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Front cover: Hughes was a major force in the 2016 Boat Races – including three in the victorious Men’s Blue Boat. Our congratulations to the magnificent eight, from left to right: Vince Bertram (Goldie), Peta Blundell (CUWBC Lightweight Eight), Lance Tredell (Blue), Alister Taylor (Goldie), Rosemary Ostfeld (Cox, CUWBC, Blue), Henry Hoffstot (President CUBC, Blue), Ben Ruble (Blue), Joe Carroll (Goldie).
Dear Alumni and Friends of Hughes Hall

In this issue of the magazine, we once more celebrate the success of our students and members, with a particular focus on our ever increasing reputation and impact in Law. We now have the largest numbers of LLMs of any College, as well as many who are studying for undergraduate law degrees. In each of five subject areas where collaboration between the academic and public worlds is the future – Law, Life Sciences, Business and Economics, Law, Engineering and Applied Mathematics, and Education – we have world-leaders developing dynamic communities of interest within the College, with a reach far beyond its boundaries.

As I come to the end of my second year as President, it is timely not only to look back on our recent achievements, but to look forward to what Hughes Hall can become. Our vision is to be a recognised leader in the University of Cambridge by 2056: a pioneering College for the third millennium. We are dynamic in our approach, developing a unique global impact at the cutting-edge of the academic, professional and commercial worlds.

We are focused on becoming a global intellectual force at the centre of the University, so we need to attract the brightest and best global students, academics and collaborators, raising the funds to offer more teaching and research Fellowships, scholarships and PhD studentships, as well as travel grants and hardship funds.

We need to ensure that our physical infrastructure matches and facilitates these aspirations by creating a Porters’ Lodge, making further improvements to accommodation and developing study rooms for Fellows. The major contribution our students make to University sport, should be matched by the provision of new facilities that do justice to their talents and hard work and our aim is to provide a boathouse and sports training space.

The prize is great – a pioneering academic institution for the future. An even stronger academic community based on unyielding excellence, drawn from all parts of the world, a generous and diverse community where all can flourish. A College which is a recognised leader in the University of Cambridge by 2056 with dynamic, global impact. A College at the forefront of the University’s historic legacy of influence: a College for the third millennium.

Everything is possible.

Dr Anthony Freeling
President
Enterprise Awards 2016
Vocalens triumph

When entrepreneurial students take their first steps towards establishing new enterprises it produces a great sense of excitement. This was palpable at the Hughes Hall/Blue Pencil Enterprise Awards night in April when the next generation of Hughes entrepreneurs presented their ideas before judges and guests.

Three finalists presented their remarkable business concepts with enthusiasm and professionalism; ideas ranging from sensor medicine bottle caps to help with medication reminders for patients (MedFriends); an on-the-go phone charging service to offer charging units at various shops that can be picked up and then dropped off at another registered location with the help of an app (WeCharge); and finally Vocalens pitched the idea of a text reader that conveniently clips to normal reading glasses to assist the visually impaired.

Each finalist took the time to convey their ideas with the use of simple slides and demos. The audience and judges were invited to ask questions after each presentation, with each finalist responding with further details and explanations of their concepts. A more sophisticated version of Dragon’s Den, if you will.

The finalists, judges and the audience were then invited for a buffet in the Peter Richards Room where Liam Mooney, Chief Executive of Blue Pencil, the Awards sponsor, announced Vocalens as the winner.

“IT was fantastic to support the Hughes Hall/Blue Pencil Enterprise Awards” said Liam, “and we had three superb finalists. Vocalens were worthy winners, but all the finalists can be incredibly proud. The evening encapsulated all that is good in start-ups, with innovative ideas and well thought out business plans – helped greatly by a growing enterprise network at Hughes. We are delighted to be involved, helping to support the next generation of entrepreneurs. A very well done to the Society, the finalists and all the attendees for a most enjoyable evening.”

Enterprise Society Chairman Rupert Pearce Gould commented, “I thought all the contestants were very impressive, with Vocalens a worthy winner” he commented, “and we hope that they go on to create a successful enterprise. We have a very good membership base now, and I look forward to welcoming all members and alumni to future events. Thank you so much to Liam and Blue Pencil our generous sponsors – that Liam is an alumnus makes the link all the closer".
Full steam ahead for Oracy@Cambridge!

Professor Neil Mercer on a successful Conference

90 people attended the Oracy Conference in April, which launched our new study centre, Oracy@Cambridge – and it was fully booked long in advance. One of the main aims was to bring together people from different professions and workplaces who share an interest in developing talk skills, but who have never had the opportunity to explore this common interest. We were successful in this respect, for whilst those from school and university education were the largest group, there were also social workers, speech therapists and lawyers, as well as representatives of charities, the medical professions, local government and the world of performance arts.

In the spirit of practising what we preach, we organised a day in which formal presentations were balanced with opportunities for people to meet and talk (groups were selected to mix participants from different backgrounds) and to feed back ideas from their discussions to the full assembly. The presentations were varied, including a storytelling session, as well as the more usual academic talks. One of the presentations, about talk in care homes, reduced many of the audience to sympathetic tears.

Buoyed up by the success of our efforts, the task that now engages the Centre management team is to use the contacts made and ideas generated to build an oracy network, and plan a series of targeted activities and events to pursue our goals of promoting the value of oracy training and teaching in the wider world.

