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Welcome

Last year, my introduction to Steps reflected on the dramas and challenges facing our world. Twelve months on and little has changed – and I didn't anticipate writing this piece in a UK that still lingers on the edge of Brexit!



Despite the political and legislative headwinds we face, it has been another successful year for Lancaster, borne out by our UK league table placings. While we maintained our highest position in the *Times/Sunday Times' Good University Guide* for a second year (6th), we also achieved our best ever result in the *Complete University Guide* (7th.)

Whatever Brexit's outcome, Lancaster is committed to maintaining strong connections with Europe, while we continue to expand our educational offering worldwide. Having been the first UK university to establish a campus in sub-Saharan Africa (Lancaster Ghana) and built on strong relationships with China through the launch of our University College at Weihai, in September we will be launching a new branch campus in Leipzig, Germany. This is another opportunity to share Lancaster's exciting vision with a broader audience.

Alongside new ventures, our long-established partnership with Sunway University in Malaysia is moving to a new level later this year. The launch of the Future Cities Research Institute demonstrates our commitment to sustainability research, while strengthening this strong and fruitful relationship.

As in many other areas of university life, philanthropy has played an important role in making this Institute a reality. Charitable and philanthropic donors are helping our mission more and more, and alongside the Chancellor, Alan Milburn, I was delighted to unveil our first permanent donor wall in the Library earlier this year. It is heartening to see this list grow.

I finish with a note of farewell. I will be leaving Lancaster in October, to take up the post of Vice-Chancellor and President at the University of Southampton. I've been tremendously privileged to lead this great University since 2012 and I take with me some fantastic memories of the alumni I've met across the globe. Perhaps I was lucky in that respect to be Vice-Chancellor during our 50th anniversary year, but I sense the alumni enthusiasm and pride I've witnessed is a universal constant.

Thank you, for your friendship and support during my time as Vice-Chancellor, as well as your continuing interest in the wellbeing of Lancaster. You are a vital part of our success story and I will always be grateful for your support. I wish you the best for the future.

Professor Mark E. Smith
Vice-Chancellor

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MISSION TO ENGAGE

PROFESSOR DAME SUE BLACK, PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR FOR ENGAGEMENT JOINED LANCASTER'S MANAGEMENT TEAM IN 2018. HERE SHE TALKS ABOUT HER BACKGROUND IN FORENSIC SCIENCE AND HER VISION FOR THE NEW ROLE IN THE ORGANISATION.

On the wall of her office above her desk on the fourth floor of University House, Pro Vice-Chancellor for Engagement Professor Dame Sue Black has a black and white photo showing her work with a team back in 2000 excavating a mass grave containing the remains of a family of 11 in Kosovo - to remind her of one of the proudest moments of her career as a forensic anthropologist.

As a result of that effort leading the British Forensic Team in Kosovo, on behalf of the United Nations she was able to give a man who had lost his entire family (including his wife and eight children) in a shelling, named body bags for each one containing their remains, so that he could bury them appropriately, and begin to rebuild his own shattered life. Even today she can remember his dignity and gratitude.

"He came to us and thanked us," she says with disbelief. "I felt so humble. I was just doing my job. I was in the right place at the right time that day to be able to help him."

Her humanity, incisive mind, professional rigour and passion for justice - developed whilst working to identify human remains in some of the most harrowing war and disaster zones of recent decades - are some of the qualities which gained Professor Dame Black her appointment at Lancaster University as first Pro Vice-Chancellor for Engagement. They have also given her a voice people want to listen to.

Professor Black - who prefers simply to be known as Sue - also has a world reputation for forensic identification of bodies, numerous serious publications on forensic anthropology and several books to her name (including the recently published *All That Remains*) and a number of awards including a DBE, not to mention a ferocious name for getting things done.

The whole concept of university engagement excites her enough to have lured her from her native Scotland and the role she loved at Dundee University as Professor of Anatomy and Forensic Anthropology - in a department she built up over 15 years from three staff and 90 students to 18 staff and 900 students - to come to Lancaster.

She has long admired and been curious about Lancaster's high national rankings despite its size and believes it could play a more powerful and dynamic role in the region and beyond. She is also personally ready for a change.

Her appointment is for four years (with a possibility of an extension) with the enviable task of creating her own job to make sure that Lancaster communicates as effectively as possible as an institution, that it engages with the neighbouring city region and punches above its weight in the wider academic scene nationally and abroad.

"I will have succeeded if my job is mothballed at the end of four years," she says with a laugh. "I should be in a position to make myself redundant. Successful engagement is about a culture and if the culture is embedded you do not need a Pro Vice-Chancellor to lead it."

Engagement is about communication in her view: "There is a very good reason why we get engaged before we get married. Engagement is about saying 'Can I live and work with this person? Or do I need to change how I work with this person so that we can achieve better things together?'"

Lancaster is keen to capitalise on Sue's determination to pose those questions because it has just signed the Civic Universities Agreement, which recognises that universities are partly funded from the public purse with a civic and community responsibility to the public.

Starting with the campus itself, she has organised Big Conversations involving all teaching, research and professional services staff to establish on a 'who what, when, where, how and why' basis how effective the University is at engaging with its own. Then she thinks the 'Town and Gown' relationship needs to be strengthened.

She admires the links that the University already has with the economically deprived North West region, particularly plans for the Health Innovation Campus to prevent rather than cure disease. The Eden North project offers further opportunities for Lancaster to contribute to the economic, environmental and health regeneration of Morecambe and the region. She also wants to nourish links with FE colleges in the North West.



One regret she has is that she will not be teaching, but she will be giving some public lectures, for a public thirsty to hear about her experiences at home, overseas and with the police.

Her forensic anthropology work continues in new ways in collaboration with Dundee University to build the world's first searchable database of the anatomy and variation of the human hand for use to convict child abusers. Sue pioneered the technique which has enabled a number of high-profile convictions.

The project has attracted European Research Council funding of 2.4m Euros over five years.

