Hugh's and Jesus Colleges (as being the colleges of the Proctors and the Assessor) to partake of Lord Crewe's Benefaction to the University. meeting him in the Fellows' Garden of Exeter College at 10.30am on Wednesday, 24 June. Thence they will go in procession to the Sheldonian Theatre, where will be spoken the Oration in Commemoration of the Benefactors of the University according to the intention of the Right Honourable Nathaniel, Lord Crewe, Bishop of Durham.

Note. Pro-Vice-Chancellors, Heads of House, Heads of Division and Doctors who propose to accept Mr Vice-Chancellor's invitation, and to be present in the Sheldonian Theatre, are requested to inform the Events Office at the University Offices, Wellington Square by email (events.office@admin. ox.ac.uk) or telephone (Oxford 280524) no later than **Wednesday, 17 June**. They are reminded that, while academic dress of other universities may (if desired) be worn at the Encaenia Garden Party, the appropriate Oxford academic dress should always be worn at the partaking of Lord Crewe's Benefaction and at the Encaenia ceremony.

(2) Honorary Degrees

DOCTOR OF LETTERS

Professor Sir Richard Evans, historian, Regius Professor of History emeritus and President of Wolfson College, University of Cambridge, Provost of Gresham College in the City of London, Fellow of the British Academy, Honorary Fellow of Jesus College, Oxford

Dame Hilary Mantel, author, Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, two-time winner of the Booker Prize, recipient of the Bodley Medal

Professor Ruth Simmons, former President and Professor of Comparative Literature and Africana Sciences of Brown University, former President of Smith College, Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, winner of the Fulbright Lifetime Achievement Medal, Chevalier of the French Legion of Honour

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

Professor Wallace Broecker, PhD, Newberry Professor of Geology, Columbia University, Crafoord Prizewinner, Balzan Prizewinner, Member of the National Academy of Sciences of the USA, Foreign Member of the Royal Society

Professor Dame Ann Dowling, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, University of Cambridge, President and Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, Fellow of the Royal Society, Foreign Member of the US National Academy of Engineering and of the French Academy of Sciences

Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub, OM, Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the National Heart and Lung Institute, Imperial College London, Founder and Director of Research at the Harefield Heart Science Centre, Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences and of the Royal Society

DOCTOR OF MUSIC

Jessye Norman, soprano, concert and opera singer, Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, winner of the Grammy Award for Lifetime Achievement, member of the French Legion of Honour

Congregation

30 June 2pm

¶ Members of Congregation are reminded that any two members may, not later than **noon on Monday, 22 June**, give notice in writing to the Registrar that they intend to oppose the proposal below (see the note on the conduct of business in Congregation below).

Approval of the appointment of a new Vice-Chancellor

The proposal that **Louise Richardson**, BA Dub, MA UCLA, MA PhD Harvard, currently Principal and Vice-Chancellor and the Professor of International Relations, University of St Andrews, be appointed Vice-Chancellor from 1 January 2016 for the remainder of the 2015/16 academic year and for a further seven years, duly made by Council on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for the Vice-Chancellorship under the provisions of regulation 6 of Council Regulations 21 of 2002, will be submitted for approval.

¶ Under the regulation cited, Council's proposal for the appointment of a new Vice-Chancellor shall be deemed approved unless it is rejected with at least 125 members of Congregation voting in favour of rejection.

Further information on Professor Richardson can be found at www.ox.ac.uk/ richardson.

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).

Notices

Appointments

Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences

APPOINTMENTS

Professor Charles Monroe, PhD Berkley. Associate Professorship in Engineering Science (Electrical Energy Storage), in association with a Non-Tutorial Fellowship at St Peter's. From 1 August 2015 until 31 July 2020. Professor Monroe's research centres on the electrochemistry and electrochemical engineering of energy storage, particularly of lithium and redox flow batteries.

Dr Sina Ober-Blöbaum, PhD Paderborn. Associate Professorship in Engineering (Control Engineering), in association with a Tutorial Fellowship at Harris Manchester. From 1 September 2015 until 31 August 2020.

REAPPOINTMENTS

Christopher Douglas, MSc Oxf, PhD MIT. Titular Associate Professor in Pure Mathematics. From 1 October 2015 to retirement.

