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Welcome to the latest edition of the Edinburgh Law School Alumni Newsletter!

2017: A Year of Achievement



This beautiful shot was taken from the Communications Office on the 9th floor of David Hume Tower at sunset, just before Christmas 2017. We have really enjoyed the time we've spent in our temporary home and the views are second to none. But as the sun sets on 2017, we look forward to returning to Old College and making ourselves at home in the refurbished building.

2017 was a year of change. We said goodbye to many esteemed colleagues and welcomed a broad cohort of new staff, who are introduced on P6. We also now have a new Dean & Head of School, Professor Martin Hogg. You can read more about Martin on P4. Professor Graeme Laurie stepped down as Director of the Mason Institute, with Drs Sarah Chan and Agomoni Ganguli-Mitra taking over as Co-Directors. We also said goodbye to Dr Lisa Kendall

after 10 years as Director of Professional Services and welcomed Ms Julia Dawson as her replacement.

We have also appointed a new Director of Alumni Relations. Navraj Singh Ghaleigh, Senior Lecturer in Climate Law, is looking forward to getting to know members of our alumni community and working together with you over the course of the next three years. You can read his welcome on the following page.

Yet in the wake of change, we have seen some incredible achievements. This edition details some of the outstanding successes of our staff, students and of course, our alumni. From running unassisted to the North Pole, to spearheading a campaign to promote LGBT+ equality in the workplace, our graduates can boast some exceptional triumphs. We always want to hear your success stories, so feel free to get in touch by emailing law.alumni@ed.ac.uk.

We want to make 2018 the year that we go further than ever before. We are all inspired by Jenny Davis, who graces the front cover and whose story you can read in full on P14. Jenny's determination to push herself to the extreme to succeed is truly motivational. Another of our alumni, Daniel Högsta, has been pushing the anti-nuclear weapons campaign further too, and was part of the team that won the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize. You can read his story on P11.

We hope you have a successful 2018, pushing forwards, onwards and upwards!

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School News

Welcome from Director of Alumni Relations

Navraj Singh Ghaleigh



Navraj has been with the Law School since 2003. He was previously a barrister in London and Lecturer at King's College London, having undertaken his graduate work at the University of Cambridge, the European University Institute in Florence and the University of California, Berkley, as a Fulbright Scholar.

His research and teaching has two main strands. He investigates climate change law, principally as a matter of public international law but he also considers its relationship with other bodies, levels and disciplines of law. He's also interested in electoral law, particularly party and election funding, direct democracy, referendums and the implications of new technologies for the electoral process.



"It is a wonderful pleasure to serve the Edinburgh Law School community as its Director of Alumni Relations. Since taking up post in September, I've been reminded of the extraordinary range and depth of our alumni. We are all immensely proud of our community's achievements.

I am delighted to say that our most recent graduates are continuing in this vein - winning international mooted competitions, earning awards for their dissertations, and making a mark on the legal world in so many ways.

I very much hope that each of you feels able to engage in the life of the School, whether this involves reconnecting with old friends, coming to our public events, mentoring current students, engaging with our research (the 'co-production of knowledge' as it is termed!) or even donating to the Return to Old College fund.

The Law School will be participating in a series of University-led alumni events around the world in the near future. There was a recent event in Brussels; London, New York, Singapore and many others are already scheduled for this year. If there's an Edinburgh Law School cohort in your part of the world that you think we should visit, please do be in touch. In any event, rest assured that Old College will, from August 2018, be our collective home once again. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible very soon."

School News

Introducing...

New Dean & Head of School Professor Martin Hogg

We are pleased to announce the appointment of a new Dean & Head of School. Professor Martin Hogg stepped into this role with effect from 1st June 2017, having served for three years as the Deputy Head of School. He has taken over the position from Professor Richard Sparks.

Martin studied Law at this very university, before training as a solicitor with Dundas & Wilson CS (now part of CMS). He joined the Law School in 1995, becoming Senior Lecturer in 2004. In 2013, he was appointed to a Chair in the Law of Obligations. He became a member of the Faculty of Advocates in 2015.

On taking on this new mantle, Professor Hogg remarked:



“I’m excited to be taking up the Headship of Edinburgh Law School. The next few years will bring a lot of opportunities and challenges for the school, including the move back into our refurbished Old College premises. We will be addressing Brexit, the development of new academic partnerships across the globe, the introduction of new on-campus and online programmes, widening access to legal study and potential changes to legal qualification. I am looking forward to leading the School as we explore these new possibilities. In this, I am privileged to be working with a great team of Law School colleagues, including the two new Deputy Heads of School, Professors Laura Macgregor and Stephen Tierney, and our recently appointed Director of Professional Services, Julia Dawson.