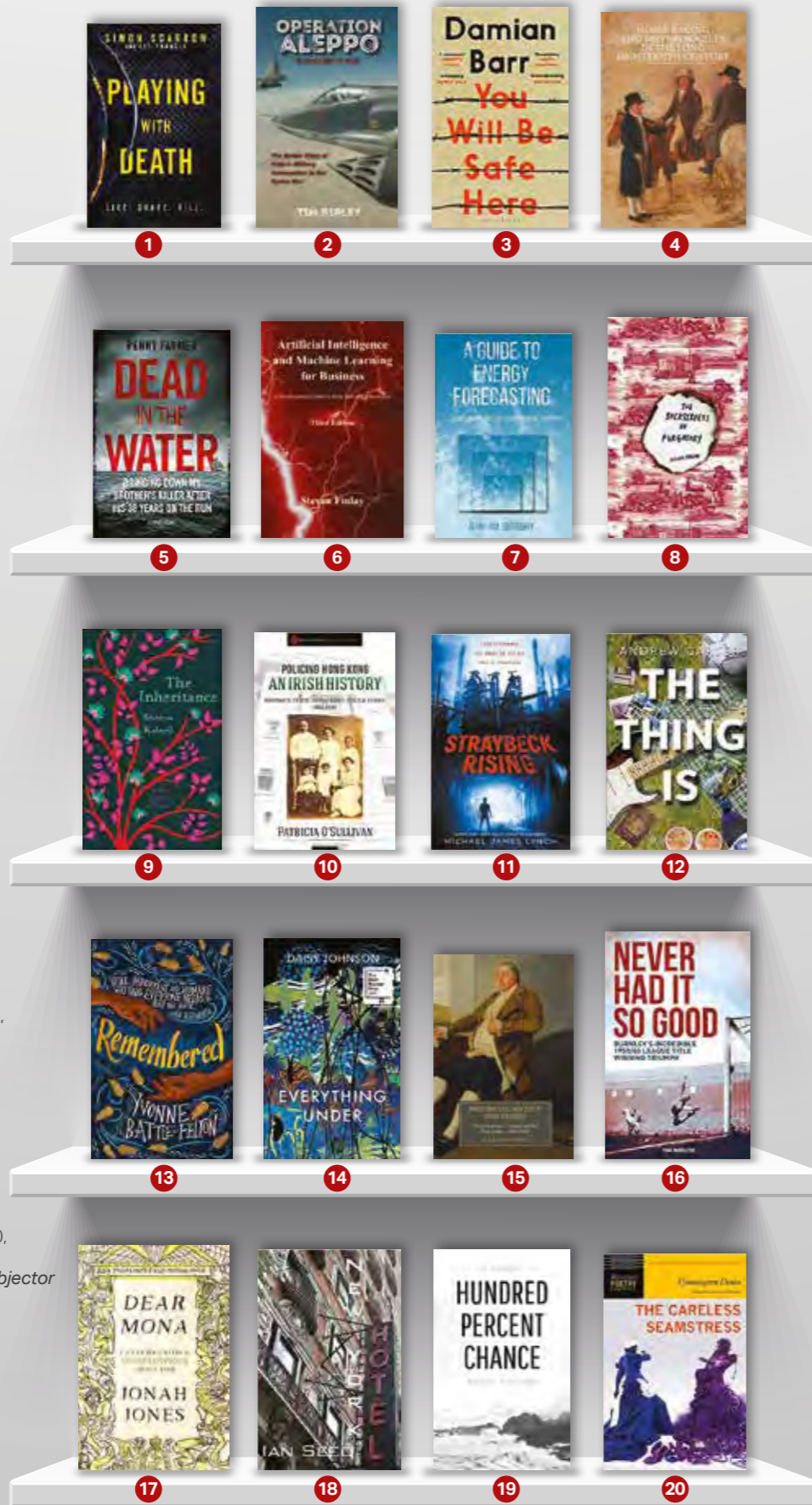
She contrasts the high expectations of today's fee-paying students, to herself when she fell into the nearest university to her home: "Young people now have a much more mature view about the range of opportunities available to them and are more likely to experiment, take a gap year or split their studies. There is more flexibility to try out different things. University for them is an experience and there is a demand for greater quality."

Although Sue is working flat out to 'make myself redundant', she does it with one goal in mind - to be able to go down to London in four years and to know that when she mentions Lancaster University, the person she speaks to in the street will immediately know where Lancaster is and what the University stands for.

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Alumni in Print

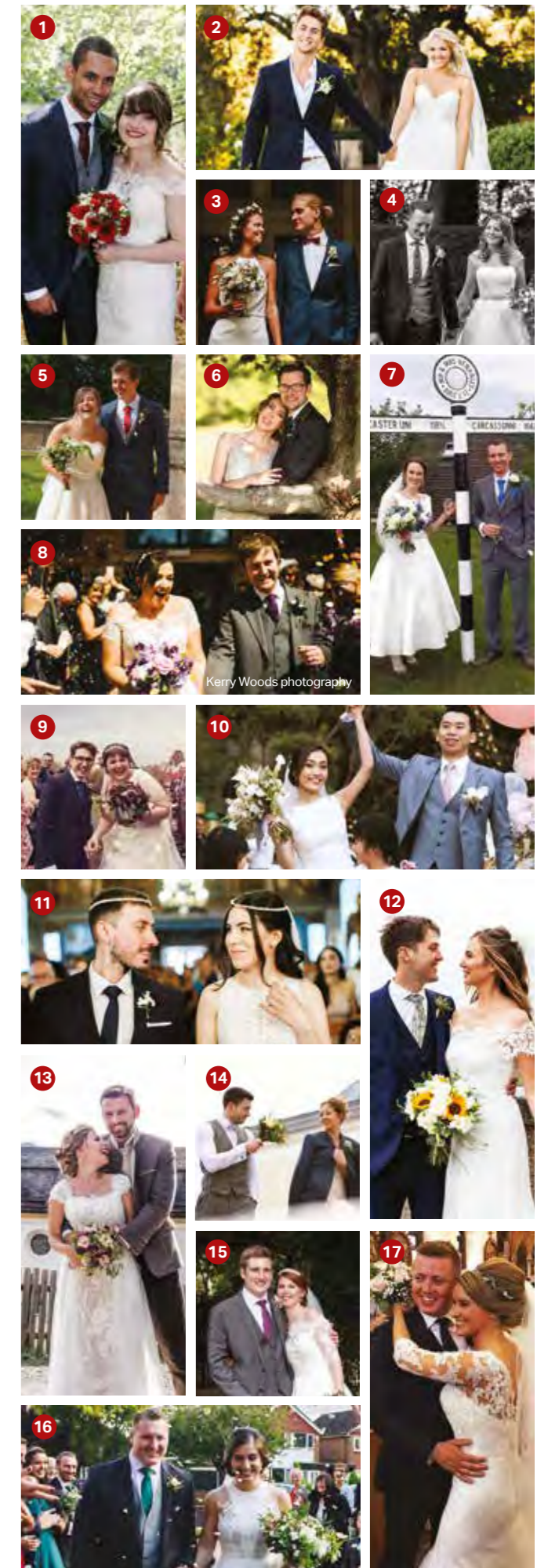
- 1 LEE FRANCIS (& SIMON SCARROW)**
MSc Marketing, 2017
Playing with Death
- 2 TIM RIPLEY**
Politics, 1984, County
Operation Aleppo
- 3 DAMIAN BARR**
MA Contemporary Sociology, 2000,
BA Sociology, 1998, Bowland
You Will Be Safe Here
- 4 DR MIKE HUGGINS**
PhD History, 1998
Horse Racing and British Society in the Long Eighteenth Century
- 5 PENNY FARMER**
English, 1982, County
Dead in the Water
- 6 DR STEVEN FINLAY**
PhD Management Science, 2006,
Management Science, 1991, Fylde
Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for Business
- 7 GRAHAM DUXBURY**
Economics, 1973, Cartmel
A Guide to Energy Forecasting
- 8 HELEN TAYLOR**
MA Creative Writing, 2013
The Backstreets of Purgatory
- 9 SHEENA KALAYIL**
PhD Linguistics, 2017
The Inheritance
- 10 PATRICIA O'SULLIVAN**
Music, 1981, County
Policing Hong Kong – An Irish History
- 11 MICHAEL LYNCH**
History, 2002, Furness
Straybeck Rising
- 12 ANDREW CARTER**
Criminology & Sociology, 2009, Lonsdale
The Thing Is
- 13 YVONNE BATTLE-FELTON**
PhD Creative Writing, 2017
Remembered
- 14 DAISY JOHNSON**
English Literature, Creative Writing & Practice, 2012, Grizedale
Everything Under
- 15 KAY SAVILLE-SMITH**
PhD History, 2016
Provincial Society and Empire
- 16 TIM QUELCH**
Religious Studies, 1972, Furness
Never Had It So Good
- 17 PETER JONES**
Central & South East European Studies, 1980,
Lonsdale
Dear Mona: Letters from a Conscientious Objector
- 18 IAN SEED**
PhD European Languages and Cultures, 2012, MA Creative Writing, 2004
New York Hotel
- 19 ROBERT K. BROWN**
Study Abroad, 1989 & 1990, Pendle
Hundred Percent Chance
- 20 TJAWANGWA DEMA**
MA Creative Writing, 2017
The Careless Seamstress