Thorsten Hesjedal, BSc Stuttgart, MSc Tübingen, Dr rer nat Berlin, Student of Christ Church. Associate Professor in Materials Design for Experimental Condensed Matter Physics. From 31 October 2015 to retirement.

Medical Sciences

REAPPOINTMENTS

Ahmed Ashour Ahmed, MB BCh MS MD Ain Shams, PhD Camb, Supernumerary Fellow of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, St Hugh's, and Professor of Gynaecological Oncology and Clinical Reader in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Nuffield Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, has been reappointed to the retiring age with effect from 1 July 2015.

James Kennedy, MB ChB MSc Birm, MA Oxf, Fellow in Clinical Medicine, Exeter, and Associate Professor of Geratology and Stroke Medicine, Radcliffe Department of Medicine, has been reappointed to the retiring age with effect from 1 July 2015. Christopher Anthony O'Callaghan, BM BCh MA DPhil DM Oxf, FRCP (Lond), Fellow in Medicine, Queen's, and Associate Professor (Clinical) in Immunology and Innate Immunity, Nuffield Department of Clinical Medicine, has been reappointed to the retiring age with effect from 1 April 2015.

Social Sciences

PROFESSORSHIP OF ECONOMIC POLICY

Stefan Dercon, BA Leuven, MPhil DPhil Oxf, Professor of Development Economics, Department of International Development, Professorial Fellow, Wolfson, and Chief Economist, UK Department for International Development, Whitehall, has been appointed to the Professorship of Economic Policy in the Blavatnik School of Government and the Department of Economics with effect from 1 October 2015. Professor Dercon will be a fellow of Jesus.

APPOINTMENTS

Professor Greg Distelhorst, PhD MIT, has been appointed Associate Professor in International Business, Saïd Business School, and a Fellow of Green Templeton. From 1 June 2015.

Visiting Professorships

Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences

RECONFERRALS

The Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Divisional Board has reconferred the title of Visiting Professor in Principles of Engineering Design upon **Ray Lohr**, Technical Director of Transense Technologies.

The Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Divisional Board has reconferred the title of Visiting Professor in Economic Geology upon **Laurence J Robb**, BSc MSc PhD Witwatersrand, for a period of 3 years from 30 April 2015.

Lectures

Medical Sciences

RECONFERRALS

The Medical Sciences Board has conferred the title of Visiting Professor of Stroke Medicine on **K Vekrellis**, BSc, PhD, for a further period of 5 years from 26 April 2015.

Graduate Awards and Prizes

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Musical and other Events

Sheldonian Theatre

7.30pm, 3 Jul: 'Like a Chemist from Canada. Shostakovich, Isaiah Berlin and Oxford': the story of Soviet composer Dmitri Shostakovich's visit to Oxford University to receive an honorary Doctorate of Music. Followed by a recital of Shostakovich's music. More information and tickets: www. edmissionuk.co.uk/like-a-chemist-fromcanada.

Oxford University/Oxford Martin School/Oxford Institute of Population Ageing/Venturefest Oxford

Foresight Review panel discussion

GENERATIONS WORKING TOGETHER

The following panel discussion will be held from 6pm to 9pm on 16 June in the Andrew Wiles Building. **Professor Andrew Hamilton** will give the introductory address. Panelists: **Will Hutton**; **Mark Evans**, Adaptix, NED, Mirada and Cydar; **Dr John Boyle**, Oxford Computer Consultants and the Oxford Trust; **Steve Burgess**, the Oxford Trust; and **Marie Brankin**, Oxford Executive Coaching, Activate Learning and icap. Registration required: emilie.servas@ ageing.ox.ac.uk. Chair: Professor Sarah Harper

Subject: 'Working together across the generational divide to make business work. A view from three generations'

Humanities

European Humanities Research Centre

A roundtable will be held at 11am on 13 June in Room 2, Taylor Institution. Speakers: Isabela Figueiredo, Portuguese author; Anna M Klobucka, Dartmouth; Viktor Mendes, Dartmouth; Raquel Ribeiro, Edinburgh; and Phillip Rothwell. Subject: 'Translating European empires'

Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences/Medical Sciences

Bapsybanoo Marchioness of Winchester and Dasturzada Dr Jal Pavry Memorial Lectures

The following events will be held on 29 June in the Mary Ogilvie Lecture Theatre, St Anne's. To register: diversity@mpls.ox.ac. uk. More information: www.mpls.ox.ac.uk/ upcoming-events.