Edinburgh Law School is an exciting and vibrant environment in which to learn and work. I am committed to ensuring that we continue to attract the best students and staff from across the globe. Over the next few months, I hope to have dialogues with as many of our staff, students and alumni as possible. Our graduates are a vital part of the broader Law School community and I look forward to drawing upon their expertise and benefitting from our fondness for the School.”



Professor Hogg’s initial term as Head of School will last for five years.
You can follow him on Twitter: @The_Hoggy

School News

We are also delighted to welcome our new Deputy Heads of School, Professors Laura Macgregor and Stephen Tierney, who will be supporting Professor Hogg in his new role.

Professor Laura Macgregor



Professor Macgregor holds the Chair of Commercial Contract Law. Before joining Edinburgh Law School, Laura spent five years as a lecturer at the University of Glasgow. Prior to her becoming an academic, she also spent several years as a solicitor. Upon taking up this appointment, Laura commented:



"I am delighted to be invited to be Vice-Dean. I value the opportunity to work with both Professor Hogg and Professor Tierney, colleagues I have known and worked with for many years. I have been employed at Edinburgh Law School for 15 years; for the last two years I have been extensively engaged in training, personal development and promotions for the Law School. I will also be assisting the Head of School in liaison with the Edinburgh Centre for Professional Legal Studies, and externally, with the Law Society for Scotland. My research lies in the field of private and commercial law, often analysing these fields in the European context. As we move forward to face the challenges of Brexit I hope to draw on my personal contacts throughout Europe to ensure that Edinburgh Law School maintains and develops its high profile internationally."

Professor Stephen Tierney



Stephen Tierney is Professor of Constitutional Theory and Director of the Edinburgh Centre for Constitutional Law. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the UK Constitutional Law Association and served as Constitutional Adviser to the Scottish Parliament Independence Referendum.

Stephen said this about his new role:



"I am delighted to take on the role of Vice-Dean and to be working with Professor Hogg, who has exciting plans for the Law School and the drive to take us forward as we prepare to return to Old College.

I will be working on internationalisation issues through the Law Schools Global League. As Director of the Edinburgh Centre for Constitutional Law, I already perform various external roles for the School which I hope will aid me in helping the School foster stronger links abroad, as well as with the Scottish legal profession and UK and Scottish policy-makers. My recent ESRC Brexit Priority Grant hopefully makes me well placed to explore the implications of forthcoming constitutional changes upon the School."

2017 in Review

Staff Leavers and New Arrivals

Fond Farewells

We have said goodbye to a number of esteemed colleagues this academic year.

Senior Lecturer **Liz Campbell**

Teaching Fellow **Nicolas Jondet**

Kerry Trewern, Deputy Director of ECPLS

Readers **Shawn Harmon** and **Eric Descheemaker**

Lecturer in International Economic Law **Gracia Marin-Duran**

Carole George, EBISC Research Fellow

After 22 years in the Law School, Professor Alan Boyle is retiring and you can read more about his time over the page. We wish all of our departing colleagues the very best of luck in the future.

Warm Welcomes

We have also welcomed some fantastic new additions to our Law School community.

Leandro Mancano joined us as Lecturer in European Union Law

Emmanuel Oke, Lecturer in International Intellectual Property Law

Keren Conway has joined ECPLS as a Teaching Fellow

Jasper Finke, Lecturer in International Law

Andrew Farrer, Teaching Fellow and Director of Student Experience

Professor **Andrew Lang**, Chair of International Law and Global Governance

Annie Sorbie, Lecturer in Medical Law and Ethics

We also welcomed our New Lord President Reid Professor of Law, Alexandra Braun



Professor Braun was appointed following the retirement of Professor George Gretton in August 2016.

Professor Braun received her undergraduate degree from the University of Genoa and was awarded her PhD in Comparative Private Law by the University of Trento. Before joining the Law School, she was Professor of Comparative Private Law at the University of Oxford and a Fellow of Lady Margaret Hall.

Widely published across a number of areas of private law, Professor Braun is an acknowledged expert in the field of comparative private law. She has made important contributions to the state of knowledge in the fields of succession law and the law of trusts, particularly, but not limited to, historical and comparative European contexts, while also conducting research into the development of legal scholarship and its impact upon judicial decision-making. Recent publications include her work on will-substitutes and testamentary promises in relation to the law of succession, and the nature of the comparative law of trusts as presently understood.

