The Newsletter of St Antony’s College 2020

Antonians on the Pandemic Frontline

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When I look back at my very letter in the 2019 Antonian magazine, it feels as if I was living in a parallel universe.

I now need to place on record the positivity of the incoming and returning students (around 100 in total) who stayed in college throughout the summer. ‘Lockdown generation’, those students, were based in our temporary buildings – the ‘Hilda Besse Box’ – while the refurbishment of the Hilda Besse got under way.

And then, of course, came the pandemic. Within a few weeks, the college was in lockdown with some students unable to return home and others unable to get back to Oxford; teaching moved online; research facilities and libraries were closed down as were all catering facilities. Two-thirds of the college staff went on furlough as all college activities were put on ice. I have referred elsewhere to the resilience of the ‘lockdown generation’, those students (around 100 in total) who stayed in college throughout the summer. I have referred to the extraordinary lengths the college sports teams built on the impressive record they have developed in recent years and the Men’s Football team won Cuppers for the first time in their history. The College established a new postdoctoral programme with Tsinghua University, which was selected as the home for the Europaeum network of leading European universities; increased the number of Masters and Doctoral scholarships it was able to offer to nearly thirty; and, elected then-Sub Warden, David Johnson, to be Junior Proctor for the proctorial year 2021-22.

Despite the pandemic, the College has continued to review its role in the world and its responsibility to provide a model of best practice. We continue to offer SCR membership to members of the university staff without a college attachment (normally early career postdocs and departmental lecturers) about which I write more elsewhere in the newsletter. We have established an external Standing Committee on Diversity and Equality to monitor and audit the college’s performance in all of its activities in this area. With strong support from the GCR, we have set up a Sustainability Working Group and already approved a number of changes for when we fully reopen such as Meat-Free Mondays and a vegetarian default when signing up for special dinners, with fish and meat available only on request. We recognise that there is much more to do in all of these areas and we look forward to developing these programmes in the coming year.

It is very sadly necessary to record the passing in the last few months of some of the most important figures in the College’s history: Emeritus Fellows, Derek Hopwood, Tony Nicholls and Ann Waswo and Honorary Fellows, Nemir Kirdar and Sadakko Ogata. We are determined to hold proper memorial events for them all once circumstances allow. Jan Zielonka and Toby Matthiessen both left the Governing Body – after fifteen and five years respectively – to take up positions elsewhere and we hope to be able to thank them more formally for all their service to the college at the next Governing Body Dinner. More happily, we were delighted to welcome the arrival of our new Bursar, Dr Tanay Baldwin, who was already known to many in the College and has settled in impressively quickly.

The pandemic has had on the college finances, this support has never been more appreciated. Put simply, it means that we will come out of the current pandemic crisis with the Hilda Besse and landscaping projects completed and still able to maintain our former level of research and teaching activity.

Professor Roger Goodman

Letter from the Warden
In Memoriam

In the academic year 2019-20, the College noted with sorrow the passing away of several Fellows of the College. Click on their names for the full obituaries on the College website.

Nemir Kirdar (Honorary Fellow), passed away on June 8, 2020. As Warden Roger Goodman reflected, ‘future college histories will record [Mr Kirdar] as one of our greatest and most generous benefactors.’ Mr Kirdar was elected as an Honorary Fellow in 2009, after being introduced to the College by his daughter Serra (DPhil Education, 2004). In 2015, he became a Fellow in 2009, after being introduced to the College by his generous benefactors.’ Mr Kirdar was elected as an Honorary Fellow in 2009, after being introduced to the College by his daughter Serra (DPhil Education, 2004). In 2015, he became a Fellow in 2009, after being introduced to the College by his

dramatic and numerous charity projects. His initial approach to the College was to support an already established project, the Middle East Centre. It was Nemir Kirdar who was instrumental in securing funding from Nissan for the establishing of the Centre in 2009. Not only did Nemir Kirdar fund the Centre, he was also instrumental in providing funding for the construction of the middle east centre’s main building, the Nemir Kirdar building. In 2017, the middle east centre marked its 10th anniversary, and it was only fitting that Nemir Kirdar was present to celebrate this milestone.

Sadako Ogata (Honorary Fellow) died in October. 2019. She had a distinguished academic and diplomatic career, before being named an Honorary Fellow of the College in 2002. Before then, Dr Ogata was part of the UN High Commission for Human Rights (UNHCR), and worked to support refugees after the Gulf War, Yugoslav wars and Rwandan genocide. In 2001, she became co-chair of the UN Human Security Commission.

Jan Zielonka elected Emeritus Fellow

Professor Jan Zielonka, Professor of European Politics and Ralf Dahrendorf Fellow, was in March 2020 unanimously elected to an Emeritus Fellowship by the College Governing Body. Professor Zielonka’s recent books have included Counter-Revolution: Liberalism in Retreat (2018), Is the EU Doomed? (2016) and Europe as Empire. The Nature of the enlarged European Union (2006), the first of which won the University Association for Contemporary European Studies prize for best book of 2019.

Margaret MacMillan joins Council of Foreign Relations

Professor Margaret MacMillan (Honorary Fellow and Former Warden) has joined the Council on Foreign Relations as Visiting Distinguished Historian. Professor MacMillan will join the David Rockefeller Studies Program at the Council.

Black Lives Matter

The Warden and the Governing Body issued statements and took action in light of the Black Lives Matter movement in the summer of 2020. The full statements of each can be found here.

In brief, the Warden expressed his ‘total dismay and horror’ at the killing of George Floyd, and, whilst signing a joint statement with other Heads of House that appeared in the Guardian newspaper, promised action and governance change to improve black and minority ethnic inclusion in the University.

The Governing Body concurred with these statements and agreed the proposed action points, which included implicit bias and race awareness training for staff and students, the collection of data on gender and race wage gaps at the College, the prioritisation of raising funds for scholarships for black British students, and measures to encourage shortlisting of BAME candidates for academic positions.

