

Awards

New Year Honours



Martin Taylor (1970): Commander of the British Empire (CBE), for services to the economy. Martin Taylor is Vice-Chairman of the Board of RTL Group and a member of the Bank of England's Financial Policy Committee. He is the former Chairman of Syngenta AG and was a member of the Independent Commission on Banking. Originally a journalist, he has been Chairman of WHSmith plc (1999–2003), and Chief Executive

Officer of Barclays plc (1993–1998) and Courtaulds Textiles (1990–1993). From 1999 to 2005 he was an adviser to Goldman Sachs International.



Professor John Christopher McCrudden (Junior Research Fellow in Law 1977–1980): Commander of the British Empire (CBE), for services to human rights law. Christopher McCrudden is Professor of Human Rights and Equality Law at Queen's University Belfast and William W. Cook Global Law Professor at the University of Michigan Law School, and a practising barrister. Until 2011, he was Professor of Human Rights Law at Oxford University and a Fellow of Lincoln College. Currently, his research deals with the foundational principles

underpinning human rights practice. He was awarded the American Society of International Law's prize for outstanding legal scholarship in 2008. He is a Fellow of the British Academy and a Member of the Royal Irish Academy.



James Richardson (1985): Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB), for public service. As Chief Economist at the National Infrastructure Commission (NIC), an independent body providing expert advice to the government on pressing infrastructure issues, James Richardson led the NIC's production of the first ever National Infrastructure Assessment (2018): an in-depth assessment of the UK's major infrastructure needs and how they should be addressed. Prior to joining the NIC, he was at HM Treasury, as Director, Fiscal and Deputy

Chief Economic Adviser, and before that as Director, Public Spending and Chief Microeconomist.



Professor John Birney FRS FMedSci (1992) (known as Ewan): Commander of the British Empire (CBE), for services to computational genomics and leadership across the life sciences. Ewan Birney is Joint Director of the European Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI), where he runs a research group. He worked on the initial human genome project and led the analysis group in the first two phases of the international ENCODE project, which is working to define functional elements in the human genome. His current research focuses on algorithms

and statistical methods to analyse genomic information, compression of sequencing data and methods to use DNA as a digital storage medium. He has received many awards, including the 2003 Francis Crick Award from the Royal Society. He is also a non-executive director of Genomics England.

Fellows

Royal Society University Research Fellowships have been awarded to

Adam Nahum (Research Fellow in the Sciences) for his research in quantum

entanglement and random geometry, and to **Ohad Kammar** (Career Development Fellow in Computer Science 2017–2018) for his research on 'effectful theories of programming languages: models, abstractions, validation'.



Ohad Kammar

also received a Distinguished Paper Award at the Association for Computing Machinery's annual Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages, for a paper of 'relevance, originality, significance and clarity'. Ohad says it 'was completed entirely during my Career Development Fellowship. The long duration of the Fellowship, and the careful balance between research and teaching loads, were crucial in allowing me to focus on an ambitious problem and help solve it.'



Vicky Neale

(Whitehead Lecturer in Mathematics and Supernumerary Fellow) won a Suffrage Science award in maths and computing. Run by the Medical Research Council's London Institute of Medical Sciences, the awards aim to celebrate female scientists and to encourage others to enter science and reach senior roles. Vicky's nominator said 'she is to me an exemplary mathematics communicator. She conveys the beauty



of the subject with enthusiasm and authority, bringing quite complex ideas within the grasp of everybody.'

Nick Trefethen

(Professor of Numerical Analysis and Professorial Fellow) has been granted the title of Doctor *honoris causa* by the University of Fribourg in Switzerland and an honorary degree by the University of Stellenbosch. Professor Trefethen leads Oxford's Numerical Analysis Group.



Sara Kerens

Students

Maya Krishnan has been elected to a Fellowship by Examination at All Souls College, Oxford. A Rhodes Scholar, Maya is in her second year of a BPhil in Philosophy.

Arman Karshenas, a second-year Engineering Science undergraduate, was in the Oxford team who won Best Therapeutics Project award and a gold medal in the International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) competition, which gives interdisciplinary teams the opportunity to push the boundaries of synthetic biology whilst tackling everyday issues facing the world. Arman's team won the award for developing a novel treatment for inflammatory bowel disease.

Barbara Souza was awarded best poster prize at MOF 2018, an International Conference on Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOFs) and Open Framework Compounds – the most important conference in the field. Barbara is reading for a DPhil in Engineering Science in the Solid Mechanics and Materials Engineering Group, under the supervision of Professor Jin-Chong Tan (Fellow and Tutor in Engineering Science).

Talita de Souza Dias was awarded the Journal of International Criminal Justice Prize 2018 for her article 'The Retroactive Application of the Rome Statute in the Cases of Security Council Referrals and Ad Hoc Declarations: An Appraisal of Existing Solutions to an Under-discussed Problem', 16

JICJ (2018) 65-89. The journal is the most important journal in the field of international criminal law.

Old Members

Tom Douglas

(Junior Research Fellow in the Humanities 2011–2013) was awarded a European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator Grant for a five-year project entitled 'Protecting Minds: The Right to Mental Integrity and the Ethics of Arational Influence'. He is now a Senior Research Fellow at the Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics.



Ian Taylor

Jonathan Meakins,

former Nuffield Professor of Surgery (2002–2008) and Professorial Fellow at Balliol, has received the degree of Honorary Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, from Western University in London, Ontario.



Ian Taylor

Martin Edwards (1974) won the Crime Writers' Association Dagger in the Library award 2018 'for a body of work by an established crime writer that has long been popular with borrowers from libraries. It also rewards authors who have supported libraries and their users.'

Paul Williams

(1995), Professor of Atmospheric Science at the University of Reading, won the runner-up prize in the Societal Impact category of the NERC Impact Awards, which recognise work that has had substantial impact on the economy and society in the UK or abroad: he describes this work on page 14.



David V. Williams (1969), Emeritus Professor of Law at the University of Auckland, has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

The Hon John F. Godfrey (1965) was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada (CM) for his commitment as a public servant and educator who has enriched Canada's media landscape.

Former medical student **Dr Farrah**

Jarral (Balliol 2000) has been awarded an Alistair Horne Visiting Fellowship at St Antony's College, Oxford, 'designed to encourage the completion of works in modern history and biography'.



Johanna Hayward (2000)

Suzannah

Lipscomb (2004) has been elected a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and appointed as a Professor of History at the University of Roehampton in January 2019.



Tim

Soutphommasane (2004), a human rights advocate and political theorist, has been appointed the University of Sydney's first Professor of Practice (Sociology and Political Theory).



Frances Flanagan

(2005) has been awarded a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Sydney, in order to conduct innovative, multidisciplinary research at the university with the University's Business School and Policy Lab.



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