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**NOTICES****Calendar**

- 2 July, *Wednesday*. Scarlet Day. Congregation of the Regent House at 10 a.m. (General Admission).  
 3 July, *Thursday*. Scarlet Day. Congregation of the Regent House at 10 a.m. (General Admission).  
 4 July, *Friday*. Scarlet Day. Congregation of the Regent House at 10 a.m. (General Admission).  
 5 July, *Saturday*. Scarlet Day. Congregation of the Regent House at 10 a.m. (General Admission).  
 9 July, *Wednesday*. Ballot of the Senate for the election of the Chancellor, online voting opens at 10 a.m.  
 12 July, *Saturday*. Ballot of the Senate for the election of the Chancellor, in-person voting in the Senate-House (see below).  
 15 July, *Tuesday*. Discussion by videoconference at 2 p.m. (see below).  
 16 July, *Wednesday*. Ballot of the Senate for the election of the Chancellor, in-person voting in the Senate-House (see below).  
 18 July, *Friday*. Ballot of the Senate for the election of the Chancellor, online voting closes at 5 p.m.

**Discussions (Tuesdays at 2 p.m.)**

15 July

**Congregations (at 10 a.m. unless otherwise stated)**

2, 3, 4 and 5 July (General Admission)

24, 25 and 26 July

Ordinary issues of the *Reporter* for the remainder of the 2024–25 academic year will be published on 9 and 30 July 2025. Issues will only be published on 16 and 23 July if needed for urgent items of business. The first issue of the 2025–26 academic year is currently scheduled for publication on 24 September.

**Discussion on Tuesday, 15 July 2025**

The Vice-Chancellor invites members of the Regent House, University and College employees, registered students and others qualified under the regulations for Discussions (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 111) to attend a Discussion by **videoconference** on Tuesday, 15 July 2025 at 2 p.m. The following item will be discussed:

1. Joint Report of the Council and the General Board, dated 30 June 2025, on student membership of the General Board (p. 695).

Those wishing to join the Discussion by videoconference should email [UniversityDraftsman@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:UniversityDraftsman@admin.cam.ac.uk) from their University email account, providing their CRSid (if a member of the collegiate University), by 10 a.m. on the date of the Discussion to receive joining instructions. Alternatively contributors may email their remarks to [contact@proctors.cam.ac.uk](mailto:contact@proctors.cam.ac.uk), copying [ReporterEditor@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:ReporterEditor@admin.cam.ac.uk), by no later than 10 a.m. on the day of the Discussion for reading out by the Proctors,<sup>1</sup> or may ask someone else who is attending to read the remarks on their behalf.

In accordance with the regulations for Discussions, the Chair of the Board of Scrutiny or any ten members of the Regent House<sup>2</sup> may request that the Council arrange for one or more of the items listed for discussion to be discussed in person (usually in the Senate-House). Requests should be made to the Registrar, on paper or by email to [UniversityDraftsman@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:UniversityDraftsman@admin.cam.ac.uk) from addresses within the [cam.ac.uk](http://cam.ac.uk) domain, by no later than 9 a.m. on the day of the Discussion. Any changes to the Discussion schedule will be confirmed in the *Reporter* at the earliest opportunity.

General information on Discussions is provided on the University Governance site at <https://www.governance.cam.ac.uk/governance/decision-making/discussions/>.

<sup>1</sup> Any comments sent by email should please begin with the name and title of the contributor as they wish it to be read out and include at the start a note of any College and/or Departmental affiliations held.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.scrutiny.cam.ac.uk/> and [https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/regent\\_house\\_roll/section1.shtml](https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/regent_house_roll/section1.shtml).

**Office of Chancellor: In-person voting arrangements**

Further details of the arrangements for in-person voting in the election of the next Chancellor are now available on the Chancellor election 2025 website.<sup>1</sup> In-person voting will take place in the Senate-House in Cambridge as follows:

- Saturday, 12 July, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. (UK time (UTC+1)); and
- Wednesday, 16 July, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. (UK time (UTC+1)).

Both the Senate-House Yard and the Combination Room will be closed on those dates. Access to the University Offices will be from Trinity Lane. Only members of the Senate voting in-person in the election and other authorised persons will be allowed to enter the Senate-House Yard during the voting period.

<sup>1</sup> The website also includes information about the candidates and online voting arrangements: <https://www.cam.ac.uk/about-the-university/how-the-university-and-colleges-work/people/chancellor/election-of-the-next-chancellor>.

## Report of the Council recommending the budget and allocations from the Chest for 2025–26: Notice in response to Discussion remarks

26 June 2025

The Council has received the remarks made at the Discussion on 16 June on the above Report (*Reporter*, 2024–25: 6787, p. 610; 6790, p. 687).

Professor Evans asks whether the Report ‘hints at’ the abolition of the Chest. The Council’s Notice published in July 2022 communicated to the University that Chest allocations would cease once a replacement for CUFS, the University’s current accounting and financial management system, is in place (at that time expected in 2025, now expected in 2027).<sup>1</sup> The Council reported to the University in December 2022 on preliminary changes to the *Statutes and Ordinances* that would prepare the ground for – but not at that stage commit the University to – removal of the Chest as a budgeting mechanism.<sup>2</sup> The Planning and Resources Committee (PRC) agreed at its meeting on 4 December 2024 that the Finance Transformation Programme could proceed to develop the new finance system without the Chest accounting methodology, consistent with the Council’s communications with the University since 2022. A further Report is likely to be published in the spring of 2026. The physical Chest has been returned to the Registry’s Office at the Old Schools.

Both the Council and the Finance Committee are scrutinising very closely the trends in non-academic staff growth summarised by Dr Jones. That scrutiny encompasses the entire University, but with a particular focus on the central professional services. The UAS response to the immediate requirement to reduce operating expenditure by 5% has included a vacant period of six months for each post that becomes vacant, pending a fuller review of the opportunities to achieve sustainable, ongoing reductions in expenditure without jeopardising the University functions acknowledged by Dr Jones.

Mr Allen and Dr Cowley both make remarks about the expected benefits of the University’s investment in the principal change and transformation programmes. Each of these – to a greater or lesser extent – creates the conditions for the University (Schools, institutions and the central bodies on which they are represented) to take decisions that can control and reduce expenditure. Better information following the implementation of EFT will inform decisions that are expected to achieve both revenue and cost improvements. The financial forecasts must, however, be circumspect about the savings – direct or indirect – that will be achieved, unless and until the Council is confident that the University wants to and will take advantage of those changed conditions.

Dr Astle observes that the staff data – published as part of the fuller set of business information that is shared with the Regent House alongside the Budget and Allocations Report – are not as granular as in some prior years. This business information is the same set prepared for the PRC and the Finance Committee to inform their consideration of the draft budget, and is also used by other University bodies (for example the Councils of the Schools) to inform their decision-making. The Council is satisfied that it is appropriate to share a consistent, single set of business information across the University, rather than reintroduce old formats specifically for the Budget and Allocations Report. As Dr Astle notes, fuller information for interested members of the University is available on the University’s Tableau server.

