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ARTWORK FROM THE UPCOMING BODLEIAN EXHIBITION

TOLKIEN: MAKER OF MIDDLE-EARTH



LETTER from THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR LOUISE RICHARDSON

Dear Oxonians and Friends,

My colleagues and I are delighted to extend this invitation for you to join us at the 2018 Oxford North American Alumni Weekend.

The University, our Departments and Colleges maintain extensive ties to graduates and friends in the Bay Area and Silicon Valley, and we are pleased to announce that this year's reunion will be held in San Francisco. It is the first time our flagship North American event will be held on the West Coast



The Bodleian Library will be bringing treasures from their outstanding collection of drawings and illustrations by J R R Tolkien, which will be on display at the Westin St Francis throughout the weekend. The academic sessions, on subjects ranging from Social Media to Circadian Rhythms and from Medical Ultrasounds to the American Dream, promise to be as stimulating as they are informative. There will also be a series of gatherings hosted by the Colleges and other University groups that will provide ample opportunities for reconnecting and socializing.

One of the many pleasures of being Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford is the opportunity it gives me to meet so many wonderful friends and alumni. I greatly enjoyed my first North American Alumni Weekend in Washington, DC in 2016 and know that the bar is set high for San Francisco this spring. I look forward to seeing you there.

With best regards,

Louise Richardson

Vice-Chancellor

FRIDAY NIGHT

THE CHANCELLOR, LORD PATTEN OF BARNES, CH REQUESTS THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY TO CELEBRATE THE

2018 UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD ALUMNI WEEKEND IN NORTH AMERICA

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SATURDAY PROGRAM

Registration

7:45 am - 8:30 am

Coffee and light refreshments available to all registered attendees.

Welcoming Remarks

8:30 am - 9:15 am

Michael G. Cunningham, Executive Director, University of Oxford North American Office, will welcome alumni and friends and introduce the day's program.

Richard Ovenden, Bodley's Librarian, will introduce 'Tolkien: Maker of Middle-earth' and provide an update on developments at the Bodleian.

An Oxford Conversation

9:15 am - 10:15 am

The Chancellor, Lord Patten of Barnes, CH in conversation with Sir Michael Moritz (Christ Church, 1973), Partner, Sequoia Capital.

Break

10:15 am - 10:30 am

An Oxford Conversation

10:30 am - 11:30 am

Reid Hoffman, CBE (Wolfson, 1990), Co-Founder of LinkedIn and Honorary Fellow of Wolfson College, in conversation with a notable Oxonian.







Coffee Break

11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Truth and Trust in the Era of Social Media

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

The past year has been dominated by stories of how social media has influenced major political decisions on both sides of the Atlantic. Algorithms, automation and junk news have become powerful tools for social movements, but also effective tools for social control. Phil Howard, Professor of Internet Studies and Director of Research at the Oxford Internet Institute (OII) and Professorial Fellow at Balliol College, will introduce the OII and present the latest research from the team that has pioneered the social science of fake news, expose the democratic challenges we face next, and offer some ideas for how to restore truth and trust in public life.

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Sleep and Circadian Rhythms: Life is Short but Make Time for Sleep!

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Russell G. Foster, CBE, FRS, Head of the Nuffield Laboratory of Ophthalmology, Director of the Sleep and Circadian Neuroscience Institute and Fellow at Brasenose College, will provide a brief overview of recent discoveries in sleep and circadian rhythms research in Oxford. He will discuss how the disruption of the sleep/wake axis results in a broad range of interconnected pathologies such as poor vigilance and memory; reduced mental and physical reaction times; reduced motivation; metabolic abnormalities; immune impairment and even a greater risk of cancer.













Lunch with a Presentation by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Louise Richardson

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Attendees will have the opportunity to sit with their College representatives, fellow alumni and quests at lunch.

