

Comment

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First Honorary Degrees

KING'S HELD ITS FIRST HONORARY

Degree Ceremony on 8 March. A unique ceremony for staff and students in the Strand Chapel celebrated the first time that King's has exercised powers it has long held to confer Honorary Degrees of the University of London.

Outstanding academic contribution

Honorary Degrees of the University of London are awarded by King's College London to individuals who are of conspicuous merit, as demonstrated by their outstanding academic contribution to their field.

The Principal, Professor Rick Trainor, says: 'The fact that we are taking up the power to award Honorary Degrees for the first time is a reflection and a reinforcement of King's ever-more-obvious status as one of the country's leading universities.'

'The spread of excellence in the distinguished careers of these Honorary Graduates reflects the variety of areas in which King's is an internationally strong player, while the presence of these eminent people emphasises the way in which King's is not only a comprehensive but also a coherent university institution.'

Honorary Degrees were bestowed on The Rt Hon The

Baroness Hale of Richmond DBE PC, the first woman to be appointed a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary (Law Lord), who received a Doctor of Law, *Honoris Causa*; Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys FRS, the geneticist who developed techniques for DNA fingerprinting and DNA profiling, who received a Doctor of Science, *Honoris Causa*; and Judith Weir CBE, a distinguished composer and former Foundation Visiting Professor at Harvard University, who received a Doctor of Music, *Honoris Causa*.

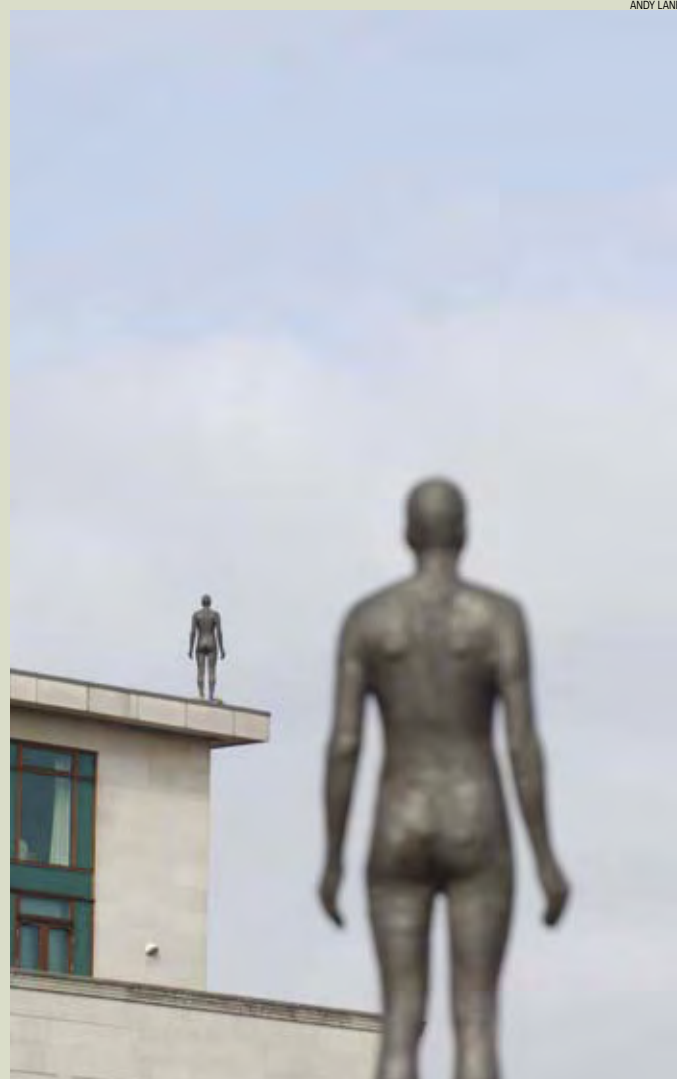
The ceremony began with a welcome by the Dean, the Revd Dr Richard Burrige, and was followed by the opening address, delivered by the Principal. During the ceremony citations were given for each of the Honorary Graduates by Lord (Raymond) Plant (Head of the School of Law), Professor Phil Whitfield (Vice-Principal, Students) and Professor John Deathridge (King Edward Professor of Music) and Baroness Hale responded on their behalf. The Chairman of Council, Baroness Rawlings, gave the closing address.

'We are celebrating the achievements of four individuals distinguished in their field. The College will be enriched by these associations, and their success and distinction will be an added inspiration to our students,' said Baroness Rawlings.

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Rooftop art at King's

ANDY LANE



Two of the three life-size sculptures of male figures being exhibited on the rooftops of two King's buildings as part of the first major London showing of the work of **Antony Gormley**. For more details see page 7.

Principal's Column



JULIAN ANDERSON

Dear Colleagues

The College continues to develop links internationally. We have recently welcomed the Indian High Commissioner to King's and as I write a number of senior staff are at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, with which

our academic links are rapidly strengthening. Earlier this month, Vice-Principal Keith Hoggart accompanied the Lord Mayor of London to Malaysia (where King's is setting up a new Alumni branch), as part of the Lord Mayor's City of Learning initiative.

As we think of higher education as an increasingly global endeavour, the terrible events that took place at Virginia Tech continue to reverberate. I am sure colleagues will be pleased to know that I have sent a letter of sympathy on behalf of King's staff and students to the President of that institution.

The issue of the reform of the

University of London continues to be discussed, and proposed changes to the statutes are now out for formal consultation.

These proposals (which the College Council will formally consider in June) provide for a streamlined system of governance which places the constituent Colleges at its heart. On related issues, in the context of current reviews by the funding council I have firmly supported (on behalf of the College) continued HEFCE funding for the University's School of Advanced Study (and its institutes) and for the libraries in Senate House.

Lastly, I would like to draw attention to the number

and breadth of international seminars and conferences that the College hosts. In the last few weeks alone, staff at King's have organised events about (among other topics) military strategy in the 21st century, the Proms and British musical life, cannabis and mental health, the transatlantic slave trade, stem cell research and Parkinson's Disease, religion and citizenship, and Henry III! This is extremely gratifying and underlines the role of the College as an intellectual powerhouse working in the service of society both in this country and abroad.

Best wishes

Rick Trainor

King's secures £14m DoH funding

THE COLLEGE HAS BEEN AWARDED

£14 million from the Department of Health, as part of the National Institute for Health Research, for seven projects looking into areas such as mental health, medicines for children, diabetes, stroke and dementias.

'A significant new research funding stream'

Six academics from the Institute of Psychiatry and one from the School of Medicine, have secured around a third of the overall money – £45 million – from the Department of Health across 29 different research programmes.

The programmes chosen for funding aim to increase understanding of how to manage and treat these types of diseases more effectively, develop new treatments and help prevent ill health developing in the first place.

Professor Ulrike Schmidt, Professor of Eating Disorders, was awarded a grant worth

£1.9 million for her work with the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust and the eating disorders charity Beat, to conduct essential research into providing better resources for the identification and treatment of anorexia.

Also working in conjunction with the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust a further five Institute of Psychiatry academics have been awarded grant money: Professor Declan Murphy; Professor Andre Tylee; Professor Robin Murray; Professor Graham Thornicroft; and Professor Til Wykes.

Professor Stephanie Amiel and Dr Khalida Ismail of the Diabetes Research Group in the School of Medicine (in collaboration with the Primary Care Trusts of Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham, with Bromley PCT; the Diabetes Units of King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and of Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust; the Institute of Psychiatry and the Department of Public Health at King's) have been awarded grant money for 'Non-pharmacological approaches to

improving diabetes outcomes'.

Health Minister Rosie Winterton said: 'This significant new research funding stream, which will be worth up to £75 million each year when

fully established, provides a marvellous opportunity for the NHS to carry out research that will lead to improved healthcare or better healthcare delivery in the near future.'

First Honorary Degrees



PHIL SAYER

The Rt Hon The Baroness Hale of Richmond gives a vote of thanks.

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A fourth Honorary Graduate, Professor Joseph Nye, one of the world's ten most influential scholars of international relations, was conferred with his Honorary

Degree, Doctor of Social Sciences, *Honoris Causa* on 14 February prior to his delivery of the College's prestigious Liddell Hart Centre for Military Archives annual lecture.

£30m for national parenting academy

KING'S, THE FAMILY AND PARENTING Institute, and Parenting UK, have been awarded £30 million by the Department for Education & Skills to create a new centre of excellence called the National Academy for Parenting Practitioners (NAPP), which will carry out parenting research and provide quality support for parents. Based at the Strand Campus it will be launched in October 2007.

'Help children and young people achieve their potential'

Dr Stephen Scott, Head of the King's Parenting Unit, comments: 'King's is delighted to be hosting the Academy. It will bring its expertise in training practitioners in approaches proven to work in helping all parents bring the best out of their children. It will also carry out an ambitious research programme to find out strategies

to help children and young people achieve their potential and so help raise the standard of parenting support still further.

'We know a great deal about effective parenting and what interventions work best in what settings, but most of these have not yet been tested on a large country-wide scale in 'real-life' populations. Establishing this Academy will centralise the know-how and the manpower to enable the swift implementation of quality parenting support across the UK.'

The Government announced the launch of the RESPECT Action Plan in January 2006 as a programme to tackle anti-social behaviour in society and one of its commitments was to establish a National Parenting Academy. The Academy will tackle a wider agenda, as well as RESPECT.

The National Academy for Parenting Practitioners is the realisation of this plan and is being established to support the development and training of all



those who deliver services to parents.

King's, the Family and Parenting Institute and Parenting UK have formed a consortium to establish the Academy. King's will provide a top quality research programme, the Family Parenting Institute will use its ability to review and assess services, and synthesize and disseminate research and Parenting UK will facilitate direct contact with the

majority of parenting service providers in the UK.

NAPP will provide a central hub for the exchange of ideas and learning. It will improve the quality of services for parents by raising the standard and consistency of practice and disseminating the evidence from research. It will also provide training and research opportunities for those who teach parenting skills in the community.

Times Higher/King's Awards

THE 2007 TIMES HIGHER AWARDS competition has now been launched and entries are being sought from King's staff. Now in its third year, these awards raise awareness of and reward the huge contribution British universities make to the economic and cultural health of the country.

The College is keen to encourage staff to consider entering particularly in these categories:

- Research project of the year
- Young researcher of the year
- Young academic author of the year.

The College will also award its own prize of £500 to the successful entrant who will then automatically be entered for the *Times Higher* competition.

Last year Dr James Rubin, Lecturer in Psychological Medicine at the Institute of

Psychiatry, won the 'Young Researcher of the Year' College Award and was subsequently shortlisted for the *Times Higher* award.

Vice-Principal (Research) Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman comments on the importance of the awards and King's submitting entries. 'The awards are an important showcase for the achievements of British universities and in turn provide the College with an excellent opportunity to demonstrate its great strengths. There is every reason to expect that King's could, and should, do well this year. I hope we will be able to put forward some strong entries.'

Submissions of 500 words, based on work undertaken between 1 July 2006 and 30 June 2007, should be sent to Victoria Knight, victoria.knight@kcl.ac.uk, by **8 June**.

Strategic Plan 2006-16 published



The Strategic Plan for 2006-16 is now available. The Plan commits the College to strengthening its position as a world-class institution over the next 10 years so that King's is recognised as one of the world's leading universities. Copies of the plan have been sent internally to Heads of School, Heads of Department,

members of Academic Board, College Committee and the College Operations Executive. Additional copies are available at Campus receptions or from Emma Evans in the Principal's Office (emma.evans@kcl.ac.uk). An electronic version is available on the College website (www.kcl.ac.uk/about/mission/).

See the *Times Higher* website for the full list of awards and entry criteria www.thes.co.uk/awards/2007/. This year there are 20 categories including new ones reflecting the

work that universities do in ICT, marketing and the arts. Their awards will be presented at a dinner at the Grosvenor House Hotel on 29 November.

Baroness Rawlings

In September, Baroness Rawlings will step down as Chairman of Council, following the completion of the customary three terms of three years each in office. Here Lady Rawlings, the Council's first woman Chairman, looks back over her nine years at King's with tremendous affection and pride.

How would you describe the role of Chairman?

I see the role of Chairman as raising the profile of the College outside the academic world in parliamentary, political, international, medical, philanthropic and social circles at home and abroad. I chair four Council meetings a year as well as several other committees. The Council is the governing and executive body of the College established under the Charter and Statutes of the College.

What do you feel has been your most important decision?

There have been many, and the most important is difficult to single out, but chairing the committee of 14 people who chose Professor Trainor as the new Principal was a great responsibility. It had to be a unanimous decision. I had been preparing for it for some time. Our headhunters were fantastic, not only guiding us but also helping to ease the difficulties that had come (along with great opportunities) with the recent mergers.

