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All around the developed world the arrival of mass higher education has led to another phenomenon: the even faster growth of taught postgraduate courses.

The economic reasons are straightforward. As increased numbers of workforce entrants are graduates, they are likely to seek further labour market differentiation by taking on "second-cycle" HE qualifications. There is also a global trend towards the North American system of juxtaposing broader and more "general" undergraduate courses with professional and vocational training at the Masters level. Finally, there is evidence that one response to the global economic down-turn is that students can delay their entry into the job market through further study will often choose to do so.

Green Templeton College (GTC) will normally have about 170 of its 500 students on taught Masters (MSc, MBA and MPP) courses, about one-third of the student membership of the College. These are invariably one-year courses – although the year in question can vary between about eight months and a full calendar year. The range of such courses supported by the College is deliberately chosen to connect with our "human welfare" mission, covering relevant medical, management and social science subjects and professional areas.

The experience of our Masters students makes a significant and distinctive contribution to the academic and professional capital of the College (See page 7 for one example.)

Between 2010 and 2012 I worked as part of a team based at the Institute of Education, London, on a Higher Education Academy (HEA) project on "facilitating transitions to masters-level learning." This project literally broke new ground. Although there have been many studies of the entry into initial (undergraduate) higher education, and of the induction and developing experience of new research students, the similar "transition" into academic life as a taught masters-level student has been hardly studied.

We focused on four types of transition at this level in particular: from a "pure" to an "applied" discipline; from an international to a national context; from a lower to a higher level of professional experience (we called that "work intensification"); and from a non-academic (or non-standard background – for example, with "alternative" or "experientially" based entry qualifications) to traditional academic study. The book of the project, Learning Transitions in Higher Education, was published in late 2013.

Thinking about these issues from the perspective of GTC Masters level students it is important to note that they share the following characteristics.

Very nearly all are full-time. All of them experience the peculiar intensity of the Oxford eight-week term. They are members of a residential community (55 per cent in housing managed directly by the College, all expected to take part in communal activities including some meals). They are joining a College with a clear majority of members (just over 60 per cent) from outside the United Kingdom. They all have an "academic" home within a department, often also a laboratory, or a research unit.

For a substantial minority this is not their first experience of post-graduate study. For another minority the Masters course is part of a clear plan to proceed directly to a research degree. For the MBA students an explicit part of the course is the identification and pursuit of new post-graduation employment opportunities. These features all provide interesting and rather distinct angles on the elements we were able to observe and subject to analysis in the project, including: resilience, autonomy, belonging, experience of power, collaboration (and competition), and sense of satisfaction and/or progress.

Through the medium of "collections," I am able to talk directly to individual GTC students about their understanding of these issues. I see the records of their prior achievements, financial situation and progress on the course in the files reviewed before these meetings. I also encounter them in other settings, especially as contributors to the College’s research and development initiatives such as the Human Welfare Conference, research methods workshops, and lecture and seminar series. Each year three or four of the five or six students I work with directly as a College adviser are on taught Masters courses. The College has also – for the first time in 2012-13 – undertaken a "satisfaction" survey of the experience of these students.

So far the main lessons I have learned about our students compared with those featured in the book have been as follows.

Confidence is high, as might be expected from this selective group of students. However, it can also be brittle, and once lost hard to regain.

Students on taught courses have a palpable sense of being over-programmed, not least because of the short terms.

As a result, the opportunities for formative feedback (although formally built into several courses are) significantly reduced: the student can even be onto the topic/subject/assignment “after next” before there is an opportunity fully to discuss performance on an earlier piece of work.

Supervisors (of various kinds – including, for example, the leaders of labs) have enormous moral and practical authority. They are invariably referred to with affection when things are going well and fear when it is not.

This can lead to a preference for informal pragmatic problem-solving rather than recourse to official channels.

In these circumstances the locus and the resources of the College as an advocate (through the Senior Tutor, the Academic Registrar, or the Academic Advisor) can be very important.

When financial issues do arise, they are likely to be more rather than less serious. At the same time, some of the escape routes (like part-time, casual work or family loans) available to students in our core study are not as accessible (the timetabled militates against the former; the latter are likely to have already been fully factored in).

Somewhat counter-intuitively, the energy expended on extra-curricular activities, whether academic (like subject and topic-based societies, seminars and lectures) or social (like sports and charitable activity) is remarkable. There is a strong sense that each student relies on the College to provide resources and opportunities to develop an individual "hinterland," again in contrast to our core project sample who more regularly relied on family, friends and other networks beyond the university.

Finally, the question of the reputation of the institution and (particularly in cases like the MBA) of the course is hugely salient. This can have a number of effects: positively in terms of pride in simply being here; perversely in terms of not wanting (through criticism) to devalue the currency.

