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Abbreviations Used

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| CAS | Cambridge Australia Scholarships Limited |
| CAT | Cambridge Australia Trust (predecessor organisation to CAS) |
| ANU | Australian National University |

Cambridge Trust (Trust) - Cambridge Commonwealth, European, and International Trust

CHAIR'S REPORT

When, in 2010, we formed Cambridge Australia Scholarships Limited (CAS), as a not-for-profit company, the objective was to create an organisation “for the future”. CAS’ predecessor, the Cambridge Australia Trust (CAT) had, in close conjunction with the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, already achieved a great deal, and had supported a large number of young Australians to pursue their studies at the University of Cambridge.

The lawyers amongst us were bemused, however, that the so-called *Cambridge Australia Trust* was not, in fact, a Trust and that its legal identity was somewhat opaque. The National Committee of CAT had, from the early 1980s, been constituted as joint effort between ANU and a group of

Cambridge alumni. With generational changes, retirements at ANU and, indeed, the death of several of those who had championed CAT from the 1980s, many agreed that change was needed; and so we set about to establish CAS as a sustainable and effective organisation, with best practice not-for-profit governance. Our quiet ambition was to create an organisation for Cambridge to rival the Rhodes Trust in Australia, and one which could prosper for generations.

Actions speak louder than words. Since CAS was formed in 2010, it has supported 33 PhD scholarships, 23 Masters scholarships and 10 scholarships to indigenous Australians in association with the Charlie Perkins and Roberta Sykes Trusts. This is an achievement that all involved, and particularly our donors, should be immensely proud of. 2016 has been another strong year, with 6 PhD scholarships, 7 Masters scholarships, and 2 Indigenous scholarships available. As I have sought to emphasise at every instance, CAS receives no Government support and is funded solely by the generosity of its donors.

I have been privileged to chair CAS from its inception and, after six years, the time has come for me to hand over the reins. An injection of new talent at regular intervals, and the fresh perspectives that come with that, was built into the governance of CAS. No director may serve more than three consecutive terms; i.e. 6 years in total, unless the members pass a special resolution. This was intended to be – and should be – a disincentive to any director becoming entrenched, the Chair included! If we want a vibrant and active organisation to raise funds and find ways to send even more of the best and brightest young Australians to Cambridge, CAS needs to reinvent itself regularly. In this regard, I would particularly encourage returned scholars to get involved before work and family commitments dominate. You have the most current and informed perspectives on Cambridge life, and we need your voice to ensure we properly meet the needs of present day students.

Some things will not change, I hope. Our partnership with the Cambridge Trusts, and the University generally, has never been stronger. I am delighted that, once again, the Director of the Cambridge Trusts, Helen Pennant, will be joining our CAS Board workshop in August. Helen and her predecessor have made the trip to Australia every other year, and, together



with the regular interactions we have by phone, this has strengthened and aligned our mission. I hope too that our relationship with Ormond College will endure. Ormond has generously provided CAS with a wonderful home, has made us welcome, and has supported our work in many ways, not least in 2016 by agreeing to a new job-share arrangement for our Executive Officer (EO).

Establishing a dedicated EO was one of the first initiatives we underwent after establishing CAS. It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge our first EO, Justine Koster, who retired in February. Many of you know already just how much Justine contributed to CAS, bringing structure, relevant experience and consistent good humour to the role. She made the organisation “real” for many of our stakeholders, particularly our donors and the students they support, as well as providing me and my fellow directors with great support. Justine’s parting gift was to take a leading role in hiring her replacement, and in this she has served us very well too, with Emily-Rose Carr having picked up, truly seamlessly, where Justine left off. It is a credit to both of them.

Finally, I would like to thank my director colleagues, many of whom have retired in 2016 or will shortly do so. We have built CAS together, enjoyed ourselves along the way, and are handing over to Amrit and the new Board an organisation in very good shape.

Richard Dammery

Trinity, 1987

ACTING CHAIR’S REPORT

Amrit Bahra

As Richard has highlighted, 2016 has seen a major change in the Board composition of CAS. In all, five Directors are retiring at the AGM and an equal number of new Directors have been invited to join the Board.

I was delighted to have been invited to join the CAS Board two years ago and I am honoured to now be invited to Chair the Board. I welcome Lindsay Jones, Chris Briggs, Philip Pope, Dan Vickerman and Rod Broadhurst to join myself, Taruna Heuzenroeder, and Patrick Moore, the three incumbent Directors on the CAS Board. The new Board is grateful for, and is determined to build upon, the solid platform it has inherited. I ask the whole Cambridge community in Australia to join me to warmly thank the retiring Directors who have generously given their time and commitment to CAS over the last six years: James Forrest, Dominic Katter, Nicolas Peterson, Paul Shrier and Richard Dammery.

Amrit Bahra

St. John’s 1987

DIRECTORS

The CAS constitution states that the Company must have a minimum of four, and not more than twelve, directors. Directors are appointed for a period of two years and may be re-elected for up to three consecutive terms. Where possible, the Board should be nationally representative. CAS aims to have a representative in each State and Territory.

The 2015-2016 Directors were:

Dr Richard Dammery, Chair (NSW)

Richard completed a PhD at Trinity College between 1987 to 1990. He holds arts and law degrees from Monash University and an MBA from the University of Melbourne. Richard has recently been appointed as the Chief Legal Officer and Company Secretary of Woolworths Limited based in Sydney and was previously a senior corporate partner of Minter Ellison Lawyers, Melbourne.

Mr Amrit Bahra, Acting Chair (NSW)

Amrit undertook his undergraduate and postgraduate studies at St. John's College. After qualifying as a solicitor he joined the merchant bank Samuel Montagu in London, which was followed by a number of investment banking roles with HSBC and Bank of America. Amrit is currently a corporate finance adviser with 333 Capital in Sydney. He is also on President of the Cambridge Society of NSW.

Mr Chris Briggs (VIC)

Chris read for his MEng in Engineering at St Catharine's College in 1994-1998. He moved from the UK to Australia with Goldman Sachs in 2006 and switched careers from investment banking to fund management. Chris currently works with the local institutional clients of Japanese fund manager Nikko AM. He is also President of the Cambridge Society of Victoria.

Professor Roderic Broadhurst (ACT)

Roderic Broadhurst (BA, B.Ed, PhD, (W. Aust.) M.Phil. (Cambridge)) is Professor of Criminology, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University. Research interests include: crime and modernization, homicide, comparative studies of crime, recidivism, criminal behaviour, crime victims, organized crime in China and Asia, and crime in cyberspace. His career as a practitioner and researcher has included work in prisons, remote area public health, and homicide investigation. He helped establish the Crime Research Centre at UWA and has led research on recidivism, cybercrime, organised crime and crime victims in Cambodia and China. He currently directs the ANU Cybercrime Observatory, and focuses on problems of victim and offender risk.

Dr James Forrest (VIC)

James completed a PhD in Engineering at Pembroke College from 1995 to 1999, as a Packer Cambridge Australia scholar. He holds degrees in Engineering and Science from the University of Melbourne. He is now a senior research scientist at the Defence Science and

Technology Group in Melbourne, supporting Navy requirements and Defence acquisitions in the maritime domain.

Mrs Taruna Heuzenroeder (SA)

Taruna completed an LLM at Gonville and Caius College in 2007, supported by the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust. Taruna is at the South Australian Bar, where she practices in commercial litigation and public law.

Mr Lindsay Jones (NSW)

Lindsay holds a Master of Philosophy (International Relations) from Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Prior to this he completed a Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical) at the University of Technology, Sydney. Lindsay has worked with Macquarie Bank in Australia, McKinsey & Company in the UK, France and Southeast Asia, and several international investment management businesses in Europe and Asia. Lindsay is now an early-stage investor in start-up businesses as well as an entrepreneur.

Dr Dominic Katter (QLD)

Dominic graduated from the MPhil at St Edmund's College in 1999. He was a Wakefield Scholar, received a bursary from the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust and is a Fellow of the Cambridge Commonwealth Society. Dominic is barrister at law at the Queensland Bar, where he has a commercial and administrative law practice.

Mr Patrick Moore (VIC)

Patrick is a donor to Cambridge Australia Scholarships, having established the Masters scholarship program in Victoria. He matriculated in 1963 as an undergraduate at St Catharine's College. He read Economics and Law. He is a keen oarsman, having rowed in for the university in the 1965 Blue Boat. He is currently President of the Australian Institute of International Affairs, Victoria.

Professor Nic Peterson (ACT)

Nic is Professor of Anthropology at Australian National University (ANU), and Secretary of Cambridge Australia Scholarships Ltd. He was at King's from 1960-1963 reading archaeology and anthropology. His research work has been with Aboriginal people around social and territorial organisation. For the last six years he has been the Director of the Centre for Native Title Anthropology at the ANU.

Mr Philip Pope (QLD)

Philip Pope read for an M.Phil in Polar Studies at Darwin College in 1996-97, after graduating from the University of Nottingham with a BA (Hons) in Political Science. He received a B.B. Roberts Fund award from the Scott Polar Research Institute at Cambridge to assist a period of study at the US State Department Archive in Washington DC, as part of his thesis research. Philip has held senior communications roles at the British Olympic Association, Cricket Australia and is currently General Manager, Communications at the Queensland Rugby Union. He was previously a staff reporter at the Daily Mirror in London.

Dr Paul Schreier (NSW)

Paul completed undergraduate and masters degrees, followed by a PhD in engineering at Queens' College, Cambridge. He has worked for McKinsey & Company in London and South

East Asia, served in the British Royal Navy for seven years and more recently worked as Deputy Secretary, Economic & Strategy, in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. He has been Chief Operating Officer of Macquarie University.

Mr Dan Vickerman (NSW)

Having completed a Bachelor of Business (Financial Planning) in 2008, Daniel gained a MA CANTAB Land Economy in 2011. Daniel now works in Property Funds Management for Heathley Limited. Prior to this current role, he held positions in both Corporate Finance Advisory and Property Valuation.

Daniel served on the NSW Rugby Union Board as a player representative in 2006-07 as well as more recently, representing players on the Training and Education Advisory Board for The Rugby Union Players Association. Daniel was also the Harmony Day Ambassador pushing for equality in sport and has done numerous charity engagements aiding various causes.

Daniel is a former Brumbies, Waratahs and Wallaby lock, amassing 63 Test caps, 86 Super Rugby games, and playing in 3 World Cups over his 13-year professional career.



CAS Board of Directors (March 2016). L-R: Amrit Bahra, Paul Schreier, Taruna Heuzenroeder, Richard Dammery, Nic Peterson, Emily-Rose Carr (Executive Officer), Dominic Katter, Patrick Moore, and James Forrest.

BOARD COMMITTEES



In addition to the Board of Directors, the following committees were established during 2015-2016 to ensure the smooth running of CAS:

- Finance (Chairs: Paul Schrier & Chris Briggs)
- PhD Scholarship Selection (Chair: Roderic Broadhurst)
- Masters Scholarship Selection (Chair: Lindsay Jones)
- Alumni and Promotions (Chair: Patrick Moore)

WELL WISHES

It is with great excitement that CAS welcomes five new Directors to its Board: Mr Chris Briggs, Mr Lindsay Jones, Mr Philip Pope, Professor Roderic Broadhurst and Mr Dan Vickerman. Each Director brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge, and are valuable additions to CAS.



JUSTINE KOSTER

2016 sees Justine Koster, the previous CAS Executive Officer, move onto bigger and better things as she transitions into retirement. Justine has been with CAS since 2012, and has helped CAS grow exponentially with her enthusiasm and attention to detail. Her contribution to the growth of the organisation is greatly appreciated.