The Big Day

Congratulations to our alumni couples

- 1 REBECCA HARNETT**, Psychology, 2014, Cartmel married **ASHLEY WILKES** Economics & Politics, 2014, Cartmel
- 2 JAMES EDGAR**, Law, 2011, County married **SARAH LUCAS**, Psychology, 2012, County
- 3 JULIA CZAPLINSKA**, Law, 2014, Furness married **ANTONI PAKOWSKI**, Mechanical Engineering, 2013, County
- 4 GARETH PICKUP**, Law, 2011, Cartmel married **NATHALIE CONNOR**, Psychology, 2011, Cartmel
- 5 MATTHEW LORKIN**, Sustainable Engineering, 2012, Fylde married **SARAH BUCKNELL**, Financial Mathematics, 2012, Pendle
- 6 EVELYNE BEDARD**, Study Abroad, 2012, Cartmel married **ALEXANDER WILLIS**, Geography, 2012, Furness
- 7 LAURENCE VENABLES**, English Literature, 2008, Fylde married **SOPHIE ROBERTSON**, English Language, 2008, Fylde
- 8 HANNAH INGRAM**, English Language and the Media, 2008, Pendle married **LAURENCE MONAGHAN**, English Language, 2008, Pendle
- 9 DAN BUCK**, Management and Entrepreneurship, 2015, Grizedale married **EMMA HEPBURN**, History, 2014, Grizedale
- 10 CHI TING GLADYS JIM**, Business Studies, 2012, Grizedale married **TSZ FUNG MAK**, Accounting, Finance & Maths, 2015, Fylde
- 11 THEMOS KOLIOS**, Computer Science, 2010, Pendle married **ANNA EVGENIOU**, English Language & French Studies, 2012, Fylde
- 12 LUCY BRANAGAN**, English Literature, 2010, Lonsdale married **ALEX CARLIN**, Geography, 2011, Lonsdale
- 13 LUCA NIEDERKOFER**, Finance and Economics, 2012, Lonsdale married **VELISLAVA DOTSEVA**, Marketing Management, 2013, Grizedale
- 14 LAUREN GODFREY**, MSc Psychology, 2014, Graduate married **SCOTT NASH**, PhD Electrochemical Engineering, 2017, Graduate
- 15 STEPHEN RUDD**, Psychology, 2016, Cartmel married **ALEXANDRA TARBUN**, Biological Sciences, 2016, Pendle
- 16 ALICE CALLAGHAN**, Ethics, Philosophy and Religion, 2013, County married **CONNOR MONAGHAN**, Politics, 2015, Cartmel
- 17 WILF WHITTLE**, Criminology, 2012, Bowland married **KATHERINE MERCER**, Law, 2012, County



MELISSA CAME TO LANCASTER ON A 12 MONTH JUNIOR YEAR ABROAD EXCHANGE PROGRAMME IN LANCASTER UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT SCHOOL IN 2003. SHE IS THE FOUNDER AND MD OF KATJES MAGIC CANDY FACTORY AND FOUNDER AND CEO OF REM3DY HEALTH LIMITED.

Melissa's Magic Candy Factory



Having graduated from Lancaster University, Melissa Snover co-founded her first business, a financial services company, at the age of 23.

More than 15 years later sweet-toothed Melissa is the Managing Director and self-styled 'Head Magician' of Katjes Magic Candy Factory. She has developed the world's first 3D food printer available to the consumer market, so that anyone can make up their own sweet treats exactly the way they like them - whatever the colour and design, with a choice of vegan, animal-free, kosher, Halal, and even the opportunity of incorporating a selfie.

Melissa's early experiments with 'gummy candy' began in Lancashire because she could not find sweets she liked and developed into her first confectionery line, which she later sold to Cloetta PLC. She then formed the Magic Candy Factory in partnership with Bastian Fassin, from the global Katjes confectionery business. The company was named Best UK Tech Start-up 2017 by Disruptive Tech TV.

Now a business woman with many awards to her name - including *Start Up Entrepreneur of the Year* in the Great British Awards and *Creative Entrepreneur of the Year* in the English Women's Awards, both in 2018 - Birmingham-based Melissa acknowledges the important part that her Lancaster studies played in her success to date. She says, "The best thing that Lancaster taught me was how to be a problem solver in a business setting. That is what you need to be in order to run a successful company."

She arrived in Lancaster in 2003 on a 12 month JYA exchange programme at the Business School as part of her Business Management and Political Science degree at Colorado Boulder University USA, attracted by its broad-based approach to business. She says, "I had also read incredible reviews of the business school from people from all over the world who had been there."

Melissa found courses to be 'top class' and thrived in the atmosphere of intellectual flexibility that allowed her to take additional courses in Physics and Geology, which were an adventure for her inquisitive mind.

Being taught in groups of 30 to 40, rather than as one of 500 as in the US gave her the chance to question and interact with the lecturers in a way that fitted her learning style.

The programme also offered Melissa her first experience of creating a business, as part of a project designed to do just that within parameters and to gain practical experience of developing an idea. She says, "It was really exhilarating; I was discovering what I really enjoyed - working hard and seeing it pay off."

The campus provided plenty of opportunity for socialising, with trips out with the geology and the rambling groups, as well as the company of fellow athletes in the running club. Enjoying a drink on campus was a welcome novelty



as alcohol consumption is illegal under the age of 21 in Colorado State. In doing so, she made friends she has kept to this day, with whom she went on trips to Edinburgh, York, and London's West End, benefiting from the University's good rail and road links.

After the successful exit from her financial business, Melissa began experimenting with making confectionery, creating a consumer brand and bringing that brand to market. She had loved 'gummy candies' since her childhood in New York, partly because she was the only child that she knew who did not like chocolate. From this seed Goody Good Stuff was born.

Suddenly she was doing something she loved and this was the opportunity to learn every detail of running a business with a tangible product - from packaging and marketing, to strategic planning and understanding the technology underpinning the sweets. That hands-on experience is still something she relishes. She may be the MD of her own company with 12 employees, but she still takes her turn at accepting deliveries at the back door of the business premises.

Recognition of Melissa's entrepreneurial skills in the form of awards has only fanned her enthusiasm for new ideas. Her development of the 3D printer to make personalised sweets came out of frustration that no matter how many different types of sweets she created she could not satisfy everyone using

traditional methods of manufacture. Now, she explains: "You can now truly be the creator of your own product."

