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Congregation 2 June

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No notice of opposition having been given, the Vice-Chancellor declared approved the legislative proposals (1) concerning Statute XVI and (2) concerning Statute VII, and the resolution at (3) concerning a space allocation.

Congregation

Congregation 11 June

Elections

CONTESTED ELECTIONS

- Council
- Visitors of the Ashmolean Museum
- Curators of the University Parks
- Board of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics

Details are in '[Elections](#)' section below.

Note on procedures in Congregation

Business in Congregation is conducted in accordance with Congregation Regulations 2 of 2002 (<https://governance.admin.ox.ac.uk/legislation/congregation-regulations-2-of-2002>).

A printout of these regulations, or of any statute or other regulations, is available from the Council Secretariat on request. A member of Congregation seeking advice on questions relating to its procedures, other

than elections, should contact Louise Hasler, Council Secretariat, University Offices, Wellington Square (email: congregation.meeting@admin.ox.ac.uk); questions relating to elections should be directed to the Elections Office (email: elections.office@admin.ox.ac.uk).

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General Notices

Funding investment in Oxford's future

WEBINAR

Join senior finance and planning colleagues to learn how the University is managing its finances over the coming years, balancing investment with long-term financial sustainability. A webinar will take place at 11.15am on 16 June to discuss outcomes from the [3-year Settlement](#) (SSO login required), the process by which the University collectively agrees funding arrangements for the years ahead, including our key investments across people, digital and Oxford's estate. To register: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/G0013mwECCG>.

Sustainability and Oxford's endowments

WEBINAR

Oxford University Endowment Management (OUem), which manages the University's charitable endowments, invites all staff to a webinar and Q&A session on its approach to sustainability at 1pm on 11 June online via Zoom. More information about OUem, including its Oxford Endowment and Sustainability reports, is available at www.ouem.co.uk. [Registration required](#).

Appointments

Humanities

ELEANOR RATHBONE PROFESSORSHIP OF CONTEMPORARY EUROPEAN HISTORY

Jussi Hanhimäki, BA Tampere, MA PhD Boston, Professor of International History and Politics, Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, has been appointed to the Eleanor Rathbone Professorship of Contemporary European History in the Faculty of History with effect from 1 January 2027. Professor Hanhimäki will be a fellow of St Antony's.

Lectures

Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences

Doctoral Training Centre

SCHMIDT AI IN SCIENCE LECTURE

Dr Stuart Feldman, Schmidt Sciences, will give the Schmidt AI in Science lecture at 5.30pm on 17 June at the Sheldonian. More information and to register: <https://saiis.site.ox.ac.uk/events/oxford-schmidt-ai-science-annual-lecture-2026>.

Subject: 'Steering the disruption: AI's transformation of science and the role of philanthropy'

Department of Statistics

CORCORAN MEMORIAL PRIZE AWARD & LECTURE

Professor Frank Noe, FU Berlin/Microsoft Research AI for Science, Berlin, will give the Corcoran Memorial Lecture at 3pm on 11 June, followed by the presentation of the Corcoran Memorial Prize and a drinks reception. More information and to register: www.stats.ox.ac.uk/events/corcoran-memorial-prize-award-lecture-0.

Subject: 'Biophysics in the age of AI'

Other Groups

Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

ANNIVERSARY LECTURE

HRH Prince Turki Al-Faisal will give the Anniversary Lecture at 5pm on 10 June.

Subject: 'The global order today: a Muslim perspective'

AZLAN SHAH LECTURE

The Rt Hon Lady Simler, Justice of the UK Supreme Court, will give the Azlan Shah Lecture at 5pm on 16 June.

Subject: 'Protecting expression, balancing interests'

Examinations and Boards

Examinations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

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Elections

Contested elections 11 June

The nomination period for the elections below closed at 4pm on 14 May. The election on 11 June will be held electronically. An email with further instructions was sent to eligible voters on Wednesday, 27 May, using the

Council

- 1 member of Congregation elected by Congregation from members of the faculties in the Divisions of Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences and of Medical Sciences, to serve until the start of MT 2030 [vice Professor Proochista Ariana, Mansfield]

The following nominations have been received:

Professor Martin Castell, BSc Exeter, PhD Camb, Linacre, Faculty of Materials

Nominated by:

- Professor Proochista Ariana, Nuffield Department of Medicine
 Professor Sir Peter Bruce, St Edmund Hall, Department of Materials
 Professor Helen Christian, St Anne's, Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics
 Professor Christl Donnelly, St Peter's, Department of Statistics
 Professor David Gavaghan, New College, Department of Computer Science and Doctoral Training Centre
 Professor Gail Hayward, Exeter, Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences
 Dr Nick Leimu-Brown, Linacre
 Professor Conall Mac Niocaill, Exeter, Department of Earth Sciences
 Professor Martin Maiden, Hertford, Department of Biology
 Professor Martin Williams, New College, Department of Engineering Science

Candidate statement:

I joined the University in 1994 as a Junior Research Fellow and have progressed through a range of academic roles, from Royal Society URF and College Lecturer to Professor. Since 2023, I serve as Associate Head of Division in MPLS, dealing with the strategic challenges and opportunities facing departments, the Division, and the wider University, especially within the education space. This has given me extensive practical experience of the operation of the collegiate University and how engaged academic leadership can be effective in shaping policy and supporting sound governance.

