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Dear Alumni and Friends of Hughes Hall

As I write this, we are nearing the end of my first Term as President at Hughes Hall. It has been a fantastic introduction to the diverse responsibilities and activities of a Cambridge ‘Head of House’. From the five dinners in my first week, most requiring a speech, to the seven invitations from across the University in the following two weeks, hosting a Congregation and chairing one or two committee meetings a week, I have rapidly gained new perspectives, well beyond those garnered from my previous 14 years of involvement with the University as student and Fellow.

I am very grateful for the wonderful welcome I have been afforded by alumni, current students and the senior membership of the College. The Governing Body has recently been discussing how to build on our recent successes and achieve our strategic purpose which we have defined as, ‘To improve society worldwide through excellent teaching and research, bridging the academic and external worlds, and to foster an interdisciplinary environment that is global in outlook, egalitarian in ethos and cosmopolitan in character’. The great international network of Hughes alumni will be vital to the development and delivery of our strategy.

The following pages reflect the great depth and range of the Hughes community and bring news of a number of exciting developments in the College. I was particularly delighted to learn of the new International Relations scholarship award from Gabrielle Sacconaghi Bacon, a Hughes alumna who has been generous enough to offer other students the chance to follow her own journey from Canada to Hughes Hall; to see the new Governance Labs initiative led by Fellow John Barker, aiming to bring about better governance of institutions in the developing world; and to read of our prize-winning students and a world champion Hughesian, Tom Ransley.

I would like especially to point you towards the Gresham Road development featured on page 7. This is our next major challenge. During my six year association with Hughes, we have grown significantly and your College is now of above average size for a Cambridge College. We are pursuing many initiatives to ensure that we can attract the very best students to Hughes and prospective students tell us that having a room in College in their first year is a critical factor. We look forward to bringing you full details when planning is complete. Your support is essential to our success and we shall soon be asking for donations to help ensure this is the very best building it can be.

I thank you for your continued engagement with the College. I do hope you will have the opportunity to visit us and to drop in – it is always a delight to meet our alumni.

Dr Anthony Freeling
President
New President Dr Anthony Freeling
‘Our vision will rest on academic success and reputation’

New President Dr Anthony Freeling, has taken up the reins as the fifteenth Head of House at Hughes, succeeding Sarah Squire on 1st October. ‘I am honoured that the Fellows elected me to be their President, and excited by the opportunities which lie before us. I look forward to advancing Hughes Hall through the next phase of its development,’ said Dr Freeling, who has been elected to an eight year term of office.

Dr Freeling knows Hughes well, having been elected to a City Fellowship in 2008 and has worked closely with Fellows on a range of College initiatives and projects in this period, during which Hughes has grown significantly. Outlining plans for his Presidency, Dr Freeling said, ‘Our vision will rest will rest on academic success and reputation: as an academic community we must put this first and foremost in our deliberations. We have distinctive strengths on which to build, particularly in research and teaching oriented towards the professional world. Our focus will be on five key areas where we flourish, areas that bridge academia and the professional world of work: education; medicine and the biomedical sciences; business, economics, and land economy; engineering; and law. In each of these disciplines we will attract and support students, develop interdisciplinary Study Centres that link them to the real world, and recruit Fellows with distinction. However, we will also value and retain diversity, with at least a quarter of our membership coming from other disciplines’.

Of the new student accommodation development on Gresham Road, a project on which Dr Freeling has worked from inception, he commented, ‘Gresham Road is a major strategic development for Hughes Hall, enabling us to build a closer and stronger community on the main College site. The former University gym site is a superb location. We can achieve this development because the College has built up its reserves through prudent financial management and the great generosity of alumni and other benefactors from around the world. Of course we lack the ancient endowment of many Cambridge Colleges and have required a loan for Gresham Road, so the challenge ahead is to meet our financial commitments, re-build our reserves and at the same time create the best possible experience of College life for our current and future students.’

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A matter of taste

We can only agree with Dr Coxon’s assessment - Hughes does exceptional food. It is one of the things everyone agrees on, and when we got a tweet commenting on the high standard of our meals, it made us think – what is it that makes food at Hughes Hall so good?

Head Chef John Mansfield has been at Hughes for 18 years, and in that time has produced everything from Chinese New Year Feasts and four course dinners to high teas. What does he think are the keys to producing high quality fare? ‘You need a strong team, which we have at Hughes, then endurance, a thick skin, crisis management skills and painkillers. But the real proof is in what our students and guests say.’

Hughes Hall strengthens Cambridge Africa Engagement

An exciting new initiative at Hughes is providing a radically different approach to good governance in developing countries. Cambridge Governance Labs is the brainchild of Law Fellow Dr John Barker, who has spent twenty years contributing to good governance programmes in Africa.

‘All too often, international development programmes hit a pervasive barrier that renders them ineffective’, explains Dr Barker. ‘Vast resources are expended on rules and institutions, only to be held to ransom by poor decision-making. This initiative tackles decision-making head on.’

Cambridge Governance Labs harnesses cross-disciplinary expertise from Cambridge and beyond to transform decision-making in the field. Working with local partners in developing countries, developing and disseminating practical decision-making tools tailored to strategically-important target groups in government and civil society.

Visit www.governancelabs.org for more information.

Marc Weller wins major award for ‘truly stellar’ academic contribution to law

Hughes Fellow Professor Marc Weller, Director of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, has won the prestigious Halsbury Legal Award for his distinguished academic contribution to law, considered the ‘Oscar’ of the legal world. The panel of senior independent judges noted that the winner’s contribution to his field was ‘unrivalled—truly stellar’.

Marc Weller is Professor of International Law and International Constitutional Studies in the Department of Politics and International Studies of the University. He is the author, editor or co-editor of some 25 books on international law, most recently the Oxford University Press Handbook on the Use of Force in International Law. He is an Associate at Doughty Street Chambers in London, a fully qualified Mediator and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. In his practice, he has acted as senior legal advisor in a long list of international peace negotiations, including Kosovo, Darfur, South Sudan, Yemen and Syria. He served as Senior United Nations Mediation Expert and as Director of the European Centre for Minority Issues. He is currently advising on the drafting of a new constitution for Yemen.

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Life Fellow Keith McVeigh adds to Hughes art collection

In August we were delighted to receive two magnificent screenprints by the renowned English abstract expressionist painter Albert Irvin OBE, generously donated by Hughes Hall Life Fellow Keith McVeigh. They now adorn the atrium wall and have attracted much praise since their installation in August.

Keith kindly wrote the following note on Irvin for the magazine:

‘Albert Henry Thomas Irvin OBE was born in 1922 in London. His influences include Henri Matisse, Walter Sickert, Jack Smith, Edward Middleditch and, especially, JMW Turner (whose birthday he celebrates annually). He was evacuated from London during the Second World War and studied at Northampton School of Art in the early 1940s before conscription into the Royal Air Force as a navigator. He resumed his studies after the War at Goldsmiths College from 1946 to 1950 and later returned there to teach from 1962 to 1983. His work has been exhibited at the Chase Manhattan Bank, the Tate, the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Arts Council and Clifford Chance, in addition to many other galleries both here and abroad. His achievements include a major Arts Council Award in 1975 and a Gulbenkian Award for Printmaking in 1983. He was elected as a Royal Academician in 1998.

The exhibition of American paintings held at the Tate in 1956 had a major impact on Irvin and his generation of British artists. Not only were the pictures large, their artistic scale was large. Irvin’s personal reaction on seeing the work was to compare the experience to an explosion and, from working in a figurative style in dark tones, he started moving towards the abstract, employing strong, bright colours. Discussions with Peter Lanyon in St Ives in the late 1950s led him to see beyond the purely decorative aspect of abstraction and appreciate its potential to relate a human dimension, something analogous to music in its immediate comprehension.