Tolkien's Oxford and Oxford's Tolkien

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

J. R. R. Tolkien is best known as a sublimely creative author, an aspect of his public persona that has largely overshadowed his significance as an innovative and influential academic, who reinterpreted a wide range of medieval literature for later ages. Yet for Tolkien, creative ambition and scholarly endeavour were inextricably linked, and Oxford was the crucible wherein these dual interests met and melded. Although primarily a scholar of Anglo-Saxon, Tolkien's academic curiosity and passions for Welsh, Irish, Icelandic, and Middle English, alongside the friendships he forged, contributed to the creation of a complex man characteristically moulded in Oxford. Andy Orchard, Rawlinson and Bosworth Professor of Anglo-Saxon and Fellow of Pembroke College, will introduce us to a side of Tolkien that few know

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Changing Perceptions of Medical Ultrasound

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Medical ultrasound imaging has undergone a transformation over the last 20 years – it is now the most widely used type of medical imaging worldwide, and has significantly benefited from advances in consumer electronics to reduce cost and size. However, the untrained eye may find ultrasound images difficult to interpret, and the trained eye may not always fully appreciate the rich content of its images. As a consequence, ultrasound is perceived as a technology for the expert user.

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DRIGINAL ARTWORK FROM THE BODI FIAN LIBRARY

J.R.R. TOLKIEN

J.R.R. Tolkien was a distinguished philologist who taught at the University of Oxford for thirty-four years, first as the Rawlinson and Bosworth Professor of Anglo-Saxon and later as the Merton Professor of English Language and Literature. He was also one of the most influential and popular fantasy authors of the twentieth century. His children's book, *The Hobbit*, was published in 1937 and hailed as an instant classic, winning the *New York Herald Tribune* prize in 1938 for the best book for younger children published in the United States. Its success emboldened him to write a sequel which carried him beyond children's fiction, into the realm of adult fantasy. The final work, *The Lord of the Rings*, was completed in 1949 and published in the US in three volumes, 1954–1956. Essentially an epic fairy story for adults, it was by no means assured of commercial success but sales rose from respectable to stratospheric levels as its popularity grew in the 1960s, particularly among American college students.

In June 2018, the Bodleian Libraries will open its summer exhibition 'Tolkien: Maker of Middle-earth.' The Oxford exhibition will show treasures from the Tolkien archive, and for the first time in 50 years, re-unite the manuscripts of *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* with Tolkien's original drawings. During the Alumni Weekend, we are delighted to show some highlights from the exhibition including five

beautiful watercolors, painted especially for the first American edition of *The Hobbit*, and the dust jacket design, as well as a recently-discovered printed map of Middle-earth, annotated by Tolkien and his illustrator Pauline Baynes.



Tolkien's final watercolour design for *The Hobbit* dust jacket, [1937] Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS. Tolkien Drawings 32 (c) The Tolkien Estate Limited 1937

Changing Perceptions of Medical Ultrasound (continued)

J. Alison Noble OBE FRS FREng, Technikos Professor of Biomedical Engineering in the Oxford University Department of Engineering Science and Fellow of St Hilda's College, will discuss how interdisciplinary machine-learning research at the interfaces of computational science, biomedical engineering and clinical medicine is changing this perception. During this session, she will illustrate that regardless of training and frequency of use, anyone, anywhere, can perform ultrasound-based decision making.

Coffee Break

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

The British American Dream - Does It Live On?

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm

Is the era of prosperity built on capitalism, democracy and the movement of people coming to an end? This discussion will include a diverse group of Oxford alumni and academics who have made their way from various parts of the world to success in the USA via the UK.

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Ms. Alice McCallum, Student Recruitment Officer (UK & North America), Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach, and Dr. Nadia Pollini, Director of Graduate Admissions, will be available throughout the day to answer questions about applying to Oxford for full-time undergraduate and graduate programs. Please stop by the Georgian Room for information and/or to volunteer to speak about your experience as an Oxford undergraduate or graduate at an information session across the United States or Canada









Closing Remarks and a Special Performance by The Choir of The Queen's College

5:00 pm - 5:15 pm

Drinks Reception

5:15 pm - 6:15 pm

This reception is sponsored by OUS Northern California, the local alumni group. Contact president@ousnorcal.org for information on upcoming activities and volunteer opportunities.



Tolkien's watercolour illustration for the opening of chapter 6, *The Hobbit*, 'Bilbo woke up with the early sun in his eyes', [1937] Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS. Tolkien Drawings 28 (c) The Tolkien Estate Limited 1937









COLLEGE EVENTS

*For full college event details, please visit www.oxfordna.org.

