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The first game of the season
at Fanner's

WELCOME

From The President



Dear Alumni and Friends of Hughes Hall

This will reach most readers shortly before I move on from Hughes Hall at the end of August, after eight years as President. So I take this opportunity to say a warm 'thank you' to all those who have given such friendly support over this time, to me and to the College – and not least to the many who have responded with such wonderful generosity to the 'leaving fund' which goes to swell our scholarships endowment.

It has been an extraordinary experience. Perhaps more than any other college, Hughes is in a state of evolution. We seek to keep the best of the past – our sense of a proud history, our friendliness and informality – and harness that to new ambitions as we grow and build our academic reputation and as we assert ourselves on the Cambridge scene.

The College is a lively place, animated by the hundreds of bright young people who bring their energy and ideas to enhance our daily life. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of this life and feel it a great privilege to have played a part in the history of Hughes. I wish my successor, Anthony Freeling, and all those who will steer its future path, every success.

With all good wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Squire".

Sarah Squire

President 2006-2014

HUGHES HALL IN AFRICA



University launches Cambridge-Africa programme

The Cambridge-Africa Programme aims to boost training for doctoral and post-doctoral researchers from African Universities and Institutes through partnership with Cambridge University. These relationships will enable researchers from Africa and Cambridge to collaborate on academic and administrative

projects, to enhance and sustain research culture in Africa in the long term and to continue building Cambridge's engagement with the continent.

Hughes Hall is one of four colleges to host an affiliated African Fellow. The Visiting Fellows, who will also be at

Wolfson, King's and Churchill, will be matched with a Cambridge academic and spend up to a year in their research group or laboratory.

A Research Showcase featuring the Visiting African Fellows took place at Hughes in late November. Chaired by the Director of the Cambridge-

Africa Programme, Professor David Dunne, Fellows spoke on topics as diverse as 'Framing Peace: Exploring Conciliatory Radio Programming in Burundi and Uganda,' 'Graphene Based Natural Dye Sensitized Solar Cells' and 'Genetic Diversity, Linkage Disequilibrium and Genomic Selection of the Ashanti Dwarf Pig of Ghana.'

Programme initiatives:

Wellcome Trust-Cambridge Centre for Global Health Research (WT-CCGHR)

The University is home to one of the Wellcome Trust's Centres for Global Health Research. These five University-based centres support researchers working in public health and tropical medicine and encourage interaction between UK institutions and those in low and middle income countries. The Cambridge Centre will be working with

African researchers to address problems which inhibit the use of medical advances to meet key healthcare challenges: the lack of scientific infrastructure, research training and mentoring, unavailable in large parts of the continent.

The Centre will benefit from access to the extensive basic biomedical and health-related research capacity across many departments and institutes in Cambridge, exchanging knowledge with African

institutions to improve health and welfare throughout the region. Talented young African researchers working in health-related disciplines will be assigned mentors who will help them with the writing, planning and presentational skills required to secure funding for their projects. Clinical and biomedical researchers in Cambridge deemed to have exceptional ability to carry out independent research programmes in Africa will be offered clinical intermediate

and senior fellowships as well as collaborative partnerships with African researchers.

Training Health Researchers into Vocational Excellence in East Africa (THRIVE)

African countries have a disproportionately large number of diseases that are less understood, or for which medicines are unavailable, which slows economic development across the

The Cambridge-Africa collaboration will enhance Africa's research culture in the long term.

continent. The THRiVE partnership aims to strengthen the scientific infrastructure of the region, boosting disease control and improving public health. Led by Makerere University in Uganda, the partnership will support young researchers, helping them to develop into self-sustaining scientific leaders capable of addressing health threats.

Cambridge University will support African researchers working in Africa on health priorities, with co-supervision

and co-mentorship provided by leading Cambridge research scientists. African PhD students may choose to spend a year working in their mentor's laboratory in Cambridge, while post-doctoral researchers are offered two-year Fellowships and the possibility of spending up to 8 months in Cambridge.

Alborada Research Fund

The Cambridge-Africa Alborada Research Fund was established with the support

of the Alborada Trust. Primarily concerned with animal welfare in the UK and Ireland, the charity also supports worldwide health projects. The Fund will assist collaborators from the University of Cambridge and sub-Saharan African institutions with research and travel costs, with grants ranging from £1,000 to £20,000.

Cambridge Africa Partnership for Research Excellence (CAPReX)

Two types of Fellowship are available every year through the CAPReX programme. The first enables 10 to 15 African scholars working in the fields of humanities and social sciences, engineering and biological sciences to

come to Cambridge for a six-month visiting academic Fellowship. The second is for four African research managers or administrators to receive a few weeks' training at the University's Research Operations Office.

Makerere University/UVRI Infection and Immunity Research Training Programme (MUII)

MUII will combat the shortage of trained professionals qualified to deal with endemic diseases by supporting the training of East Africans researching infection and immunity. This will be achieved through the collaboration of regional and international research institutions.

Visiting African Fellows share their research at Hughes

On 26 February, the Visiting African Fellows took part in a Research Showcase at Hughes. Each Fellow explained their work, highlighting the key research they have undertaken since starting at Cambridge. After an introduction from Professor David Dunne, who thanked Hughes for hosting the event and supporting the programme, the five Visiting Fellows took to the floor.

Dr Betty Nannyonga, a mathematician working with the Department of Education, is one of only three women in her department at the University of Makerere. She wants to understand why girls consistently fail at maths in secondary school in Uganda.

Dr Ferdinand Okwero spoke on the ethics of transnational bio-medical research, and the unwillingness of governments in the south to provide funding for Public Health research.

Ms Allen Kabagenyi explored the high population growth rate in Uganda, a result of high fertility and declining mortality levels. The country's population is the youngest in the world: 78% of Ugandans are under 30, and 52% are under 15. Ms Kabagenyi examined the low rate of contraceptive use in the region that has led to this phenomenon.

In collaboration with the English Faculty, Professor Abasi Kiyimba has advanced his

work on gender stereotypes in Ugandan oral literature. Prior to 1970, the literature studied in the country was heavily influenced by its status as a former British colonial territory. Gradually, more African writers were taught and an armchair revolution took place. Without completely rejecting European literature, the revolution made a case for the reduction of these texts to make room for African literature. The development of oral literature was a result of this movement.

The final speaker was Dr Egodi Uchendu from the University of Nigeria, who spoke on narratives of conversion to Islam in Nigeria's eastern Niger Delta. Lagos has



been described as the most Pentecostal city in the world, although Muslims make up almost 50% of the population.

Hughes was proud to host this event, to demonstrate the Hall's commitment to supporting innovative research in and for Africa and to help make it more widely known.

Electronic medical records strengthen pathways of HIV care in Kenya



John assisting with the Kenya Red Cross emergency response to the Westgate Mall attack in Nairobi

David Okello is 52 years old and lives with his wife and four children in a village near Kakamega in Western Kenya. In 2008 he tested positive for HIV.

David was one of nearly 2,000 people who tested HIV positive during a community-based campaign of HIV testing in Western Kenya, in September 2008. Almost 50,000 people were tested in the space of just one week. I went out to Kenya for my medical elective, while studying Medicine at Hughes Hall, to help plan and prepare for the campaign.

The campaign was launched by the Ministry of Health in Kenya, supported by national and international partners, in an effort to increase access to HIV testing services. Knowledge of HIV status in sub-Saharan Africa

remains inadequate and fewer than 40% of people living with HIV know their status. In Kenya, only 36% of adults have ever had an HIV test and only 16% of adults living with HIV know they are infected.

Testing positive for HIV is only the start of a long journey

For David and those 2,000 other people, testing positive for HIV is just the first step on a long journey. HIV is no longer considered the acute, life-threatening disease it once was and it can now be treated as a chronic disease like diabetes or hypertension. People living with HIV can expect a decent quality of life if the disease is monitored and treated effectively. Even in resource-

constrained settings like Kenya, antiretroviral treatment (ART) is available and free to those who need it.

The problem in these settings is ensuring that people are effectively linked, monitored and retained in care. This requires strengthening of the health system and pathways of care. There is also a shortage of qualified medical personnel to treat and manage needs adequately.

There was a real need to ensure that those who tested HIV positive during the community-based campaign were referred and followed-up in care and support. Back at Cambridge, some fellow medical students and I came up with the idea to develop an electronic medical record

(EMR) that could strengthen the linkages between testing and care, as well as subsequent support and follow-up. We secured some funding and a year later returned to Kenya to implement the system.