I am seeking election to Council because I am committed to ensuring that the University remains focused on its core mission of advancing world-leading research and education. This requires clear strategic priorities

email addresses provided in the electronic register of Congregation (NB with few exceptions, notably clinical staff, this will be the work address ending 'ox.ac.uk'). The voting period will close at **4pm on 11 June**.

and sustained investment in the infrastructure and people that underpin academic excellence and continue to make Oxford a unique place. MPLS and MSD face similar challenges in that high-quality buildings and laboratories are essential if we are to remain globally competitive.

I am very mindful of the ever-increasing demands placed on academics, professional services staff, and students. Effective governance and sound processes must be proportionate, efficient, and designed with workloads in mind. Our time is a valuable resource, and I would advocate for more streamlined systems that allow decisions to be made with greater efficiency.

I would bring to Council long institutional experience, strategic insight, and a strong commitment to ensuring that the University's resources, estate, and governance arrangements enable academics, professional services staff, and students to thrive.

Professor Sir Aziz Sheikh, BSc UCL, MB BS University College/ Middlesbrough School of Medicine, MSc LSHTM, MA Oxf, MD Imp, Harris Manchester, Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences

Nominated by:

- Professor Beth Breeze, Harris Manchester
 Professor Patrick Grant, St Catherine's
 Professor Heidi Johansen-Berg, St Edmund Hall
 Professor Helen McShane, Medical Sciences Division
 Professor Jonathan Michie, Kellogg
 Chris Price, Medical Sciences Division
 Professor Gavin Screaton, Medical Sciences Division
 Professor Dame Molly Stevens, Institute of Biomedical Engineering /Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics
 Professor Catherine Swales, School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
 Professor Krina Zondervan, Nuffield Department of Women's & Reproductive Health

Candidate statement:

Through my roles as Head of the Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences, Professorial Fellow and Governing Body member of Harris Manchester College, and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (without portfolio), I will bring department, college, and University-wide perspectives

to Council. These varied lenses ensure my contributions will be firmly grounded in the major opportunities and challenges facing our collegiate University. Furthermore, as a relatively recent recruit to Oxford, I retain an objective ‘outsider’ perspective to constructively challenge established norms. This is complemented by senior national and international leadership experience, including serving as Dean of Data on the University of Edinburgh’s Executive.

We possess extraordinary potential for transformative change across teaching, research, and innovation. If elected, I am particularly keen to help Council catalyse progress in five priority areas:

- Reducing silos to ensure we operate and are perceived as a unified collegiate University.
- Nurturing talent by robustly supporting both academic and professional services colleagues.
- Diversifying finances to counteract the severe economic headwinds facing the higher education sector.
- Capitalising on our data assets to help maximise opportunities for safe and transparent use of the major data assets we generate, including through developments in trustworthy AI.
- Maximising impact through strategic partnerships with government, industry, and civic society, particularly to improve life experiences for disadvantaged populations locally and globally.

I believe in forming long-term relationships grounded in trust, authenticity, and respect, and I commit to bringing these core values to Council.

- 1 member of Congregation, not necessarily being a member of any division and not in any case being nominated in a divisional capacity, who shall be elected by Congregation, to serve until the start of MT 2030 [vice Professor Sir Charles Godfray, Balliol]

The following nominations have been received:

Tom Adcock, MEng DPhil Oxf, St Peter’s, Engineering Science

Nominated by:

Ed Bispham, Brasenose, Faculty of Classics
 Benjamin Bollig, St Catherine’s, Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages
 Maxim Bolt, St Anne’s, International Development
 Judith Buchanan, St Peter’s
 Huw Dorkins, St Peter’s, Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics
 Dorota Leczykiewicz, St Peter’s, Faculty of Law
 Kathryn Murphy, Oriel, Faculty of English
 Vlad Mykhnenko, St Peter’s, School of Geography
 Clive Siviour, St Anne’s, Engineering Science
 Sarah Springman, St Hilda’s

Candidate statement:

I am a Tutorial Fellow at St Peter’s and Professor of Engineering Science. My research team works on coastal flooding and marine renewable energy. Apart from a brief spell in industry, I have built my life in Oxford since starting as an undergraduate in 2001. I served as Associate Head (Teaching) for Engineering during the pandemic and took a year away from my normal duties to serve as Senior Proctor in 2024–25. I believe strongly that academic institutions should be led by academics, and to that end I am currently serving as Senior Tutor of my college.