EVENTS

Reception for the 2015 Scholarship Recipients

Wednesday 19 August 2015

The Annual General Meeting, combined with a congratulatory and farewell Reception for the 2015 scholarship recipients, was held in Melbourne at Ormond College. Sixty-five guests attended the event including eight scholarship recipients and their proud family members, the British Consul General, a number of our generous donors, CAS Directors, Cambridge Society members and friends.



CAS 2015 Scholars L-R: Joshua Neoh, Cleo Loi, Ethan Bowering, Mithuna Yoganathan, Andrew Roe, Andrew Clark, Katrina Malone and Lauren McKenzie-Sell

In 2016, CAS will fund 16 scholarship awards: six PhDs, seven Masters scholarships and three Honorary Awards. In addition, CAS will support two Masters scholarships to indigenous Australians (in association with the Charlie Perkins Trust). During 2015—2016, a total of 44 scholars resident in Cambridge were supported by CAS.



L-R: Directors Nic Peterson, Dominic Katter, and Richard Dammery

2016 Scholarship Awards

PhD Scholarships

Six PhD scholarships were awarded in 2016.

The CAS PhD Selection Committee convened on Friday 18 March at the Australian National University. The PhD Selection Committee consisted of Professor Dominic Verity (Macquarie University), Dr Gillian Shepherd (La Trobe University), Professor Simon Bronitt (The University of Queensland), Professor Roderic Broadhurst (Australian National University), and CAS Director Dr James Forrest. The Committee carefully reviewed 43 exemplary applications from Australian candidates. Almost half the applicants were women, and five of the six successful applicants are female. This not only speaks to the incredibly high quality of female applicants, but also to the commitment CAS has in supporting excellent female scholars.

The 2016 PhD Scholarship recipients are:

Ms Monica Killen

Cambridge Australia Oliphant Scholarship

Subject: PhD in Clinical Neurosciences

Monica is passionate about finding potential regenerative therapies for brain injuries, and aims to investigate the immune response and the activation mechanisms which decide the fate of cells in neurological disorders and diseases. By analysing the proteins that modulate neuroinflammation, specifically Wnt3a, Monica hopes to identify potential therapies for a range of neurological applications.

Ms Stevie Martin

Cambridge Australia Fulton Scholarship

Subject: PhD in Law

Although assisted dying remains a criminal offence in most Western countries, certain countries and states in the United States have legalised forms of assisted death. Prohibiting assisted dying forces people to live a life they would end if they could and if society is going to impose such a life on a person, it is imperative that the justifications proffered are supported by empirical evidence. Stevie seeks to examine whether the existing empirical data supports the justifications given by lawyers and politicians for maintaining the blanket ban on assisted suicide in s 2(1) of the Suicide Act 1961 (UK) ('the Act').

Mr Thomas Powell Davies

Cambridge Australia 800th Anniversary Scholarship

Subject: PhD in Social Anthropology

Thomas's proposed research is a study of how aesthetic objects and their making mediate three levels of social relationships for Asmat woodcarvers of Papua, Indonesia. His study will contribute to understanding the material foundations of relationships, the place of technology in social life and the role of objects in defining social worlds. It will have important lessons for museums, who may struggle to present their non-western collections in ways that are meaningful, for and build bridges between, their various audiences of western visitors, academics and source communities.

Miss Hannah Wauchope

Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

Subject: PhD in Zoology

Waterbirds are under threat globally, with over 40% of species' populations declining. Most are migratory and for these species it is especially difficult to tease apart drivers of loss due to the myriad of stressors, habitats and climates the birds travel through. These factors make it challenging to implement effective conservation action. Hannah's project will use a global population dataset of 400 waterbird species from 1970 to now: this extensive dataset provides an exceptional opportunity to understand the factors driving waterbird decline and tease apart impacts in different regions

Ms Emma Wilson

Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

Subject: PhD in Developmental Studies

Emma intends to complete a thesis entitled: "The Collusion of Two Evils: Negotiating Peace at the Nexus of Organised Crime and Extremism". Spurred on and empowered by globalisation, terrorist organisations and insurgent movements increasingly seek to converge with criminal networks in fragile states to finance terrorism and purchase weapons. Emma's research will examine the hypothesis that these blurred boundaries between state, criminal and extremist actors in fragile states undermine the effectiveness of peace mediation processes that are premised on a sharp division between the engagement of legal state actors and the exclusion of criminal non-state actors.

Miss Mithuna Yoganathan

Cambridge Australia Bragg Scholarship

Subject: PhD in Applied Maths and Theoretical Physics

Mithuna would like to study in the field of Quantum Computation. She is interested in many topics within this field, including mixed state computers, and comparing the performance of quantum computers to classical computers. She also finds quantum computers a very interesting framework within which it is possible to study quantum mechanics.

Masters Scholarships

Seven Masters Scholarships were awarded in 2016.

This year, selection panels assembled in Victoria, New South Wales and Western Australia to consider candidates for the CAS Masters scholarships. These scholarships are open to Australians with proven academic ability who also demonstrate achievement in other fields, contribute to the community, possess excellent character and demonstrate leadership ability.

Some individual scholarships have criteria that goes beyond academic ability. These criteria are below:

Patrick Moore and Charles Allen half scholarships

For Australian citizens who have graduated from a Victorian university or were born in Victoria.

Erich Narev full scholarship

For candidates, who have graduated from a New South Wales university or are resident in New South Wales. This scholarship may be awarded in preference for study in mathematics, a science or human rights. Past or present disadvantage may also be considered.

Frank Downing half scholarship

For candidates, who have graduated from a Western Australian university or were born in WA. This scholarship may be awarded in preference for study in law.

Davis McCaughey half scholarship

For candidates Australia wide. This scholarship is tenable at Pembroke College and may be awarded in preference to candidates already accepted by Pembroke.

A P Platt half scholarship

Available for the first time in 2015, this scholarship is open to candidates Australia wide.

The names and application papers of 64 Australian candidates were provided to CAS by the Cambridge Trust. These were split into state groups and considered by the selection panels.

The Victorian selection panel convened on Thursday 2 and Friday 3 June in the offices of Minter Ellison Lawyers in Melbourne, where they interviewed candidates from Victoria and Queensland both in-person and over the phone. The panellists in Victoria were Professor Katie Allen, Ms Antara Mascarenhas, and Mr Chris Briggs.

The members of the New South Wales selection panel were Mr Chris Martin-Murphy, Ms Jessica Steiger-Thorpe, Dr Liza Ryback, and Mr Darren Peacock. The interviews were conducted on Wednesday 25 May at the Commonwealth Bank offices in Sydney, where they interviewed candidates from New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory both in-person and over the phone.

The Western Australia selection panel consisted of Mrs Anna Lee, Mr Christopher Rowe, and Mr Mitch Artus. The panel met on Tuesday 17 May at the offices of HWL Ebsworth in Perth.

The 2016 Masters Scholarship recipients are:

Mr Garrett Bray

Cambridge Australia Frank Downing Scholarship

Subject: MPhil in Engineering for Sustainable Development

Garrett is passionate about sustainability and the built environment, and studying the MPhil in Engineering for Sustainable Development at Cambridge will help Garrett to leverage this background. The dissertation will also provide a structured opportunity to explore his passion. Garrett believes that the key to sustainable urban mobility of the future is autonomous, shared electric vehicles. While technical solutions are being developed, there are systemic problems. How do such technologies coexist with the current system in the transition period? What are the profitable business models that can sustainably enable the transition? Importantly, Garrett can explore these questions with smart and engaging people in the Cambridge 'Silicon Fen' start-up culture environment.

Ms Rosa Campbell

Cambridge Australia Eric Narev Scholarship

Subject: MPhil in World History

Rosa's Masters thesis will consider Daisy Bates, a journalist and anthropologist, who lived among Aboriginal people on the edge of the Nullabor Plain. Between 1904 and 1945, Bates, a 'notorious eccentric,' wrote significant works of anthropology and journalism for Australian and British national newspapers. She advocated against the ill-treatment of Aborigines and circulated anthropological information about particular Aboriginal nations. There is some scholarship that considers Bates as a historical figure, including that of Margaret D. Jacobs and Vron Ware, but Rosa's project will consider Daisy Bates as a lens through which to view the racialised biopolitics of the Australian colony and the way white women, including feminists, were enmeshed in Foucauldian "elaborate systems of control" (Elder 2009, 33). Rosa will examine the post-suffrage context that enabled Bates to work, the buttressing of her work by the Doomed Race Theory and the production of the figure of the Aboriginal cannibal mother by Bates.

Ms Jenae Carpenter

Cambridge Australia Allen Scholarship

Subject: MPhil in Criminological Research

At its broadest point, Jenae's academic interests concern the concept of violence. Whilst direct physical violence is easily audible and visible, often, it leaves unexamined the less visible forms of control, exploitation and subjectification through which violence deceptively morphs through time. In undertaking a critical anthology of violence, Jenae hopes to render visible the conditions of power that produce violence in a measurable and observable form and open up understandings to its different meanings and contexts. Interpersonal violence is better understood as occurring along a continuum of violence, whereby the individual internalises and acts upon aberrant social and economic conditions. With the conceptualisation of violence in mind, Jenae became drawn to the War on Drugs as a condensation point of structural, symbolic and individual forms of violence. Drug policy is deeply enmeshed with processes of class control, providing a mechanism for containing a highly racialised underclass deemed unproductive to capitalist labor supply. Jenae hopes her work will advocate against the continued criminalisation of drug use and poverty.

Miss Georgia Oman

Cambridge Australia A P Platt Scholarship

Subject: MPhil in Modern British History

Georgia aims to explore how the movement to grant women access to higher education in the second half of the nineteenth century in Britain was received by the existing male student population. Through an examination of student publications and other writings, she wishes to determine the dominant attitudes towards female students and locate these within the late-Victorian context from which they emerged. Georgia believes that opposition to the movement provides a fascinating opportunity for study, revealing as it does the dominant social and cultural frameworks that the movement had to both resist and engage with.

Hadi Salem

Patrick Moore Cambridge Australia Scholarship

Subject: MPhil in Technology Policy

The primary reason for Hadi wanting to undertake this course, is a motivation to fill a gap in his understanding of how to best integrate policy, economics and technology. Developing those skills will have a two-fold impact. Firstly, it will help Hadi better understand and advise organisations, ultimately growing his career in consulting. Hadi's work with Australian government agencies, has taught him that the public sector can struggle to keep up with technology. Developing a better understanding of why and how policy affects technology, business and markets, will enhance his capacity to help both the public and private sectors.

Raymond Siems

Davis McCaughey Cambridge Australia Scholarship

Subject: MPhil in Engineering for Sustainable Development

Engineers are in a powerful position to lead the implementation of society's sustainable aspirations at an intensely practical level. However, the traditional engineering skillset is not optimally orientated to perform in the multi-disciplinary environment in which sustainable initiatives are often born. Raymond would like to work with Dr Richard Fenner, whose water industry expertise strongly aligns with his interests and future research goals. Together, the technical learning and professional development activities will enhance my Raymond's skill set, to serve his ultimate aim of bringing sustainable water practices to rural Australian communities.

Sarah Spottiswood

Cambridge Australia Allen Scholarship

Subject: LLM Law

The Cambridge LLM programme offers the most rigorous and highly regarded legal training in the world in Sarah's areas of interest - international law and public law. Having spent almost three years practising as a solicitor for the Australian Government in the fields of international, constitutional and administrative law and six months as Associate to Justice Nettle of the High Court of Australia, Sarah is eager to deepen her understanding of these areas of law. For example, studying subjects on the topic of international law would build on my experience working in the field of international arbitration in Hong Kong.