Dr Cowley suggests that reductions in non-Chest operating expenditure will only be applied to the specific sources of funds that are in scope of the 5% levy on income. The expectation of a 5% reduction in overall operating expenditure (excluding research grants and contracts) is unaltered from the previous Report. As the current Report explains, there is no recent precedent – and therefore limited mechanisms – for the central University to impose controls on non-Chest expenditure in Schools and institutions. Two specific mechanisms have been agreed to encourage non-Chest savings, but this does not mean that expenditure from other non-Chest sources of funds should not also be reduced. Dr Cowley suggests that the Report does not make clear the destination of the levies collected via these mechanisms; in fact the Report specifies that the forecast income is reflected in the financial forecasts as an increase in forecast Chest income, consistent with the existing indirect cost charge (ICC) on certain non-Chest sources of funds. The PRC has agreed a materiality threshold of £500k for trading income, with the consequence that the levy will not be applied to the first £500k of trading income in any department; and has also agreed a small number of exemptions, principally where the University has contractual arrangements with funders that do not allow for these mechanisms.

Dr Cowley expresses concern about the role of the Resource Management Committee (RMC), relative to the period to 2014 when he was a member of that committee. Both then and now, there is a substantial overlap between the membership of the RMC and the PRC; two of the five Pro-Vice-Chancellors, the Heads of School and the student member are members of both committees. The potential benefits of discussion among a smaller group, as indicated by Dr Cowley, must be tensioned against a risk that other members of the PRC – which (informed by the Finance Committee) sets the planning guidance for the operating budget, and recommends a budget to the Council – are excluded from that discussion.

Dr Cowley asks about the impact of the activities that have been supported via the Surplus Improvement Fund (SIF). Previous Reports have noted that the SIF has principally been an enabler of growth in Master’s-level postgraduate students. This growth is reflected in the University’s fee income, and in its fee income forecasts. As noted in previous Reports, this has generated some net financial benefit to the University, but the scale of that benefit is modest in view of the overall change required to reach a sustainable operating surplus.

The Council is submitting a Grace (Grace 2, p. 696) for the approval of the recommendations of this Report.

<sup>1</sup> *Reporter*, 6665, 2021–22, p. 607.

<sup>2</sup> *Reporter*, 6680, 2022–23, p. 214.

## VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

### Election

The following election has been made:

Professor NICOLA MARZARI, Laurea, *University of Trieste*, Ph.D., *PEM*, Professor of Theory and Simulation of Materials, *École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne*, elected Cavendish Professor of Physics with effect from 1 September 2025.

### Vacancies in the University

A full list of current vacancies can be found at <https://www.jobs.cam.ac.uk>.

**Chair of the Better Futures Programme in the Institute of Professional and Continuing Education;** consultancy contract, part-time; start date: as soon as possible and no later than 1 September 2025; closing date: 18 July 2025 at 12 noon; further details: <https://www.pace.cam.ac.uk/chair-better-futures-programme>

*The University actively supports equality, diversity and inclusion and encouraged applications from all sections of society.*

*The University has a responsibility to ensure that all employees are eligible to live and work in the UK.*

## NOTICES BY THE GENERAL BOARD

### Taught courses

The following course was omitted in error from the Schedule attached to the Ordinance for Taught Courses when a Report proposing this new Ordinance and other changes was published. If Grace 1 of 2 July 2025 (p. 696), seeking approval for that Report's recommendations, is approved, the General Board has agreed to add this course to the Schedule of taught courses to which Chapter III of Ordinances will apply.

Certificate of Higher Education in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

## REPORTS

### Joint Report of the Council and the General Board on student membership of the General Board

The COUNCIL and the GENERAL BOARD beg leave to report to the University as follows:

1. Following a governance review, the University of Cambridge Students' Union will have five (instead of eight) full-time sabbatical officers from July 2025. As a result, there will no longer be two dedicated sabbatical roles with responsibility for access and education policy for undergraduate and postgraduate students respectively. The changes to Special Ordinance proposed in this Report clarify the provisions governing the student membership of the General Board following the changes in the sabbatical officer arrangements.

2. Under the current arrangements, the appointment of student members of the General Board is *ex officio*. The existing wording of the Special Ordinance refers to the sabbatical officers with responsibility for undergraduate and postgraduate education to allow for changes in the titles of the offices. If a student member ceases to be a sabbatical officer, their place on the General Board becomes vacant.

3. The proposed wording clarifies that the sabbatical officers serving on the General Board will be those elected to hold the undergraduate and postgraduate education portfolios.

This will ensure that there is continuity in the membership of the General Board and that there continue to be student members providing undergraduate and postgraduate perspectives. Whether there are two student members or only one will depend on how the portfolios for undergraduate and postgraduate education are presented in the elections of sabbatical officers in the future. The revised wording also proposes new arrangements in the event that a student member ceases to be a sabbatical officer.

4. If these changes are approved, the President (Postgraduates) and the Vice-President (Education and Widening Participation) of the Students' Union elected in Lent Term 2025 will be the General Board's student members in 2025–26.

5. No changes to the student membership of the Council are necessary, as there remain two dedicated sabbatical officers in the roles of President (Undergraduates) and President (Postgraduates).

**6. The Council and the General Board recommend** that Section 2 of Special Ordinance A (vi) (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 71) be amended to read as follows:

2. The members of the General Board in class (d) shall be at least one and no more than two of the sabbatical officers of the University of Cambridge Students' Union who have been elected to hold the portfolio or portfolios for matters concerning undergraduate and postgraduate education *ex officio*.

Members in class (d) shall serve for one year from the commencement of their term of office as sabbatical officers of the Union in July. If a member in class (d) ceases to be a sabbatical officer of the Union before 1 January, the Union shall hold an election to elect a new sabbatical officer eligible to serve in class (d). If no sabbatical officer eligible to serve in class (d) is elected, or if a member in class (d) ceases to be a sabbatical officer after 1 January, the resulting vacancy shall be filled by another sabbatical officer appointed by the General Board from among the remaining sabbatical officers of the Union, after consulting with those sabbatical officers.

#### 30 June 2025

DEBORAH PRENTICE, <i>Vice-Chancellor</i>	JOHN DIX SHARON FLOOD	SALLY MORGAN MEZNA QATO
WILLIAM ASTLE GAENOR BAGLEY	ALEX HALLIDAY HEATHER HANCOCK	JASON SCOTT-WARREN ALAN SHORT
SUMOULI BHATTACHARJEE MILLY BODFISH	ELLA MCPHERSON SCOTT MANDELBROTE	PIETER VAN HOUTEN ANDREW WATHEY
DANIELA DE ANGELIS	EWA MAREK	GARTH WELLS

#### 30 June 2025

DEBORAH PRENTICE, <i>Vice-Chancellor</i>	PATRICK MAXWELL NIGEL PEAKE	JON SIMONS PIETER VAN HOUTEN
TIM HARPER ELLA MCPHERSON	RICHARD PENTY ALAN SHORT	BHASKAR VIRA JOCELYN WYBURD

## OBITUARIES

### Obituary Notice

Dr STEPHEN STOKER LARGE, M.A., Emeritus Fellow of Wolfson College, Emeritus Reader in Modern Japanese History, died on 24 June 2025, aged 83 years.