My time as Senior Proctor gave me a privileged insight into the workings of the University, equipping me to understand the competing priorities that Council and its sub-committees must grapple with. I am active in teaching, research, and administration— as such I understand both the opportunities and the pressures facing colleagues across the collegiate University.

I am a passionate advocate for the view that an academic career should be a balance of teaching and research, and I believe that, despite the challenges it faces, we must preserve the magic of the tutorial system. But I also believe that we can only expect academics to deliver across all aspects of the role if we provide them with the right support, resources, and environment. As such, the decisions Council makes matter and getting them right enables everyone across the University to thrive.

Dr Chris Ballinger, MA MSc DPhil Oxf, Exeter, Faculty of Social Studies

Nominated by:

Dr Kate Blackmon, Merton, Faculty of Management
 Professor Lucie Cluver, Nuffield, Department of Social Policy and Intervention
 Professor Nandini Das, Exeter, Faculty of English
 Professor Robert Gilbert, Division of Structural Biology
 Dr Jane Hoverd, Linacre
 Professor Conall Mac Niocaill, Exeter, Faculty of Earth Sciences
 Jo Mason, UAS – Childcare Services
 Dr Andrew Roe, Exeter
 The Rt Hon Sir Ernest Ryder, Pembroke, Faculty of Law
 Professor Helen Swift, St Hilda’s, Faculty of Medieval and Modern European Languages

Candidate statement:

Oxford is a University made up of excellent students, academics, and staff. Maintaining that excellence over the coming four years requires facing some specific challenges. Rising costs, economic turbulence and a squeeze on both research funding and undergraduate fee income impose financial stress; but we nonetheless must make progress on pay and conditions, and on workload. The benefits of AI are tempered by its impact

on evaluating prospective students and assessing those we admit. External regulation and risks need to be scrutinised to ensure that our responses support, rather than stifle, research and teaching.

I would bring to Council a nuanced appreciation of the working of the collegiate University, demonstrable commitment to good governance, experience of making financial choices, and a track record of supporting people. Working in the centre, in a division, and now as Senior Tutor in a college, I have seen each level of our institution at close quarters. The collage of the University's structures makes finding solutions which work across four divisions, their constituent departments and faculties, and all the colleges messy, difficult and imperfect – but it's absolutely possible. My service across the University beyond my jobs has included the Admissions Executive, Graduate Admissions Committee, Graduate Committee (as Chair), Education Committee of Council, Visitation Board, Conference of Colleges' Steering Committee and Appeals Tribunal, Childcare Steering Group. I appreciate the positive transformation of Oxford throughout my three decades here, but time has not withered my desire to strengthen the collegiate University through challenging attitudes and supporting change.

Tony Brett, MA Oxf, Assurance Directorate, University Administration and Services

Nominated by:

Peter Alsop, Wadham
 Dr Rebecca Bullard, Trinity
 Professor Martin Castell, Linacre, Department of Materials
 Professor Henrike Laehnemann, St Edmund Hall, Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages
 Professor Andrew Martin, Kellogg, Department of Computer Science
 Anne-Marie McBrien, Saïd Business School
 Professor Frances Platt, Merton, Department of Pharmacology
 Professor Sir Andrew Pollard, St Cross, Department of Paediatrics
 Neil Unsworth, Assurance Directorate, Department of Politics and International Relations
 Sally Vine, Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics

Candidate statement:

Council requires a deep understanding of how its strategic decisions impact the frontline realities of our academic community. Having served Oxford for 30+ years in a department, an academic division, a college, and central services (including digital and cybersecurity), I bring experience that spans the academic, divisional, and collegiate University, with a strong understanding of practical pressures facing academics and students.

Throughout my career, I have worked collaboratively across Oxford's federated ecosystem, constructing consensus to support research, innovation, and teaching. As the demitting Proctors observed, these core activities are increasingly resource-intensive and dependent on resilient infrastructure. During the pandemic, I led the Early Alert Covid-19 Testing Service, working with 200 departmental and college contacts to help maintain safe teaching, research, and residency across the University. I oversaw the cybersecurity protection of the Oxford COVID vaccine trial and brought vaccination centres swiftly into our estate, working with the NHS.

The Strategic Plan 2025–2030 emphasises Oxford's commitment to financial sustainability, regional innovation, and local community impact. I offer substantial experience in governance, financial oversight, and institutional delivery. I shaped a digital investment portfolio of £9m to strengthen institutional resilience and security and designed the digital architecture for the BioEscalator incubator, supporting innovation between the University, the NHS, and local enterprise.

As a former Oxford City Councillor and Deputy Lord Mayor, and through governance roles in local state schools including Chair of Governors at The Oxford Academy, I offer strong commitment to community service, accountability, and educational opportunity across our wider city.