Further obituaries and notices can be found here: sant.ox.ac.uk/about-st-antony's/obituaries

Professor Wins Book Prize

Professor Takehiko Kariya, Professor in the Sociology of Japanese Society, has won the Humanities and Social Sciences Prize of the 74th Mainichi Shuppan Bunka Sho (The Mainichi Publication Culture Prize), for his book ‘Who killed Japan’s Modernity? What Comes after ‘Catch-Up’?’. It is the prize that celebrates each year the best book published in the field of humanities and social sciences in Japan.

The College Warden, Professor Roger Goodman, commented: ‘This is fantastic and very well-deserved news on which many congratulations.’

New Honour for Bridget Kendall

Bridget Kendall (Honorary Fellow; Modern Languages, 1980) has been elected to an Honorary Fellowship of the British Academy. The Academy described Ms Kendall as a ‘broadcaster and writer with a particular interest in Russia, international diplomacy and security, and promotion of language learning.’ She was one of four new Honorary Fellows elected to the British Academy in July 2020.
President Faure of the Seychelles was welcomed to the Centre.

Asian Studies Centre

The Centre hosted 23 events in 2019-20, only some of which were impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. Highlights from Michaelmas Term 2019 included the India Mental Health Conference. This took place over two days in October and brought together a number of approaches on care and wellbeing in contemporary India. Additionally in Michaelmas, Dr Talat Ahmed lectured on Mahatma Gandhi at 150. Hilary Term saw the launch of the India-Oxford Initiative (IndOx), a cross-disciplinary platform at the University of Oxford aiming to promote multidisciplinary research and academic collaboration between the Indian subcontinent and Oxford.

Lord Green of Hurstpierpoint introduced his book East, West and the Search for Universal Values in November, which considered whether the world viewed the two superpowers – China and America (the one fundamentally Confucian, the other essentially individualistic) – can be brought together constructively in the face of rising tensions.

European Studies Centre

The Centre hosted 42 events in 2019-20, and continues to host events virtually during the pandemic. We said farewell to ESC fellow Professor Jan Zielonka, who has now retired. A conference was held in his honour in February 2020, comprising of several panels to highlight the areas of research to which he has contributed. The Centre’s Annual Lecture was deferred to October 2020, and was given this time online by Professor Vivien Schmidt of Boston University. She spoke on ‘EU legitimacy’.

Latin America Centre

Michelinas opened with an inaugural lecture by Rodrigo Cabrera, President of the Central Bank in Costa Rica. Migration, global populism, social media, drugs, and the wave of social protests were among the subjects discussed in certain seminars every week – one of the talks on ‘Mosquitoborne viruses in the Americas’, on 31 January, turned out to be an early, indeed frightful encounter with the expansion of Covid-19. Similarly, our history seminar met as usual every Thursday, followed by our traditional dinner at Manos. Our Brazilian Studies Programme put together an excellent conference on informality. Other events included a memorable talk by the Argentine writer Martín Caparrós.

Then the coronavirus hit us. Some if not most of us were forced to adapt to the wonders of virtual meetings as ‘remote teaching’ entered our agendas. The LAC was more active than ever, reaching and engaging with a wider and global audience. It is important not to allow the current crisis to cast a full shadow over what was a year of achievements.

Adapted from the Latin American Centre’s Annual Horizontes newsletter – which can be read in full here.
One of the most striking features of 21st century international politics has been the widespread calls to protect civilisation in danger. Since the shock of 9/11, the ‘fight for civilisation’ has suffused the speeches of American Republicans. Party presidents from George W. Bush to Donald Trump, in connection with the ‘war on terrorism’, and recent events in Europe have prompted numerous politicians to sound the alarm about European civilisation under siege. Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, for example, has repeatedly proclaimed that refugees from the Middle East and North Africa imperil Europe’s ‘Christian roots’ and would forever alter Europe’s civilisation; political figures in Poland, Austria, Holland, Denmark and Germany have voiced similar anxiety about Europe’s fragile frontiers, cultural identity and ‘Christian civilisation’ under mortal threat. No less distressing, the last few years have witnessed the racist rampaging of the defence of ‘white civilisation’ under threat as a clashing call for the Radical Right across Europe and North America. The tagline of civilisation in crisis is being regularly exploited, in part because its meaning is elastic enough to encourage a wide variety of actors and identified menaces. These developments are usually lumped together as fearful reactions to post-industrial globalization, but the national politicking associated with repurposing cultural identities at risk goes back decades.

This book explores how changing views of civilisation underpinned the possibilities of identity in a era of defeat, division and decolonisation. In the aftermath of the world wars, the understanding of civilisation was neither straightforward nor predictable, especially given the term’s heavy historical baggage. The idea of civilisation has been one of the most unstable elements of European politics and culture since the 18th century, a legacy infused with imperialist ‘civilising missions’, racism, war-making and various domestic social engineering projects from the late 19th century onwards. Our book is about Europe’s new civilisation under siege. Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, for example, has repeatedly proclaimed that refugees from the Middle East and North Africa imperil Europe’s ‘Christian roots’ and would forever alter Europe’s civilisation; political figures in Poland, Austria, Holland, Denmark and Germany have voiced similar anxiety about Europe’s fragile frontiers, cultural identity and ‘Christian civilisation’ under mortal threat. No less distressing, the last few years have witnessed the racist rampaging of the defence of ‘white civilisation’ under threat as a clashing call for the Radical Right across Europe and North America. The tagline of civilisation in crisis is being regularly exploited, in part because its meaning is elastic enough to encourage a wide variety of actors and identified menaces. These developments are usually lumped together as fearful reactions to post-industrial globalization, but the national politicking associated with repurposing cultural identities at risk goes back decades.