His pictures have increased in size over the years, as have the elements within them: stripes, crosses, circles and, latterly, shapes deriving from architecture. There is theatre and drama here. The spectator’s attention is caught and, at that moment, the imagination is set free.’

The College has recently benefited from the kind gift of two new watercolours from Quondam Fellow Professor Nicholas O’Shaughnessy, which now adorn the walls of the President’s office. The pictures of the Wileman Building and Chancellor’s Court College are by the well-respected artist Clifford Bayley, and will join our growing array of art, including a string of generous donations by Keith McVeigh and by Ken and Anne Turner.

Nicholas commented, ‘It was really an opportunistic theft – when I saw Contemporary Watercolours of Gravesend, Kent were auctioning a stock of Oxbridge originals, I thought that perhaps no one would notice that there were two of Hughes Hall and that I could nip in there and get them. My motives were not altruistic – I wanted them for myself! But this began to feel wrong, almost as if they were properly College property and not my own. Since Hughes Hall was new as a College I thought that perhaps there was little in the way of portraiture extant, and by degrees I came to the conclusion that I had to ‘return’ them to the College, their real home. It was also a small thank you for the delightful relationship I have had with Hughes Hall since I became a Fellow in 1995, and latterly Quondam Fellow.’

Quondam Fellow’s kind opportunism
Plans have now been submitted by the College for the £12m development of new student accommodation on the former University Gym site on Gresham Road. The College has had the extraordinary good fortune to buy one of the most sought-after sites in Cambridge for its new building – the site which in location and sheer 'presence' will most enhance not only Hughes Hall but also the City of Cambridge itself. It is hoped that 80 new student rooms will be created.

For Hughes Hall the site offers a unique opportunity to create a major new building on a historic sporting green space, which will offer a clear view of Hughes Hall itself, thus forming an important new College interface with the city; for the first time, an open view of the main building from Gresham Road will be created, so that Hughes will no longer be secreted away behind neighbouring buildings.

Fenner's Cricket Ground is celebrated as one of the great historic sporting spaces of Britain. One of the oldest cricket fields in the world, the headquarters of Cambridge University Cricket Club since 1846, it has been the scene of historic matches and is still well used for cricket through the summer months. Outside match days it is a calm oasis near to the busy centre of Cambridge.

The planned new development will greatly enrich the academic community at Hughes, and the plans also feature a fine public space – a hall of some 100m² – which will be the focus of the new complex, to be used for a multiplicity of purposes. A new landscaped garden space of some 250m² is envisaged, which will fuse the building to the green expanse of the cricket field. The garden will be arranged around a central lawn, set back from the road. Hedges and ornamental planting will give privacy to ground floor rooms, while opening on to the view over the cricket field to the original Victorian buildings of Hughes Hall. A planning decision is expected as Hughes goes to press – see the website for updates.
President’s Fund

Many Hughesians will know that when Sarah Squire announced her intention to retire as President of Hughes Hall the College decided to mark her achievements in office by creating a fund in her honour, to which Fellows, Senior Members and Alumni were invited to contribute. We are delighted to report that the response to the President’s Fund has been overwhelming, with more than £52,000 contributed.

The level of support received means that we now have sufficient funds to support an annual Sarah Squire Bursary, something very close to Sarah’s heart: she was tireless in promoting scholarships and bursaries at the College during her term as President.

We now look forward to awarding the first of these Bursaries in the very near future and extend our thanks to all those who made this possible. Your donations have made a real difference to future generations of scholars at Hughes.

We’re happy to acknowledge the following contributors to the President’s Fund:

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"We all aspire to do great things. What makes the impossible more possible is the support we receive along the way. The Hughes Hall scholarship has essentially made possible for me what would have otherwise been beyond reach. Wherever I may go from here, I will always be proud to be part of the Hughes Hall community."

Hughes Hall Scholarship recipient
Miss Margaret Wileman, who died in July at the age of 106, was the Principal then first President of Hughes Hall from 1953-73 and had been an Honorary Fellow for the last thirty years. Living close by, off Hills Road, she maintained her interest in the College until her final days and had attended the Summer Garden party in July.

Miss Wileman, academically distinguished and with a wide range of talents, as artist, musician and poet, was chosen from a list of thirty applicants to lead Hughes Hall. Leaving Oxford with a First in Modern Languages in 1930, she trained as a teacher in the Oxford Department of Education. During the war she lectured at St. Katharine’s College Warrington, now part of Liverpool Hope University, and then for 10 years was a resident Warden at Bedford College in London. During vacations, both during and after the war, she worked in refugee camps and girls’ borstals.

When she arrived at Hughes Hall in October 1953 at the age of 45, she became the seventh Principal since the foundation of the College in 1885. It was an all-female College, and, with a maximum of 70 students, by far the smallest in the University. The College fabric was essentially Victorian, with an ambience of genteel poverty.

Pat Story, who came to Hughes Hall as a student in 1953 and is now a Life Fellow of the College, arrived to find that her room had no carpet, just a white-painted chest of drawers and a small food locker which contained 1 pot of orange marmalade, 1 pot of blackcurrant jam, 1 lb of sugar and 2 oz of butter. At the relatively impoverished College, Miss Wileman found herself discharging three jobs: Principal, University Lecturer in Education and Director of Women Students. She had no secretary until 1960 when she appointed a graduate of the Guildhall School of Music who, she noted, ‘could type at incredible speed, as though playing a particularly sparkling Scarlatti sonata.’

The 1960s were a critical period in her leadership of Hughes Hall. The Bridges Report led to the creation of several new Graduate Colleges – Darwin, Wolfson, Clare Hall and Lucy Cavendish – and the admission of an increased number of women students to a wider range of Colleges. Miss Wileman seized the opportunities offered by this era of change by enlarging the scope of the College and increasing numbers: first, women graduates were admitted to subjects allied to education, then mature undergraduates studying for the B.Ed and a small number of affiliated students (graduates of other universities who wished to study for the Cambridge BA). In her final year, 1973, men were admitted to the College. Today, thanks to these foundations laid, Hughes Hall is a full college of the University with 600 students, both men and women, studying for the whole range of Cambridge degrees.

In her long retirement Miss Wileman, a devout Roman Catholic, retained her strong links with the College and along with Sister Gregory Kirkus ran education programmes for Catholic Sisters teaching from Canada to Korea, Ascot to Africa. An accomplished musician, she regularly attended events of the College Music Society which now bears her name. In 2000, the French government appointed her Officier de l’Ordre des Palmes Académiques in recognition of her services to French literature.

Her memory will endure through the naming of the original 1895 building in her honour.

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To Margaret Wileman (1908-2014)
NEWS FROM SENIORS

Nigel Yandell

‘I am delighted to be joining the Fellowship of Hughes Hall in October as Director of Music – and am greatly looking forward to continuing the tradition of encouraging a wide range of musical activities throughout the academic year for all members of the College.

My own musical interests are fairly diverse; having studied music at York University, I went on to complete a doctorate in eighteenth-century Russian music at Wadham College, Oxford. Since then I have broadened my range of musical interests significantly – as performer, writer, examiner and teacher.

I am a keen pianist and chamber musician and, since moving to Cambridge 14 years ago, have been involved quite extensively with music in the University. I was formerly Senior Treasurer of the University Opera Society and am currently a Trustee of CUMS, the University’s Musical Society, which offers a wonderful array of opportunities at all levels. I particularly enjoy interaction with students and, having previously been both Bursar and Senior Researcher in Music at Corpus Christi College, remain involved with a number of student organisations, including membership of the Trustee board of the Cambridge Union. Although I travel quite extensively throughout the year - having recently returned from trips in Asia and Europe - I plan to be around College as much as possible, since Cambridge remains the focal point of the majority of my musical activities, as well as my family life.’