Being Chairman is just one of your roles. Can you tell us about your work as a Conservative Peer in the House of Lords and your other roles?

As Shadow Minister for International Development and Foreign Affairs I am very privileged to have a platform on which to fight for causes I believe in – bearing in mind the party line of course!

Since entering the House of Lords in 1994, the countries that I have spoken on quite regularly are Afghanistan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Georgia, Mexico and Russia. I suppose since my European Parliament days the country I have been most involved with is Bulgaria. I sit as one of the governors on the board of their American University. I have also



had a lifelong interest in the arts, and I try, too, to contribute to any debates that might affect King's.

For five years I have been President of the National Council of Voluntary Organisations, NCVO. This is the main umbrella group for the voluntary sector: an area in which I have spent nearly my entire life. I am President too of the British Antique Dealers' Association, BADA. A great deal of my time has been involved in some way with the arts. I was a director for more than 30 years of the English Chamber Orchestra (ECO) and Vice Chairman to Lady Diana Cooper at Covent Garden on their Benevolent Fund. I also owned a contemporary art gallery and worked for a French art auction house. I am at present a Trustee of the Chevening Estate.

How has the College changed during your time as Chairman?

King's has changed enormously. When I arrived the College was in a very fragile state after the merger with the United Medical and Dental Schools in 1998.

Today, it has become more of a whole. As a result it is more outward-looking, with greater diversity. It achieves higher ratings and more students are applying. King's is the rising star today in the British higher education sector.

'King's is the rising star'

Our international aspirations have increased, too, as demonstrated by the larger number of international students and by recent collaborative agreements with other universities around the world. The Principal and I have travelled to many places meeting alumni and establishing links in America, Brunei, Hong Kong, India, Oman and South Africa.

What do you see as your greatest achievements as Chairman?

The greatest is the College's acquisition of the magnificent Maughan Library and gardens. I remember a chance meeting with the Chief Executive of

the Crown Estates: I tried to persuade him that King's would be the right choice to become the next tenant of the former Public Record Office in Chancery Lane. Shortly afterwards I met Sir Deryck and Lady Maughan, who were immensely generous and supportive. I knew immediately that the Maughan Library would be a tremendous asset. HM The Queen and HRH Prince Philip opened it in 2002. I am thrilled that more than 6,000 students can use both the library and gardens daily.

Since 1999 more than half of the College's activities have been relocated in high-quality new and refurbished buildings at the Strand, Waterloo and Guy's campuses.

In the past nine years we have initiated Honorary Fellowships. They are awarded to individuals by virtue of their distinction in fields outside academic life. Our first was the Duke of Wellington and the most recent is HRH the Duchess of Cornwall.

It is great that the College has raised well over £44 million since I have been there.

Any regrets during your time as Chairman?

Yes, I would have liked to have spent more time meeting and talking to students and attending some of the really stimulating high-quality lectures. I would have liked, too, to have secured more sporting facilities for the students.

What do you think the biggest challenges are for King's?

One of the big challenges will be Somerset House. King's has been lusting after it since 1829. It is important that we should move further up in all the league tables. I'm sure we can make it into the top six in the UK. There are also many challenges associated with higher education, such as fees and



From left: 2006-7 KCLSU officers **Ed Drummond**, **Daryn McCombe**, **Jo Williams** and **Adam Farley** with **Baroness Rawlings** at the House of Lords.

international recruitment.

We always need to develop new ideas, whilst maintaining our high academic standards – and always, always retaining a sense of tradition.

What are your fondest King's memories?

I have constantly been struck by the incredible quality of the academics and students that I've met over the years. I have also made so many new friends.

There have been so many memorable events: too many to name all of them. A few that spring to mind include the 175th anniversary celebrations, which were brilliant, and a lecture given by Michael Saakashvili, President of Georgia, to the largest audience I've ever seen packed into the Great Hall. Every Georgian in the UK seemed to have found their way to King's! I also find the Advent Carol Services very special, and I attend every year. The choir's singing is sublime and the Gilbert Scott chapel setting, with just the candle-light, is very spiritual. Finally, the other day the opening of the Edmond J. Safra Lecture Theatre with an inspiring talk on stem cell research was very memorable. It's remarkable that King's played such an important part in the discovery of the structure of DNA in the early 1950s and that now it's right in the lead again with stem cell research.

I think however, that what I actually like best of all are the

graduation ceremonies. I am moved by them every time and have never missed a year. I have spoken to and shaken thousands and thousands of students' hands – between 400 and 700 students graduate at each ceremony, and I've attended between four and eight ceremonies each year, at the Festival Hall, Southwark Cathedral and now at the Barbican. It is always a memorable experience.

What does the future hold for you?

The future is full of surprises. I might do some writing and who knows what might happen at the next elections? I am always ready to continue to 'cultiver mon jardin'.

I have never planned for anything in my life. I never planned to go to university: I didn't take my A levels until I was in my thirties, read English at University College London and then did a postgraduate diploma in international relations at LSE. I certainly never planned, like so many others, to have a political career.

'The most exciting and rewarding job of my life'

I trained as a nurse, had a contemporary art gallery in the 1970s and 80s and worked for NATO and the Red Cross and other voluntary organisations before working for the

Conservative Party, fighting unsuccessfully the 1983 and 1987 general elections, and then in 1989 being elected a Member of the European Parliament for Essex South West. So who can tell what lurks around the next corner?

King's has been a fantastic experience. It was a great honour to be elected as Chairman and to carry out the role has been a tremendous privilege. Being Chairman has been in a way even more exciting than being in politics because as Chairman you have a huge responsibility. It is possible to leave a mark, whereas in opposition politics it is much harder to achieve anything. Being Chairman of King's has been the most exciting and rewarding job of my life.

As Chairman, I was once told that you are expected to leave the Council and the College in better shape after your term and that your successor will be even better. I hope to have been able to achieve these things.

I am really pleased to be handing the reigns to Lord Douro. I feel it is absolutely right to have an experienced businessman to take the College into its next phase. Lord Douro has a huge amount of experience in many fields and his wife, Lady Douro, has her degree from King's. It gives me enormous pleasure to know that with him as Chairman and with Rick Trainor as his Principal, with his superb team, the College will be in really good hands.

Lords debate

King's academic achievements were highlighted in a House of Lords debate on university funding on 19 April.

University chiefs and others connected with higher education, related how their institutions contributed £45 billion to the UK economy and deserved continued strong investment. In the debate, it was shown that universities were vital to the economy and that the sector supported 580,000 jobs and brought in £3.6 billion income from international students alone.

Baroness Rawlings, Chairman of Council, spoke in the debate demonstrating how universities make a major contribution by using King's as an example. She noted that the College had a turnover of more than £387 million, employs more than 5,000 staff and has nearly 20,000 students: more than a fifth of whom are from overseas. Students contribute economically, socially and culturally, not only to the capital, but also to the country.

She also pointed out that during the last year the College generated research income in excess of £110 million through, for example, knowledge transfer, spin-out companies and partnerships in areas such as biotechnology. In 2005 King's won the national award for *Business Initiative of the Year* for its spin-out company, Proximagen. King's also makes a cultural impact: including highly productive associations with many major arts institutions in London.

Also, later in the debate Lord Sutherland of Houndwood, a former Principal of King's, praised the niche agreement in the pipeline between King's and the Malaysian Government to provide leadership training for their future head teachers, which will be made possible through the reputation and excellence of King's in the field of professional education management.

King's funding allocation up 6.3 per cent

Stephen Large, Director of Finance, explains the recent funding allocation

THE COLLEGE HAS NOW RECEIVED THE annual grant letter from HEFCE setting out recurrent funding allocations for the academic year 2007-8.

The overall HEFCE block grant allocation for teaching and research has been provisionally set at £127 million, an increase of £7.5 million or 6.3 per cent over the current year. This is made up of an increase in HEFCE teaching (T) funding of £3.2 million or 4.9 per cent and an increase in HEFCE research (R) funding of £4.3 million or 8.0 per cent.

The increase in T funding is attributable to increases in medical and dental intakes and funding for new student numbers

including the South East London Lifelong Learning Network for which the College is the lead partner institution.

The increase in R funding includes £3.3 million from the new Business Research Element (BRE), which allocates R funding based on research income received from UK business. Nationally £60 million has been set aside for the new BRE component so the College has done particularly well from this new funding stream which is intended to foster greater collaboration between universities and business. Unfortunately this is not new money and the £60 million has been found by reducing Mainstream Quality Research funding (QR) by an equivalent amount, giving rise to a £1.8 million reduction in



Stephen Large

Mainstream QR funding.

If Mainstream QR and the BRE are combined and compared with Mainstream QR for the current year the comparable

increase in College R funding is 3.7 per cent. In addition there is an increase in the Charity Support Fund (CSF) component of the R funding of £2.9 million or 30 per cent, although this allocation is currently subject to review by HEFCE and may reduce if certain charitable funding streams are subsequently deemed ineligible for CSF support.

The grant letter also provides details of special funding allocations earmarked for specific purposes including £0.8 million for widening participation initiatives and £0.2 million to support high cost and vulnerable science subjects which for the College relates to Physics.

The total HEFCE recurrent grant for 2007-8, including the block grant and specific funding allocations, is £130.3 million.

King's research online

YOU CAN SEE SHORT FILMS ABOUT some of the research being undertaken at King's by visiting www.research-tv.com Recent stories include the Desmond Tutu digital archive at the Centre for Computing and the Humanities.

Also, the tenth anniversary of the Department of Palliative Care, Policy and Rehabilitation is highlighted in a film about its research, teaching and clinical care. Some years ago King's

collaborated with a number of Russell Group universities in the Research TV venture which makes video news releases and distributes them to TV stations worldwide.

The films are available as podcasts and on Bob Geldof's recently launched *Public TV*, which shows public sector films on the internet, two stories about King's are listed as among the most watched films on the site.

Distance learning dental launch

THE KING'S COLLEGE LONDON CENTRE of Flexible Learning and the International Virtual Dental School (IVIDENT) were launched on 13 March at a reception in their new premises in Strand Bridge House. Together these form a world-leading distance learning initiative in dentistry.

Formally opened by the Principal, Professor Rick Trainor, the Centre aims to develop and manage flexible learning enterprises within the internationally renowned

Dental Institute. The Centre will bring together distance learning, e-learning and ICT related educational research in an academically led physical and virtual environment.

The Principal spoke about the increasing use of distance learning within the Dental Institute and the university sector. 'It won't eliminate other forms of learning but will complement and enrich traditional forms of learning,' he noted. 'The launch of the Centre and IVIDENT will have very

King's wins top Green Award



Sara Parkin of Forum for the Future presents **Ian Caldwell**, Director of Estates, with a prestigious Green Gown Award for the College. In the 'Sustainable Construction' category, King's won for transforming the Grade 1 Listed Building on the Strand Campus. The award recognised the 'reduced energy and carbon emissions from a sustainable refurbishment of the historic South Range of the King's Building'. The seven awards, of which 'Sustainable Construction' is one, were sponsored by Higher Education Environmental Performance Improvement, a HEFCE project.

positive implications for teaching and learning in other subjects and at other institutions.'

Dentistry, more than any other profession, requires practitioners to regularly update their skills,

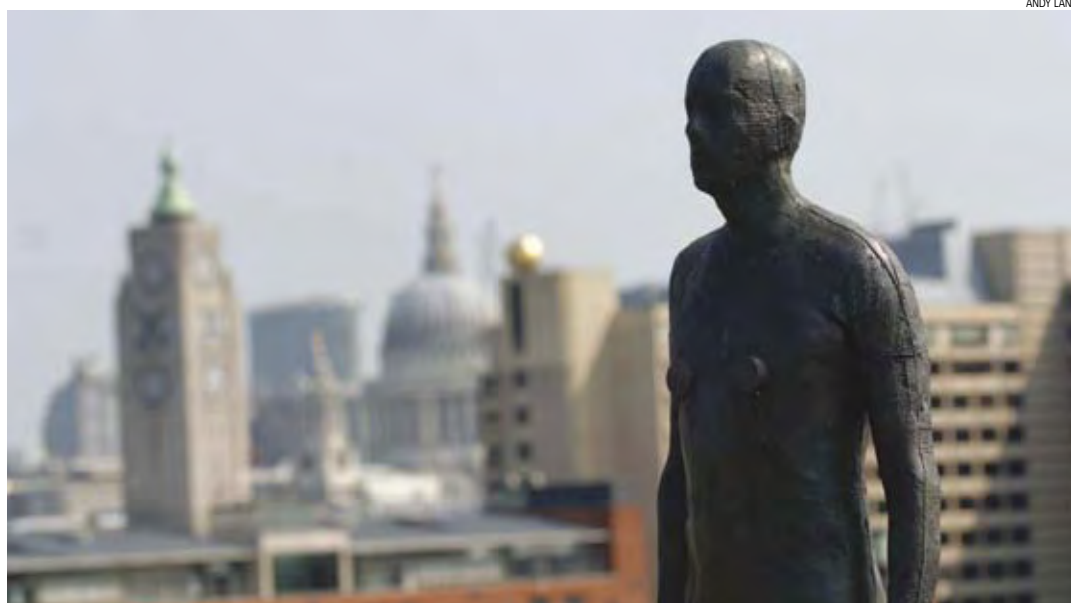
and IVIDENT will adopt an innovative approach to delivering dental education, as well as supporting specialty teaching within dentistry through a flexible online environment.