Professor Ottoline Leyser, Cambridge 11am: 'Thinking like a vegetable: how plants decide what to do'

Professor Dame Kay E Davies, Professor Ottoline Leyser, Cambridge, Professor Lalita Ramakrishnan, Cambridge, and Professor Dame Carol Robinson. Moderator: Professor Jane Langdale *1pm*: 'Pathways to success in science'

Professor Lalita Ramakrishnan, Cambridge 2.15pm: 'Lessons for human tuberculosis and its treatment from the zebrafish'

Institutes, Centres and Museums

Ashmolean Museum

CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF COLLECTING

Peter Harris, art consultant, will give a public lecture at 5pm on 17 June in the Headley Lecture Theatre, Ashmolean Museum, to be followed by a reception. Booking for members of the public: www. oxfordplayhouse.com/ticketsoxford or Oxford 305305; for members of the University: christina.anderson@ashmus. ox.ac.uk.

Subject: 'From behind closed doors: unlocking the world of corporate collecting'

Examinations and Boards

Examinations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

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Examinations for the Degree of Master of Science

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Elections

The following elections will be contested.

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,	MT 2019
New College	

The following nominations have been received:

Matthew Freeman, MA Oxf, PhD Lond, Fellow of Lincoln, Faculty of Physiological Sciences

- Nominated by:
 - Sir John Bell, Christ Church, Faculty of Clinical Medicine
 - A M Buchan, Corpus Christi, Faculty of Clinical Medicine
 - Dame Kay Davies, Hertford, Faculties of Physiological Sciences and of Clinical Medicine
 - PWHHolland, Merton, Faculty of Zoology
 - C Kennard, Brasenose, Faculties of Psychological Studies and of Clinical Medicine
 - J A Langdale, Queen's, Faculty of Plant Sciences
 - Sir Peter Ratcliffe, Magdalen, Faculty of Clinical Medicine
 - P A Robbins, Queen's, Faculty of Physiological Sciences
 - C V Robinson, Exeter, Faculty of Chemistry
 - M S P Sansom, Corpus Christi, Faculty of Biochemistry

Candidate statement:

I moved to Oxford in 2013 to become Head of the Dunn School of Pathology and a Fellow of Lincoln College, having spent the previous 20 years at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge, where I became Head of Cell Biology. I study the mechanisms of communication between cells: how do they learn their fate? It is a great privilege to join one of Europe's leading biomedical departments: our current strength and the Dunn School's renowned history make mine one of the most attractive jobs in UK science. There are also many challenges. Beyond learning the sometimes arcane ways of the University, my major goals are: to ensure that our preclinical teaching remains outstanding; to support the careers of our young scientists; and to recruit the very best academic researchers and teachers to Oxford.

These departmental goals underlie my interest in joining Council. I strongly believe that science is best done in interdisciplinary environments, so I am keen to see Oxford capitalise on its extraordinary strengths by encouraging greater interactions between disciplines, Departments and Divisions.

As a Head of Department, I am also very conscious of the difficult financial position that the University faces, and the consequent pressures this places on everyone. Sadly, this is unlikely to improve in the next few years, and I would like to help shape our response. My focus would be on protecting primary academic values: we must ensure that excellent scholarship and the best possible teaching are not compromised.

Michael Wooldridge, BSc CNAA, MA Oxf, PhD UMIST, Fellow of Hertford, Faculty of Computer Science

Nominated by:

- Professor Sir Drummond Bone, Master of Balliol, Faculty of English Language and Literature
- W N Hutton, Principal of Hertford
- P S Grant, St Catherine's, Faculty of Materials
- A N Halliday, Wadham, Faculty of Earth Sciences
- S D Howison, Christ Church, Faculty of Mathematics
- L Tarassenko, St John's, Faculty of Engineering Science

Candidate statement:

I am a Professor of Computer Science, and a Fellow of Hertford College. I joined Oxford in 2012, and took over as Head of Department of Computer Science in October 2014. I was heavily involved in the REF2014 preparations at Oxford, and I have served on MPLS Divisional Board since 2013. For Hertford, in addition to serving on Governing Body, I chair the college IT committee, and am a member of the college Dean of Degrees team. My research area is artificial intelligence, and my main research interests could be described as building computers that can collectively solve problems, in much the same way that human teams do. I joined Oxford with an ERC Advanced Grant that funds my research for five years; I currently manage a team of five postdocs.