David Renton, MA Camb, MA Oxf, All Souls

Nominated by:

Mr Charles Alexander, Merton
 Mr Simon Boddie, Finance Division
 Professor Cécile Fabre, All Souls
 Professor Dame Angela Mclean, All Souls
 Professor Julia Smith, All Souls
 Professor Sir Richard Trainor, Rhodes House
 Professor Sir John Vickers, All Souls

Candidate statement:

We are a great University with a clear strategy to 2030 but we (and the city we work and study in) will need to adapt quickly to a fast-changing world. Accreting more resources, making smart choices, finding the willingness to change, and supporting students, and academic and professional staff requires a wide range of expertise and experiences round the governance table. Prior to joining All Souls as Estates Bursar in 2021, I was an investment banker in London (and briefly Warsaw) for 25 years and then switched to the third sector as Finance and Investment Director at Guy's and St Thomas' Foundation for 10 years. I have direct experience of managing substantial charitable endowments, property, finance, risk and governance. I have some indirect experience supporting major fundraising both strategically and as chair of King's College London and Guy's major gifts

ethics review group. I have experience running major projects including All Souls' project to create significant new academic space for the first time in 300 years. At Guy's I was part of the team that reimagined grant making in a health and academic system embedded on London's South Bank where inequalities were rife. I also have experience of external roles as a trustee of Oxford Playhouse, serving on the Remuneration Committee of Downing College and on the Investment Committee at Nesta. I would draw on my experience to help the University to address the challenges we face and to take advantage of the undoubted opportunities that are before us.

Boyd Rodger, BA Strath, MBA Lond, Nuffield Department of Population Health

Nominated by:

Dr James Brown, Radcliffe Department of Medicine (Cardiovascular Medicine Laboratories)

Dr Martin Kauffmann, Bodleian Libraries

Professor Melinda Mills, Nuffield Department of Population Health

Anne Whitehouse, Nuffield Department of Population Health

Candidate statement:

Many challenges face the University of Oxford during these globally uncertain times. One such important challenge is reducing what the University spends to balance the books whilst simultaneously remaining ambitious with the academic enterprise. I believe Council needs to appraise itself on the progress of the 'Three Year Settlement' for the professional services to ensure quality support for the academic enterprise is not compromised and the opportunity is taken to improve it.

Any major change in the University requires good communication and a protocol for change. I have written in the *Oxford Magazine* about the underuse of Congregation as a communications forum. The only time Congregation has been convened recently is to debate and vote on adversarial motions. I would like to see Congregation convened to discuss change topics as part of the change process and make constructive suggestions.

How we change determines what is achieved. I will advocate for a consistent change management protocol across the University that is inclusive, consultative, and engages creative minds for innovative solutions.

I will bring to the duties as a member of Council diverse management experience in the public sector (20 years), the commercial sector (7 years), and the higher education sector (20 years). Beyond my departmental role, I have more broadly supported the University through being a member of the Statute XII Panels (8 years), the University Catering Working Group

(3 years), the Medical Science Division Catering Working Group (current), and the Transport Planning Working Group (current).

Professor Guy Thwaites, MB BS Lond, MA Camb, PhD Open, Exeter, Nuffield Department of Medicine

Nominated by:

Professor Louise Bowman, Nuffield Department of Population Health

Professor David Clifton, Department of Engineering Science

Professor Richard Cornall, Magdalen, Nuffield Department of Medicine

Professor Susie Dunachie, Corpus Christi, Nuffield Department of Medicine

Dame Sarah Gilbert, Christ Church, Nuffield Department of Medicine

Professor Sir Peter Horby, Merton, Nuffield Department of Medicine

Professor Yvonne Jones, Jesus, Division of Structural Biology

Professor Nick Leimu-Brown, Linacre, Department of Biology

Professor Helen McShane, Harris Manchester, Nuffield Department of Medicine

Mr Chris Price, Medical Sciences Division

Candidate statement:

I have been an infectious diseases physician and researcher with Oxford for nearly 20 years. Throughout that time, however, I lived and worked in southeast Asia, leading international teams and partnerships for the University that have spanned governments, other Universities, donors, WHO, and industry.

From October 2013 to January 2026, I was Director of the Oxford University Clinical Research Unit (OUCRU), a Wellcome Trust Major International Programme conducting interdisciplinary research across Vietnam, Indonesia, and Nepal. I led practice-changing clinical trials, secured substantial philanthropic funding, and helped develop researchers and professional staff across cultures and career stages. I was committed to improving research culture, integrity, mentorship, recognition, and equity: values essential to Oxford's future.

In January 2026, I returned to the United Kingdom. I am a member of the Nuffield Department of Medicine, and an Exeter College supernumerary Fellow. I remain committed to research focused on reducing deaths from life-threatening infectious diseases. In parallel, I am seeking new opportunities to engage with and support the University, especially as it delivers its global ambitions within the 2025–2030 strategic plan.