In 2009, we returned to Kakamega and worked with the Ministry of Health to ensure that the system adhered to national standards. We implemented the first version of the EMR in Provincial General Hospital and enrolled as many patients as we could still find who had tested HIV positive during the community campaign. A year later we enrolled all HIV patients registered in the hospital – nearly 8,000 in all.

In 2012, we received a grant from the Canadian Government to continue to develop the EMR model and expand to other clinics. By the end of last year, more than 17,000 HIV patients were registered in the system, which is implemented in two hospitals and three health clinics.

Improving clinical and public health decision-making

The EMR is being used to guide clinical and public

health decision-making for various aspects of HIV care. The electronic patient record can now be created at the place of testing, for example, and this electronic record is automatically sent to the nearest treatment centre to create a 'virtual linkage' between testing and care. This provides the clinic with the knowledge and information physically to follow-up the patient and not simply rely on the patient showing up for care.

Once in the care system, the EMR reviews every patient record daily against national guidelines and flags any patients, for example, who should be ART but are not, or who have missing clinical parameters that should be monitored. These flags provide a form of clinical decision support for the clinician who can review them within the patient consultation and make more informed decisions to improve the quality of patient care.

We reviewed the impact of introducing this form of clinical

decision support over a twelve month period last year. 880 patients eligible for ART, but not on ART, had started treatment and a 50.6% increase in patients on ART was recorded.

The EMR is also being used to follow-up patients who have been lost from care, by flagging anyone who has missed their next appointment date by more than two weeks. More than 4,000 patients have been followed-up in this manner, and more than 1,300 patients who had previously been lost from care for more than three months have agreed to return to clinic. This has turned out to be a very important part of our programming, given that nearly 50% of patients are lost to follow-up for more than three months.

As well as improving decision-making within the consultation, the EMR enables standardised, real-time data to be shared beyond the clinic, thus informing public health decision-making at district and national level. We provide

standardised reports and aggregated dashboards of indicators to the Ministry of Health and partners for their own decision-making.

Looking beyond HIV

These are just some of the ways in which an electronic medical record can be used to improve clinical and public health decision-making for HIV, and we are now looking at other applications.

Last year, the Ministry of Health and Japanese Government asked us to adapt the system for routine antenatal care and follow-up of pregnant mothers. The International Organisation for Migration is exploring how the system could be implemented in Somalia, where access to reliable health information is a real challenge.

We believe that electronic medical records can improve access to and use of health information to improve clinical and public health decision-

making. This is particularly true in resource-constrained settings like Kenya, where access to standardised, reliable health data is often inadequate. We also hope that access to information in this way can improve the accountability of the health service – and the individual clinician – to ensure that patients receive the quality of care they deserve.

Dr John Haskew

John studied Medicine at Hughes Hall and completed foundation clinical training in Liverpool, during which he spent one year in Kenya. He is interested in access to and use of health information, and particularly the use of mobile information technologies to inform different levels of clinical and public health decision-making in resource-constrained settings.

Climate Change Symposium

Dr Markus Gehring, Fellow and Director of Studies for Law, was a leading speaker and Chair at a symposium held in November, entitled *Climate Change, Forests and the Law in Africa: Addressing Governance and Research Challenges*.

The symposium explored the law relating to the sustainable use of forests in Africa, and

examined challenges presented by multi-level forest and land governance and accountability; forest, water and land rights; and law and low-carbon investment in sustainable land use. The panel of speakers contributed their expertise in climate change law and governance, considering how lessons acquired from specific regions, countries and legal systems can be used to shape climate policy across the globe.

As well as his posts at Hughes, Markus is also Deputy Director at the Centre for European

Legal Studies, University Lecturer and a Fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law. For the Centre of International

Sustainable Development Law (CISDL) he is Lead Counsel for Trade, Investment and Finance and has developed an online green economy course.





Alumnus starts debating initiative: The African 'Action for Children Trophy'

For many years I have entered my sixth-form students in the Cambridge Union Schools Debating Competition. One of my former team members, who was at that time volunteering for Action for Children in Conflict, in a rather grim slum near Thika, in Kenya, challenged me to go one summer and see if I could drum up any enthusiasm for debating in the primary schools around the slum. The reasoning was that the teaching there was heavily dependent on rote-learning and the

children had no opportunity to question anything or think independently. Additionally, there was no hope of any of them progressing to secondary school without competence in English.

So, never having been to Africa, I headed off to Thika and the Kiandutu slum back in July 2007, only to find that my one contact had already moved on. The children benefiting from the charity's feeding programme were so welcoming

and enthusiastic that I stayed for two weeks teaching English each day in two different schools, ending each session with some debating. Not only were the 12/13 year-olds not fazed by the Cambridge Union debating protocols (five-minute speeches, protected time, points of information, summing up and so on) but they would have put to shame many I had worked with at home. The quality of English was initially, to be fair, quite poor, but so much progress had been made by the end of my stay that I organised a fiercely-fought competition between the two schools on the Friday: the underdogs won against the odds.

I returned the following year and added another rural school in the nearby coffee plantation, another the next year and so on until, in 2012, we had a grand

occasion when eight school teams fought it out for the Action for Children Trophy. My ultimate goal had always been to make the initiative a self-sustaining one. Therefore, in 2013 I risked staying away and just sent medals, certificates and prizes/transport/refreshment funds. Despite a teachers' strike, the hard-working staff got things together and the great event happened in September, to my great satisfaction. It seems that despite our daily images from parts of that continent, there is still a great thirst for democratic debate in Africa, and the Cambridge model travels well!

I plan to return sometime during this, my sabbatical year, to congratulate them all.

Dr Terry Nicholls
(Education 1981-1982)

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COLLEGE AND STAFF NEWS

New President poised to take the reins

Hughes Fellow Dr Anthony Freelинг will succeed Sarah Squire as President in September, upon the completion of her eight year term of office.

Anthony Freelинг is a former Scholar of St John's College, Cambridge, where he graduated with First Class Honours in the Mathematics Tripos in 1978. Subsequently he qualified with an MPhil and a Cambridge PhD in Management Studies. He spent eighteen years working at McKinsey & Company in the UK, where he was a Senior

Partner, leading its Marketing and Sales Practice across Europe. A recognised authority on marketing, Anthony Freelинг published *Agile Marketing* in 2011.

Dr Freelинг will become the fifteenth head of Hughes Hall. Since 2006 he has Chaired the Development Committee for the UK's Open University and is a member of its Council. He is a Director of Ashridge Strategic Management Centre and a Trustee of UnLtd, the Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs.



A healthy delivery

Dr Hilary Burton, Fellow of Hughes Hall and Director of the PHG Foundation, passed on PHG's Health Needs Assessment Toolkit for Congenital Disorders to a Brazil-based consortium at a ceremony attended by health leaders and policy makers in Porto Alegre, southern Brazil, on Saturday 5 April. The consortium, from a national centre of excellence in genetics and congenital disorders, which includes the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, the Hospital de Clínicas de Porto Alegre and INaGeMP, the Brazilian National Institute for Medical and Population

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Dr Hilary Burton (third left) with Brazilian colleagues

Genetics, will ensure the toolkit is kept up to date and will promote its uptake throughout Latin America and the rest of the world through their networks in the international health community.

Dr Burton said: 'We are delighted to pass on the PHG Foundation toolkit for birth defects into the safe hands of our Brazilian colleagues who have been such important supporters of this project.'



Hughes and Pavia: modern and ancient links

Under the initiative of Dr Mike Franklin, Hughes Hall has established an exciting partnership with the University of Pavia. In 2011 the Cambridge University Boat Club was invited to a Regatta commemorating the Battle of Curtatone and Montanara, in which students from Pavia and Pisa fought to secure a pyrrhic victory against the Austrians in the first Italian war of Independence. While delivering

an address on the Battle's anniversary, the Praelector began to nurture a relationship with one of Pavia's Colleges, Santa Caterina da Siena.

The arrangement permits members of one College to visit the other; Hughes members benefit from reduced rates for board and lodging in Pavia. Visit www.collsantacaterina.it for more information on our sister College.



City Fellow Rowena Ironside

Our City Fellow this year is Rowena Ironside. Rowena spent 25 years as an executive in the ICT industry, including the start-up and sale of an IT services company and leadership of several large, multi-national professional services businesses. Over the past ten years she has built a second career as a non-executive director, consultant and angel investor. She has held executive and non-executive roles in the not-for-profit sector working on end-of-life rights, microfinance

and the environment, and was on the board of Cupcake Mum, an entrepreneurial start-up, from 2007 to 2012.

