WELCOME NEW UNIVERSITY LECTURERS

This autumn we are delighted to welcome five new University Lecturers to the Department.

**Dr Sandie Byrne** will be no stranger to those who study Literature and Creative Writing with us. Sandie has been our Academic Programmer in these subjects for two years, and has recently been appointed University Lecturer in Literature and Creative Writing. Sandie is a specialist in English Literature from 1740 to the present, Critical Theory and Critical Reading, and her research interests include 20th and 21st century poetry, Jane Austen, and language and form in prose narrative.

**Dr Jonathan Healey** joins us as University Lecturer in English Local and Social History. Jonathan studied at Magdalen College, Oxford, as an undergraduate and completed a BA in Modern History. He then took a Master’s in Rural History at the University of Reading, before returning to Oxford to complete his doctorate on poverty and poor relief in 17th and 18th century Lancashire. This thesis will form the basis of his first book, a regional study of early-modern poverty in Lancashire.

**Dr Yasmin Khan** is our new University Lecturer in 18th Century to Early 20th Century British History. Yasmin studied history as an undergraduate at St. Peter’s College, Oxford, and quickly developed a passion for the history of Asia. Her DPhil, also from Oxford, was in the History of the British Empire. She has taught at the University of Edinburgh and Royal Holloway, University of London. Her first book, *The Great Partition: the making of India and Pakistan*, won the Gladstone Prize for History.

**Dr Martin Ruhs** is the Department’s new University Lecturer in Political Economy. Martin was previously a Senior Research Fellow, and Chief Economist, at the University of Oxford’s Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS), where he directed the Migration Observatory, and where he will retain a research link. Martin’s research focuses on the economics and politics of labour migration, with a strong international comparative dimension.

**Dr Tara Stubbs** joins us as a new University Lecturer in Literature and Creative Writing. Tara’s specialty is modernist poetry and fiction, with a particular interest in Irish and American literature and life writing. Her forthcoming monograph, *American Literature and Irish Culture, 1910–1955: the politics of enchantment*, will be published by Manchester University Press in 2013. The book discusses how and why American modernists from Steinbeck to Stevens turned to Ireland at various stages during their careers.

For the full story on all five lecturers, please see: [www.conted.ox.ac.uk/newULs](http://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/newULs)

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**EVENTS**

**SAVE THE DATE**

If you’re game for a day of free learning – here’s your chance!

Join us at Rewley House on 14 November and choose from over 25 free events: short lectures, workshops, informational sessions, walking tours, food and drink!

Our academic staff are turning out in force to greet you on the day. Lectures will include ‘Numbers Matter’ with Professor Marcus du Sautoy, ‘Shedding Light on the Dark Ages’ with art historian and broadcaster Dr Janina Ramirez, ‘Henry II and the Twelfth-Century World’ with Dr Elizabeth Gemmill, and ‘Philosophy in 45 Minutes!’ with Marianne Talbot.

There are short talks and informational sessions in Creative Writing, Archaeology, Biology, Economics, History, Philosophy, Languages, Health Care and Literature. You can join one of four walking tours, speak to advisors, tour our facilities – and enter our prize draw for one of three free classes!

A full schedule appears inside. To learn more and to register, please see: [www.conted.ox.ac.uk/openday](http://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/openday)
Join us for a day of free lectures, walking tours, workshops, informational sessions, and food and drink on Wednesday, 14 November. There are more than 25 events to choose from! Full descriptions of all events and registration details are available on our website at: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/openday

Walking Tours:
MATHEMATICAL WALKING TOURS OF OXFORD
Two tours: 11.00 & 14.00 (one hour in duration) - Led by Oxford Maths students

Maths in the City

MEDIEVAL OXFORD: A SHORT WALKING TOUR
Two tours: 14.00 & 15.15 (one hour in duration) - Led by Art Historian Dr Cathy Oakes

Archeology
SPOTLIGHT ON ARCHAEOLOGY
Two sessions: 13.15 & 17.30pm - Dr David Griffiths, Dr Alison MacDonald, & Jane Harrison

Art History
SHEDDING LIGHT ON THE DARK AGES
12.00-12.45 - A public lecture by Dr Janina Ramirez
BOULEVARDS, BRUSHWORK AND BUGATTIS: MODERN ART AND DESIGN IN PARIS
17.00-17.45 - Dr Claire O'Mahony

Creative Writing
SPEAKING STORIES: THE ORAL ROOTS OF POETRY
11.30–12.15 - Jenny Lewis, poet
CREATIVE WRITING: LET THE INK FLOW!
12.00–12.45 - Tim Pears, novelist

Informational Session: Master’s in Creative Writing Programme
Two sessions: 13.15 & 17.00 - Dr Clare Morgan

Economics
ECONOMICS: WHICH WAY NOW?
12.15–13.00 - Dr Martin Ruhs & Professor Jonathan Michie

FROM GLOBAL CREDIT-CRUNCH TO EUROCRISIS AND DOUBLE-DIP RECESSION: WHATEVER NEXT?
17.15–18.00 - Professor Jonathan Michie

History and Local History
FROM WARRIORS TO COURTIER?
THE NOBILITY IN TUDOR AND STUART ENGLAND
12.00–12.45 - Dr Christine Jackson

GANDHI IN THE 21ST CENTURY
13.00–13.45 - Dr Yasmin Khan

HENRY II AND THE TWELFTH-CENTURY WORL
13.00–13.45 - Dr Elizabeth Gemmill

WHY LOCAL HISTORY MATTERS
17.00–17.45 - Dr Jonathan Healey

Languages
LANGUAGES FORUMS
Two sessions: 13.30 & 18.00 - Anna di Stefano

LITERATURE
READING ENGLISH: WHY AND HOW
12.30–13.15 - Dr Sandie Byrne
W.B. YEATS AND THE GHOST CLUB
13.00–13.45 - Dr Tara Stubbs