Professor Braun took up her appointment in August 2017.

New Deputy Director of ECPLS (Skills and Student Support), Andy Duncan

Andy Duncan qualified as a solicitor in 2000 and has a wide range of experience working with a variety of legal firms. He previously ran his own business providing professional support services to lawyers. He has also worked as a legal assistant to the Scottish Law Commission and has extensive experience as a tutor on the Diploma in Professional Legal Practice.

As Deputy Director (Skills and Student Support) for ECPLS, he will be assisting with the general management and co-ordination of the Diploma and also teaching on the Conveyancing course.

2017 in Review

Retirement of Professor Alan Boyle

by Dr James Harrision

At the end of June 2017, Professor Alan Boyle retired from the Chair in Public International Law after 22 years at the University. During this time, Professor Boyle has led the public international law team in creating and developing an international reputation for its high-quality teaching and world-class research.



Alan Boyle was appointed as the first holder of the Chair of Public International Law at the University of Edinburgh in 1995, coming from Queen Mary College at the University of London, where he had already cemented his reputation as a leading expert in the field of international law. He is best known for his work on international environmental law, epitomized in his book on *International Law and the Environment*, first published in 1992 and co-authored with Professor Patricia Birnie, herself a former colleague at the University of Edinburgh. This book is widely considered as one of the leading publications in an area of international law that scarcely existed when the first edition was being written. Yet, Professor Boyle's knowledge and skills extend far beyond the confines of international environmental law. Above all, he would describe himself as a general international lawyer and his scholarship has always been aimed at a wide audience. His many publications in academic journals and books have touched upon issues as diverse as the law of the sea, international law-making, transboundary water resources, treaty law, fisheries conservation, international dispute settlement, climate change, and human rights. His overarching mastery of international law is perhaps best exemplified by his other book, *The Making of International Law*, co-authored with Professor Christine Chinkin of the LSE and published by Oxford University Press in 2007. This volume provides an adept overview of a range of developments in relation to international law-making, demonstrating the complexity and subtleties of the process, whilst also ensuring that the reader appreciates the important general trends that have emerged.

Professor Boyle's broad expertise in international law has also been reflected in his teaching at Edinburgh, where he has contributed to a wide range of courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Professor Boyle was a demanding professor, known for putting students on the spot and asking challenging questions. Nevertheless, he was widely admired by the student population and his authoritative, yet engaging style

has inspired a great number of students over the years, many of whom have gone on to develop careers in international law, working for international organizations, foreign ministries or other universities.

Alongside his teaching and research, Professor Boyle also managed to pursue a successful legal practice at the international bar, where he has represented a diverse array of nations before the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, and the Permanent Court of Arbitration. His appearances notably include the Pulp Mills Case between Argentina and Uruguay, the Maritime Boundary Delimitation between Myanmar and Bangladesh, the Whaling Case between Australia and Japan and the South China Sea Arbitration between the Philippines and China. His students became particularly acquainted with these cases, as his experiences of international law in practice would be used to invigorate his classes, treating his students to tales from the courtroom floor and insights into the problems posed by inter-state litigation.

To mark the retirement of our distinguished colleague, the Scottish Centre for International Law organised a conference on 9 June, bringing together many of Professor Boyle's current and former students, colleagues and co-authors. The conference theme addressed developments in law-making and it was the perfect opportunity to not only discuss some of the ongoing practical and theoretical challenges faced by international law in this respect, but also to celebrate the contribution of Professor Boyle to these debates throughout his academic career. Indeed, there is little doubt that Professor Boyle will continue to engage with these discussions even after his retirement. He will continue his professional practice in advising in international disputes and he will also continue his association with the School of Law as Emeritus Professor, giving him an opportunity to carry on inspiring the coming generations of international law students at Edinburgh.

2017 in Review

Professor Jo Shaw receives Lifetime Achievement Award



Professor Jo Shaw, Salvesen Chair of European Institutions, received the UACES Lifetime Achievement Award in September 2017. UACES (University Association for Contemporary European Studies) offers this award to individuals who have made a substantial and significant contribution to the development of European Studies as a discipline.

The award was presented to Jo at the Annual Conference Dinner in Krakow on 5 September. As Igor Stikes from Edinburgh College of Art said upon the conferral of this award:

“The name of Jo Shaw stands across for Europe for rigorous scholarship, intellectual curiosity, international engagement and personal qualities”.