Rowena is currently executive Chair of Women on Boards UK, an open, action-oriented social enterprise which provides encouragement, support and inspiration to women in all sectors who are seeking to leverage their professional skills and experience into board and leadership roles.



Dr Mark Turin lectures on 'Vanishing Voices'

In February Dr Mark Turin spoke on 'Vanishing Voices: Reflections on Documenting Endangered Languages Collaboratively' at the Yale Club of New York City. Informed by 20 years of work in the Himalayan region, Dr Turin discussed the challenges faced by small-scale societies whose oral speech forms are increasingly at risk of disappearing without record. Through the establishment of the World Oral Literature Project, a scheme which encourages collaboration between local communities and fieldworkers, Mark hopes

to preserve forms of oral literature facing extinction.

Between 2009 and 2012 Dr Turin was a Research Associate at the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology in Cambridge, and he remains a Fellow at Hughes and a regular presenter for the BBC. He is a Lecturer and Associate Research Scientist in South Asian Studies at Yale University and Programme Director of the Yale Himalaya Initiative. From July 2014 he will take up a position as Chair at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

News from Seniors

Our Seniors and Fellows regularly achieve recognition for their research. Here is a selection of their most recent projects.

Mr Demetrius Floudas

Demetrius Andreas Floudas, Senior Associate of Hughes Hall, has been awarded a grant of 100,000 USD by the US Russia Foundation for Economic Advancement and the Rule of Law (USRF).

Demetrius Floudas is the Deputy Director of the International Legal Summer School, organised annually by the Legal Clinic of the Faculty of Law of Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University (IKBFU) in Kaliningrad, Russia, where Demetrius has been

an Adjunct Professor since 2012. The award is intended to support the organisation and research activities of the IKBFU International Legal Summer School, under the direction of Prof. Ekaterina Osipova (who visited Hughes Hall in May 2012, benefiting

from a stipend from IKBFU Development Programme).

The USRF was founded to promote Russia's Economic, Legal and Institutional Advancement. Its mission is to support the long-term economic development

of the country's market economy, working in close partnership with the Russian government and leading Russian institutions. IKFU is one of the nine Universities accorded Federal status by the Russian government to pursue leadership in tertiary education.

Dr Charles Moseley

Dr Moseley has contributed chapters and articles in the following publications:
Res Publica: a Matter of Concern, in Luis Manuel A. V. Bernardo, Leonor Santa Barbara, and Luis Andrade, (eds.), Representações da República, (Lisbon: Húmus, for Fundação para Ciência e a Tecnologia, n.d [2013]), pp.29-39.

Speaking pictures: mediaeval religious art and its viewers, in Stephen Prickett (ed.) *The Edinburgh Companion to the Bible*, (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2014) *Judicious, sharp spectators? Form, pattern and audience in early modern theatre: some problems*, *Cahiers Elizabethains*, (in the Press)
What's in a name? The Theatre of 1576, Early Modern Culture Online, (in the Press).

Emblems and emblematics, Cambridge World Shakespeare Encyclopaedia, ed. Bruce Smith (Cambridge University Press: In the Press).

Forging the key of remembrance: books, cultures and memory in Michaela Irimia (ed.) *Literature and the Long Modernity*, (Bucharest: Rodopi, in the Press).

Look on this picture, and on this: or 'words, words, words'?, in A. Lafont and N. Myers, (eds.)

L'Image Brisé (Paris: Editions Garnier, in the Press).

Thomas Campion's 'There is a Garden in her Face': text, context, subtext, in Leonor de Santa Barbara, ed. *Flowers: Proceedings of the International Interdisciplinary conference, Nueva Universidad de Lisboa, 2011* Húmus, for Fundação para Ciência e a Tecnologia (In the Press).

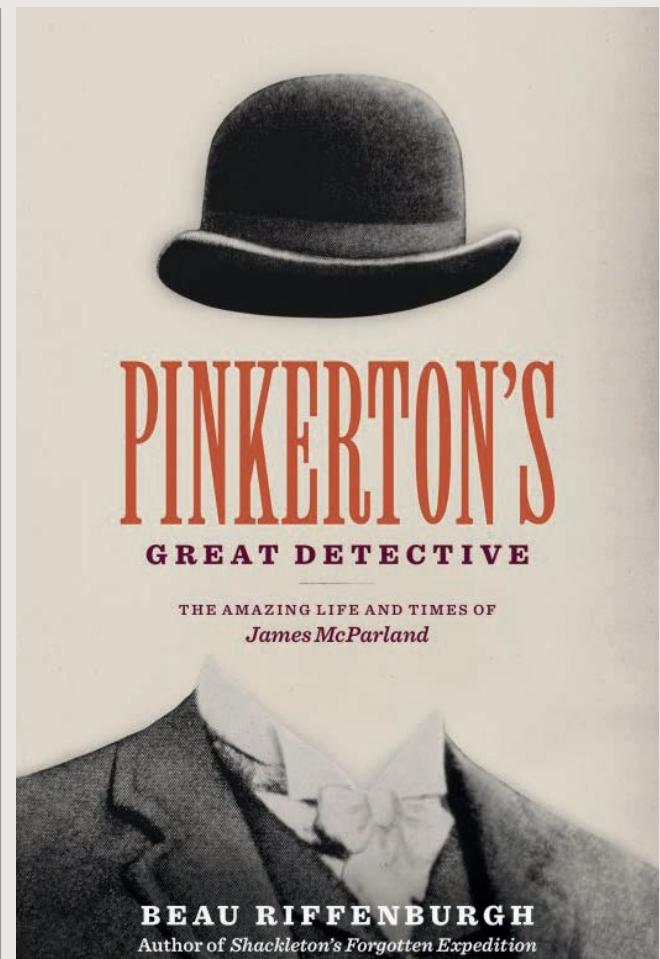
Dr John Barker

Dr Barker wrote a chapter in a book called *The International Rule of Law and Professional Ethics*, which was published by Ashgate in January of this year. The chapter was entitled *Reflections on the Rule of Law: Its Scope and Significance for Partners in Development*.

Professor Nikolas Kazantzis

Professor Kazantzis received funding from the US Department of Energy (DOE), National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) for a Phase II Project entitled: *Engineering Design of Advanced H₂-CO₂ Pd/Alloy Composite Membrane Separations and Process Intensification* (with Y. H. Ma and A. Dixon).

He currently serves as an Associate Editor of the following journals:
1: *IEEE Transactions on Control Systems Technology*
2: *Systems and Control Letters*
3: *European Journal of Control*
4: *Journal of Loss Prevention in the Process Industries*.
He is member of:
1: IEEE Control Systems Society Conference Editorial Board.



2: Technical Committee: Nonlinear Control Systems, International Federation of Automatic Control (IFAC).

Dr Beau Riffenburgh

Dr Riffenburgh has recently been awarded a Royal Literary Fund Fellowship for the 2014–15 academic year. This scheme places writers in higher education institutions to offer support to students who want to learn good writing practice across all disciplines. He will be based in the English Department at Swansea University.

His most recent book, *Pinkerton's Great Detective*, which is a biography of nineteenth-century detective

James McParland, was published by Viking Penguin in November 2013. It has been very positively reviewed in *The New York Times* and other major US newspapers.

Dr Paola Ricciardi

Dr Ricciardi has recently been selected, along with four other young researchers from the University of Cambridge, to participate in the 1st edition of *Cambridge Shorts*, a new University project which will allow him to work with a filmmaker and make a short film about his research. The films will be premiered during the Festival of Ideas 2014.

HUGHES HALL IN THE 'FRAGRANT HARBOUR'*

The special partnerships between Hughes and Hong Kong

Dr Edwin Leong's generous patronage

Dr Edwin Leong, one of Hong Kong's leading entrepreneurs, has made the largest gift to Hughes Hall in modern times, with a £750,000 donation to the Endowment Fund for Scholarships and Bursaries. The gift agreement was signed at a special dinner in Hong Kong on 11 April hosted by the President, Sarah Squire. The new gift will almost double the size of the existing Scholarship Fund and thus substantially increases the amount of money available each year for the support of students.

'I myself have never been to Cambridge, but I have long known of its great reputation for learning' said Dr Leong. 'The story of Hughes Hall interested me immediately when I heard about it from my friend Frank Lee, a Hughes alumnus. He spoke very highly of his time there. I am now delighted to contribute to the future of Hughes by making this gift which I hope will help the College to offer more opportunities for the brightest and best students from the UK and around the world to study at Hughes and open up new horizons.'