Achieving mastery of an academic discipline or a professional field is a worthy goal. Our students take it very seriously, and so does the College in seeking to support them.
The new Green Templeton Library and Learning Resources Centre in the Walton Building opened its doors in late January, following a year of refurbishment work.

During this time, the interior of the building has been transformed into a contemporary study and learning space, which is home to a 21st century library service that better supports the needs of its students.

The ground floor Library spans three reading rooms containing an integrated collection covering the full disciplinary range of programmes studied at GTC, including management, medicine and social sciences. There is also space for silent study.

An IT suite is located on the lower ground floor and there is a small videoconferencing facility available, which offers a private space for meetings via Skype and Webex.

The new Centre is part of the broader GTC Advanced Studies Centre (ASC) project which has seen the improvement of other academic facilities including the E P Abraham Lecture Theatre.

The main reading room in Green Templeton’s new Library and Learning Resources Centre has been named The Choudhrie Library in recognition of the generous and continued support of the Choudhrie family for the College and its activities.

The main reading room was formally named by Principal Professor Sir David Watson and Sudhir and Bhanu Choudhrie in a small ceremony at GTC on Monday 10 February.

Also present to express the University’s appreciation was the Bodley’s Librarian, Richard Ovenden.

Over a number of years, the Choudhrie family and their London-based investment company C&C Alpha Group Ltd (CCAG) have donated and pledged more than £2.3 million to Green Templeton, supporting both the College’s pioneering Emerging Markets Symposium (EMS) and the development of the College infrastructure.

In January 2014, it was announced that C&C Alpha Group Ltd, founded by Bhanu Choudhrie in 2002, would continue its support of the annual GTC Emerging Markets Symposium (EMS) for a further four years from 2015. C&C Alpha Group Ltd has supported the Symposium since it began in 2008. The Symposium brings together influential leaders in a dedicated forum to systematically address issues of human welfare that are critical in emerging market countries.

Sir David comments: “Up-to-date facilities are vital for GTC to fulfil its ambitions to lead the way in graduate education in Oxford and to provide the best possible environment for its students and fellows. We are grateful to the Choudhrie family and the C&C Alpha Group Ltd for their generosity and support in helping us realise our vision for how the College’s facilities can assist the achievement of our academic goals.”

In a brief speech before cutting the ribbon to the Choudhrie Library, Mr Sudhir Choudhrie said: “Green Templeton is renowned for its academic excellence. We are proud to be associated with the College, and especially honoured that this new facility will bear the Choudhrie name.”
In late October, the first turves were turned in preparation for the start of building work on the new Green Templeton multi-purpose sports building, which is set to enhance sporting facilities at the College.

GTC Principal Professor Sir David Watson and Kate Roll, the then GCR President (pictured right), each cut a turf from the site of the new building, in a small ceremony watched by representatives from College sports clubs and from construction company Four Oaks.

Stretching across part of the back gardens of College houses in Observatory Street, the building is approximately 20 metres by 8.5 metres, and can be used as one large unit or can be partitioned off, allowing part to be used as a weights room, while the other part can be used for other activities such as yoga, circuits, dance, handball, and netball. It will be constructed of recyclable materials, with solar panels planned for the roof.

There will be a foyer with lockers, benches and drinking fountain and a store room at either end to help to alleviate storage constraints, which prevent the provision of additional sporting equipment such as a tennis table and martial arts mats. The building will leave two-thirds of the back garden areas untouched.

The GCR raised £25,000 towards the costs of construction from student-led initiatives, including barbecues, a music festival, a sports banquet, donations, and a successful promises auction which raised almost £3,500.

The College already enjoys a squash court, a small gym in Lord Napier House and two hard tennis courts. But as the number of students has grown, existing facilities are no longer adequate to support the numbers of students wishing to use them or the range of activities in demand.

The building is due to be finished and available to use in early summer.

See the GTC sports roundup on page 14.

Prominent artist Susan Collins created a temporary light installation, Brighter Later, for the building at Green Templeton College.

For two weeks, the interior of the tower was lit up from dusk until midnight each night becoming a lantern visible across Oxford.

Susan took her inspiration from the origins of the Observatory and its architecture, which is based on the Tower of the Winds in Athens. Although the Observatory is no longer a working astronomical observatory, The Radcliffe weather station in the College gardens is still monitored daily by colleagues in the Department of Geography.

The light show responded in real time to nature, the wind and the elements, with weather variables - such as temperature, pressure, rainfall and wind - driving the colour and brightness fluctuations of the light, transmitting and revealing changes through rapid and smooth transitions.

A time lapse film by Oxford-based photographer David Fisher shows the changing colours of the light show during the course of one evening.

The title of the light installation was taken from the Nick Drake track and album Bryter Layter and is an oblique reference both to weather forecasting, as well as the Light Festival.

Susan Collins is Professor of Fine Art and Director of the Slade School of Fine Art, UCL and exhibits extensively both nationally and internationally.

