



Meeting Minds

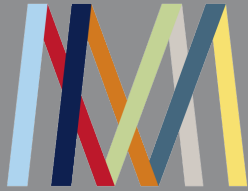
NEW YORK

17–18 April 2020



OXFORD
ALUMNI WEEKEND
comes to NEW YORK





Meeting Minds

NEW YORK

17–18 April 2020

FRIDAY 17 APRIL
GALA DINNER
CIPRIANI 42ND STREET
110 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10017

SATURDAY 18 APRIL
ACADEMIC PROGRAM
THE PIERRE HOTEL
2 EAST 61ST STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10065



LETTER *from* THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR LOUISE RICHARDSON

Dear Oxonians and Friends,

My colleagues and I are delighted to extend this invitation to you to join us at the 2020 Oxford North American Alumni Weekend.

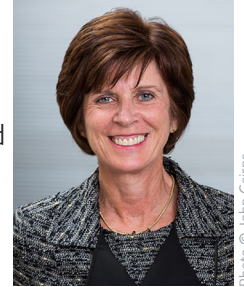


Photo © John Cairns

The University has not held an Alumni Weekend in New York since 2014. After successful excursions to Washington, DC in 2016 and San Francisco in 2018, I am delighted that our flagship North American event will be returning to the city that is home to one of the largest and most dynamic Oxonian communities in the world.

In the pages that follow, you will find a description of the weekend's programme. The academic sessions -- on subjects ranging from Britain's place in the world post-Brexit, to the ways in which our museums and libraries have embraced modern technologies to interpret and illuminate the past -- promise to be as stimulating as they are informative. There will also be a series of gatherings hosted by the Colleges, Departments, and other University groups that will provide ample opportunities for reconnecting and socializing.

The North American Alumni Weekends are a wonderful way to meet former students and current academics and to learn about recent developments at the University. Happily, 2019 was an extraordinarily successful year for Oxford so I look forward to updating you on these exciting initiatives.

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

2020 UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD ALUMNI WEEKEND IN NORTH AMERICA

FRIDAY 17 APRIL

6:30 PM DINNER AT CIPRIANI 42ND STREET

110 EAST 42ND STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10017

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY THE CHOIR OF MAGDALEN COLLEGE, OXFORD

BUSINESS ATTIRE

LIMITED NUMBER OF
TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
VISIT WWW.OXFORDNA.ORG
OR CALL 212-377-4905 TO
RESERVE YOUR PLACE

**please visit the last page for pricing information*



SATURDAY PROGRAM

Registration

9:00 am – 9:30 am

Coffee will be available to all registered attendees.

Welcoming Remarks

9:30 am – 9:45 am

Dr. Robert Easton, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Development and External Affairs), along with Michael G. Cunningham, Executive Director, University of Oxford North American Office, will welcome alumni and friends and introduce the day's program.

Britain's Place in the World

9:45 am – 11:00 am

As a new decade begins, Britain faces a series of existential questions including:

- What will happen to its relationship with the EU?
- Is the Special Relationship still Special?
- Will the United Kingdom remain United?
- Where do we go from here?

Noteworthy alumni will join the Chancellor, Lord Patten of Barnes, CH, in exploring these questions.

Coffee Break

11:00 am – 11:30 am



Wild weather? – Identifying whether and to what extent climate change is taking its toll

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Some consequences of a warming world, namely an increased likelihood of more heat precipitation extremes, have been known and predicted for a long time and are now seen across the globe. However, these consequences only hold on large scales and can be counteracted or amplified regionally (smaller scales) by changes in the atmospheric circulation - where and how weather systems develop - also due to human-induced climate change.

To understand how the risks of local extreme events are changing requires a holistic perspective combining these effects. Recent advances in the emerging science of event attribution provide the necessary basis on which to build the tools needed to assess such risks at the spatial scales people care most about. These attribution studies are starting to become the basis for legal claims, loss and damages assessments and social mobilisation. Dr. Friederike Otto, Acting Director, Environmental Change Institute, will lead this discussion.

– or –

Who wants to live forever?