Balliol College Saturday 7 April: Drinks Reception and Dinner with the new Master, Dame Helen Ghosh DCB, at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco. Contact development.office@balliol.ox.ac.uk for details.

Brasenose College Saturday 7 April: Alumni Get-Together with the Principal, John Bowers QC, at One Market Restaurant, 6:30 pm. Please contact James Fletcher at development.office@bnc.ox.ac.uk for details.

Christ Church Saturday 7 April: Drinks and Dinner at L'Avenue Dining Room, Boulevard Restaurant, 7:00 pm. Please register your interest with simon.offen@chch.ox.ac.uk.

Corpus Christi College Saturday 7 April: The President will be hosting a dinner in the Union Square neighborhood. More details to follow. Please contact sarah.salter@ccc.ox.ac.uk for details.

Exeter College Saturday 7 April: Event for Exeter College alumni. Invitations with timings, venue detail and information on how to book will be sent to alumni. For information, visit www.exeter.ox.ac.uk or email development@exeter.ox.ac.uk.

Green Templeton College Saturday 7 April: Professor Denise Lievesley looks forward to meeting GTC alumni at a get-together. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sophie Schirmacher at alumni@qtc.ox.ac.uk.

Hertford College Saturday 7 April: Drinks Reception, 6:00 pm (venue TBC). Contact development.office@hertford.ox.ac.uk for details.

Jesus College Thursday 5 April: Drinks Reception in San Francisco (venue and time TBC). Contact nicola.choules-rowe@jesus.ox.ac.uk for details.









Keble College Saturday 7 April: Keble Event (details will be emailed to College alumni and friends). Contact alumni@keble.ox.ac.uk for details.

Lady Margaret Hall Saturday 7 April: Dinner with the Principal hosted by Michael O'Sullivan (PPE, 1982), 7:00 pm. Contact events@lmh.ox.ac.uk for details.

Linacre College Saturday 7 April: Dinner at Piperade, San Francisco, 7:30 pm for 8:00 pm. Sunday 8 April: Dinner at Momed, Atwater Village in Los Angeles, 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm. Wednesday 11 April: Dinner at Tommy Bahama New York, 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm. Contact ros.connell@linacre.ox.ac.uk for details.

Lincoln College Friday 6 April: Drinks at Bourbon and Branch, 6:30 pm. Saturday 7 April: Dinner at Sessions at the Presidio, 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm. Sunday 8 April: Hike, 10:00 am. Contact jane.mitchell@lincoln.ox.ac.uk.

Magdalen College Wednesday 4 April: Dinner at the Harvard Club of New York, 7:00 pm for 7:45 pm. Saturday 7 April: Drinks and canapés hosted by Melanie and Pete Flint (1993) at their home in San Francisco, 7:00 pm. Contact alumni.office@maqd.ox.ac.uk for details.

Mansfield College Saturday 7 April: Baroness Helena Kennedy QC, Principal of Mansfield College, invites you to a Drinks Reception at Cityscape Lounge in the Hilton San Francisco Union Square, 6:30 pm. Contact development@mansfield.ox.ac.uk for details.

Merton College Friday 6 April: Merton College Charitable Corporation (MC3) AGM, Westin St. Francis, 2:00 pm. Saturday 7 April: MC3 Dinner hosted by Margaret and Mike McCaffery (1975) at their home, 7:30 pm. Contact Chelsea Chisholm at development@merton.ox.ac.uk for details.

New College Saturday 7 April: Dinner with the Warden, Miles Young, venue TBA. Contact oldmembers@new.ox.ac.uk for details.

Nuffield College Friday 6 April: Drinks with Californian wines at Google San Francisco, hosted by Honorary Fellow Hal Varian, 5:30 pm. Saturday 7 April: DimSum Brunch at Yank Sing, 10:30 am. Sunday 8 April: Walk in Muir Woods, 11:00 am. Contact development@nuffield.ox.ac.uk for details.









Oriel College Wednesday 4 April: Drinks hosted by Orielensis Zane Dalal (1983) at his Beverly Hills home, 5:30 pm. Saturday 7 April: Dinner in San Francisco. Contact bobby.higson@oriel.ox.ac.uk for details.