Honorary Scholarships

Honorary status is awarded (in most cases) to scholars that are offered a CAS scholarship, but who choose to accept an alternative award from an outside organisation. We still consider these scholars exemplary and appreciate the opportunity to support their education so they are awarded Honorary status. Honorary scholars may be offered a small stipend of \$500 to assist their studies, which is taken up voluntarily as needed by the scholar.

Three candidates will receive Honorary status in 2016:

Ben Geytenbeek, PhD in Physics
Jake Glidden, PhD in Physics
Joanne Usher, PhD in Bio Science

Indigenous Scholarships

CAS is a strong supporter of Indigenous education, and works in consultation with the Cambridge Trust, the Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation, and the Charlie Perkins Trust to provide opportunities for Indigenous students to study in Cambridge. Each year, in consultation with the Cambridge Trust, the Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation, and the Charlie Perkins Trust, multiple scholarships are awarded to exemplary students who are also of Indigenous descent.

In 2016, one PhD and one Masters candidate received a Charlie Perkins Cambridge Australia Scholarship:

Matthew Connolly, PhD in Archaeology
Olivia Slater, MPhil in Social Anthropology

It is with regret that we report that 2015 PhD candidate and recipient of a Roberta Sykes Cambridge Australia Scholarship Nathan West is no longer attending Cambridge. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours.



CURRENT SCHOLARS



Name:

Claire Agius

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Plant Sciences

Year of Commencement:

2013

College:

Trinity College

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Kater Scholarship

I am in the final year of my PhD research on epigenetics in the unicellular alga *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*. I embarked on my PhD with the view that it was a unique opportunity to immerse myself in my field of interest and to learn new scientific methods. I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to achieve both of these aims.

In November, I spent some time in the laboratory of Sinead Collins at the University of Edinburgh. This laboratory specialises in experimental evolution — a field that is very different to my own— and it was very beneficial to be exposed to new ways of thinking and carrying out experiments.

Outside my studies, I have been involved in driving the Cambridge Food Security Forum, a group that I established with a colleague to provide a forum for discussion on how to achieve a sustainable food system. We have organised a series of academic and non-academic events. A highlight was a public discussion called *Squash the Beef: A discussion on the personal and global impact of meat consumption*. It was a highly rewarding experience to deliver a well-received event for the Cambridge public.

I have also enjoyed my continued affiliation with Cumberland Lodge. As a Cumberland Lodge Scholar I have had the opportunity to engage with issues far removed from my area of study by attending conferences like *The Stifling Hand of Control: How to enable organisations to flourish* and *Us and them: Religious othering and the role of dialogue in building a more inclusive society*. At the Lodge, I have also had opportunities for professional development through presenting my research to non-scientific audiences and being involved in a strategic planning process.

As my time in Cambridge comes to a close, I look forward to handling the challenges of my project and the preparation of my dissertation, while continuing to be involved in the opportunities that Cambridge life presents. I thank Cambridge Australia Scholarships and the Kater family for their generosity without which this experience would not be possible.



Name:

Jason Grant Allen

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Law

Year of Commencement:

2013

College:

Darwin

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

I am currently in the final months of writing up my thesis, and I'm aiming for submission by the end of the calendar year. College and other extra-curricular activities have, unfortunately, receded into memory, which I think is quite a usual experience. However I still get out and enjoy the Cambridge surrounds, most recently on bicycle.

A large part of my thesis involves the application of social ontology to questions in legal theory. After working away in relative methodological isolation in the law faculty, I discovered the long-running Cambridge Social Ontology Group based at the economics faculty, with a broad spread of members. This has helped me to refine a number of my positions and has been very personally rewarding. Interdisciplinarity, although becoming ever more important, is still very difficult to achieve and to do well.

My research is progressing well and I am currently working towards a complete first draft that I can circulate for comments prior to the final edit and submission. I am looking forward to holding the finished product in my hands, and to moving on to new questions.

I have applied for an Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship at the Centre for British Studies next year, but I must wait until December to learn the result of my application. My proposed research applies the same methodology that I am using in my PhD research to understand the juristic nature of 'the Crown' to the concept of 'money', with a particular focus on digital currencies.



Name:

Simon Allison

Degree & Subject:

PhD in International Law

Year of Commencement:

2014

College:

Queens'

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

Simon Allison's 2016 Scholar Report was not received at the time of printing.



Name:

Milena Bacalja Perianes

Degree & Subject:

MPhil in Multi-disciplinary Gender Studies

Year of Commencement:

2015

College:

Lucy Cavendish

Scholarship

Patrick Moore Cambridge Australia Scholarship

I am very grateful to CAS and Patrick Moore for the opportunity to spend a year studying at Cambridge. During my studies, I have been able to engage with great minds from a variety of disciplines across the university to ask challenging questions, and better understand how gender is constructed, legitimised and realised in theory and practice.

My own research builds upon this process, to develop an understanding of how menstrual practices in Malawi inform the social and economic exclusion of women. Using qualitative methods, I seek to move beyond a public health approach to the issue of menstrual hygiene management, and understand the socially gendered dynamics of menstrual practices and how they produce and govern the female body. At the heart of this research is the desire to help women reclaim their agentic subjectivity.

Being at Cambridge is about more than just one's scholarly work. It is about being part of a community of brilliant students and the social life which comes with that. In between long days, and late nights locked in the library, I have tried to immerse myself in Cambridge life. I was elected President of the Cambridge Centre for Global Equality Student Society, I am a member of the Lucy Cavendish Tennis Team, and have spoken at a variety of Commonwealth events on how to facilitate youth engagement on gender equality issues, including the 2015 CHOGM Meeting in Malta.

Being at Cambridge has been a challenge and a privilege. I hope to use this experience, and the incredible networks I have made to make a real difference in advancing gender equality and improving the position of women in the communities I work, and on the international agenda.



Name:

Vincent Backhaus

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Education

Year of Commencement:

2013

College:

Trinity

Scholarship:

Charlie Perkins Scholarship

My time in Cambridge has been filled with various moments of intensity, new beginnings, and the inevitable academic challenge in choosing a direction for my research. The intellectual stimulation continues to be tough, but the promise of reward constantly reinvigorates my doctoral program beyond what I could have ever imagined. Cambridge Botanical Gardens continues to be my constant companion, especially the Australian Eucalyptus where I have been able to sit, read and think about the sense of purpose for what I have aimed to achieve during my Cambridge experience. Indeed these solitary living representations of Country parallel my isolation in a far off place.

Patrick Moore's kind invitation to Henley Regatta in my first year was a highlight where I was able to engage with the festivities on the Thames. I also attended a couple of events held and hosted by the Australian High Commission in London where discussion centred on Reconciliation agendas, as well as Australian Business in England and how those links can continue to be fostered. I also had the pleasure of meeting former Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard during her quick visit to Cambridge to support the Faculty of Education while she was attending a forum with Michelle Obama in London on Global Education.

My entry into second year and the completion of my viva in January of 2016 was the culmination of a significant piece of academic thought and writing which resulted in a noteworthy shift in my own paradigm of what can be accomplished during a PhD program. I gained valuable insights into how and why pushing theoretical boundaries is important for the sake of creating spaces for the emergence of creative and original thought. I returned to Australia to begin Fieldwork in earnest in and around Brisbane and Sydney where I currently remain for the fieldwork stage of the doctoral program. I also had the pleasure once again of dining with Patrick Moore and family in Melbourne and meeting Professor Fred Mendelsohn.



Name:

Ethan Bowering

Degree & Subject:

MPhil in Public Policy

Year of Commencement:

2015

College:

Jesus

Scholarship:

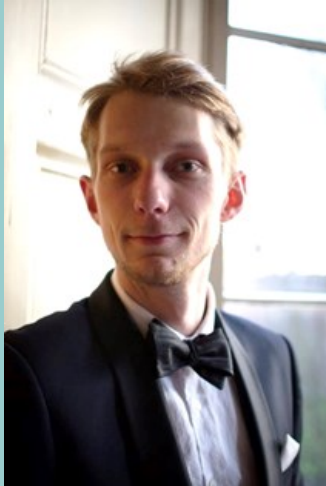
Cambridge Australia A P Platt Scholarship

With the academic year drawing to a close, it's incredible to think how much I have managed to squeeze into the last seven months. Since our cohort started in October, we've completed an array of subjects ranging from macroeconomics and statistics to policy methods, public law and philosophy. I've also completed professional skills modules in briefing, communicating with influence and negotiation. I was attracted to this programme because of its focus on interdisciplinary learning, innovation and evidence-based public policy, and I certainly haven't been disappointed.

In December, my cohort had the opportunity to complete a one-week policy analysis exercise with the United Nations Development Programme. Our team won a prize for our recommendation to introduce development impact bonds to assist the Government of Jordan in raising funds for the Syrian refugee crisis in their country.

Outside the classroom, I have just returned from a five-week work placement with the Behavioural Insights Team in London. The Behavioural Insights Team (aka the Nudge Unit) was the world's first government institution dedicated to the application of behavioural sciences to public policy. A core part of this course, this was part of a three-month research project examining cognitive biases in project management decision making in the UK civil service. This was a fantastic opportunity to further develop my understanding of behavioural economics and its application, and this would have been difficult to undertake without the support of Cambridge Australia Scholarships. I've also completed independent research examining the governance of Australia's innovation system, and am currently writing a paper on the repayment of student debt under the Higher Education Loan Program.

More broadly, I've been enjoying the many events and experiences that Cambridge and my College have to offer. I also travelled to Iceland in December and spent New Year's Eve in Edinburgh for the Hogmanay festival. I'm looking forward to the arrival of Summer and being able to spend more time exploring Cambridge in the coming months before my course ends.



Name:

Jacob Brown

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Chemical Engineering

Year of Commencement:

2014

College:

Trinity

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

Cambridge continues to be an experience to remember in my 2nd year. Since the middle of 2015, I've properly come to grips with the field I research and I've started conducting the novel experiments that should allow me to produce a good-quality thesis. The road has been bumpy along the way, and performing this PhD sometimes feels like I'm dodging crisis after crisis, but I've come to acknowledge that that's how progress feels in this sort of project and I'm inspired by it because so far, I've been able to adapt and continue every time.

My work into gases and liquids in porous catalysts looks like it should shape up well. I've found some porous materials ideal for my work (silica sol-gels) that have the exact properties I'm looking for in my experiments (only a single pore size). Because of this, when I model the behaviour of the system computationally, it should be simple and directly comparable to my experimental results. This will help me to, for the first time, check if the models industry uses to describe fluid behaviour in their catalysts actually work.

I've also continued my exploration of entrepreneurialism and from September to December last year was provided a scholarship to participate in the Stanford Ignite innovation course in London. The course was run on the weekends and taught me a great deal about business, iterative design, and the entrepreneurial ecosystem. In addition to this, I've also found a location for my passions regarding clean energy and have joined a student group "Positive Investment Cambridge" that have been achieving great steps toward a financially-driven mechanism for prevention of dangerous climate change.

I'd like to thank the donors of my scholarship once again. Cambridge is a transforming and highly enabling experience that I would have never had, had it not been for their generosity.



L-R: Dr Justice Tankebe and Michael Bryden

Name:

Michael Bryden

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Criminology

Year of Commencement:

2015

College:

Trinity

Scholarship:

Roberta Sykes Scholarship

Studying at Cambridge has given me a wonderful opportunity to explore my passion for improving policing culture and practice. The Institute of Criminology continues to provide the ideal environment for undertaking research in policing, particularly police legitimacy. It remains to be at the forefront of evidenced-based policing, as well as operating as a bridge between academia and policing with the 'Police Executive Programme'.