Dr Leong's benefaction comes as an addition to an already very generous scholarship programme, specifically for students at the University of Hong Kong, which he established four years ago. Thanks to this, a number of young people from Hong



Kong have already been able to pursue their postgraduate studies at Hughes Hall.

Dr Leong is a prominent business figure in Hong Kong, a major philanthropist and an Honorary Fellow of three leading Hong Kong Universities. Born in Hong Kong, he studied at the University of British Columbia and the University of Toronto before founding Tai Hung Fai Enterprise Company in 1977.

Tai Hung Fai, named by his mother, Madame Leong, flourished and grew into a major property investment and development company.

A longstanding and generous benefactor to a range of Hong Kong charities, Dr Leong has shown a particular commitment to improving health and social care provision for the elderly, and support of the young.

He formed the Tai Hung Fai Charitable Foundation, through which he established – among many other social welfare projects – the Henry G Leong Mobile Integrative Health Centre, providing free health screening and monitoring services to disadvantaged senior citizens throughout Hong Kong. He has also endowed university Chairs in honour of his late father, to lead research into provision of care for the elderly and research into neurodegenerative disorders. His philanthropic activity extends to mainland China, where he is a prominent benefactor of the China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation.

The College plans to mark its debt of gratitude to Dr Leong in two ways. He will be elected a Pfeiffer Fellow of the College, the highest category of Fellowship reserved for major donors. And, reflecting the friendly interest that he has taken in the

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Dr Edwin Leong and President Sarah Squire sign the gift agreement

development of the new library over the years since it was first begun in 2008, it will in due course be named in his honour.

As the President said, in thanking Dr Leong at the celebration dinner, 'We shall welcome Dr Edwin Leong as a Fellow of our College. We shall commemorate him and think of him each time that we enter the library named in his honour. And, thanks to his great generosity, many future generations of fortunate students will receive the financial help they need to succeed in their Cambridge education.'

*Hong Kong's English name is derived from two Chinese characters, Heung and Gong, usually translated as 'Fragrant Harbour'.



Sik Yan Tse: a union of three families

A special ceremony was held at Hong Kong University to mark Sik Yan Tse's generous scholarships award to Hughes. The 'Tse Family HKU-Cambridge Hughes Hall Scholarships' will support HKU PhD students pursuing an MPhil degree (Education or Science) at Cambridge.

Mr Tse (MPhil Education, 2006) is the first alumnus of both institutions to set up a scholarship that allows the recipients to further their studies by following his own path. He hopes that his gesture may serve the goal of 'throwing out a tiny pebble in order to attract the more precious jade to come', as the Chinese saying goes.

'Today I am so blessed to have my mother with us at this auspicious occasion who, at the elderly age of 93, is able

to witness the fruition of this Scholarship in her honour, and in memory of my late grandfather and father', Mr Tse said at the ceremony.

'There is a western saying that 'Charity begins at home'. What more worthwhile charity could I establish than a scholarship which could connect my three big Families together? My two alma maters have been so kind as to allow me to set up this humble fund to pay tribute to my three filial seniors as well as my three Roots.'

Commented President Sarah Squire: 'It's marvellous to have an alumnus making such a generous contribution to Hughes. We're very grateful to Sik Yan and his family and very much look forward to welcoming the first Tse Family scholars at Hughes soon.'



Hughes Autumn Visit to Hong Kong A Farewell for the President

In November, President Sarah Squire and Development Director Richard Berg Rust flew out to Hong Kong for two special alumni events. On Wednesday 20 November a Law Dinner took place, kindly sponsored by Dr Ron Zimmern, in honour of Lord Philips of Worth Matravers, HG PC. Alumni were joined by distinguished legal guests and members of Hughes Hall at the Hong Kong Country Club. This event was followed by another fantastic dinner, organised by our Hong Kong Hughes Hall Alumni Group. Over 30 guests gathered to show their support for Hughes Hall and the Hong Kong Alumni Bursary.

The President's last Hong Kong alumni dinner was marked by the presentation of a beautiful scroll by the Hong Kong Alumni Association. CHOW

Tat Ho Thomas (周達豪) is a Chinese calligraphy artist devoted to promoting Chinese calligraphy and culture in Hong Kong. In 2008, he established his workshop, the Roundsquare Chinese Calligraphy and started teaching Chinese calligraphy.

Of the scroll, he explained; 'As for the text, it is written '光輝歷程', which means 'a glorious course'. We understand that Sarah is retiring next year and now that we look back at her history, we must say that she has gone through 'a glorious path'. We can clearly see the support she has given the Hong Kong community, leading to the 'blossoming relationship' to use her words in the dinner. So we have prepared this calligraphy to signify her glorious path and we hope that she will always remember that the Hong Kong alumni do appreciate her work.'

First Graduation Ceremony at S H Ho College

The President Sarah Squire addressed the first graduation ceremony at S H Ho College on 21 November, with Master Samuel Sun presiding. Sarah reminded graduates of the unique nature of their college education – the chance to live with and become friends with fellow students and academic staff from across the whole spectrum of intellectual life,

and she urged them to strive constantly after new knowledge as they began their careers.

Master Samuel Sun said in his speech that he appreciated the graduates' courage and wisdom in selecting S H Ho College to affiliate with in its first year. Their pioneer spirit and the footsteps imprinted on this young college were cherished.

'Yesterday's deficiency, difficulties and struggles have grown into today's sweet memories.' He referred to Steve Jobs' famous quote 'Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower' and encouraged the College pioneers to uphold the spirit of innovation, to charge into the challenging world ahead, to lead, and to pursue their dreams.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Small beginnings and big successes

Hughes entrepreneurs welcomed by Bruce and Ashley

On 23 April, a group of Hughes students with entrepreneurial ambitions joined established Hughes alumni for a dinner at the Hampstead home of alumnus Bruce Steinberg (BA English 1979) and his wife Ashley Dartnell. The guest speaker was Cambridge entrepreneur and Honorary Hughes Fellow, Dr Hermann Hauser.

Hermann Hauser is one of the greatest modern Cambridge entrepreneurs, having achieved success in a wide range of technology sectors, including Acorn Computers, Active Book Company, Virata, Net Products, NetChannel and Cambridge Network Limited. He was a founder director of IQ (Bio), IXI Limited, Vocalis, SynGenix, Advanced Displays Limited (acquired by Cambridge Display Technology), Electronic Share Information Limited, E*Trade UK and has supported many other start-ups.

He outlined his business philosophy in an engaging address: 'The main thing is to have fun and create, and to do that you need to have a certain amount of money'. Arpit Gupta, one of the Hughes students present, said: 'Hermann was very inspiring for all of us. It would be difficult for anyone

to replicate his level of success, but he has such energy and optimism, that he makes you feel like trying'.

Hughes has a strong track record in producing successful entrepreneurs from a variety of academic backgrounds, such as Emmanuel Carraud (MagicSolver), Shamus Husheer (Temperature Concepts) and Riley O'Doyle (Desktop Genetics). It also has one of the highest proportions of MBA and EMBA students of any Cambridge College, many of whom have an interest in establishing new start-ups.

We aim to build on this spirit of enterprise by creating mentoring and support networks and establishing a prize for Hughes entrepreneurs and their partners. It would offer the chance to win investment to transform ideas

into enterprises that generate financial and social value.

The winner of an American Academy of Poets prize as an undergraduate, Bruce holds a BA from Columbia University and MBA from Harvard as well as his Cambridge MA. He began his career with MTV Networks, later becoming Chief Executive Officer of Fox Kids Europe, General Manager of Broadcasting at BSkyB and Chief Executive Officer of UK Gold and UK Living TV. He is a founding Principal of Dendy Partners Limited, a venture capital company investing in early stage digital media and technology companies. He is also currently a Board member of JDRF UK, a charitable organisation dedicated to finding the cure for Type 1 diabetes. Ashley is an acclaimed writer and author of *Farangi Girl*, about her exotic and turbulent childhood in Tehran and Esfahan. Educated in Tehran, she later graduated from Bryn Mawr and earned her MBA from Harvard Business School. The evening was highly enjoyable and stimulating and we would like to thank Bruce and Ashley for their kindness and hospitality as hosts.