Rooftop art at King's

THE ROOFTOP INSTALLATION, CALLED *Event Horizon* and hosted by The Hayward, is one of the largest-ever, and most ambitious, urban art commissions. It comprises 30 life-size sculptures of the artist's naked body created in light-infused webs of steel.

They can be seen on rooftops – including two on the roof of the Franklin-Wilkins Building and one on the James Clerk Maxwell Building at the College's Waterloo Campus – and public walkways across central London, spanning outwards from the Southbank Centre over an area of 1.5 square km. Other buildings taking part include London Weekend Television, the National Theatre and the Shell Centre. They will remain up until 19 August.

Awarded the Turner Prize in 1994 and the South Bank Prize



ANDY LANE

for Visual Art in 1999, Antony Gormley is one of the most celebrated artists working in the UK today.

He designed the Angel of the North and the 100 cast-iron figures of naked men on Crosby Beach, Merseyside. Since the

1980s his work has focused consistently on the human figure, using his own body as the starting point.

King's Business launches

ON 1 MAY, KCL ENTERPRISES LTD, THE commercial development and research support company at King's, was re-launched under the new name, King's College London Business Ltd.

A gateway for business to access King's world-class research

This name better reflects the role that King's Business provides the College with and more clearly identifies the company externally, with King's. King's Business provides a gateway for business to access the world-class research and expertise that the College offers. The launch of King's Business signals a sharper focus within its commercial teams to further develop King's intellectual property portfolio through licensing, new company creation, consultancy and the facilitation of collaborative and contract research services with industry.



Business Development managers are co-located in Schools and in King's Business providing strategic and hands-on support to the College to build significant partnerships with business and increase the translation of research across the breadth of disciplines at King's. King's Business also deals with all administrative, financial and legal aspects of externally funded

research in the College.

Delivering the College's Strategic Plan, which has ambitions for King's to increase its income from commercialisation and to secure more strategic business partnerships, can only be achieved through the engagement of academic colleagues and partnership with King's Business.

Highly successful in its commercialisation

King's has been highly successful in its recent research and commercialisation activity. During the past year alone the College has spun-out three new companies, signed a major collaborative partnership with Tate & Lyle, doubled its consultancy activity and built upon its considerable partnerships within the creative industries. In the 2005-6 financial year, King's Business managed income from external research projects worth

£110.64 million. This portfolio of projects includes a wide variety of organisations, approximately 4,000 projects being live at any one time. King's also has the highest income from UK Government and the second highest income, £13.3 million, from UK industry for research among London universities.

Alison Campbell, Managing Director of King's Business, comments: 'The dynamic research environment at King's means that the ambitions for King's Business are both challenging and rewarding. We will realise our objectives only through productive collaboration with our colleagues and partners. With strong research support and commercialisation teams I am confident that we can meet expectations.'

For further information or for copies of *Acknowledge*, which features news about King's partnerships with business, contact Susan Foynes (susan.foynes@kcl.ac.uk).

Panjabi cultural celebration

THE MODERN LANGUAGE CENTRE

held a Panjabi cultural evening on 22 March attended by the High Commissioner of India, senior members of London-based Panjabi organisations and the Principal, Professor Rick Trainor. The event marked the launch of Panjabi as a new language on the Centre's programme and the successful results of its first cohort of students.

'A key community language in demand for the NHS in London'

Around 100 people, including Vice-Principal (Arts & Sciences) Professor Keith Hoggart, students, journalists from the BBC Asian Network and representatives from the Panjabi-speaking community took part in the

celebrations in the Great Hall at the Strand Campus which included speeches, music and stands with displays dedicated to the Panjabi language and culture.

The High Commissioner of India, Mr Kamallesh Sharma, congratulated King's on its initiative in teaching Panjabi and commented on the close historical association between the people of the Punjab and Britain. He spoke of Panjabi as 'the language that will also unite the generations that are growing up here in London'.

'Panjabi was introduced at the request of a group of King's students, mostly from the School of Medicine,' explains Dominique Borel, Director of the Centre. 'The importance of learning a community language in today's multicultural society has undoubtedly contributed to the language's level of uptake. Furthermore, Panjabi has been



Traditional Panjabi music in The Great Hall.

identified as one of the key community languages in demand throughout the National Health Service in London and offering it to students of medicine seems both appropriate and timely.'

Since its introduction more than 60 students from diverse backgrounds have taken up

accredited and non-accredited courses, including British students with no previous exposure to Panjabi language or culture.

King's is one of only a small number of universities in the UK to offer Panjabi as an accredited course (half-course unit) on a degree programme.

10 million euros for mental health research

PROFESSOR GUNTER SCHUMANN,

Head of Addictions Biology at the Institute of Psychiatry, has been awarded 10 million euros by the European Commission for his IMAGEN project looking at the neurobiological and genetic risk factors for mental health disorders in adolescents.

The grant will support a pan-European project involving some 2,000 adolescents recruited from across the UK, Ireland, France and Germany for a five-year period. The project is being led

by Professor Schumann and a team of researchers at the Institute of Psychiatry.

Working closely with colleagues in other higher education institutions across Europe, the IMAGEN team will be comparing two sets of results for each individual teenager. Firstly they will be examining each child's complete genetic make-up, unprecedented in a longitudinal study of this kind. Secondly they will map each teenager's emotional responses



Professor Gunter Schumann

to a series of reward and punishment scenarios using the

latest brain imaging techniques. By considering both sets of results the project team aims to understand more about the risk factors for mental health disorders and addictions so that future generations of teenagers can potentially be prevented from developing problems later on.

'With treatment costs for mental health disorders in Europe now topping 204 billion euros a year, this kind of research has never been more pressing,' comments Professor Schumann.

Taiwan health delegation visits Guy's Campus

A DELEGATION, LED BY THE

Taiwanese Deputy Minister of Health, visited the UK for the purpose of promoting bilateral activities between Taiwanese and British academic institutions and health authorities.

They visited King's on 13 February to learn about the translation of bench-based

research to clinical trials and the regulatory procedures associated with stem cell research.

The delegation were particularly interested in sharing expertise on stem cell research and visited the King's Stem Cell Biology Laboratory, headed by Dr Stephen Minger; the first laboratory in the UK to generate

human embryonic stem cells and deposit them in the UK Stem Cell Bank.

Professor Robert Lechler, Vice-Principal (Research), gave an overview of ongoing biomedical and translational research at King's. Dr Tzay-Jinn Chen, the Deputy Minister of Health in Taiwan, explained the Ministry's

interest in stem cell research and regulation. Professor Simon Howell and Professor Giovanni Mann led the delegation on a tour of Guy's Campus and then discussed potential collaboration between Taiwanese institutions and King's, including the exchange of academic staff and PhD students.

Ann Conlon

Ann Conlon is Head of Counselling and Director of Student Services. *Comment* finds out about the role of Student Services, how Ann and her team work with other parts of the College and why this service is vital to universities...

What is the role of the Student Services?

I see it a vital component of a package of services for students, the main aim of which is to enhance the effectiveness of the student's education and so enable the individual to achieve both their academic and personal potential. In recent years, Student Services has covered counselling, welfare advice, student health and has included interacting with, and providing training for, providers of Student Services throughout the College, plus assorted strategic planning related to the student experience which the Deputy Director of Student Services, Helen McNeely, has been taking forward.

Who does the team comprise?

Within the Student Services team there is a wide variety of expertise. Many colleagues have been at King's a long time, are well qualified and have a great deal of experience between them. My counsellor colleagues include psychoanalytically trained psychotherapists, two group analysts, two CBT and CAT trained psychologists and a consultant psychiatrist who is also a psychoanalyst. The Counselling team is located at the Strand, Waterloo and Guy's and once a week I visit Denmark Hill.

The Welfare Advisers, led by Paul Cornell, are similarly based on each of the main campuses and although all the team is trained to deal with generic welfare issues, two members specialise in developing work with international and non-traditional students and ensuring student financial literacy.

The Health Centre team is based at the Strand and has just won a well-deserved Quality Practice Award from the Royal College of General Practitioners.

Why is it important for universities to have a counselling service?

Although the majority of students adapt well to university life, an increasingly significant number do not and need professional help for a wide variety of reasons, including those who may be trying to cope with normal developmental issues. Our annual statistics consistently show that the four most common reasons for students presenting themselves to the Counselling team are: depression, anxiety, relationships and academic problems. The severity of the problems naturally varies and

includes students who are actively suicidal, those who are self-harming, those with an eating disorder, and those who have been physically or sexually abused. In other words you name it, we see it. Each year we see more students with increasingly severe problems. During the academic year 2005-6 we saw 880 students which is 4.6 per cent of the total population at King's.

How do you work with other parts of the College?

Since I was first appointed, I have always believed that the role of the Counselling Service in an institution such as King's, is not just for those students who approach the service directly, but that it should attempt to meet the needs of the wider institution. To that end we have been involved, for many years, in staff training for tutors and produce a guide to being a personal tutor.

We have run seminars for departmental secretaries, hall managers and senior students in halls of residence, workshops for human resources, and study and examination anxiety groups for students. The nature of the work of the counsellors and welfare advisers is such that we liaise widely with academic staff, as well as with careers and accommodation staff, KCLSU, student funding, the chaplains and disability advisers. Since 2004 and the appointment of a Deputy Director of Student Services, these links have been strengthened and further developed.

Do you provide a similar service for staff?

Staff are entitled to use the service but unfortunately, we don't have the resources to offer more than a comprehensive assessment or occasionally a piece of short-term work. Part of the assessment is however to explore with a member of staff where they can obtain longer term help if they need it.

Can you describe your career?

I was originally appointed as Student Counsellor to Chelsea College in 1984 and was then asked to take over the Counselling Service for the newly merged College in 1985. My responsibilities continued to increase and, in 1986, I was appointed as Director of Student Services. Prior to this, I had taught history in two comprehensive schools and a London prison, eventually becoming a Head of Year and Senior Teacher with significant



pastoral responsibilities. I had, however, become interested in why children couldn't function effectively in school and decided to train as a psychoanalytic psychotherapist.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

The fact that it is very varied. Although my professional responsibilities both in and outside of the College have increased over the years, I still very much enjoy the clinical work. One of the exciting and interesting things about working with young people is that a little often goes along way.

This therefore enables us to see large numbers of students, some of whom need to be seen for longer than others, but the students know they are always free to return and they do. It is always very satisfying to see change taking place, particularly in the more worrying, disturbed cases and to see students achieving their potential often by obtaining very good degrees. By giving a troubled student the experience of being listened to and taken seriously, we are hopefully enabling them to avoid becoming stuck in the future.

Fact file

Book on my bedside

I have just finished reading John McGahern's *Memoir* and waiting to be read are Alan Bennett's *Untold Stories* and Marina Lewycka's *A Short History of Tractors in Ukraine*.

Favourite holiday destination

Venice – it is always magical regardless of the season or weather.

Proudest work moment

Difficult to say but one was being awarded a Commonwealth Universities Administrative Travelling Fellowship in 1990 which allowed me to investigate student services in Australian universities.

Centre of Medical Law & Ethics

The Centre of Medical Law & Ethics (CMLE) has played a leading part in medical law and ethics since 1978. It is part of the School of Law on the Strand Campus and has strong links with the School of Medicine and the Institute of Psychiatry. It aims to produce research that deepens understanding of controversial medical issues and to raise the level of public debate.

LORD KENNET, HOUSE OF LORDS, said that CMLE 'is one of the small number of such centres or departments in the country which are digging deeper into what is useful for the public good, and at the same time carving out new territory in the subject. Its work is indeed of value and benefit to the nation and beyond'.

Research

CMLE's legal and ethical research covers medicine at the beginning and end of life and many issues in between. Some of the Centre's academics' work is highlighted below.