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Books from Fellows

Professor Archie Brown (Emeritus Fellow) The Human Factor: Gorbachev, Reagan, and Thatchers, and the End of the Cold War Oxford University Press, 2020

A major contribution to understanding why and how the Cold War ended in the second half of the 1980s – and of the distinctive impetus of the parts played in that process by Mikhail Gorbachev, Ronald Reagan, and Margaret Thatcher.

Professor Simukai Chigudu (Associate Professor of African Political Science) The Political Life of an Epidemic: Cholera, Crisis and Citizenship in Zimbabwe Cambridge University Press, 2020

This book focuses on the issue of change in political parties or outside the party system, involving citizen participation and mobilization.

Professor Rosemary Foot (Emeritus Fellow) China, the UN, and Human Protection: Beliefs, Power, Image Oxford University Press, 2020

Why is it that a conservative state-centric actor such as China has become more actively engaged with a United Nations that is attempting to widen its definition of security to emphasize protection for individuals? In stake in the questions are both how we understand Beijing as a participant in shaping global order, and the future of some of the core norms which constitute that order.

Diana Galeva (Academic Visitor) Post-Brezhnev Europe and UK: Policy Challenges towards Iran and the GCC, States, and National Interests Cambridge University Press, 2020

This book discusses how tensions and unknowns may impact future relations between a post-Brezhnev UK, the EU and the countries of the Gulf, including Iran. The authors of this book consider in different ways whether British and EU27 relations with the Gulf States may change or whether the traditions and the weight of their history reinforce the pre-existing patterns of these relationships.


This book examines how such universities in Japan have negotiated a period of demographic decline since the 1990s, and how they have experimented in restructuring and reform, the diverse experiences of those who worked and studied within them and, above all, their unexpected resilience. It argues that this resilience derives from a number of ‘inbuilt’ strengths of family business which are often overlooked in conventional descriptions of higher education systems.

Professor Dominic Johnson (Alastair Buchan Professor of International Relations) Strategic Instincts: The Adaptive Advantages of Cognitive Biases in International Politics Princeton University Press, 2020

A widespread assumption in political science and international relations is that cognitive biases are detrimental and responsible for policy failures, disasters, and wars. Strategic instincts challenge this assumption, explaining that these non-rational behaviours can actually support favourable results in international politics and contribute to political and strategic success.

Professor Sho Komishi (Associate Professor of Modern Japanese History) Japan’s Russia: Challenging the East-West Paradigm Cambria, 2020

Defying the dichotomies of East and West, civilization and uncivilized, nature and culture, civilization, colonizer and colonized, and associated conceptual vocabularies and approaches, this volume transcends our ways of knowing Japan and Russia and their cultural relations in modern history.

Dr Carol Leonard (Emeritus Fellow) Agrarian reforms in Russia, Dnepr za rabotu Udo, 2019

This Russian translation of Agrarian Reform in Russia: The Road from Serfdom examines the history of reforms in Russian agriculture, including the abolition of serfdom in 1861, the Stolypin reforms, the NEP, and finally, the privatization of agricultural enterprises in the early 1990s. The author reviews the reasons for reform and assesses their long-run impact on agricultural productivity.

Professor Margaret MacMillan (Honorary Fellow, former Warden) War: How Conflict Shaped Us Profile Books, 2020

In War, bestselling author Margaret MacMillan explores the deep links between society and war and the questions they raise. All wars were different and often over greater distances and for longer. In turn, war has brought huge changes to society, for better and worse.

Dr James McMullen (Emeritus Fellow) The Worship of Confucius in Japan Harvard University Press, 2020

This book has been reprinted in a special politically charged ritual in the Sinicised polities of East Asia for well over a millennium. This full-length monograph provides a diachronic survey of rite in Japan. It argues that in Japan the liturgy tended to be significantly re-interpreted, chiefly as a cultural performance.

Professor Rachel Murphy (The Chair in Chinese of China’s Great Migration Cambridge University Press, 2020

In China in 2018 over 200 million rural migrants worked away from their home villages, fuelling the country’s rapid economic boom. In the 2020s most rural children had at least one parent who had migrated without them, while nearly half had been left behind by both parents. Rachel Murphy draws on her longitudinal fieldwork to explore the experiences of these left-behind children.

Professor Ian Neary (Emeritus Fellow) (Translator) A History of Discriminated Buraku Communities: Japan and the Unfinished Renaissance Books, 2019

This book probes what accountability efforts and how the Cold War ended in the second half of the 1980s – and of the distinctive impetus of the parts played in that process by Mikhail Gorbachev, Ronald Reagan, and Margaret Thatcher.

Professor Leigh A. Payne (Professor of Sociology) (co-author) Transitional Justice and Corporate Accountability fromBelow: Deploying Archimedes’ Lever Cambridge University Press, 2020

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Dr Miles Tendi (Associate Professor in African Political Studies) The Army and Politics in Zimbabwe Cambridge University Press, 2020

An illustrious African liberation fighter in the 1970s and, until his suspicious death in 2011, an important figure in Robert Mugabe’s ruling ZANU PF party in Zimbabwe, this first full-length biography of General Solomon Mujuru or Rex Nhongo throws much needed light onto the opaque elite politics of the 1970s liberation struggle, post-independence army and ZANU PF.
Reflecting on the Year

GCR President Josh Parker-Allen (MPhil Development Studies, 2019) looks back on an extraordinary year for the student body.

The bar in the Hilda Box

Antoniads responded well to the uncertainties of the pandemic, with the large contingent that remained resident in Oxford throughout the worst of it having successfully built their own sense of community as the rest of the city emptied. Many also attended the successful Rhodes Must Fall rallies outside Oriel College, while other Antonians around the world were active in Black Lives Matter and decolonisation protests around the world. Sadly many of our graduating College members were deprived of an in-person graduation this year (though I would imagine many of them were grateful not to be forced to sit exams in sub-fusc), and for many students – particularly those on one year programmes – the pandemic somewhat curtailed their Oxford experiences. However, we hope to welcome them all back to St Antony’s in the near future when it is safe to do so, and to make sure all those moving on to better and brighter things.