## GRACES

### Graces submitted to the Regent House on 2 July 2025

The Council submits the following Graces to the Regent House. These Graces, unless they are withdrawn or a ballot is requested in accordance with the regulations for Graces of the Regent House (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 111), will be deemed to have been approved at 4 p.m. on Friday, 11 July 2025. Further information on requests for a ballot or the amendment of Graces is available to members of the Regent House on the Regent House Petitions site.<sup>§</sup>

1. That the recommendations in paragraph 5 of the Second Joint Report of the Council and the General Board, dated 4 June 2025, on the review of examination regulations following the marking and assessment boycott (*Reporter*, 6787, 2024–25, p. 606) be approved.<sup>1</sup>
2. That the recommendations in paragraph 27 of the Report of the Council, dated 4 June 2025, recommending the budget and allocations from the Chest for 2025–26 (*Reporter*, 6787, 2024–25, p. 610) be approved.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See the General Board's Notice, p. 695.

<sup>2</sup> See the Council's Notice, p. 694.

<sup>§</sup> See <https://www.governance.cam.ac.uk/governance/key-bodies/RH-Senate/Pages/RH-Petitions.aspx> for details.

3. That Regulations 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Ordinance for the Veterinary Education Committee (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 144) be amended to read as follows:<sup>3</sup>

1. The Veterinary Education Committee shall consist of:
  - (a) the Head of the Department of Veterinary Medicine, or a person appointed by the Head of the Department, who shall be Chair;
  - (b) the Director of Teaching in the Veterinary School;
  - (c) the Director of Education (Medical and Veterinary Sciences Triposes) in the Faculty of Biology;
  - (d) the Secretary of the Faculty Board of Veterinary Medicine, who shall be Secretary of the Committee;
  - (e) the Chair of the Faculty Board of Biology;
  - (f) the Chair of the Faculty Board of Veterinary Medicine;
  - (g) three persons appointed by the Faculty Board of Biology from institutions contributing to teaching in years one and two;
  - (h) three persons appointed by the Faculty Board of Veterinary Medicine from institutions contributing to teaching in years three to six;
  - (i) one person appointed by the Senior Tutors' Committee;
  - (j) one person appointed by the Director of Studies Committee;
  - (k) the members of the Faculty Board of Veterinary Medicine in class (f);
  - (l) co-opted members as required by the Committee.

The Secretary of the School of the Biological Sciences and the Secretary of the Faculty Board of Biology shall have the right to attend meetings of the Committee.

2. Members in classes (g), (h), (i) and (j) shall be appointed in the Michaelmas Term to serve for four years from 1 January following their appointment.

3. It shall be the duty of the Committee to keep under review the provision of veterinary education in the University, with a view to ensuring that the pre-clinical (years one and two) and clinical (years four to six) parts of the course leading to the Vet.M.B. Degree form a coherent whole, that the balance of elements in the curriculum is appropriate, and that standards in different subjects are consistent. The Committee shall advise the Faculty Boards of Biology and Veterinary Medicine on the following matters:

- (a) matters relating to the education of veterinary students, including admissions policies, student statistics, and examination results;
- (b) matters relating to resources needed for the provision of veterinary education;
- (c) proposals for changes in the veterinary curriculum and in the relevant examinations.

The Committee shall advise the Faculty Board of Clinical Medicine on any matters relating to veterinary education which are relevant to that Faculty Board.

4. The Committee shall meet at least twice a term in each academic year. No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Committee unless at least five members are present.

4. That Regulation 3 of the Ordinance for College Accounts (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 1090) be amended to read as follows:<sup>4</sup>

3. The index referred to in the Schedule to Statute G II in relation to College contributions under Statute G II 16 shall be the Consumer Prices Index plus one per cent.

<sup>3</sup> The Council, on the recommendation of the General Board and the Faculty Boards of Biology and Veterinary Medicine, has approved amendments to the terms of reference for the Committee. The amendments update the membership and increase the frequency of meetings. References to the years of study in the pre-clinical and clinical parts of the course have also been added.

<sup>4</sup> The Council, on the recommendation of its Finance Committee and with the support of the Bursars' Committee, is proposing this change to revise the inflation index applied when assessing College contributions.

**ACTA****Approval of Graces submitted to the Regent House on 18 June 2025**

All the Graces submitted to the Regent House on 18 June 2025 (*Reporter*, 6789, 2024–25, p. 665) were approved at 4 p.m. on Friday, 27 June 2025.

**Congregation of the Regent House on 25 June 2025: Honorary Degrees**

A Congregation of the Regent House was held at 2.45 p.m. Before the Congregation, processions formed and walked through Senate-House Yard before entering the House by the East Door. Music was performed by the Cambridge University Brass Ensemble and by the choirs of Clare College and of Gonville and Caius College. The programme of music was arranged by the University Organist, Ms Sarah MacDonald, of Selwyn College, and the choirs were directed by Ms MacDonald and by Mr Tim Brown, Acting Director of Music of Clare College.

The following titular degrees were conferred by the Vice-Chancellor:

*Doctor of Law (honoris causa):*

**MARY, LADY ARDEN OF HESWALL**, D.B.E., P.C., M.A. LL.M.,

*Honorary Fellow of Girton College, sometime Justice of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, former Chair of the Law Commission, lawyer and judge*

**KATHERINE GRAINGER**, D.B.E.,

*Chair of the British Olympic Association and former Chair of UK Sport, Chancellor of the University of Glasgow, Olympic Gold Medallist, athlete and sports ambassador*

**MICHAEL OMARI OWUO JR**, better known as **STORMZY**,

*musician, philanthropist and change-maker*

*Doctor of Medical Science (honoris causa):*

**MARIA LEPTIN**, FOR.MEM.R.S., F.MED.SCI.,

*Honorary Fellow of Darwin College, Professor in the Institute of Genetics, University of Cologne, President of the European Research Council, formerly Director of the European Molecular Biology Organisation, developmental biologist and immunologist*

*Doctor of Science (honoris causa):*

**OLIVER HART**, Kt, M.A., F.B.A., *Honorary Fellow of Churchill College and of King's College, sometime University Lecturer in the Faculty of Economics and Politics, now Economics, Lewis P. and Linda L. Geyser University Professor, Harvard University, Nobel Laureate, economist*

*Doctor of Letters (honoris causa):*

**SIMON RUSSELL BEALE**, Kt, C.B.E., M.A.,

*Honorary Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, actor*

**ANGELA DAVIS**,

*Distinguished Professor Emerita, University of California Santa Cruz, Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Lenin Peace Laureate, scholar in the humanities, philosopher, author and activist*

*Doctor of Music (honoris causa):*

**JOHN RUTTER**, Kt, C.B.E., M.A., MUS.B., (HON.) F.G.C.M.,

*Honorary Fellow of Clare College, composer and conductor*

In the absence of the Orator, his speeches were delivered by a deputy, Dr Charles Weiss of Clare College, who presented the Honorands to the Vice-Chancellor:

**H**OSPITI huic nostrae quae agmen ducit, Magistri, tum cum genere uitae degendae delecto Had ius ciuile se applicabat, nescioquis crassa plane Minerua uir ‘natura’ inquit ‘ad causas dicendas non est apta mulier.’ gerrae! actutum paeniteat eos qui huiusmodi ineptias profitentur! at illa indomito animo breui tempore tanta in foro gloria florebat quantam in studiis apud nos persequendis collegerat, et in ea mehercle iuris prouincia ad negotiatorum collegia administranda pertinenti in qua usque eo omnes fere honores adipisci solebant uiri. cuius rei si argumentum poscitur, tanta erat eo tempore auctoritate ut plerumque in usu esset si quid inter negoti gubernatores de lege disputaretur, non in iudicio litigare sed hanc mulierem de controuersia dirimenda consulere. neque id mirum igitur, quod cum iurisconsulti praetextam iudicis galero permutasset, prima erat mulier cancellarii curiae adscripta, postea tertia inter summos iustituarios adscita—id quod maturius futurum fuisse traditur nisi timidi quidam dubitassent quin uxorem in eadem subsellia ac maritum admitterent.

per totum uitae cursum, in scribendo, in re iudicanda, in iudiciorum ratione ad aequiorem descriptionem redigenda, certo praecepto permota ideo enixa est ut iudicium ita exerceatur quo melius populo seruiatur. idcirco mandauit ut collocatorum praesidia, ut negoti rectorum officia, ut tota denique collegiorum lex funditus recenseretur. idcirco legatos creandos censuit qui solute et libere iudices nominarent neu feminae neue alii a magistratu exclusi deterrentur quin nomina profiterentur. neque umquam officii retinetur quominus ad Camum regressa eas quae hodie in studiis uersantur sapientissime colat. quas et exemplo uitae et sententia insigni subscripta hortatur: **PATIENTIA VINCES.**

dignissima domina, domina Procancellaria, et tota academia, praesento uobis egregiam hanc mulierem admodum honorabilem, excellentissimi ordinis Imperi Britannici dominam commendatricem, Magistram in Artibus, Magistram in Iure, Collegi Girtonensis honoris causa sociam adscitam, inter summos huius Regni iustituarios quondam adscriptam, iis quibus leges recensendae permittuntur olim praepositam, iurisconsultam et iudicem,

MARY, Dominam ARDEN de HESWALL,  
ut honoris causa habeat titulum gradus Doctoris in Iure.

*‘BEING a barrister’ — this is what our first honorand was told at the very beginning of her legal career by some evidently learned man — ‘is no job for a woman.’ What errant nonsense! That such drivel should ever find voice! But she was undaunted and soon enjoyed the same distinction among her colleagues that she had acquired in her studies — and in corporate law, no less, a field traditionally dominated by men. If proof is needed, such was her authority that it was the general practice, if a dispute arose between two companies, not to take the matter to court, but to consult her as to what should be done and to follow her opinion. Nor is it any wonder then, that when she exchanged the barrister’s silk for the judge’s wig, she was the first woman appointed to the Chancery Division, and later the third to the Supreme Court. That would have happened sooner, they say, had there not been some reticence in certain quarters about allowing a woman to sit on the same bench as her husband.*

*Throughout her career, in writing, in delivering judgements, in reforming the system of the law, she has been guided by a sure principle, that justice should be exercised in such a way as to better serve the people. It was for this reason that she instituted a review of the remedies available to shareholders and the obligations which fall upon company directors, and indeed of the whole of company law. It was for this reason that she supported the creation of the independent Judicial Appointments Commission, so that women and others under-represented among the judiciary should no longer be discouraged from putting themselves forward. Her duties have never prevented her from returning to Cambridge to advise the current generation of women studying to become lawyers. She inspires them with the example of her life and with the motto subscribed beneath her coat of arms: ‘With patience you will succeed.’*

*Distinguished Vice-Chancellor, members of the University, I present to you*

*The Rt. Hon. MARY, Lady ARDEN OF HESWALL, D.B.E., M.A., LL.M.,*

*Honorary Fellow of Girton College,*

*sometime Justice of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom and*

*former Chair of the Law Commission,*

*lawyer and judge,*

*that she may receive the title of the degree of Doctor of Law, honoris causa.*

**Α**ΡΙΣΤΟΝ μὲν ὕδωρ, ὃ δὲ χρυσὸς αἰθόμενον πῦρ  
 ἄτε διαπρέπει νυκτὶ μέγανορος ἔξοχα πλούτου·  
 εἰ δ' ἄεθλα γαρύεν  
 ἔλδεαι, φίλον ἦτορ,  
 μηκέθ' ἀλίου σκόπει  
 ἄλλο θαλπνότερον ἐν ἀμέρᾳ φαεννὸν ἄστρον ἐρήμας δι' αἰθέρος,  
 μηδ' Ὀλυμπίας ἀγῶνα φέρτερον αὐδάσομεν.<sup>1</sup>

qui uersus Cancellariam ad Procancellariam adducenti mihi occurrunt, quia

est quam nauiculis aequora Olympica  
 sulcauisse iuuat metaque palmulis  
 euitata citis, uittaque nobilis.<sup>2</sup>  
 ter spe plena manu pellitur impigra:  
 primum infestam hiemem, Cynthie, quo fugis  
 auersum referens lumina sub polum;  
 exin Palladia ad limina candida  
 celsus qua tumulus Cecropis eminet;  
 nec non te uolucris par domui cano  
 fixum iam fluuii perpetui decus.  
 ter spes decipitur, deficit et manus:  
 uirgo praeterita est, praemia lapsa sunt.  
 quarto sed duplici remigio uolans  
 cursum corripuit, Brute, ubi duxeras  
 infelix profugus moenia patria:  
 cursum corripuit, nulla subit scapha.  
 cingunt iam meritis tempora laureae  
 sertis auricomae prospera iudices!

idem scriptor alio quodam loco haec dixit quae non inepta uidentur:

νόμος ὁ πάντων βασιλεύς  
 θνατῶν τε καὶ ἀθανάτων<sup>3</sup>

est enim haec mulier non tantum ad remum prompta uerum etiam iuris prudentia erudita, nec minus ingeni acumen studiis quam certando corporis exercitationem deuouit. postero enim anno quam Olympia uicit, doctoris togam induit. nec deposita tandem palmula academia palaestram miscere desinit: quae enim summam apud Glasguenses sedem occupat, eadem iam alios ad honores lusorios petendos hortatur. si quis igitur ad cursum exercetur, siue quo fiat disputatur ut sint quibus in carcerem coniectis omnis spes libertatis sit adempta, siue gladius regi est tradendus, hanc mulierem censeo esse consulendam.

dignissima domina, domina Procancellaria, et tota academia, praesento uobis egregiam hanc mulierem, excellentissimi ordinis Imperi Britannici dominam commendatricem, laureas Olympiicas petentium societatis Britannicae praesidem, consili lusoriis exercitationibus fouendis quondam praesidem, Vniuersitatis Glasguensis cancellariam, athletam laureis Olympiicis coronatam, nuper inter proceres adscriptam,

KATHERINE GRAINGER,

ut honoris causa habeat titulum gradus Doctoris in Iure.