PDRA Kelly Diederen’s Neuron paper on learning efficiency

Post-Doctoral Research Associate Dr Kelly Diederen has published a paper in the leading neuroscience journal Neuron. The article, Adaptive Prediction Error Coding in the Human Midbrain and Striatum Facilitates Behavioural Adaptation and Learning Efficiency, builds on the long recognised notion that we learn from our mistakes. This recent study shows that we are very sensitive to just how variable the outcomes of our choices may be and that we can adjust our learning practices in the light of this. The study also identified brain regions that are associated with this subtle adjustment in our tendency to learn under different environmental conditions.

Kelly explained “Every day we make many decisions: where to go for lunch or which road to take home to avoid traffic. In order to pick the best, we have to learn what to expect from each option. Learning what to expect is difficult since the outcomes of our choices tend to vary from time to time. The quality of lunch served in a restaurant may for example vary slightly from day to day depending on the freshness of the ingredients. However, a big change in food quality could result from the restaurant having hired a new chef. Therefore, we need to learn what kind of variability is small enough to ignore in order that we may notice when the food in a café suddenly becomes unacceptably bad or exceptionally good. In other words, we need to be able to update our predictions when the outcome changes much more than expected”.

Kelly and her team were able to show that healthy people can put the brakes on learning as the variability becomes greater, that two regions in the brain (the midbrain and ventral striatum) were sensitive to how variable the rewards were. It was observed that those more sensitive to reward variability demonstrated better learning, suggesting that individual differences in such sensitivity might distinguish ‘good’ from ‘poorer’ learners.

Kelly is part of our strong PDRA community which adds richly to the College.

To read the full results of the study, visit: www.cell.com/neuron/fulltext/S0896-
First Annual Donor Day

Our first Hughes Hall donor day was held on Saturday, 30 April, bringing together alumni, Fellows, students and friends who have supported the College. Following a rousing welcome from the President, Dr Anthony Freeling, guests were treated to a special tour of the new student accommodation site, to be known as Gresham Court, followed by a luncheon in the Peter Richards room, with talks on the history of philanthropy at Hughes Hall and our future plans by Dr Jean Lambert and the Development Director, Richard Berg Rust, respectively. Among the highlights was the chance to look over Hughes from the site, which took in the past, present and future of the College. Thank you to all those who attended for their generous support of the College, worthy successors of the early Hughesians whose splendid fundraising exploits to raise 'many a mickle' were the subject of Jean’s talk.

The date, 30 April or May Day’s Eve, is of particular significance to Hughes Hall, this being the traditional day on which marsh marigolds, the earliest symbol of the College, and a flower associated with festivals of the Virgin Mary in the Middle Ages, were distributed.

Regulating Financial Services
City Lecture 2016

In 2015 we brought you the Deputy Governor for Prudential Regulation of the Bank of England; in 2014, the editor of the Financial Times; and in 2013, the CEO of the world’s largest advertising services company. The 17th City Lecture continued our strong tradition of bringing top level speakers to the College, with Charles Roxburgh, the Director General of Financial Services at HM Treasury. In this role, Charles is responsible for all Treasury issues relating to financial services, financial regulation and financial stability. He is also a member of the Executive Management Board at the Treasury.

After decades of deregulation on both sides of the Atlantic, the financial crisis prompted a fundamental re-think of the rules and regulations that govern the financial services industry, leading to many new regulatory interventions being proposed. Charles outlined the new framework that has emerged, in addressing the question, ‘The re-regulation of financial services: are we there yet?’ , looking at the Treasury’s steps to address regulation within the context of its broader strategy for economic growth. The packed audience, of students, alumni and senior figures from business and the University, asked a series of probing questions on issues such as capital adequacy, before issues of nutritional adequacy took over, and guests departed for the post-lecture dinner.

Giving portable form to the holy

During the middle ages, relics gave portable form to the holy, and could be formed from all manner of things, from pieces of cloth to jewels or amorphous materials such as ash or dust. Reliquiae, or leftovers, played a vital role in rendering the holy as something tangible, yet often devoid of real form or self-evident identity. Relics could be things which had touched saintly debris, such as water in which they had been dipped or, in particular, pieces of parchment so treated. In the fifteenth Kathleen Hughes Memorial Lecture, “Relics and the insular world, c.600-c.850” Professor Julia Smith, Edwards Chair in Medieval History, University of Glasgow, provided a fascinating insight into the significance of reliquiae.

The annual lecture is given each Easter Term in memory of Dr Kathleen Hughes, who at her death in 1977 was a Reader in Celtic Studies in the Department of Anglo Saxon, Norse and Celtic. Her special field was the early Irish Church, but the lecture series has ranged over a wide field of early medieval studies.
The Poetry of Nature in Latin America
What Mayan and Quechua Literature Can Tell Us About (Not) Being Human

Latin America holds an exceptional diversity of species. Both of the planet’s top two hotspots are located there: Mesoamerica and the Tropical Andes. Around twenty percent of the world’s species are unique to one or other of these two regions.

Culturally, too, each region is of global importance. Mesoamerica and the Andes are two of the world’s six cradles of civilization, spawning advanced societies such as the Mayas and the Incas, among a plethora of other cultures. The cultural and biological heritage of Latin America is well known. What is less well known is that both lineages share a common history, intertwining to such an extent that it is impossible to speak of one without the other. And this is just as true today as it was 15,000 years ago when the first Siberian set foot on what, to him or her, was a New World.

The Maya and Inca cultures are not dead. Today, Central America hosts 6.5 million speakers of Mayan languages. Quechua, a language family out of which the Incas crafted their official tongue, is still spoken by over 7.5 million people across the Andes. As I write, a large number of indigenous authors are producing literature in Mayan and Quechua languages, often inspired by ancient or contemporary oral traditions, and with a great diversity of themes. But what unites these themes – past and present – is a fundamental and abiding consideration of the natural world.