Edinburgh Law School’s Free Legal Advice Centre wins the Pro Bono Award at the Law Awards of Scotland 2017



Edinburgh Law School’s Free Legal Advice Centre (FLAC), an initiative set up in 2007 to provide pro-bono legal advice to the community, received the Pro Bono Award at this year’s Law Awards of Scotland.

Speaking about the award, Rebecca Samaras, Director of the Edinburgh Centre for Professional Legal Studies (ECPLS) said:

“To receive the Pro Bono Award for the University of Edinburgh’s Free Legal Advice Centre in its 10th year made it all the more special.

At a time when access to justice is becoming more and more limited, I am extremely proud to be part of a university, a law school, a legal profession and a Scottish University Law Clinic Network, all recognising the needs of the community and striving to provide support for those most in need.

This award is not just a symbol of what we have accomplished, but also a reminder of all the challenges we still need to meet.”

Congratulations to Rebecca and all of the team at FLAC on this fantastic achievement.

Professor Hector MacQueen wins Lifetime Achievement Award

Another big winner at the Law Awards of Scotland 2017 was our very own Hector MacQueen, Professor of Private Law, who was presented with the prestigious Outstanding Contribution Award.

Professor MacQueen commented:

“I am truly honoured and delighted by this award since it comes to me from the law community in Scotland. I have been part of that community for almost 40 years, and I have loved (almost!) every minute of it. Thanks especially to all those many people who engaged with and supported me through that long time.”



He also wished to add his congratulations to the FLAC team for beating off very stiff competition.

2017 in Review

Supremely Exciting: A Visit from the United Kingdom's Supreme Court

On 13 June 2017, Edinburgh Law School held a reception to commemorate the sitting of the United Kingdom Supreme Court in Edinburgh. This was the first sitting of the Court in Scotland, marking a momentous occasion for the Supreme Court, Edinburgh Law School and the Edinburgh legal community at large.



Former Principal and Vice-Chancellor Professor Sir Timothy O'Shea speaks at the reception in the Playfair Library

Held in the historic Playfair Library, Professor Sir Timothy O'Shea, then principal of the University of Edinburgh, opened the reception with a welcome to the University and noted Edinburgh's long and illustrious legal history. As Dean and Head of Edinburgh Law School, Professor Martin Hogg also welcomed the justices to Edinburgh and offered the School's support to the Court in their endeavours.

Lord Neuberger, the president of the Supreme Court, thanked the University and Edinburgh Law School for their support and hospitality; he also underscored his hope for this to be the first of a number of visits to the capital cities of the devolved nations.



Professor Martin Hogg, Dean and Head of School, commented:



"The Edinburgh Law School was thrilled to host the United Kingdom Supreme Court Justices to a reception at the University's Playfair Library during the court's historic sitting in Edinburgh. The Law School is committed to widening access to legal services and education, and the Court's decision to take its business out of London into the wider United Kingdom is very much in the spirit of wider access to justice. I was therefore happy to communicate to the Justices the Law School's support for this commendable enterprise. The Law School staff and students present at the reception very much enjoyed meeting the Justices, and we were especially pleased to welcome back two of our own graduates (Lords Hodge and Reed) from among their number."



Lady Hale talks to the Head of School

2017 in Review

Celebrating 5 Years of the Mason Institute



2017 marks the fifth anniversary of the Mason Institute. The MI's Founding Director, Professor Graeme Laurie, provided us with these insights as we mark this milestone:

"As the Founding Director, it has been my genuine privilege to oversee these early years, and it is with considerable humility and respect that I look back over this period to reflect on what we have achieved together. Medical law and ethics at Edinburgh will always be associated with Ken Mason and Sandy McCall-Smith, but the world of medical jurisprudence – as we call it – changes apace, and the Mason Institute has sought to remain at the forefront of these changes.

As well as being the intellectual home of projects funded by Wellcome, ESRC, and the European Commission, the Mason Institute has become a thriving postgraduate centre: over the last few years we have had an average of 8-10 PhD working with us, and our LLM degrees (online and on-campus) go from strength-to-strength. In 2015, we were joint winners for the Award of Most Outstanding Team in the College of Humanities and Social Science, and in 2016 we were delighted to host the World Congress of the International Association of Bioethics.

Many new colleagues have joined us, and even although they never had the opportunity to meet Ken Mason, they have been unfailing in their commitment to pursuing his spirit of intellectual and interdisciplinary openness.

I am delighted to pass the mantle of Directorship to two of these colleagues, Drs Sarah Chan and Agomoni Ganguli-Mitra. Their vision for the Mason Institute would have left Ken Mason inspired (but most certainly not speechless!)"