Rosamund Scott's book *Rights, Duties and the Body* illuminates the difficult issues when a woman's interest in not having a Caesarian section conflicts with the interests of her baby. She is now working on some of the hard genetic choices reproductive technology has made possible. End of life questions are discussed in Penney Lewis' *Assisted Dying & Legal Change* (featured on the back page of this issue of *Comment*). Her book has a fair-mindedness rare in discussions of euthanasia and will be essential for all sides in the debate.

Middle of life issues include psychiatric law and ethics, as well as research ethics.

Professor Genevra Richardson works on competence and incompetence in psychiatric patients and brings a knowledge of ethical issues to bear on this and on other psychiatric issues on which she researches, often in collaboration with members of the Institute of Psychiatry. Jonathan Glover, the Director of CMLE, is working on a book on philosophical and ethical issues in psychiatry. This will draw on interviews he conducted in Broadmoor with patients with antisocial personality disorder.

CMLE publishes the Manual for Research Ethics Committees and works on research ethics. It will work closely on the regulation and ethics of transplant research with the new MRC Centre for Transplantation recently awarded to King's.

CMLE research now includes global ethics. Selina Chen is working on the idea of citizenship, including global citizenship. Jonathan Glover, one of whose books is *Humanity, a Moral History of the Twentieth Century*, is working on the role of belief systems in global conflicts, and on how



far philosophy can contribute to dialogue between groups with different beliefs.

Public debate and policy

The Centre contributes to debate nationally and internationally. It runs two annual series of public lectures with distinguished speakers, one on medical ethics and law and one on global ethics. It is part of an international consortium on medical ethics, which links it with Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, and with the universities of Oxford, Maastrich and Bar Ilan. CMLE supplied two thirds of a King's group giving evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee on the Assisted Dying Bill.

Professor Richardson has a remarkable record of public influence on psychiatric policy. She chaired a committee on the new Mental Health Act. The Richardson Report proposed fundamental reform of mental health law, based on general principles of medical law and on a deep understanding of ethical issues. It raised the whole level of debate on psychiatric law. Professor Richardson is a Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists – rare for a lawyer – and was recently awarded a CBE in recognition of her services to public law.

Among recent contributions to public debate, Jonathan Glover gave the Aubrey Lewis Lecture at the Institute of Psychiatry, the Keynote Lecture at the European Ethics

Summit in the European Parliament, the Atherton Lecture at Harvard, the Tanner Lectures on Human Values at Princeton, the Uehiro Lectures at Oxford, the Kenan Distinguished Lecture in Ethics at Duke University, the Annual General Meeting Lecture at Great Ormond Street Hospital, the opening address at a Royal Irish Academy conference, and one of the Herbert Spencer Lectures at Oxford. He also spoke at a conference on *The Future of Life* in Monterey and at a conference in Potsdam on Nazism.

Teaching

CMLE teaches on programmes in the Schools of Law, Medicine and the Institute of Psychiatry. It runs courses for members of Research Ethics Committees. Its own graduate courses are the MA in Medical Ethics & Law and the MA in Human Values & Contemporary Global Ethics.

'The professors and lecturers are incredibly knowledgeable and passionate about their expertise,' says Amy Sherman, Medical Ethics & Law MA graduate. 'They teach in such a style that encourages each student to question standards within healthcare and challenges each student to make healthcare even better.'

'CMLE wants its MA programmes to be the deepest, the most wide-ranging and the liveliest in their field,' explains Professor Glover. 'They are about some of the most interesting and important questions in the world.'

Appointments

Double presidency



Professor Andy Adam

Andy Adam, Professor of Interventional Radiology, has recently been elected President of the Royal College of Radiologists. He is also currently serving as President of the European Society of Radiology. It is the first time the same person has been president of both institutions.

Professor Adam takes up the three-year presidency of the Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) in September 2007. The RCR is the main institution representing radiologists and clinical oncologists in the UK and has important responsibilities, including education, accreditation and continuing professional development. The European Society of Radiology is the only professional society representing radiologists at European level. Professor Adam began his one-year presidency last month and will continue his College work during both appointments.

Professor Adam is also an Honorary Consultant Radiologist for Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust.

Dental honour

Deborah Greenspan, Professor of Clinical Oral Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, has been appointed President of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR).

Professor Greenspan is an alumna of King's Dental Institute's former constituent

Ugandan sabbatical

Professor Philippa Easterbrook, Head of the Department of HIV and Genito-Urinary Medicine, is about to start a year's sabbatical as Head of Research at the Infectious Diseases Institute at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. Professor Easterbrook will be overseeing the research strategy for some of the most critical global infectious diseases at this state-of-the-art institute within one of Africa's leading universities.

The Infectious Diseases Institute is a public-private partnership housing cutting-edge clinical, laboratory and training facilities. It was initially funded by Pfizer and was established through the Academic Alliance partnership of Ugandan, North American and European medical leaders 'to build capacity in Africa for the delivery of sustainable high quality HIV/



Professor Philippa Easterbrook

Aids care and prevention through training and research'.

Professor Easterbrook said: 'I'm delighted to take on this role. The Institute is a very exciting new venture harnessing local and worldwide expertise and I'm looking forward to the challenge of building its research capacity into HIV as well as other global infectious diseases.'



Professor Deborah Greenspan and husband **John**.

college, The Royal Dental Hospital. She is the third King's alumni to achieve this position at the IADR, the world's leading association for oral and craniofacial sciences.

Honorary Professor

Alan Maryon Davis, part-time Senior Lecturer in the Division of Health & Social Care, Guy's Campus, has recently been appointed as an Honorary Professor at King's. He has been

associated with Public Health in South London for 20 years and has always maintained strong links with the College.

Earlier this year his skills were recognised nationally amongst Public Health professionals who voted him the next President of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal College of Physicians of England. He will take up the role in June.

Honorary Professor Maryon Davis has been integral to many research projects in cardiovascular risk reduction, Diabetes, Access to Care and Stroke.

New staff in Finance

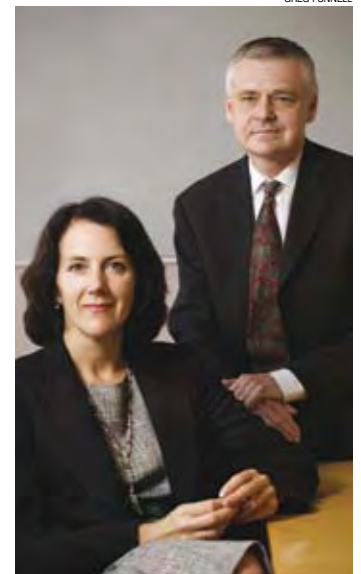
The Finance Department has recently recruited two new senior staff into existing vacant positions.

Valerie Russell joined the College in January as Director of Management Accounting Services. Valerie is a chartered accountant with a long career in the banking sector. Valerie has overall responsibility for the management accounting functions across the College including financial and business planning.

Nigel Stallard joined the College from the London School of Economics in March as Treasury Accountant. Nigel is a chartered accountant with a degree in chemistry and has overall responsibility for investment management, trust funds, insurances and tax.

Both Valerie and Nigel are located in the James Clerk Maxwell Building.

GREG FUNNELL



Valerie Russell and **Nigel Stallard**

New Director of HR Services

Brent Dempster, currently Director of Human Resources at Brunel University, has been appointed as Director of Human Resource Services. He will be joining the College in the summer.

Brent has been Director of HR at Brunel University for four years. Prior to that he worked in HR roles in the private sector both in the UK and in South Africa.

The Principal, Professor Rick Trainor, comments: 'We look forward to welcoming Brent to the College. His record is outstanding not least in terms of customer service. His appointment completes the membership of the College Operations Executive and is vital in terms of supporting the implementation of the College's Strategic Plan.'

ALSSS award

Susan Castillo, Harriet Beecher Stowe Professor of American Studies, was one of 24 Academicians elected to the Academy of Learned Societies for the Social Sciences this year.

The citation referred to Professor Castillo's 'ground-breaking interdisciplinary work on race, gender and ethnicity [which is] well-known and widely respected on both sides of the Atlantic' and also stated that 'Susan Castillo has, through the distinction of her scholarly work and her solid record of service to the academic community made a significant contribution to the social sciences'.

Professor Castillo joined King's from the University of Glasgow last September. Her research interests include the writing of the Early Americas; the Southern Gothic; and Native American writing.

There are currently 11 other Academicians at King's, including the Principal, Professor Rick Trainor, and Vice-



Professor Susan Castillo

Principal (Research) Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman. Others are: Professor Janet Askham; Professor Ben Bowling; Professor Margaret Brown; Dr Ivan Eisler; Professor Michael Gossop; Professor Theresa Marteau; Professor Anthea Tinker; Professor Ken Young; and Professor Til Wykes.

The Academy represents the social sciences of the UK.



Sir Lawrence Freedman

International Studies Association (ISA) at a reception in his honour in the United States.

Professor Freedman is the first non-US scholar to receive the award from the international scholarly community for his contributions to the study of security. In presenting the award at the ISA 48th annual convention in Chicago, Illinois, International Security Studies Section Vice President, Professor Jay Parker, Georgetown University, said: 'In presenting this award to Sir

Lawrence Freedman, we honour a colleague who is widely admired for his enormous contribution to scholarship, teaching and public service in the field of security studies.'

Professor Freedman has been Professor of War Studies since 1982 and is Vice-Principal (Research), having previously been Head of the School of Social Science & Public Policy. He has written extensively on nuclear strategy and the Cold War, as well as commenting regularly on contemporary security issues.

Giddon Award

Professor Tim Newton, Head of the Oral Health Research Group at the Dental Institute, has been presented with the Giddon Award for Distinguished Research in the Behavioural Sciences, as the first author for his paper entitled *The social determinants of oral health: new approaches to conceptualizing and researching complex causal networks*.

The prize was awarded by the Behavioural Sciences and Health Services Research Group of the International Association

Awards

Templeton Enterprise Award



Dr John Meadowcroft

John Meadowcroft, Lecturer in Public Policy in the Department of Management, has won third place in the 2006 Templeton Enterprise Awards for his book *The Ethics of the Market*.

The Templeton Enterprise Awards are presented annually to scholars under 40 who have

produced the very best books and articles in the field of humane economics and culture over the past two years. They are organised by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, a US-based educational charity.

The Ethics of the Market makes a distinctive contribution to the literature on the morality of the market by synthesizing the work of a number of liberal scholars into a systematic defence of the free market on ethical grounds. This defence addresses questions of social justice, the moral pre-requisites of a market economy, the nature of the needs that the market satisfies and the appropriate boundaries that should be placed around the operation of the market.

International award

Sir Lawrence Freedman, Vice-Principal (Research) and Professor of War Studies, was presented with the International Security Studies Section Distinguished Scholar Award by the

Freedom of the City



The Revd James Buxton and Martin Harvey

In the last few months both **Martin Harvey**, Site Services Manager, Guy's, Waterloo and St Thomas' campuses, and Guy's Chaplain, the **Revd James Buxton**, have been admitted as Freemen of the City of London at ceremonies at London's ancient Guildhall.

A number of ancient privileges are associated with the Freedom. They include: the right to herd sheep over London Bridge, to go about the City with a drawn sword, and if convicted of a capital offence, to be hung with a silken rope.

for Dental Research on 22 March at their annual meeting in New Orleans. Professor Naim Wilson, Dean and Head of the Dental Institute, accepted the award on behalf of Professor Newton.

The paper presents a new agenda for research in epidemiology and the behavioural sciences; in particular it highlights some of the weaknesses of previous research in this area and proposes specific approaches to improving the quality of research.

AUA award



The King's AUA Branch team.

King's has been awarded an Association of University Administrators Branch Good Practice award. The King's Branch team – **Ruth Cawthorne** (events), **Sara Dixon** (publicity), **Ros Elcombe** (website), **Liz Hutt** (Pg Cert) and **Liz Telford** (Branch Coordinator) – received their award at the recent AUA Conference at the University of Nottingham.

In making the award Chris Hallas, Chair of the AUA Regional Coordinators Steering Group, commended the branch team for 'promoting AUA and the professionalisation of HE management and administration'.

The AUA is the professional body for higher education administrators and managers in the UK and Ireland.

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War Studies prize

David Ucko, Research Fellow and doctoral candidate in the Department of War Studies, has been awarded the *Journal of Strategic Studies*' Amos Perlmutter Prize, for his article *Countering Insurgents Through Distributed Operations: Insights from Malaya*

Marathon success for King's staff and students

More than 36,000 runners took part in the London Marathon, now in its 27th year, on Sunday 22 April. Congratulations to those members of staff and students who took part in the 26.2 mile race.