In modern Mayan literature, for example, the notion of the wayjéel is deeply influential. According to this belief, humans possess an alter-ego that assumes the form of an animal, plant or even meteorological phenomenon. The wayjéel is an inseparable part of one’s personhood and follows an identical fate to its human counterpart. In contemporary Quechua writing, elements of nature are signs which, if read correctly, can reveal hidden secrets of the past or future. A visiting hummingbird, or a shooting star, may be an ancestral spirit that warns of impending misfortune or foretells a propitious event. The modern literature of Mayan- and Quechua-speaking cultures resuscitates aspects of the past to graft them onto present realities. And the way that indigenous authors achieve this is by recognising that being "human" is, first and foremost, a question of relation with the non-human.

Dr Charles M. Pigott
Research Fellow, Hughes Hall
Leverhulme Early Career Fellow, Centre of Latin American Studies

More information about linking literature with conservation can be found in my podcast, accessible through the following website: www.cam.ac.uk/research/news/from-the-mayans-to-the-moors-a-new-film-series-shows-biodiversity-conservation-in-a-new-light
Hughes LLM alumni recount their College memories

The College now boasts the highest number of students taking the world-renowned LLM (Master of Law) programme and there are over 300 Hughes LLM alumni around the world, making a truly formidable contribution to the profession.

To give an example of the range of accomplishment from a group of nearly 300 would fill several magazines, but we asked Keith McVeigh, Tutor and Director of Studies in Law for the LLM Graduate Law Course at Hughes Hall from 1984 to 2005, to talk to some of his former students about their memories of the College as well as their current professional interests.

“IT has been my privilege to be responsible for, and to become friends with, many gifted and impressive young lawyers who have subsequently achieved distinction in their careers”, said Keith, “and this covers but a small cross-section of them. I am sure that we will feature others in future editions”.

JUSTICE HAN TECK CHOO, LLM 1985 Judge, Supreme Court of Singapore

“I signed up for the rowing team and was highly excited when I received an invitation to start training, until I found that training starts at 6am. – a bit too early for me. But very soon after, I found that Hughes Hall had a darts team and I was soon playing in the inter-college games. I am still in touch with many of the friends I made at Hughes Hall back then and it was also lovely to look over to the cricket pitch outside.”

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER SEE KEE OON, LLM 1994 Judicial Commissioner, Supreme Court of Singapore.

“I think I was truly fortunate to have experienced Cambridge life at Hughes. I recall my time very fondly and the excellent meals at lunch and Formal Halls were particularly memorable.”

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER CHUA LEE MING, LLM 1987 Judicial Commissioner, Supreme Court of Singapore.

“Hughes Hall was what I had hoped it would be – a warm and friendly home away from home.”

APOLLO N. MAKUBUYA, LLM 1991 Third Deputy Prime Minister of Uganda. Partner at MMAKS Advocates advising mining companies, banks, regional and international investors on corporate, commercial law and tax issues.

“As a foreign student I found the staff at the College very welcoming and friendly. The student community and life were very active and lively. The food at Hughes was great and affordable. Fenners grounds and other parks around Hughes Hall offered a pleasant environment, especially in the summer. It was a hidden gem in Cambridge and I remember my days there with fondness.”

DANIELE PILLA, LLM 2002 An Associate of Caiazzo Donnini Pappalardo (CDP Studio Legale) Rome.

“Has significant experience in dealing with matters relating to EU and domestic Competition Law, assisting both national and international clients. Also experienced in telecommunications and energy law issues, and advice in civil and administrative judicial disputes in the antitrust and telecom sectors.

“My memories of the time at Hughes Hall bring back a vibrant experience in a multicultural environment, which offered me the opportunity and privilege to meet and interact with very bright people from the most various backgrounds.”

MADALINA DUMITRESCU, LLM 1996 Partner at Withers. Recently won one of the top 10 law cases of the year involving Glencore, the largest commodity trader in the world.

“Cambridge has been one of the most beautiful experiences of my life, both academically and socially. The values and determination that one acquires after having graduated from this prestigious university are an invaluable source of success to be treasured for many years. I have often had a sense of nostalgia when I remember the wonderful moments I spent at Hughes Hall and the outstanding support I received from everybody during and long after my graduation. I am eternally grateful for the phenomenal platform that Hughes Hall provides to all its students.”

DEMETRIUS FLOUDAS, LLM 1991 Currently on a four-month assignment advising the Ministry of Commerce in Moldavia on Motor Liability Law. Lectures in Russia and Greece.

“There is nothing to prepare the unsuspecting foreigner for the
relentless pace of Cambridge life. I was exposed to 120-odd students with different backgrounds from all over the world. The one thing that they all seemed to have in common was that they seemed to be awfully bright. Keith Mc Veigh was always tremendously supportive and the continued presence of some of my old friends brings me back annually for Easter Full Term.”

MICHAEL HERON, LLM 1990
Former New Zealand Attorney General.

“My time at Hughes was a marvellous one. The lawyers were a diverse and interesting bunch from all around the world. Some of them remain friends today. I was particularly proud of achieving a first in my LLM. We won the cuppers Rugby that year (1990-91) and I was President of the Graduate Law Society, which ran a successful lecture and social programme, and had many Hughes Hall members. I have been back to Hughes a number of times since and look forward to doing so again in the future.”

ALAN LEONG SC, LLM 1983
Member of the Hong Kong Legislative Council.

“Hughes Hall widened my horizons by allowing me to meet LLM students from different countries, and watching a game of cricket from my room window was a memorable spectacle.”