Already considered a rising female entrepreneur in the world of food technology, Melissa is now also developing 3D printed personalised nutrition and medicine. At the end of the summer she will be launching Nourish3d exclusively in the UK, which provides totally customised nutrition snacks on demand using vegan, sugar free ingredients and totally sustainable packaging. She is also working hard with her small team on another concept called Script3d, which will supply personalised medication delivery systems for prescription drugs at doses and formats that are 3D printed to suit each and every patient.

Melissa puts her success down in part to having the confidence to try things out. "Lancaster encouraged me to branch out," she says. "The experience of being a foreign student made me relish new opportunities and travelling, which are a huge benefit when you are an entrepreneur."

Melissa returned to campus in 2018 to attend the careers fair and run an entrepreneurship workshop. She also very kindly donated one of her 3D printers to the University.

magiccandyfactory.com



Lucy Searles

Graduated: 2012
Degree: History
College: County
Profession: Senior Fundraiser at Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity

As a Senior Fundraiser for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity, Lucy Searles knows how to ask people for money and the best ways of persuading them to commit time and energy to benefit a good cause - skills she acquired at Lancaster while carrying out volunteer work in time off from her History studies.

Opportunities to act as Media Officer for the Oxfam Society, a trip to Northern India to Lancaster's Goenka campus and organising student fundraising activities on campus, all gave her experiences that equipped her for a successful career in the charitable sector.

Her current role is focused on community fundraising, in particular recruiting teams for 'challenge' events such as the London Marathon. Great Ormond Street Hospital has resources to support and monitor the training of individuals who volunteer to run or cycle to raise money for the organisation. This not only increases the chances that people will complete the course and therefore raise the money, but is also an incentive for volunteers to choose to make their sporting effort for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Brought up in Newcastle, Lucy was encouraged to consider Lancaster by her history teacher father. She was drawn to the idea of a campus and a smaller city than Newcastle.

Many of our alumni meet and marry having found each other at Lancaster. One such couple, Phil Griffith and Lucy Searles met in 2013 and, despite pursuing quite diverse careers elsewhere, they will be celebrating their big day this summer at the Ashton Memorial in the city where it all started...

Friends For Life

It was through the friends she met at County College that she was introduced to her fiancé Phil Griffith in her second year.

Studying was an adventure for Lucy, because of the breadth of the modules on offer, such as history of medicine and Japanese history - both of which she took. She is full of praise for the quality of teaching she received.

The Oxfam Society gave her the chance to work with the North West Oxfam branch. Then the opportunity arose to visit Lancaster University's Goenka World Institute in Northern India, through the LUSU Involve scheme. She and a group of friends spent three weeks teaching English and blogging to students, visiting businesses and gaining an insight into how Indian charities operated, including the Katha Education Charity for which she continued to fundraise on her return.

She says, "It was really exciting to see that we could bring value and it made me very aware of issues around the world. We worked with women's groups who operated microfinance schemes to set up businesses. Seeing this really opened my eyes to women's issues outside of my own experience."

She left university without a clear idea of what career path to follow but took a year working part time, and visiting Japan for a month, before starting a Master's degree in Global History at London's School of Oriental and African Studies.

Since then she has worked as a fundraising assistant for a Parkinson's charity and for SSAFA (the armed forces charity) before taking on her current role in February 2018.

Her experience at Lancaster has fed into her daily life. "It definitely gave me confidence,"



she explains. "You go through school learning in a set way that is not necessarily the best way for you, but at Lancaster I encountered new theories about learning which increased my confidence in my ability to succeed academically."

Looking back at his undergraduate days, sharing a floor at Bowland Hall with 40 others and a kitchen with 22, Phil Griffith is amused by how well it prepared him for living for months in an attack submarine on patrol.

Now a Royal Navy Logistics Officer, Phil started his career after his officer training, packed into a 90 metre long vessel under the sea, with 130 men and only 100 bed spaces. Whilst he does not make a direct comparison between the living conditions on campus at Lancaster and in a submarine, he sees the spirit required in both as very similar.

"The level of camaraderie on a submarine is unparalleled," he explains. "We tend to be very relaxed people. If you can get used to the sharing in a hall, it's good training for a submarine!"

Studying International Relations at Lancaster has been "critical" to his fast progress in the Royal Navy, he says. He spent much of 2018 as part of the British contribution to the UN Peacekeeping forces in South Sudan. He was often pushed to draw on his undergraduate learnings in his role dealing with the logistics required to support 13,000 members of the military in a region devastated by civil war, famine and its climate of alternating heat and torrential rain.

In such circumstances, he needed to help his men understand why they were there. He says, "Lancaster gave me a fantastic grounding in international relations and in understanding the historical context for action in my work in order to explain it to my men - particularly when they are tired."

Brought up in Chichester, he did not need to be told about Lancaster as his father Gerald (now a Senior Leader at Chichester College) had studied there in the 1970s and his mother Annette had studied for her teaching degree at St Martin's College.

Whilst still at school Phil had developed an interest in international politics and was delighted to find that Lancaster was a market leader for the subject and for



Phil Griffith

Graduated: 2011
Degree: Politics and International Relations
College: Bowland
Profession: Lieutenant Royal Navy

security studies. He was also attracted by the collegiate system. It was, he found, designed for making good friends quickly.

Unafraid of controversy, he did his dissertation on Islamophobia in the UK. His eyes were opened by a tutor who pushed him to do original research, investigating the link between Islamophobia and the BNP party.

In his final year he met his now fiancée Lucy Searles through a friend and they are getting married in Lancaster this summer.

Having graduated he wanted an adventure. He looked for a career where he could do something for his country, joined the Navy as an officer and is now on a 20 year commission.

In 2016, he was serving briefly on *HMS Enterprise* as Logistics/Embarkation Officer as part of Operation Litter, rescuing migrants in the Mediterranean. During that time, he was in charge of the recovery of more than 1500 migrants and of their welfare once on board.

In February 2019 he started a desk job at naval command in Portsmouth. He is currently learning Japanese to further his ambition to be sent to Japan.

As a member of the armed forces he has a sense of duty to the British public. To this end Phil feels Lancaster prepared him well for his role. He says: "Quite simply I learned that it's important to do your reading and to listen to the other side of the debate."

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Events

As ever, alumni love meeting up through our great network across the world. From renewing old acquaintances at reunions to making new connections at professional networking events or hearing insights from guest speakers, there is a wide variety of events on offer.

We now also have 48 alumni groups in 29 countries, led by volunteers who organise events. If you want to get involved with the group near you, please contact us.

If you want a trip down memory lane back in Lancaster with friends, we can help. Contact the alumni office to find out what's going on in the area, get accommodation advice and organise a guided tour of campus through us – if you haven't been for a while you may not recognise the place!

Over the past twelve months, we have helped to arrange events in London and Manchester as well as China, Nigeria, San Francisco, Chile, Switzerland and Germany. If you organise an informal reunion, send us a photo and we will try to feature you either on the website or on social media.



Professor Sir Roland Smith Lecture



Beijing Alumni Reception



Hong Kong Alumni Reception



1974 Graduates Local Reunion



Back to Campus!

Volunteering

Many alumni return to help with careers events, either as part of an exhibition or as a guest speaker – sometimes for a specific student society. For example, this year Sara Picazo (BBA European Management, 2011, Lonsdale) and Sam Hodges (English Language, 1999, Pendle) came to talk to the student Marketing Society about their respective roles at Twitter.