Thanks to Professor Laurie for his tireless work and enthusiasm for the project. We look forward to the next five years of pioneering research.

Law School research supporting gender justice throughout the world



Edinburgh Law School's Global Justice Academy's Political Settlements Research Programme (PSRP) has been recently undertaking an array of activities designed to develop understandings of the implication of conflict upon women.

The programme has developed an ongoing partnership with UN Women, specifically delivering research briefings relating to the gendered dimensions of conflict and conflict resolution. They have played an integral role in a project entitled "Enhancing Women's Leadership for Sustainable Peace in Fragile Contexts in the MENA Region". This work, to be implemented by UN Women and GIZ, will empower women in the Middle East and North Africa, allowing them to be involved in peace settlements and conflict resolution. Key findings of this global study highlight the need to move beyond capacity building for women, to training and awareness-building for mediation and peace process actors. The work of the PSRP will enable a better understanding of the importance of women's engagement and the "how to" of both the design and the content of inclusive peace processes.

The PSRP will help to provide in-depth case studies on the presence and influence of women in peace and transition processes and will take part in four workshops. The programme will run until November 2019.



Alumni News

Law alumnus part of Nobel Peace Prize team

One of our graduates was honoured in Oslo on Sunday, 10 December 2017 as part of the Nobel Peace Prize-winning International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).



His role as Network Coordinator for the organisation has been integral to the team's success.

The award was given in recognition of ICAN's work in advocating for an end to nuclear weapons, particularly its part in driving the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Passed in July 2017, it is the first legally binding international agreement to comprehensively prohibit nuclear weapons.

Daniel Högsta graduated from the Law School in 2012. He began working with ICAN shortly after leaving Edinburgh. For the past two years, he has coordinated ICAN's partnerships with more than 460 organisations and during this time, he was one of only two full-time members of staff.

He admitted to being "totally floored" by the Nobel Prize win, commenting:



"There had been some murmurings by some media outlets that it was a possibility, but we never really entertained the possibility in our minds. After about 5-10 minutes of paralytic shock, we managed to collect ourselves and start to deal with the mad rush of press swamping our office and jamming the phone lines."

His career has been undeniably influenced by his time at Edinburgh Law School. A chance conversation with our own Dr James Harrison in the stairwell leading to the Law Library set him on his path. Dr Harrison suggested that if Daniel was interested in the practical side of international law, he should apply for small, internationally-focused NGOs, where he could make an impact. Daniel subsequently applied for internships in Geneva and was in due course, recruited by ICAN.

He offered this insight into his experiences with us:



"Studying at Edinburgh has had a pretty huge impact. I learned that what I was interested in most was Public International Law. Learning the language of the law and learning how to think critically were two of the major takeaways from my time at Edinburgh. It was certainly an intense time academically, but I'm so very grateful for it all."

At the time of the win, Dagmar Topf Aguiar de Medeiros, a current PhD student within the Law School, was interning with the organisation.

Congratulations to Daniel, Dagmar, and to all who have been involved in this impressive and important success.



The world is changing: share your thoughts!

We are living through an as yet unmatched period of legal flux and on the cusp of great legislative change. We know that many of you are at the coal-face of these changes and we would love to hear about your involvement. Do you have any perspectives on new legislation? Would you like to tell us your predictions for upcoming legal change? We are looking for alumni contributors to share their insights.

Email law.alumni@ed.ac.uk to be a guest contributor to our next issue!



political settlements research programme

Alumni News

Alumnus working with Law School academics and First Minister to promote workplace equality

In May, a campaign designed to promote LGBT+ equality in the workplace was launched by the Law Society of Scotland and the Glass Network.

Leading public figures, including First Minister Nicola Sturgeon and Edinburgh Law School's Professor Hector McQueen set out key principles of law and facts about LGBT+ equality.

Edinburgh Law School alumnus Drew McCusker, trainee solicitor at Jackson Boyd Lawyers and founder of The Glass Network, said the #TheseAreOurPrinciples campaign was more than just a statement about equality, but demonstrated the accomplishments of the Scottish legal profession and its future development.

He said:



"The high profile vocal and visible support demonstrated in this campaign comes from all corners of the Scottish legal profession. Whether someone's workplace is in-house or international, public or private, high street or city centre, #TheseAreOurPrinciples is a campaign which encourages everyone regardless of sexual orientation or gender to support diversity in the workplace.

LGBT+ equality has been increasing in Scotland for decades, from de-criminalisation to marriage. However, equality is not achieved by law alone. It's important that there is an open and frank discussion of what more we can do.