Serving on Council is an enormous responsibility for an institution of Oxford's international standing, and a huge challenge given the size, diversity, and byzantine complexity of the collegiate university. If elected, I would aim to challenge thinking that does not respect or advance our core academic values. I would strive to maintain and support all that is good about our unique historical environment, while accepting that we work in the modern world, with pressures and challenges that previous generations could never have anticipated. Above all, I would aim to be open-minded and non-partisan, representing the best interests of the entire collegiate university.

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

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

The following nominations have been received:

Vincent Gillespie, MA DPhil Oxf, Fellow of Lady Margaret Hall, Faculty of English Language and Literature

Nominated by:

- C M MacRobert, Lady Margaret Hall, Faculties of Medieval and Modern Languages and of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics
- A P M Orchard, Pembroke, Faculty of English Language and Literature
- S P Perry, Balliol, Faculty of English Language and Literature
- G P Tapsell, Lady Margaret Hall, Faculty of History

Candidate statement:

Thomas Bodley called libraries our 'singular treasure.' As a literary scholar and a medievalist, they are central to my working life. I have previously served as a Curator of the University Libraries from 2005 to 2011. I was a member of the Project Sponsor Group planning the Weston Library, now delivered and open. But new internal and external challenges (many of them financial), and changing demands on the collections from readers. mean that our libraries will need to remain nimble. There is no such thing as a 'steady-state' library: a new set of issues lurks round every corner of every bookstack. Open Access will have significant implications for libraries; electronic access continues to change the way the collection is stewarded and developed, not least in regard to Electronic Legal Deposit, which is in some ways more inflexible and restrictive for readers than physical Legal Deposit. The major challenge facing the libraries in the next five years will be the development of the Humanities building on the ROQ. The library provision on the site presents massive logistical and philosophical issues. As a former college Fellow Librarian, a former chair of a faculty library committee, and a former Curator, as well as a long-time user of special collections (almost old enough to qualify for my own shelfmark), I believe I have both the academic experience

and the political understanding to be able to contribute to these new developments, and to make sure that older scholarly values get embedded into the ongoing remodelling.

N Purcell, MA Oxf, Fellow of Brasenose, Faculty of Classics, Sub-Faculty of Archaeology

Nominated by:

- I W Archer, Keble, Faculty of History P R Ghosh, St Anne's, Faculty of History G O Hutchinson, Exeter, Faculty of
 - Classics
- G A Johnson, Christ Church, Faculty of History
- T J Morgan, Oriel, Faculty of Classics
- R C T Parker, New College, Faculty of
- Classics, Sub-Faculty of Archaeology R B Rutherford, Christ Church, Faculty of
 - Classics
- C J Wickham, All Souls, Faculty of History

Candidate statement:

Membership of the new OU Museums Board (on behalf of the Humanities Division) has made me appreciate the advantages and possibilities of shared administration and planning across scattered university institutions and collections (though it has also given me a realistic feel for the challenges). Other work which I have done with the Division and my Faculty has left me in no doubt about how vital and challenging this moment is in the history of Oxford's library systems. Meanwhile, through my own daily research activity I continue to be an appreciative and enthusiastic inheritor of our extraordinary resources in this area. and also have daily experience of many of the current radical changes in how scholarly information is deployed for research and teaching. For other reasons too, this is a peculiarly significant moment in the history of the Bodleian and other central collections, with the completion of the Weston Library and the revived planning process for the ROQ Humanities Library; but also (and still more demandingly) in the extremely serious issue of the position of the continuing deployment, conservation, and enhancement of all the University's collected and constantly accumulating scholarly resources in its administrative and fiscal ecology. If elected as Curator, I should welcome the opportunity to contribute to discussion of all these matters.