Lancaster Careers also run a very successful mentoring scheme where they team up alumni with students to offer advice including creating CVs, completing applications to interview techniques. If you would like to get involved, contact careers@lancaster.ac.uk

The Capital Connections programme provides opportunities for students to travel to a city to gain excellent careers insights and advice. Students participate in workplace visits, learn about graduate opportunities and attend a networking event with alumni from a variety of companies.

We are always looking for new companies and individuals to join us!



Sam Hodges (left)



Sara Picazo (left)

Tell Us Your Story

Don't forget we are always keen to hear about your life after Lancaster and career paths, as well as your alumni books and weddings.

If you would like to share your story, please email alumni@lancaster.ac.uk with around 300 words and a landscape format high quality photo and we will endeavour to feature you in one of our online news items www.lancaster.ac.uk/alumni/news



For further information about forthcoming events visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/alumni/events

For further information about volunteering visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/alumni/volunteer

QUIETLY AND ANONYMOUSLY, FOREIGN ACADEMICS ENDANGERED BY WAR AND DICTATORSHIPS HAVE BEEN FLEEING TO SANCTUARY AT LANCASTER UNIVERSITY TO CONTINUE THEIR RESEARCH AND TO COMPLETE QUALIFICATIONS FREE FROM DANGER TO THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY, THANKS TO THE UNIVERSITY'S MEMBERSHIP OF CARA (THE COUNCIL FOR AT-RISK ACADEMICS).

Academic Freedom for All

Now the University has formalised its welcome to at-risk academics by setting up a Sanctuary Fellowship to support individuals for up to two years at a time. This will offer temporary safety to colleagues in need, and help develop their skills and networks so they can return to help rebuild their home countries when this is possible. One scholar is already in place, but further funding of £13,000 is needed to provide support for a second fellow to come to Lancaster and carry on their work in safety.

It costs £16,500 to £40,000 to support an academic for one year - depending on whether they arrive alone or with an accompanying family. The money pays for their basic living expenses.

Dr Sarah Marsden, who lectures in Radicalisation and Protest in a Digital Age based in the Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion, acts as mentor to academics on the Cara scheme at Lancaster. She said "It is fundamental that we come together to safeguard education and structures in countries where people are at risk because their views are not popular with their regime. In doing this we are not only protecting individuals in danger, we are also giving those countries a much better chance of recovery after a period of turmoil."

Cara was set up by top UK academics and scientists in 1933 in response to the rise of the Nazis in Europe with an aim of rescuing their colleagues from persecution, to "prevent the waste of exceptional abilities exceptionally trained." This founding intention has not changed and Lancaster is a long-standing supporter. Cara acts as the point of contact for the at-risk academics and administers their flight until they and their families reach the campus, at which point Lancaster takes over.

It is Cara that matches individuals with supervising academics and departments in UK universities to ensure the best fit for both parties. This is not a one-way relationship; fellows also contribute to university life by teaching and sharing their experience with UK colleagues.



"It is hard to overestimate what Lancaster Sanctuary Fellowship makes possible; it contributes to the existence of the individual and their right to life, to the creativity of the individual which otherwise would have been terminated, to the research he/she participates in, and to the future of freedom of speech and expression in the entire world."

LANCASTER SANCTUARY FELLOW



To date, Lancaster University has supported two scholars to complete their PhDs here, but the Syrian crisis has highlighted the need to set up a more formal system for scholars on the point of fleeing their country.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Mark Smith has given his full backing to the Sanctuary Fellowship and says, "I regard this as an important example of Lancaster's culture and ethos of fair play and inclusivity. For that reason, and to help launch the initiative, I have set aside £20,000 to provide matched funding for donations that support our Lancaster Sanctuary Fellowship. I am also donating my own money to the project. Please join me in making a donation today".

His aim - announced in an all-staff meeting - is to have a Sanctuary Fellow in every one of Lancaster's four main faculties by 2022.

Dr Marsden is appealing to alumni to consider giving financial backing to the Sanctuary Fellowship scheme. It needs 40 people to commit £25 a month to make it sustainable into the future. She says, "Education is the bedrock of the future for these troubled countries."

The Alumni and Development Office ran a telethon in the summer to make contact with as many former students as possible about the Sanctuary Fellowship.

Lancaster undergraduates have also launched the Lancaster University Refugee Scholarship campaign to provide similar support for young refugees and asylum seekers.

TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE LANCASTER UNIVERSITY SANCTUARY FELLOWSHIP, GO TO WWW.LANCASTER.AC.UK/GIVING/LANCASTER-SANCTUARY-FELLOWSHIP/



University News

LANCASTER CONTINUES TO SCALE THE HEIGHTS



Lancaster has climbed to joint seventh in the Guardian University League Table 2020, confirming its place as one of the UK's leading institutions.

In the new tables, Lancaster is ranked as joint seventh in the country, and maintains its top ten ranking across all three major UK league tables.

Lancaster has also risen three places to 128 in the QS World University Rankings 2020.

In the most recent Guardian guide, Lancaster is ranked second for graduate employability with 89 per cent of graduates finding graduate-level jobs or undertaking further studies at professional or Higher Education level within six months of graduation.

Lancaster appears in the top ten for 15

subjects listed, and is ranked at number one in the country for Criminology.

Universities are ranked according to: course satisfaction; teaching quality; feedback; staff-student ratio; spend per student; average entry tariff; a value-added score that compares students' degree results with their entry qualifications; career after six month and continuation rate.

The latest tables build on the recent successes in The Complete University Guide 2020, in which Lancaster rose one place to seventh.

Lancaster University is currently also placed sixth in The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide, and is also highly-ranked in international league tables such as the QS World Rankings.

FIFTY FOUR DEGREES



The Lancaster University Management School magazine draws upon the vast expertise within the leading faculty and from industry partners to showcase our cutting-edge knowledge and highlight research impact.

Contributors have included Professor Sir Cary Cooper CBE, Director of the Work Foundation Lesley Giles, Experian North America CEO Craig Boundy, Professor Eyal Winter and Professor Monideepa Tarafdar.

The sixth edition of Fifty Four Degrees is now available, with a focus on how responsibility and sustainability should form the pillars of all modern business activity.

You can read articles from the magazine and subscribe at lancaster.ac.uk/lums/business/fifty-four-degrees

VICE-CHANCELLOR OPENS ELITE SPORTS FACILITIES

Vice-Chancellor Professor Mark E. Smith has officially opened new sports facilities as part of a 400 square metre extension to the Sports Centre on campus.

The new enhanced facilities include a Strength & Conditioning Room and Human Performance Laboratory, which together create space for high-performance training as well as a facility to serve the University's first academic sports course launched this year.

The Vice-Chancellor said, "I am very pleased to be opening this project which sends out a very clear message about our commitment to sport. Not only does it service the first academic sports course here at Lancaster, but it is also a valuable training facility that will serve the local community and enhance the performances of our competitive teams."

At the opening, players from Morecambe Football Club underwent fitness assessments in the Human Performance



Laboratory, which contains technology used by elite athletes and is now available for the public.

Human Performance is a core topic of the University's new Sports and Exercise Science degree and the new laboratory provides an opportunity for students on the programme to develop the necessary practical skills.