JUDGE EVAN WALLACH, LLM 1980

“One of the first generation of Law students at Hughes, combat service in Vietnam in 1970 and a critic of waterboarding. Nominated to the Federal Circuit by President Obama in 2011. “The year at Hughes was the happiest of my life. I thought Cambridge the platonic ideal of a university, and Hughes Hall offered me a true home, warm and loving, in the midst of that great institution. The people who mentored and cared for me, and the dear friends I made there, will stay in my heart as long as I live.”

And a PhD memory….

PROFESSOR ALCESTE SANTUARI, PhD 1990
Teaches Economic Law and International Law & Health at the University of Bologna.

Involved with projects of national and international research and in scientific advice to the Ministry of Health in the field of pharmacy. Numerous publications in English and German.

“Doubtless, my years in Cambridge have been one of the best times in my life. This has enabled me to open myself to different cultures and ways of thinking. This would not have been possible without the extraordinary help of the people of Hughes Hall, whom I will never forget. What I am is also the result of those years in Cambridge.”

Major Law Prize for Soterios

Congratulations to Hughesian Soterios Loizou, our International Law Foundation Scholar, who has been awarded the prestigious Colin B. Picker Prize for the most meritorious paper submitted by a graduate student at the recent American Society of Comparative Law (ASCL) Young Comparativists Committee (YCC) Fifth Annual Global Conference.

His paper entitled, Deconstructing Second Parallel Legal Regimes: The Peculiar Case of Applying Foreign Law forms an integral part of his doctoral research at the University of Cambridge, Faculty of Law. The paper focuses on conflict-of-laws, international sales law, and comparative law issues, and examines the interplay between second parallel legal regimes and the national rules on the legal treatment of foreign law.

More than 90 students and young academics from all the continents of the world, other than Antarctica, presented their research at this year’s conference. The award was announced on the first day of the conference.

“I would like to stress that nothing would have been achieved without the continuous guidance and mentoring by my doctoral research supervisor, Professor Richard G. Fentiman. I would also like to acknowledge the invaluable support I have received from Hughes Hall and the Foundational for International Law” Soterios said.

The ASCL is one of the most prestigious societies for the legal research of Comparative Law. The YCC is the Youth branch of the Society, for students and young scholars who work in the fields of Comparative Law. For the past five years, the YCC has been organising annual global conferences in the USA, where students and young scholars present their research. The purpose of the conference is to highlight, develop, and promote the scholarship of new and younger comparativists.
Meeting Dr Martin Steinfeld, Charnley Law Fellow

Dr Martin Steinfeld is the new Charnley Fellow at Hughes, whose arrival was made possible thanks to the generous patronage of Fellow William Charnley.

“It feels strange to say that I was only appointed as the Charnley Fellow in Law in October, as I have been welcomed so wholeheartedly by the whole college that I feel like I have been here for years. It certainly feels like home to me and it has been such a joy for me to return to Cambridge and come to Hughes after three years in London. My background is in both Law and Politics. Prior to my appointment here I was a lecturer in European Union, Public and Public International Law at King’s College London, and when people ask me to summarise what I teach and research in, I simply say ‘all the exciting, critical and dynamic areas of law which are very much part of the national (and international) conversation’. I have also worked as a Barrister in London.

As researcher in EU law, particularly EU Citizenship law, a referendum on whether the UK should remain within the EU has become a 24 hour occupation. I am playing every conceivable role I can to help the UK’s population understand basic (and often misunderstood) aspects of how the EU operates, in order at least to help them vote on a proper basis and, ideally, to vote to remain. What motivates me is that my work matters, that we as academic institutions should play a fundamental role in the wider world in which we live, and I have to say in this respect it has been fantastic to host both Daniel Zeichner and Keir Starmer in events at Hughes during my time here.

Those of you that know me will also know that I am a bit of a sports nut too! In one corner of my office is a QPR calendar (I’ve been a season ticket holder since birth) and my window overlooks the glorious Fenner’s. Being from St John’s Wood, cricket is basically in the blood, and the moment that the cricket season started I have been like a kid at Christmas, sitting right by the window in Hall just to watch some cricket over an early lunch.

More important than anything else, though, are our students, who I try and help as much as I can to the best of my ability. What gives a considerable amount of pleasure is seeing students progress to become professional and mature lawyers who are a credit to the College. We have special body of students, staff and Fellows here with such a diverse and interesting set of backgrounds, and it has been a real honour and a privilege to become part of the Hughes community.

Sir Richard Aikens addresses the Charnley Law Dinner

For the seventh Charnley Lecture we welcomed Sir Richard Aikens, retired Lord Justice of Appeal, to speak on the topic of ‘Law and History’. Students then had the enviable opportunity to network with the speaker and other senior lawyers, Judges and Law academics, including the former head of the Supreme Court of the UK, Lord Philips of Worth Matravers KG PC, former High Court Judge Dame Janet Smith DBE, and noted legal academics Professor Sir John Barker QC and John and Cherry Hopkins, to name just a few of those present. As always, we are immensely grateful to William Charnley for his sponsorship of the event, and look forward to welcoming more of our alumni to future events.

More important than anything else, though, are our students, who I try and help as much as I can to the best of my ability.