New Hughes Enterprise Society launched

The Hughes Hall Enterprise Society was launched in November at a special event in the Pavilion Room where Rupert Pearce Gould, the Chairman of the Club, outlined aims and objectives to a gathering of Hughes students and alumni.

Honorary Fellow Nigel Brown and new Senior Member Rupert Pearce Gould have generously agreed to fund the new Enterprise Society at Hughes with a business plan-based prize for Hughes entrepreneurs. £5,000 in prizes will be available over the first two years.

Rupert, an Entrepreneur in Residence at the Judge Business School, will chair the Society, and Honorary Fellow Nigel Brown, one of Cambridge’s leading entrepreneurs, will be an advisor. The first Society President will be Jonathan Loesing, also current President of the MCR.

As well as running the prize, the Enterprise Society will develop mentoring links between Hughes alumni and current students and create a new speaking programme with guest entrepreneurs. These programmes will be led by the MCR.

Hughes alumni are actively encouraged to take part. For further information contact Rupert at r.pearce-gould@jbs.cam.ac.uk or Jonathan at jmcl3@cam.ac.uk.'
Oracy

In this article, Professor of Education Neil Mercer argues that ‘talk’ needs tuition; state schools must teach spoken language skills for the sake of social equality.

The value of effective teamwork has become widely recognised in recent years. At their best, teams are excellent creative problem-solving units, demonstrating that two heads are better than one. Psychological research now encourages the view that human intelligence is distinctively collective, and that language has evolved to enable collective thinking: not only do we use language to interact, but we also use it to interthink.

This interthinking is the basis for the major achievements of humankind, though like most human capacities, the ability to use language well has to be learned. It is not surprising that employers want to recruit young people who have not only relevant technical knowledge and skills, but who are effective public communicators and collaborative problem solvers. However, employers also complain that job candidates often lack such skills.

Skills in oracy (the use of spoken language) will be more important for most people when they leave school than, for example, skills in algebra. Yet I found it very hard to persuade the former Secretary of State for Education that ‘speaking and listening’ should remain in the National Primary Curriculum for English, and the oral language assessment component has been removed from GCSE English. There still seems to be an influential view that ‘talk’ does not need tuition, and that if children are talking they are not learning.

Some people may learn how to use talk effectively at home, through the examples of their parents and through discussions with various people. But, for many children, being encouraged to present their ideas and to take part in a ‘reasoned discussion’ may be very rare events. The British public schools, which educated many members of the present Westminster government, of course place great emphasis on developing the confident and effective use of spoken language. For the sake of social equality, state schools must also teach children the spoken language skills that they need for educational progress, and for life in general.

Through our own research and that of others, we know there are some very effective ways of teaching oracy skills, which are already used by some teachers. For example, one established way to make group-work more productive is to ask students to agree on a suitable set of ‘ground rules’ for how they will conduct their discussions.

Unproductive talk is often the outcome of students using the wrong ground rules - for example implicitly following the rule ‘keep your best ideas to yourself’ rather than ‘any potentially useful information should be shared and evaluated.’ When groups follow appropriate ground rules they are more likely to find good, creative solutions to problems. They learn how to use talk to get things done. And our research shows that when students learn how to use talk to reason together, they become better at reasoning on their own – and so improve their attainment in maths, science and other subjects.

If teachers are to help their students develop their talk skills, then they need to be able to monitor that development and provide formative feedback that will help progress. This is why a grant from the Education Endowment Foundation is currently enabling Cambridge colleagues Paul Warwick, Ayesha Ahmed and me to create a ‘teacher-friendly’ toolkit for assessing the development of children’s spoken language skills.

Neil Mercer’s research into oracy in education was featured on BBC Radio 4’s Word of Mouth programme on 2nd September 2014.

See more at: www.cam.ac.uk/research/discussion/why-teach-oracy#sthash.pyoev2a0.dpuf

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Neil Mercer

Honorary Fellow flies the flag for New Brunswick

Honorary Fellow Professor Ged Martin was in Canada in September to deliver the W Stewart Macnutt Lecture at University of New Brunswick Saint John.

He argued that New Brunswick played a vital and positive role at key moments in the creation of Canadian Confederation in the mid-1860s. ‘Too many textbooks sneeringly portray Canadian history as something that happens to New Brunswick,’ said Ged, ‘It was New Brunswick politicians who ensured that the September 1864 Charlottetown Conference endorsed the wider union of British North America, not the smaller scheme of Maritime Union pushed by the Nova Scotians.’

An Emeritus Professor of Canadian Studies at the University of Edinburgh, Ged is celebrated by Hughesians as the author of the fine College history published to celebrate our 125th anniversary history in 2010.
Dr Zimmern’s generous gift secures permanent place for Medical Dinner

Hughes Life Fellow Ron Zimmern has made a generous donation to endow the annual Zimmern Medical Dinner at the College, securing the event for Hughes in perpetuity. The dinner is the main event in the Hughes medical calendar and a key event in the wider University calendar, celebrating the medical community and its links with other academic disciplines across Cambridge.

Medicine has grown significantly at Hughes since Dr John Hare became the first full Medical Fellow at the College in 1978. The medical Fellowship and Senior Membership has since included clinicians and biomedical scientists who provide academic and pastoral support for the Cambridge Graduate Course in Medicine (CGCM), the first students for which arrived in 2001.

Dr Zimmern created the original Public Health Genetics Unit in 1997 and its successor, the PHG Foundation, in 2007. He stood down as Chief Executive in September 2009 to become Chairman of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees, where his role is in governance and strategic development. A pioneer of public health genomics in the UK, he was Founding Chairman of GRAPH-Int, the public health genomics international network, until 2010 and continues to be active in an international leadership role, working closely with colleagues and institutions around the world, including in the USA, Canada, Europe and Hong Kong. Ron trained at Cambridge and London, specialising in neurology before entering public health medicine in 1983. During the 1980s he took a law degree and developed an enduring interest in the law and ethics of medicine.

Dr Zimmern commented, ‘My interest is in the impact of academia on society, its capacity to transform and improve the lives of individuals, and a College such as Hughes with its strengths in medicine and other professional vocational subjects forms an ideal nexus between the academic and real worlds. The dinner brings both the academic and the working medical world together and a range of other disciplines are represented too. It celebrates the projection of the academic world into real lives and I’m delighted to be able to secure its permanent place in the Hughes calendar’.

Hughes Fellow Paul Siklos said, ‘The annual Zimmern lecture and dinner is a memorable evening for all those in College with ‘medical connections’ – from biomedical scientists to clinicians and our CGCM students. It gives us the opportunity to hear the ground-breaking work of local clinicians of international repute, in the company of eminent guests. The endowment for such a dinner is great news for the College and a tribute to Ron and Pennie’s philanthropic efforts.

Research Fellow, Dr Robyn Veal organised a multidisciplinary workshop on ‘The Economic Utility of Olive’ on 27/28 Sept, at the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research. Different types of information preserved in the Roman archaeological record relating to ancient olive were discussed: pollen, pits, and wood charcoal. The workshop synthesised this information together with evidence such as olive presses, and amphorae (ceramics for transporting olive oil and other goods), as well as the historical sources. A broad quantitative economic production/consumption model was defined. The Romans grew a very large variety of olive types. Besides food, other uses included fuel oil (in lamps), as a form of soap, and as a base for making perfumes and medicines. In the Pompeian hinterland, both olives and grapevines were cultivated in the pre-Roman period but later, in the Imperial period just before the Vesuvian eruption (AD79), ceramics show a large increase in imported olive oil. After a price collapse for wine occurred in Rome in the 3rd century AD, local olive cultivation again became more popular. Over the weekend, Hughes welcomed as guests, the workshop’s plenary speaker Professor Annalisa Marzano, Chair of Ancient History at Reading, and an Italian speaker; post-doctoral researcher Ferdinando de Simone, from the University of Naples.
Top award for Hughesians

Sarah Rough promoted to Senior Lecturer (Unestablished), from 1st October 2014.