Most of her work is made in response to specific sites and situations: key works include the BAFTA nominated Tate in Space for Tate Online (2002); live pixel-by-pixel transmissions from remote landscapes including Fenlandia and Glenlandia (2004 and 2005); Seascape (2009) and Love Bird (2009), a short film for Animate Projects. Public commissions include Underglow (2005-6), a network of illuminated drains for the City of London.

Brighter Later was part of the Radcliffe Observatory Quarter Public Art Programme and was commissioned by the University of Oxford and curated by Modus Operandi.

It was funded by the University of Oxford and supported using Culture funding from Oxford City Council.

Click on the small image to the left to watch a time lapse film of Brighter Later by David Fisher.
The first GTC Student Leavers Challenge has raised almost £4,500 to fund a new student bursary for next academic year. The 2013 Challenge invited donations from all GTC students who completed their studies before the end of the calendar year, with the aim of establishing an annual student-to-student bursary of £3,000, to cover standard College fees.

The University-wide scheme was set up to encourage students to give something back to their college when they leave and matches all money raised from new graduands up to a maximum of £2,500.

By the closing date of 31 December 2013, GTC leavers had donated £865, which will be matched 1:1 by the University, making a total of £1,730. Further generous matching support pledged by two anonymous GTC members brings the grand total to £4,430, surpassing the stated target amount.

Ali James, GTC Development Director, says: “This sets a very positive precedent for future student-led initiatives of this kind.”

“An historic University astronomical prize medal has been given to the College, as a reminder of the Radcliffe Observatory’s illustrious scientific past.”

The Oxford University Johnson Memorial Prize and Gold Medal – showing on one side a likeness of Manual Johnson, the Radcliffe Observer 1839-1859 and on the other the Observatory itself – was founded in 1862 with the sum of £310 (the equivalent of £23,000 in 2014). This allowed for a solid gold medal to be awarded biennially ‘for the advancement of astronomy and meteorology’.

In 1956, the Johnson Medal was awarded to the Australian-born astronomer Professor Walter Stibbs (Radcliffe Travelling Fellow, Radcliffe Observatory, Pretoria in South Africa), for his work on Galactic Cepheid Variables and the rotation of the galaxy, although by this time the medal was in silver-gilt, the prize no longer able to fund a solid gold medal.

The two men remained in touch and following Stibbs’s death in 2010, Margaret and Helen, his wife and daughter, now living in Australia, generously offered to donate it to Green Templeton.

The College already had the old wool-lined wooden box, with the medal dies (full of wax) and facsimiles of the Johnson Medal inside.

Charlie Barclay formally presented Professor Stibbs’ Johnson Medal to GTC Principal Professor Sir David Watson in December 2013 in the tower room at the top of the Radcliffe Observatory (pictured above).

Plans are underway to display the Medal in the tower room.

**UP FOR A CHALLENGE: GTC ALUMNI HELP ESTABLISH STUDENT BURSARY**

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Ali James, GTC Development Director, says: “We would like to thank all those students who so generously supported this first Challenge, as well as those students who worked so hard to promote it and bring about this fantastic result.”

**JOHN PENNY**

Green Templeton College is sad to announce the loss of College Porter John Penny who passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday 18 September at the age of 66.

John was a very popular member of staff and a great character who always had a warm welcome for College members and visitors alike.

He joined the Lodge staff in May 2007 on a part-time basis, gradually increasing his hours to full-time, as he enjoyed the job so much.

Born and bred in Oxford, he spent the majority of his working life at the Rover Plant in Cowley which later became BMW. It was after his retirement from BMW that he became a Porter at the College.

John is greatly missed by all his colleagues and friends at GTC although his memory lives on with a new student bursary named in his honour, which has been set up from donations by GTC students to the College leavers challenge appeal. Find out more in the student challenge update (left).
OPTIMAL MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH AND NUTRITION CRUCIAL FOR EMERGING MARKET COUNTRIES

In January 2014, over 40 influential leaders from government, the public and private sector and academe gathered at Egrove Park in Oxford for the fifth annual GTC Emerging Markets Symposium (EMS). The discussions focused on the human welfare challenges of the health and nutrition of mothers and their children. Here, Ian Scott, Associate Fellow and Executive Director of the EMS, outlines their conclusions.

Emerging market economies are dynamic. Their collective mantra is change. They face seemingly intractable problems that must be resolved to maintain rapid growth. Today, they are ahead (in many cases far ahead) of currently poorer countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. But some of those countries are growing fast, have significant resource endowments, large supplies of unskilled and inexpensive labour and are increasingly attractive to foreign investors. If emerging markets are to retain their advantages over those countries and compete with currently wealthier countries they must, among other things, develop their human assets.

The 2014 Symposium concluded that:

• Although improvements are far from uniform, the health and nutrition of many mothers and children in emerging markets has greatly improved in recent decades.