SPOTLIGHT Hermann Hauser

Hermann Hauser is one of our Honorary Fellows. Born in Austria, Dr Hauser obtained his MA in Physics from Vienna before completing his PhD at Cambridge, and has received honorary doctorates from Loughborough, Bath and Anglia Ruskin. He is also an Honorary Fellow at King's College, Cambridge.

Hermann is probably best known for co-founding Acorn Computers in 1978 and his part in developing the ARM microprocessor. Since then he has founded or co-founded over 20 technology companies.

In 2001 Hermann was awarded an Honorary CBE for his contribution to UK enterprise and is a Fellow of the Institute of Physics, the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Royal Society.



Bruce and Ashley



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GET IN TOUCH

We're in touch with many of our alumni entrepreneurs (whether social or business oriented) throughout the world, but there are others out there whom we haven't yet met. If you're interested in joining a Hughes entrepreneurs network, get in touch with the Development Director and we'll add you to a mailing list for future colloquia and events at Hughes – email: rbr23@cam.ac.uk

Alumnus' start up goes global

How a start-up business succeeds

Life at Hughes Hall went by so fast. I still remember meeting President Sarah Squire at induction like it was yesterday. I met my current business partner, Nathan Boublil (Selwyn 2013), just a month after that. Together, we built a business case over a weekend around the idea of leveraging big data technology to aggregate and standardise all of the world's open government data onto one visual platform, thereby generating high-value location intelligence in an easy-to-consume format for retailers, marketeers, consultancies and governments themselves.

Little did we know that what began as a 54-hour event organised at the university would turn out to become a global business a year later. In November 2012, our venture Stat.io won the best startup idea at Startup Weekend Cambridge. Fast-forward a few days and we were in London competing against similar local winners from across the UK at Silicon Valley comes to the UK (SVC2UK), a Google-sponsored event. Winning this nationwide competition led us to California two months later where our technology received a special prize from San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee.

From there, it felt like there was no going back. Although missing two weeks of your

MPhil classes is not something I would recommend to any graduate student at Hughes, I somehow managed to make it work. I returned to Hughes Hall in February where my team and I began an acceleration programme at the Judge Business School (JBS). Soon enough, I found myself spending time at the Accelerate Cambridge offices in-between classes, iterating the business case and working on the product with my team to a point where we were lucky enough to secure financial investment from the JBS's new seed fund.

Today, Stat.io is incubated at Microsoft Ventures in East London and has recently expanded into Latin America with offices in Santiago, Chile. We are now exploring new sectors in which to apply our big data technology, with increasing interest in the financial services sector. We believe big data will change consumer finance, and emerging markets is where this change will have the greatest impact. It sure is an exciting time to be in this sector and I thank Hughes Hall for being a part of the story that took me there.

Elliott Verreault

SPORT

by 'The Hawk'



Hughes' Henry Hoffstot feathering his blade in Blue boat practice four days before the race. Chief Coach Trapmore, Olympic Gold medallist 2000, looks on.

DR MIKE FRANKLIN

Will light blue get heavy again?

Hughes again played what is now its traditional major role in the two highest profile University sports: rugby and rowing. In rugby the Hughes backline barely got the ball at Twickenham as the dark blues, doubtless refreshed by copious quantities of breakfast cereal, defeated our boys for the fifth time in a succession. The Hughes contingent was again strong – congratulations to [Kristian Cook](#), [Courtenay Morrison](#), and [Andy Murdoch](#) on their Blues.

In rowing, last year's dismal outcome was also regrettably repeated: only a single victory to report in all the various contests, male and female, lightweight and heavyweight. Congratulations to Hughesians [Henry Hoffstot](#) rowing at Stroke in the Blue Boat, [Izzy Vyvyan](#) in the Ladies Blue Boat, Florian Herbst, in the Goldie Boat, and Rosemary Ostfeld, coxing Goldie.

The other place's greater sporting success has significantly raised the profile

of the discussions concerning the future arrangements for administering and developing sport here in the Cambridge.

Although Oxford's centralised governmental model is being lauded as one of the principal causes of their supposed greater sporting success, other important, but hitherto unspoken issues, such as the 'optional matriculation' at one of their colleges specifically, and the apparent lowering of academic standards by

Oxford specially to favour the admission of sportsmen and women, are now being openly talked about as issues which must be addressed.

There are some who believe that the overall pattern of Varsity match results reflects Cambridge's greater access-friendliness meaning that the light blues are only able to excel in the more global sports like soccer and athletics, rather than the more elitist rowing and rugby. But one glance

Thorbjorg Agustsdottir makes her mark on University fencing

PhD student Thorbjorg Agustsdottir represented the University in fencing in February against competitors from Imperial College, Surrey, Oxford and Cardiff. As part of the sabre team, Thorbjorg and her teammates achieved an impressive 45-38 win against Oxford. The University's combined performance boosted the women's fencing team up from second position in the Southern Premier League to secure the title.

In March, Thorbjorg represented the victorious Cambridge team at the Varsity Match. Cambridge took

home the trophy for all three weapons, and the Women's Blues team beat Oxford 135 to 108, earning Thorbjorg her Half Blue.

Despite an impressive effort against Edinburgh in the BUCS final in late March, Cambridge lost by 4 points overall. Cambridge won in two out of three weapons, including Thorbjorg's, and she was nominated Woman of the Match. At the Leon Paul British Sabre Open in London she took home the bronze. It's been a phenomenal year for the Full Blue sportswoman, who still has a further two at Cambridge.



at the web pages of British Rowing is all that is needed to dispel the myth that rowing is exclusively the preserve of independent schools. The current dominance of the dark blues is for CUBC and CUWBC to solve; winning streaks have been a facet of Boat Race history before, on both sides, and they have always been broken.

HHBC's results this year have been mixed: in the Lents M1 ultimately went down a place

in the third division, whereas the Ladies made serious progress in the second division – well done to them.

The huge intake of novices to the Club (100) bodes well for the future, as does the return of our various University squad members for the Mays. The men will aim to cement their position in Division 2 (the Bears are too far ahead to catch this year) while the Ladies hope to reverse their descent into Division 3 last June.

Supporting the Boat Club

Hughes has a strong tradition in rowing and the Boat Club is the largest club or society in the College with a remarkable 120 members. It does not enjoy the funding of most College Boat Clubs and lacks many of the facilities they possess. Sponsorship opportunities offer part of the solution to funding issues. If any alumni or friends of Hughes work for companies that can offer corporate sponsorship to the Boat Club, with website branding presence, features in the Hughes magazine and corporate entertainment options at the Bumps, Henley and other events, contact the Development Director, Richard Berg Rust: rbr23@cam.ac.uk

EVENTS



Sir Andrew Motion

On 4 June, Hughes was delighted to welcome one of the UK's leading poetic voices and former Poet Laureate Sir Andrew Motion for a special event to mark the centenary of World War One: '*When the sun shone in vain*' – Sir Andrew Motion on Edward Thomas and the War Poets.

The audience was captivated by Sir Andrew's readings from Thomas and from selections of his own work. He also paid tribute to Hughes Hall

Honorary Fellow Professor Masa Ohtake, who has made a gift of his collection of rare books to Hughes, a collection particularly rich in rare Edward Thomas editions and World War One poetry.

'Professor Ohtake and I share a love of Edward Thomas's work and I was delighted to see the early Thomas editions as well as the other beautiful books which Professor Ohtake has donated to Hughes. It is a marvellous collection.'



Burns' Night Formal

The College was alive with the scent of heather, the flash of bright tartan and the soulful wail of the pipes on 24 January as we celebrated Burns' night in the company of students, Fellows and guests. Professor Nabeel Affara, resplendent in a kilt of Affara Tartan (seriously!) delivered a tour-de-force recitation of the ode to the Haggis, fresh from its tour of the dining hall in the company of a kilted Dr Michael Franklin. It was then devoured, along with its smaller kin, by the appreciative throng.

Margaret Drabble Q&A

In January, Margaret Drabble answered questions from Professor Mary Buckley on Cambridge days, the themes she explores in her novels and the issues about which she cares most, including attitudes towards mental health and gender relations. Margaret Drabble is a Cambridge graduate and internationally acclaimed for her contribution to literature. In 2011 she was given the Golden Pen Award for 'a lifetime's distinguished service to literature' and in 2013 her eighteenth novel



Boat Club Dinner

The Pure Gold Baby received outstanding reviews. After the discussion there was a lively question and answer session and Margaret was presented with flowers by Hughes librarian Diana Hutchison.