That is why The Glass Network and the Law Society of Scotland are asking 'What are your principles?' Sharing this message online is more than a sentiment – it is a visible signal of a law firm or solicitor's commitment to raising the standards which benefit everyone in the profession regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation."



Drew receives CSR Award at the Law Awards of Scotland 2017 in recognition for his establishment of The Glass Network

Malcolm Mackay presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award

Alumnus Malcolm Mackay has been awarded a lifetime achievement award by WeDo, a support and networking organisation for entrepreneurs.



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The award was presented at the organisation's annual conference on May 18 at the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh.

Mr Mackay was the first solicitor to be certified as an employment law specialist by the Law Society of Scotland. He founded Mackay WS in 1998, which later merged with Maclay, Murray & Spens, where he headed the employment, pensions and benefits department.

Whilst convalescing from an almost fatal form of vasculitis, Mr Mackay came up with the idea of enabling high street law firms to deliver specialist employment law services. He subsequently launched United Employment Lawyers with his wife Amanda.

He commented at the ceremony:



"As a lawyer I am particularly proud and humbled to receive this award from a community of genuine entrepreneurs. For many years I have been keen to encourage entrepreneurial thinking among fellow employment lawyers in anticipation of the major changes that were inevitably going to hit the legal profession and are now very much here."

Congratulations to Mr Mackay from all here at the Law School.

Alumni News

With Flying Colours: Professor Fiona McLachlan and the Old College Refurbishment Project

When the Old College refurbishment project began, we didn't know how many secrets we would uncover underneath paint and behind walls. The original 1789 building has revealed, through the demolition of later architectural additions, examples of centuries-old graffiti and hidden staircases.

A closer look at the building's secrets has also shaped the choices being made in the redevelopment, as the Law School seeks to ensure that the improved Old College is a building for the future that is in keeping with its past.



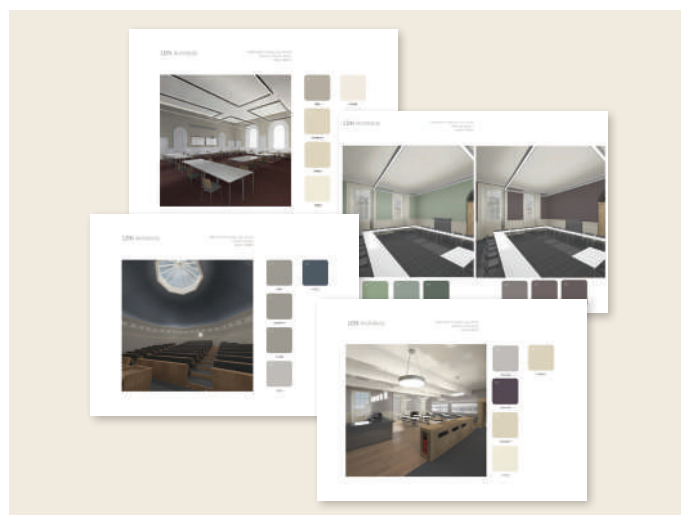
Professor Fiona McLachlan

Professor Fiona McLachlan has been on hand to help us in this task. Professor of Architectural Practice at the Edinburgh School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (ESALA), Fiona is a recognised expert in colour and has been helping us to select colours for the new suites within Old College by identifying the paints used in the past.

Her involvement in this project, she says, was "a happy coincidence". She had been conducting research on colour as part of a different University refurbishment – the updating of modern neo-classical Adam House on Chambers Street, home to ESALA. This project employed the same firm who are working at this moment on Old College, LDN Architects. The keen insight into historical and modern uses of colour she provided to the Adam Smith project made her a perfect fit as an Old College Colour Consultant!

Paint scrapings were taken from the original paintwork and sent for historical analysis. Shades were matched up with Farrow & Ball paint colours and Fiona and LDN together were able to provide historically appropriate palettes which could be used in dynamic, contemporary ways. Lots of soft greens were uncovered, in addition to an Etruscan Red and an Indian Yellow. You can see from some of the mock-ups how more muted shades are going to be used in the new building.

Fiona has also been working with a variety of students on Old College related projects. Over 600 unsorted Playfair drawings were discovered and project groups have been working with the drawings. From this, architecture and design informatics students



have been able to explore the history of Law within Old College. Students made three large models in sections according to Playfair's original drawings and the final building dimensions, showing the significant differences.



These scale models were shown to the public as part of a very successful exhibition.

Fiona's interest in the Law School refurbishment, she has said, is about the identity of the building. How has this identity been formed over the 227 years we have spent in our Law School home, and how can this best be presented in its new incarnation?