Maths and Sciences
TASTER SESSION: BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
Two Sessions: 13.00 & 17.00 - Dr Thomas Hesselberg & Dr Bob Lockhart

CHOOING HEALTHY BREAD - CAN YOU TASTE THE DIFFERENCE?
16.30–17.15 - Dr Sharon Mckean & Dr Kamal Mahtani

THE NUMBER MYSTERIES
18.00–19.00 - A public lecture by Professor Marcus du Sautoy

Philosophy
PHILOSOPHY IN 45 MINUTES!
17.00–17.45 - A public lecture by Marianne Talbot

Informational Sessions
LIFELONG LEARNING ONLINE
10.00–17.00 - An all-day interactive session, led by members of our Technology-Assisted Lifelong Learning (TALL) team. Come and try our online course and explore a range of freely available online learning resources.

COURSES FOR THE PUBLIC – OXFORD AND BEYOND
12.00–12.45 - Dr Elizabeth Gemmill

PREPARING INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS FOR TAUGHT MASTER’S COURSES
16.00–16.45 - Dr Charles Boyle

DEVELOPING AND RUNNING SHORT COURSES FOR INDUSTRY AND THE PROFESSIONS
17.00–17.45 - Dr Adrian Stokes and members of the Continuing Professional Development team

Refreshments
SANDWICH LUNCH - 12.30–13.30
WINE RECEPTION - 17.00–19.15

Win a Free Class!
We’ll be giving away one weekly class, one online class, and one day/weekend school. Entry forms will be provided on 14 November to attendees of our Open Day!

Tours and Meetings
Meet with advisors to have your questions answered, and take a tour of our facilities.
Oxford University Extension Lectures began in the 19th century and evolved to play a pivotal role in the lives of working adults; but they were a largely passive form of education. In the early years of the 20th century, a new and higher standard of learning was required.

Oxford Dons and students, working together, came up with a new paradigm: the tutorial classes system, which stipulated that classes should meet regularly, and that students should be subject to assessment through essays and final examinations. This marked the beginning our modern era of interactivity and rigour in student engagement. For more information, please see www.conted.ox.ac.uk/about/history/jointcommittee.php
IN BRIEF


Arthur Frommer, founder of Frommer’s Travel Guides, was an enthusiastic student on week four of our 2012 ‘Oxford Experience’ summer school and wrote two entertaining blog posts about his experience. Read them online at: www.frommers.com

The Department’s extension programme of evening classes in the town of Reading has moved to the University of Reading’s London Road site. All teaching rooms there have been refurbished to a very high standard and are arranged in a format suitable for adult education classes. The site is close to the centre of Reading and there is plenty of free parking available to our students after 6pm.

CREATIVE WRITING

The Master’s in Creative Writing programme has a new blog. Please see: blogs.conted.ox.ac.uk/mstcw

Diploma student Andrew Thomkinson was short-listed for the Yeovil Literary Prize and received a ‘highly commended’ for his poem, The Oxford Companion. Fellow Diploma student Ruba Abughaida was short-listed for inTravel Magazine’s summer writing competition for her story Granada’s Arabian Night, and will have another story, The Post, published in The Rusty Nail – an online and print literary journal.

Alumnus Prajwal Parajuly’s first book, The Gurkha’s Daughter, is due out in January, and is available for pre-order through Blackwell’s and other outlets.

Alumnus Sabyn Javeri has been awarded the PhD scholarship in Creative Writing at the University of Leicester.

Alumnus Antoinette Pas has signed with Amsterdam-based publishing house Prometheus for her second novel. The working title is Intimacy and it will be published in Spring 2013.

Student Stephanie Scott has been awarded the Toshiba Studentship by the British Association of Japanese Studies for her research and prose fiction on modern Japan. More information is available at: www.bajs.org.uk/funding/toshiba_studentship/ Stephanie has also been short-listed for the Bridport Prize for Flash Fiction – her piece Imprint will be published on their website in October.

Alumnus Pat Toland has been short-listed for the Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Award (best unpublished collection of poems in Ireland), and also has one of his poems, Bluebells, coming out in the Chattahoochee Review Irish Special.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

New Online Courses for Hilary Term

• The Making of Modern Britain
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/V100-141

• Middle English Literature
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/Q200-146

• History of Economic Thought
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/L100-10

• The English Civil War
www.conted.ox.ac.uk/V100-142

GLOBAL CHALLENGES IN TRANSPORT PROGRAMME

Begin March 2013

Designed to meet the needs of high-calibre professionals working in transport and related fields, across the public, private and third sectors, the University of Oxford’s Leadership Programme on Global Challenges in Transport is targeted at existing and future leaders who seek a greater understanding of the key economic, societal and environmental issues facing global mobility in the 21st century. Please see: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/F850-10

INVITED TO ATTEND

The Rothermere American Institute is hosting a series of events on the US Presidential Elections, to which Continuing Education students are invited. Full information is available at: www.rai.ox.ac.uk/seminars

ELECTION BREAKFAST EVENT

Tuesday 23 October, 8.00-10.00

Screening of the Presidential Debate on Foreign Policy between President Obama and Governor Romney. All are welcome to this informal breakfast event. To be included in the catering numbers, please email: enquiries@rai.ox.ac.uk by Thursday 18 October.

ELECTION ANALYSIS: THE MORNING AFTER THE NIGHT BEFORE

Wednesday 7 November, 9.00-10.00

Election analysis with George C. Edwards III, Visiting Winant Professor of American Government, and Dr Nigel Bowles.

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