Boat Club Dinner

For some alumni, their time in the Boat Club produced their most treasured memories of the College. It's no surprise, then, that they make the pilgrimage back to College for the Boat

Club Dinner, maintaining their connection to the Club. Following the tremendous success of our Women's crew in Lent Bumps, the dinner was a fittingly lively occasion, with students, alumni and friends of College rowing joining forces to celebrate the fine tradition of the Hughes Hall and Hughes/Lucy Cavendish crews. There were high spirits all round, and the evening showcased the incredible popularity of rowing at the College among both male and female students of all ages, backgrounds and subjects.



City Lecture

On 1 May 2014, Hughes Hall was proud to host the fourteenth City Lecture, featuring the Financial Times editor, Lionel Barber, discussing the topic 'Can Banking Clean Up Its Act?'

Six years after the financial crisis, controversy continues to rage about high pay, professional misconduct and perverse incentives in the banking industry. Yet bankers live in a new regulatory world with stiffer rules on capital, curbs on risky trading activities and a clampdown on the so-called bonus culture. During the lecture, Lionel Barber assessed the progress on reform and examined the broader cultural and professional challenges in modern banking. His conclusion 'We cannot turn bankers into saints. Nor should we banish risk-taking. It is the sine qua non of market capitalism. Bankers have begun to clean up their act. But more must be done – and they must reconnect to the community. The alternative may not be a living hell, but will it be a prolonged spell in purgatory?'



2014 Law Dinner a triumph

On an evening in February we opened our doors to Law academics, alumni and students for the 2014 Charnley Law Dinner, kindly sponsored by Hughes Fellow Mr William Charnley. The dinner celebrates and promotes the study of Law at Hughes Hall and is open to Law students, alumni and

high profile guests. We have established a pattern of eminent speakers, and this year was no different as we welcomed The Right Honourable Lord Justice Lloyd Jones PC, Chairman of the Law Commission. After an introduction from Honorary Fellow Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers, Sir David spoke engagingly on his work for the primary law reform body in the

United Kingdom, peppering his speech with fantastic anecdotes. It was wonderful to see such a diverse turnout for this extremely popular dinner. First year BA students were able to rub shoulders with more experienced Law academics and practitioners, and the night was a great success. We look forward to an equally triumphant event in 2015.

STUDENT NEWS



Raoul-Gabriel Urma releases book on programming

Computer Science PhD student Raoul-Gabriel Urma has released a guide to Java 8 lambdas and functional programming in Java. *Java 8 Lambdas in Action* will teach advanced programming concepts to industry professionals, and is co-authored by Mario Fusco, a senior software engineer, and Alan Mycroft, Professor of Computer Science at the University of Cambridge. In November a thousand pre-orders were placed in just two weeks as a result of content available in advance.



Raoul-Gabriel explained that 'The decision to write the book is basically twofold: computer science education is something very close to my heart so I always wanted to 'write a book'; and the realisation that programmers will need to learn to program in a different style to keep up with new computer architecture.'

Prior to his PhD, Raoul-Gabriel worked as a software engineer for Oracle's Java Platform Group, Google's Python team, eBay, and Goldman Sachs. His website can be found at urma.com.

Christos Tsirogiannis wins ARCA's award for Art Protection and Security

Alumnus Dr Christos Tsirogiannis received the 2013 award for Art Protection and Security from the Association for Research into Crimes against Art (ARCA). Christos was employed as a forensic archaeologist at the Greek Ministry of Culture, the Greek Ministry of Justice and the Greek police Art Squad (2004-2008), and has identified an impressive array of stolen antiquities over the years. His investigations have affected international galleries and museums, auction houses and

private collections. Thus far, he has identified more than 800 masterpieces of antiquity from all over the world, resulting in several repatriations, mainly for Greece and Italy.

Christos' PhD thesis is entitled *Unravelling the International Illicit Antiquities Network through the Robin Symes-Christos Michaelides Archive and its International Implications*. He aims to create the first European library for illicit antiquities research with auction house catalogues since 1970.



Student talent recognised at Shearman & Sterling Negotiation Competition

We are delighted to announce that two Hughes students came in as 1st Runner Up at the Shearman & Sterling Negotiation Competition held at the Cambridge Law Faculty in March. BA Law students Timothy Liang and Jian Wei Aw were each awarded a £50 cash prize, along with an offer to attend an Open Day with Shearman & Sterling LLP. Director of Studies Dr Markus Gehring accompanied the pair,

and has called the result an 'extraordinary achievement'.

More than ten teams participated in the competition, which consisted of two rounds and involved negotiating on behalf of a client in a fictional contractual dispute. The aim was to give practical insight into how best to promote and protect clients in negotiations, and to fulfill their strategic and commercial objectives.

Fotis Vergis granted Modern Law Review scholarship



Third year PhD student Fotis Vergis has been awarded a Modern Law Review scholarship for the year 2013-2014, following nomination by the Law Faculty and submission of a proposal. Competition for the scholarships was fierce, making Fotis' achievement all the more impressive.

Fotis is the recipient of a College bursary, and his supervisions are much appreciated by undergraduates.

Two masters: Hughes Hall and the Cambridge MBA

For most MBA students, the concept of dealing with a University, a business school and a college is a befuddling trinity. For the 40 odd students from the Cambridge MBA programme at Hughes Hall, this arrangement is a way of life and learning.

Whilst the world at Judge Business School can be quite a bubble, Hughes Hall provides an alternative community called home. Waking up to the soothing sight of the Fenner's ground, exchanging pleasantries with the porters and rubbing shoulders with college mates at lunches and formal halls makes one feel part of a system that is refreshingly different and rejuvenating.

The more efficient and enthusiastic amongst us have contributed to the



social fabric by way of varsity sports, pub crawls, seminars, societies and so forth. This is not to undermine some fascinating conversations over tea at Peter Richards or the Pfeiffer room with scientists, mathematicians and beyond. It is this intellectual exchange across the academic divide that creates a mutually fruitful and unique Cambridge experience.

The Cambridge MBA class is a confluence of 140 students from 44 countries. Hughes Hall is home to around 600 students across the University. These systems ultimately feed into a 200,000 global alumni base. This juxtaposition of institutions is an unquantifiable experience which is enriching and enlightening. How's that for social network?

Abhinav Charan



Student spotlight Rosemary Ostfeld

Rosemary Ostfeld completed an MPhil in Environmental Policy in 2012-2013, and wished to stay at Hughes for further postgraduate studies. Receiving a scholarship from Hughes Hall allowed her to secure additional funding, which enabled her to stay at Cambridge. She is currently in the first year of her PhD in Land Economy. She is being supervised by Mr David Howarth, former MP of Cambridge, Dr David Reiner from the Judge Business School, and Dr David Coomes from the Plant Sciences department on research that examines biofuel policies in the United Kingdom and European Union. Her research will also involve completing a case study on the effects of biomass cultivation for biofuel production on

forest ecosystems in Malaysia, a current supplier of biomass for biofuels to the United Kingdom and other parts of Western Europe. Outside of her studies, Rosemary plans events for the Cambridge University Expeditions Society, which exists to encourage current students, members and alumni to organise, plan, and join global expeditions. She has helped bring a screening of the Banff Mountain Film Festival to Cambridge, which had nearly 500 attendees, and speakers to Hughes Hall including Rosie Swale Pope MBE. Rosemary is also a coxswain for the Cambridge University Boat Club. Without a scholarship, none of this would be possible – thank you to Hughes Hall!

LAND ECONOMY

Cities and Society – The Honor Chapman Lecture

Land Economists gathered with a range of Hughes students from other disciplines for the first annual Honor Chapman Lecture on 7 May, delivered by Dame Judith Mayhew Jonas DBE, on 'Cities and Society'.

This lecture series was created when three leading London real estate figures led by new Hughes City Fellow Marc Mogull, Managing Partner of Benson Elliott Capital Management, together with Rosemary Feenan of JLL and Andrew Gould, former CEO of JLL and now Chairman of the UK Green Building Council, came together to form a lasting tribute to their esteemed colleague, the late Honor Chapman CBE.

Honor was a truly exceptional figure: a uniquely creative thinker about cities and real estate; a true innovator who brought research-based approaches and R&D into the planning and development of our cities. One of the first women to become recognised as a business leader of the highest calibre in the sector and in the wider business world, she challenged a new generation of professionals to aim high and to think creatively. The new lecture series at Hughes Hall will extend that challenge and inspiration to a new generation in her memory.