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

The search for the elixir of youth has been a fantasy through the ages, but is it possible to live much longer, or desirable? Why do organisms age? And why do different creatures have such different life expectancies, from a few hours to hundreds of years?

Come with Professor Alison Woollard, Tutorial Fellow in Biochemistry and Associate Professor in Genetics, on the quest for eternal youth, as she introduces you to her favorite creature, the tiny nematode *C. elegans*, and reveals how this humble worm is letting us into the secrets of a long and healthy life.

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

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

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

Life and Mind – A formidable collaboration to tackle pressing challenges of the 21st century

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Professor Sam Howison, Head of the MPLS Division, is pleased to introduce Oxford's Life and Mind Initiative, an innovative endeavour to tackle pressing challenges of the 21st century. Within a new cross-departmental hub, Oxford will bring together top researchers to use our understanding of human behavior to confront and solve issues which are biological in nature, such as thriving on a healthy planet, food security, the preservation of biodiversity and management of natural environments.

– or –

The Ertegun Lecture: Celestial Bodies and earthly politics: Translating, marketing and reading Arabic fiction now

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Professor Rashid Khalidi (St Antony's College) will be in conversation with Professor Marilyn Booth, Khalid bin Abdullah Al Saud Professor for the Study of the Contemporary Arab World and a Fellow of Magdalen College, on her recent translation of the Omani novel *Celestial Bodies* by Jokha Alharthi, which won the 2019 Man Booker International Prize for Alharthi and Booth. A national best-seller in the United States, will *Celestial Bodies'* popularity encourage more interest in Arabic literature in translation among publishers and readers?

Coffee Break

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Ancient & Modern Oxford

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Digitization continues to make an important impact across Oxford's historic mission of teaching, research and the preservation of knowledge. Representatives from Oxford's gardens, libraries and museums will discuss and demonstrate how new technologies are being used to explore and rediscover ancient Oxford.

Closing Remarks

5:00 pm – 5:15 pm

The Vice-Chancellor will close the program and introduce a special performance by The Choir of Magdalen College, Oxford.

WANT TO KEEP HEARING FROM US?

You can update your details online at www.alumni.ox.ac.uk/account using your alumni number.

If you wish to opt out of receiving email and/or mail communications please contact enquiries@alumni.ox.ac.uk or alumni@oxfordna.org.



COLLEGE EVENTS

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

Balliol College Saturday 18 April: Drinks reception and dinner with the Master, Dame Helen Ghosh, DCB in Midtown. Contact development.office@balliol.ox.ac.uk with any questions.

Brasenose College Saturday 18 April: Drinks event at the University Club, 6:30 pm. Email development.office@bnc.ox.ac.uk to register.

Christ Church Christ Church will be holding a number of events on 16, 17 and 18 April. Details will be emailed; contact simon.offen@chch.ox.ac.uk with any questions.

Exeter College Saturday 18 April: Alumni gathering at Madison Square Park Tower, thanks to Ashwin Ranganathan (1991, PPE). For details: <https://www.exeter.ox.ac.uk/events/exeter-in-new-york/>.

Harris Manchester College Saturday 18 April: Drinks reception at 6:30 pm with the Principal, Jane Shaw (venue TBC). Contact david.nicholson@hmc.ox.ac.uk to register interest or for further details.

Hertford College Saturday 18 April: Save the date for an event hosted by Robert Lusardi (Engineering Science & Economics, 1975). More details will be available on the Hertford College website.

Jesus College Jesus College will be attending the Alumni Weekend, details TBC. Contact brittany.wellnerjames@jesus.ox.ac.uk with questions.

Keble College Thursday 16 April: 6:15-7:15 pm, Drinks reception at Andrew Hall, Saint Thomas Church Parish House. 7:30 - 10:00 pm, Keble Choir concert, conducted by Director of Music, Matthew Martin. Reception is free of charge, tickets for the concert are \$20/\$40.

Kellogg College Saturday 18 April: We look forward to celebrating Kellogg's 30th anniversary with you in New York. Dinner details TBC. Contact alumni@kellogg.ox.ac.uk with questions.