Li Low, an intercalating Nutrition and Dietetics student, completed the course in 3 hours and 17 minutes; **Annabelle Lovejoy**, first-year physiotherapy student (3.41); **Pete Cuff**, Head of Student Development at KCLSU (3.45); **Paul Gibson**, Assistant Registrar (Dentistry) (4.12); **Peter Frost**, Building Supervisor on the Guy's Campus (4.40); **Samantha Harmer**, second-year medical student (4.43); **Stephen Yeung**, Fitness and Sports Development Manager, KCLSU (4.57); and **Stuart Milligan**, Professor of Reproductive Biology (5.32).

Ten years ago, Samantha



Intercalating Nutrition and Dietetics student **Li C Low** who crossed the line in 3 hours and 17mins.

Harmer spent more than four months in hospital recovering from major surgery to remove part of her lung. Doctors told her she would never be able to run a marathon but she proved them wrong and in doing so raised more than £1,500 for the British Lung Foundation.

Samantha says: 'I meet a lot of patients with respiratory disease. I hope it will really motivate them when I tell them that I managed to run the London Marathon even though I have the same condition.'

Samantha was also interviewed on *BBC Breakfast News*.

Pete Cuff and Stephen Yeung raised £3,000 for *Sense*, the deafblind charity for children.

Stephen comments: 'I found the atmosphere fantastic and would recommend anyone to do it but I was one of the many victims of the searing heat. I would definitely do it again just to attain a half decent time!'

Professor Milligan ran with his daughter, Felicity, and they raised more than £2,400 for Tommy's, the baby charity,

(If you took part and are not listed here, please email pr@kcl.ac.uk)

1948-1960. The prize is named in memory of one of this journal's founding editors and goes to the best essay submitted for publication to the *Journal of Strategic Studies* by a junior faculty member.

Publishing prize

The Sue Thomson Foundation, which monitors printing output from British universities, has given its Publication Award for 2006 to *All the Gods* (Plumbago, 2006), a 'ground-breaking case study' of the music of Benjamin Britten by **Christopher Wintle** (Department of Music). The citation particularly commends the typography of **Julian Littlewood** (Macmillan) who took his PhD at King's.

Singing sensation

On 25 March **Jennifer Bailey**, Acting Residence Manager at King's Stamford Street Apartments, sang four songs with the Adventist Vocal Ensemble on Radio 2's *Good Morning Sunday* presented by Aled Jones. Later the same day the choir performed on a special *Songs of Praise* programme marking 200 years



Jennifer Bailey (right) and friend **Natalie Harris** from the Adventist Vocal Ensemble.

since Parliament passed an Act to abolish the British Slave Trade and also including performances by the renowned opera singer Willard White. On 27 March the choir performed again at a special service at Westminster Abbey attended by HM The Queen.

Jennifer began singing when she was three-years-old and she has been involved in gospel singing for the past 10 years.

Bar Society dinner

King's students and alumni dined in the Honourable Society of Middle Temple on 1 March to commemorate the successes of the Bar Society over the past year.

The Society was set up to

ensure that King's students have access to the resources and opportunities to assist them with pursuing a career at the Bar.

Baroness Hale of Richmond, first lady Law Lord, Visiting Professor at the College (since 1990) and recent Honorary Graduand [see cover story], addressed guests on the issue *Is Equality the Death of Marriage?*, provoking intense dinner debates on marriage and its role in contemporary society. The Society's Patron, the Rt Hon Lord Justice Lord Justice Auld FKC, an alumnus of King's, paid tribute to Baroness Hale's achievements and thanked the Society for its hard work in organising the event.



From left: **Bahar Ala-eddini** (President 2005-present), **Baroness Hale** and **Michael Walsh** (Graduate from the Law School [2005] and President of the Bar Society [2004]).

ALAN HOWARD 1949–2007

ALAN AND I WERE BORN ON 8 MAY 1949

in Highbury, London, identical twins among the four sons of James and Violet Howard.

After a succession of varied jobs as a photographer, including stints in retail, portraiture and the Royal Commission for Historical Monuments (a forerunner of English Heritage) Alan found his true niche at King's. He joined as an assistant photographer in the Department of Zoology in 1969. His skills as a photographer were greatly utilised throughout the transition of Zoology into the multitude of reorganisations taking in the Botany Department, the Division of the Biosphere, the School of Biomedical Sciences and culminating with the School of Biomedical & Health Sciences.

It is in his role as the Branch Secretary of ASTMS, MSF and Amicus, that most members of the College would have met Alan. Alan was always an enthusiastic supporter of fair play and was elected as the departmental representative for Zoology in the early 70s. During the merger with Queen Elizabeth and Chelsea colleges in 1985, Alan was instrumental in ensuring



that the union branches of the three colleges were swiftly integrated and united. His inclusive approach made him the ideal candidate when the post of Branch Secretary became vacant in the early 90s.

Within months of becoming Branch Secretary, the College announced its Strategic Plan, detailing large numbers of redundancies. Alan's leadership skills were in evidence

immediately, resisting compulsory redundancies until a negotiated settlement could be reached, during protracted discussions lasting for almost two years. It says much for Alan's negotiating style that the College Principal at this difficult time, Arthur Lucas, paid the following tribute on hearing of Alan's untimely death: 'I respected Alan. I respected him as a person. I respected him as a very effective representative

of his immediate colleagues in King's. I respected him as a national representative. But more than that, I liked him. You mourn a colleague; you lose a skilled and knowledgeable representative. I mourn someone I considered a friend, as well as a colleague.'

Up until his death Alan was a key participant in the Pay & Modernisation programme both at local and national level.

Alan was a source of great encouragement, inspiration and advice to all who met him, and we will all miss his ready wit and instant solutions to any problem. I have been asked countless times what it is like to be a twin and have always answered 'what's it like not to be a twin'. I now know that it is only half the fun.

Peter Howard, Department of Geography

There will be a memorial service to celebrate Alan's life at 15.00 on 30 May 2007 in the College Chapel, Strand Campus. Alan's tribute fund, www.justgiving.com/Alan_Howard has raised £2,647 for the Stroke Association. The fund has now been extended to 21 June. Alan's family would like to thank all those who have already contributed.

EARL JELICOE 1918–2007

LORD JELICOE CAME TO KING'S WITH

a highly distinguished war record, a background of substantial achievements in politics and public service and a very successful career in business.

As Chairman of the Delegacy and then Chairman of the Council of King's (1978–86), Lord Jellicoe oversaw the introduction of the 1980 Royal Charter through which University of London King's College and King's College Theological Department were re-united as a single constituent college of the University of London with a single, independent, governing Council.

He also presided over the reuniting of King's College Hospital Medical School with King's College London, and was involved in the reunification with



Queen Elizabeth College and the merger with Chelsea College in 1985. These confirmed King's

status as a leading independent multi-faculty college within the University of London and paved

the way for the College's further major growth and development in the 1990s.

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PROFESSOR ROBERT KERWIN 1955-2007

ROBERT KERWIN, PROFESSOR OF Neuro Pharmacology, died on 8 February 2007 aged 51.

Rob Kerwin, was a rare psychiatrist – at home in the neuroscience laboratory and the out-patient clinic. He contributed to our understanding of the biological basis of schizophrenia, and to improvements in its treatment.

Rob studied medicine at Cambridge and did his PhD in neuroscience at Bristol. He then trained at the Institute of Psychiatry at the Maudsley Hospital. Within three years of starting psychiatry, he had become Senior Lecturer and Consultant, an unheard of rate of promotion. New grants and new researchers flowed into his unit at breakneck speed. By 1995, he was Professor of Pharmacology.

Rob pioneered a number of fields. Firstly, with Lyn Pilowsky he used SPECT brain imaging to show how the effects of different antipsychotic drugs could be attributed to their differential effects on the brain receptors. Secondly, with Ian Everall, he



studied the brains of deceased people with schizophrenia (obtained with care and full consent), showing how the molecular structure was abnormal. Thirdly with Maria Arranz, he developed genetic tests to determine which patient would

respond to which drug. The latter pharmacogenetic work resulted in the establishment of a commercial company, Theragenetics.

Rob never forgot that the purpose of all this research was to improve the care of patients. He was one of the first two

psychiatrists to introduce the novel drug clozapine to the UK in 1989. This was to prove a much better treatment for chronic schizophrenia than conventional antipsychotics.

Another important initiative was the Maudsley Prescribing Guidelines which Rob initiated. It is important for patients to receive the best drug in the right dose for their condition. Sadly, many psychiatrists get out of date and don't know which the most appropriate drug is or what dose to use. The guidelines set out what these were and have had the largest ever sale of a British psychiatric textbook.

Rob was awarded many prizes for his research, for example, the International Award for Psychopharmacology of the American College of Neuropharmacology, amongst others. Sadly, in latter years Rob struggled through cardiac procedures and hip replacements, always sustained by the love of his wife Fiona and his three young daughters. He was an academic star whose brilliant best illuminated poorly understood aspects of mental illness, he will be much missed.

Robin Murray, Professor of Psychiatry

CLIFF BLAKEY 1921-2006

IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO – PROBABLY back in the sixties – that an invitation to the 'Fizziks Party' was posted on the noticeboard in the basement of King's. It was this basement in which a team consisting of a few clever young men and one clever young woman made the greatest ever contribution to science: the discovery of the structure of DNA.

One of the organisers of that party was master technician Cliff Blakey, known as Spiderman Blakey, the founder of Fizziks, a subversive branch of science inhabited by people with bright minds, gentle sense of humour and modestly practised generosity. Generations of past students and researchers remember him as the technician who provided essential technical

support for academics engaged in the Great Discovery and who, in another age, may have become one of them.

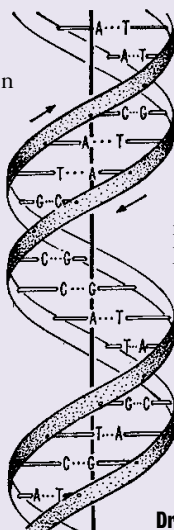
In January 1947 Cliff was interviewed by Professor Randall, Dr Champion and Dr Wilkins for the post of a 'College Servant', in other words technician whose task was to assist in establishing a laboratory for biophysics (a new topic). The laboratory was eventually built in the great black hole left by a German bomb in the College quadrangle and was a dream come true for John (later Sir John) Randall, already well-known for his crucial contribution to the development of radar during WWII.

Cliff was at first faced with antiquated electrical equipment but it was made clear to him by Randall that he had great plans to alter this place beyond recognition.

The 'College Servant' eventually evolved into a laboratory technician and had to deal with electron microscopes, X-ray machinery and other essential equipment. He worked closely with distinguished names at King's such as Maurice Wilkins, Rosalind Franklin, Raymond Gosling and many others familiar to every student of the history of DNA.

Cliff retired in 1983 and died on 8 December 2006.

Dr Seweryn Chomet



Helen Hudson memorial

A memorial service for Dr Helen Hudson FKC (1919-2006) will be held in the College Chapel, Strand Campus on Tuesday 29 May at 17.30. Attendees are kindly requested to be seated by 17.20. The memorial service will be followed by a reception in Chapters and the Somerset Rooms, South Range, Strand Campus with an informal opportunity to share recollections of Helen.

To help in the organisation of this event, please contact Emily Carter in the Alumni Office if you are planning to attend by Friday 25 May.

Email emily.carter@kcl.ac.uk or phone 020 7848 4430.

Thomas Hodgkin & the abolition of the slave trade

A symposium on the life of Thomas Hodgkin was held at Guy's Campus on 20 March in commemoration of the abolition of the slave trade. Here James Buxton, Chaplain at Guy's and one of the speakers at this event, reflects on Hodgkin's life.

I HAVE BEEN FASCINATED BY THE figure of Thomas Hodgkin (1798-1866) since I first came across the fine portrait of him by Phoebe Levin, in the Gordon Museum, at the Guy's Campus. With his penetrating eyes, and the sombre dress of a Quaker, he presents a somewhat forbidding appearance, and all the evidence is that this was accurate.

He was a formidable scholar, physician, pathologist, social reformer, philanthropist, and dedicated member of the Society of Friends (Quakers). He was fascinated by human society and the natural world, and always original in his thinking – hence his well-known achievements in medicine – his pioneering work with the stethoscope, and his revolutionary observations of human organs, diseased and healthy, which lead to his groundbreaking work in pathology and of course, the disease of the lymphatic system that was subsequently named after him.

Humanitarian concerns

Very appealing to me is the way in which he combined all this, with his humanitarian concerns. He never held back from speaking his mind on the social evils of his time. For example, he was deeply concerned about the cruel exploitation of children in English factories, and the plight of poor Jews in London and in Palestine. But it was his enlightened admiration for the indigenous Indians of North America that cost him dear.