I bring practical experience of leading Oxford's activity at scale internationally, an understanding of

the opportunities and responsibilities that come with Oxford's international reputation, and a commitment to decisions that are ambitious, financially responsible, inclusive and outward-looking. The University recognises that many of its greatest challenges are

Visitors of the Ashmolean Museum

- 1 member of Congregation from the Medical Sciences Division elected by Congregation, to serve until the start of 2030 [vice Professor Richard Bulbulia, Clinical Trial Service Unit]

The following nominations have been received:

Professor Richard Bulbulia, MA MD Camb, Nuffield Department of Population Health

Nominated by:

- Professor Louise Bowman, Nuffield Department of Population Health
- Professor Sir Rory Collins, Nuffield Department of Population Health
- Professor Richard Haynes, Nuffield Department of Population Health
- Professor Prabhat Jha, St John's, Nuffield Department of Population Health
- Dr Nicholas Jones, Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences

Candidate statement:

The Ashmolean is the oldest university museum in the world and, with over 1 million visitors per year, one of the busiest. It has been a privilege to serve on the Board of Visitors for the past 3 years and I stand for re-election to use this experience to help support the museum navigate some choppy waters: rising costs; a tightening funding landscape; aging infrastructure and issues around Oxford's colonial past are just some of the challenges faced.

If elected, I look forward to supporting the incredible team at The Ashmolean and the army of dedicated and knowledgeable volunteers to rise to these challenges. Specifically, I hope to use my research expertise to help the museum attract grants from UKRI and other major funding agencies. I will also foster links between MSD and The Ashmolean, ensuring that all members of our division enjoy and exploit this unique resource.

Thank you for your support.

global. The University Council therefore needs members with substantial international experience who will help the University meet these challenges and enhance its global reputation and impact.

James R Edwards, BSc UWE, DPhil Oxf, Kellogg, Nuffield Department of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences

Nominated by:

- Dr Daniel Bone, Ashmolean Museum
- Professor Paul Bowness, Worcester, Nuffield Department of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences
- Professor Helen Christian, St Anne's, Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics
- Professor Lynne Cox, Oriel, Department of Biochemistry
- The Revd Professor Robert Gilbert, Magdalen, Nuffield Department of Medicine
- Professor David Griffiths, Kellogg, Department of Archaeology
- Professor Jonathan Michie, Kellogg, Department of Education
- Professor Jan Rehwinkel, Radcliffe Department of Medicine
- Dr Gavin Svenson, Kellogg, Oxford University Museum of Natural History
- Professor Amy Zavatsky, St Edmund Hall, Department of Engineering

Candidate statement:

For 16 years I have led a research group within MSD (Nuffield Department of Orthopaedics, Rheumatology and Musculoskeletal Sciences) investigating Ageing, Longevity and Healthspan focused on the skeletal system. This study of bone and mineralized tissues in health and disease includes an interest in osteoarchaeology and how skeletal material has been used by different societies through history. This led me to an Ashmolean Fellowship exploring skeletal objects within Ashmolean collections, including their potential for use in research, teaching and outreach. This included the further study of disease within local Anglo-Saxon populations and use of skeletal objects across cultures. This unique experience highlighted the hidden wealth of information contained within such collections and their potential to inspire, inform and educate.

Throughout my academic career I have contributed to University administration and policy through numerous department and divisional committee positions and established collaborative networks across MSD departments. This includes the UNIQ+ initiative and leading a multi-department application for new scanning equipment with many potential users across Oxford museums accessed through my engagement with

the Oxford Collaboration in Heritage Science Research and Engagement (OCHRE) group.

Clearly, the Ashmolean hosts a vast collection of objects with potential for further study and research, which may inform courses within MSD providing historical

Curators of the University Parks

- 1 person elected by Congregation, to serve until the start of MT 2030 [vice Professor Laura Rival, Linacre]

The following nominations have been received:

Dr Laura Ingle, BM BCh Oxf, MA Camb, Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences

Nominated by:

Dr Helen Ashdown, Somerville, Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences

Mr Nigel Fisher, Estates Services

Professor Gail Hayward, Exeter, Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences

Dr Laurence Leaver, Green Templeton

Dr David McCartney, St Edmund Hall, School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

Kitty McWilliam, Planning and Council Secretariat

Professor Sophie Park, Harris Manchester, Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences

Dr Andrew Schuman, Primary Care Health Sciences

Professor Catherine Swales, St Hilda's, School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

Amy Kate Welsby, Planning and Council Secretariat

Candidate statement:

Oxford has been my home for over 20 years, and the University Parks have been a constant throughout - a breathing space amid the intensity of university, somewhere to find perspective, and to connect with nature. That they remain so, for so many, is something I would be proud to help sustain.

Arriving as a medical student, I am now a GP in Oxford and a clinical academic in the Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences. My university-work focuses on community-based medicine and undergraduate medical education. Believing that good medicine requires diverse voices, I co-facilitate our department's community partnership group for patient and public involvement in education. A commitment to sustainability runs through my work too. I have driven the embedding of sustainable healthcare principles, including green prescribing, planetary health, and quality improvement, into our courses, recognised in 2026 with the awarding of SusQI Beacon Site status.