Fiona's wonderful work on the building will come to fruition when the doors are reopened later this year. Until then, we will look forward to being reunited with our colourful, characterful home.

To further facilitate interdisciplinary work as we look ahead to our new Old College, what do you think gives the building its identity? How can we communicate this, in words and pictures? Send your stories to law.alumni@ed.ac.uk!

Alumni News

From South Bridge to the South Pole: Alumna Jenny Davis's journey from corporate law to extreme endurance sport

Jenny Davis (32) is an Edinburgh Law School alumna whose career has taken a different path. After a childhood spent in Borneo and Scotland, she joined Edinburgh Law School in 2005 as an undergraduate student. Having completed her LLB (Hons) in 2008 and her Diploma in 2009, she was all set to commence a fast-paced career in corporate law. She spent several years working with MMS and was an in-house legal counsel for some of the biggest names in oil and gas exploration.

But Jenny's life changed forever several years ago, when a period of protracted sickness led to the discovery of a dangerous growth in her abdomen. Over the course of her treatment, Jenny would plan the expeditions and adventures she would one day complete. She signed up for the Marathon des Sables 2015, known as the toughest foot race on earth, from her hospital bed.



Determined to succeed

Jenny commenced an intensive training programme and prepared for the race with all guns blazing. She set her sights on being one of the first 200 people to complete the gruelling race. Despite beginning the competition with an injury, Jenny was the 35th female to cross the finish line – in just five days. This is remarkable for an athlete doing their first multi-stage adventure race and this success meant that Jenny was simply raring to take on her next challenge.

Since that first race, Jenny has taken on a number of extreme expeditions. In February 2016, she competed in her first adventure race in arctic conditions, the Ice Ultra. Disaster struck when she fell through surface ice into freezing water on one of the longest lake crossings in the race. Her snow shoes and legs froze within seconds, and recovery depleted vital energy supplies. She couldn't take any rest, as stops were limited to just 5 minutes to avoid extreme pain in her hands and feet. Despite this extreme difficulty, she managed to finish the race as joint 3rd female competitor.

The Iran Silk Road Ultramarathon was another challenge for 2016. As part of her role as Ambassador for Free to Run, Jenny had the pleasure of coaching the first Iranian women's running team, an opportunity she describes as "incredible" and "life changing". From the freezing tundra of the Ice Ultra, the race in Iran involved scorching temperatures and searing sand dunes. She was the first female runner to cross the finish line.

Her next challenge

For 2018, Jenny is raising the stakes higher than ever. She will be running solo to the North Pole and will be one of the first to take on this gargantuan task.

She will begin at the Hercules Inlet in Antarctica, before running 715 miles to the South Pole. The attempt will be completely unsupported and unassisted, meaning that she will receive no outside help at all and will be hauling a 60kg puling with her tent, food and equipment. To try and speed up her efforts, she will be forgoing traditional skis to try and run on foot.

Jenny is a proud Ambassador of the charities Free to Run and Women in Sport and has set herself a fundraising target for each charity. If you'd like to get in touch with Jenny and support her attempt, you can visit her website: www.jennydavis.co.uk

Alumni News



Jenny's reflections on Edinburgh Law School

"The opportunities afforded to me having attended the University of Edinburgh Law School were unfathomable as a student. With some of the most renowned and respected lecturers and tutors in the world, I hadn't anticipated how much an education there would set me up in my career as a lawyer and latterly a professional long distance runner.

Having worked as a lawyer in Edinburgh and London, it was the Law School's reputation that stood me in good stead and prospective employers always made it clear that they'd always had excellent trainee solicitors come from the Law School. Since then I have travelled the world as an Oil & Gas/Corporate lawyer, from Houston to the Ivory Coast.

Making the transition from a Dentons lawyer to a professional long distance runner has been a unique and life changing event, one which might not have been open to me had I not experienced the mentoring and education I did at Law School.

Having missed law terribly I remain a consultant for Dentons, allowing me to continue to practice the work I love and still continue as an athlete.

My next and ultimate expedition is to head to Antarctica. Not quite where I thought I'd end up when I began my first day of education at the Law School, but I likely wouldn't have ended up here without it."

If you'd like to support Jenny's incredible journey, please visit her [GoFundMe site](#).

Keep on running Jenny – you have all of the Law School community cheering you on from the sidelines!

Suits Me: The Law LLB

By Louis Bendle, 2nd year undergraduate student

When I got accepted on to the Law LLB at the University of Edinburgh I was both overjoyed and nervous in equal measure.