Sir Richard with William Charnley (left) and the President
Professor Ian Hodge, Fellow

Recently published The Governance of the Countryside: Property, Planning and Policy. Conflicts over the conservation of biodiversity, changing patterns in land use, pollution, climate change, public access and increasing demands for food and energy security lead to the creation of policies designed to reconcile interests and promote society’s objectives. This book examines the origins and evolution of the institutions that determine the use and management of land and the delivery of ecosystem services, through private property rights, markets and public policies. Divided into five accessible parts, the book provides detailed coverage of the institutions, property and governance of the countryside, historical models, governance under sectoral policies and alternative approaches. It is carefully developed to meet the needs of anyone studying or interested in agricultural sciences, countryside management, rural environment and geography. Students, lecturers, policy makers, managers and consultants in these areas will find this a valuable resource.

Dr John Durrell, Quondam Fellow

Promoted from a Temporary Lectureship in Engineering to an established University Lectureship in Superconductivity effective from 1 May 2016.

Dr Nick Kazantzis, Senior Member

Recent Journal Publications:

International Conference Presentation:
Authors: E. Hanley, B. A. Glowacki, W. J. Nuttall and N. Kazantzis, Title: A Systems-Based Approach to Hydrogen Production Methods and the Emergence of the Hydrogen Economy, Conference: 1st International Conference on Hydrogen Energy in Autumn 2015, in Aveiro, Portugal. I am one of the original members of the International Panel on Chemical Pollution (IPCP), ETH Zurich, Switzerland.

Dr Robyn Veal, Fellow and Tutor

Modern Economic Modelling Applied to the Ancient World. Hosted a conference in March entitled Environment to Economy of Ancient Campania: moderating and modelling the data. The conference focused on the potential for quantitative modelling of organic archaeological remains (burn and mineralised seeds, charcoal, pollen, and animal bones). This will create a new approach to the Roman economy, which has more traditionally been based on the excavation of buildings, burials and objects such as coins, pottery and shipwrecks. The conference was funded by the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, and held at the Institute. International speakers came from Italy and Canada, joining several local experts in archaeogenetics and isotope studies, to push forward modelling techniques for the ancient world. It has subsequently received the imprimatur of formal publication as a special edition of the Bulletin for the Institute of Classical Studies, which will be edited by Dr Veal and colleagues from Winnipeg and UCL. From the conference, a Research Network for Ancient Campania has been formed of participating scholars, who also came from Oxford, Glasgow, and UCL. A partnership with the US based Ancient World Mapping Centre (University of North Carolina), has also been agreed, to create a large scale 3D Geographic Information System (GIS) and database. Dr Veal will be working in North Carolina later in the year to begin construction of the GIS.

Dr Robyn Veal (4th left) and colleagues
ALUMNI NEWS
Updates from some of our 6500 alumni around the world

PUBLICATIONS/ACADEMIA
Professor Ray Land, PGCE (1976)
Professor of Higher Education, and Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy at Durham University. Will present a keynote in June in Halifax, Nova Scotia at the sixth biennial international conference on his educational theory (with Professor Jan Meyer) of Threshold Concepts and Troublesome Knowledge. A recent edited book, Threshold Concepts in Practice (Sense 2016) is his fourth in a tetralogy on this subject. Further information: www.ee.ucl.ac.uk/~mflanaga/thresholds.html

David Van Reybrouck, MPhil (1993) Archaeology & Anthropology
The Bodley Head (Vintage, Penguin Random House UK) has bought the rights of David’s book, Against Elections, which will be published by the end of July. More information: www.booktrade.info/index.php/showarticle/64006

Richard Cellini, LLM (1993) Law

David Stevenson, PhD (1994)
Genetics
David’s fourth book The Exo-Weather Report, which looks at meteorology and climate on Earth, the Solar system, and on the galactic scale in the past, present, and 7 billion years in the future, was published in June by Springer.

Katie Klavenes, MPhil (2013)
Education
Katie’s MPhil research was published as an article on the University Engineering Department website www.eng.cam.ac.uk/news/empathy-and-engineering-can-our-brain-type-explain-gender-gap-stem-subjects-and-careers

Simon Underdown
Simon’s research on Neanderthal DNA and human disease has been featured widely in the national press, including the Guardian, BBC, Daily Mail and Independent. More information: website: www.cam.ac.uk/research/news/neanderthals-may-have-been-infected-by-diseases-carried-out-of-america-by-humans-say-researchers

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
English Chris and Wendy Parker (nee Thwaites) recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, having first met in College at the bottom of the main staircase nearly 33 years ago.

CHARITY
Maddy Binning, MEd (1999)
Education
After obtaining a Masters in Primary Education and now aged 72, Maddy has volunteered for the Childline Schools Service part of the NSPCC charity. The charity presents primary-aged pupils with information about different forms of child abuse and how a child can find help if they need it.

Hugh Evans, MPhil (2008)
International Relations
Hugh, now CEO of the international advocacy group Global Citizen, was recently invited to deliver a TED talk at their annual event in Vancouver. www.globalcitizen.org

BUSINESS
Bruce Robertson, MPhil (1989) Economics
Bruce Robertson is the Founder and CEO of Gulu Agricultural Development Co. Ltd, a diversified agri-business operating in northern Uganda. The company started from scratch in 2009 and now employs 700 people, works with 84,000 farmers in cotton, sesame, maize, timber and sunflower production.

Brian Purkiss, DipComSc (1991) Computer Science
As a pyro-technician with Titanium Fireworks, Brian has organised displays for the 2015 New Year London Eye show, 2016 Edinburgh Hogmanay, and Blackpool’s World Firework Championship—as well as Oxbridge balls including Trinity Cambridge.

John Yates, MPhil (1993) Engineering
Jay Yates recently joined the international law firm of Hogan Lovells as a partner in its Houston, Texas office. Jay has extensive experience litigating intellectual property disputes, especially in the Eastern District of Texas, which is the most active patent forum in the United States.