Dr Bob Lauder, Director of Sports Science in the Faculty of Health and Medicine, said: "We are delighted with this amazing space, which rightly places Lancaster University as a top institution for teaching and research in sports and exercise science."

MORE STUDY AT LANCASTER

Rebecca Phillips (Strong) loved her time at Lancaster so much she stayed for more - here's why...

Why did you choose Lancaster for your UG course? The main reasons for me choosing Lancaster was the University itself; I loved the idea of a campus and the collegiate system.

Why did you decide to stay on at Lancaster to do your Master's? I chose to stay on for my Master's because of the unique postgraduate course on offer (Psychology of Advertising), which allowed me to continue studying the topic I was interested in, combined with a discipline I thought I might be interested in working in after I had finished.

How did it differ from your UG experience? The PG experience was quite different partly due to the nature of the course, but I also lived off campus with friends so was less involved with campus activities.

How did your study help shape your career and lead to your new role in audience research at the BBC? Beyond providing me with the basic skills and knowledge for working in a research role, my Master's degree was fundamental in influencing my career path; the placement introduced me to the media world, and I have been working in an insight capacity, first in agency and more recently clientside, ever since. Undertaking a Master's degree helped me understand the career options available in the media & marketing industry.



Some PG courses offer alumni scholarships with a reduction in fees for those with an undergraduate qualification from Lancaster. For further information visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/postgraduate



PRESTIGIOUS AWARD NOMINATION FOR ONLINE COURSE

The History Department's first ever online course 'Lancaster Castle and Northern English History: the View from the Stronghold' was a runner-up in a national 'Learning on Screen' award.

It was one of four nominees in the 'Online Education Resource' category – up against the BBC and two other universities.

The Judges described the Lancaster University resource as 'professional and engaging'. They also praised the well-produced videos, which featured enthusiastic presenters and created a sense of anticipation.

The Learning on Screen awards are the UK's only celebration of film and media in education. This is the first such award nomination for an online course produced by Lancaster. The Department's Regional Heritage Centre produced the course in partnership with the University's Information Systems Services and the Duchy of Lancaster.

The course lasted for four weeks and was free to access via the Futurelearn platform www.futurelearn.com/courses/lancaster-castle. It will be re-run in October 2019.

Dr Fiona Edmonds, Director of the Regional Heritage Centre, said "The course takes an innovative approach to historical study by using one iconic castle as an accessible way into two millennia of northern England's past.

"We were delighted that the value of this approach has been recognised by the nomination for this award, as well as by the many learners worldwide who took the course.

"We are very grateful to the Duchy of Lancaster for their support during the creation of the course, which has enabled us to showcase the castle's fascinating buildings and history."



Tony Heaton

Subject: Visual Arts
Year: 1989
College: Pendle
Profession: Artist

WHEN TONY HEATON ARRIVED AT LANCASTER UNIVERSITY AS AN UNDERGRADUATE HE WAS 30, ALREADY A WORKING ARTIST, MARRIED WITH A CHILD AND HAD BEEN A WHEELCHAIR USER FOR 15 YEARS FOLLOWING A MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT. FOR HIM, UNIVERSITY WAS ABOUT ACQUIRING THE EDUCATION HE FELT HE NEEDED IN ORDER TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY.

Championing Disability Arts

Now a disability activist and artist with an OBE under his belt, Tony has established his credentials and still continues to challenge public apathy about disability rights with major pieces of sculpture such as Gold Lamé - the golden covered mobility vehicle which hung above the roof of Liverpool Parish Church until Spring 2019. In many ways he feels Lancaster gave him his voice.

He says: "It suddenly opened a whole world of people who were prepared to talk to you. It was a real game changer."

This was the age of Andy Goldsworthy and environmental art. Within weeks of arrival Tony had made a creative link with two sculptors, his teacher - Paul Hatton (a fellow in sculpture only a couple of years older than himself) and Lancaster Graduate, Robert Williams (now Professor of Art at the University of Cumbria) and began making environmental art works in Grizedale Forest and around Morecambe Bay.

His epiphany came after a chance remark by Paul Hatton, pointing out that he always knew where Tony had been by the 'footprints' of the wheelchair and crutches he left behind him. "This was the origins of my disability activism," he reflects. "That was my experience of moving through space." He made a plaster cast of the traces using sand and sea water, and more pieces followed, including use of prosthetic limbs.

Preston-raised Tony says he'd felt a bit of a fish out of water on arrival at Lancaster, though he was delighted at how easy it was to get around the campus.

His decision to go to Lancaster had been a pragmatic one governed by accessibility and convenient travel home to Preston. Accessibility has had to be a governing factor in most of his career decisions. His motorcycle accident put paid to a career as a rock drummer and following a turbulent time of recovery, he decided to develop his talent for drawing, eventually settling for an art foundation course at Southport, because it was accessible.

Even at Southport access was an issue, forcing him to opt for graphic design. This, however, enabled him to set himself up as an 'arts odd job man' and to work on commercial commissions in the evenings during his undergraduate years at Lancaster. He also ran a record shop.

Academically he enjoyed the challenge of being given a subject and researching it. He felt he almost had an advantage because he was so focused compared to his younger fellow students.

He started to make sculptures, knowing that this was what he wanted to do as a career. The first was in the University grounds - a new take on the comment by the artist Ad Reinhardt that 'sculpture is something you fall over when you step back to admire a painting'. He made a mantrap with spikes and put it in front of a tree on which he put a black square painting in the style of Kasimir Malevich.

By the time he emerged with his degree, Tony Heaton could justifiably say he was an artist. He was the regional finalist for a competition staged at the Yorkshire



< Gold Lamé



Monument to the Unintended Performer



Raspberry Ripple - @JulesLister

Sculpture Park and had sold a piece from his degree show in the Peter Scott Gallery. He had also collaborated in several joint exhibitions with his lecturers.

Almost immediately he was offered a job at RADAR (Royal Association of Disability Rights), as a field worker developing access for disabled people, before moving to the Citizens' Advice Bureau to look at social justice, all the while dedicating around three days a week to making sculpture. He was later appointed Chief Executive of Shape - the UK's first disability-led arts organisation.

He sees himself as a disability activist. He says: "Thirty years ago I used to give people the benefit of the doubt, that they just had not thought about access, but now I do not think that they can claim that as an excuse. I just think some people do not think discrimination against disabled people is wrong."

His passion to change attitudes continues. He says: "You have to accept that the first thing that people see when they meet you is the wheelchair and the first thing that you have to negotiate with them is their attitude to disability."

A measure of his success in getting his voice heard was being selected to create a sculpture outside the Channel 4 building to celebrate the Paralympics in 2012 and to make sculptural lecterns for Lord Sebastian Coe and Sir Philip Craven based on the sculpture *Great Britain from a Wheelchair* for the Olympics.

He is happy to acknowledge Lancaster's part in helping him fight for what he believes. He says: "Lancaster taught me not to accept things at face value, but to look beneath the surface."

Great Britain from a Wheelchair >

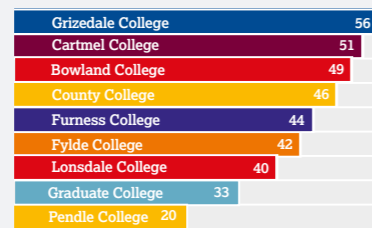


Making a Difference

COLLEGE 1000: THE RACE IS ON!