One of Honor's notable achievements was to bring these perspectives into sharp focus on the issue of London itself and its position in a



world of rapidly growing – and competing – cities. Her contribution to the report *London: World City* in 1991 marked a new approach whereby cities applied the disciplines of rigorous analysis, brand development and marketing from the world of business. Typically, she then put it into practice by launching and leading the body responsible for marketing London to international businesses.

Honor, who died in 2009, was a Partner and International Director at JLL. She worked with the emerging London First Business lobby group to build the promotional agenda for London and chaired the London Office Review Panel for LPAC. She set up the London First

Centre, becoming its first CEO before going on to lead other ventures such as the London Development Agency, where she was Vice-Chair, and Future

London. In 1994 Honor was the founding CEO of Think London (then called London First Centre (LFC), and now part of London & Partners), the inward investment agency for the capital. She also served on the board of the London Development Agency and advised a wide range of developers on their London portfolios and projects.

More than 50% of the world's population now live in cities according to the UN, a figure set to rise to 75% by 2050. Urban growth is now taking place on

such a scale that the impact of cities on economic, social and environmental geography is unprecedented. The speed and extent of urbanisation represents one of the largest global challenges of the twenty-first century, engendering major issues of economic growth, sustainability, environmentalism and social justice; accordingly the lectures will take an interdisciplinary approach.

We wish to acknowledge the kind sponsorship of this event by JLL.

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London has become a city of soft power: a place full of influencers and a place that is able to work through informal as well as formal decision-making....”



PGCE – THEN AND NOW

WHEN STUDENTS RETURN TO THE EDUCATION FACULTY



As a mature student living off-site, I realise (with regret and envy!) that my Cambridge experience may differ to that of a residential one. However, I still want to feel part of College life: Hughes Hall delivers that.

My first experience of Hughes Hall was as a PGCE student back in 1999-2000. I came to Formal Hall (then in the Victorian building) and was kept in the College loop via my pigeon hole.

Over a decade on, I am self-indulgently taking time out from teaching to study part-time for a MEd in Critical Approaches to Children's

Literature. Now older, a mother and living further away, I still want to be involved. The internet now means I am kept up to date with all College news and gossip. I am always warmly welcomed at events, and great efforts are made to support students with families. Hughes Hall is perfect: small enough to feel exclusive yet certainly inclusive.

I feel truly privileged to be back at Hughes and at Cambridge. The vibrant, varied, international community is constantly invigorating and always surprising. At the Faculty of Education, I am taught by the finest in my field. It's just all so very exciting.

Kathryn Brereton



Nervous. That was how I felt upon arriving at Hughes Hall. Having never lived away from home, I was hopeful that my time at Hughes would be an enjoyable new experience. Luckily, this is exactly what has happened. From the very first day, Hughes has proved itself to be one of the friendliest colleges at Cambridge. From lively themed bops to sophisticated lunches at the President's house – albeit with some spontaneous trampolining – Hughes has always encouraged a warm, welcoming atmosphere to the College to which the students certainly adhere. All are welcome.

Studying the PGCE course in History, it is comforting to have a large volume of fellow trainee teachers with whom to laugh, cry, and discuss the general life of a teacher. Mixing with other students is, however, always a fun change, encouraged by activities such as the 'speed meet' early in the year. Trainee teachers and other students can often be found sharing a joke in the bar.

As a History graduate, it is hard not to think about all the trainee teachers of the past who have walked the long corridors of the Margaret Wileman Building before us. The building, with its large sash windows and high ceilings, lends itself to the historian, and one can't help but think of the secrets and stories the building holds. The trainee teachers of today are eager to add several more to the history of Hughes Hall.

Rhian Fender

ALUMNI NEWS

Ken Ogata's research powers high-capacity batteries

Alumnus Dr Ken Ogata and other researchers from the University have been moving towards the delivery of high-capacity batteries that recharge quickly and retain their power for weeks. At present, these batteries are able to store large amounts of power, but charging them can take hours. American researchers have discovered that replacing the carbon

electrodes in batteries with silicon can reduce charging time to mere minutes. The Department of Engineering at the University has successfully conducted their own research into batteries to uncover how the materials interact. If silicon-based technology can be harnessed then we may see the mass production of high-capacity batteries far sooner than expected.



Lizzy with her parents Russ and Julie

From one bubble to another

I have a confession: I am a Cantab through and through. Having studied my undergraduate degree at Newnham College and then my PGCE at Hughes Hall last year, I am more light blue than the sky on a (good) summer's day! Getting ready for the beginning of the University year has always been an exciting

process. However, this year I was even more excited: I was packing to go to St Andrews to begin my PhD. Now, so many people ask me how the two universities compare. Like most, I assumed that they would be pretty similar. They both have very good reputations, are old, both referred to affectionately as 'The Bubble' by their students, and are associated with Prince William and Kate Middleton. However, this is where the similarities end. St Andrews is a town on the East coast of Scotland that consists of three streets and lots of ancient grey stone buildings. Cambridge is a city in inland Eastern England that has distinctively eclectic architecture. And most important of all, Cambridge has Colleges. I'm sure many of you have fond memories of going to MCR nights, Bumps races, intercollegiate swaps, and Formal Halls, all of which enriched your time studying what was almost

definitely an intensive course. St Andrews just doesn't have that community atmosphere and strong bond that you get from a Cambridge College. I've visited Cambridge twice since moving to St Andrews and have come to the conclusion that, whilst you can take the girl out of Cambridge...! Indeed, I would encourage more Hughesians to come back to Cambridge and re-discover the magic that the place offers, take time to catch up with old friends, and, of course, give back to the College in any way that you can. For me, this means taking time to update the Development Office on my activities since graduating and talking to current PGCEs about their experiences so far and (hopefully) providing some reassuring words. Whatever it means for you, be sure to keep in touch. As I've learnt, Hughes Hall will always be your 'home'.

CONNECTING HUGHES

2015 will see us launch a brand new, interactive alumni directory to help connect the Hughes community worldwide. As a truly global College, this will give us the opportunity to connect all our alumni so that you can find others with similar academic interests, in similar lines of work, or just friends from College days! Already, we have begun recruiting Hughesians to be Alumni Ambassadors around the world, catalysing activity, giving us advice and feedback, co-ordinating local events and helping generate news and articles for Hughes.

We already have particularly strong groups in the US and Hong Kong and also have interested alumni in Malaysia, Sweden and Germany keen to start up groups there – if you are interested in helping us make connections, please email us on development@hughes.cam.ac.uk.

Lizzy Cole

OVERSEAS TRIPS

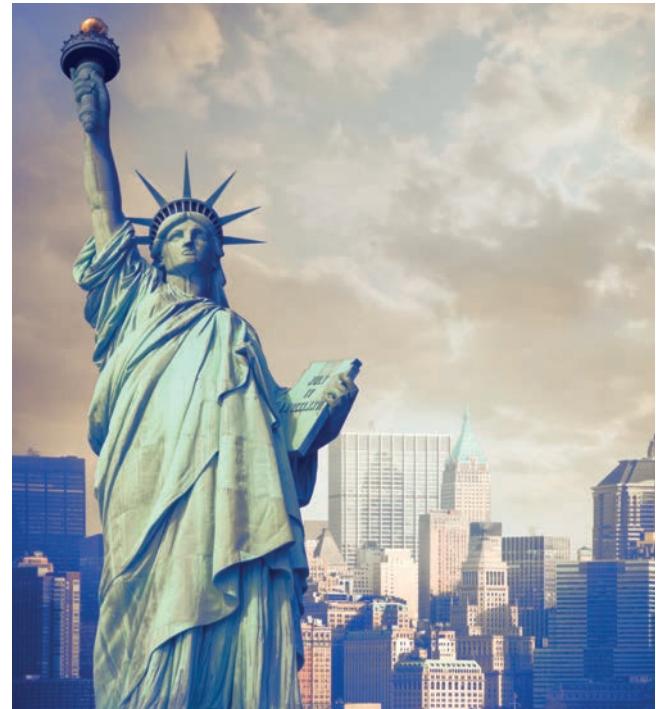
Alumni warm to Forest Fuel Lecture

On 9 April Hughesians and alumni from other colleges gathered over drinks and canapés at the superb offices of Venable LLP to hear Hughes Visiting Fellow Dr Robyn Veal deliver her lecture 'Forest Economics in the Ancient World: the evidence from Pompeii'.

After taking in the panoramic views of Manhattan, the audience was treated to Robyn's examination of patterns of wood production and consumption in Ancient Rome a subject that was thought particularly relevant to a city which had just emerged from a particularly long and bitter winter.