Through my work as a local GP I know my patients value the Parks, for recreation, for wellbeing, for the same reasons I do. I helped establish my practice as a Parkrun practice, and am a local resident who enjoys the space

and medical/biological insight, particularly where use of new technologies may be applied. I welcome the opportunity to represent MSD within this committee and look forward to promoting the unique and inspiring partnership between culture, science, education, and public engagement afforded by this position.

with my family. I serve on my Parish Council's working group for leisure and green space provision.

The University's strategic commitment to Leadership through Partnership resonates strongly with all of this. I stand to offer a fresh pair of eyes: grounded in the University, connected to the city, and committed to the long-term flourishing of one of Oxford's finest assets.

Colin Phillips, BA Oxf, PhD MIT, Somerville, Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics

Nominated by:

Helen Charlesworth, Education Policy Support

Mina Fazel, Linacre, Psychiatry

Ian Hewitt, Trinity, Mathematics

Lars Ostergaard, Magdalen, Biology

Danijela Trenkic, Somerville, Education

David Willis, Jesus, Linguistics

Candidate statement:

I am interested in serving as a Curator of the University Parks because I am a regular user and appreciator of the parks, as well as an event organiser in the parks. I visit the parks on most days of the year, including icy or soaking winter days. I am also a member of the organising team of the weekly University Parks parkrun, which may be the largest event held in the parks, bringing 35,000 runners, walkers, and volunteers to the parks in the past year alone. Our team has built a very positive working relationship with the parks team, helping to raise the visibility of the parks among local community members and visitors from further afield. The University Parks are a gem that deserves our support and protection.

Celeste Sarra, BAEnVsc Queen's, Development and Alumni Engagement, School of Geography and the Environment

Nominated by:

Ben Armstrong, Development and Alumni Engagement

Craig Edwards, Development and Alumni Engagement

Richard Holden, School of Geography and the Environment

Abigail Weir, Development and Alumni Engagement

Candidate statement:

I am standing for election as a Curator of the University Parks because I believe these spaces are among Oxford's greatest shared assets: a green jewel in the University's

crown, supporting biodiversity, recreation, wellbeing, research, and public life. The Parks are both a vital resource for the University community and one of Oxford's most beloved publicly accessible green spaces, welcoming residents and visitors alike.

Having recently joined the University as Head of Development for the School of Geography and the Environment, I bring more than 15 years of experience working at the intersection of conservation and philanthropy as both a grant-maker and fundraiser. Throughout my career, I have supported environmental research, community-based conservation, youth environmental education, and public access to nature, with a focus on building partnerships, engaging stakeholders, and advancing long-term stewardship initiatives.

Board of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics

- 4 persons elected by and from among the members of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology, and Phonetics to serve until the start of MT 2028 [*vice* Professor Gillian C Ramchand, Dr Michele Bianconi, Ian Watson, Professor Sam Wolfe]

The following nominations have been received:

Richard Ashdowne, MA, DPhil Oxf, University College, Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics

Nominated by:

Martin Maiden, Trinity
Sandra Paoli, Balliol
Philomen Probert, Wolfson
Gillian Ramchand, Magdalen

Chiara Cappellaro, MPhil DPhil Oxf, Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics

Nominated by:

Michele Bianconi, Wolfson
Megan Bushnell
Hanne Eckhoff, Lady Margaret Hall
Martin Maiden, Trinity
Sandra Paoli, Balliol
Elinor Payne, St Hilda's
Ziwen Wang
Ian Watson, Christ Church

Candidate statement:

I am standing for election to Faculty Board because I want the opportunity to promote a cooperative, supportive, healthy, equal, and inclusive working environment for all the members of our academic community.

I have been a member of this Faculty for 20 years, currently as a senior researcher and before that as a departmental lecturer, junior postdoc and graduate student. My research spans theoretical, historical

My commitment to conservation also extends beyond my professional work. I have served in volunteer leadership roles with conservation organisations in Canada, including as a trustee of Ontario Streams and as a member of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's Don Watershed Regeneration Council. Earlier in my career, I participated in the British Council and UNEP Arctic climate change training expedition in Svalbard as the Canadian youth delegate.

I would welcome the opportunity to contribute this experience, alongside a longstanding personal commitment to accessible and well-managed natural spaces, to the stewardship of the University Parks.

and experimental linguistics and I am co-leading a major AHRC-funded interdisciplinary project combining traditional historical linguistics and psycho/neurolinguistic experimentation.

I believe I have acquired over the years a true understanding of our collective strengths as a Faculty, of the major role we play within the Humanities Division, and of the importance of our interactions with other Faculties, all of which I aim to defend.