Whilst I knew it would be the most challenging part of my academic life thus far, I could finally begin the journey to become like my favourite fictional legal characters; Harvey Specter, Atticus Finch and Mickey Haller (and to answer the question on the lips of every budding young lawyer, it is unfortunately not like 'Suits'!).

One of the amazing things for me is that the Modern Studies courses I was offered at school laid extremely firm foundations for a large amount of the stuff that my law subjects have touched upon.

Having now been on the 4-year Law LLB for just over a year and a half, I can safely say that I have pushed myself and challenged my scholastic ability almost daily. Yes, there is a lot of work involved in a law degree, as there is with any degree, but it has been a pleasure being in a learning environment where I can stimulate my brain and still have a ball due to the interesting content.

I've picked up a multitude of new skills during my time on the LLB, for example mooting – something which I never thought I would try, even when I knew I would be studying at Edinburgh Law School. I continue to study new and interesting things every day. I am looking forward to a day when I can step out into the world having graduated a lawyer.

I can say with the utmost gratitude that I wouldn't be where I am today without the continued support I receive from the University of Edinburgh scholarship programme. I would like to personally thank Lady Rae for the scholarship she provides me; but equally wider acknowledgement is due to all of the extraordinarily kind donors whose financial assistance allows those students in my position to make the absolute most of our time in higher education.

If you're interested in supporting students like Louis, get in touch with our Philanthropy team:
<https://www.ed.ac.uk/alumni/services/givingback>

Old College Update

Our refurbishment project has been moving on apace!

The main staircase framework was recently installed, and here is a sneak peek of how it will look when it is completed.



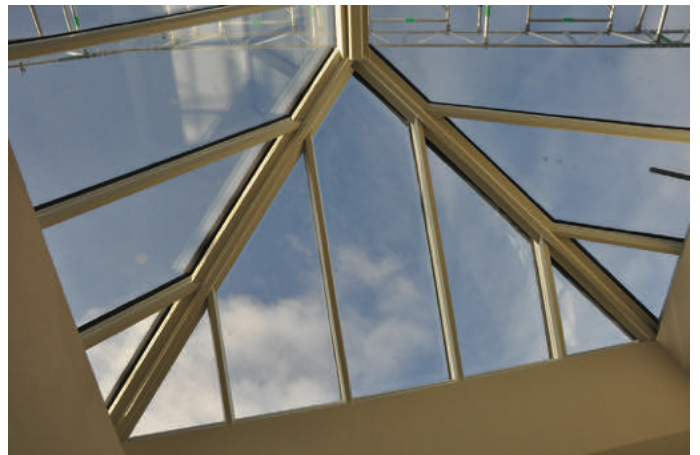
The main staircase was recently installed.



The structure forms an elegant curve through the building.



Here is a sneak peek of how it will look when it is completed.



Skylights have been installed in the roof, filling the building with light and air.



Here you can see side-by-side the structures that have been erected in the library, and how it will look when it is completed. The skeleton of the library is definitely taking shape and we can't wait to see it when it's done.



Old College Update



Artist's impression of the Senate Room in the new Law Library.



This shows the spectacular views from the new 3rd floor.

We are currently on schedule to return home in late summer. We can't wait to see what the new building has to offer – after all, as Dorothy says, there's no place like home!

This project has benefitted enormously from the generosity of our alumni, many of whom will have seats named for them in our new lecture theatre. It's not too late to become part of this campaign – find out more here.

Our next edition will feature even more sneak peeks of the new building – watch this space!

Law School Events

Our semesterly schedule is always jam-packed with exciting events that we'd love for you to attend. Here are some of the larger events on offer over the next few months:

Party Autonomy in Private International Law: The Privatisation of Global Governance?

Forum Conveniens 2018

2nd May 2018

Raeburn Room, Old College

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Dr Alex Mills, Reader in Public and Private International Law at UCL will lead this fascinating event. [You can sign up following this link.](#)

Symposium on External Challenges for the Common Fisheries Policy

Europa Research Group

11th May 2018

Confirmed keynote speakers include:

Daniel Owen – Barrister

Prof Robin Churchill

Prof Richard Barnes

Prof Hubert Zimmermann

To register, email europaresearchgroup@ed.ac.uk

All of our events can be found on our [online calendar](#). We would love to see you there.

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Did you know?

We have started a once-a-semester events bulletin for UK based alumni of the Law School. If you're not currently located in the UK but would still like to receive the bulletin, email law.alumni@ed.ac.uk to be put on our mailing list.

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