Over the summer, the committee has also been hard at work – alongside College preparing for a new intake of students. Given the circumstances, this has been quite the challenge, but we hope to be able to give these new members of our community a truly Antonian experience nevertheless, and to ensure that their time with our College is as great as it has been for years’ past. I look forward to updating you all next year on how this proceeds and on further exciting developments, including the reopening of the now-asbestos-free Hilda Besse.

Our Head Chef

Andrew Tipton is the Head Chef at St Antony’s, and an award-winning one at that. We caught up with him to discuss an unprecedented year – from decanting his kitchen to the temporary Hilda Box, to the onset of a pandemic – not to mention changing student tastes. We talked growing up in Oxford College kitchens, serving Presidents and the importance of sourcing locally.

We’ve worked almost every day since the pandemic – providing meals for key staff, takeaways for students

As acting Head Chef at Unite it was up to him to feed 100 students per High Table – ‘We fed lots of important people,’ he smiles, ‘Bill Clinton, John Major, Tony Blair – it was an important job, and I was only 30 at the time, quite young for the role.’

Before long, it was time to branch out as Head Chef proper, getting to know his own kitchen. He was snapped up by St Antony’s, and soon turned it into an award-winning team. ‘Every year in Oxford there are the Oxford Restaurant Awards, and in 2016 they introduced a new award for the best College dining room. We had to cook for a panel of three judges. It was spring when the panel came into College, and Andrew picked some wild garlic on the way into work. ‘We did a very seasonal menu, and we talked them through what they were eating, and why they were eating it in spring in Oxford.’ At a black-tie awards dinner, St Antony’s beat St Anne’s to the prize, ‘My proudest moment as Head Chef,’ Andrew beams.

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St Antony’s win the Cup!

We were extremely proud that St Antony’s Football Club won ‘Cuppers’ in 2020, the University’s famed cup competition, beating Corpus/Linacre 2-0 in the final.

Before the match had even started, all ingredients for a memorable match were present. The weather was good, no rain, and we played at Iffley Sports Stadium, a promotion from our usual home ground at University Parks. After warm-up, we jogged back inside for a quick team talk, motivational speeches from Auguste and others, before the referee asked us to line up to walk onto the pitch. Some of us laughed: this seemed way too serious for a game at our level. However, that mood changed quickly, when we walked out onto the pitch and were met by a roar of excitement from more than 50 supporters. “The last time that these many fans attended one of my games, Bill Clinton was still president”, goalkeeper Owen muttered. This was probably as close to a Champions League final as we could get.

The match itself started well for St Antony’s. Our front four, (Jac, Haithem, Twan, and Dexter) pressed the Corpus/Linacre back line, disrupting their build-up play and resulting in a lot of long balls into midfield. There, defensive midfielders Pat and Andreas were able to pick up the loose balls, keeping the pressure off our defence (Dominic, Auguste, Lukas, Olivier). Nevertheless, although St Antony’s was in possession, clear opportunities were scarce, and something special was needed to break the deadlock. That something arrived around the 30th minute, when right-back Dominic whipped a free kick into the box. The ball was headed through, and dropped to Andreas near the second post. Calm and composed, he controlled the ball and hammered it home from close range. 15 minutes of concentrated defending followed, St Antony’s went to the half-time with a 1-0 lead at half-time.

However, the second half was a lot more chaotic. Corpus/Linacre had clearly learnt some lessons in the first half, and played a lot more sensibly at the back. Suddenly, closing the midfield spaces became very difficult for us, as our opponents patiently played the ball around, waiting for a gap to open up in our defence. Luckily, tight defending on our side kept them away from the box, and several dangerous set-piece plays were smothered by quick anticipation and reflexes from goalkeeper Owen. Moreover, as Corpus/Linacre felt that the final whistle was drawing near, they pushed up, leaving large spaces behind their defensive line. With ten minutes left to play, central attacking midfielder Twan chanced a long ball over the top of the Corpus/Linacre defence. Just when the defender seemed to have the ball under control, Twan flicked the ball away from him and decided to test the keeper straight away with a volley from the edge of the box. The keeper deflected, and the ball flew into the net, doubling the St Antony’s lead. With renewed energy, we defended bravely for the final ten minutes until the final whistle. A great win for St Antony’s, a really good effort from the squad, defended bravely for the final ten minutes until the final whistle. A great win for St Antony’s, a really good effort from the squad, defended bravely for the final ten minutes until the final whistle. A great win for St Antony’s, a really good effort from the squad, defended bravely for the final ten minutes until the final whistle.

We love hearing from our alumni and seeing you all at our events.

Antonian Project wins SU Prize

The Beers and Tears project, supported by the Antonian Fund, and devised and run by Dexter Docherty (MSc Evidence Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation, 2019) won the ‘Never Too Small Award’ at the 2020 Oxford Student Union (SU) awards. The citation reported that “men’s mental health often goes forgotten. By setting up the ‘Beers and Tears’ group, Dexter has encouraged male students to speak out, breaking stigma and improving the wellbeing of many students.” You can support the Antonian Fund and enable students to carry out projects like this, here.

Support the Antonian Fund

The Antonian Fund supports the College’s sports teams, including the cup-winning Football Club and the Boat Club, as well as academic mainstays like St Antony’s International Review (STAIR) and the Oxford Middle East Review (OMER). It also supports welfare and social projects that improve College life such as the award-winning Beers and Tears, the Yoga club and the Brewing Society and realises student-led ideas to improve their College experience.