Hughes Vice-President Professor Mary Buckley has been awarded a Leverhulme Emeritus Fellowship, which runs from September 2014 to December 2015, for research on 'The Politics of Human Trafficking in and out of Russia and Forced Labour'. This grant covers expenses for a trip to Russia and for conducting a nationwide public opinion poll of 1600 inhabitants across 45 regions of the Russian Federation and for running focus groups in Moscow and Yaroslavl. Mary worked with the Levada Analytic Centre, Russia's independent pollsters, in September on the focus groups and poll designed by her, and interviewed experts in nongovernmental organisations, officials, academics in research institutes, lawyers and different specialists concerned with the problems faced by women and girls trafficked out of Russia into the sex industry and of migrant labour from Central Asia in various legal, semi-legal, illegal and 'underground' work situations of slavery in Russia. Leverhulme also funds her attendance at conferences in the UK and USA in 2015 to disseminate results.

Dr Jean Lambert has published a chapter entitled 'Jonson’s English Grammars' in the Oxford Handbook of Ben Jonson (Oxford University Press, 2014).

Trusteeship of Graduate Union for Demetrius

Demetrius A. Floudas, Senior Member of the College, has been appointed a Trustee of the University’s Graduate Union. The Graduate Union (GU) is the representative body for graduate students at the University of Cambridge, and the only students' union in Britain catering exclusively to graduates. The GU is responsible for supporting its Members and advocating issues via University committees, as well as direct action.

Following the restructuring of the Graduate Union and the approval of a new Constitution, the first Board of Trustees was installed in July 2014. Demetrius was elected as Member of this inaugural Board of Trustees, which oversees the management and administration of the Union and develops its strategic goals. In view of the fact that Cambridge mature undergraduates and students registered for a graduate degree automatically belong to the GU, all Hughes Hall students are members of the Graduate Union and the Union’s workings would be of direct concern to them.

Other news...

An MRC Human Nutrition Research team including Fellow Dr Jonathan Powell and Senior Member Dr Dora Pereira have won top prize at the Royal Society of Chemistry Emerging Technologies Competition for their work on a new oral iron supplement that uses nanotechnology to mimic the natural structure of dietary iron.

The nano-iron supplement is called IHAT and aims to treat iron deficiency anaemia – the world’s most common nutritional deficiency. It replenishes blood iron stores almost as well as currently available iron supplements, according to a new human trial in the journal Nanomedicine, and is designed not to have the unpleasant gastrointestinal side-effects of current supplements.

In the UK alone, iron deficiency anaemia affects 2 million premenopausal women and 1 million children. Iron deficiency can be treated with conventional cheap iron supplements that use a form of iron called ferrous iron, but this can cause inflammation in the gut and change the balance of the gut bacteria. Around one third of patients suffer from side-effects such as abdominal pain, heartburn, constipation or diarrhoea, which can cause people to stop taking the supplements.

Dr Jonathan Powell, co-inventor of IHAT and head of the Biominal Research Group at HNR said: ‘IHAT is based upon understanding how dietary iron digestion works and all the evidence is that it is safe, side effect-free, well absorbed and cheap to manufacture. These are exciting times’.

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LAW AT HUGHES

Dr Markus Gehring on a story of expansion and advancement

This was another exciting year for Law @ Hughes. Ever since my arrival as Law Fellow and Director of Studies I have been teaching, and learning with, a very select group of highly inspiring individuals. The number of Hughes lawyers grew to a record number of 57 Undergraduate, LLM and PhD students last academic year. Among our PhDs, Fotis Vergis was awarded a teaching position in the Law Faculty and won praise for his supervisions, and Jure Zrilic and Nikiforos Meletiadis were both selected for the very competitive Harvard Law School exchange scheme.

We also had prize-winning LLM students like Tim Parker, who was awarded the Whewell scholarship, and many First class graduates who were also honoured by the College for highest academic achievements. Our mature three year law students, Jian Aw and Timothy Liang, won prizes in mooting and negotiation competitions.

A highlight of Michaelmas 2013 was a Law event with eminent Barrister Ron DeKoven who talked about legal practice and law on both sides of the Atlantic. The topic resonated tremendously with our students, many of whom are from overseas, and all Hughes lawyers are excited at the prospect of deepening our relationship with Ron over the coming years as we work on the UK Foundation for International Uniform Law Scholarships at Hughes. We’re enormously grateful to the Foundation Trustees for their generous support.

Personally I also had an eventful academic year. I authored a large study for the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) on innovative laws and regulations which guide transition to a greener economy. The study analysed in detail over 250 innovative laws from around the world that States have adopted in order to move from current resource-depleting, polluting and wasteful forms of economic growth to a new low-carbon, sustainable green economy.

International economic law is evolving rapidly, and holds the potential to foster rather than frustrate this shift. I presented the study at the International Law Association and American Society of International Law joint conference in Washington in April 2014. I was then also invited to give the prestigious Friday lunchtime lecture in the Lauterpacht Centre in May 2014 on the same topic. After the end of a busy examination season in which I examined in POLIS, Land Economy and Law, in my capacity as Centre for European Legal Studies Deputy Director, I co-organised the ‘Governance and Globalization: International and European Answers’ conference in July with Prof Robert Schuetze of Durham University.

The conference was supported by the European Research Council, and the Durham Global Policy Institute (GPI). We had two days of thought provoking contributions from diverse perspectives, with international speakers such as David Kennedy, Anne Peters, Nico Krisch, Petros Mavroides, David Held, Panos Koutrakos, Catherine Barnard, Alicia Hinarejos, Kenneth Armstrong and our own Professor Marc Weller. Commissioning editors have now recommended our publication at Cambridge University Press to convert the contributions into a book. Over the summer I worked on a large EU law research project and co-
edited a book on Transparency in Investment Arbitration, also with CUP, which will be available in early 2015.

All the links… www.law.cam.ac.uk/press/news/2014/05/faculty-members-in-the-media/2640

1. ASIL Video, available online www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWqmOGRTkMQ

UK Foundation for International Uniform Law Scholarships

The past few years have seen Law at Hughes go from strength to strength, with the creation of a Law Fellowship and a renewed focus on the subject, our revitalised annual Law dinner, regular networking events in London, and a programme of talks for Hughesian Law students.

The latest boost to Law comes from the UK Foundation for International Uniform Law, who have sponsored a new Scholarship scheme, funding two students each year with a scholarship of £10,000 per student. The scheme aims to encourage the study of International Uniform Law and International Law at Hughes, and is open to students either taking an MPhil, or for the first year of a PhD.

Chairman of the UK Foundation for International Uniform Law is Ron DeKoven, who last year presented a Hughes Law Society lecture ‘Trans-Atlantic View; Comparative Law in the Age of Statutes’. A leading Wall Street commercial lawyer who has ‘crossed the Atlantic’ and is now a member of the English Bar, with his own chambers in Lincoln’s Inn, Ron is a leading authority in the areas of arbitration, leasing and insolvency.

‘The Board of Directors of the Foundation was pleased to provide two £10,000 scholarships to be awarded by Hughes Hall. The Foundation Scholars will thrive there. The Board looks forward to the scholars’ arrival next year’ said Ron.

Our new Law Society President

Marjun Parcasio is the new Hughes Hall Law Society President 2014/15. The thriving Society is the representative body for all students reading Law at the College, whether at the undergraduate or postgraduate level. The Society also welcomes non-lawyers interested in the wider implications of the law on society.

Given the significant expansion of the college’s legal cohort in recent years, Marjun and his Committee have planned an ambitious programme of events for the year. In Michaelmas, the Society hosts recruitment events with international law firms for those interested in legal practice.