Dr Justice Tankebe, my supervisor, Professor Lawrence Sherman, and Dr Heather Strang have been particularly supportive and encouraging of my work. Dr Tankebe has offered to work with me to publish my MPhil thesis. I'll be working on this after I submit my first year report.

For the PhD thesis, Dr Tankebe and I plan to conduct a mixed-methods study of police self-legitimacy within Australia. Police self-legitimacy (or power-holder legitimacy) may be understood as the way in which police officers make sense of and construct a belief in the legitimacy of their own authority. In particular, we are interested in the way officers conceptualise their legitimacy, what factors affect it, how self-legitimacy relates to organisational legitimacy, and how this affects officer attitudes and behaviours.

Undertaking a PhD presents itself with new challenges. I conducted original qualitative research in my honours year, however, this PhD project is of a far greater scale, involves more sophisticated research, and diverse stakeholders (eg., the police). I have also just received the first expressions of interest from Western Australia Police, which is great news for our project. Further, I'm thinking about whether to complete my PhD via publication, which was just introduced at the Institute.

I was also elected the as the graduate Welfare Officer for the Trinity College, and continue to row in the graduate boat.

Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity. It means the world to me.



Name:

Lindsay Christian

Degree & Subject:

MPhil in Epidemiology

Year of Commencement:

2015

College:

Clare College

Scholarship:

Roberta Sykes Scholarship

I am now in the final term of my MPhil, preparing for my final examinations in several weeks. It's still surreal at times, and I have almost lost track of where the last 7 months have gone! I have completed the coursework component of the course and have valued the rewarding and engaging learning environment within the Institute of Public Health. There has been a wide range of opportunities to take part in during my experience at Cambridge, including an exchange program with the Erasmus University Rotterdam in the Netherlands and a visit to the World Health Organisation in Geneva. Each month the department also hosts the Bradford Hill seminar series, in which international and local experts present on a wide range of cutting edge research from basic science to population-based studies and Public health policy. The biggest challenge of my degree has been transitioning from a laboratory environment to a statistically focused one. I see the value in combining these disciplines as much of the emerging research techniques cross over between the biomedical and biostatistical spheres.

I have been an active member of Clare College, attending regular 'Clareity' evenings in the MCR, a space which allows Graduate students to hone presentation skills and encourage discussion and networking among peers. I have also recently commenced the greater part of my thesis project within the Bangladesh Risk of Acute Vascular Events (BRAVE) study. My interest in genetic epidemiology and cardiovascular disease has been developed and shaped during my time in the MPhil and I hope to adapt further skills developed during my thesis to research or future work upon my return to Australia. I am sincerely grateful to Cambridge Australia Scholarships, the Cambridge Trust and the Roberta Sykes Foundation, for providing scholarship support enabling to undertake my studies.



Name:

Anthony Andrew Clark

Degree & Subject:

MCL in Corporate Law

Year of Commencement:

2015

College:

Jesus

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Eric Narev Scholarship

I am pleased to report that my studies are progressing well here in Cambridge. I have completed four subjects and am currently undertaking the final components of two further subjects. I have completed courses in Comparative Corporate Governance, International Merger Control, Shareholder Litigation and Financial Management, and am currently completing my final two subjects, Corporate Insolvency and Deals.

I have benefited immensely from the practical experience of the lecturers who teach these courses. Many continue to balance their teaching with work as lawyers, with one even working as a judge.

I have also learned a great deal from the international diversity of my MCL cohort. The diverse perspectives offered in our classes have broadened my appreciation of the values underpinning the Australian and other legal systems.

However, I think the most significant benefit for international students in Cambridge is found outside the classroom. The collegiate communities in Cambridge bring together students from many academic disciplines, backgrounds and diverse range of life experiences. While I have learned much of the law, living and working in such a diverse community of scholars has allowed me to develop an understanding of subjects ranging from engineering to linguistics, and medicine to heritage conservation. I am also hopeful that by participating in informal intellectual exchanges in this place, there are scientists, philosophers and engineers who have developed an understanding of the ethical quandaries the law seeks to address.

Aside from my studies, I have been involved in a range of co-curricular activities. In particular, I have enjoyed rowing. I spent Michaelmas term in my College's novice men's 1st XVIII and have since moved to the Senior Men's 3rd and 2nd XVIIIIs. In Lent term, I represented Cambridge in the Mountain Biking Varsity Match against the old enemy. I had a good race placing 6th, but we were unable to prevent Oxford from retaining the title. I am currently looking forward to a season with the college graduate cricket team.



Name:

Marcus Colla

Degree & Subject:

PhD in History

Year of Commencement:

2015

College:

King's

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Honorary Award

It has been an incredibly exciting and busy year in Cambridge, progressing from my MPhil in Modern European History to my PhD. Over this time, my research has shifted out the field of 'high politics' and into some exciting new frameworks, encompassing temporality, nostalgia and heritage in Eastern Europe. Working with Professor Sir Christopher Clark, I am focussing especially upon what we might call the 'history wave' of the 1970s and 1980s in East Germany, in which took place a remarkable cultural transformation, enabling the public rehabilitation of such figures as Frederick the Great, Bismarck and Luther, all previously demonised by the communist powers. I intend to trace this process to wider transnational developments both in historical self-understanding and in the political appropriation of history as a means of generating legitimacy.

On top of the long hours spent in libraries and archives, I have thoroughly enjoyed participating in a wide series of conferences and seminars throughout the academic year, including the Postgraduate Conference at the German Historical Institute London. I am especially excited to be presenting on a panel on heritage and nostalgia in Germany at the German History Society Annual Conference in Newcastle later this year. This May, I will be hosting a workshop for children aged 11-14 on memory and architecture in postwar Germany. This academic year has also seen me commencing supervision of undergraduates in twentieth century European history and historical methodologies. This is a richly rewarding part of the Cambridge academic experience. I was also delighted to be awarded the History Faculty Members History Prize for best MPhil dissertation submitted in the 2014-15 academic year.

Outside of my research, I have continued my ongoing battle with the Russian language, volunteering with the History for Schools outreach programme, writing articles for various publications on politics, literature, architecture and football. The upcoming academic year presents many more exciting opportunities, not the least of which is the opportunity to spend an extended period of time in Berlin undertaking my primary source research. Seeing my own research expand and develop in unexpected ways is a genuine thrill. I have absolutely loved every second of my time in Cambridge, and am immensely thankful to all those who have made this possible!



Name:

Ellese Cotterill

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Computational Neuroscience

Year of Commencement:

2013

College:

Trinity

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Honorary Award

I'm now in the third year of my four-year PhD in the field of computational neuroscience. My research this year has focused on the development of computational tools for the analysis of bursting activity in electrophysiological recordings of neuronal networks, and the application of these methods in areas such as the high throughput screening of potential neurotoxins. My work in this area has been progressing well, and I have been lucky enough to have two journal articles relating to my research published in the last few months.

The past year has also presented a number of exciting opportunities. Last summer I attended a summer school in computational neuroscience in Okinawa, Japan. As well as being an excellent learning experience, this was a great opportunity to meet other students and researchers working in a wide range of fields of neuroscience around the world. I also travelled back to Australia to present a poster at the Systems and Computational Neuroscience Down Under conference in Brisbane in December, and later this year will present at the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies Forum in Copenhagen.

Outside of my research, I have been supervising undergraduate students in mathematics again this year, which continues to be a very rewarding experience. I have also taken advantage of a variety of activities available in Cambridge, such as wine tasting and salsa dancing classes, as well as continuing to be involved in the rich graduate society of Trinity College.



Name:

Jacqueline Davis

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Psychology

Year of Commencement:

2014

College:

Clare

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Honorary Award

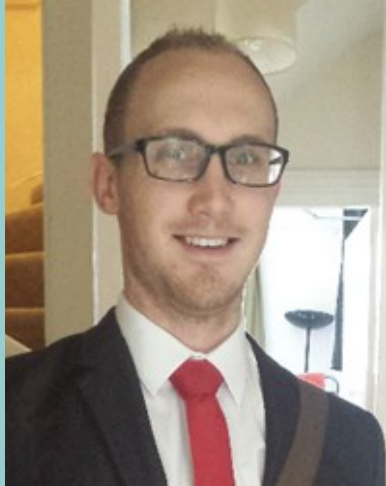
In 2015/16 I completed the majority of the data collection for my PhD. I designed and piloted a toy preference study and travelled to remote villages in the Peruvian Amazon and the mountains of Tanna Island, Vanuatu to collect data. I also collected data from schoolchildren in more developed areas of Vanuatu and a sample from a large city in Australia. This travel was funded by grants I was awarded from the Department of Psychology, Clare College, the Smuts Foundation, and the Travelling Scholars Fund. I now have approximately 400 videos to use for my data analysis.

During 2015/16 I also worked on several collaborative projects culminating in three published papers, one published report, and several ongoing collaborations, including an exciting project using virtual reality technology for conservation science.

I remained active in the Cambridge academic community, participating in my lab group regularly, presenting at a student-organised debate on the evolution of gender

I served as my College MCR social secretary for the past year and as part of this role organised multiple social events, including Freshers' Week activities, themed formals, bops, and garden parties. I also participated in the running of the MCR as an executive member of the MCR Committee. I found this a very helpful learning experience.

My travels left little time for extra-curricular activities but I have enjoyed yoga classes and some Latin dance classes. I organised a fundraiser for a new Cultural Centre building in one of my field locations, and am currently helping the women there to plan and implement a new school that teaches reading and mathematics alongside traditional knowledge such as planting and weaving.



Name:

Nathaniel Davis

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Physics

Year of Commencement:

2013

College:

St John's

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Bragg Scholarship

I have now been in Cambridge for over two and a half years and my research in optoelectronics under Prof Neil Greenham is coming to an end. My research centres on the synthesis of nanocrystal semiconductors and their incorporation into photovoltaic devices. In particular I work on the incorporation of these materials into solar cells, light emitting diodes and luminescent solar concentrators. This year I was able to travel to Brazil and America to present my research at two international conferences. I was also awarded an award for applied research and was invited to meet the Vice Chancellor of the University.

During the past year I have increased my involvement in the social activities within college, specifically that of the graduate committee. I was elected as the graduate president of St John's College MCR and was involved in organising all aspects of graduate life within the college. Being President was a great opportunity to interact with college on a professional level, talking to the fellows gave me a keen insight into life after a PhD. I was also fortunate enough to be introduced to Prince William when he came to open a new building in College.

If all goes to plan I hope to begin writing up my thesis over summer and submit by the end of the academic year.



Name:

Paul De Sciscio

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Engineering

Year of Commencement:

2013

College:

St John's

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

As governments in developed economies look to capitalise on the shift towards knowledge-intensive activities to achieve sustainable economic growth, commercialisation of university research is of considerable interest. In this context, the University of Cambridge offers its members a unique opportunity to experience and contrast two leading models of academic research. The traditional model sets forth a forum for open discussion and collaboration through peer-reviewed publication of research findings – typically funded through public grants. In contrast, intellectual property protection with licensing and/or a spin-off company offers researchers a means to develop their technology for commercial sale – typically funded through dilutive investment. By no means is there a 'one size fits all' model. Rather, each approach offers benefits that suit specific circumstances. Importantly, the Cambridge ecosystem provides many resources to develop skills and establish a network in either model, from public lectures and workshops to internal conferences and mentorship programs.