He had learned that the Hudson Bay Company mistreated the people of that area, and his advocacy on their behalf brought him into conflict with Benjamin Harrison, Treasurer of Guy's Hospital through the first half of the 19th century. Harrison was on the Board of the Company, and took umbrage at Hodgkin's views. He was also horrified when Hodgkin rode to work in a carriage, accompanied by an Indian chief, in full ceremonial dress, feathers and all.

Add to this, Hodgkin's lectures on healthy living to working class men in the East End, and Harrison wanted him out. All these factors contributed to Harrison's refusal to promote Hodgkin to the important position of Assistant Physician at Guy's Hospital. Hodgkin's



Thomas Hodgkin

ensuing departure from Guy's was a tragedy for the hospital and indeed for the course of medicine in the 19th century.

Slave ownership

Hodgkin grew up in a family and social environment where issues around slavery were hotly debated. Though he was only nine years old when the slave trade in the British Empire was abolished (1807), the issue of slave ownership was very much on the agenda in his formative years. Many of the Hodgkin family's friends and relations were convinced abolitionists, and Hodgkin shared their passionate opposition to slavery, and believed that a huge debt was owed to Africa, and her stolen children, by the British and other slaving nations.

His own views, however, were controversial. He believed that complete abolition would cause economic disaster and social chaos. He criticised the transitional arrangements that were formulated, in relation to the 1833 Act to abolish slavery, and he even proposed at one point, that slaves should be paid prior to abolition, so that they could buy their own freedom.

The Abolitionists (led, as it happens by a close family friend of

the Hodgkin family, my great great great grandfather Thomas Fowell Buxton (1786-1845) – who appears standing on the far left of the back of the five pound note), succeeded in gaining their goal of formal abolition.

A giant step forward, but at a considerable and controversial price: the planters of the West Indies were compensated for their loss, whilst the slaves themselves got nothing. Furthermore, though European nations had ceased the trade, the number of enslaved Africans transported annually across the Atlantic by other countries (especially the United States) was actually rising, and profits from the trade were greater than ever.

Hodgkin was extremely disturbed by this trend, and was passionately involved in promoting the 'black colonization' model, as exemplified by Liberia, founded by former slaves from the USA in 1821.

Hodgkin and his friends reasoned that it was only by promoting 'modern civilization' (western-style free trade, agriculture, education and civic organisation) in Africa that conditions for the final ending of slavery could be achieved.

Great legacy

This approach was allied to the original views that Hodgkin had developed in relation to his passion for indigenous peoples of the USA. He was fascinated by their culture, language and traditions, but believed that they would continue to be vulnerable to exploitation and abuse by the colonists, unless they could build up their own resources and administration. It was such views that led to his founding of the Aborigines' Protection Society, which sought to protect and promote the interests of indigenous peoples throughout the British Empire. In terms of Hodgkin's philanthropic work, this was his great legacy. It continued to play a valuable role in advocating for religious and ethnic minority groups, until it merged with the Anti Slavery Society in 1909.

The will to survive

On 11 May, to mark the Bicentenary of the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade Act (1807), the Florence Nightingale School of Nursing & Midwifery and the Equality & Diversity Department held an evening of oration, music and dance for staff and students in the Great Hall. The event told the story of the slave trade and the slaves' resilience, determination and will to survive.

Did you know?

A thermometer belonging to Thomas Hodgkin was recently presented to the Gordon Museum at Guy's Campus by Paul Hodgkin, Thomas' great great great nephew, who has followed his ancestor into medicine as a GP. The thermometer is now on display next to Hodgkin's stethoscope.

Building a face



Students worked to build anatomically correct models of faces using soft and hard modelling wax over plastic replica skulls.

'IT IS VERY EASY TO TAKE SOMETHING to pieces, but it is very difficult to put it all back together again unless you understand how it is made.' This comment perfectly sums up the philosophy underlying a recent three-day course on Building a Face hosted by the Department of Anatomy and Human Sciences.

One of the first tasks was to fit glass eyes

Four students undertaking an MSc in Maxillofacial and Craniofacial Technology in the Dental Institute (course co-ordinator, Dr Trevor Coward), worked with the world-

renowned medical artist and sculptor Richard Neave to build anatomically correct models of faces using soft and hard modelling wax, and working over plastic replica skulls. The wax they used was a formula consisting of microcrystalline wax, a small amount of beeswax and marble dust. The combination of these elements produces a material that is non-toxic and easily worked by hand when it has been warmed.

One of the students' first tasks was to fit glass eyes so that the more superficial structures relating to the eye and the orbit could be handled reasonably easily. The students all found that the course reinforced their anatomical knowledge.

Arts and cultural collaborations

London Centre for Arts and Cultural Enterprise, the university initiative promoting exchange of knowledge and expertise with the capital's arts and cultural sectors, has recently awarded King's seed-funding to develop four new collaborations with key organisations from London's music, radio, film and visual arts sectors:

- *Mediatheque in Context* – a British Film Institute project consisting of public events in which academics from the School of Humanities will contextualise new film, TV and documentary releases.
- *Academics in the Media: Radio & Research* – a Radio Academy collaboration will

assist broadcasters in producing quality programming and academics seeking to address audiences beyond the College.

- *Broadway meets Harlem* – a Serious Music Producers collaboration to explore the relationship between migration and the evolution of jazz in early 20th century America.
- *Extreme Pasts, Absolute Presents* – an Arts Council collaboration to bring the medieval past creatively into the present and future, by making links with contemporary artists.

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Virologist & MP paired

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Andy Love MP visits King's Dr Kate Bishop in the Department of Infectious Diseases at Guy's.

DR KATE BISHOP OF THE DEPARTMENT

of Infectious Diseases took part this year in The Royal Society MP-Scientist pairing scheme. Andy Love MP (Labour, Edmonton) visited Kate at King's recently to learn more about her work on HIV. Kate's own research interests focus on understanding the mechanisms of cellular resistance to viruses, and how viral proteins try to counteract the body's resistance.

Dr Bishop had previously spent a week with Andy Love in Westminster, observing the MP on select committees and being introduced to Parliamentary bodies with an interest in science. She also spent a day with Mr

Love in his constituency.

The Royal Society scheme has been running for six years and more than 100 scientists and MPs have taken part. It aims to build bridges between parliamentarians and some of the best science research workers in the UK.

Dr Bishop thought the experience was extremely worthwhile: 'I think it's important that politicians are properly informed about the issues that concern scientists and about scientific issues that affect the public. I'm also keen to understand more about parliamentary practices and to see the kinds of things MPs have to deal with every day.'

News in brief

Childcare support

The Equality & Diversity Department recently hosted four Childcare Advice roadshows at three campuses. Specialist adviser Irene Pilia explained the scope of the service and provided comprehensive information packs. Irene advises on issues, such as childcare costs, tax credits, and negotiating flexible working arrangements. For further information visit www.kcl.ac.uk/equal-opps/childcare.html or contact Irene (irene.pilia@kcl.ac.uk or 07940 702 134).

New research council

A new research council was established on 1 April. The Science and Technology Facilities Council has been formed from the merger of the Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils and the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council. Its remit will cover all the programmes, activities and facilities previously operated by these councils, as well as responsibility for research in nuclear physics.

The Northern Ireland Troubles

IN PROPORTION TO ITS SIZE, NORTHERN Ireland may be the most heavily researched area on the planet, and the turbulent decades between the civil rights movement of the 1960s and the peace process of the 1990s continue to attract interest from historians, political scientists and sociologists.

Visits from guest speakers have become a regular feature

Ongoing inquiries into Bloody Sunday and 'collusion'

between the security forces and paramilitary organisations remind us of the painful legacy of the Troubles – no longer 'current affairs', but not quite safely 'history' either.

Since 2002 these tensions have enlivened one of the most popular courses in the Department of History, 'The Northern Ireland Troubles', taught by Dr Ian McBride. Largely by accident, visits from guest speakers have become a regular feature of the course, beginning with Lord Brooke of Sutton Mandeville (Secretary of State for Northern Ireland at the



Lord Trimble

beginning of the peace process and a Fellow of King's) and Sir John Chilcott (Head of the

Northern Ireland Office 1990-7).

On 1 March a seminar was held with Laurence McKeown, a former IRA prisoner who spent 70 days on hunger strike in 1981, who discussed the transformation of the republican movement from 'armed struggle' to constitutional politics. A week later Lord Trimble, ex-First Minister of the Northern Ireland Assembly, offered a personal account of the negotiations leading up to the Good Friday Agreement. In future years Dr McBride hopes to record these 'witness' seminars on video, as a cumulative resource for students taking the course.

Hermione Lee speaks at King's

Hermione Lee, acclaimed biographer of Virginia Woolf, gave a talk about her recently published biography of Edith Wharton, *Edith Wharton and biography* as part of the 'Life Writing at King's' series of talks by prominent biographers and autobiographers. Hermione Lee's book is the first biography of Edith Wharton by a British woman writer. It challenges the accepted view, showing Wharton's lifelong ties to Europe and displaying her as a tough, erotically brave, startlingly modern writer and woman. For information about the final talk in the series see What's on or contact **Max Saunders**, Department of English (max.saunders@kcl.ac.uk).



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DNA updated & online

A NEWLY UPDATED ONLINE EXHIBITION, 'DNA: The King's Story', charting the College's key role in the discovery of the DNA double helix structure in the 1950s has been relaunched. For the first time it also includes a specially designed series of downloadable teaching resource packs for secondary schools to enable students to learn more about the discovery. The exhibition also includes rarely seen photographs of equipment, laboratories and key staff, notably Maurice Wilkins and Rosalind Franklin.

Scientists at King's played a fundamental role in this

momentous discovery. It also resulted in a Nobel Prize for Professor Maurice Wilkins, one of the King's team, in 1962, along with Watson and Crick from Cambridge. Others who worked on the discovery at the Strand Campus included: Rosalind Franklin, Ray Gosling, Herbert Wilson and Alec Stokes.

The exhibition was first launched in 2003 to mark the 50th anniversary of the discovery of the double helix structure of DNA.

Visit the DNA exhibition at: www.kcl.ac.uk/about/history/archives/dna/

RUTH SARGISON

King's hosts legal event

THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE Legal Research Conference took place at the Strand Campus from 12-13 April. The conference, supported by the School of Law and the Graduate School, was organised by PhD students to enable the exchange of ideas between legal researchers from around the world, and facilitate the presentation of work in progress.

Ten subject sessions took place over the two days, with two streams running simultaneously. The event kicked off with a session on human rights in the 21st century and another on

labour law. Lively debate ensued, as delegates grappled with diverse topics such as the Jyllands-Posten cartoons, cross-border labour negotiations, and *Big Brother*.

The conference was officially opened by the Principal, Professor Rick Trainor, and the Head of the School of Law, Lord (Raymond) Plant of Highfield. Describing the event as an 'important initiative', the Principal expressed his pleasure that the College was hosting it. Conference organiser, Cian Murphy, comments: 'The event went smoothly and everyone found it very productive.'



A recent photograph showing the Philips micro-camera used by **Rosalind Franklin** and **Ray Gosling** of King's to produce 'Photograph 51' which helped reveal the double-helix structure of the DNA molecule.

Becoming Jane



RELEASED ON 9 MARCH BECOMING Jane, the eagerly anticipated film about the life of celebrated novelist Jane Austen, is based upon a biography by former King's English student, Dr Jon Spence, *Becoming Jane Austen: A Life* published by Continuum Books. He was also a historical consultant on the film.

Jon Spence, an American student, came to King's in 1971 and was a postgraduate under the supervision of Leonée Ormond, now Professor Emerita of Victorian Studies. His PhD is entitled 'From Prudent to

Romance: Jane Austen's Evolving Views on Nature and Society'.

'A remarkable feat of research'

Professor Ormond comments: 'Jon's biography, *Becoming Jane Austen* represents a remarkable feat of research, drawing upon obscure documents, letters and journals to create an exceptionally readable and lively book, which even has something of the detective story about it.'

Student recruitment DVD

THE MARKETING DEPARTMENT HAS recently completed work on a new student recruitment DVD, working in conjunction with an external production company called Spectrecom Films.

This DVD, 'Discover King's', has been shot in a documentary style and features filmed discussions between groups of King's students from a mix of disciplines and levels of study, as well as quotes with staff and shots from around King's campuses and London. It aims to provide a feel for what it is like to be a King's student and deliver key messages about King's, to complement information held in prospectuses and the web.

The DVD has been devised for use by staff at student recruitment events, at King's or externally, but could also be used with other audiences if appropriate.