• Preliminary results of the eight country INTERGROWTH-21st project show that, under optimal conditions, the physical and cognitive development of all children in all countries would be essentially similar irrespective of nationality and ethnicity.

• Ethnic and national stereotypes of physical and cognitive attributes deeply embedded in many cultures are scientifically groundless and morally wrong.

• Patterns of growth and metabolism established in the first 1000 days of life determine how well an individual grows.

• If the critical conditions for optimal growth were satisfied, fetal growth and infant and child development could be significantly improved within a single generation.

• Fetal and infant health outcomes are primarily attributable to the social, economic, nutritional and physical environments of mothers before, during and after pregnancy.

• If action were taken to optimise conditions for physical and cognitive development the benefits would include: more educable, adaptable, productive and competitive workforces; improved income distribution, vertical social mobility and tighter social cohesion; and (regionally or globally) enhanced geopolitical status.

• In emerging markets that did not act: workforces would become relatively less productive, less adaptable to technological change, less attractive to foreign investors and less able to contribute to sustained growth; income distribution would become more regressive, social mobility more restricted and welfare gaps wider; and the geo-political stature they have achieved in the last thirty years would be threatened.

• Yet the sharp reality is that many mothers in emerging markets live in suboptimal conditions with limited if any access to competent healthcare and little chance, without external support (from the public, private or voluntary sectors), of acquiring good nutrition. All emerging markets have women and children in the bottom billion, whose conditions have not improved for whom optimal environments remain the stuff of dreams.

• Although many emerging markets have shown uncommon capacities to design and deliver effective programmes of economic and social change these formidable challenges will stretch their innovative skills. No emerging market can expect to create optimised conditions without strategic vision and decisive and persistent leadership because these are long term objectives and the payoffs can only be measured in the health and capabilities of future generations.

Visit the EMS website

A STUDENT PERSPECTIVE ON THE EMS

GTC students play a significant part in making the EMS a success through their role as rapporteurs: writing summaries of the outcomes of sessions and providing administrative support to ensure the efficient running of the Symposium. Here Laurel Steinfeld (DPhil Management Studies) explains how the experience has benefited her, both personally and academically.

For the past two years I have been involved in the EMS as a rapporteur. The Symposium is a highlight of my experience at GTC. I felt as if I was part of an initiative that has impact.

The EMS allows students to take their involvement beyond administrative or writing duties and to join in the networking and post-EMS discourse. At informal lunches, dinners and receptions, I could talk to leading representatives of civil society, international organisations, businesses, and governments.

Working with session chairs and presenters to capture critical points, created a sense of familiarity. With leading experts sharing their knowledge, my own understanding of the complexities and challenges of emerging markets expanded. Through networking and shared dialogues, we were all ‘getting on the same page’.

All of this made me feel connected to the cause and motivated to contribute beyond the Symposium. This is something that Ian Scott, who has lead EMS since its inception, encourages students to do in the post-EMS discourse.

After the event, students have an opportunity to contribute to the final recommendations and to work with EMS participants to write articles. The article I co-wrote on rectifying gender inequity in emerging market businesses is to be published in the forthcoming summer edition of LSB’s Business Strategy Review.

Social ties established continue to develop, leading to new friendships and initiatives. And finally, as a junior scholar, EMS has greatly increased my confidence in talking about emerging market challenges.
**Praxis project tackles diabetes challenge**

A research project – led by Visiting Research Associate Professor Sharon Brownie under the auspices of GTC’s Oxford Praxis Forum initiative – aims to bring new understanding to the complex issue of supporting the reduction of diabetes in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The research will provide evidence-based guidance and strategies and focus on strategic leadership considerations and interventions to reduce diabetes and associated chronic diseases in Abu Dhabi over the next 20 years.

Brownie is leading a team of both UAE and globally-based research collaborators and practitioners in partnership with the Oxford Praxis Forum – which aims to provide senior executives with an opportunity to engage with a top research university - and the University.

One of the first outputs of the project is a Lancet comment: Diabetes in Abu Dhabi, UAE: Valid data sets essential for health service planning (Brownie S, Hunter L, Robb W, Rossiter R, Hills A, & Hag-Ali M) which is available online here.

“**A research endeavour of this nature throws up with many challenges, so the support provided to me by the Praxis/Oxford partnership is particularly valuable,**” comments Brownie.

This support includes professional guidance, mentorship and support from GTC and Praxis leaders, as well as access to extensive networks of global experts through GTC and the University.

Since her first visit to GTC in 2012, Brownie has attended annual Praxis meetings and completed a five-week sabbatical in 2013. She explains: “My visits have provided an opportunity to engage in meaningful exchanges with GTC and Oxford-based colleagues and through them issues pertaining to rising levels of obesity, diabetes and other associated chronic diseases have emerged as complex human welfare challenges.”