Pembroke College Saturday 7 April: Drinks Reception and Dinner with the Master, Dame Lynne Brindley, and Professor Andy Orchard (Rawlinson and Bosworth Fellow in Anglo Saxon), at the Intercontinental Mark Hopkins Hotel, 6:00 pm. Sunday 8 April: Brunch and Tour at the art studio of Jeremy Sutton (1979) and Peggy Gyulai, 10:00 am. Contact mai.musie@pmb.ox.ac.uk for details.

The Queen's College Thursday 5 April: The Choir of The Queen's College & Stanford University Chamber Chorale, 7:30 pm. Saturday 7 April: The Choir of The Queen's College evening concert, Grace Cathedral. Monday 9 April: Queen's & Wadham Colleges' joint reception at the Mayor's House in Los Angeles, hosted by Mayor Eric Garcetti and First Lady Amy Elaine Wakeland, 6:00 pm. RSVP Mandatory. Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 April: Events in New York. Contact oldmembers@queens.ox.ac.uk for details.

Somerville College Wednesday 4 April: Drinks and Canapes hosted by Cindy Gallop (1977) at the Sky Apartment, Manhattan, 6:30 pm. Saturday 7 April: Dinner hosted by our new Principal, Baroness Jan Royall. Contact alumnievents@some.ox.ac.uk or 011-44-1865-280626 for details.

St Anne's College Saturday 7 April: Alumnae Drinks and Dinner with Principal Helen King, 5:45 pm. Contact development@st-annes.ox.ac.uk for details.

St Benet's Hall For information, please contact alumni@stb.ox.ac.uk.

St Catherine's College Saturday 7 April: Drinks Reception in Pacific Heights, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Tuesday 10 April: Drinks Reception in New York. Visit our website www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/events or contact development.office@stcatz.ox.ac.uk for details.

St Cross College Sunday 8 April: Brunch (venue and time TBC). Contact alumni@stx.ox.ac.uk for details.









St Edmund Hall Saturday 7 April: Dinner at Bistro Boudin, 7:00 pm. Contact kate.townsend@seh.ox.ac.uk for details.

St Hugh's College Saturday 7 April: Dinner hosted by the Principal, the Rt Hon Dame Elish Angiolini DBE QC FRSE, near Union Square. Sunday 8 April: North American Alumni Association Brunch and General Meeting (venue and time TBC). Contact development.office@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk for details.

St John's College Saturday 8 April: Brunch in central San Francisco (venue and time TBC). More details to follow. If you are interested in attending please contact juanita.hughes@sjc.ox.ac.uk.

Trinity College Saturday 7 April: Dinner at Jardiniere. For details, contact sarah.jenkinson@trinity.ox.ac.uk or visit the website www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/events.

University College Saturday 7 April: Drinks Reception and Dinner for University College Alumni (details TBC). Contact julie.boyle@univ.ox.ac.uk for details.

Wadham College Saturday 7 April: The Warden is hosting an informal dinner at Café Claude, near the Westin St. Francis, 7:00 pm. Monday 9 April: Queen's & Wadham Colleges' joint reception at the Mayor's House in Los Angeles, hosted by Mayor Eric Garcetti and First Lady Amy Elaine Wakeland, 6:00 pm. RSVP Mandatory. Wednesday 11 April: Debate & Reception hosted by the Warden at Soho House, New York, 6:00 pm. Further information and booking: rachel.saunders@wadham.ox.ac.uk or 011-44-1865-277970.

Wolfson College Saturday 7 April: Dinner in San Francisco (venue and time TBC). Contact development.office@wolfson.ox.ac.uk for details.

Worcester College Saturday 7 April: Dinner at the St. Francis Yacht Club (TBC). Contact coleen.day@worc.ox.ac.uk for details.









OTHER EVENTS

TUESDAY 3 APRIL

Oxford & Cambridge Boat Race Dinner in San Francisco

Join fellow alumni for the 82nd Annual San Francisco Boat Race Dinner at the University Club (800 Powell Street, San Francisco). Cocktails will begin at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner at 7:15 pm. The speaker is Carey Perloff, Executive Director of American Conservatory Theatre (ACT), San Francisco. Book online at www.oxcam.org.