Our team has adopted a hybrid approach. Over the past 12 months, we have received both non-dilutive and dilutive funding to support in vitro and preclinical testing. Our first animal trial is scheduled to commence in August 2016 and will follow a two-step acute/chronic protocol. We have presented research at national and international conferences, with journal manuscripts in preparation detailing in vitro results. In November 2015, we travelled to Silicon Valley as one of four start-ups invited by the Cambridge University Entrepreneurs Society to tour companies including Facebook, Google and KPCB. We have since submitted a PCT patent application and are in discussions with a UK-based venture capital firm for funding beyond animal trials. Unexpectedly, our research has yielded further applications of the core technology underpinning the primary invention. We have begun applying for additional funding and will be filing a second patent application to the UKIPO in July 2016.

There are many things that differentiate Cambridge from other universities. In my opinion, the diversity of opportunities one encounters here is unparalleled. I am hopeful that the lessons I have learnt can be exported, and look forward to playing a role in advancing research commercialisation on my return to Australia.



Name:

Lily Dixon

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Chemistry

Year of Commencement:

2013

College:

Gonville and Caius

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Oliphant Scholarship

The main focus of my research is the investigation of main-group metal-mediated phosphorus-phosphorus dehydrocoupling. For the greater part of the past year I have been working on the synthesis of substituted and unsubstituted benzo-1,2-diphospholides, a previously inaccessible oligophosphorus heterocycle framework which may have interesting applications in both main-group and transition metal chemistry. The ability to access a variety of these types of frameworks opens up the possibility of electronic and steric tuning of subsequent complexes and compounds. Aside from investigating the breadth of the methodology developed, I have also been looking in to the reactivity of the 4,6-dimethylbenzo-1,2-diphospholide, and have obtained some promising preliminary results.

I have recently started a new project looking into aluminium-based reagents to mediate the dehydrocoupling process. Aside from being both cheap and earth abundant, the use of aluminium as the mediating metal may open up the possibility of a catalytic dehydrocoupling process.

In the past year I have attended four conferences, presenting posters at two and speaking at one. For my poster presentation at the Royal Society of Chemistry Main Group Interest Group Meeting I was awarded a poster prize. I will also be attending ICOMC in Melbourne in July of this year.

Aside from the work I have been doing for my Ph.D. I have also been supervising first- and second-year undergraduates and have recently begun rowing in an MCR boat at Gonville and Caius College.



Name:

Margaret Forrest

Degree & Subject:

MPhil in Criminology

Year of Commencement:

2015

College:

Pembroke

Scholarship:

Davis McCaughey Cambridge Australia Scholarship

A number of alumni told me that my time at Cambridge would be the best year of my life. As a result, I arrived in Cambridge with very high expectations, which have been met and surpassed.

I was motivated to pursue an MPhil in Criminology by a desire to gain a better understanding of the analysis and development of evidence based public policy. The five courses I have undertaken as part of the MPhil have allowed me to do this through an examination of the main theories of criminology, the most effective research methods and the best techniques for programme evaluation. My thesis is on the topic of radicalisation via social media and its connection to terrorist activities. This project has given me the opportunity to undertake original research on a topic that is currently being grappled with by public policy makers around the world. I hope that my findings will make a contribution to future public policy development.

Through my membership of the Cambridge Union Society and the Cambridge University Conservative Association, I have benefited from presentations and debates involving experts in many different fields, from academics to politicians and even movie stars. Having been a keen rower throughout high school, as soon as I arrived in Cambridge, I immersed myself in the activities of the Pembroke College Boat Club. In the Lent Bumps this year, the W1 crew of which I was a member was awarded 'blades', which means we 'bumped' (caught up to) the crew in front of us on each of the four days of racing. I am looking forward to trying to fit the trophy (a full length rowing blade) into my luggage when I travel home. It was also particularly exciting for me to row with this crew in the Women's Eights Head of the River Race on the River Thames in London, only a few weeks before the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race was held on the same course.

I am extremely grateful to Cambridge Australia Scholarships, and particularly to the Davis McCaughey Scholarship to Pembroke College, for facilitating my post-graduate study at Cambridge. I am confident that the knowledge and skills I have gained during my time at Cambridge will assist me significantly to pursue my goals of becoming a barrister in Queensland and eventually to run for elected public office. I look forward to the opportunity to assist other students who are seeking to study at Cambridge through my involvement with Cambridge Australia Scholarships in the future.



Name:

Judd Harris

Degree & Subject:

MPhil in Engineering

Year of Commencement:

2015

College:

Wolfson

Scholarship:

Roberta Sykes Scholarship

Overall, I am satisfied with the progress of my studies thus far. I was pleased with my academic achievement in Michaelmas and the feedback I received on my course work.

My priority has remained an exploration of the course topics, as well as taking up the vast extracurricular learning opportunities that Cambridge has to offer. I undertook a broad and stimulating (admittedly challenging) set of units over Lent term, and have learnt about the potential barriers I can expect when working with development in remote Indigenous Australia. I believe that the majority of the course content covered has been useful to my current prospects regarding the work I will engage with in the near future.

The most useful aspects have probably been the learning gained from the diverse types of assignments undertaken throughout the core course units. They allowed me to explore a broad range of areas which I had not previously experienced (for example; looking at the applicability of collaboration in indigenous cultures and communities to Western capitalist ways, in order to most effectively reverse the impacts of anthropogenic climate change). Being able to audit units added an extra element of educational gain, benefitting the assessed units that I was enrolled in.

The network of people I have been exposed to, both academic staff and students, have contributed immensely to my experience, provoking contentious debate and critical thinking on topics I have been both comfortable and unfamiliar with.

The academic and professional skills I have acquired are highly transferrable and also necessary qualifications demanded by my particular field of employment. I am now well positioned to further explore in my dissertation an understanding of best engineering practice for striving towards sustainable development in Indigenous Australian communities, through promotion of positive change.

I am grateful for the teachings Cambridge has offered. My experience has given me the confidence to change and assess direction, and to step towards an area of work that I feel morally motivated to assist with. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude to the Cambridge Australia Scholarships for choosing to support my studies at the University of Cambridge. I am extremely honoured to receive this support and am grateful for the opportunities it has provided me.



Name:

Georgina Hutton

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Chemistry

Year of Commencement:

2012

College:

Downing

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

I have just come to the end of my third year in Cambridge working in Dr Erwin Reisner's group in the Department of Chemistry. The group works in the area of artificial photosynthesis or "solar fuels" - utilising sunlight to produce renewable fuels for example hydrogen from the photocatalytic splitting of water.

My research focuses on carbon quantum dots, a relatively new class of light-absorbing and fluorescent carbon nanomaterial with promising applications in photocatalysis. We had a paper accepted last year, *Solar Hydrogen Production Using Carbon Quantum Dots and a Molecular Nickel Catalyst* (Martindale, B. C. M.; Hutton, G. A. M.; Caputo, C. A.; Reisner, E. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2015, *137*, 6018) which was one of the first examples of carbon dots being used for solar fuels synthesis. I now focus on surface functionalisation of carbon dots, trying to understand how the surface chemistry of the particles affects the system and in particular the interaction of the particles with catalysts and enzymes. I also work on the transmission electron microscopy (TEM) characterisation of the particles. TEM is the part of my research that I enjoy most, being a relatively unique skill in our lab I have been able to work on and contribute to many other projects in the group.

Outside my work I have continued my involvement in college rowing until the end of last term. Highlights of the last year included finishing Head of the River in the 2015 May Bumps and winning the University Fours competition in Michaelmas 2016. The discipline required for training and the achievements gained as a result have given me focus and motivation to finish my PhD.

I am very grateful for the support of and wish to thank Cambridge Australia Scholarships for allowing me to come and study at Cambridge and for the amazing opportunities and experiences I have had here.



Name:

Julie Ji

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Biological Science

Year of Commencement:

2013

College:

Trinity

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

This third year of my PhD has been especially momentous. Having completed my fourth experiment and obtained a nice replication of results, I also recently had the opportunity to share these results with my department and obtain valuable feedback. As my efforts over the past two and a half years begins to bear fruit, I am looking forward to disseminating and discussing my work in upcoming conferences in Aarhus and Budapest later this year.

Earlier in the year, I also had a first-author review paper published in Behavior Therapy (the American Association for Behavioral & Cognitive Therapies' flagship journal), which will also comprise the introductory chapter of my thesis. Last month, I also published (as second author) a paper on using mental simulation to increase adaptive behaviours in depressed individuals, which marks an exciting extension to my research, one that I am interested in pursuing further at a postdoc level.

Currently I am focused on completing the final experiment(s) while continuing to write up my studies for publication. At the same time, I am learning to analyse functional neuroimaging data from another project I'm running with a postdoc in my team, looking at the neural basis of imagining future events and how these differ in individuals high and low on the bipolar disorder spectrum. It's a great feeling to learn new methodologies, and to be surrounded by neuroimaging experts at the MRC Cognition & Brain Sciences Unit.

I have enjoyed promoting public engagement in our science through a team collaboration with a Cambridge-based theatre company. Recently, at Cambridge Science Festival, I participated as part of a scientific panel after a play written about our lab's work, about imagination-vs-language based thinking and psychiatric disorders. We are now starting to work on another participative theatre project, which is very exciting.

Outside of the lab, I have been rowing for my college (Trinity Hall) since November, and enjoyed a successful bumps campaign in Lent term that very nearly won us a blade! It's truly wonderful to have access to the amazing facilities and boat club atmosphere of Trinity Hall, and I'm very much looking forward to racing in the May Bumps.



Name:

Adeline Klotz

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Chemical Engineering

Year of Commencement:

2015

College:

Trinity

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Honorary Award

Following on from my undergraduate thesis, my current studies are focussed around the use of nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) and the application of this to engineering systems. In particular, I am interested in the use of two NMR techniques to help understand the process of aqueous phase wood degradation in a packed-bed reactor, with the products being valuable chemicals. More specifically, I am using the technique of NMR spectroscopy to understand what products form during this process; I am additionally using another technique, NMR velocimetry, to measure flow fields within the reactor. I hope to be able to couple the results from these two techniques to contribute to a greater understanding of the processes governing wood degradation in a packed-bed reactor.

Since starting my PhD, I have also been involved in teaching tours that Trinity College has organised, where we run supervision style classes for A-level students. This allows them to obtain a feel of what studying here in Cambridge would be like. Aside from this, I have been enjoying learning Hebrew and teaching cooking. In my spare time I love to hike and cycle, and have seen many new places around the UK in doing so. I also enjoy attending classes on genetics here at Cambridge and have just started to take ballroom dancing classes.



Name:

Alina Kozlovski

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Classics

Year of Commencement:

2014

College:

Trinity

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

My time in Cambridge has been extremely intense and a lot of fun! I study concepts of heritage in relation to material culture in the ancient Roman world and since coming here I have attended many museum related events alongside many seminars run by my faculty. In addition, I participated in an interesting weekly interdisciplinary seminar on materiality. This was great because of the interactive sessions where we got to make stone tools (I discovered I'm not bad!) and spin wool (quite different to my usual days in the library!). I also presented my work at several seminars in Cambridge and at a conference in Melbourne, gaining great feedback from lots of experts. This year I became a Graduate Invigilator at the Museum of Classical Archaeology where I help out at events, greet visitors and have conducted a tour about my research for alumni. At the museum I was also part of a team who created two new programs for students to run tours and curate cabinets – an initiative that we hope will be great training for future students!

To get some archaeological experience, in the summer I went on an excavation of an ancient Roman site in Sicily and this summer I will be going on one in Tuscany. I also have been very involved in college life. Last year I organised themed dinners, a garden party and many cocktail and movie nights to help foster a friendly community for everyone. This year I am the Academic Officer and in this role I co-convened an interdisciplinary symposium on the theme of 'space'. In the evenings I've been keeping myself busy with Latin dancing which has been a great way to get some exercise and have a lot of fun. My friend and I even ran a few classes in our college! I am extremely grateful to the Cambridge Australia Scholarships for allowing me to have all these opportunities!