**IMPROVING ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION SERVICES IN BRAZIL**

Alongside his Masters in Public Policy, GTC student Sven Jungmann has initiated a research study to assess the impact of Brazil’s universal healthcare system on organ transplantation services.

As the number of non-communicable diseases with potentially damaging effects on organs - such as diabetes, hypertension, and cancer – increases, demand for transplantation services will inevitably rise.

With co-authors Agnaldo Soares Lima (professor of hepatic surgery, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil) and Dr Eduardo Gomez (Senior Lecturer in International Development and Emerging Economies, King’s College, London), Jungmann examines the impact that the decentralized universal health care system Sistema Único de Saúde (SUS) has had on this increasingly important health sector.

Results show stark differences in access to transplantation services within the country, due to logistical challenges and disparities in resource allocation within SUS, which have negatively affected patient access to adequate health care services and quality treatment.

Improvements are necessary within the transplantation system itself, say the authors, and addressing limitations in indirectly related areas within the wider healthcare system and the public transportation infrastructure would also have a positive impact.

Jungman says: “I’m a medic by training and am only now entering the realm of policy through my postgraduate studies here in Oxford. I want to find new ways of improving healthcare by combining the hands-on experience of a doctor with the macro perspective of policymakers.

“This research showed me how I can apply what I’m learning here to the health context I’ve been working in before.”
GTC Research Fellow Dr Stuart Basten has been recognised by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) for the outstanding economic and social impact of his research in the second annual ESRC Celebrating Impact Prize.

He received the second prize in the Outstanding International Impact category for his in-depth research into Asian fertility, which helped convince the United Nations to revise its influential forecasts on future population trends, with particularly large effects for Pacific Asian economies.

Identifying a shortcoming in the UN’s World Population Prospects (WPP) 2010 forecast, Stuart offered the UN an alternative view. “We challenged the 2010 model because it was too Eurocentric and ignored current evidence on population dynamics in individual countries, especially in Pacific Asia,” Stuart explains.

“It suggested that much of Europe’s experience of moving from low to higher fertility would automatically happen in Pacific Asia. But, based on our ESRC-funded research on the ground in settings such as China, South Korea, Hong Kong, Thailand and Taiwan, we could find little justification for this view. Through a combination of published papers and face-to-face contact we were able to convince the UN of our case.”

As a result, the redesigned WPP for 2012-2013 provides a forecast which is more in tune with current evidence and based on a stronger methodology for use in the future.

“The depth of Dr Stuart Basten’s research and extent of his scholarly work in documenting the Pacific Asian situation, especially in major urban areas, was seminal in motivating the UN and its collaborators to revisit the statistical modelling used for the long-term fertility recovery assumption,” comments Dr Patrick Gerland, UN senior analyst and population officer.

As well as a trophy, Stuart, who is based in the Department of Social Policy and Intervention, received £5,000 to invest in openpop.org, a collaborative blog on global population issues which he co-founded and co-edits.

Stuart says: “It is a great honour to be recognised for this work. I am enormously grateful to my collaborators across the world; to all of the people who have given their time and energy to be involved in our surveys and interviews; and finally to my fantastic colleagues in Oxford, and in GTC in particular, who have given me such amazing support.”

Read Stuart Basten’s impact case study: Rewriting global population forecasts

Over 300 people packed into the main lecture theatre in the Mathematical Institute next to GTC on 7 May to hear Nobel prize-winning economist Paul Krugman lead a discussion about secular, or economic, stagnation.

He was joined by Lord Adair Turner (former Chairman of the Financial Services Authority) and Lord Robert Skidelsky (Professor Emeritus of Political Economy at the University of Warwick) at the special event, hosted jointly by GTC and the Department of Economics to mark Krugman’s term as Sanjaya Lall Visiting Professor of Business and Development at the University of Oxford and a Visiting Fellow at the College.

Krugman, Professor of Economics and International Affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, has argued that strong fiscal stimuli and higher inflation are potential solutions to economic stagnation, as they can help achieve a negative real rate of interest that would stimulate fuller employment.

Of the present crisis, he says: “The problem of maintaining adequate aggregate demand is going to be very persistent; we may face something like the secular stagnation economists feared 70 years ago.”

The discussion was filmed and is available to watch on GTC’s iTunesU page. Click on the image (below) to play.
Claims of media ‘banker bashing’ exaggerated

Claims that financial journalists set out to ‘bash’ the bankers between 2007 and 2013 are exaggerated, says a new study published by the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism (RISJ).

The findings contradict views voiced by some in the financial industry and in existing academic literature that journalists were highly negative and overtly critical of the banking and financial institutions during that period.

Researchers from the Institute and PRIME Research (a global strategic communications research company with a UK base in Oxford) systematically sifted through thousands of pieces of financial news in key European newspapers from the months before the 2008 collapse of Lehman Brothers.