The Fund has continued dispersing awards during the recent lockdown, as it is more important than ever to give our students the support they need to enjoy their time at the College during unprecedented challenges.

In Michaelmas Term 2020, the fund supported six projects, including the Gardening Club. The Fund is entirely alumni-supported – every pound donated will be made available to our students. To see our recent awards, please check this page, and to find out more about the Fund, and how you can donate, click here.
Antonians on the Covid-19 Frontline

The Coronavirus has changed our lives and upended much of our work in 2020. However, we were proud that Antonians around the world were continuing to make a difference. We spoke to three Antonians who served their communities on the frontline of the virus in different ways.

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Antonian Women in Business

St Antony’s has long been a training ground for global leaders. This year, we spoke with three Antonian women at the forefront of their industries about their careers and the particular challenges faced by women in the corporate world.

Sophia Copeman
(MPhil International Relations, 2008; Partner at Perrett Laver, Global Non-Profit Practice.

After studying for my MPhil with Professor Avi Shlaim at the Middle East Centre, I was not sure what to do next. I worked briefly as a parliamentary assistant in the House of Lords, before a series of encounters through my professional network introduced me to executive search, which provided the opportunity to combine my intellectual curiosity with relationship building that I had been looking for.

Perrett Laver employs a high number of women in leadership roles and as a firm we have a commitment to achieving greater gender balance through our appointments. We have honest conversations with our clients about what diversity means to them and to understand the challenges their organisations are facing. We have crunched the numbers and found that if we can get female candidates onto a shortlist, they are more likely to be chosen for the role than the male candidates they are competing with. Part of our responsibility is not just advocating to our clients to consider the women in their existing applicant pool, overcoming unconscious biases and getting them to understand why diversity is good for their business - but also about encouraging women with the right skillset and potential to apply for roles and stewarding them through the process.

Fortunately, these days I am having far fewer conversations with all-male boards who would, in days gone by, have dismissed female candidates as too ambitious or too inexperienced. However, gender balance is not enough – we need to take a much wider view. For example, you cannot just bring women or people of different backgrounds into a majority male or majority white culture: we also need to create an environment in which diverse talent can thrive. The NGOs that I work with are socially conscious workplace environments which in turn attracts a diverse talent. My work with McKinsey was most depressing in Africa. This has been most depressing to me.

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Earlier this year, I became Chief Strategy Officer of Anthem, a leading health benefits company, based in Indianapolis. Although women are well represented in the healthcare workforce, they are not usually in leadership. Anthem is unusual in having a female CEO and female Board Chair. Our commitment to diversity in geographies, race, gender, age and forty and good business. Diverse perspectives make for better business decisions and people value qualities that are familiar to them. Seventy-six per cent of our workforce are women and forty-nine per cent of our Anthem colleagues are people of colour; we monitor the composition and experiences of our workforce; we insist on balanced candidate pools; and we work actively against unconscious bias.

One positive aspect of Covid-19 has been the intrusion of people’s private lives into their professional lives as we work from home and meet over Zoom. This has enabled many women carry, prompting us to think how we can better accommodate their needs. So, I am cautiously optimistic. But I worry that the pace of change is still slow, and there is a danger of stagnation, leadership fatigue, and the intrusion of other priorities. Encouraging diversity is key to long term business sustainability, and we can never afford to ignore it.

It is not just about social responsibility; there are sound business reasons why it is important to have women strongly represented at the board and executive level.

Bryony Winn
(MPhil Development Studies, 2007; SVP and Chief Strategy Officer, Anthem.

Originally from Zimbabwe, I came to St Anthony’s as a Rhodes Scholar after undergraduate studies in South Africa. I had always wanted to do work with social impact, and believed in harnessing the immense power of the private sector for public goals. So I joined McKinsey’s healthcare practice, tackling such issues as how to attract more capital into healthcare for undererved groups.

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Anna Yip
(MPhil Management Studies, 1993; DPhil Management Studies 1995); Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, SmarTone Telecommunications.

After studying in Hong Kong and Singapore, I was offered a scholarship by Swire Charitable Trust to read Management Studies at St Anthony’s. My father actually wanted me to study English literature or music but I had always been more interested in business. After my DPhil I started with McKinsey & Company in Hong Kong, before transferring to the London office for a few years. One of the most remarkable things about McKinsey was how they maintain a consistent work style across offices around the globe. However, there were definitely cultural differences between clients that would require me to adapt my approach depending on who I was working with.

After working at McKinsey I moved to United Overseas Bank, one of the major Asian banks based in Singapore, to take up the role of Managing Director for Strategy and Planning. After that, I joined MasterCard Asia Pacific and became Head of Hong Kong and Macau.

In the part of Asia I come from (Hong Kong and Singapore) while it is not unusual at all for women to hold leadership positions in business and finance, the technology sector is generally more male dominated, particularly on the engineering side. After becoming the CEO of SmarTone, which is a Hong Kong-based telecommunication service provider, I heard the efforts to encourage more female students and graduates to join the tech sector. One of the things we have done is to partner with selected media and attend education fairs to provide CEO shadow opportunities to female university students. We also provided opportunities to girls from underprivileged districts to become secondary school interns in our Engineering Department during summer months to work on cell sites with experienced engineers.

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Research shows that companies with more women at senior levels – and at SmarTone about forty per cent of senior positions were held by women – generally perform better. It allows a firm to build a healthier, more socially conscious workplace environment which in turn attracts a wider pool of talent.

If I were asked what would be the one tip that I would give to follow Antonians on building their career, men or women, I would say ‘find a mentor’. It is never easy to navigate in an organisation, particularly when one is new, so finding someone with a lot more experience and who can give guidance to you matters a lot. This type of relationship also needs cultivation - it does not happen overnight. Be aware that every encounter is a potentially important experience and opportunity for you to know someone, and for someone to know you.
The New Senior Common Room System

The Senior Common Room (SCR) system has been reformed and now includes College Advisors – as Warden Roger Goodman, Registrar Filiz McNamara, and the Advisors themselves explain.