Name:

Cleo Loi

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Astrophysical Fluid Dynamics

Year of Commencement:

2015

College:

Corpus Christi

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia McCrum Scholarship

I began a PhD in astrophysical fluid dynamics last October under supervision of Prof. John C. B. Papaloizou, within the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics. My project seeks to investigate the effects of magnetic fields on the propagation of internal waves inside stars and their influence on stellar oscillations. This is a fascinating but mathematically complicated problem, since magnetic fields break the spherical symmetry of a star, rendering the fluid equations non-separable in the angular coordinates. There have been recent claims that strong magnetic fields buried deep inside the cores of stars are the cause of visible anomalies in the amplitudes of certain deeply-penetrating oscillation modes, as seen in observational data taken by the NASA Kepler satellite. This effect was not previously anticipated by theorists, and represents an exciting new avenue for probing and understanding the structure of magnetic fields deep inside stars.

John and I are in the process of considering suitable strategies to approach, model and further investigate the problem. The non-separability suggests that we may benefit from a local treatment involving ray tracing, which enables the path of energy flow through complex 3D structures to be mapped efficiently. This is similar to the ray tracing done in computer graphics to calculate the paths of light rays in a complicated 3D environment, except that my project deals with fluid waves rather than light waves.

Outside my PhD research, I have attended many lecture courses offered as part of the Part III Maths Tripos. These include Astrophysical Fluid Dynamics, Stellar Structure and Evolution, Dynamics of Astrophysical Disks, Magnetohydrodynamics and Binary Stars. I also had the opportunity to witness experimental fluid dynamics demonstrations held in the lab underneath the Centre for Mathematical Sciences. From the billowing undulations of the Kelvin-Helmholtz instability and the dramatic fingers of the Rayleigh-Taylor instability, to the eerie rippling of internal gravity waves and the beautiful inverse cascade of 2D turbulence, this has given me a new appreciation and intuition for fluid dynamics.



Name:

Katrina Malone

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Law

Year of Commencement:

2015

College:

St John's

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

I have had a marvelous time in my first year of the PhD program in Law.

My PhD topic has been refined through the course of the year with the help of my supervisor, Professor David Feldman. My topic focuses on the writ of habeas corpus, often described as 'the great writ of liberty'. It allows a person to challenge the legality of a physical restraint on their liberty before a court, and to be released if the restraint is found to be unlawful. The purpose of my thesis is to examine the extent to which the writ protects individuals from unlawful interferences with their physical freedom beyond classic 'close custody' scenarios. The classic scenario where an application for the writ is made involves the imposition of a total physical restraint upon a person who, if the restraint is found to be unlawful, has a right to be at large within the community. Although it is generally accepted that the writ may protect individuals in a wider range of circumstances, it is very unclear what kind of physical restraints will suffice; whether the writ may only operate to protect pre-existing liberty-rights; and whether the court ought to refrain from ordering release where there has been a failure to exhaust other remedies or an alternative form of egress is open to the person restrained. The case law in this area conflicts and there has been little academic consideration of these issues.

My first year dissertation, to be submitted in late May, is titled 'Offshore Detention of Aliens, the Lack of a Right to Enter and the Use of the Writ of Habeas Corpus: Rethinking the *Tampa* Case'. The dissertation considers whether a non-citizen (i.e. an 'alien') detained unlawfully offshore may be released onto the mainland on an application for the writ, where she or he does not have a legal right to enter. The dissertation argues both that as a matter of precedent and principle, there is nothing suspect about a court ordering release onto the mainland in these circumstances, provided that the order is reasonably necessary to ensure that the non-citizen in question is released from unlawful detention.

Outside of my doctoral work, I am working on a research project on boilerplate treaties with Dr Michael Waibel at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law. I have also been engaged as a teacher for small group teaching sessions run for the Cambridge LLM subject, 'International Human Rights Law'.

I feel incredibly lucky to be able to complete my PhD at Cambridge and am very grateful for the opportunity to be here.



Name:

Stephanie Mawson

Degree & Subject:

PhD in History

Year of Commencement:

2014

College:

Wolfson

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Honorary Award

I have spent the majority of this academic year conducting fieldwork at archives in Spain and the Philippines. I have conducted research at the following archives: Archivo General de Indias (Seville), Archivo Franciscano Ibero-Oriental (Madrid), Real Academia de la Historia (Madrid), Biblioteca Nacional de España (Madrid) and the University of Santo Tomas (Manila).

Additionally, I have presented at a number of significant international conferences: the Carceral Archipelago conference at Leicester University in September 2015, Runaways: Mobility and Global Labor History at the International Institute of Social History in Amsterdam in October 2015 and the Pacific History Association conference in Guam in May 2016. I will also present at Resistance and Empire: New Approaches and Comparisons at the Instituto de Ciencias Sociais in Lisbon in July 2016. Over the coming year I have been invited to present at an exchange workshop between Cambridge and the University of Tuebingen on religious history in September, as well as a seminar series organised by the London Group of Historical Geographers.

My work has been accepted for publication in three high-ranking peer reviewed journals – two articles are currently in print in the Journal of Pacific History and Ethnohistory, while the third article will be published in August in Past and Present.

While my extensive travels for fieldwork has meant I have not been as engaged with the Cambridge community as in the previous year, I continue to maintain links particularly with the World History community, through both formal and informal reading groups. I have also been selected as a World History Workshop convenor for the following academic year and am co-organising a conference called Science and Islands in the Indo-Pacific, which is sponsored by the British Society for the History of Science and will take place in Cambridge in September 2016.



Name:

Brendan McConnell

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Chemistry

Year of Commencement:

2011

College:

Wolfson

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

In the past twelve months, my research has primarily focused on two different molecular scaffolds for elaboration in generating ligands targeting the tuberculosis enzyme EthR, and although one has had limited success, the other has shown extremely promising results, which are currently being prepared for publication. The research has progressed significantly, with recent testing by Professor Sir Tom Blundell's group in Cambridge and Professor Stewart Cole's team in Switzerland confirming that a number of my compounds are extremely potent inhibitors of the target enzyme, resulting in a strong decrease in the concentration of Ethionamide required to kill the tuberculosis bacterium under the test conditions. These compounds are - to our knowledge - among the most potent and efficient ligands known against this target. I am now in the process of finishing my laboratory work and beginning to write my dissertation for submission by the end of September.

Beyond the laboratory, I have been undertaking the role for Librarian for the Cambridge University Brass Band (CUBB) - a role which includes maintaining the large quantity of sheet music held by the band, as well as maintaining and (where necessary) fixing equipment and instruments, or arranging to have them fixed. This has been a very rewarding role, as I have managed to get a large number of instruments restored to working order for the enjoyment of all band members, and have completed a thorough catalogue of the music, instruments and equipment owned by the band.

As always, I am extremely grateful to the Trust for their support and funding which has allowed me to pursue my research at such a fine institution, especially during this period of over-run.



Name:

Lauren McKenzie-Sell

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Physical Science Nano

Year of Commencement:

2015

College:

Hughes Hall

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

I'm reaching the end of my NanoDTC masters year, and will soon start the included PhD. The year has been a change from my physics undergraduate studies, with courses appending the nano- prefix to other fields including chemistry, materials and biotechnology. I've enjoyed finding synergies between the nanosciences as these new areas become more familiar. I am returning to physics for my PhD, with a materials focus, to combine films with unusual conductivity and magnetism for a new mode of energy efficient computing.

Another change from my previous studies is the cycling commute. Being able to cycle anywhere in 20 minutes is refreshing compared to public transport in Sydney, as is the scenic route through cobblestone streets and fields to my labs in the modern West Cambridge site.

Until arrived, I didn't appreciate just how inspiring it is to be in such an academic hub. I've taken advantage of the concentration of local and visiting experts, attending talks and events discussing climate change to science policy to topological matter. A conference on nano-information processing was held locally last December – very convenient for me to attend and present a poster. Sharing ideas with the ten other students in this year's NanoDTC cohort, who also come from various countries and scientific backgrounds, has been a great support in settling in.

Part of settling in has been discovering the many pubs that are Cambridge's cozy answer to the café scenes of Sydney and Melbourne. I've also taken up roller derby with the local team, the Rollerbillies. Roller derby is a contact sport based on roller skating in all-women teams, and I'm looking forward to completing my training to play in matches. Between narrowing my research focus and finding more time for non-academic interests, I'm excited to start the next three years of my program.



Name:

Kumaran Nathan

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Engineering

Year of Commencement:

2014

College:

Corpus Christi

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Allen Scholarship

My second year in Cambridge has been another fantastic one. Academically, I'm progressing very well. I submitted my first year report containing a literature review and a complete simulation study of my proposed home energy network, consisting of control and electronics to manage power flows between solar photovoltaics, battery storage, electric vehicles, and the grid. I'm now undertaking analog signal chain and printed circuit board (PCB) design to provide a practical demonstration of my system. A key benefit of my research is a substantially cleaner and greener electrical network with the potential to support a larger penetration of renewable generation.

This year, I also started some teaching work, supervising 15 groups across three different electrical engineering courses ranging from first to third year. I am also a lab demonstrator for two third year courses on power converters and electric vehicle motors.

After successfully completing my French Lower Intermediate last year, I have continued my language studies and have now completed the French Middle Intermediate course. I have thoroughly enjoyed it and hope to complete the French Upper Intermediate course next year.

This year, I've also been proud of my sporting achievements. The Cambridge Blues ice hockey team had its best season in its 130-year history. We won the Patton Cup match for the second time in a row (and it was the first time Cambridge has won the match in Oxford in recent history). This win also led to us being crowned as the Division 1 South winners. We went on to compete against Nottingham, the winners of Division 1 North. We managed to claim the title of National Champions for the first time in history in a gripping 5-4 victory. We also had a week-long training camp, playing on a high altitude outdoor rink surrounded by the Swiss Alps.



Name:

Joshua Neoh

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Law

Year of Commencement:

2015

College:

Gonville and Caius

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

I am now into my third term at Cambridge. Cambridge is the most intellectually stimulating place that I have ever been in my life!

My studies are progressing well. I have submitted my first year paper for the confirmation of my PhD candidature. In addition, I have completed the PhD Research Training Programme for the Certificate of Postgraduate Study in Legal Studies.

Alongside my doctoral research, I am also supervising undergraduate students in Jurisprudence in the Easter Term. To prepare me for the task, I completed a course on Effective Supervision, as part of my Professional and Personal Development.

At Cambridge, I had the opportunity to attend the series of lectures on Jurisprudence and participate in the seminars on Legal and Political Philosophy. Beyond Cambridge, I managed to attend conferences on Legal Fictions at the University of Oxford, and on Law and Religion at the University of Bristol. I am also planning to join the Legal Theory Festival at the University of Edinburgh in June.

I am the PhD Liaison Officer of the Graduate Law Society, which organizes social events for the law postgraduate community. We had formal black tie dinners at Wolfson College in the Michaelmas Term and Newnham College in the Lent Term.



Name:

Emma Nicholls

Degree & Subject:

PhD in History

Year of Commencement:

2014

College:

Clare

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Honorary Award

The second year of my PhD has seen me primarily ensconced in Tuscan archives as I hunt down little-known manuscripts written by women from the late-fourteenth to the sixteenth centuries. The research I am pursuing engages with foundational debates about the changing nature of selfhood in early modern Europe. In particular, it brings questions of gender to current understandings which posit that property-ownership and the record-keeping practices this entailed were central cognitive building-blocks in Renaissance self-formation. Seen to be lacking the cultural authority to take part in these activities, women's place in our story of the Renaissance subjectivity has tended to be marginalised.