Despite the scale of the financial and economic crisis and the number of banking scandals uncovered, they found that only one-quarter (25 per cent) of the coverage was ‘negative’ in tone. A similar proportion (24 per cent) of financial news was found to be ‘positive’ while some 3 per cent was judged to be ‘mixed’.

Part of the study, Media coverage of banking and financial news, looked at UK coverage specifically, and found that once banks hit trouble, they are more likely to feature on the front pages of newspapers than any of the other top FTSE companies and their sectors. Such negative coverage continues well beyond the initial media frenzy, resulting in the risk of long-term reputational damage, says the research.

News coverage of the banking and financial industry between 1 Jan 2007 and 31 Dec 2013 in the UK, France, Germany and Italy was analysed; researchers looked at 140,000 articles, coding each story according to its tone. Nearly half of the coverage (48 per cent) was judged to be neutral.

Professor Robert G Picard, GTC Research Fellow and Director of Research at the Reuters Institute, said: “When things are going well, the media appear keen to report good news. The Royal Bank of Scotland received very positive coverage before it ran into difficulties. Our research suggests that the media does not view its role as being to bolster business in bad times or to be overly critical. ‘What is clear is that, when institutions suffer large losses, become financially unstable, or are the subject of regulatory intervention, or become mired in scandals or legal probes, financial news suddenly becomes front page news. The amount of coverage given to business news rises in line with an increasingly negative tone. What is shown in this research is that this negativity can stick around in the news coverage for months or even years afterwards – even when that institution is no longer attracting the same level of media interest.”

**Oxford Futures Library**

During the Forum, participants had a chance to visit the recently re-opened Oxford Futures Library which contains the Pierre Wack Memorial Library and Boucher Futures Research Library.

The collections are the property of Green Templeton College, but are being administered and managed by the Sainsbury Library, and are located in a dedicated room at Egrove campus.

The reference Library boasts an impressive collection of over 5000 items, and is open to futures and scenario planning scholars and visiting practitioners.

All access is by appointment only, and researchers are encouraged to use the website content to predetermine what they wish to research.

**Read the OFF 2014 final report**

Rafael Ramirez presented the Dean’s Research Seminar at Said Business School in April 2014 when he spoke about research on scenario planning practices and using scenarios as a research method.

**WATCH THE SEMINAR**

**READ THE REPORT HERE**
MIM SHORTLISTED FOR BMJ AWARDS

GTC’s Management in Medicine (MiM) Programme was a finalist and runner up in the Clinical Leadership Team category in the prestigious British Medical Journal Award 2014.

There were 61 finalists in 13 categories in contention for this year’s Awards, whittled down from a total of 412 nominations.

Dr Paul Brankin, Chair of the MiM Steering Committee, said: “Being a finalist in the BMJ Awards has been a fantastic boost.

“Since its launch five years ago, MiM has demonstrated that there is a real and growing demand in postgraduate training which we are helping to fill with much success.

“Ultimately patients, clinicians and the NHS benefit. Few clinicians will become full-time managers, but nearly all will find themselves involved in leadership and management as part of their clinical work or research, with many undertaking significant roles.”

MiM supports medical students and trainee clinicians in the Thames Valley area to develop management and leadership skills.

The programme is offered free of charge and consists of workshops, seminars involving prominent speakers in the areas of clinical leadership and patient experiences (in collaboration with the Oxford University Department of Primary Care Health Sciences), a management shadowing programme and research projects for MiM participants on clinical leadership and healthcare service improvement.

The MiM team is: Associate Fellow Dr Paul Brankin (Chair), Dr Laurence Leaver (GTC Fellow), Dr Ken Fleming (Emeritus Fellow), Professor Sue Dopson (GTC Fellow), Dr Andromachi Athanasopoulou (Junior Research Fellow), Dr Chris Sauer (GTC Fellow and Senior Tutor), Ruth Loseby (Academic Projects Manager), Maire Brankin (Common Room Member), Denise Best (Oxford University Clinical Academic Graduate School), and GTC students Katharine Knight (Clinical Medicine) and Dr Daniel Ajzensztejn (DPhil Radiobiology).

There will be blood

In January, GTC co-hosted (with the Wellcome Trust, the John Fell Fund, the Society for Renaissance Studies and the English Faculty) an international conference on Blood in the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

Much more than simply red fluid in human veins, blood was defined diversely by theologians, doctors, and dramatists as matter, text, waste, cure, soul, God, and the means by which relationships were defined, sacramentalised and destroyed.

Academics in the fields of history, art, medicine, Classics, music and English literature discussed topics including animal slaughter, therapeutic uses of blood, blood lines and blood transfusion.

The Conference was accompanied by a production in St John’s College Chapel of the medieval Croxton Play of the Sacrament, in which the host-wafer is stabbed and bleeds and the malefactor has his hand amputated.