HR Woudhuysen, MA DPhil Oxf, Rector of Lincoln, Faculty of English Language and Literature

Nominated by:

- Sir Jonathan Phillips, Warden of Keble PA Madden, Provost of Queen's
- A M S Prochaska, Principal of Somerville, Faculty of History
- S E Brigden, Lincoln, Faculty of History
- C Y Ferdinand, Magdalen, Faculty of English Language and Literature
- M J A Freeman, Lincoln, Faculty of Physiological Sciences
- Sir Noel Malcolm, All Souls, Faculty of History
- R N N Robertson, Queen's, Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages H W Small, Pembroke, Faculty of English Language and Literature

Candidate statement:

I returned to Oxford in 2012 as Rector of Lincoln College after spending thirty years at University College, London. During the course of my academic career, I have worked mainly on English Literature of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, in particular on the transmission of texts and the material forms that they take. My interest in books and manuscripts has taken me to a wide range of libraries in the UK and the US and to spend a great deal of time using and working in the Bodleian and other University libraries.

From 2007 to 2012, I was an externally appointed Curator of the (then) Bodleian Libraries and would now like to serve on the Curators again as someone more closely involved in the life of the University and its colleges - I am currently Deputy Chair of the Conference of Colleges. One of my main concerns is to do what I can to make sure that the University Libraries' extraordinary range of activities are well funded and that they remain places where academics, students, and visitors can work efficiently and comfortably with the materials (digital as well as on paper) that they need. I am keen to ensure that the Libraries retain and develop their international standing as places of the best kinds of humanistic and scientific scholarship.

The Libraries face a period of financial difficulties and great opportunities, especially with the opening of the Weston Library; I would like to do all that I can to assist them.

For further information, please contact the Secretary (richard.ovenden@bodleian.ox.ac. uk).

Other Committees and University Bodies

VISITORS OF THE BOTANIC GARDEN

One person elected by Congregation

Current/Retiring Member	To hold office until
Professor H C J Godfray, Jesus	MT 2018

The following nominations have been received:

S A Killoran, BA Hull, MA Oxf, PGDip Leeds, Fellow of Harris Manchester

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

Candidate statement:

I would very much like to be considered for this position. I have a great interest in gardens and gardening. I am a member of the RHS, the Abingdon Horticultural Society and every holiday involves visiting and admiring gardens of one sort or another. I have been involved for the past 2 years in growing plants for community beds in Abingdon with the emphasis to encourage planting for bees and butterflies. The Botanic Garden in Oxford is a very special space and place that everyone can enjoy at all times of the year, especially visitors to the city. I would be very interested in helping the staff of the Garden to fulfil their plans for the Garden and to work with the new Director of the Botanic Garden. There is a desire to increase visitor numbers, to share this very special part of Oxford, to expand the already very successful educational programmes and to exploit the history of the collection. As a librarian I hope my skills might prove to be of use to the committee. At the very least I hope my enthusiasm will be of service. I have served on the Governing Body of Harris Manchester College for 12 years and realise how important it is to contribute to meetings, to listen to others and to work as a member of a team.

C Sillero-Zubiri, BSc La Plata, DPhil Oxf, Faculty of Zoology

Nominated by:

- F Lannon, Principal of Lady Margaret Hall, Faculty of History
- P J Johnson, Faculty of Zoology A Kacelnik, Pembroke, Faculty of
- Zoology
- D W MacDonald, Lady Margaret Hall, Faculty of Zoology

Candidate statement:

The Botanic Garden, with its great history, buildings and wonderful displays seem to me a great asset to the University. I am a Conservation Biologist working in Africa, Asia and South America, and have a particular interest in Afroalpine, Andean and aridlands biodiversity. As a resident in East Oxford for over two decades, I have been a regular visitor to the Botanic Garden and Harcourt Arboretum. Often accompanied by my family I enjoy the different seasons at the Garden and Arboretum, with a predilection for the alpine house and the various geographic beds. I am grateful for the privilege of using these historical places for enjoyment, learning and meditation. Furthermore, I am interested in the academic purpose of botanic collections and the value of these collections as a vehicle for teaching and artistic expression.

I wish to join the Visitors of the Botanic Garden Committee to share my experience as a conservation scientist and a regular visitor, and make positive contributions to their future use and enjoyment by all Oxford residents.