Various intercollegiate socials also provide students with the opportunity to diversify their network and the inaugural college moot, being planned for Lent, will undoubtedly showcase the best of Hughes Hall’s budding advocates. Hughes alumni are welcome to contribute to the programme of events and those interested in doing so should contact the Development Office.
As the most global of Cambridge’s Colleges, it is no surprise that Hughes has a significant tradition in International Relations and a strong contingent of IR students each year. Now, thanks to the great generosity of our alumna Gabriella Sacconaghi Bacon, (1988, MPhil International Relations), we shall be able to offer two full scholarships for the world-renowned International Relations and Politics MPhil at POLIS, the Department of International Relations. Gabrielle, who joined Hughes from McGill University in Quebec and is also an alumna of the Canada Parliament Page Programme, was motivated by a desire to offer a new generation of students the opportunity to follow her own path to Cambridge. One full scholarship in each of the next two years will be open to IR graduates, with degrees in IR or related subjects, from McGill, or Page Programme IR graduates.

New Hughes President Dr Anthony Freeling said, ‘This is an extremely generous contribution to the College by Gabrielle and it is all the more pleasing to see such support from a Hughes graduate, which gives us a sense of what a strong community we are building. Gabrielle’s support is an inspiration to us and presents a unique opportunity for Canadian IR students’.

Commenting on the new Scholarship, Gabrielle said, ‘Born in French Canada to an Italian father and a native Hungarian mother, ‘Internationalism’ was part of my core and my innate curiosity. However, undertaking my Master of Philosophy in International Relations while at Hughes Hall opened the world to me in so many ways I could never have anticipated. Ultimately, my experience at Cambridge changed the course of my life’s direction.

As Canadians, we are blessed by an inherent legacy of peacemakers and tolerance. Through this scholarship, I hope to encourage and assist Canadian students to build their own path, fuelled by an education that celebrates the history and diversity of the multicultural planet on which we live’.

The study and teaching of International Relations (IR) at Cambridge began with the initiative of Sir Harry Hinsley, the Master of St. John’s College, to work on setting up the Centre of International Studies from the late 1960s. This then led to the creation of an M.Phil. degree in the subject in 1979 which soon flourished and it continues to go from strength to strength through co-operation with staff from the old Politics section of what was then the Social and Political Sciences Tripos.

In January 2009, the Centre of International Studies merged with the Department of Politics to form the Department of Politics and International Studies (POLIS), to begin a new phase of expansion in the subject at Cambridge. POLIS is led by Professor Christopher Hill, the first Patrick Sheehy Professor of International Relations.

The Department prides itself on not being closeted in an ivory tower and is highly accessible both to the policy community and to ordinary citizens in the Cambridge area, through such ventures as the University’s annual Festival of Ideas.

We look forward to bringing news of the Gabrielle Sacconaghi Bacon Scholars in future issues.

Gabrielle Sacconaghi Bacon establishes new IR Scholarship at Hughes

The Ho Tim Foundation has a long history of community involvement. Our aim is to support meaningful and charitable activities in society and to provide scholarships for selected candidates to pursue undergraduate and postgraduate studies both in Hong Kong and overseas. We are honoured to have our first scholar Cynthia Ng at Hughes Hall and we wish her every success in her studies in Cambridge.”
The Ogden Dinner 2014

A great teaching tradition celebrated

The Michaelmas Term got off to its usual flying start with the Ogden Dinner, an event which serves as a welcome to our newest intake of PGCEs and a welcome back for alumni. For 2014, the focus was on our earliest generations of teachers from the 50s, 60s and 70s. The evening was filled with a mixture of anticipation and nostalgia as twenty three of our alumni returned, many for the first time since completing their studies.

After enjoying a tour of the College, which revealed how much the College had changed and grown since the Margaret Wileman years, our alums were greeted by new intake students as well as a variety of leaders in the education field, including Hughes Hall Vice President Neil Mercer, who hosted the evening with Tim Simmons, Chief Executive of the Ogden Trust. We were delighted that Lady Ogden joined us for this special occasion.

Guest speaker for the evening was Anu Ojha OBE, Director of Education at the National Space Centre. Mr Ojha, who has had a diverse career in education, gave crucial advice to the new intake as well as discussing his passion for space exploration. Current student Thomas Dineen said of the address, ‘Anu’s speech was not only entertaining and inspirational, but his anecdotes, advice and honesty reinvigorated and reassured those of us embarking on our PGCE year.’

Following dinner, alumni were keen to reminisce over their time at Hughes. Mu Gurbutt (1969) amused students with her vivid recollections of afternoon tea, tennis games, and cricket matches. Audrey Wilcock (1954) emphasized the differences between Hughes then and now, noting how privileged she felt to have come to Hughes. She called Hughes an inspirational place and recalled President Margaret Wileman’s generous spirit and gift for leadership.

Our current PGCE’s enjoyed the opportunity to hear about the interesting lives of our alumni. He remarked, ‘Seeing how far-reaching the educational success of Hughes’ former students has been, certainly confirmed my excitement for the year to come and even served to inspire me for my future in education.’ It was a delightful evening, when the spirit of the Hughes Hall teaching tradition was memorably evoked and celebrated. Our thanks to the Ogden Trust for this special event.

Halcyon Amnis Grantae
by James Wilson (PGCE 1994)

My Kingfisher, most beautiful Prince of birds
no friend of local fishermen on this river bend,

Today you gave us an everlasting reward
for our long wait and careful watch
– the briefest glimpse of your bright plumage
shimmering along the shaded, shelving banks
in the twilight just like a rainbow of delight.

Such a wondrous display I now recall
reflecting in my joyful mind and eye
back home and resting in my chair.
I hope to catch sight of your darting flight
once more in next Spring’s lengthening light.

A poem inspired by seeing a kingfisher on the river at Grantchester some twenty years ago.

James has worked at the British Museum for the past four years in the Greek and Roman Gallery, researching objects and inscriptions. This follows a long career in education working at the Chigwell School, King’s College London, and St. Peter’s School, York. He also took a role teaching on the Fox film set of Master and Commander.
Tim Parker-LLM Law Prize winner

Tim was raised in Australia, attending school in Canberra before going on to read Chinese Studies, Philosophy and Anthropology at the University of Melbourne. He then moved to Hong Kong to study Law at HKU. Having earned his LLB and completed the bar course, Tim interned with the UN at the Khmer Rouge Tribunal in Cambodia, assisting with the preparation of the defence case, researching points of international criminal law and performing community outreach work. Tim then took up pupillage at the Hong Kong Bar, joining the Chambers of Denis Chang QC SC. In practice for four years before coming to Cambridge to join the LLM programme, Tim focused on cases concerning constitutional law, international law, human rights and judicial review, as well as a range of civil and commercial disputes.

Tim shared some of his reflections on his time at Hughes:

‘After the break-neck speed of practicing law in Hong Kong, returning to academic studies on the LLM course was a most welcome change of pace. It presented a fresh chance to read and think along lines dictated by intellectual fancy rather than – as often happens in practice – operate within the confines of whatever case happens to be at hand. Sometimes lawyers, as Queen once said, ‘just want to break free.’

Meanwhile, Hughes provided a limitless supply of conversation and camaraderie. One need go no further than the college bar on any given day to hear perspectives on any topic from philosophers, economists, medics, lawyers, computational biologists (not a species with which, I must confess, I had been previously familiar), teachers and historians, to name but a few. Much rarer were conversations in which more than one of the participants hailed from the same country.

For a graduate law student, Hughes boasted a large contingent of LLM students. This meant a healthy traffic in useful information and, crucially, notes from class and readings. For the law crowd the Charnley Law Dinner was a real highlight. A great number of Hughes alumni and current students attended to hear memorable speeches given by the Right Honourable Lord Justice Lloyd Jones PC, Chairman of the Law Commission, and Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers. (The particularly good menu, accompanied by a lusty red, probably also merits special mention). After dinner, alumni chatted with us about the various interesting things they had gone on to do – in and out of the field of law. I look forward to coming back, when possible, for such high-calibre events at Hughes Hall.”