My PhD addresses this lacuna by proposing the convent as an environment which expected women to take charge of the day-to-day administration of property. Far from being peripheral institutions, by the mid-sixteenth century, some 50% of elite women lived within convents. From within convents, women are recognised as having acted as the brokers of key civic, economic and devotional channels.

Over the course of the year I have made some exciting discoveries which I have begun presenting at conferences in both Italy and the UK. Most recently, I presented a paper at the May 10 Renaissance and Reformation Colloquium convened by leading scholars in my field from Cambridge, Queen Mary, Warwick and Oxford universities.

As outreach officer responsible for Cambridge History for Schools, this year I oversaw seven hands-on history workshops for children on topics ranging from Tudor Dance to the built environment of present-day Berlin. In February, I ran a 'Research Update for GCSE History Teachers', during which senior Faculty members provided local secondary-school teachers with the latest research perspectives on new curricula. Next year, I hope to again liaise with teachers and the Education and History Faculties to develop another workshop of this kind.



Name:

Rowan Nicholson

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Law

Year of Commencement:

2014

College:

Sidney Sussex

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Wong/Calthorpe Scholarship

In the last twelve months, my research on international personality has led me to stray a little into other fields. An international person is anyone or anything – an individual, a state, an international organisation – with rights and duties in international law. Since international lawyers have never been able to agree on where international personality comes from or on its consequences, I have found myself drawn to theories from philosophy and sociology that have rarely been applied to international law but that can help to shed new light on those questions. I am improving my foreign language skills so that I can explore some of the literature on these theories further. At the same time, I have continued to explore the historical aspects of international personality that I dealt with in my first-year paper, including the differences between the rights and duties attributed to Western states and to African, Asian, and Pacific peoples before the twentieth century. My forays into these other fields will add strength and colour to the early chapters of my thesis, which I have now completed in draft. In researching them, I have enjoyed exchanging ideas with scholars from other departments with a background in these other fields. That is something that is made easy at Cambridge; in the last year, I have benefited as much from learning to look at my field from an outside perspective as from the vibrant international law community. I participate in a reading group of doctoral students researching other topics broadly within international law. I have found it interesting to read what others are working on and useful to receive feedback on some of my own work and ideas from peers. I have also been teaching study skills to students at a Cambridge college and assisting academics with research.



Name:

Charles Noonan

Degree & Subject:

Master of Law

Year of Commencement:

2015

College:

Pembroke

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Allen Scholarship

As my year-long course at Cambridge draws to a close, I look back on what has been an incredible year in Cambridge, filled with hard-work, amazing people and beautiful scenery.

Deciding which courses to undertake at the start of the year is challenging as the LLM introductory lectures (known as the "subject beauty parade") present students with a diverse range of fascinating subjects. After much deliberation, I chose to undertake courses in Jurisprudence, Public Law, International Commercial Litigation, and Competition Law. These subjects reflect my wide range of legal interests and also my desire to gain insights across a broad range of disciplines during my time at Cambridge. For the Public Law course, I have written a dissertation which reconsiders the absence of a common law duty in Australia requiring decision-makers to provide reasons for their decisions. While this was a particularly challenging topic to tackle, I have relished the opportunity to write a dissertation and present my work to some of the world's leading public law academics. Even with the onset of final examinations looming, I am incredibly grateful for quality of the education and the intellectual stimulation that the Cambridge LLM has provided.

I have also been involved in a range of extracurricular activities. I am an editor of the Cambridge Journal of International and Comparative Law, I have played football (soccer) for Pembroke college, have seen the likes of Jerry Springer, Rev Jesse Jackson and Baz Luhrmann speak at the Cambridge Union Society, and have attended more "bops", "swaps" and "formal halls" than I thought possible. The incredibly diverse student body at Cambridge has enabled me to meet many fascinating people and to forge new friendships with people from all over the world.

My time in Cambridge has undoubtedly been one of the greatest experiences of my life and an incredible time for learning and development. I would like to thank Cambridge Australia Scholarships and the generosity of their donors for such a special opportunity.



Name:

Talia Pettigrew

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Chemistry

Year of Commencement:

2014

College:

Trinity

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Honorary Award

I am continuing to love my time in Cambridge, having a fantastic time and learning so many new things. Since I completed my first year report and viva last summer, the learning curve started to seem a little less steep, and I feel I have made good progress towards my research goals. I have attended several symposia, not least among them the Royal Society of Chemistry symposium in Cambridge last July. Punting several eminent professors of organic synthesis around Cambridge was a crazy (and nerve-wracking) experience – I'm just relieved I didn't tip any of them into the Cam!

This year two new PhD students have joined my research project, and I'm really enjoying working as a team. We aim to synthesise simplified analogues of a family of marine natural products, the aplyronines, for use in antibody–drug conjugates. I hope to complete some of these analogues this summer, and then test them for toxicity against various cancer types. We are also investigating the chemistry needed to conjugate these molecules to antibodies for the development of targeted cancer therapies.

I have continued as a member of the Chemistry Postgraduate Social Committee, and helped organise a number of fun events. I also joined the Trinity Singers choir, which is currently preparing a varied selection of songs to perform during May Week.

It's been amazing to have the chance to travel in Europe. This year I have visited France, Switzerland, Ireland, Belgium and Luxembourg, as well as many locations within the UK. I hope to make the most of the summer weather that's fast approaching and add many more destinations to that list!

Many thanks to the Cambridge Trusts and Cambridge Australia Scholarships for helping to make all of these wonderful experiences possible.



Name:

Claire Ratican

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Archaeology

Year of Commencement:

2014

College:

Newnham

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Newnham Scholarship

My second year in the PhD program within the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology is coming to an end and, as ever, Cambridge has offered me another sensational year in both academic and social spheres.

My research focuses on the diversity of Viking Age multiple burials across Scandinavia and Britain with a view to understanding the breadth of relationships that they articulate. In particular, I'm interested in the historiography of Viking Age archaeology and whether its emphasis on the violent and 'deviant' characteristics of Viking culture is borne out by the archaeological record. Academically speaking, progress in my first year was slow as I sifted through all the archaeological evidence and explored the, at times, colourful historiography shaping its interpretation. However, a greater sense of clarity has emerged from all my scholarly 'wanderings' and I've made some really pleasing progress this year in terms of methodological development and data collection.

In November, I was asked by a colleague at Sheffield University to attend the Society for Medieval Archaeology's student symposium and present my paper "A Bronze Age Bridge to Viking Identity?" that focused on highlighting the advantages of Bronze Age research methodologies and how this can reframe our view of the Viking Age. A few months later in January, I received an invitation to participate in a small but important burial conference in Reykholt, Iceland that brought together influential Icelandic and Norwegian archaeologists to present detailed case studies from recent unpublished excavations and discuss potential research avenues.

But it hasn't been all conferences and data collection. At the start of the year, I trialled for the University's women's basketball club and successfully made it in to the Blues team. We were the only team of the whole basketball club to gain victory against Oxford, securing a 56 versus 42 win in, what was, a very competitive and closely fought match. Finally, at our club AGM, I was voted to serve as the Women's Blues Captain for 2016/17, by which I feel extremely honoured and excited. This excitement, however, can only be beaten by the potential of the whole team being awarded Full Blues at the next Blues Committee Meeting—there is no better way to end such a challenging and rewarding year of sport at the University of Cambridge.

I'm very much looking forward to next year, which will see my doctoral project take more definite form, when all the hard work of this year's data collection and historiographical research will be complete and allow me to start the most interesting part of any project, the interpretation of what it all means. My thanks go to Cambridge Australia and the late Jan Anderson for making all this possible.



Name:

Felix Rizzuto

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Chemistry

Year of Commencement:

2014

College:

Trinity

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

Much of my work at Cambridge pivots arounds the design of three-dimensional nanometre scaffolds that are capable of storing molecular payloads. Recently, we published one of these structures in *Angewandte Chemie* (DOI: 10.1002/anie.20160213). The work was largely inspired by nature, where enzymes bind molecules peripherally to enhance the binding strength of a substrate to its central pocket. In this paper, we showed that abiological capsules can bind molecules in a similar fashion. Interestingly, the 'peripheral' substrate had little or no effect on the binding of molecules within, and we were able to use the peripheral binding ability of some molecules to template another 3D capsule. This capsule was then capable of binding molecules without displacing any system components. We termed this new method 'peripheral templation'.

Mid-last-year I won a place on the Scifinder Future Leaders in Chemistry Program, an international event held annually by the American Chemical Society (ACS) for twenty early-career chemists. The prize involved an all-expenses paid trip to the Chemical Abstracts Service in Columbus, Ohio followed by attendance at the national ACS conference in Boston. During this trip, I was able to present my research to an international audience. In July of this year, I'll be attending a conference in Seoul, South Korea to present my research once more.

Much of my work in Cambridge is based in the lab. I regularly visit the synchrotron in Oxford, where we conduct all of our high-resolution X-ray crystallographic experiments. Whenever I'm free, I'm in London visiting a museum or watching old movies. There's always time for travelling - I've been to the south of Spain, Venice, America and back home (for Christmas) in the last year alone.



Name:

Andrew Roe

Degree & Subject:

Master of Law

Year of Commencement:

2015

College:

Jesus

Scholarship:

Patrick Moore Cambridge Australia Scholarship

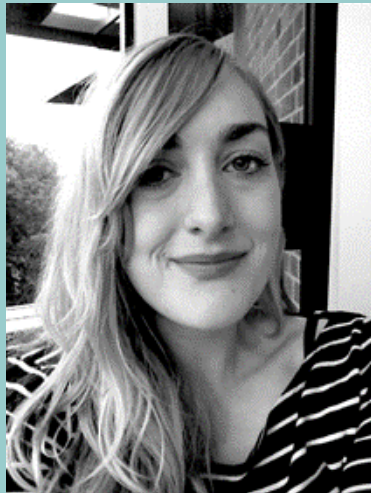
Before heading to Cambridge, I spoke to as many alumni as I could about how they found their time and whether they had any advice. One recurring theme was this: the year is over before you know it, so make the most of everything Cambridge has to offer. Those sentiments have been in the back of my head this whole year, and have proven to be sound advice indeed!

The quality of teaching at Cambridge has been everything I hoped it would be, developing my settled understandings and inviting me to think about law in new and creative ways. I have selected a broad range of papers, in particular pursuing my interest in public law human rights protections through Civil Liberties & Human Rights and supplementing this from a theoretical perspective with Jurisprudence. Discussions about human rights are particularly topical in light of the looming 'Brexit' vote and potential abolition of the Human Rights Act. It has been fascinating to discuss Supreme Court decisions concerning these issues with some of the best minds in the world in class, and to then to attend lectures by the very judges who made those decisions. Whilst it has been a demanding year, it has also been a tremendously rewarding and inspiring academic experience.

Outside of my studies, I have greatly enjoyed playing bassoon in the Jesus College Orchestra and performing in the Freshers' Recital. Whilst it is was a little intimidating to see the Master sitting in the front row, thankfully all went to plan and I was awarded an Instrumental Award for my efforts. Playing in the magnificent Jesus College Chapel is something I will miss greatly. I have also dabbled in rowing and football, attended the Varsity Ski Trip in France, and joined the Cambridge Union. Above all, I have developed a warm and supportive group of friends hailing from around the world across a variety of disciplines, and look forward to many years of friendship to come.

Following my time at Cambridge, I am looking forward to spending two months based in London as a Pegasus Scholar, a program which will rotate me through three sets of barristers' chambers and allow me to spend time with judges across the English courts. The opportunity to build on the knowledge I have developed this year with exposure to the practice of English law will be invaluable.