Wood was today's oil, the major fuel until the industrial age, and Robyn looked at patterns of wood consumption in Ancient Rome. Did the Ancient Romans have a sustainable fuel supply? The answer was largely 'yes'.

The evening was generously hosted by Hughes alums Widge Devaney (LLM Law 1994) and Sonali Pathirana (MPhil Development Studies 1998), at the offices of Widge's law firm, Venable LLP. Our thanks to them for this kindness and to the staff at Venable LLP for all their support for the event.



Japan

This February, Dr Elizabeth R Moore, Hughes Hall's Director of Studies in English, travelled to Japan to deliver lectures on literature and to meet with Hughes Hall alumni. She is also Director of the Hughes Hall Summer Programme in British Politics and Cultural Studies attended each year by students from Tokyo Woman's Christian University (TWCU).

During Dr. Moore's visit, TWCU President Masako Sanada, as well as the TWCU students and alumni, all emphasised their appreciation of the longstanding relationship between the two institutions. The Hughes Hall alumnae,

who met with Dr Moore at an izakaya bar in Kochijoji were equally welcoming and shared fascinating stories of their experiences in Cambridge.

The success of the TWCU summer programme at Hughes led to its expansion last year to include a new cultural studies summer programme with TWCU alumni and we look forward to more exciting developments in the future.

The Hughes association with TWCU began when Elizabeth Hughes, our founder, became a Visiting Professor there in 1900.

Dr Elizabeth Moore in Tokyo



'Toiling for life and eternity'

College Members and the First World War

It took a cataclysmic event to open up vocational opportunities for women in the last century.

During 'The Great War' of 1914-1918 many women embraced the chance to undertake unfamiliar roles and learn new skills in support of Britain's war effort. Among those enthusiastic to explore novel occupational terrain were a group of women teachers, alumni and Gild members of the Cambridge Training College for Women (CTCW).

Some of these mistresses transferred to boys' schools to fill places left by masters serving at the front while the more restless left their teaching jobs to enter technical, munitions, and hospital or relief work at home and overseas, including: matron of the Annexe to Blinded Soldiers and Sailors' Hostel, St Dunstan's, Regent's Park; Miss Hughes's old students' working in Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD) hospital units; project workers in the Syrian and Palestinian Relief Fund and Serbian Relief Committee, Corsica.

Accordingly, the prospect of teacher training proved comparatively less appealing to female graduates. Admissions to CTCW fell over the wartime period: from 44 in 1914 (exceeding their cap) to 29 in 1917. These were 'hard times' for the College, the Principal (Dr Mary Hay Wood, 1908-1933) recording in the Gild Leaflet that the third year of the war was a 'critical and anxious time'. Further, the 'national calamity' meant the loss of communication with 'friends' in European neutral countries. Nevertheless, in spite of the downturn in numbers and finances, Miss Wood regarded

war 'as an educator' and, hence, urged CTCW members to contribute towards alleviating the impact of total warfare. As she asserted in her address to students and Gild members: 'everyone is eager to do his bit' and asking 'what can I do to help?' CTCW response to this was to incorporate 1914 idealism with the typical Hughesian spirit epitomized by toiling for life and eternity – articulated in the College motto – through the marshalling of a diverse range of exemplary skills. Throughout the war years and beyond, the residents of Wollaston Road managed their usual lectures and teaching practices alongside a range of unconventional extra-curricular activities.

In 1914, a service to mark the 'Universal Day of Prayer' was held in College and the Principal introduced a weekly intercession service, for which her students expressed gratitude:

Like all the world, we are much oppressed by the war, and we are thankful for the intercession service, which Miss Wood conducts on Saturday mornings on account of the war.

Miss Wood also substituted her Friday evening lecture for a class to teach English to Belgian girls and admitted a Belgian trainee to CTCW, enabling her to complete her qualification by helping her to secure a teaching practice in French in a local school. CTCW students may have taught some of the many Serbian boys at the Perse School for Boys in Cambridge. They certainly taught English classes to Serbian boys at Cheshunt College.

Endeavouring to understand the meaning of the war, College members of the University Christian Union participated in a study circle on Bible teaching and the problem of war as well as a conference on Christianity and war. They also made a silver collection on behalf of the Russian Relief Fund. Similarly engaged, CTCW's branch of the Women Students' Church Society organised a lecture on the work of the 'Music in Wartime Committee'. Rather more practically, the 'War Work Party' met for one hour most Saturday evenings to make clothes and 'treasure bags' for soldiers and Belgian refugees. Speeches and readings relating to the war were read aloud

while they knitted and sewed. A 'Miss Neroutsos' provided material for treasure bags and handkerchiefs for soldiers and by 1918 'many treasure bags had been made'. Also, a student noted the interruption of the work parties during Lent Term, due to blackout conditions: 'we are living like the rest of England in a dim religious light'. The 'tenour' of College life was disturbed on three nights by three Zeppelin alarms and on one occasion the special constable was not completely satisfied with the College's efforts to diminish lighting – 'a solitary candle screened by an umbrella'.

However, CTCW Entertainment Committee, responsible for a programme of readings and music, succeeded in lifting the general spiritual gloom through a number of fund-raising dramatic performances in College: a skit on College life in aid of the Cambridge Branch of the Belgian Repatriation Fund; Laurence Housman's *The Chinese Lantern*, to raise a collection for the Star and Garter Home for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors; a staging of *Alice in Education Land* (re-played by popular request) and the play *The Admirable*



Crichton by J M Barrie, both on behalf of Cambridge Serbian Relief Fund. Of course, the students' engagement in an unprecedented range of events and activities 'on account of the war' did not excuse slippage in decorum. Conversely, the Principal issued written instructions to her ladies about maintaining propriety, reminding them that it was unbecoming conduct to walk through one of the men's colleges more than once per day or to greet fellow students outside the College. Aligning with Miss Wood's 'war as an educator', the Gild provided opportunities for students and alumni to learn something about the war as experienced. Extracts from the *Diary of a Land Worker* was

published in the Gild Leaflet of 1917, and lectures on medical war-work were delivered during summer Gild meetings in Cambridge. The renowned psychiatrist and St John's College, Cambridge, Fellow, Captain William Rivers of RAMC Craiglockhart War Hospital near Edinburgh described his work with soldiers presenting with neuroses (Siegfried Sassoon's Diaries 1915-1918 document his time at Craiglockhart under Rivers). Miss Elizabeth Phillips Hughes (first Principal of CTCW, 1885-1899) spoke on her 'Red Cross Work' as commandant at the Glamorgan VAD unit she set up and for which she was appointed MBE. She also delivered lectures to wounded servicemen and organised the first women's Red Cross

camp. In 1920, she became Dr Hughes, being awarded an honorary LLD from the University of Wales for services to Welsh education.

By 1920, CTCW residents had emerged from 'under the dark cloud of war', having 'weathered the storm'. Following the Armistice, admissions immediately rose, bringing total numbers to 31 in 1918 and 35 in 1919 – more workers for relief projects dealing with war's aftermath. Yet, conscious of the overriding sense of 'depression and disillusionment' enveloping the nation, Miss Wood called on students and alumnae to sustain the wartime spirit and marshal the various skills honed to assist with national

ABOVE
Hughes class of 1915 with Miss Wood ninth from the left middle row

regeneration. Her 1919 post-war challenge to students and alumni was: 'Social Reconstruction – Where do we come in?'

Dr Jean Lambert
Fellow & Tutor

1 We work not for School but for Life / We toil not for Time but for Eternity



'Now that Spring is here!'

The renewed Hughes Hall garden looking splendid this May.



UPCOMING EVENTS

May Ball 2014

As we go to print, we are but a few days away from the May Ball. With a theme like Terra Do Brasil, it's set to be an extremely glamorous affair. Look out for coverage of the event on social media!

Summer Garden Party

It's nearly time for our Summer Garden Party, taking place this year on the afternoon of Saturday 5 July. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with old friends or to show your family the College grounds. We had a strong turnout last year and hope to see you there.

Summer London Drinks Reception

Our next London drinks will be held at the Oxford and Cambridge Club on Wednesday 30 July. London-based alumni, as well as those from further afield, are invited to share an evening together over canapés and drinks.

Alumni Weekend Event

Gene, Genomes and Disease: it's not all in the genes
26 September 17:30. Lecture by Hughes Hall Fellow, Professor Nabeel Affara, Head of the Division of Cellular Molecular Pathology. Followed by a drinks reception and dinner at 7:30 pm.



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