The Conference was an offshoot of the highly successful seminar series on Literature and Medicine, which is convened by Professor Peter Friend and Professor Neil Mortensen of GTC and the Nuffield Department of Medicine and Professor Laurie Maguire of Magdalen College and others.

The Conference launched a long term Blood Project (www.bloodproject.net), a major component of which is a database of references to blood. This resource will offer the most comprehensive record of textual references to blood up to the Enlightenment, a significant contribution to Oxford’s development of medical humanities research.

DR SIAN REES APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF OXFORD HEALTH EXPERIENCES INSTITUTE

Dr Sian Rees has been appointed Director of the Oxford Health Experiences Institute (HEXI).

A joint initiative between Green Templeton College and Oxford University’s Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences, HEXI is a unique, interdisciplinary research institute dedicated to the understanding of experiences of health, illness and healthcare, and it aims to use this understanding to transform care by influencing healthcare policy, practice and education.

Sian has been the Acting Director of HEXI since Spring 2013. She has a background in public health medicine and has worked in a wide range of NHS organisations (including a decade at the Department of Health), local commissioning and most recently the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE). She has a particular interest in women’s health and the psychological aspects of care.

“Sustainable healthcare in the 21st century will need to be genuinely person-centred and respond to the needs, preferences and values of patients and their families,” comments Sian.

“HEXI’s research and our work with partner organisations mean that we are exceptionally well placed to play a key role in understanding and developing practice across person-centred care. I am looking forward to ensuring HEXI’s continuing leadership and impact in highlighting what matters to patients.”
Mundane Governance: ontology and accountability (2013, Oxford University Press) is co-authored by GTC Fellow Professor Steve Woolgar, Professor of Marketing and Director of Science and Technology Studies at Said Business School, and Dan Neyland of Goldsmiths.

This book takes concerns about the ways in which our lives are increasingly regulated and controlled in relation to ordinary objects and technologies (such as speed cameras and wheelie bins with microchips) as a starting point for exploring the ways in which relations of governance and accountability in contemporary life are organised.

Andrew Mitchell, (GTC Rutherford Fellow in Environmental Understanding 2002-2004 and a Common Room Member), is the founder and director of the Global Canopy Programme www.globalcanopy.org which has just published the Little Book of Big Deforestation Drivers. The book, which was launched at the UN Climate Conference in Warsaw in November, highlights the US$134 billion annual export value of major commodities causing the loss of the world’s tropical forests.


Watson asks key questions about the role of contemporary universities for their students, as well as for society at large, employing a number of different perspectives - or lenses - through which to examine these questions.

Common Room Member Professor Caroline Pond has transcribed and edited historic texts of more than half a million words (using voice-activated software) as part of Oxford University’s digitisation project.

The Elton archive from the Oxford Museum of Natural History records the occurrence and habits of plants, birds, mammals, fish invertebrates and fungi in and for about 40 miles around Oxford, particularly Wytham Woods and farms between the early 1940s and late 1960s.

Social Spending Responses to Organized Labor and Mass Protests in Latin America, 1970-2007 by GTC student Barbara Zarate (DPhil Social Policy) has been published in the journal Comparative Political Studies.

The article analyses the relationship between collective protest and social spending in Latin America from 1970 to 2007 and argues that under democracy, organised labour is in a better position relative to other groups in society to obtain social policy concessions as a consequence of their collective action efforts.

The UK has the potential to become a world leader in lifelong and flexible learning, and credit accumulation and transfer (CATS) could play a key role in achieving that, argues GTC Principal Professor Sir David Watson in a ‘stimulus’ paper for the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education (LFHE) which was launched in November 2013.

In Credit Risk? Reviving credit accumulation and transfer in UK higher education, Watson examines the importance of CATS in lifelong learning and especially in higher education.

Kate Roll (DPhil Politics) and GTC Fellow Catherine Dolan have co-authored a paper published in the African Studies Review (56 (03) (20 November 2013): 123–146). ASR Forum: Engaging With African Informal Economies describes how market technologies extend new forms of market governance over the informal poor, reconfiguring their habits, social practices, and economic strategies under the banner of poverty reduction.

Andrew Douglas (DPhil in Biomedical and Physical Sciences) is co-author of a review article published in the National Center for Biotechnology Information. Oligonucleotide-Based Therapy for FTD/ALS Caused by the C9orf72 Repeat Expansion: A Perspective by Fernandes SA, Douglas AG, Varela MA, Wood MJ, Aoki Y

Barriers and enablers of locally led clinical trials in Ethiopia and Cameroon: a prospective, qualitative study by Sam Franzen (DPhil Clinical Medicine) has been published in The Lancet.