Startis Georgilias, LLM (1993) Law
Paper at the Forth Biannual Hellenic Aviation Society’s
Conference to be held at Athens International Airport (Athens, 10-11 May 2016) on Critical Evaluation of the over Twenty Years’ Practice on common Rules for the Allocation of Slots in European Airports, and a Paper at the Ninth Annual McGill University/PEOPIL Conference on International Aviation Law & Insurance at The Hub – Edinburgh’s Festival Centre Castlehill Edinburgh, Scotland (20 May 2016).

Prasan Pandite, LLM (1993) Law

Prasan Pandite is the Founder and President of Global Oceans Leadership Development, LLC in the United States offering ‘the most advanced techniques and strategies for companies to prosper in any environment, by developing truly effective leaders to businesses, entrepreneurs and individuals.’

George Theocharidis, LLM (1995) Law

Dr. Theocharidis was appointed Associate Professor at The World Maritime University, an entity established under the auspices of the International Maritime Organisation, a specialized agency of the United Nations.

Rajesh Pillai, BA (2000) Law

Rajesh, a Barrister at 3 Verulam Buildings, recently appeared for the British Government in the UK Supreme Court responding to appeals in the Eclipse film finance tax avoidance litigation. He was called to the English Bar in 2002 and to the New York Bar in 2003.

Julia Fintz, MBA (2008) Business Administration

Julia has set up a new software venture, DispatchCube, which provides cloud-based Mobile Workforce Management and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software for Emergency Services, Security and Logistics companies.

ARTS

Mark Partridge BA English (2002)

Mark’s latest production is The Ballad of Blake Malone, which mixes social and magical realism to tell the story of an autistic child. Produced by Imaginarium Ltd, which aims to give 30% of profits to autistic charities.

Philip Massey, PGCE (1991) English

Preparing to play Pontius Pilate in The York Minster for the Mystery Plays.

Qian Kuang, MPhil (2011) Modern Society and Global Transition

Qian is currently completing an MFA in Film Creative Producing at Columbia University in the City of New York, and just produced and edited the official trailer of the 29th Columbia University Film Festival. More details on cufilmfest.com/trailer

REUNION


Held a mini Hughes Hall reunion with Ben Allen (2001, Theology and International Relations) who was recently elected to the California State Senate, on a business trip to Los Angeles.

1991 Rugby triumph toasted – many times...

On 4 June, the rugby vintage of 1991 returned to College in celebration of their Cuppers victory that year. Simon Turner, the organiser of what proved to be a lively day, some moments of which were spent in the College Bar, is planning a bigger celebration of the impressive Hughes rugby tradition next year. Do get in touch with the Development Office if you would like to attend.
Balancing educational leadership with Motherhood…

For Asmaa Alfadala (PhD, Education, 2014) study at Hughes Hall meant balancing her life as a mother of five young children. This is her remarkable story.

Although my parents didn’t read or write, they were guided by a belief that education was ‘the passport to life.’ They encouraged me, together with my sisters and brothers, to work hard and do well in school.

When I graduated from high school, I was fortunate to be offered a scholarship to study in the United States. I was very excited and I had an aspiration of joining my brother who was already studying in Florida, but my parents were reluctant to allow me to leave home. I was disappointed, of course, but with hindsight, I can understand their perspective, and how religious and cultural beliefs informed their reluctance.

Instead, I attended Qatar University, and graduated with a degree in Physics and Education. I became a teacher of Physics in a secondary school for a year before getting married.

Ever since I had been offered the scholarship that I had had to turn down, my vision to study abroad never left my mind. Eventually, I applied for a scholarship at Sussex University, and was successful. I am ever grateful to my husband for his immense and steady support for me throughout my studies.

He and our two children, at the time, accompanied me to the UK. Living and studying in a new and so very different place was a great challenge for me – and for all of us – but I do believe that we don’t grow when things are easy.

I completed a Master’s degree in Science Education in 2005, submitting my dissertation at four in the afternoon, and giving birth to our third child just before midnight the same day!

Qatar Foundation recognised my commitment and offered to sponsor my continued postgraduate education. And so I returned to England in 2009 with my husband and our children – our family having grown to five – to commence my MPhil in Research Methods.

It was a wonderful experience and exhausting at the same time. All my time was dedicated either to being a mother or to my studies. My own mother, understandably, was apprehensive about my ongoing, intensive studying and worried that it would detract from my role as a mother. On the positive side, having kids is a brilliant way of keeping you grounded while absorbed in graduate studies. My siblings and friends were also emotionally supportive.

But most important was the support of my husband, and my success in meeting the challenges of being a mother and a student would not have happened without him; he too, in leaving Qatar, was leaving his friends, his family, and his life as he had known it.

For me, being a mother for five children whilst studying was a challenge. First, I clearly divided my time between home and study. I tried to give my brain time to relax and did not allow myself to be consumed with the minor crises and daily dramas of academic life. I rarely spoke about my studies with my husband or my children. This gave me an emotional and mental break from my “research questions” when I was with them, and allowed my brain to clear and recharge. Early to bed and early to rise became my best practice. I rose very early, before my children were awake, finding it easier to study at the start of the day.

Following my MPhil, I went on to a PhD and became the first woman from Qatar to receive a Doctoral degree in Education from Cambridge University.

I can’t talk about my PhD journey without paying tribute to my supervisor Darleen Opfer; Darleen believed in me from my first meeting with her and this helped me to keep going.

Looking back, I enjoyed being a student at Hughes Hall. To meet such a wide range of students is a great experience and I have made life-long friends there, so I am very pleased with the choice I made.
Aylin Salzmann (MPhil European Literature & Culture 2011) reflects on her time at Hughes and her career as a young professional in the world of publishing.

