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Welcome from Head of School



This is an exciting year for Edinburgh Law School. It marks the 25th anniversary of the LLM which from modest beginnings in the 1980s now attracts in excess of 200 postgraduate students annually from 50 different countries. We are delighted to celebrate with the launch of three new LLM programmes in the 2014/15 academic year – in International Banking Law and Finance, in Human Rights and in Medical Law and Ethics. Our current postgraduate students are also reaching out to our postgraduate Alumni with the launch of Edinburgh Law Connections (ELC), more of which you can read about in this newsletter.

If our curriculum has expanded over the last 25 years so too has our research profile. The real-world impact of some of our most recent research ranges from influencing government policy, to enhancements to civil and criminal justice practice, to development of policy and practice on health-related research. I am really delighted by the news of Graeme Laurie's £1-million Wellcome Trust research grant, which you can also read about here.

Finally, 2014 is also the 225th anniversary of the laying of the Foundation Stone of Old College (more details of our celebrations of this remarkable event will follow in our next issue). It is fitting that at such an important point in our building's history we have commissioned an ambitious redevelopment of the Law School at Old College. I do hope you are able to join us for our event at Old College on Thursday 12th June when the architects will present the plans. Again, all details are in this newsletter. I'm very much looking forward to seeing you then.

With all good wishes,
Professor Lesley McAra
 Head of School

Forthcoming Events

The Law School holds many events which are open to the public and we are particularly delighted to welcome Alumni on these occasions. Some upcoming highlights are listed below; keep an eye on the Law School website for more. All events are free but some may be ticketed. For more information about any of the below please email

law.events@law.ed.ac.uk or call 0131 650 2008.

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Wednesday 30th April	W A Wilson Memorial Lecture: <i>Professor David Snyder</i> , Washington College of Law: Metamorphoses in the Law of Contract: A Mythological Lecture	6pm-7pm	Lecture Theatre 175, Old College, followed by drinks reception in the Lorimer Room
Wednesday 7th May	<i>James Wolffe QC</i> , Dean of the Faculty of Advocates: What is the Bar for?	6pm	The Signet Library, followed by a reception kindly hosted by The Faculty of Advocates
Thursday 15th May	Centre for Law and Society Global Justice Lecture: <i>Professor Thomas Pogge</i> , Yale University: The Millennium Development Goals and their Successors	4.30-6pm	Teviot Lecture Theatre, followed by drinks reception in McEwan Hall Reception Room
Thursday 22nd May	Global Justice Society: <i>Professor Lee Buchheit</i> : Sovereign Debt and Legal Justice Lee Buchheit is Adjunct Professor of Law at NYU, and a Partner and expert in sovereign debt restructuring at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP. Prof. Buchheit's Public Lecture will be followed by roundtable discussion with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Professor Mitu Gulati</i> (Duke University) • <i>Professor Ross Buckley</i> (UNSW) • <i>Dr Jeromin Zettelmeyer</i> (Deputy Chief Economist, European Bank of Reconstruction and Development) • <i>Alys Mumford</i> Chief Executive of Jubilee Scotland The session will be chaired by <i>Professor Emiliios Avgouleas</i> , Edinburgh Law School	4pm-7pm	Lecture Theatre 175, Old College, followed by drinks reception
2nd, 3rd and 4th June	Neil MacCormick Lectures: <i>Professor Wolfgang Ernst</i> , University of Zurich: The Ayes Have It – The Legal History of Public Choice An analysis of the history of voting procedures, drawing on material from the Roman Senate, Church councils, modern parliaments and collegiate courts	6pm-7pm	Lecture Theatre 175, Old College, followed by drinks reception in the Lorimer Room
Thursday 12th June	A Vision for Old College: Presentation by the architects, LDN, of the redevelopment of the Law School at Old College	6pm-7pm	Lecture Theatre 270, Old College, followed by drinks reception. Please note different RSVP details: email alumni@ed.ac.uk or call 0131 650 2240

University and School News

Chinese Warrior Lanterns Light Up Quad



Image: Michael Caithness

Larger-than-life lanterns inspired by ancient Chinese warriors added a burst of colour to Old College this Chinese New Year. The spectacle was created by Chinese artist Xia Nan for the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008 – and this was

the first time the Warriors had been seen in Scotland. The lanterns were inspired by the army of 8,000 terracotta soldiers discovered in 1974 when the tomb of the First Chinese Emperor Qin Shi Huang was unearthed in the Xi'an province of China.

New Year Honours for Law School Staff



David Sellar

Honorary Fellow, David Sellar, was appointed as Member of the Royal Victorian Order (MVO) in this year's New Year Honours list to mark his retirement as Lord Lyon King of Arms, a position he has held since 2008. Visiting Professor Harvey McGregor QC was awarded a CBE for services to law and education.