High Maintenance

We’ve all been there. We go to switch on a light only for it to pop, leaving us scrabbling in the dark with a lecture to get to. Luckily, for those housed in College accommodation, there’s a College team on hand to solve such problems: Paul Parrish and the maintenance team. With a skilled carpenter, electrician and plumber on the team, very little is too much to handle – even reshaping the new look reception from two small offices and building a new stage for the Pavilion Room events.

I have seen a lot over the years and have many stories, though I’m too discreet to share them in a College magazine,’ laughs Paul, who has now been at the College for 10 years, before adding, ‘We’ve had people use plastic kettles on the hob a few times – no names….’ The team is well-established, with Paul, Keith, who has been here for 15 years, Frank, on 8 years, and relative newcomer Brian on his third year at Hughes. Between them they can re-wire, repair and even re-make just about anything in College. Hats off to them.
New Zealand Solicitor-General makes Hughes return

We were delighted to welcome New Zealand Solicitor-General and Hughes alumnus Michael Heron QC back to the College in early November. Mike shared reminiscences of his time at Hughes with the President and Fellows, from his MPhil in Law to his captaincy of the first Hughes Cuppers winning rugby team in 1991. The following day he saw the All Blacks playing England, the result of which we can’t record owing to copy deadlines.

Hughes Hall Prizes 2013-14

E.M. Burnett Prizes

£200 for First Class in the second or later year of the BA, or in the LLM, or Distinction in a Diploma or the MAST.

£50 for receiving a Faculty or Departmental Prize in any year (if not eligible for another college prize).

LLM / MCL First Class
Joseph Cumming
Louis Fouquet
Harriet Fox
Steven Hare
Timothy Parker (also awarded the Whewell Scholarship for international law)
Yi Ning Sy
Willem Witters

BA First Class
Ben Gan, 3rd year Geography
Kate Kirk, 3rd year English
Zeyi Lee, 3rd year Engineering
Hong Ng, 3rd year Engineering
Xinglong Zhang, 3rd year Natural Sciences
Yuqun (Eugene) Lin, 2nd year Chemical Engineering

MASt Distinction
Kai Roehrig, Mathematics
Wenzhe Yang, Mathematics

Other recognition
Alexander Frank, PhD, for a seminar award in Plant Sciences
Piran Kidambi, PhD, for first prize in ABTA 2014 doctoral research awards

Godwin–Raffan Prizes

£200 for Distinction in the Bachelor of Medicine Part III or the MPhil in Education

£50 for receiving a Clinical School or Faculty Prize in Medicine or Education in any year (if not eligible for another college prize).

Distinction
Serena Vickers, CGCM, Final MB (also awarded Dorothy Knott Prize)

Other recognition
Harriet Gover, PGCE, for Charles Fox prize
Katie Klavenes, PGCE, for Charles Fox prize
Lahiru Handunnetthi, CGCM, for Cow and Gate Prize in Paediatrics

A treat for Hughes at Halloween

We were delighted to welcome the celebrated 1987 crew to a special Erg naming event on Halloween.

Quentin Fontana, Peter Jackson, Geoff Hine and Stephen Powell kindly donated four Ergs to the College and nameplates for the machines were revealed by removing a black cloak, as was fitting on 31st October. Sinister Owl, Loftus Road, Greg Dean and Golden Hine were unveiled before assembled HHBC guests in the Garden Room, which will now be a space largely dedicated to sports and dance training and practice.

As well as the ’87 crew, members of the current boat club and our coach Jeff Cook (who also captained the ’83 crew) joined us for a champagne reception and dinner in Hall. A special night for Hughes Hall rowing and our grateful thanks go to Quentin, Peter, Geoff and Stephen.

Rowing back the years: (from left) Quentin, Stephen, Geoff and Peter
Tom Ransley (BA Aff 2009) (above bottom right) was in the seven seat of the GB eight which, against all the odds, retained the World Championship in Amsterdam on 31 August. The GB eight completed the 2K course fifteen seconds faster in the final than they had gone in the earlier rounds for a famous victory against the ruthlessly efficient Germans and fancied Poles.

A delighted Tom reflected on the race, ‘The final was a great race to be a part of! I am very proud of the crew. It is very satisfying to successfully defend our World Championship title. It was a good dogfight the whole way down the course. The eights event was always going to be an exciting race with such depth and quality in the field. To row through the Olympic Champions and hold off repeated attacks from multiple crews, made it an awesome race to win.

I enjoyed the way we approached and delivered the race. The crew were 100% committed and focused. We attacked the race from the start with a lot of power and aggression, and then held on to a strong rhythm that saw us through to the finish line!’

Members of HHBC of both genders took part in the 50th Head of the Charles Regatta in Cambridge Mass. on 18/19 October. For CUBC Henry Hoffstot (2013, mature student in Geography) and Jasper Holst (2014 MPhil student in Real Estate Finance) rowed in the Champ fours with Katie Klavenes (PGCE 2014 and now MPhil student in Education) coxing, while Izzy Vyvyan, current Vice-President of CUWBC (2013 mature student in Land Economy) with Rosemary Ostfeld (MPhil 2014, currently PhD student in Land Economy) coxing, contested the Women’s Champ Eights.

The men did really well, given their starting position and the fact that they came up against locals keen to defend their title. Starting 10th, they finished 2nd in 16:19.44 losing only by 6.29 secs over the two miles and beating on the way crews from Harvard, North Eastern, Washington and Wisconsin.

CUWBC clearly have a mountain to climb; they started 31st in their event and finished 19th in 17:32.34 nearly two minutes behind the winners. More seriously, a crew from OUWBC finished 4th, over a minute faster.
Hughes alumnus Dr Arshin Adib-Moghaddam (International Relations 2004) has been appointed to the Chair of Global Thought and Comparative Philosophies at SOAS, University of London. His work has earned him an international reputation as one of the foremost thinkers and commentators on the Middle East and Muslim world, Islamophobia, Orientalism and critical and postcolonial theory. Professor Adib-Moghaddam is also Chair of the Centre for Iranian Studies at the London Middle East Institute.


As a critic, writer and scholar, Adib-Moghaddam is best known for his work on Iran, relations between the west and the Muslim world and the international politics of West Asia and North Africa. As a public intellectual, he writes on contemporary politics and culture and his commentary has been published by leading outlets including Al-Jazeera, CNN, The Daily Star (Beirut), The Guardian, The Independent, and.opendemocracy. He has lectured globally on topics ranging from Iranian and Islamic politics, Islamophobia, critical and postcolonial theory and the myth of a clash of civilisations.

Born in the Taksim area of Istanbul to Iranian parents whose nomadic business life brought them from Abadan and Tehran, to Beirut, Istanbul and finally to Hamburg, Adib-Moghaddam received his secondary education at the Wichern School, a German-protestant private school in Hamburg. At the same time he attended Persian and Arabic language courses at the Imam Ali mosque in the same city.

He went on to study at the University of Hamburg where he read Political Science, Psychology and Economics, culminating in a Masters degree in 2000. Between 1997-1998, he was a scholarship student at the American University in Washington DC. In the summer of 2000 he was awarded a generous scholarship by the European Trust at Cambridge University and the Elizabeth Cherry Fellowship at Hughes Hall, receiving an MPhil in late 2001 and a PhD in early 2004.

In 2005, he was elected the first Jarvis Doctorow Fellow in Peace Studies and the International Relations of the Middle East at St Edmund Hall and the Department of Politics at Oxford University. Two years later he became a Reader in the Department of Politics and International Relations at SOAS before taking up his current post in September.