For further information, please contact the Secretary (stephen.harris@plants.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

The following nominations have been received:

Chris Breward, MA MSc DPhil Oxf, Faculty of Mathematics

Nominated by:

- S J Chapman, Mansfield, Faculty of Mathematics
- S D Howison, Christ Church, Faculty of Mathematics
- C P Please, Mansfield, Faculty of Mathematics
- D J R Vella, Lincoln, Faculty of Mathematics

Candidate statement:

I have put myself forward to serve on the Delegacy for Military Instruction because I have a keen interest in Military and University affairs. I have been involved in the Air Cadet organisation as an Officer in the Training Branch of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve for the last 20 years and am currently overseeing six Air Training Corps Squadrons in South and West Oxfordshire. Within the University I am a tutor at Christ Church, a CDT Director and was the REF coordinator for Mathematical Sciences in the 2014 exercise. My experiences "both sides of the fence" have given me valuable insights which I think will be of benefit to the Delegacy and to the students involved in the Oxford University Officers Training Corps, the University Air Squadron, and the University Royal Naval Unit.

C P MacKenzie, MA Oxf, MEd Sydney, PhD ANU, Faculty of Law

Nominated by:

- R A Cooper, Brasenose, Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages
- PO Daley, Jesus, Faculty of Anthropology and Geography
- N R Moore, Green Templeton, Faculty of Clinical Medicine
- H A W Neil, Wolfson, Faculty of Clinical Medicine

[No candidate statement submitted.]

Notes:

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

Candidates were 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. These statements are now available online at www. admin.ox.ac.uk/elections and published in this issue of the *Gazette*. Please note that nominees' college affilations are only given where the nominee is a governing body fellow of their college.

Ballot papers have been sent out to members of Congregation. 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).

19 June

Convocation

Election of the Professor of Poetry

Nominations for this election closed on 6 May.

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 was published in the *Gazette* of 14 May and is repeated below.

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 were first published in the 14 May issue of the University *Gazette* and on the official University website, and are repeated below.

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

As this election is 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

The registration period closed on 8 June. Anyone who did not register to vote by that date will not be able to vote in this election.

Voting

Registered voters now have the option of voting, either online or in person at the University Offices, 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 (2)80528 or email: matt. pickles@admin.ox.ac.uk; tel: +44 (0)1865 280532). 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).

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

The following nominations have been received:

Simon Armitage

Nominated by: EF Angiolini, St Hugh's W T Armbrust, St Antony's H Asari, Trinity FM Ashcroft, Trinity J M Barnard, Wadham SL Beal, Trinity DLBirch, StHugh's N Bowles, Nuffield S P Breen, Trinity F S Broers, Trinity PR Bullock, Wadham J Carey, Merton R J Carwardine. Corpus Christi DHCecil, Queen's PE Chaisty, St Antony's J M Dodsworth. Wadham DWDwan, Hertford S Evangelista, Trinity T W Faithfull, Keble CJY Fletcher, Exeter R F Foster, Hertford K Ghosh. Trinity M R Gifford, Trinity A S Harris, Christ Church W N Hutton. Hertford H M Jones III, St Antony's J J Keeling, Trinity YFKhong, Nuffield KJSKnott, Trinity H Konagaya, Trinity R H Lonsdale, Balliol SN MacFarlane, St Anne's M O MacMillan, St Antony's LK Marcus. New College R McCabe, Merton M N Mendelssohn, Mansfield A Menon, University College LJN Mignon, St Antony's K A Nicolaïdis, St Antony's M Nishi, Trinity GCOlcott, Trinity R Ovenden, Bodleian Libraries R S Parker, Trinity JH Pellew, St Hilda's E M Percy, Trinity T J Power, St Antony's A M S Prochaska, Somerville O J Ready, Wolfson, Worcester I A Roberts, Trinity T K Rovnon. 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 PE 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 J 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 Curr, Keble N A Drury, Jesus C Elliott. Somerville HDCFelton, Pembroke S E Fernando, St Anne's J V Flood, Keble UJ Gillen, Exeter W J Gregory, Hertford A Grounds. Wadham A N J Hamburger, Wadham Y-H He. Rudolf Peierls Centre for Theoretical Physics CA Henderson, Hertford CAHitt.Hertford V J Lill, Harris Manchester D Loh, New College O Madgwick, St Edmund Hall N J A Melhuish, New College K J Mellor, New College R Michael, St Edmund Hall M E Mulholland. St Catherine's L Nakhla, Christ Church M I Pearson. St Edmund Hall A Pennock-Purvis. Oriel J C Pennock-Purvis, Hertford CL Phelpstead, Wolfson C A Plasa, Mansfield S Pourghadiri, Wadham A Rigby, Lady Margaret Hall PJ Rudden, Hertford V Rumbold, Lady Margaret Hall L J Smith, Harris Manchester J L Southern. Brasenose J Spurr, St Edmund Hall PN Stoneley, Hertford C B Sullivan. Hertford W J Swadling, Brasenose A R Thomson, New College