I always liked the friendly and relaxed atmosphere at the College, though oddly enough one of my favourite things was the port wine and sherry bar at the Formal Halls – Hughes Hall was the only college having this, and my friends from elsewhere always wanted to join me. I also worked for the Development Team in their fundraising campaign, and I met many wonderful people during those weeks. After finishing my degree I went back and forth between Germany and England: I did an editorial traineeship at a publishing house in Munich, I worked as a literary scout in London and as a literary agent in Berlin, before I started my current role as a fiction editor at Ullstein Buchverlage in Berlin. Here, I look after German and English authors. I was always torn between a career as an academic and one in publishing, and I believe, that if you study literature and leave academia, being an editor is the closest you can be to the actual subject matter: the literary text. I love everything about my job – the reading, the contextualising, the conceptual work with the authors, the editing and the whole production process until you finally hold the finished copy of the book in your hands – this is the best feeling!

Hughes events in South East Asia and Paris

Hughes Hall prides itself on its internationalism, with 75 nations represented among our current student body and 116 nationalities represented by Hughes alumni. This year will be the busiest ever in terms of alumni events and meetings throughout the world and in April, our Director of Development & Alumni Relations, Richard Berg Rust, visited alumni in China, Indonesia and Malaysia, before teaming up with the President for Hughes events in Singapore and Hong Kong, including the University’s splendid campaign launch event.

In early May, the President joined Hughes alumni for a Paris dinner with Senior Member Pierre Casquet. Keep in touch with Hughes alumni by Hughes-Hub at hugheshallglobal.com/hughes-hub

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In late March eight Hughes athletes (the magnificent eight…) lined up on the Thames for the 2016 Boat Races.

The bald results tell nothing of the excitement of that Sunday afternoon. Blondie beat Osiris by three lengths. Goldie lost to Isis by 2 lengths. OUWBC won by 24 lengths, while CUBC triumphed by two and a half lengths. Goldie included three Hughes men, Vince Bertram (BA, Land Economy) at 5, Alister Taylor (MPhil, Education) at 6 and Joe Carroll (BA, Land Economy) at 7. The stern of the Blue Boat all Hughes - Lance Tredell (BA, Land Economy) stroking, Ben Ruble (BA, Land Economy) in the 7 seat and Henry Hoffstot, (BA, Geography) the CUBC President, at 6.

In the women’s Boat Race Rosemary Ostfeld (PhD, Land Economy) was again at the controls. CUWBC had to start on Middlesex and were faced with the most appalling conditions seen for many a year. Under Barnes Bridge their eight was turning into a submarine, literally. The abiding memory of this race will be of Rosemary’s refusal to accept the red-flagging of the race, literally willing her waterlogged crew to the finishing line. Surely she would have preferred the traditional early bath of the victorious coxswain.

Alister Taylor captaining Goldie called correctly and chose Surrey. This gave Goldie, given no chance by the pundits, a degree of hope. They held Isis almost as far as the Bandstand. In the end though, Isis won by some six seconds after a hard-fought race in challenging conditions.

For once everything went to plan in the Boat Race proper. Henry called correctly and selected Surrey. Cambridge went off the stake boat like a rocket, the first time for many years, leading within the first twenty strokes. They never looked back. Indeed our coxswain declared to your correspondent later into the heady night that followed, "we had it won by the Black Buoy" (i.e. before the Fulham football ground). The light blues looked relaxed and powerful. Once conditions worsened Cambridge rolled with every punch that Oxford could produce, becoming more dominant with every stroke. By Barnes the result was no longer in doubt, Cambridge claimed their first victory in five years.

In the Lightweight boat, Peta Blundell was part of a gallant effort which ended in defeat by a canvas.

Hughes students have excelled in other sports at University level – notably Alisha Cramer (PhD, Physics) captaining the seconds in the Fencing whitewash of Oxford. HHBC has high hopes for the Mays, after sterling performances in the Lents. The College Football team also performed heroically, winning the league and just missing out in the Cup competition in extra time. But not on penalties…….
Introducing our new MCR President Peta Blundell…..

Peta Blundell, a BA Law student in her second year, has packed a lot into her first years at Hughes. She has already raced with the women’s Lightweight crew with the University Boat club, been a Telethon caller (twice) and plays Cello with the Cambridge Graduate Orchestra. We caught up with her to learn more about the person who will represent our students in the coming year…

What’s your background?
I’m originally from Australia, but I’ve lived in the US, Singapore and France before coming to Cambridge. In fact, my first degree was in International and Global studies from the University of Sydney, so coming to the most international College in Cambridge seems fitting!

How would you describe Hughes Hall?
I’d sum up Hughes as welcoming, international, and diverse. Since day one I have found it a supportive and encouraging place, full of fascinating people who always want to help – help each other, help others, help however they can. One of the other musical students in College runs a charity called Sing Inside, and we visit prisons and teach music workshops; it’s that sort of caring community.

How do you envisage the year as MCR President?
I’m really looking forward to representing the students over the next year – my final year at Hughes. I’m actually looking forward to sitting on committees, if it means I can do my best to represent the student voice. I know it will be a great experience working with other students, and also with our Fellows and staff members. I hope I get the chance to meet more of our alumni too – I was a Telethon caller, and heard so many interesting stories and spoke to so many fascinating people and I’d love to have the opportunity to do more of that. As for the future, I’m still on the fence about whether I go to the Bar or become a solicitor – though I take confidence from knowing that either way I will be following the path of many fellow Hughesians!