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Alumni Lecture and Dinner

At the end of September we celebrated the return of some old faces to College with our annual Alumni Lecture and Dinner. This year’s lecture was given by Hughes Hall Fellow Professor Nabeel Affara, who marked the milestone of his 25th year as Fellow with a fascinating insight into epigenetics. As an organism grows and develops, carefully orchestrated chemical reactions activate and deactivate parts of the genome at strategic times and in specific locations. Epigenetics is the study of these DNA changes and the chemical reactions and factors that influence them. The changes that affect gene activity can influence predisposition to important diseases of adult life and the increased risk can be passed on to the next generation even though it does not affect the genetic code. Professor Affara’s absorbing lecture was followed by a stimulating round of questions from the packed audience, who would surely have stayed for more had not the call to dinner been made.

Guests were then treated to a black tie dinner and a speech by our new President, Dr Anthony Freeling, about the importance of our global alumni community and our new development campaign for the Gresham Road accommodation building. After dinner it was noted that many alumni, driven by intense nostalgia, could not resist the temptation of treating themselves to one last drink in the College bar. For old time’s sake.

Hughes Overseas Japan Visit

In October, Development Director Richard Berg Rust paid visits to Hughes alumni, Fellows and friends in Japan including meetings at Tokyo Woman’s Christian University where he was joined by Hughes Hall Honorary Fellow Masa Ohtake.

Alumni gathered for a high-spirited Alumni Dinner which was held in Gonpachi restaurant, where, above the sound of traditional Japanese drummers, Hughes Hall was loudly toasted by one and all. ‘Kampai!’

Life Sciences & Society Seminars 2015

Hughes is collaborating with the PHG Foundation to offer a new twice-termly seminar series which will debate the issues that matter for public policy in health and the life sciences. Combining expert insight with lively discussion, topics will be wide-ranging across science, medicine and the humanities. These free events are open to all.

The first seminar for 2015 is scheduled for 20 January at Hughes.

See www.phgfoundation.org/ LSSS for the latest news.

An eventful start for Cydney

Over the summer we welcomed Cydney Stasiulis as our new Events and Communications officer in the Development Office. Cydney comes to us fresh from completing her Master’s degree with distinction in event and Conference Management from the University of Westminster. Cydney is not new to Cambridge and her knowledge of the complexities of the University and its colleges comes from her time completing an MPhil at Newnham. She is particularly interested in the use of social media for events and hopes to use her skills to expand and invigorate our events and communications program. She has already planned a number of successful events for Hughes and looks forward to the busy year ahead.
Katrina Ffrench read for a BA in SPS at Hughes in 2006. Here, she shares her experiences of the College and life after Cambridge. I took my A-levels at 19. My FE College had no history of getting people into Oxbridge and really didn’t support me but I made it to Hughes Hall. My image of Cambridge was all ivory towers and Hogwarts, and I imagined it would be stuffy and closed off, but Hughes was nothing like that. We had the most relaxed atmosphere in Cambridge! We had a really good mix of graduates and mature students, which made it feel grown up and settled.

My strongest memories are of people. My best friend is someone I met at Hughes; I was a bridesmaid at her wedding last year. Barbara (Conference Officer) and Paul (Maintenance Manager) were particularly great, and made me comfortable in what could have been an alien environment for me as one of the few black students in Cambridge. I also loved my room in Centenary with its view and balcony.

Both Hughes and Cambridge moulded me. Hughes kept me grounded; Cambridge opened doors. Since graduating, I’ve completed a mini pupillage with Garden Court Chambers, shadowing Michael Mansfield QC on the Mark Duggan inquest. I still come back and visit, and Hughes has a special place in my heart.”
From the class of 1945 to 2012  
Hughes Alumni news

**HUGHESIANS IN PRINT**

**Ann Elliot (nee Whitehead) PGCE (1965)**  
Ann has released her debut novel titled, Too Many Tenors. The novel, set in the late 1970s, concerns conflicts of interest between a choir and personal relationships.

**Usman Mir MBA (1999) Business Administration**  
Usman has written a book aimed at meeting the demand for trained and effective online tutors.

**David Van Reybrouck MPhil (1993) Archaeology and Anthropology**  

**David Stephenson BA (1977) Education**  

**Pamela Forde PGCE (1971)**  
Pamela has just retired from the RTE Concert Orchestra in Dublin after 30 years in the first violins and sharing the stage with many famous stars including Pavarotti, Nicola Benedetti and Ute Lemper etc.

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Antonia has released a solo piano debut album titled Soul Colours. Her first full length album features 15 self-composed pieces.

**Elena Papanikolaou MPhil (1999) Classics**  
Elena has completed a BA from the Conservatoire ‘Orfeion of Athens’ with a 1st class and the highest distinction. She then pursued postgraduate studies in the Netherlands, and is currently an active concert pianist.

**Glynne Steele PGCE (1996) Education**  
Glynne works on art consultancy for DoThinkDo, a London based development consultancy business. He is currently working on a project with the Old Library Arts Centre, Acton.  
www.oldlibraryacton.co.uk

**Nathan Cole PGCE (2002) History**  
Nathan is the new Headmaster at Wilson’s Boys Grammar School, Surrey. He is the youngest head teacher in the history of the school.

**Greg Grimsal LLB (1990) Law**  
Greg has been elected Chairman of the Board of Advisory Editors of the Tulane Law Review.

**Christoph Haselwander CAMATHS (2002) Maths**  
Christoph was awarded a 2014 Sloan Fellowship in Physics. He is currently a faculty member in the Department of Physics & Astronomy and Biological Sciences at the University of Southern California.

**Dr Joan (Wilson) Miller CTC (1944)**  
Joan studied at CTC before an MA in Geography at Girton. An adjunct Professor at Illinois State University, Joan now has her professional papers in the University Library as a named collection. She lives in Normal, Illinois.

**Dr Andrew Morrison MP DIPPUHL (1994) Health**  
Andrew was appointed as Northern Ireland Minister. He is also speaking at the Cambridge Union this term as PM’s Special Representative for the Centenary of the Great War.

**Sonali Pathirana MPhil (1998) Development Studies**  
Sonali is Head of Breaking News with Bloomberg in New York.

**Alceste Santuari PhD (1990) Law**  
Alceste has been appointed Professor of Law and Economics at the University of Bologna. He has recently been appointed as vice-president of the Committee on Health and Tourism of FEMTEC and serves on the scientific board of Terme di Comano.

**Hughes Alumni news**

**HUGHESIANS IN THE ARTS**

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Andy is currently appearing in the world premiere of Fred and Madge by Joe Orton at the Hope Theatre in Islington.

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**Peter Bowal LLM (1986)**  
Peter has been a Professor of Law of the University of Calgary for 25 years. Last year, on sabbatical he visited Hughes Hall and noticed the growth of the College. He welcomes all alumni colleagues to visit him in Calgary (bowal@ucalgary.ca).

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**Peter Rowlands PGCE (1983)**  
Peter has just completed twelve years of Headship and has now set up an educational consultancy. He is also acting as the coordinator for 14-18 Legacy, an attempt by young people to raise one million pounds for the Royal British Legion between 2014-18.

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Alceste has been appointed Professor of Law and Economics at the University of Bologna. He has recently been appointed as vice-president of the Committee on Health and Tourism of FEMTEC and serves on the scientific board of Terme di Comano.
Caroline Smith (nee Shott) PGCE (1967) Education
Caroline has lived in the US for the past 28 years. She is the Director of Public Mental Health Services in Chester County, PA.

Revd Penelope Switchenbank PGCE (1974) History & Philosophy of Science
Penelope has renovated an almost derelict 17th Century Farmhouse in North Wiltshire and opened it as a spiritual sanctuary and retreat house.

Susan Tresman (1984) Education
Susan has successfully reached the summit of Kilimanjaro raising money for Great Ormond Street Charity and the Children’s Heart Unit at the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle.