<sup>1</sup> Pind. *Ol.* 1.1.1–7.

<sup>2</sup> cf. Hor. *Od.* 1.1.3–5; cf. quoque orationem in Senaculo habitam a. d. v Id. Iun. anno MCMXCIV.

<sup>3</sup> Pind. fr. 169a apud Plat. *Gorg.* 484b.

**W**ATER is best, and gold, like a blazing fire in the night,  
stands out supreme of all lordly wealth.  
But if to sing of contests,  
Dear heart, is your wish,  
Look no further than the sun  
For any star warmer which shines by day through the lonely sky,  
Nor let us proclaim any contest greater than Olympia.

*As I present a Chancellor to a Vice-Chancellor, these lines of Pindar come to mind, for*

*She delights in ploughing Olympic waters,  
And speeding towards the finishing line  
On swift oars, and the noble laurel crown.  
Three times she rushes forth with tireless arms, full of hope:  
First where you flee the harsh winter, Cynthus,  
And show your face to another sky;  
Next by the shining temple of Pallas  
Where the hill of Cecrops rises tall;  
Nor do I forget the city where a bird's nest  
Stands proudly over a well-fixed river.  
Three times her hopes are dashed, her speed bested;  
Three times she is overtaken and the prize is lost.  
But the fourth time, flying on two sets of oars,  
She speeds across the course where you, Brutus,  
An unhappy exile from your homeland, had raised your walls:  
She speeds across the course, and no boat comes close.  
With well-deserved wreaths of golden laurel  
The judges crown her prosperous head!*

*The same Pindar somewhere talks of 'Law, the king of all mortals and immortals', and this line, too, seems apt, for our honorand is as skilled in the science of the Law as she is ready with the oar. Indeed, she was no less dedicated to her legal studies than she was to training for the competition, and the year after she was crowned with Olympic gold, she donned her Doctor's scarlet. She may have retired from competitive rowing, but she continues to mix the Academy and sport, for at the same time as she occupies the highest position in the University of Glasgow, she encourages others to pursue sporting honours. So, if you are training for the race; or if you want to know about the genesis of the whole-life order; or if you need a sword to be presented to a King, it is our honorand that you need to talk to.*

*Distinguished Vice-Chancellor, members of the University, I present to you*

**KATHERINE GRAINGER, D.B.E.,**

*Chair of the British Olympic Association and former Chair of U.K. Sport,  
Chancellor of the University of Glasgow,*

*Olympic Gold Medallist,*

*athlete and sports ambassador, recently to be appointed a Life Peer,*

*that she may receive the title of the degree of Doctor of Law, honoris causa.*

**S**QUALIDAE uates propra Camenae  
 laeta quo pallam tibi turba nostra  
 serica sutam cerasi coloris  
 donet habere.  
 non modis certo, numerose, tecum —  
 numquis est qui te queat aemulari? —  
 praebeo uilis tamen hosce uersus  
 supplice mente.  
 uerba cum nectis citius iocosa  
 cumque secretis canis in latebris  
 oppidi cruda celebris loquela  
 carmina saeua,  
 siue magna ui quatiuntur artus  
 rostra dum spisso pede lata pulsas  
 Daedali cinctus tunica latentis  
 pectora dura,  
 impios semper dominos lacessis  
 (Musa, quod dicam, tremebunda noris!)  
 impigro uocem repetente coetu:  
 ‘surgite, amici!’.  
 quod iuuentutem cupidam Mineruae  
 flumen ad nostrum placidum assequendae  
 sportulis nigram placet adiuuare  
 nomine opacis,  
 en, uelut uerres iaculo cietur,  
 ‘pallidum uexat’ queritur ‘popellum!’  
 pallidus censor sua qui tuetur  
 commoda iniqua.  
 huc ades uindex animose plebis  
 aspere damnis ubicumque pressae,  
 accipe has lauros uirides, poeta  
 munera digna.

dignissima domina, domina Procancellaria, et tota academia, praesento uobis egregium hunc uirum, rhapsodum numerosissimum, philanthropiae cultorem et rerum nouarum auctorem,

MICHAEL OMARI OWUO filium, uel potius STORMZY,  
 ut honoris causa habeat titulum gradus Doctoris in Iure.

**H**AIL prophet of a Grimy Muse!  
 Hurry where our joyous throng waits  
 To clothe you in a gown lined with lightest cherry,  
 Our gang sign.  
 I would not dare compete with you in rhythm —  
 Who could claim to be your equal? —  
 These meagre Latin verses I offer  
 With humble heart.  
 When with playful speed you weave  
 The language of the street,  
 The voice of your dear London,  
 In underground beats,  
 Or if with waving arms you stride  
 The great stage of Glastonbury  
 Wearing the plaintiff breastplate  
 Of a hidden artist,  
 You hold our would-be masters to account  
 (You know, O Muse, what I durst not say!)  
 And the eager crowd returns the cry,  
 ‘Rise up!’.  
 Because with #Merky help you dare  
 Support Black youth who dream to come  
 To Minerva’s temple by the banks  
 Of the quiet Cam,  
 Lo! foaming like a goaded boar,  
 The pallid guardian of his stolen privilege  
 Raves and shouts that he is wronged,  
 And calls you racist.  
 Come hither, tireless champion  
 Of a people long and ill oppressed,  
 Accept these gifts, gratefully given,  
 To a better poet.

*Distinguished Vice-Chancellor, members of the University, I present to you*

MICHAEL OMARI OWUO Jr, better known as STORMZY,  
*musician, philanthropist and change-maker;*

*that he may receive the title of the degree of Doctor of Law, honoris causa.*

**M**VSCVLA est quaedam, Magistri, Graece μελανογαστρία et δρόσον φιλοῦσα nuncupata, Mcoquorum et uinariorum hostis quippe quae fructu oleribusque permaturis adducta culinam aut apothecam inuadat et furtiuo alimento progeniem nutriat innumerabilem. tanta enim est fecunditate, et tam exiguum spatium temporis inter partum et bestiolam adultam intercedit ut una ingressa progenitrice pestis quasi Mositica oriatur! attamen tot filiarum saeculis celerrime praeterlabentibus accidit ut haec musca aliis hominibus inimica ab iis qui de uitae principiis et crescentis fetus conformatione percontantur maximi habita geneticae disciplinae regina iudicetur. accedit quod particularum genetiuarum catenae simpliciores quae quattuor modo corporibus geminatis continentur quouis pacto facilius idcirco demutantur ut lingua ab ipsa Natura quaternis litteris scripta tandem intellegatur.