£1-Million Research Grant for Graeme Laurie



Graeme Laurie

Professor Graeme Laurie, Professor of Medical Jurisprudence and Founding Director of the Mason Institute, has been awarded a £1-million five-year research grant from the Wellcome Trust. This project will bring together a team of anthropologists, sociologists, ethicists, and lawyers, working with

a range of stakeholders and regulators, to examine the "liminal spaces" of health research regulation, i.e. the grey areas between the rules and regulations and sound ethical judgment. This project will draw out lessons across health research sectors – such as data, tissue and stem cells – and it will contribute to improve regulation designed to deliver the Trust's vision of achieving extraordinary improvements in human health.

An Invitation: Find Out More About Our Plans for Old College

We warmly invite all our Alumni to a presentation of the plans for the redevelopment from the architects, followed by a drinks reception, on Thursday 12th June at 6pm in Lecture Theatre 270 in Old College. To book your place please email alumni@ed.ac.uk or call 0131 650 2240.



Inspiring Women, Inspiring Change – Celebrating International Women's Day

As part of the University's celebrations of International Women's Day the Old College Quad played host in March to a photo exhibition of 40 newly commissioned photos of inspiring women. The exhibition showcased the work of seven photographers ensuring that different perspectives and styles capture these outstanding women. A photo of our female law professors was one of the items on display. Since the appointment of our first female professor in 2004 women now make up 40% of the Professoriat at Old College.



Image: Euan Myles

Seven of our eight female professors, pictured in the Raeburn Room in Old College. Front to back, from left to right: Lesley McAra, Head of School and Professor of Penology, Professor Jo Shaw, Salvesen Professor of European Institutions, Susan McVie, Professor of Quantitative Criminology, Elspeth Christie Reid, Professor of Scottish Private Law, Anne Griffiths, Professor of Anthropology of Law and Niamh Nic Shuibhne, Professor of European Union Law. The eighth, Christine Bell, Professor of Constitutional Law, is missing from the picture.



Thank you to everyone who so kindly sent in their class photos. We will have them up on the website soon. We're delighted to announce that the winner of the Kindle Fire is Nicholas Chalmers, LLB 1967. Congratulations!

Alumni News



James Wolffe QC

James Wolffe QC was elected as the new Dean of the Faculty of Advocates in the Faculty's first ever online election. He becomes leader of the 466-strong practising Scottish Bar, succeeding fellow Edinburgh graduate, Richard Keen QC. In an event organised jointly by the Law School and the Faculty of Advocates,

Mr Wolffe will set out his vision for the Faculty in a public lecture entitled "What is the Bar for?" All details are included on the events table on page 2.



Lady Rae



Lady Wolffe

Sheriff Rita Rae QC and **Sarah Wolffe QC**

have been appointed as Senators of the College of Justice. Sheriff Rae served as a temporary sheriff from 1987-1997, a sheriff at Glasgow from 1997

and a temporary judge at the Court of Session from 2004. Sarah Wolffe qualified as a solicitor in 1992 and was called to the bar in 1994. Since 2007 she has been an ad-hoc advocate depute and was appointed QC in 2008. The two judges join seven other women to bring the number of female Senators in the College to nine.



Robyn Hardage

Triathlete and Edinburgh Law School graduate **Robyn Hardage**, currently working as a federal justice department legal assistant, celebrated a great year in 2013. The

Ottawan athlete is now ranked thirteenth in the world and second in Canada in the women's 30-34 age group.

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Calling All LLM, MSc, and Diploma Alumni: Connect With Current Students!

Edinburgh Law Connections (ELC) is a student-led community at the Law School connecting students and postgraduate Alumni.



Alumna Patricia Barclay, Managing Director of Bonaccord, speaks with Vicky Baeckstroem, President of the Edinburgh Law Postgraduate Hub at the launch event in the Playfair Library on 15th January 2014

ELC is happy to announce a series of monthly "Networking Nights": "All Alumni, postgraduate students, and staff are invited to join us on the fourth Wednesday of every month for informal conversation. We hope these events will be a place where Alumni in the area are able to reconnect with the Law School and pass along any advice to current students! Join us Wednesdays 23 April, 28 May, 25 June, and 23 July 2014 from 7pm at Ciao Roma (64 South Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1LS; just across from Old College). No RSVP is needed. Wine and snacks will be provided."

To get in touch and find out more please connect with us at one of the following:

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Sir Malcolm Rifkind Speaks to London Alumni



Sir Malcolm Rifkind (LLB, 1966) at the drinks reception following his lecture, in conversation with David Montagu-Smith (LLB, 1968) and Isabella Castle

Sir Malcolm Rifkind, MP for Kensington and graduate of the Law School, gave a fascinating lecture to a packed room of graduates, including many Law Alumni, in Mayfair on 6th March, organised by the University of Edinburgh London Alumni Network. **To receive updates on the activities and events of the London Alumni Network get in touch at the details below:**

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