Mark Voyager PhD (2008) Oriental Studies
Mark worked in Iraq and Afghanistan from 2009-2013 as a social scientist analysing the countries’ political, social and cultural development. In 2013 he joined NATO to work as Cultural Advisor to NATO’s Allied Land Command in Izmir, Turkey, and Special Advisor to the Commander.

Circuit Judge Evan Wallach LLB (1981) Law, Honorary Fellow
Circuit Judge Evan Wallach was appointed by President Barack Obama to a three year term as a Member of the Board of Visitors of the United States Naval Academy.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Pantea Lotfian MPhil (2008) Technology Policy
Pantea has formed a new consulting business, Camrosh Ltd. www.camrosh.com

REUNIONS
Pollyanna Ross, Claire Boisierre, Michelle Randell, Helen Smith and Polly Ross PGCE (1999)
They gathered in the summer for a reunion at Hughes Hall, having not seen each other for fourteen years. Two days of reminiscence. Happy days!

Hughes Hall is extremely excited to be launching a new alumni website at the start of Lent Term! Our new interactive website will allow Hughesians to sign up to events, access the alumni directory, read alumni news and find out more about our entrepreneurship scheme and fundraising campaigns.

The new website will also make it easier for alumni to organise Hughes events in their local area, connect with fellow Hughesians for career advice and become involved in mentoring projects with our students. The new site has been designed to be more dynamic, interactive and reflective of our alumni global community – so if you have any suggestions or recommendations that you would like to make about our website, please do get in contact with the Development Office at development@hughes.cam.ac.uk or alternatively keep your eyes peeled for announcements and discussions on our social media sites!

A Hughes Wedding
We are delighted to announce that Chris Gilbertson (Hughes 2012, Real Estate Finance) and Rhiannon Powles (Hughes 2007, PGCE Classics), married on 19th July 2014 in Bath, Somerset. We send our warmest congratulations to Rhiannon and Chris.
JAPAN AND HUGHES HALL

‘Japan has sent us a representative’

As part of the July 2014 lecture programme for the annual summer school of the Alumnae Association of Tokyo Women’s Christian University (TWCU), Dr Jean Lambert was invited to give a talk on the history of Hughes Hall and the College's early links with Japan – links established nearly 120 years ago and consolidated through the friendship of Elizabeth Hughes and Tetsu Yasui, TWCU’s former president and Hughes Hall’s first Japanese student.

By 1895, ten years on from its foundation, Miss Elizabeth Phillips Hughes’s college was reputed to be the best teacher training college in the country. Attracting women graduates from Cambridge, Oxford, London, Wales and Ireland, its products were in great demand at home and abroad, including Japan. Accordingly, the growing international reach of its alumnae drew many overseas visitors and significant numbers of students, Tetsu Yasui among them. Miss Yasui studied education, the history of education and psychology at Oxford for two years, 1897-9, and child psychology at Oxford for one year. She was sent by the Japanese government to study English education in England for one year. She was sent by the Japanese government to study English education in England for three years as a direct result of the visit to England of Madam Utako Shimoda.

Madam Shimoda was staying in London from 1893 to 1895 to investigate women’s higher education on behalf of the Empress of Japan, who was seeking a suitable curriculum for two imperial princesses. However, Madam Shimoda also became interested in institutions for the general education of girls and through her visits to schools – notably Cheltenham Ladies College and, possibly, North London Collegiate School – learned about Miss Hughes and her exceptional teacher training college. There is no evidence that Madam Shimoda visited Cambridge or met Elizabeth Hughes but her copious notes, written in formal, nineteenth-century Japanese, contain details from the College prospectus of 1891. Additionally, testimonials from pre-eminent educators, such as Miss Buss and Miss Beale, would strongly influence Shimoda’s recommendation to the Emperor to send Yasui as his nation’s representative to Miss Hughes.

In the summer Gild Leaflet of 1897, Miss Hughes announced in her ‘Letter to My Students’ the very good news that ‘one of Japan’s teachers comes to us – our first links with “the land of the Morning” and “the Empire of the Sunrise”’. Clearly, Miss Yasui’s arrival marked a significant moment for the college and its members: notices informed students and former students that ‘Japan has sent us a representative’ while a letter from a student reported that at a fancy dress ball to welcome new students one of two ‘most beautiful costumes’ was ‘a Japanese Lady’, indubitably a reference to Tetsu Yasui.

Miss Tetsu Yasui is entered in the list of registered students for September 1897 and 1898 and she appears in photographs of new students for both years. During her time in England she enjoyed special personal and professional treatment, as she acknowledges in her memoirs. In ‘The Influence of My College Days’, she records that Miss Hughes provided opportunities for her to meet a large variety of people and visit many schools as well as experience Christmas with the Hughes family and undertake tours in Britain and Europe. In the summer of 1898, she accompanied Miss Hughes and an American lady lawyer on a three-week holiday tour of Wales, mainly spent with a group of people engaged in walking and discussions. During one week, the three of them, to quote Elizabeth Hughes, ‘wandered about North Wales by ourselves for seven days’. Tetsu appreciated the ‘whole program’ of study that was devised for her by Elizabeth and was able to reciprocate her many kindnesses when Elizabeth visited Japan in 1901-2.

Following her retirement as college principal in 1899 and a tour of America, Elizabeth Hughes spent 15 months in Japan, from August 1901 to November 1902. Committed to probation and prison reform, she went to see Kajibashi Prison, after which she published an essay on prison reform in a Japanese journal. However, mainly, she toured educational establishments and gave lectures, publishing her experience of Japan in Japan’s The English Teacher’s Magazine. She visited two new colleges of higher education for women, girls’ schools and a teacher training college, and also supplied visual aids to Japanese schools and sent examples of materials from Japanese schools to the United Kingdom.

Miss S. L. P Wright, one of Miss Hughes’ former students (1898-1899) (possibly the third person in the photograph of Elizabeth and Tetsu in Japan), was placed as a Lecturer at...
the newly established Japan Women’s University in Tokyo where Miss Hughes lectured on 28 September 1901 on the challenges of setting up the Cambridge Training College for Women. Miss Hughes also delivered sixteen lectures on teaching at the Higher Normal College for Men in Tokyo, which were published, and lectured at the Higher Normal College For Women where Miss Yasui acted as her interpreter.

Miss Hughes was also invited to lecture at the Imperial education assembly. Her subject, ‘Women’s Education’, emphasized the importance of educating women for the purposes of ensuring better homes and the development of society and the nation. In October 1901, she visited the Women’s Institute for English studies (later Tsuda College) founded by Umeko Tsuda in 1900. Miss Tsuda possibly first met Miss Hughes in England while studying at St Hilda’s College, Oxford, or perhaps she encountered Miss Yasui in Oxford. Appropriately, Miss Hughes’s lecture for Miss Tsuda’s institute was on English Literature.

In Tokyo, Miss Hughes stayed with Miss Yasui and the latter accompanied her on an extensive tour of Japan in 1902, during which Miss Hughes undertook three lecture tours as an appointed professor in Japan’s Women’s University, Tokyo. Elizabeth had taken Tetsu walking in the Swiss Alps when on holiday in Europe and, hence, while in Japan, Tetsu guided Elizabeth up Mount Fuji.

The friendship between Elizabeth Hughes and Tetsu Yasui highlights a rare genuine interchange between cultures and a promotion of the kind of understanding that effects change in others. Fortunately for us, their friendship also laid the foundation of the solid relationship between Hughes Hall and Tokyo Woman’s Christian University that exists today. Our ‘first links’ made over 100 years ago and re-established in 2005 have created a springboard for wider personal and institutional connections and collaborations now and into the future.

Dr Jean Lambert
Fellow & Tutor

1 For details of Miss Hughes’s tour of Japan in 1902, see Ohono Nabutane, ‘E. P. Hughes in Japan’.
UPCOMING EVENTS

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