nunc fatendum est hanc musculam nullos habere pulmones quibus maiorum animalium genera soleant respirare, sed ut omnibus fere insectis spiritum per cuticulae aliquammulta perparuula foramina sua sponte ingressum illic quo uariis membris sit usui alueolis quibusdam uel canaliculis diffundi. quae quidem striae, quae αἱ τραχεῖαι ἀρτηρίαι dicuntur, quomodo ex uno cellularum corio in fistulas subtiliores iterum iterumque diuisas per totum corpus producerentur, id nemo prius cognoscere poterat quam haec mulier signa quibus ductae cellulae mouerentur, multiplicarentur, in perfectam bestiolae imaginem conformarentur, per moleculas ἀκάρδιον ἄπνευμον κόχλιον dictas transmissa ad rationem reduxit. talibus rebus intellegendis, quae non modo ad entomorum naturam uerum etiam ad hominum salutem adhibent (αἱ γὰρ συντάξεις τῶν ὀργάνων ὁμόλογοι) adhibuit haec mulier τὴν φροντίδα τὴν λεπτὴν.

dignissima domina, domina Procancellaria, et tota academia, praesento uobis egregiam hanc mulierem, Regiae Societati hospitem adscriptam, Scientiarum Medicinalium Academiae honoris causa sociam adscitam, Collegio Darwiniano honoris causa sociam adscriptam, rerum genetricarum apud Colonienses professorem adscitam, Indagantium Europaeorum Concili praesidem, Officinae Europaeae ad biologiam molecularem indagandam institutae quondam praepositam, fetuum conformationis et morborum partae immunitatis indagatricem,

MARIA LEPTIN,

ut honoris causa habeat titulum gradus Doctoris in Scientiis Medicinalibus

**T**HERE is a certain tiny fly, called in Greek 'black-stomached' and 'dew-loving', the bane of cooks and winemakers, because attracted by over-ripe fruit and vegetables it invades the kitchen or the cellar to raise its countless progeny on stolen victuals. Such is its fecundity, and so little time passes between birth and adulthood, that from a single mother arises a plague of almost Biblical proportions. Thanks to this rapid reproductive cycle, for which it is so hated by others, *Drosophila* is highly valued by those who investigate the principles of life and embryonic development. Indeed, it is hailed as the queen of genetic science, since its relatively simple genome, contained in just four pairs of chromosomes, is more easily manipulated by the researcher who can thus decode the language written by Nature herself in an alphabet of four letters.

Now this fly has no lungs such as higher animals use to breathe, but in common with all insects the air enters the body through countless tiny holes in the exoskeleton and is carried by diffusion to the organs which need it through a system of channels and tubules called tracheae. The mechanism by which a single sheet of cells develops into a network of ever more finely branching vessels stretching throughout the whole body was a mystery until it was revealed by our honorand. She discovered the signals guided by which the cells migrate and proliferate and so form themselves into the anatomy of the adult — signals transmitted by molecules with strange names such as 'heartless', 'breathless' and 'corkscrew'. These processes, known to us thanks to her subtle enquiry, are not just of interest to those concerned with the development of flies, but because they have homologues also in larger organisms, are of great importance in human health and medicine.

*Distinguished Vice-Chancellor, members of the University, I present to you*

MARIA LEPTIN, FOR.MEM.R.S., F.MED.SCI.,

*Professor in the Institute of Genetics, University of Cologne,  
President of the European Research Council and  
formerly Director of the European Molecular Biology Organisation,  
developmental biologist and immunologist,*

*that she may receive the title of the degree of Doctor of Medical Science, honoris causa.*

**N**VPER ad me in somniis, Magistri, aduenit uir sapientissimus laureis nobilissimis coronatus qui ‘si quando inter negotiatores,’ inquit, ‘aliqua res contrahitur, ut si quis opificem conducit, aut cum alter merces exponit, alter uult emere, seu inter eum qui aliquid debet et eum cui debetur, quibus credis condicionibus negotium conficiatur?’

cui ego ‘iis plane,’ respondeo, ‘a fortiore uiro impositis.’

at ille ‘hoc si opinaris,’ inquit, ‘ualde erras. nam etiamsi hic auctoramenti uerba dictat, utrum fore ut condiciones imponat iudicas quas ille numquam sit accepturus, an e quibus quam maximum fiat lucrum?’

cui ego ‘ambo,’ inquam, ‘lucrum quam maximum uolent esse. et si re confecta pecunia iacet otiosa, melius poterat negotium contrahi. quae cum ita sint cauendum est, ut opinor, ut uterque certis clausulis et sententiis praescriptis ideo teneatur ne ullum sit dubium, utcumque res acciderit, quo pacto alter alterum debeat tractare.’

et ille ‘sed nonnumquam fit,’ inquit, ‘ut qui omnes euentus praeuidere non possint, huiusmodi clausulas nequeant sibi praebere, sed constituendum sit potius cui sit potestas sententiae ferendae si inter se non conuenerint. ut si qui rerum inuentor pecuniam ab aliis accipit ut nescioquid ad uenditum producat, quoniam de futuro lucro contrahi non potest, certa ratione statuendum est quantum et quotiens iis debeatur qui pecuniam collocauerant. quod si receperint, bene est. quod si non mature redditum sit, in horum prouinciam cedantur omnes quae ab utrisque opes in commune negotium collocatae sunt.’

et ego admiratione plenus, Magistri, prius experrectus sum quam consentirem.

dignissima domina, domina Procancellaria, et tota academia, praesento uobis egregium hunc uirum, equitem auratum palmis Nobelianis coronatum, Magistrum in Artibus, Academiae Britannicae Sodalem, Collegi Churchilliani necnon Collegi Regalis honoris causa socium adscitum, scholae nostrae rerum oeconomicarum quondam lectorem adscriptum, professorem Geysarianum apud Haruardianos adscitum, oeconomiae doctrinae peritissimum,

OLIVER HART,

ut honoris causa habeat titulum gradus Doctoris in Scientiis.

**R**ECENTLY I dreamt that I fell into conversation with a wise man crowned with noble laurel, who said to me, 'When some business is contracted between two sides, as between an employer and an employee, or between a buyer and a seller, or between a creditor and a debtor, on what terms do you think the deal is done?'