Copies of the DVD are limited,



but will be sent to key users around the College with a central stock held by the Marketing Department and available on request (contact olivia.davenport@kcl.ac.uk).

There are six short films on the DVD and staff will be able to pick and choose which films to show from the menu.

News in brief

National Science Week

An event was held at Guy's Campus for the British Association's National Science Week in March, introducing students from local schools to biomedical research and talking about the use of animals in research. Dr Richard Siow of the Cardiovascular Division organised the event entitled *Experimental approaches to understand diseases and develop treatments* in collaboration with the Physiological Society. Professor Clive Page of the Division of Pharmacology and Therapeutics introduced a new DVD from the Physiological Society which looks at the issues

surrounding medical research involving animals and chaired a lively discussion with the students on the subject.

Film, wine, language

The Modern Language Centre is running two new courses as part of its summer programme: language and wine tasting; and language and European cinema. Participants will familiarise themselves with grapes and wines whilst improving their French, Spanish or German. The cinema course starts with an introductory discussion in English, followed by a language class centred on a film. Visit www.kcl.ac.uk/mlc/summer

Alumni Weekend 2007

THE FOURTH ANNUAL ALUMNI

Weekend, 8-10 June, gives staff an excellent opportunity to catch up with former students and colleagues. The Weekend features a series of events for former students and staff of the College: while all alumni are welcome, this year's Weekend is aimed especially at musicians, lawyers, and the classes of 1981-3 and 1957-8.

For many the appeal of the Weekend is the chance to relive their time at King's, and meet up with old friends. But the focus is not all on nostalgia. As a reminder that King's is very much a forward-looking College,

alumni will be able to engage in debate, through a series of lectures on far-reaching public policy issues.

Highlights include a wine reception and evening of music performed by the King's College London Symphony Orchestra in the historic Middle Temple. Alumni can visit the newly reopened Royal Festival Hall, explore behind the scenes at the Royal Courts of Justice, and attend a lecture in the Old Bailey Courtroom on the current crisis in the British prison system.

For further information contact the Alumni Office on 020 7848 3053.

UG Prospectus 2008



The Undergraduate Prospectus 2008 has been published and is being mailed to schools and colleges throughout the UK, Europe and the rest of the world. 75,000 copies have been produced in total. If you have any feedback about the prospectus please contact Olivia Davenport (olivia.davenport@kcl.ac.uk). To order bulk copies visit the College prospectus orders page (www.kcl.ac.uk/staff/prospectus-form.html). Individual copies are available at receptions. The online version of the 2008 prospectus is also live (www.kcl.ac.uk/ugp).

Festival of Social Science



Three of the speakers: **Helen Roberts** (left), **Norman Glass** and **Janet Grauberg**.

'POLICY MAKERS USE EVIDENCE ONLY when it suits them'. This was the motion at a debate hosted at King's by the UK Centre for Evidence Based Policy and Practice and sponsored by the Economic and Social Research Council as part of the Festival of Social Science 2007. The debate was chaired by Ken Young, Professor of Public Policy.

'The point at issue was whether the selective use of evidence is something to be regretted or gloried in,' says Professor Charlotte Humphrey, Director of the Centre and organiser of the debate.

Norman Glass, Chief Executive of the National Centre for Social Research, spoke for the motion, seconded by Helen Roberts, Professor of Child Health at City University.

They accepted that selectivity in the use of evidence is part of the human condition, and that it is unrealistic to expect politicians to abandon strongly held positions in response to research results that are often highly contingent, uncertain and contestable. It is,

however, the job of researchers to try and bring reliable evidence to bear on the policy process and to challenge the active misuse or suppression of evidence.

Opposing the motion were David Walker, editor of *The Guardian's Public* magazine, and Janet Grauberg, Development Director of the Public Management and Policy Association.

They argued that evidence is essentially 'an anti-political word'. It reflects an 'epistemologically absolutist' attempt to give one type of knowledge precedence over all others and is in direct conflict with the right and duty of politicians to pick and choose between many sources and construct a proportionate response on the basis of 'their expertise in the adjudication of interests and values'. Research can contribute but it cannot claim a unique status as the determinant of good decisions.

A large audience raised many issues and in the final vote the motion was carried. The debate is to become an annual event at King's.

Libraries boosted by bequest

KING'S LIBRARIES ARE SET TO BENEFIT from a generous bequest from a former student. Dr William S Dunbar (Law, 1990) recently left King's almost £37,000 in his will, which will go towards providing a range of information services.

According to Vivien Robertson, Site Services Manager, Maughan Library & Information Services Centre, Dr Dunbar's bequest will make a welcome addition to the

learning resources that the College can make available.

Every year, the College benefits significantly from being remembered in this way. Staff who would like further information about leaving a legacy to King's or who would like to discuss their plans should contact Annette Bullen in the Development Office (020 7848 4700 or annette.bullen@kcl.ac.uk).

Posters from World War One



The Archives team has installed a new exhibition in the main foyer of the King's Building (opposite the Great Hall), Strand Campus. The exhibition showcases a new acquisition for the Liddell Hart Centre for Military Archives: more than 100 official British recruitment and fundraising posters from World War One. They belonged to the **Reverend Kenneth G Hamilton** (1892-1975), who collected the posters during the war. Subsequently kept hidden away, many are in excellent condition. The exhibition explores the various means by which the posters persuaded the public to contribute to the war effort using striking imagery.

Proms conference first



Professor John Deathridge (right) and **Nicholas Kenyon**, Controller, BBC Proms, Live Events & Television Classical Music.

THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL KING'S conference in partnership with the BBC and the British Library, explored the impact of 'the world's greatest Classical music festival,' the Proms, on musical culture. *The Proms and British Musical Life* is devoted to the Henry Wood Promenade Concerts and was held at the British Library from 23-25 April. More generally, it raised questions about the role of classical music in today's world.

The Head of the Department of Music, John Deathridge, King Edward Professor of Music, introduced the main conference themes as convener of the conference: the Proms History (including early rare recordings and wartime); the importance of radio and television; repertoire; festival and ritual and public and private funding.

Professor Deathridge explains: 'I don't think people realise how rich the subject is. It's not just about Prom concerts and *Land of*

Hope and Glory, it's much more complex.'

Other academics from the Department involved in the conference include the internationally renowned composer and conductor, George Benjamin, Henry Purcell Professor of Composition; Roger Parker, Thurston Dart Professor of Music; and Daniel Leech-Wilkinson, Professor of Music.

The role of classical music in today's world

The event was opened with addresses from the Principal, Professor Rick Trainor, Lynne Brindley, Chief Executive of the British Library, and Jenny Abramsky, Director of BBC Radio and Music.

Music Matters, BBC Radio 3's flagship classical music magazine programme, featured the conference on 28 April.

Programmed for obesity

RESEARCH FROM THE DIVISION OF

Reproduction and Endocrinology shows that obesity during pregnancy could 'programme' children to be fat in later life.

Professor Lucilla Poston and Dr Paul Taylor presented the research at a recent conference in Budapest entitled *Early Nutrition Programming and Health Outcomes in Later Life*. They talked about how animal studies have shown that the nutrient environment during fetal and neonatal development may permanently alter gene expression so that a child may be born with a predisposition to obesity and high blood pressure.

Nutrient-gene interactions have been implicated for some time in the development of obesity but this research, which will be published in full later this year, points towards the important role of the mother's diet during pregnancy and early post natal life.



Professor Poston, Head of the Division of Reproduction and Endocrinology, said: 'It appears that both states of undernutrition and overnutrition in early life can permanently alter the genes involved in fat metabolism and in the control of appetite. We are now searching for the mechanisms involved.'

Ill-treatment and torture

DR METIN BASOGLU, HEAD OF TRAUMA

Studies at the Institute of Psychiatry, had his new research study *Torture vs Other Cruel, Inhuman, and Degrading Treatment* published in the March issue of the *Archives of General Psychiatry* in the US.

Dr Basoglu and colleagues interviewed 279 survivors of torture from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republica Srpska, Croatia and Serbia between 2000 and 2002 to examine the distinction between various forms of ill-treatment and torture during captivity in terms of their relative psychological impact.

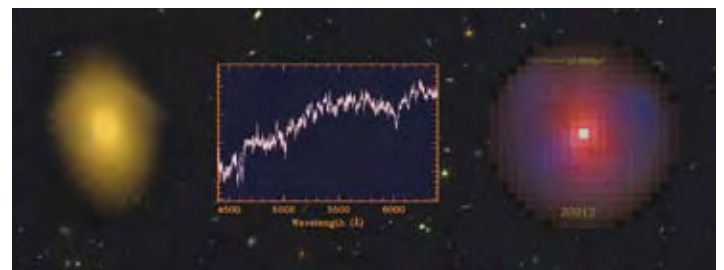
The research concluded that ill-treatment during captivity, such as psychological manipulations, humiliating treatment and forced



stress positions, did not seem to be substantially different from physical torture in terms of the severity of mental suffering they cause.

Interestingly there was little to distinguish the long-term psychological outcome of both forms of ill-treatment. The study's authors raise the question of whether these forms of psychological, non-physical interventions should be prohibited by international law.

Mapping the invisible



DR IGNACIO FERRERAS, LECTURER

in the Department of Physics, presented new research and maps of the distribution of 'ordinary' and dark matter in nine galaxies out to a distance of five billion light-years from the sun, taking advantage of a rare astronomical phenomenon known as 'gravitational lensing' at the Royal Astronomical Society National Astronomy Meeting (NAM) 2007.

Speaking at NAM, the largest and most important astronomy meeting in the UK, Dr Ferreras, explained: 'Most of the matter in the Universe is not the ordinary kind made up of protons, neutrons and electrons, but an elusive 'dark matter' detectable only from its gravity. Like a tenuous gas, dark matter is all around us – it goes through us all the time without us noticing – but tends to collect in large quantities around galaxies

and clusters of galaxies.

'The galaxies we studied serendipitously lie in front of quasars, which are bright sources of light but even further away. The gravity of the galaxy and the dark matter distorts the quasar light, causing the quasar to be seen as two or four images. The placement of these mirage images, studied using new theoretical techniques in gravitational lensing, makes it possible to measure the total mass, effectively a dark matter telescope!'

By analysing the starlight from the galaxies using stellar evolution theory, it is possible to measure the stellar mass. Combining these ideas with archival data from the Hubble Space Telescope, Dr Ferreras and his colleagues were able to make dark-matter maps.

First student suicide study

The first in-depth study of student suicide in the UK, written by researchers at King's and the University of Central Lancashire, has highlighted the need for universities to review and promote the availability of their student support services during the summer months.

The RaPSS (Responses and Prevention in Student Suicide) study carried out an in-depth analysis of 20 student suicides which occurred between May 2000 and June 2005.

The main findings showed that: three quarters of student deaths studied occurred during summer; indicators of suicide risk include 'search for perfection' and 'fear of failure'; both prevention and responses need consideration to reduce suicide 'ripple effect'.

Jill Manthorpe, Professor of Social Work in the Social Care Workforce Research Unit, School of Social Science &

Public Policy, says: 'Universities need to acknowledge the impact of a student suicide on the whole community, including university staff, and staff should be supported by their institution to access external sources of support.'

Responding to the need highlighted in the RaPSS research, PAPYRUS, the national charity for prevention of young suicide, is developing a training aid, for use by universities, to help staff in higher education institutions identify and support vulnerable students. In the form of a DVD and support literature it will provide practical guidance in recognising suicidal feelings and how to help.

Anne Parry, Chair of PAPYRUS, said: 'We hope the findings will be used to promote the need for early intervention and that the recommendations will be implemented.'

Contested waters

The Shatt al Arab waterway between Iraq and Iran was the subject of interviews for **Richard Schofield**, Lecturer in the Department of Geography, on *Channel 4 News*, CNN, Radio 4's *PM* and *Today* programmes, BBC World Service's *The World Today*, Radio 5 Live and National Public Radio.

Government plans

Enver Solomon, Deputy Director of the Centre of Crime and Justice Studies, appeared on Sky News and BBC News 24 and was interviewed on Radio 5 Live, discussing government proposals for criminal justice.

Pregnancy stress

Research by **Dr Veronica O'Keane**, Head of Section of Perinatal Psychiatry, into the natural rise of stress hormones during pregnancy was discussed on *Channel 4 News*. Dr O'Keane was also interviewed on Capital and Virgin radio stations and coverage from the Institute of Psychiatry conference on this subject featured in *The Guardian*, *The Financial Times*, *Daily Mail*, *The Sun*, *Metro*, and BBC News Online.

Pain relief

Robin Murray, Professor of Psychiatry, was interviewed on BBC News regarding the use of cannabis in pain relief.