Lady Margaret Hall Saturday 18 April: Evening event, details TBC. Contact alumni.officer@lmh.ox.ac.uk with questions.

Linacre College Saturday 18 April: College alumni dinner in New York. The Principal will be attending. For indications of interest, please email lisa.smars@linacre.ox.ac.uk.

Lincoln College Saturday 18 April: Lincoln will be hosting a dinner at the National Arts Club. Drinks will start at 7:00 pm followed by dinner at 7:30 pm. Please contact jane.mitchell@lincoln.ox.ac.uk with any questions.

Magdalen College Saturday 18 April: Dinner at the University Club to mark the retirement of Professor Sir David Clary after 15 years as President. Tuesday 21 April: President in LA. Thursday 23 April: President in San Francisco. Contact alumni.office@magd.ox.ac.uk for more information.

Mansfield College Mansfield College Principal, Helen Mountfield QC, and Development Director, Tess McCormick, will be hosting a drinks reception for Mansfield alumni over the weekend. of Meeting Minds. Contact Tess at development.director@mansfield.ox.ac.uk for more details.

Merton College Friday 17 April: MC3 sponsors Mertonians at Oxford dinner at Cipriani. All RSVP/questions to sstukane@georgemckelveyco.com. Reunion weekend details in next MC3 mailing.

New College Saturday 18 April: The Warden of New College, Miles Young, will be hosting a New College dinner. Further details to follow. Contact oldmembers@new.ox.ac.uk with any questions.

Nuffield College We have reserved tables with the Warden Andrew Dilnot at the Gala Dinner at Cipriani for Nuffield alumni, former Fellows, donors and friends. To book a space, please contact the Nuffield College Development Office directly: development@nuffield.ox.ac.uk.

Oriel College The Provost Neil Mendoza, and Development Director Sean Power, will be attending the North American Alumni Weekend and hosting a dinner for Orielenses in New York. Further information to be circulated shortly. Contact Kathryn Ferguson at events@oriel.ox.ac.uk for details.



Pembroke College Saturday 18 April: We will be offering a Pembroke alumni drinks reception and hors d'oeuvres from 6:00 pm, venue to be determined. Contact development@pmb.ox.ac.uk with any questions.

The Queen's College Saturday 18 April: The Queen's College will be holding a reunion dinner in New York with our new Provost Dr. Claire Craig, CBE. More details will be available at www.queens.ox.ac.uk/NY2020.

Regent's Park College Saturday 18 April: Alumni and friends are invited to a drinks reception with the Principal at The Yale Club from 6:00 – 8:00 pm, kindly hosted by Dr. Carroll Stevens. Sunday 19 April: Informal meet-ups, TBC. For more information please contact development@regents.ox.ac.uk.

Somerville College The Principal will be hosting events for Somervillians on Saturday evening and/or Sunday. Contact alumnierevents@some.ox.ac.uk with any questions.

St Anne's College Sunday 19 April: Alumnae Brunch in New York. Email development@st-annes.ox.ac.uk for more information.

St Benet's College Saturday 18 April: Save the date for an evening reception, location TBC. Contact events@stb.ox.ac.uk with any questions.

St Catherine's College Sunday 19 April: We are delighted to be holding a special drinks reception, kindly hosted by alumna Anne Bevis Detwiler at her home from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Email development.office@stcatz.ox.ac.uk or visit www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/newyork-drinks for details.

St Cross College St Cross College alumni and friends are invited to join the Master for events throughout the weekend. Further information is available on our website, www.stx.ox.ac.uk/events.

St Edmund Hall Saturday 18 April: Save the date for a Teddy Hall New York Drinks Reception. Please email kate.townsend@seh.ox.ac.uk if you are interested in attending.

St Hilda's College Saturday 18 April: The American Friends of St Hilda's College will be hosting an event for alumnae and friends. Please register with the Development Office at development.office@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk.

St Hugh's College Saturday 18 April: St Hugh's will host a College dinner for alumni and guests at The Yale Club. Sunday 19 April: The second meeting of the St Hugh's North American Alumni Association. For further details, please contact development.office@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk.

St John's College Saturday 18 April: Save the date for an event, location and time TBC. Contact alumni@sjc.ox.ac.uk with questions.