*'On those, obviously,' I replied, 'which the stronger party imposes on the weaker.'*

*'People often think that,' said he, 'but they are wrong. For do you suppose that one side will impose conditions which the other will never accept? Or will they choose terms which will generate the greatest value?'*

*'Both sides will want the value to be as great as possible,' said I, 'and I suppose that if, when the deal is done, there is money left on the table, then a better contract could have been written. So each party should take care that they are both bound by precise terms and conditions, in order that they know exactly how they should treat one another in whatever circumstance should arise.'*

*'But it is usually the case,' said he, 'that since they cannot foresee all eventualities, they are unable to write such terms. Instead, they need to determine who has the right to decide what should happen in the event of disagreement between them. As, for example, when an entrepreneur borrows money from investors to bring some new product to market, since it is impossible to write a contract about future profit, they should agree how much should be paid back and how often. If this payment is received on schedule, all is well and good; but if it is not, then the assets of the joint enterprise will revert to the ownership of the investors.'*

*I was full of admiration, but I awoke before I could express my agreement.*

*Distinguished Vice-Chancellor, members of the University, I present to you*

OLIVER HART, Kt, M.A., F.B.A.,

*Honorary Fellow of Churchill College and of King's College,  
sometime University Lecturer in the Faculty of Economics and Politics, now Economics,  
Lewis P. and Linda L. Geyser University Professor, Harvard University,  
Nobel Laureate, economist,*

*that he may receive the title of the degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa.*

**K**AI νῦν τί γράψω, τόνδ' ἐπαινέσαι θέλων; pari modo quaerebat Maurorum imperatoris uxor fidelis, cuius personam hospes hic noster a nonnullis primam induisse traditur. sed perperam: te enim, Amazonidum ferocissima dux, stolam quam suerat auia chryselephantinam gerens in scaenam induxit puerulus in ludo uersatus. postea magister litterarum, quamquam histrionum moribus non nihil diffidebat, numquid illecebrae ei in theatro esset rogauit. adnuit Melpomene. non respuit Thalia. arrident etiam aliae sorores. nam quamuis talium rerum spem sibi praecisam esse simularit, hic uir perfecte et plane eruditus multarumque rerum cognitione imbutus de sonis contraposis et inter se subtiliter respondentibus eadem facilitate qua de scriptoris ornatissimi Auonensis fabulis foliis mandatis potest disserere.

sed cum uel cothurnatus uel excalceatus in scaenam prodit, siue regis gibberi imperio equum permutare conatur, siue tuam, Maleuole, Catonis seuerius instar, tristiorem personam tuetur, seu etiam tuam, Graecorum trifurcifer et scabrum scelerum caput, linguam improbam assumit, tum uero raptae coronae clamores magnos excitat. uoce tantum transmissa Georgium, breuiculum et suppinguem uirum et cultu modestum, sed delatorum callidum magistrum ad nostram aetatem renouauit. quis regem Britannorum ad siparium inepte exsultantem non cachinnauit? aut quis iam equitem illum fortem non miratur qui draconem sanguinolentum a domus parietinis pellere conatur? attamen neque oratori sufficit anima qua huius uiri uita satis laudetur, neque audientibus patientia qua omnia auscultentur. nunc igitur prius tacebo quam quis de me ita queratur ut olim Hippolyta:

ὥς παῖς τις ἀύλοῖς οὔτος ἤμπλακεν λόγοις·  
φθόγγον γὰρ ἐξέπεμψε, πλημμελῆ δέ πως.

dignissima domina, domina Procancellaria, et tota academia, praesento uobis egregium hunc uirum, equitem auratum, excellentissimi ordinis Imperi Britannici commendatorem, Magistrum in Artibus, Collegio Gouuilli et Cai honoris causa socium adscriptum, histrionem,

SIMON RUSSELL BEALE,

ut honoris causa habeat titulum gradus Doctoris in Litteris.

**W**HAT should I write of this man, if I would praise him? Othello's faithful wife posed a similar question, and it is she who many people think our next honorand first played on the stage. They are wrong, however — it was as the fierce Amazon queen Hippolyta that he first appeared, wearing a dress of gold and ivory made by his grandmother, while still at primary school. Later on, his English teacher, although he harboured a certain suspicion of actors, asked if he had ever considered a career in the theatre. Melpomene smiled. Thalia did not demur. All their sisters nodded their approval. For despite his protestations that he is an academic manqué, this most erudite of men can discourse as readily upon harmony and counterpoint as upon the history of the First Folio of Shakespeare.

*But when in tragic buskins or comic slippers he takes to the stage, whether as Richard III, as stern Malvolio, or as the foul-mouthed Greek rascal, that scurvy, railing knave — then he commands the applause of the eager auditorium. On radio he has reinvented for our times the spymaster George Smiley. Who did not laugh at his King Arthur, cavorting on the comic stage? Who does not marvel when, as Ser Simon, Sir Simon defends the battered walls of Harrenhal from the Blood Wyrms Caraxes? There is neither breath sufficient to the Orator to do justice to his whole career, nor would the audience have the patience to listen. Let me then stop, before someone complains of me as once did Hippolyta, 'Indeed he hath played on his prologue like a child on a recorder—a sound, but not in government.'*<sup>1</sup>

*Distinguished Vice-Chancellor, members of the University, I present to you*

SIMON RUSSELL BEALE, Kt, C.B.E., M.A.,

*Honorary Fellow of Gonville and Caius College,  
actor,*

*that he may receive the title of the degree of Doctor of Letters, honoris causa.*

<sup>1</sup> Shakespeare, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, V, 1, 1964–65.

TAM reuerentia quam gaudio motus, Magistri, doctissimam atque eloquentissimam hanc mulierem ad uos adduco cuius nomen illustrissimum cum auditur quis non recordatur quot per annos tam acriter pugnatum sit ut omnes homines non inopia non colore non genere obstante remoto metu eadem libertatis et iuris condicione fruuntur? quo pacto in hac contentione ea non uersetur quae e pueritia uicinos spectat ob cutis colorem ui et igni domibus exturbatos? eadem quod popularium partes sequatur aliisque hominibus rerum nouarum studiosis familiariter utatur de lectura deicitur, et iudice imperante restituta iterum quia modus dicendi rectoribus displiceat dimittitur. (dignissimos credo eos esse qui linguam liberam tantummodo laudant dum quod dicitur sua intersit!) eadem rei capitalis accusata, inter infestissimas rei publicae pestes adscripta, in uincula coniecta, tandem apud iudices omnes absoluitur.

re ipsa igitur et usu docta pro iis qui uoce et praesidio carent omnibus in terris sedule et constanter et diuina quadam ui iustitiam defendit, seruituti obsistit, pro libertate propugnat. per totam uitam palmis academicis populique laudibus distinctam longum libertatis iter, quamquam sit asperum, tamen et pulchrum esse et hominum animos exhilarare posse monstrat.

iam cum ciuiles uirtutes et ipsa fundamenta liberalis ciuitatis a uiris locupletioribus labefactari uideamus, cum undique nonnullus dictaturae luteus odor exhaletur, quis est qui hominem uel libertatis amantissimum reprehendat si ad summam desperationem adductus esse uideatur? haec tamen mulier indomita, ut alius quondam gentis seruitute oppressae propugnator, arma non tradenda monet esse cum male pugnatum sit, sed omnibus incommodis, quippe quae quamlibet sint numerosa certis tamen finibus sint circumscripta, infinita quadam spe et fide obuiam eundem. et eam quae in academia uersata litteras colat, eodem tempore etiam rebus nouis et melioribus studere posse docet. neque enim accipienda quae mutare nequeamus, sed mutanda quae non accipiamus.

dignissima domina, domina Procancellaria, et tota academia, praesento uobis egregiam hanc mulierem, Vniuersitatis Californiensis Sanctae Crucis professorem emeritam illustrissimam, Academiae Artium Scientiarumque Americanae adscriptam, palmis Leninianis pacis inter gentes confirmandae coronatam, litterarum humaniorum necnon philosophiae peritissimam scriptorem, popularium causarum fautricem et propugnatricem,

ANGELA DAVIS,

ut honoris causa habeat titulum gradus Doctoris in Litteris.