Finally, I would like to reiterate my grateful thanks to Cambridge Australia Scholarships, Mr Patrick Moore, and the Cambridge Trust, for granting me this wonderful opportunity.



Name:

Chloe Shard

Degree & Subject:

PhD Physiology, Development and Neuroscience

Year of Commencement:

2012

College:

Corpus Christi

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia McCrum Scholarship

I arrived in Cambridge in September 2012 to commence my PhD studies in molecular and developmental neurobiology under the supervision of Professor Andrea Brand. My research has focused on understanding the genetic signals that direct the development of the nervous system. Specifically, I have focused on identifying factors that underpin specific cell fate identities, such as neurons and glia. Understanding the genes that coordinate this is key for the therapeutic application of stem cells in tissue repair. I am studying the gene *longitudinals lacking*, which is a highly complex gene encoding a number of protein variants, each of which coordinates unique cell fate decisions. By utilising the model organism *Drosophila melanogaster*, I have been able to identify novel functions of these protein variants in neurons and glia.

Away from the lab, I was a PhD student representative on the PDN Graduate Education Committee, and demonstrated laboratory practicals for undergraduate students. I was also social secretary and international officer for the graduate body of Corpus Christi, as well as rowed as a member of the Corpus Christi Boat Club. However, at the moment I am focusing on writing my thesis, which will be finished in the next month or two.



Name:

Georgina Statham

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Philosophy

Year of Commencement:

2013

College:

Trinity

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia 800th Anniversary Scholarship

I am currently in the third year of my PhD, and nearing the end of my time at Cambridge. I am very excited to have been awarded a five year post doctoral position at the Polonsky Academy in Jerusalem, which I will start in October. This means that at the moment, I am working hard to finish my thesis, which I plan to submit over the (British) summer.

In my dissertation, I have made use of my background in (and love of) organic chemistry, using this discipline as a case study against which to assess a very influential theory in the philosophy of causation known as interventionism. I have submitted three papers on this topic to philosophy journals, one of which has been published in the British Journal for the Philosophy of Science.

Outside my studies, I have been continuing to make the most of living in Cambridge. I am very involved with the Cambridge Canoe Club: I did a coaching course with them last summer, and have helped run a number of beginners' courses. I also very much enjoy the privilege of being able to grab a boat and go for a paddle on the Cam whenever I have the time. I have taken up bird watching over the last year, and am also enjoying exploring the countryside around Cambridge while identifying all kinds of different birds.

Living and studying in Cambridge for three years has been a fantastic experience, and I am extremely grateful to the Cambridge Australia Trust for giving me this opportunity.



Name:

Juliette Tobias-Webb

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Psychology

Year of Commencement:

2013

College:

Emmanuel

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

Over the past year, I have completed data collection for my final few PhD studies. I have recently had my second paper accepted for publication and have 2 more ready to submit.

I have also begun writing up my thesis and I plan to submit later in the year.

Early this year, I was also fortunate to be able to complete a Research Fellowship with the Behavioural Insights Team. I worked on various gambling and health associated projects. The research placement provided me with the opportunity to develop strong collaborations both in the UK and in Australia.

Personally, I have continued to teach undergraduate students and lecture first and third year undergraduate students on topics related to judgment and decision-making. I have managed to stay fit and healthy, involved in multiple sporting events and completing various public speaking courses.

I continue to be incredibly grateful to Cambridge Australia Scholarships for their generosity in giving me the opportunity to come to Cambridge. The scholarship has led to incredible experiences, innumerable opportunities and some of the best years of my life.



Name:

Christine Van Hooft

Degree & Subject:

PhD in Development Studies

Year of Commencement:

2014

College:

Jesus

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Poynton Scholarship

My PhD research in Development Studies focuses on the interaction between decentralised governance structures and the local political, economic and social context of the country in which decentralisation is implemented, with a focus on decentralisation in Uganda. This year, which is the second year of my PhD program, I have spent Lent and Easter Terms conducting field research in Uganda – both in the capital city, Kampala, and in three districts around the country. I have conducted qualitative research with public servants and elected officials at different levels of government, and collected data from the budget process and other service-delivery mechanisms. I have also undertaken a structured survey at the household level, to study the experiences of the end-users of social services. By examining both the financial mechanisms involved in decentralisation and the personal experiences of those affected by its implementation, I hope to examine the ways in which decentralisation interacts with and affects social and economic relationships, and is in turn affected by them. Outside of my research, I have continued to be involved in sports through my College, particularly rowing, and competed in Michaelmas Term's Fairbairn Cup. I am also a member of the governing board of the Little Lights Children's Centre, a community-run early-childhood education centre and scholarship provider in Kampala.

I continue to be enormously grateful to the Cambridge Australia Trusts for the generous support I receive through the Poynton International Scholarship. For my fieldwork this year, I have in addition been generously assisted with both financial and administrative support by the Cambridge Trusts, the University Fieldwork Fund, Jesus College, the Centre of Development Studies, and the Smuts Memorial Fund. I remain humbled by the experience of being a Cambridge student and continue to be incredibly appreciative of the support that makes this possible.



Name:

Luke Villiers

Degree & Subject:

Master of Law

Year of Commencement:

2015

College:

Clare Hall

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Frank Downing Scholarship

I write this report sat in my room, overlooking my college and the adjacent rugby ground. Greeted by a gentle breeze and crystal blue skies, it's hard to believe I'm in the United Kingdom.

This feeling of surrealism has remained with me throughout my time at Cambridge.

Cambridge is truly unique. Having grown up in residential, 1970s Perth I still struggle to fathom that the university has existed since the 13th century. The history of Cambridge likewise makes for stunning physical surrounds: cobbled streets, ancient chapels and a river to boot. It has been a privilege to spend ten months in such a place.

That is not to say it's always been easy. The LLM is, put simply, a challenging course. Having worked for nearly 5 years prior to the LLM, I developed selective amnesia about what being a student entailed. However, despite the heavy workload and the deceptiveness of end-of-year exams, my courses have been immensely rewarding. I took exclusively international law subjects (human rights, armed conflict, investment law and environmental law). Given my relative inexperience with some of these subjects, my understanding of international law has vastly expanded in a relatively short period. As a leading international law school, I have likewise been taught by some true intellectual leaders in the field.

My education has been complimented by a number of extra-curricular activities. Notably, Cambridge's many colleges have made dining well and dining often exceptionally easy. I have all but lost count of the number of three-course meals, including the obligatory port and cheese, I have consumed. Suffice to say, as my mind has expanded so too has my waistline. On a more serious front, I was fortunate to be involved with a number of activities in the law school, including as an editor of the Cambridge International and Comparative Law Journal and as a researcher for the Cambridge Pro Bono Project. The latter was exceptionally interesting as it concerned an upcoming case before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. With summer fast approaching I am also looking forward to playing cricket for my college, Clare Hall, having failed miserably in attempts to take up soccer (not football) earlier in the academic year.

Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of the LLM has been the people. The post-graduate community at Cambridge is undeniably international and I've been very fortunate to make some exceptional friends. An international community has also made for some wonderful travel opportunities, including skiing in France and spending New Years Eve in Siena (replete with Italian hospitality).

I am indebted to the family of Mr Frank Downing QC and to Cambridge Australia Scholarships for their support, without which this experience would not have been possible.



Name:

Mithuna Yoganathan

Degree & Subject:

MASt - Applied Mathematics

Year of Commencement:

2015

College:

Fitzwilliam

Scholarship:

Cambridge Australia Allen Scholarship

There's always something on in Cambridge. Some interesting public lecture in an esoteric department, some special formal dinner, some student run comedy show. My classes were great but they are only a part of what I've gotten out of Cambridge. I could not have imagined how stimulating life would be here, or myself fitting into this strange world.

I am currently studying Part III of the Mathematics Tripos. I came to it with plenty of trepidation. The course is widely renowned for being grueling. Well I can now say with confidence, yes, yes it really is tough... but in a good way. As I now revise for exams, I'm impressed at how much material was crammed into those short 8 week terms (and I'm very much hoping at least some of it will go in my head). Next year I am doing a PhD in quantum computing, and Part III really was wonderful preparation for it. It was surreal to be taught the subject by a lecturer who helped invent the field (for example, he would causally refer to the authors of the theorems by first name). I also had the chance to take subjects outside my field, and this opened me to new ideas. In particular, I discovered the philosophy of physics while here through some lecture courses and many public lectures. This has all strongly shaped the direction of my future research.

Before coming to Cambridge, I would hear Cambridge graduates go on and on about college life and not understand why it was so important. However, after 8 short months here I feel like I've always known my friends at Fitz. We eat together, go to all the events together, and moan about studying together. There's really no better way to solidify a friendship. College gives you a chance to meet people outside your course -which is wonderful as a graduate at Cambridge because people do a very wide spectrum of study and research. From environment and policy all the way to punk music and gender, you really meet and learn from all sorts here. I'm also grateful to have gotten to know my fellow maths students at college. I have no doubt that we will continue being friends and bore everyone else with math talk for a long long time. The college set up also really encourages you to participate. Before this year I would never have counted myself as a sporty person (I still don't) but during Michaelmas I joined the rowing team. Despite the early mornings, and the mad dashes back to lectures, and (many) more than one of my Australian friends laughing the idea of me rowing, I thoroughly enjoyed it. Those days on the Cam, and the many other uniquely Cambridge experiences here have made this year very memorable. I'm so grateful that I had the chance to come to Cambridge.

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IN MEMORIAM

Adjunct Professor Joan (Jan) Anderson, 13.05.1932–28.08.2015



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Joan (Jan) Mary Anderson was an internationally-acclaimed plant biologist renowned for her discoveries of the organisation of the intricate membrane structures that carry out solar energy conversion in cells of green plants.

In a research career spanning 55 years, mostly at the Division of Plant Industry CSIRO Canberra and the former ANU Research School of Biological Sciences, Jan's experiments and insights changed the way we think about the light reactions of photosynthesis. This most energetic of all biological processes enables plants to use sunlight to split water into the by-product oxygen and fix carbon dioxide into the raw materials upon which all life on Earth ultimately depends.

Jan graduated from the University of New Zealand and won a year-long King George V Memorial Fellowship for New Zealand to study anywhere in the US. Noble Laureate Harold Urey recommended her to his friend (and soon to be Nobel Laureate) Melvin Calvin at the University of California Berkeley.

In 1959, she moved to Canberra to CSIRO Plant Industry. Jan's experiments that brought evidence of photosystems saw her become the first Australian to be awarded a Carnegie Institution Fellowship to Stanford University's Department of Plant Biology. This was followed by the visit of Carnegie scientist Olle Björkman to Canberra in 1971-72 that established an informal but enduring partnership in photosynthesis research between Canberra and Palo Alto laboratories that today ranges from molecular to global scales.

Following the 1996 decision by CSIRO to close basic research in photosynthesis, Jan's research shifted to ANU. She joined colleagues in the Photobioenergetics Group led by Barry Osmond. As an Adjunct Professor, Jan continued her research but expanded her role to mentor students, postdoctoral students and other early-career researchers. This was a role she was still actively pursuing at the time of her death. Jan was one of the most internationally-recognised Australian plant scientists. She was elected to the Australian Academy of Science in 1987 and to the Royal Society of London in 1996.

Jan was a passionate and creative female scientist who was well ahead of her time. She was a strong mentor and role model for women in science and an inspiration to young researchers.

On a personal level, she was kind-hearted towards her friends, colleagues and their families. She is sorely missed, but will be long remembered.

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- **Promotion of scholarships:** we promote CAS scholarships widely to maximise the number of applicants
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- **Building the CAS alumni community:** we seek to facilitate relationships between CAS scholars while they are in residence at Cambridge and beyond the completion of their degree.
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