In October 2000, the University of Oxford implemented a governance change which, probably more than any other in the past forty years, explains why it now widely ranks as the world’s No. 1 university. Put very simply, the university moved into a mode of resource distribution from being top-down and centralised to being bottom-up and decentralised. Before 2000, all teaching and research income in the university went into a big pot and was redistributed to departments on a historical basis (the previous year’s budget plus an annual uplift). In this model, there was no incentive to take on extra students or research projects since the funds that came with those students and research projects were shared with departments which did not do it. It was in order to counter these disincentives – which were making the university increasingly sclerotic and unable to start up new ventures – that, overnight, the university introduced an ‘as-earned model’ which meant departments kept all the money that they earned for taking on extra students and research and, in return, they paid for services from the central university.

The impact of this governance change was almost immediate. Departments which had long wanted to increase their number of graduate students, especially in social sciences and humanities, began to do so energetically. Within a decade, the absolute numbers had doubled and by 2018 Oxford had more graduates than undergraduates for the first time in its history. Research income grew even faster, tripling over just a decade. The increase in graduate students led to the appointment of large numbers of Departmental Lecturers (DLs) on fixed-term contracts brought in to help with their teaching; the increase in research income brought with it an even greater increase in fixed-term contract research staff (CRS) and postdoctoral researchers. In all almost cases, the DLs, CRS and postdocs were department-only appointments and did not have a college affiliation. While this situation had permitted in some medical sciences and science departments for many years, the most rapid growth proportionally in such staff in the 2000s was in the social sciences. By the middle of the 2010s, over 50% of all staff on the payroll of departments in the Social Science Division – and 78% of the total university payroll – had no college affiliation.

University academic staff without a college affiliation had a very different experience from those who did. In part, this was an identity issue (the first question people still ask generally on discovering that someone is at Oxford is ‘What college are you at?’); in part, they were unable to take speakers to dinner in college after they had invited them to give a talk tone of the great draws in Oxford as outside speakers remain intrigued by the High Table experience); but, perhaps most importantly, they missed out on the intellectual experience of being able to meet and talk with people beyond their own department, or even research group, which is at the core of the collegiate system.

It was in order to do something to right this situation that St Antony’s reviewed its system of appointing Senior Common Room members in 2018 and decided to offer SCR membership to anyone on the payroll of any of the departments from which the college accepted students as long as they did not have any other college affiliation. The college also decided to offer all these SCR members the opportunity to become college advisors for students in the college so that they could feel, if they took up the offer, that they were full contributing members of the community and not just guests of it. In order to encourage the new SCR members to come to the college as often as possible, it was agreed that those who were college advisors would be offered free lunches year round and invited to major college dinners each term.

The college has been delighted by the take up of the new scheme. Within the first couple of years of the establishment of the project, over 100 new SCR members have been appointed. The vast majority have volunteered to become college advisors and generally have five college advisees (from outside their departments to avoid any conflicts of interest) allocated to them with whom they meet to discuss non-work related topics ranging from immediate issues of dealing with being a graduate student in Oxford to long-term career planning. The college advisors system – which had become virtually unworkable when each Governing Body Fellow had up to 14 college advisees allocated to them (and whom they met to discuss non-work related topics ranging from immediate issues of dealing with being a graduate student in Oxford to long-term career planning) – has been greatly improved.

The College Advisors are an important part of this and each Advisor contributes to the overall student experience and their wellbeing. All College Advisors attend the college welfare training which equips them with the information needed to support their Advisees. In addition, the College is continuously raising awareness about wellbeing and welfare provisions through events, welfare bulletins and welfare inductions for students. The aim is to break down stereotypes and stigma around mental wellbeing and to encourage students to seek help if they should need it. As College Registrar I am in touch with College Advisors to provide information and updates throughout the year. College Advisors contact me or the Dean directly when they need further advice or want to flag any issues. Likewise, we contact the Advisors directly if we have concerns or are aware of any issues. This allows us to support each and every student and find the appropriate way to assist them throughout the year.

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Filiz McNamara, College Registrar

Student wellbeing has received increased attention within Universities during the last decade. For the College, wellbeing and mental health have become a strategic priority and over the last three years we have revised and improved our welfare provision for students.

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Dr Rachael Kiddey, School of Archaeology

As an externally funded British Academy postdoctoral researcher at the School of Archaeology, my research post did not afford me affiliation with a particular Oxford college as a matter of course. This left me feeling a little isolated from the 'real' Oxford, so I looked around for opportunities and was delighted when I was invited to join St Antony's College as a Senior Common Room member and College Advisor.

The College Advisor model of affiliation affords the same benefits as an ordinary Senior Common Room member but includes free lunches, in return for acting as a pastoral advisor to 6-8 graduate students. The role comprises meeting students for lunch once or twice a term and maintaining contact with them throughout their time at St Antony's, pointing students in the right direction for help or guidance with any non-academic matters which might arise. From my perspective, the benefits of acting as a College advisor include that dining in College enables informal opportunities to meet fellow staff and students and to learn about current research. I also very much appreciate the feeling that I am part of a truly international and dynamic community, within the wider University. As everyone knows, the excellent lunches aren't really 'free', but the price is well worth paying!

Dr Eva Nagyfejeo, Research Fellow

When I was offered a research fellow position at Oxford University in 2017, I felt that a dream come true. I've enjoyed the intellectual diversity and stimulating environment; however, a few months later I felt something was missing: the college experience. Being in Oxford without a college affiliation and not being part of a college community I felt I was missing a lot.