Baby boomers

A three-part series on BBC4 *Are we having fun yet?* included one programme on baby boomers in which **Professor Simon Biggs**, Director of the Institute of Gerontology, appeared.

9/11 admission

Dr John Gearson, Reader in Terrorism Studies, discussed reports from the Pentagon that Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the alleged mastermind of the 9/11 attacks, has admitted his role in them and 30 other plots in a hearing at Guantanamo Bay, on Sky News.

Crew capture

Andrew Lambert, Laughton Professor of Naval History in the Department of War Studies, appeared on the BBC *10 O'Clock News* and BBC News 24. He was also quoted in *The Times* on the significance of the body language of the British Royal Navy crew in Iran.

24/7 society

Dr Richard Howells, Reader in Cultural and Creative Industries, discussed whether we were advancing towards a 24/7 society on BBC Radio Scotland News Week.

Wagner's Ring

Michael Portillo interviewed **John Deathridge**, King Edward Professor of Music, for a BBC2 television series on Richard Wagner's Ring programmes. Professor Deathridge appeared in episodes on the *Götterdämmerung*, *Die Walküre* and *Siegfried*.

Sedatives danger

Clive Ballard, Professor of Age Related Disorders, was interviewed on *Channel 4 News* about his long-term study into a controversial class of drugs called neuroleptics and Alzheimer's patients. This was also reported in *The Guardian*, *The Times*, *Daily Mail*, *Daily Telegraph* and BBC News Online.

Blair's legacy

Benjamin Bowling, Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice in the School of Law, discussed the Prime Minister's legacy on crime and the developments in the legal system since 1997 on Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's *The National*.

British troops

Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman, Vice-Principal (Research), believes there is a basic peace problem of law and order in Iraq, and there is a limited amount the British can do about it. Speaking on Radio 5 Live *Breakfast* he said the difficulty the British have is that the politics of Iraq is determined in Baghdad and not in Basra.

Heart growth

Dr Stephen Minger, Director of the King's Stem Cell Laboratory, was interviewed by Radio 5 Live, BBC Asian Network Radio and the *New Scientist*, about the breakthrough at Imperial College London and Harefield Hospital of growing part of a human heart from stem cells.

Body shortage

The shortage of human bodies for use in anatomy teaching was the subject of a Sky News interview for **Professor Susan Standring**, Head of Department of Anatomy and Human Sciences.

Israel and Syria

Dr Ahron Bregman, Teaching Fellow in the Department of War Studies, discussed the strategic balance between Israel and Syria and the prospect of war between these countries on Media Line News.

Troop withdrawal

As Tony Blair was expected to announce the return of hundreds of troops from Iraq, **Michael Clarke**, Professor of Defence Studies, discussed the decision on Radio 4's *Today* programme. Professor Clarke also appeared on the BBC *Ten O'Clock News*.

Mobile society

Radio 4's *Analysis* programme examined the increasing mobility of people and goods and how it has been vital for global development. **Professor Tim Butler**, Head of the Department of Geography, took part in the discussion arguing that the more many people have to move around routinely, the more they may come to prize a home base.

Migrant ban?

Dr Satvinder Juss, Reader in Refugee Law & Human Rights, explained on BBC World Service *World Have Your Say* that it is disgraceful and disreputable for Australia to consider banning the entry of people arriving with Aids.

Cannabis link

Dr Louise Arseneault, Lecturer in Development Psychology, took part in a documentary into possible links between cannabis and schizophrenia in young people. The interview was televised across the French Canadian network on the major science programme *Decouverte*.

See www.kcl.ac.uk/headlines for the latest media coverage or on Campus noticeboards. *Comment* is keen to know of any staff featured in the media, call ext 3202 or email pr@kcl.ac.uk

Naval historians visit Venice



Students from the Department of War Studies BA, MA and PhD programmes (pictured above) took part in a two-day academic event at the Italian Naval War College (Istituto di Studi Marittimi Militari, ISMM) in Venice.

The fieldtrip to the lagoon of the 'Doge' was organised by the Laughton Naval History Unit in cooperation with the Research Centre of the ISMM. The visit was designed to give naval

history students from King's the opportunity to interact with mid-career naval officers in an academic environment where lessons learned in the classroom could be set alongside experience gained in service.

At the same time Italian naval officers at the College could exercise their English language skills and explain the roles and missions of a modern navy to keen King's students of seapower.

Mooting success

KING'S STUDENTS WON THE NATIONAL round of the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition for the second year running. The Jessup moot is the biggest international moot competition in the world, with more than 500 teams competing for a place in the finals in the US.

Despite strong competition, the King's team – Jack Macaulay, Qudsi Rasheed, Kartikeya Tanna and Lilly Wong – won every round unanimously, beating teams from LSE in the semi-finals and University College London in the grand final. The team had further success with awards for individual performance.

The team then went on to represent the UK as national champions at the final at the Fairmont Hotel in Washington DC. The team was beaten in the final by Sydney University. Nevertheless, 'this is a really outstanding performance,'

commented Lord (Raymond) Plant, Head of the School of Law.

French double

KING'S FRENCH DEPARTMENT HAS HAD a double success in this year's RH Gapper Postgraduate Essay Prize, a national competition run by the Society for French Studies.

The prestigious prize was won by Luke Sunderland, a third-year PhD student in the Department, for an essay on *A Failed Double Act: Lancelot and Gauvain in the Lancelot-Grail Cycle*. Thomas Hinton, who is in his first year of research in the Department, was placed second for his essay *What, if anything, is specifically Occitan about Occitan narrative?* Both students are supervised by Professor Simon Gaunt.

Macadam Cup

THE THIRD ANNUAL COMPETITION FOR the Macadam Cup was held on 21 March at the New Malden

sportsground with more than 200 students taking part. The competition pitches King's medical students (KCLMS) against the rest of the College students (KCL) over a variety of sports to find the ultimate sporting champions.

'As usual the competition for the Macadam Cup was intense and yet friendly at the same time. KCLMS were winners for the third time in a row, but this was definitely the closest and most exciting competition so far. A great time was had by all!' commented King's Sportsgrounds Manager John Grant.

KCL won the men's football, the netball and the tennis. KCLMS won the men's and women's hockey, the squash and the fencing. The closest competition of the day was Ultimate Frisbee which KCLMS eventually won.

The last outside event was the Tug-O-War, noisily supported by both sides, with the victors being KCL.



Studies in their first football fixture in ten years at King's New Malden sportsground.

Playing in red shirts and black shorts and with strong support from the home crowd, the War Studies team were on top for the first 30 minutes. Despite their best efforts, including a disallowed goal, it was still goalless at half time.

The match intensified in the second half, and the established Peace Studies team finally got the breakthrough after 70 minutes. Unfortunately War Studies could not come back and the first leg ended with the result 0-1. King's student Hassan Dodwell was awarded man of the match for his 'battling and skillful' performance.

In the second leg the King's team won 1-0 bringing the match to a 1-1 stalemate. Penalties were then taken and Peace triumphed 4-3 to lift the Tolstoy Cup.

War vs Peace

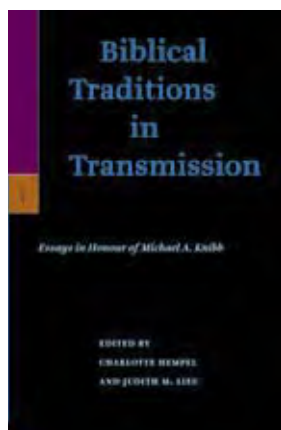
KING'S DEPARTMENT OF WAR STUDIES took on the University of Bradford's Department of Peace

New KCLSU officers



Four full-time sabbatical officers/trustees and four student trustees were recently elected and will take office on 1 August. From left: **Adam Farley** (President); **Jo Williams** (VP Representation);

Tom AbouNader (VP Participation & Development); and **Peter Ellender** (VP Communications). Salman Awan, Ingrid Francis, Daryn McCombe and Christopher Mullan are the new student trustees.



Biblical Traditions in Transmission

Edited by Charlotte Hempel and Judith Lieu, Professor of New Testament Studies

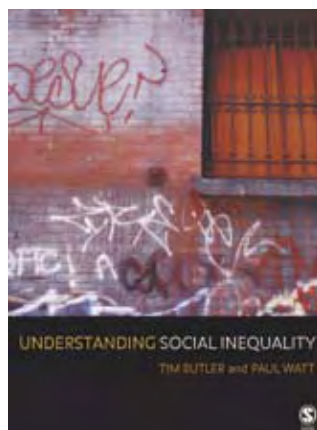
This volume, which was launched at King's last year, is now attracting very favourable reviews and includes personal tributes to Professor Michael Knibb, who taught for 37 years at King's, latterly holding the Samuel Davidson Chair of Old Testament, now vacant.

The book includes 18 essays, written by colleagues and friends from Europe and the USA, covering a range of topics chiefly focussing on Second Temple Judaism and the transmission of Biblical traditions, areas where Professor Knibb's own work is internationally acclaimed.

Dr Charlotte Hempel was a former doctoral student of Professor Knibb's and Professor Judith Lieu was a colleague for many years.

Other King's contributors are Dr Eddie Adams and Dr Deborah Rooke, both members of staff, and Professor Ronald Clements, a former Samuel Davidson Professor, whose own essay charts the origin of the study of Hebrew and Old Testament at King's in 1832 and the particular role of Samuel Davidson and of Alexander McCaul.

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Understanding Social Inequality

Professor Tim Butler, Head of the Department of Geography

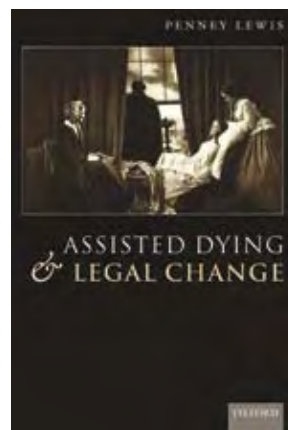
Understanding Social Inequality takes as its starting point that social and economic inequality is increasing again after a long post-war period in which industrialised societies became more equal.

It attempts to map the dimensions of that inequality and how social scientists have understood it. In particular, it brings together sociology and human geography and argues that place has become an increasingly important focus for attempts to understand this new trend.

It is argued that places used to be largely formed by the social classes which inhabited them whereas over the last 25 years space has been at the centre of the restructuring of cultural, social and economic relations in Britain and other industrial societies.

The authors argue that, to some extent, the concerns of human geographers with 'the spaces of flows' and sociologists with 'the identity of displacement' have moved past each other without making much contact. A major theme has been to bring these two traditions together to understand how the new forms of mobility and immobility have been interacting in different regions.

Sage



Assisted Dying & Legal Change

Penney Lewis, Reader in Law

The question whether assisted dying should be legalised is often treated as one which transcends national boundaries and diverse legal systems. As a result, the important context in which individual jurisdictions make decisions about assisted dying and the significance of the legal methods chosen is often lost.

This book concentrates not on the issue of whether assisted dying should be legalised, but rather on the impact of the choice of a particular legal route towards legalisation, including constitutional rights, the defence of necessity used in the Netherlands and a French proposal based on compassion, as well as legislative approaches from Oregon and Belgium.

This examination suggests that greater caution is needed before relying on the experience of one jurisdiction when discussing proposals for regulation of assisted dying in others, and the possible consequences of such regulation, thereby demonstrating the need to explore the legal environment in which assisted dying is performed or proposed in order to evaluate the relevance of a particular legal experience to other jurisdictions.

Oxford University Press

Three favourite...

churches near the Strand Campus

As recommended by Trudi Darby, Deputy Head of Administration (Arts & Sciences)

St Clement Danes

The bells of this RAF church in the Strand still ring *Oranges and Lemons* every three hours: from the Classics Department you can hear them quartering the day. Look out of the windows and you see the white church with its phalanx of guardian statues: Gladstone in front, Air Marshalls Dowding and Harris behind him, while Samuel Johnson stands with his back to the eastern end of the church, engrossed in a book before he strides down Fleet Street.

Temple Church

Pass Johnson, go into the Temple, and here are another set of guardians: effigies of the Knights Templar, resting eternally in the distinctive circular nave of this medieval church, relaxing after their labours if a little battered after more than 700 years. Here they listen to the choir giving its lunchtime concerts and absorb the secret peace and calm, just a few yards from Fleet Street.

St Dunstan in the West

Cross back over Fleet Street and squeezed into a tiny site is St Dunstan in the West: no spire for this little gem where William Tyndale once preached, but a lace-like corona of an open tower that traps the sky in its trelliswork. Two giants guard its bell: Gog and Magog, wearing gilded loincloths and carrying gnarled clubs, with which they strike the quarters.

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