Many alumni are showing their student affiliation through donations to the College 1000 Campaign, directly supporting those students who are following in their footsteps.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED – YOU'RE DOING YOUR COLLEGE PROUD!



DONOR WALL UNVEILING

The Rt Hon Alan Milburn, Chancellor and Professor Mark E. Smith, Vice-Chancellor, unveiled Lancaster's first donor wall in early 2019. It recognises over 200 supporters in the University's giving circles: the prestigious Chancellor's College of Benefactors, and our leading benefactors, Patrons, Guardians, Pioneers and Ambassadors, who are championing philanthropy at Lancaster.

All levels of giving are crucial to the University and help to deliver its mission of improving and enriching the human experience, whether through our research or through direct support of our students.

Thank you to all those who make gifts, including those donors who choose to remain anonymous.



MEET THE PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Patron

CHEUK-MING TAM

PhD Environmental Sciences and Physics & Environmental Science, 1976, Cartmel

Ming remembers Lancaster fondly as "a place to train the mind, exercise the body and bless the soul". After a 30 year career as a weather scientist, he has now retired from the Hong Kong Observatory. "I am happy to be a Patron and give as a gesture of reciprocity. There will always be students in need and I believe that given the chance of a quality education at Lancaster, these youngsters could also make their dreams come true."



Pioneer

NIGEL HOWARD

Law, 1987, Pendle

The first in his family to attend university, Nigel, who is now a technology transactions lawyer based in New York, says that Lancaster was instrumental in setting him on his career in Law. As well as supporting the University through his Pioneer gift, he is also "thrilled to be a member of the Board of Friends of Lancaster University in America (FLUA)."



Ambassador

ANGUS YIP

MA Accounting and Finance, 1994, Graduate

Angus, who has had a career in finance and teaching and is now a sustainability consultant, describes his time at Lancaster studying for his MA as "a life-changing experience." He says "I would like to support overseas students to come to Lancaster for perhaps a once-in-a-lifetime experience."



Ambassador

CATHY TURNER

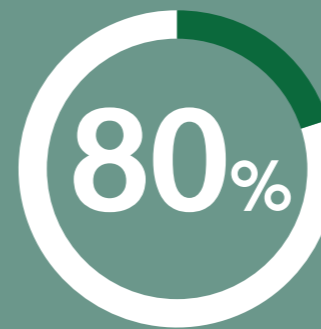
Economics and Politics, 1984, County

After a long executive career in banking and consulting, Cathy is now a Non-Executive Director at Quilter PLC and Aldermore. She is a Partner at the advisory firm Manchester Square Partners. She also does voluntary work with retired Gurkhas in Nepal. Cathy is supporting the Lancaster University Management school with her gift.

You can meet more of our philanthropists online at: www.lancaster.ac.uk/giving/our-philanthropists

SUSTAINABLE LANCASTER

Lancaster's donors are helping the University to fulfil its aim to lower carbon emissions by 80% by 2050 and create a sustainable place to live, work and study.



PRECIOUS PLASTIC COMES TO LANCASTER

Precious Plastic is a global community of hundreds of people working towards a solution to plastic pollution. Alumni donations have now made it possible to bring a Precious Plastic initiative to Lancaster.

A Friends Programme grant of over £7,000 will be used to produce small-scale recycling machines on campus. These machines will be used to recycle plastics which are not currently recycled by Lancaster's kerbside system, meaning that the majority of plastic used within the City could be saved from landfill.

Once the machines are up and running on campus and in the City, the recycled plastics will be used to create new saleable products. With this activity, and through education initiatives, the project aims to both challenge the idea that plastic is a worthless material and to encourage people to reconsider purchasing single use plastic products.



A BUZZ AROUND CAMPUS

Lancaster University Bee Keepers received an alumni-funded Friends Programme grant for their Eco Hives project in 2017.

The University Bee Keepers used the funding to help with the set-up costs of the campus apiary, which is now home to three colonies of locally bred bees. The Eco Hives project is proving to be an excellent way to promote biodiversity, science research and education; it has also captured the imagination of the local community who have attended site visits and beekeeping events on campus.

The Chair of the University Bee Keepers is Dr Nadia Mazza, a Senior Lecturer in Pure Mathematics. Although she remembers being scared of insects when she was younger, she soon changed her mind when she experienced the magic of a beehive. Nadia understands the importance of bees and the need to protect them not only for the benefit of the environment, but for education and research.

There are many exciting plans for the campus apiary – watch out for Lancaster University honey and beeswax products on campus, as well as an apiary webcam for bee fans to watch the colonies online.

For more information about how gifts to Lancaster are making a difference, please visit: www.lancaster.ac.uk/giving/news

To make a donation, please email p.mccarthy@lancaster.ac.uk or visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/giving/donate

Honorary Graduates

Each year Lancaster awards honorary degrees to people with outstanding international or leading national reputation in their field. The following awards were made in 2018:



Professor David Croisdale-Appleby OBE is Corporate Strategist and Advisor to the Boards of many public, private and voluntary organisations as well as the government.



Mr Edward S. Fort OBE is an entrepreneur and inventor and founder of Fort Vale Engineering, a world leader in the precision manufacture of valves and fittings.



Bryan Gray CBE DL was Pro-Chancellor of Lancaster University between 2003 and 2013 and Chairman of the Northwest Regional Development Agency from 2002-2009.



The Rt Hon the Lord Hague of Richmond. William Hague is a British Conservative politician and life peer. He was Leader of the Conservative Party and Leader of the Opposition between 1997 to 2001.



Lindsey Hilsum is a multi-award winning international editor for Channel 4 News renowned for her ability to analyse the often complex issues underlying major conflicts around the world.



Barrie Rutter is an actor and director with an internationally acclaimed career in theatre, film and television. He formed the Northern BroadSides Theatre Company in 1992.



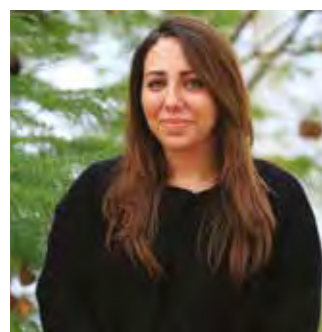
Professor Phil Scraton is Professor Emeritus of Critical Criminology in the School of Law, Queen's University, Belfast. He led the Hillsborough Independent Panel's research team.



Professor Fusuo Zhang is a plant nutritionist and member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering. He works with farmers across the world to produce more food with reduced use of scarce resources.

Alumni Awards

The University's Alumni Awards recognise Lancaster graduates who have made a substantial contribution in their field and have developed an outstanding national or international reputation amongst their peers. The following awards were made in 2018:



Dr Sanaa Alsarghali
PhD Law, 2016, Graduate
First Palestinian woman to receive a PhD in Constitutional Law from a UK university.



Joe Gordon
Business Studies, 2004, Lonsdale
As Head of First Direct, Joe is one of the youngest people to make it to the top of the UK banking industry.



Tony Heaton OBE
Visual Arts, 1989, Pendle
Highly acclaimed sculptor, performance artist and champion for disability arts.