I was thrilled and honoured when Professor Goodman offered me the opportunity to become member of St Antony's College as a SCR member and College advisor in 2018. What really attracted me was the chance to actively contribute to the community in the College and to make a real difference and positive impact in students' lives. Being a former international student myself, I've become familiar with the challenges of studying abroad and I know how important it is to have someone who could provide you guidance, confidentiality and the pastoral support in case problems arise and don't feel comfortable to share with others.

St Antony's has a wonderful caring dedicated staff that made me feel that I found my 'second home'. I am grateful for all the great experiences I had at St Antony's College in the past two years, such as getting to know students and fellow members/colleagues during lunch, being invited to lectures, seminars and major college dinners each term that are all cherished memories that I will never forget. I highly recommend SCR/College Advisor membership to anyone who looks for a unique and exciting college experience.

Jon Stokes, Associate Scholar

As a part-time Senior Fellow of Said Business School my primary contact is with Executive Education students rather than undergraduates or graduates. My primary interest is in the psychology of leadership and leadership coaching. Many of those who study at St Antony's will go on to take up leadership roles in the future, indeed all the students to whom I have acted as College advisor want to produce change in the world. By dint of being seen as an elite institution the University inevitably has an influence on the leaders of tomorrow.

As a former student of the University I know the benefits that being a member of a College bring – a sense of belonging to a human-scale community, and contact with students and Fellows beyond one's subject area. My main work is not academic but the practice of business psychology and leadership with those in senior roles. I took up the role of College advisor to spend time and get to know, members of a younger generation, and to be inspired by their enthusiasm! As well as helping them in practical ways I hope also to be a sounding board for their future ambitions.
New books from Antonians

In this section you will find a selection of the new publications by Antonians. Due to limited space, we could not publish all of the new publications—for journal articles and more books, please see the complete list in our forthcoming e-newsletter.
Academic Roll of Honour

Professor Keven V. B. Bardakjian (DPhil Literature, 1974) has retired (effective 1 June, 2020) as professor emeritus of Armenian and Slavic Languages and Literatures. He held this position at the University of Michigan, endowed expressly for him, for thirty-three years.

Professor Robert Gildea (History, 1974; SCR Member, 2002-2017) has retired as Professor of Modern History at Oxford, and has taken up a two-year Leverhulme Emeritus Fellowship to complete an oral history of the 1984-85 Miners’ Strike.

Dr J. Paul Gooch (DPhil Political Science, 2005) has been appointed the inaugural McMillan Chair in Russian Studies at Carleton University (Canada), starting in January 2021.


Professor Elizabeth Harvey (DPhil History, 1985) is lead on the project ‘The Persecution and Murder of the Jews in Nazi Germany 1933-1945’, based at the Leibniz Institute for Contemporary History.

Professor Jorge Heine (Visiting Fellow, 1984) has been appointed Research Professor at the Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University.

The Honorable Dr John Hillen (DPhil International Relations, 1997) has been named the James C. Wheat Chair in Leadership at Hampden-Sydney College, Virginia.

Dr William James (DPhil International Relations, 2019) started a new job as the Transatlantic Defence Research Fellow at the University of Oxford’s Changing Character of War Centre and will also be a non-resident Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow at the University of Notre Dame’s International Security Center for the 2020-21 academic years.

Professor Bill Kinsey (SAM, 1982-1984) has been appointed Honorary Research Fellow at the African Studies Centre, University of Leiden.

Dr Brian Kleas (MPhil Politics: Comparative Government and Politics) has been promoted to Associate Professor of Global Politics at University College London, and has won British Podcast award for his podcast Power Corrupted.

Professor Adam Komisarof (SAM, 2012-2013) co-authored two research papers and served as co-editor of a special issue of the International Journal of Intercultural Relations entitled ‘Viewing intercultural adaptation and social inclusion through constructs of national identity’.

Professor Eusébio de Lima Figueiredo (Political Science, 1974) is Coordinator of the Nucleus of Advanced Studies, Strategic Studies Institute of Fluminense Federal University, Rio de Janeiro.

Dr Helena F. S. Lopes (DPhil History, 2013) was awarded a Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship at the University of Bristol.

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Dr J. Paul Gooch (DPhil Political Science, 2005) has been appointed the inaugural McMillan Chair in Russian Studies at Carleton University (Canada), starting in January 2021.


Professor Elizabeth Harvey (DPhil History, 1985) is lead on the project ‘The Persecution and Murder of the Jews in Nazi Germany 1933-1945’, based at the Leibniz Institute for Contemporary History.

Professor Jorge Heine (Visiting Fellow, 1984) has been appointed Research Professor at the Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University.

The Honorable Dr John Hillen (DPhil International Relations, 1997) has been named the James C. Wheat Chair in Leadership at Hampden-Sydney College, Virginia.

Dr William James (DPhil International Relations, 2019) started a new job as the Transatlantic Defence Research Fellow at the University of Oxford’s Changing Character of War Centre and will also be a non-resident Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow at the University of Notre Dame’s International Security Center for the 2020-21 academic years.

Professor Bill Kinsey (SAM, 1982-1984) has been appointed Honorary Research Fellow at the African Studies Centre, University of Leiden.

Dr Brian Kleas (MPhil Politics: Comparative Government and Politics) has been promoted to Associate Professor of Global Politics at University College London, and has won British Podcast award for his podcast Power Corrupted.

Professor Adam Komisarof (SAM, 2012-2013) co-authored two research papers and served as co-editor of a special issue of the International Journal of Intercultural Relations entitled ‘Viewing intercultural adaptation and social inclusion through constructs of national identity’.

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Be part of our history

Have your name listed in the academic and social heart of St Antony’s.

The most central place of the College is arguably the Dining Hall. One of the aims of the Hilda Besse Renovation Campaign is to offer as many Antonians and friends as possible the opportunity to have a presence in the listed building. For a gift of £250 or more, in one go or several instalments, you can have your name on a new Donor Board which will be named at the entrance of the Dining Hall. All the names will be grouped by year of arrival at St Antony’s.