FRIDAY 6 APRIL

Pre-Dinner Drinks Reception for Rhodes Scholars

All Rhodes Scholars and their guests are welcome to attend a pre-dinner drinks reception from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the Union Square area of San Francisco. More information and details on how to book tickets will follow via email. If you do not receive an email invitation from Rhodes House, please contact Jenny Wood at alumni@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk.

SATURDAY 7 APRIL

Rhodes Breakfast with the Warden

Breakfast with a farewell address from the Warden, Charles Conn, from 8:00 am to 10:00 am at the Westin St. Francis. All Rhodes Scholars and their guests are welcome. More information and details on how to book tickets will follow via email. If you do not receive an email invitation from Rhodes House, contact Jenny Wood at alumni@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk.

SUNDAY 8 APRIL

Oxford Alumni Fun Run

Join fellow Oxford alumni and friends at 8:00 am at the Westin for a guided run around San Francisco. We will keep group participants in slow, medium, and fast paces. T-shirts and awards will be given at the University Sport Continental Breakfast! Register your interest at www.oxfordna.org.









SUNDAY 8 APRIL (continued)

University Sport Continental Breakfast

Were you a member of a sports club back in the day? Join other sports club alumni for breakfast at 9:00 am at the Westin and hear an update on the Iffley Road Complex at 9:15. Register your interest at www.oxfordna.org.

Physics & Mathematics Breakfast

Heads of Department, Professor John Wheater (Physics) and Professor Martin Bridson (Mathematics), wish to invite all Oxford Physics & Mathematics alumni to a special Alumni Breakfast at 10:00 am in the Westin St. Francis Hotel. Please join them to learn more about news from your departments and the latest advances in these fields. This informal get-together will also provide a wonderful opportunity to connect with old classmates and friends to cap off the weekend's festivities. Please RSVP to David Stiles BEFORE Tuesday 3 April at dstiles@oxfordna.org or 212–377–4907.

Applying to Oxford: An Introduction to Admissions and Studying in the UK

Hosted by Ms. Alice McCallum, Student Recruitment Officer (UK & North America), Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach, and Dr. Nadia Pollini, Director of Graduate Admissions, this session will take place from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm at the Westin St. Francis Hotel. They will cover applying to Oxford for undergraduate and graduate programs, including entrance requirements and how to submit a competitive application. The session will also focus on the differences between the UK and North American university systems and related funding opportunities at Oxford.

Pre-registration encouraged; please visit www.oxfordna.org to register.

Saïd Business School Brunch

Join us for brunch at 11:00 am! Connect with Dean Peter Tufano and fellow San Francisco-based Oxford Business Alumni (OBA) network members to hear more about the exciting developments at the School. Further details will be circulated among alumni by email from the Saïd Alumni Relations Office. For more information please contact chapters@sbs.ox.ac.uk.









HOTEL INFORMATION

WESTIN ST. FRANCIS

335 Powell Street San Francisco, CA 94102

The Westin St. Francis is offering reduced rates on rooms ranging from \$269-\$309 per night, plus applicable taxes.

Call (415) 397-7000 and ask for the "University of Oxford Alumni Weekend Room Block" before Sunday 4 March to ensure availability at the reduced rates. Alternatively, you can book online at http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/OxfordAlumni.

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REGISTRATION

RATE INFORMATION

Advance Registration is available before Thursday 29 March. **Register online** at www.oxfordna.org or by calling (212) 377-4905.

Refunds are not available after Thursday 29 March.

	ADVANCE REGISTRATION Standard Rate	ADVANCE REGISTRATION Reduced Rate (matriculated b/w 2012-2017)
Friday Drinks Reception at the Westin and Gala Dinner at the Ferry Building	\$150 per person	\$125 per person
Saturday Academic Program (Includes breakfast, lunch, 4 presentations, drinks reception and Tolkien viewing)	\$100 per person	\$75 per person

ON-SITE REGISTRATION

Please note that on-site registration is NOT available for Friday 6 April.

Saturday 7 April

7:45 am - 4:00 pm Westin St. Francis Georgian Room, Mezzanine Level, Historic Building 335 Powell Street San Francisco, CA 94102

Only credit cards and checks will be accepted on-site; rates will increase \$50 each.

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