M D Titterington, Somerville R C Tomlinson, New College E Wyllie, Pembroke

Seán Haldane

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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-schooled 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 images, and delivers those images at great 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. couk

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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Department of Social Policy and Intervention; Professorship of Social Policy; 14 September; www.ox.ac.uk/about/jobs/fp

Colleges, Halls and Societies

Brasenose; stipendiary Lecturership in Philosophy; £17,009-£19,130 plus allowances; 24 June; www.bnc.ox.ac.uk/ vacancies/academic-vacancies/1382stipendiary-lecturership-inphilosophy-2015

Lady Margaret Hall; 6-hour stipendiary Lecturership in History; £12,757-£14,348; noon, 25 June; www.lmh.ox.ac.uk or stadministrator@lmh.ox.ac.uk

Lincoln; Chaplain and Student Welfare Coordinator; £24,775; noon, 29 June; www. lincoln.ox.ac.uk/Chaplain-and-Student-Welfare-Coordinator

Lincoln; 6-hour fixed-term stipendiary Lecturership in German Literature; £12,757-£14,348 plus benefits; 24 June; www.lincoln. ox.ac.uk/Stipendiary-Lectureship-in-German-Litera

Nuffield: Postdoctoral Researcher (GEMM Project), Centre for Social Investigation; £29,815; 1 July; www.nuffield.ox.ac.uk/ About/Vacancies

St Anne's; Estates' Assistant; £18,756; noon, 19 June; www.st-annes.ox.ac.uk/about/jobopportunities

St Edmund Hall; John Cowdrey nonstipendiary Junior Research Fellowship in History; £3,000pa research allowance; noon, 25 June; www.seh.ox.ac.uk/aboutcollege/job-vacancies

St Edmund Hall; non-stipendiary Open Junior Research Fellowship in the Humanities; £675pa academic allowance; noon, 25 June; www.seh.ox.ac.uk/aboutcollege/job-vacancies

St Hugh's; Administrative Officer; £18,000-£23,000; noon, 29 June; www.st-hughs. ox.ac.uk/discover/work-for-us

St Peter's; 4-hour College Lecturership in Pure Mathematics; £708-£797 pm; 22 June; www.spc.ox.ac.uk/content/vacancies

Wolfson; Nursery Nurse; £16,000; 30 June; www.wolfson.ox.ac.uk/vacancies

Wolfson; Student Welfare Officers; £3,266 pa; 22 June; www.wolfson.ox.ac.uk/ vacancies

Wolfson; casual Waiter/Waitress; £7.40ph; 30 June; www.wolfson.ox.ac.uk/vacancies

External Vacancies

The Rhodes Trust; permanent Archivist and Records Manager; 1 July; www.rhodeshouse. ox.ac.uk/page/positions-available

Girton College, Cambridge; 3-year Fellow and College Lectureship in English/History (from 1 October); £28,132-£36,661; 26 June; www.girton.cam.ac.uk/vacancies

St John's College, Cambridge; 5-year fixedterm College Associate Lectureship and Fellowship in Spanish; £34,233-£38,511 plus benefits; 18 June; www.joh.cam. ac.uk/college-associate-lectureship-andfellowship-spanish

Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge; College Teaching Associate in Economics (from September); £5,400-£6,000; noon, 17 June; www.sid.cam.ac.uk/aboutus/personnel

Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge; 5-year fixed-term Osborn Fellowship and College Lectureship in Early Medieval History and Culture (from September); £23,386-£34,233; noon, 7 July; www.sid.cam.ac.uk/aboutus/ personnel

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