**I**T IS WITH joy and reverence that your Orator presents to you this woman of erudition and eloquence, whose very name is synonymous with the long and bitter struggle for all people to enjoy without fear equality of rights and freedoms, regardless of class, of colour and of gender. How could she not be involved in that struggle, who as a girl saw her neighbours driven from their homes with fire and violence? She was dismissed from her lectureship on the grounds that she associated with Communists and other revolutionaries. When the judges ordered her to be reinstated, they fired her again because they disagreed with the way she spoke. How worthy they are, who defend freedom of speech only as long as they agree with what is said! They accused her of a capital crime; they named her among America's Ten Most Wanted; they threw her into prison; but she was unanimously acquitted by a jury of her peers.

Taught, then, by her own experience, on behalf of those the world over who lack their own voice and defence, she resolutely defends justice, she tirelessly opposes slavery, with almost divine strength she fights on behalf of liberty. Throughout her life, marked with academic honours and popular acclaim, she has shown us that the long road to freedom, although it is undoubtedly difficult, can also be beautiful and an inspiration to others.

In this present age, when we see civic virtues and the very foundations of civil society faltering under the attacks of billionaires, when the foul stench of fascism rises again across the globe, who could blame even the staunchest lover of liberty for feeling despondent? But this woman is undaunted. As once did another champion of the oppressed, she reminds us that we cannot lay down our arms when the fight becomes difficult, that we must not capitulate to finite disappointments, but meet them with infinite hope. She shows us that it is possible to be an academic, an activist, a scholar and a revolutionary. With her, then, let us resolve no longer to accept what we cannot change, but to change what we cannot accept.

*Distinguished Vice-Chancellor, members of the University, I present to you*

ANGELA DAVIS,

*Distinguished Professor Emerita, University of California Santa Cruz,  
Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences,  
Lenin Peace Laureate,  
scholar in the humanities, philosopher, author and activist,*

*that she may receive the title of the degree of Doctor of Letters, honoris causa.*

- **T**ITYRE cur peragrans solus decliuia montis  
siluestris hilari Musas meditaris auena?
- O Meliboe, caret calamus mihi peruagus aure,  
hac tamen accipiet dulcem rex nocte Camenam.

carmen illud pastorale notissimum, ad usum collegi sui scriptum, et adiuuante Collegi Regalis musicorum rectore signis et cerae mandatum, hospitem hunc nostrum, dum apud nos studia persequitur, ad Gloriam concipiendam immisit. sed forsitan initium huius uiae ab eo magistro ludi melius sit petendum, qui puerum adhortatus est ut carmina componeret. uel potius a puero ipso orationem incipere debeo cui clauicymbali plectra trudenti parentes clamore defessi praeceptorem conduxerunt. sed undecumque ingressum quaerimus, Magistri, exitum bene nouistis: summa iam gloria floret non modo in his insulis sed uix ulla est regio terrarum quo nomen eius non peruenerit, aut quae cantantium uocibus laetissimis ab eo doctis non resonet. puer ille agrestis in stabulo coram rege cecinit; huius uiri carmina inter matrimonia principum audiuntur.

quae facilliora et medio populo aperta composuit sunt qui, asperioris Musae tristes cultores, leuiores despiciant. quibus ille respondet quamquam a neotericis istis modis non abhorreat, sui tamen ingeni talia non esse componere. magistri enim illius quem supra memorauimus praeceptis pareat, qui illam colere Camenam iussit quae in corde insideret. et hic uir tam nostrae aetatis carmina ludicra intuens quam maiorum memoriae grauiore magistros, ‘canticorum scriptor,’ inquit, ‘semper mihi uisus sum. qua re turbam dimittere uelim cantillantem.’ neque ullum est dubium, Magistri, quin nouissimum nobis compositum carmen festiuum canentes hodie simus decessuri.

dignissima domina, domina Procancellaria, et tota academia, praesento uobis egregium hunc uirum, equitem auratum, excellenstissimi ordinis Imperi Britannici commendatorem, Magistrum in Artibus, Baccalaureum in Musica, Musicorum Ecclesiasticorum Collegi honoris causa sodalem adscitum, Collegio de Clare honoris causa socium adscriptum, musicorum modorum scriptorem et mesochorum,

JOHN RUTTER,

ut honoris causa habeat titulum gradus Doctoris in Musica.

- **T**ELL ME, *shepherd boy piping tunes so merrily  
On the way to Bethlehem,  
Who will hear your tunes on these hills so lonely?*
- *None may hear my pipes on these hills so lonely;  
But a king will hear me play sweet lullabies  
When I get to Bethlehem.*

*The Shepherd's Pipe Carol, written for his own College choir, and recorded and published with the help of the Director of Music of King's College, launched the career of our final honorand while he was still a student here in Cambridge. Or it may be that we should begin with the schoolmaster who encouraged him to write his own songs. Then again, perhaps I should start my speech with the boy himself, banging away at the keys of his piano until his weary parents found him a teacher. Wherever the journey began, the destination is well-known: his fame extends not just to these islands but the whole world, and there is nowhere that does not resound with voices raised to sing his carols. The boy in the song played for a king in a stable; this man's music is played at royal weddings.*

*Because he writes music accessible to ordinary people, there are some, severe adherents of a difficult Muse, who dismiss it as popular. To them our honorand replies that while he does not dislike the cutting-edge styles, his gift is not for writing that kind of thing. For he obeys the precept of his schoolmaster, to write the music that is in his heart. Looking as much to the composers of Broadway as the masters of the classical era, 'I regard myself as a songwriter first,' he says, 'and you expect a songwriter to send you away humming a tune.' Nor is there any doubt that today we will depart the Senate-House humming the festive sarabande which he has composed especially for this Congregation.*

*Distinguished Vice-Chancellor, members of the University, I present to you*

**JOHN RUTTER**, Kt, C.B.E., M.A., MUS.B., HON. F.G.C.M.,

*Honorary Fellow of Clare College,  
composer and conductor,*

*that he may receive the title of the degree of Doctor of Music, honoris causa.*

E. M. C. RAMPTON, *Registrar*

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Elected into the Munby Fellowship in Bibliography (Title D) for two years from 1 October 2025:

Grace Exley, M.A., M.Sci., *MUR*

Elected into the Lloyd Dan David Fellowship (Title D) for three years from 1 October 2025:

Yumi Suzuki, B.A., *Chuo*, M.A., M.A., *Durham*,  
Ph.D., *Hong Kong*

**Vacancies**

*Corpus Christi College*: William Cook Early-Career Research Fellowship and College Lectureship in Economics; tenure: up to four years from 1 January 2026 (or earlier if possible); stipend: £40,497; closing date: 6 August 2025 at 12 noon; further details: <https://www.corpus.cam.ac.uk/about/opportunities/academic-vacancies/>

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**EXTERNAL NOTICES****Oxford Notices**

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for distinguished performance in the area of statistics

and

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for distinguished performance in the area of probability

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