Donna Munday
Theatre Studies, 1992, Pendle
Highly respected theatre manager and producer in the West End and provincial repertory theatres.



In Memoriam

Sally Hollis, former staff member died in June 2019. She joined Lancaster in 1995 as one of three founder members of the Medical Statistics Unit within the Department of Mathematics and Statistics. Her previous employment was as a lone statistician at Royal Salford. Her knowledge of the NHS and wide-ranging experience of clinical research projects was critical to the success of the unit's collaborative work at the academic/non-academic interface. Sally became Senior Lecturer and played a major role in setting up and delivering the MSc in Medical Statistics. She left Lancaster in 2014.

Harold White, former Finance Officer at the University, passed away in May 2019, aged 91. He joined Lancaster on 1 November 1969 and when he arrived most financial and personnel records were kept manually. By the time he left, his staff of 15 included a data processing officer and four analyst/programmers. He served under five Pro-Chancellors, three Vice-Chancellors and two University Secretaries.

Professor Emeritus Maurice Kirby passed away on Friday 17 May 2019. He came to Lancaster from Stirling University in 1985 and then progressed to a Readership in 1990 and a Chair in 1998. He then took a wider role in the University by becoming Principal of Pendle College (1991-1996) and Provost of Colleges and Student Relations (1995-1998). He was President of the Lancaster Association of University Teachers before becoming Head of the Economics Department (1999-2003). Maurice finally retired in 2008.

Professor Damon Berridge, Lecturer then Senior Lecturer in Statistics at Lancaster between October 1991 and June 2014 died on Friday 12 April 2019. Damon's early work was on modelling data with ordered categorical outcomes. In more recent years, Damon returned to medical statistics and took up a Chair in Applied Statistics at Swansea University. He was an active member of the statistical consultancy service at Lancaster and collaborated with a wide range of social scientists and biologists.

Dave Bleasdale former staff member in ISS, passed away in April 2019. He had worked for the University for nearly 30 years when he retired in August 2018. Dave supported staff and students with their use of technology through a number of roles - first as Training Officer, then as Information Officer, and more recently as Software Manager responsible for the licensing of software applications.

Professor Samson Olatunde Oduleye (PhD Biological Sciences, 1973) passed away, aged 75, on 3 March 2019. He was the former Chairman of Academic Staff Union of Universities, Unilorin Chapter in Nigeria and spent a considerable part of his life and energy in the struggle for the development of the Nigerian University system and the Nigerian nation.

Bob Bond (French Studies, 1972, Cartmel) died on 17 February aged 69. He will be remembered by his contemporaries as the sharpest dressed fresher, often besuited, remaining loyal to the style of his teenage years in south London. After graduating he had teaching posts in London and Leicester before settling in Great Yarmouth. Latterly, he became an educational advisor to the county and a leadership mentor for prospective Head Teachers.

Richard A Fagence (English, 1967, Lonsdale), a founding student at Lancaster died on 16 February 2019, aged 72. After a career in teaching and later in sales, he will certainly be remembered for his untiring work as a Lib Dem Councillor in Windsor for 17 years.

(Mohamed) Asraf Sattar Suleman, (MA Contemporary Sociology, 1988, Sociology & Politics, 1986, Cartmel) sadly passed away on 21 January 2019 after a battle with cancer. Asraf devoted his life to educating people beginning his teaching career at Lancashire Polytechnic, now UCLAN. He then relocated to Cheshire and taught at Stockport College for 15 years where OFSTED awarded him many 'Outstanding' marks for his way of teaching. Asraf was also Head Teacher for a time at KD Grammar School for Boys in Manchester.

Brendan Stuart (MA Religious Studies, 2010, Religious Studies, 2009, Furness) died after a battle with cancer on 20 December 2018. He was a Teaching Assistant in Religious Studies and Assistant Dean in Lonsdale College. Brendan was very popular in campus life, both among his undergraduate students and postgraduate peers.

Dr Martin Edmonds (PhD Pub Politics, 1989, Fylde) passed away on 8 December 2018 at the age of 79. Martin came to Lancaster on 1 October 1966 as a Lecturer in Politics, and subsequently built up a strong research profile in Defence Studies, culminating as Director of the Centre for Defence and Security Studies from 1990 onwards. He retired in 1996 and was made an Honorary Professorial Fellow, later returning in a part time capacity until 2004. Full obituary on the Daily Telegraph website.

Malcolm Kear, County College Porter from 1972-2002, passed away on 11 July 2018. Malcolm was one of the longest serving porters on campus and certainly a foundation stone of County College. Originally from Castleford, Yorkshire, Malcolm joined Lancaster in 1972. In that time, he never failed to show his support and genuine care for all County members.

Andy Shaw, University staff member, passed away after a short period of illness on 6 July 2018. Andy started at Lancaster in 2001 and after a brief period of time working within the catering team, was appointed as Licensee of Lonsdale Bar (and in later years Fylde Bar) where he became an integral part of College and University life for many years.

Jane Lewis, (Music, 1989, Bowland) passed away on 1 July 2018 just after her 50th birthday and 25th wedding anniversary. She was a musician and a very fervent evangelical who married Simon Tolaini, a young catholic. Unfortunately, Jane developed MS shortly after marrying which progressed until she was unable to walk and was confined to a wheelchair.

Carolyn Stone, Lecturer in the Department of Educational Research between 1974 to 1997, died on 23 June 2018. She served as Director of Studies for the combined major in Educational Studies and Religious Studies and was highly active in the establishment of Women's Studies at Lancaster. In 1992 she received a Pilkington Teaching Award, for the 'excellence of her teaching contribution in both education and women's studies.'

Professor Margaret Canovan, former member of the Politics Department, passed away on June 16 at the age of 79. She read History at Girton College, Cambridge and joined the staff at Lancaster shortly after its establishment in 1964. She remained there until her marriage in 1971. Following the birth of her daughter, she joined the Politics Department at Keele University in 1974 where she worked until her retirement in 2002.

Professor Gregory Kamwendo (MA Language Studies, 1993, Graduate) passed away on 22 May 2018. He was a Professor of Language Education and the Dean and Head of School of the School of Education from May 2012 to February 2016, before leaving to assume the position of Dean of the Arts Faculty at the University of Zululand. During his time at UKZN, Professor Kamwendo was instrumental in leading the process of curriculum transformation and he was a strong advocate for IsiZulu teaching.

Professor Karen Dawisha (Politics, 1972, Furness) died on 11 April 2018 aged 68. She devoted her professional life to the study of Russia. She taught at the Department of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland (1985-2000) and then went as Professor to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio based in the Department of Political Science. She met her husband, Adee Dawisha, an Iraqi academic, at Lancaster. Full obituary on The Guardian website.

For full obituaries please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/alumni/in-memoriam



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

JULY 2019
KUALA LUMPUR
Alumni networking with our Director of Development and Alumni Relations

SEPTEMBER 2019
LONDON
Alumni social and networking event

SEPTEMBER 2019
CHELTENHAM
Alumni Group Event

OCTOBER 2019
MANCHESTER
Alumni social and networking event

NOVEMBER 2019
OXFORD
Alumni Group Event

NOVEMBER 2019
LONDON
Professor Sir Roland Smith Lecture with Sir Tim Smit



Details will be posted online at www.lancaster.ac.uk/alumni/events and more events coming soon