St Peter's College Thursday 16 April: 6:30 pm – St Peter's Alumni Dinner at Bobby Van's Steakhouse. This is the first occasion for US alumni to meet the new Master, Professor Judith Buchanan. To register please email development.office@spc.ox.ac.uk.

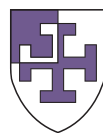
Trinity College Wednesday 15 April – Tuesday 21 April: Events in Washington, New York and Boston. Information about booking will be sent by email. See the website www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/events/north-american-events/ for details.

University College Saturday 18 April: Drinks reception and buffet kindly hosted by Ruth Chang, Professor and Chair of Jurisprudence at the University of Oxford, at her home in Soho. Contact rsvp@univ.ox.ac.uk for further details.

Wadham College Thursday 16 April: Wadham's Warden, Lord Macdonald Kt QC, in conversation with NewsGuard's Co-CEO Gordon Crovitz (Law, 1980), 6:30 pm at the Union Club. This event is kindly hosted by Martin Brand (Mathematics and Computer Science, 1995). Please contact rachel.saunders@wadham.ox.ac.uk or +44 1865 277970 to register.

Wolfson College Saturday 18 April: Join President Sir Tim Hitchens for an informal dinner in New York. Please contact the Wolfson Alumni & Development Office for further details: alumni.office@wolfson.ox.ac.uk.

Worcester College Saturday 18 April: Interim Provost, Professor Kate Tunstall 'In Conversation' with Professor Anne-Marie Slaughter at the University Club. Conversation: 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Drinks Reception 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Register your interest with omevents@worc.ox.ac.uk.



OTHER EVENTS

THURSDAY 16 APRIL

Oxford & Cambridge Boat Race Dinner in New York

Join fellow alumni for the 87th Annual New York Boat Race Dinner at the Harvard Club (35 W. 44th Street). Reception at 6:00 pm, dinner and remarks at 7:00 pm. The evening will feature lighthearted toasts from noted alumni, a "formal hall" three-course dinner, and opportunities to network with local and visiting alumni. Tickets are strictly limited to the first 150 guests; book online at www.ocbrd.org

FRIDAY 17 APRIL

Marshall and Rhodes Scholars: Informal Drinks

10:00 - 11:30 pm: The AMS and the Association of American Rhodes Scholars are pleased to invite Rhodes and Marshall Scholars to join an informal gathering for drinks at the Library Hotel (Bookmarks Lounge, 14th Floor) located at 299 Madison Ave, New York, NY 10017.

SUNDAY 19 APRIL

Saïd Business School Brunch

11:00 am - 2:00 pm: Connect with Dean Peter Tufano and network with fellow alumni to hear more about exciting School developments over an informal brunch. Contact alumni@sbs.ox.ac.uk for details.



REGISTRATION

Advance Registration is available before Thursday 9 April.
Register online at www.oxfordna.org or by calling (212) 377-4905.

Refunds are not available after Thursday 9 April.

	ADVANCE REGISTRATION Standard Rate	
Friday Night Gala Dinner at Cipriani 42nd Street	\$200 per person	
	ADVANCE REGISTRATION Standard Rate	ADVANCE REGISTRATION Reduced Rate (matriculated b/w 2014-2019)
Saturday Program at The Pierre (includes coffee breaks, Vice-Chancellor's luncheon, and 4 presentations)	\$125 per person	\$100 per person

ON-SITE REGISTRATION

Please note that on-site registration is NOT available for Friday 17 April.

Saturday 18 April

7:45 am - 3:00 pm
 The Pierre Hotel
 Garden Foyer
 2 East 61st Street at Fifth Avenue
 New York, NY 10065

Only credit cards/checks will be accepted ; rates will increase \$50 per person.



#OxNA2020



www.oxfordna.org

University of Oxford North American Office
500 Fifth Avenue, 32nd Floor
New York, NY 10110



www.facebook.com/OxfordNA



www.twitter.com/OxfordNA



www.instagram.com/oxford_na

EMAIL events@oxfordna.org

PHONE 212-377-4900

FAX 212-889-4052