Wolfgang D C de Melo, MPhil DPhil Oxf, MA SOAS, Wolfson, Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics, Faculty of Classics

Nominated by:

Professor Adam Chong
Professor Hanne Eckhoff
Professor Kerstin Hoge
Professor Aditi Lahiri
Professor Martin Maiden
Professor Sandra Paoli
Professor Philomen Probert
Professor Devyani Sharma
Professor Andreas Willi
Professor David Willis

Candidate statement:

Having just been elected as interim Faculty Board Chair, I should now also be a member of the board I am going to chair. I have been a member of two Faculty Boards before: Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics; and Classics.

Professor E Matthew Husband, PhD Michigan State,
St Hugh's, Faculty of Linguistics, Philology, and Phonetics

Nominated by:

Victor Acedo-Matellán, Oriol
Daniel Altshuler, Jesus
Adam Chong, Kellogg
Wolfgang de Melo, Wolfson
Colin Phillips, Somerville
Philomen Probert, Wolfson
Gillian Ramchand, Magdalen
Andreas Willi, Worcester
David Willis, Jesus
Sam Wolfe, St Catherine's

Candidate statement:

The Linguistics, Philology, and Phonetics Faculty continues to confront a number of interconnected challenges around governance, space, staffing, and teaching. Many of these challenges reflect broader structural tensions, between local, divisional, and central university priorities, alignment of our strategic ambitions with available resources, and the ever-present need for clear and transparent processes that balance timely action with appropriate oversight.

I am returning from sabbatical with renewed energy and enthusiasm, and would welcome the opportunity to contribute to the Faculty Board's work in addressing these ongoing challenges. In particular, I would aim to support careful and consistent decision-making, better alignment between planning and constraints, and clear, constructive communication across the Faculty.

I have previously served on Faculty Board both as an elected and *ex officio* member, and have served in a range of Faculty roles, including Director of Undergraduate Studies and Director of Research, alongside extensive committee experience. This experience has given me a broad perspective on how our structures, processes, and decision-making operate in practice, and I will use it to help develop clearer, more consistent, and sustainable ways of addressing the challenges we face.

I am, therefore, standing for election to the Faculty Board and hope that you will support my candidacy with your vote.

Miriam Meyerhoff, BA MA VUW, MA Oxf, PhD
Pennsylvania, DipTESL Victoria Wellington, All Souls,
Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics

Nominated by:

Professor Kerstin Hoge, St Hilda's
Professor Jieun Kiaer, Hertford
Professor Aditi Lahiri
Professor Sarah Ogilvie, Campion Hall
Dr Rasmus Puggaard-Rode, Kellogg
Professor Gillian Ramchand, Magdalen

Dr Johanneke Sytsema, St Edmund Hall
Professor Ian Watson, Christ Church
Professor Anna Wilson
Dr Hilary Wynne, Kellogg

Candidate statement:

Oxford Faculties enjoy a flat and egalitarian tradition of governance. This fosters a valuable sense of inclusion, irrespective of how long someone has been at Oxford or what their title might be. Faculty Board is not a Cabinet where members argue their own interests. Membership on Faculty Board is about representing the diverse experiences, knowledge and expertise that Faculty – as a whole – possess. It's about drawing on that diversity in ways that best serve the students and researchers of all LPP programmes.

Since I started at Oxford in 2020, I have supervised 4 MPhil dissertations, 3 PhDs, examined 2 MPhil dissertations, and hosted two one-day symposia, both of which were attended by numerous PG students. I have also mentored several of the junior staff who have been asked to step in teaching sociolinguistics across the programme. From this, I have a good sense of how LPP functions across its various programmes.

My 30 years of teaching and research experience in three other linguistics programmes will inform my contributions to LPP Faculty Board, especially in balancing internal programme needs with the need to co-operate with other Faculties. I will be happy to draw on my extensive experience of teaching sociolinguistics (in formal and functional linguistics programmes) in support of any new hires in this area.

Gillian C Ramchand, MA Oxf, BSc MIT, PhD Stanford,
Magdalen, Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics

Nominated by:

Professor Daniel Altshuler, Jesus
Professor Matt Husband, St Hugh's
Dr Sandra Paoli, Balliol
Professor Elinor Payne, St Hilda's
Professor Sam Wolfe, St Catherine's

Candidate statement:

I am deeply committed to the principles of academic self-governance at Oxford University and as a new senior postholder at the faculty I would like to do my part to contribute to this at the faculty level. With my many years of experience in the field within teaching, research and strategy, I believe I have a lot to offer in terms of vision and commitment. In these difficult times globally, I care about preserving the best of what this university represents as an academic institution, and wish to work to maintain Linguistics as a thriving, relevant and innovative area of expertise within that academic milieu. I have already served on the board for two short terms, and I am willing to continue to serve in this capacity for a full 2-year term going forward.