(Front L to R) Joshua Richman (Accommodation Officer), Jodie Chalmers (Sports and Societies Officer), Katarina Hlavata (Female Welfare Officer), Luíza Leão Soares Pereira (Academic Officer), Lucas Saric (Diversity and Equality Officer), Molly James (Secretary), Kai Schulze (Green and Ethical Affairs Officer), Nicholas Langford (Vice-President), Gulshan Singh Gill (Treasurer)

(Back L to R) Lydia Wong (LGBT+ Officer), Hwai Zheng Ng (Male Welfare Officer), Harry Holkham (Infrastructure Officer), Peta Blundell (President), Max Campbell (External Social Secretary) and Milind Pandit (Internal Social Secretary).
Academic Council and JCR members could now consider the uses of the arms, uses much desired and previously denied to Hughes. Henceforth, as other Cambridge colleges, including the more recent graduate foundations, Hughes Hall was entitled to display its armorial bearings on ties, scarves, flags, writing paper, sportswear, and other artefacts.¹ As Pat Story, alumna and former Senior Tutor and Vice-President, comments: a less worthy motive to bear arms was the desire to blazon the Hughes Hall coat of arms alongside the shields of other colleges on the staircase of Boots the Chemist in central Cambridge.

Creating a design acceptable to the College of Arms, and College Council, had been the responsibility of a committee of students and Fellows in consultation with Mr H. Ellis Tomlinson, an experienced heraldic designer.² The heraldic composition of the final version of the shield with its ermine field and gules (red) tincture alluding to the University of Cambridge, features the charges, or devices, of the owl, symbol of wisdom, and the torch, signifier of enlightenment or truth (fig. 1). A suggestion to include a book to represent learning was not taken up. Perhaps this decision related to the preference for the motto *Disce ut servias* instead of the proposed *Disce ut doceas*, reflecting the training and destinations of teachers, the former expressing a broader humanist principle and acknowledging the increasingly diverse profile of the student body. In relation to the full bearings achievement, although it was deemed inappropriate for the College arms to incorporate any element of the Hughes’ family arms, two capital ‘H’s were eventually worked into the crest of feathers surmounting the helmet and wreath.

On the granting of its Royal Charter as a full College of the University in 2006, Hughes Hall was required to gain a royal licence for the continuing use of its armorial bearings. This grant of arms and licence for their continued use, replacing the ‘handsomely framed’ patent delivered in October 1980 and proudly exhibited in the Pfeiffer library, are currently displayed in the Council Room in the Wileman building.³

What is not generally known, however, and is only apparent from the visual, not the

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1. Pat Story, alumna and former Senior Tutor and Vice-President.
2. Mr H. Ellis Tomlinson, an experienced heraldic designer.
3. Currently displayed in the Wileman building.
written, record is that an earlier, unofficial, shield was used, first appearing on the frames of two group photographs in 1894 and 1897 (fig. 2) and later in the painted title page of the presentation volume commemorating Miss Hughes’ term as principal from 1885 to 1899 – its more vibrant colours possibly intended to imitate an illuminated manuscript (fig. 3). Since both photographs are of the CTC hockey teams, some of them Blues, it is reasonable to assume that this particular sporting contingent were instrumental in designing the early version of our coat of arms. Their charmingly naive Victorian renderings are composed of owl, sunrise (a common charge), three marsh marigolds (the College flower and badge), and stars (another common charge) one for each year since foundation in 1885, the large central star rising from a ray of sunshine representing the current year. There is space for up to sixteen stars on this shield (1901) but no extant evidence for its use beyond 1899.

Pat Story, Fellow, and Jean Lambert, Fellow

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2. The President, Professor Richard D’Aeth (chair), Ken Turner, former Tutor and Vice President, Pat Story, alumna, former Senior Tutor and Vice President, John Raffan, former Senior Tutor and Vice President, and three JCR representatives.


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**THE HUGHES HALL GARDEN**

**Acer Palmatum ‘Beni-Maiko’**

This beautiful deciduous Japanese maple (‘Beni’ meaning red and ‘maiko’, a dancing girl) would be an attraction in any garden, and adds early spring colour to our Fenner’s border. This striking dwarf maple produces a branching bush with brilliant scarlet foliage fading to pink and later turning greenish red, with the main veins remaining red. In autumn, the deep lobed leaves provide a stunning display. ‘Beni Maiko’ is often compared to other brilliant scarlet cultivars, such as ‘Shin Deshojo’ and ‘Osakazuki’. The asymmetrical leaf shape enhances this outstanding shrub, which is highly regarded in Japan.

It is advisable to cut back long shoots in March to encourage a compact growth, but pruning is ideally kept to a minimum, as the best shape results from allowing natural growth. It likes a sandy, slightly acidic, well drained soil but add some garden peat to any other soil type to assist root development. It will not tolerate very alkaline conditions.

Acers are tolerant of sun and shade, but be aware that very bright conditions can cause ‘scorch’. If grown in a pot, protection is required.

Keith McVeigh, Fellow

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Figure 3, 1979-80

**Water well during the first year and avoid positioning too close to other shrubs to allow the fibrous root systems to spread.**

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President and College Cat Hugh is to benefit from a new fund set up by students, staff and Fellows, which will help ensure a healthy old age.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Alumni Summer Garden Party
2 July 2016

JBS Alumni Drinks Reception and Dinner
8 July 2016

Summer London Drinks Reception

Alumni Weekend Event
24 September 2016

Ogden Dinner
16 September 2016

Zimmern Medical Lecture and Dinner
22 November 2016

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