There are several various initiatives to dedicate spaces in the Hilda Besse Building. If you were a rower or footballer, you are invited to make a gift to make it possible to create a permanent collective presence of the OAR and SAGC with donor boards in prime spots in the Hilda Besse.

There are also other possibilities going on initiated by various Antonians. If you were a student at St Antony’s in the first part of the 80s, perhaps you are interested in joining the initiative to dedicate the Bar in the Buttery after the founding members of this College institution whose efforts benefited the many generations that followed. Ambassadors, politicians, scholarship holders and Visiting Fellows also can join efforts to contribute collectively to the Hilda Besse Building. For these opportunities, please follow this link.

The College was presented with the considerable challenge to ensure that the great costs of this project, which could not be covered by its existing income and capital, were secured. It has been incredible that the worldwide Antonian community has been rallying together around the campaign. It would be fantastic to see as many Antonians as possible to join the collective effort for a renovated building we can be proud of; all gifts make a huge difference in helping us achieve our overall goal to raise £30 million.

For all the information about the Hilda Besse campaign, naming opportunities, tax-efficient giving, and how to donate, please click here.

Thank you for your generosity. Martyn, Sara and Wouter

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If you like to be champion of a year, student house, city, country or any other group of Antonians and help fundraise for the College’s most important priority to raise a further £3 million to complete the renovation of the Hilda Besse Building, please get in touch with the Development Office. You can contact Dr Sara Gordon sara.gordon@sant.ox.ac.uk and Wouter te Kloese wouter.tekloese@sant.ox.ac.uk.

There are also a number of individual naming options available, such as a chair and table in the Dining Hall, your own student room and various spaces in the Hilda Besse. For these opportunities, please follow this link.

The College is to offer outstanding opportunities for teaching and research to people from across the globe, allowing them to fulfill their potential in building a deeper understanding of the world and engage with ongoing and developing global issues and questions. We are delighted to announce that for the academic year 2021/22, a range of scholarships is on offer for new graduates at St Antony’s.

**Scholarships**

**Eni Scholarships**

Applicants from Angola, Ghana, Mozambique, Nigeria, and the Republic of the Congo (Congo-Brazzaville) to study for one of the following courses: MSc African Studies; MSc Economic & Social History; MSc Economics for Development; or MSc Global Governance and Diplomacy.

**Eni Scholarships (fully funded)**

Applicants from the Republic of the Congo (Congo-Brazzaville) to study for a DPhil degree in International Development (in conjunction with QEH).

**Hadid Scholarship**

A continuing doctoral student working on the modern Middle East. Only students who have completed their transfer of status are eligible.

**Jusoor and Said Foundation Scholarship (max £50,000)**

Applicant who is a Syrian citizen to study for a one-year Master’s degree.

**Oxford-Patrick Duncan Graduate Scholarship (fully funded)**

Applicant who is ordinarily resident in one of the member states of the Southern African Development Community to study for an MSc in African Studies.

**Ronald Falconer Scholarship (£12,000)**

Applicant who is a resident from Costa Rica to study for the MSc or DPhil in Latin American Studies.

**Scott Family Scholarships**

(2; £1 - £9,000) To study for a one-year (MSc) or two-year (MPhil) degree in Japanese Studies; special consideration will be given to a student with a disability.

**Swire and Oxford & Cambridge Society Kenya Scholarship £30k**

Applicants from Kenya to study for a one-year Master’s course offered by St Antony’s except for the MBA and MPP.

**Swire Scholarships**

(2x; fully funded)

For students from Japan, China or Hong Kong to study for all full-time Master’s and DPhil courses offered by the College excluding the MBA and MPP.

**Warden’s Scholarships**

(2x; £8,000 – funded through the Antonian Fund) For Humanities and Social Sciences graduate candidate at St Antony’s; Governing Body has expressed the wish that one Warden’s Scholarship will be awarded to a Black British DPhil candidate in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

On 10 and 11 March 2021 join us for St Antony’s College First ever GIVING DAY!

Over a period of 36 hours we will be encouraging the whole Antonian community - alumni, staff, students, and friends – to come together to raise vital funds to support the completion of the Hilda Besse renovation project, in particular the re-landscaping of the quad.

We will be encouraging Antonians on-site and all around the world to get involved in challenges and events to raise the funds needed to restore the heart of the College for the next generation of St Antony’s students and Fellows.

One easy and sociable way to take part is to become one of our Ambassadors, spreading the word before and during the Giving Day to encourage your fellow Antonians to get involved.

If you would like to sign up as an Ambassador or have any questions about the Giving Day, please contact the Development Office by emailing alumni.office@sant.ox.ac.uk.

In the meantime, keep an eye out for more information as the day approaches!
We wish to thank all donors for their outstanding generosity and commitment to supporting St Antony’s College. Every single gift makes a real, tangible difference to life at the College, for all in our community. 

The list of names recorded here is based on gifts received by St Antony’s College between 1 August 2019 and 31 July 2020. We have tried to produce as accurate a list as possible, and apologise for any errors or omissions. Please note that donations are sometimes received with some delay, especially gifts from the United States, Hong Kong, Switzerland and Germany, so if you have made a donation recently and your name is not on the list rest assured that you will be included in the donor roll in next year’s edition.

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Leaving a gift in your Will to St Antony’s

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Antonian and University of Oxford Events

For all of our upcoming events, including webinars see:
www.sant.ox.ac.uk/alumni-and-development/antonian-events

To receive invites of events in your area by email, visit:
www.sant.ox.ac.uk/alumni-and-development/communications-preferences
and opt-in to ‘Event invitations’

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact
alumni.office@sant.ox.ac.uk

The St Antony’s Look’s at the World Podcast can be found here:
www.sant.ox.ac.uk/alumni-and-development/publications/podcasts

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