Devyani Sharma, BA Dartmouth College, MA PhD
Stanford, Worcester, Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and
Phonetics, Faculty of English Language and Literature

Nominated by:

Victor Acedo-Matellan, Oriel
Professor Adam Chong, Kellogg
Wolfgang de Melo, Wolfson
Louise Mycock, Somerville
Elinor Payne, St Hilda's
Gillian Ramchand, Magdalen
Ian Watson, Christ Church
Professor Andreas Willi, Worcester
Professor David Willis, Jesus

Candidate statement:

I joined Oxford in 2025 and currently hold a joint position in Linguistics, Philology, and Phonetics and in English Language and Literature. I would value the chance to contribute to the LPP Faculty Board in several ways. My research and teaching in Linguistics is wide-ranging and links to numerous areas in the LPP Faculty, including language variation and contact, syntax, sociophonetics, historical linguistics, typology, bilingualism, and psycholinguistics. I have collaborated across these areas and appreciate the distinct traditions and needs of each, which is helpful in a diverse Faculty. I have served on current and previous REF panels (REF2021, REF2029), which may be useful for oversight, strategy, and planning in the Faculty as a whole. My experience of helping build a world-leading Linguistics programme (top-ranked for research quality in 3 consecutive REF exercises) in another Russell Group university over two decades brings ideas and good practices for effective Faculty governance in a large group. During my two terms as Department Chair for Linguistics, I prioritised cohesion, open dialogue, and ensuring a positive, collegial community. I am co-developing Sociolinguistics in LPP and ELL, and would like to embed this subfield productively alongside other areas and priorities. Finally, I am committed to strong interdisciplinary links with additional Faculties and Centres, and my familiarity with the Faculty of English Language and Literature can offer an added perspective.

Professor Ian Watson, MA MPhil PhD Camb, Christ
Church, Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics,
Faculty of Modern Languages

Nominated by:

Dr Michele Bianconi
Professor Louise Mycock, Somerville
Dr Rasmus Puggaard-Rode, Kellogg
Professor Devyani Sharma, Worcester
Professor Sam Wolfe, St Catherine's

Candidate statement:

As the oldest-serving Linguist in Oxford, I have seen and contributed to the creation and blossoming of the Faculty over nearly 40 years. We hope and deserve to go from strength to strength, but these are difficult times, both financially and for the unique Oxford model of academic self governance our Faculty exemplifies. Having gained considerable experience both as a tutorial fellow of 35 years and in what are these days (unfortunately) often called 'leadership roles' I would like to serve the Faculty a final time. By working together, we can not only continue to establish the Faculty as one of the world leaders in our field, but also guarantee that it remains a stimulating environment for all of us - from undergraduates through graduates and post-docs to tenured academics.

Professor Sam Wolfe, MA MPhil PhD Camb, DPhil Oxf,
St Catherine's, Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and
Phonetics, Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages

Nominated by:

Dr Veronica Bressan
Professor Matthew Husband, St Hugh's
Dr Holly Kennard
Professor Aditi Lahiri, Somerville
Professor Martin Maiden, Trinity
Dr Louise Mycock, Somerville
Professor Gillian Ramchand, Magdalen
Professor David Willis, Jesus

Candidate statement:

It has been a challenging time for the Faculty, but now is the time to work together to safeguard the teaching and research environment which so many of us value. At a time when the humanities are vulnerable nationally and internationally, it is all the more important that we in Oxford grasp opportunities to innovate, while maintaining our commitment to areas in which we have traditionally excelled.

I have previously served as the Faculty's Director of Undergraduate Studies, and several years as an elected member of its Faculty Board. As a joint postholder in Medieval and Modern Languages, I have also sat on its Board as Director of Schools Liaison and Outreach. I am a Congregation Elected Member of University Council and sit on both its major committees dealing with University finances.

In my roles across the University, I have consistently championed academic self-governance, coupled with high standards of openness, transparency, and facilitation of democratic decision-making. I also have a strong track-record of championing reform of our career structures, concrete action on workload pressures, and advocating for the Early Career Researchers who form a central yet undervalued part of our academic ecosystem.

Colleges, Halls and Societies

Obituaries

Merton

Dr Guy Harris, 24 May 2026; 1948. Aged 96.
The Revd Rodney Nicholson, 13 May 2026; 1964. Aged 80.

St Hilda's

Susan Nadine Batstone, 23 February 2023; 1974.
Aged 66.
Marilyn Ann Davies (*née* Hayter), 15 March 2026; 1957;
Exhibitioner. Aged 88.
Kathleen Mary Dawson (*née* Sansome), 10 January
2026; 1950; Exhibitioner. Aged 94.

Dr Elizabeth Ann Greenhall (*née* Reiner), March 2026;
1962. Aged 83.
Hazel Jennifer Haden (*née* Peck), 2 February 2025; 1961.
Aged 82.
Carola Prior, 11 January 2024; 1968. Aged 74.
Anne Sheila Weeks (*née* Robinson), 15 February 2025;
1952. Aged 91.

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