System and organisational barriers to carrying out trials are similar between Ethiopia and Cameroon: the specific findings indicate a common need to make system-wide changes and build receptive research environments for researchers in low-income and low-to-middle-income countries.

Inga Koneczny (DPhil Clinical Neurology) is one of the authors of a paper published online by the Public Library of Science (PLOS one). MuSK Myasthenia Gravis IgG4 Disrupts the Interaction of LR4 with MuSK but Both IgG4 and IgG1-3 Can Disperse Preformed AgnIn-Independent AChR Clusters by Inga Koneczny, Judith Cossins, Patrick Waters, David Beeson, Angela Vincent.
The top prize in the international ‘Dance your PhD’ competition has been awarded to a Green Templeton alumnus whose entertaining and humorous film illustrates the chicken mating process using a range of styles, from swing and water ballet, to modern jazz.

Cedric Tan (PhD Zoology 2009) completed his PhD at GTC last year and filmed a dance interpretation of his research - ‘Sperm competition between brothers and female choice’ – for the contest, which is now in its sixth year and is sponsored by Science magazine and AAAS (publisher of ScienceNOW).

Females of the red jungle fowl mate with multiple males, which creates competition between sperm of different males in order to fertilize the egg. Cedric’s PhD thesis explored the effect of brotherhood on sperm competition and female choice.

Cedric’s film was made with a small grant from the GTC Nautilus Fund and parts of it were filmed in the College gardens. Cedric won both the Biology category and the overall prize of $1000 and a trip to screen his video at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California.

The idea behind the competition is that no one in the world understands your PhD thesis better than you do, especially if you are a scientist. So to explain your work to friends and family, why not dance it?

Cedric has been involved in modern dance for some eight years, both at the National University of Singapore and at Oxford, and has choreographed several dance performances, including I am not like you, Cockadoodledoo illustrating the human superiority complex over animals.

In 2011, Cedric was runner-up in the same competition for his dance about the mating habits of fruits flies.
The Green Templeton Alumnus of the Year Award was awarded jointly to two recipients in 2013, in recognition of their outstanding support of the College and, in particular, the Green Templeton Boat Club.

Kevin Burke (MSc Industrial Relations 1990) and Marc Desmidt (MPhil Management Studies 1989) became friends at the former Templeton College where they rowed together.

Since the foundation of the Green Templeton Boat Club (GTBC) in 2009, they have been generous supporters of the Club and their contributions have funded the purchase of two boats: a coxed four (Lady Alisa) and a coxed eight (Lady Angela) (named after their respective spouses), as well as two rowing machines.

Both Kevin and Marc are staunch supporters of the Boat Club and, although they are not often able to make it to the river, they follow results keenly.

“Their support has been a major factor in the success of GTBC which has in just four years improved to compete with some of the top Oxford college boats and make its mark in other regattas,” said GTC Principal Professor Sir David Watson.

2013 was the second year of the annual award, which was launched by GTC to recognise the significant contribution to the continuing success and profile of the College made by members of the GTC alumni community.

The Award trophy was commissioned and donated by the late Dr John Cumming, former GTC Associate Fellow and himself a very generous supporter of the College. It is crafted in Scottish Ash by self-taught designer and sculptor Scott Irvine. The unique design incorporates the College colours of blue and green and the nautilus shell from the College crest.

Nominations for the Award are made by the Senior Tutor and Director of Development and Communications, for approval by the Principal.

Kevin and Marc were unfortunately unable to attend the Alumni Reunion dinner in the Radcliffe Observatory last September to receive their award. However, on a visit to GTC in October, Kevin was formally presented with the trophy by Professor Sir David Watson.
GTC Basketball team claim Cuppers trophy

The GTC Men’s Basketball team beat St Edmund Hall in the final of the Cuppers tournament to claim the 2013 trophy last June.

The team – favourites to win the tournament – were victorious over a strong Teddy Hall team by 46-33 baskets. Undefeated in all 21 games played last season, they also won the inter-college league.

This was an amazing result, especially for a squad which is just two years old. Members of the victorious GTC squad were:

Karolis Bauza (Clinical Medicine)
Stephane Farenga (DPhil Education)
Jon Horbaly (MBA)
Santiago Izquierdo Tort (MPhil International Development)
Wang Linjie (MBA)
Adam Linzey (Captain and Lodge Porter)
Jacob McKnight (DPhil Management Studies)
Dimitrios Papadimitriou (MBA)
Thain Simon (MSc Social Science of the Internet)
Haben Tesfai (MBA)
Steven Yu (MSc Computer Science)

The team continued its winning tradition as the best University team during Michaelmas Term 2013.

Following a series of tough matches, especially against Worcester and St Edmund Hall, GTC remained undefeated and on track to defend the regular season and Cuppers titles in 2014.

This year’s mixed team is highly diverse and composed of students from a wide array of academic programmes, countries of origin and experience in basketball.

The team is currently recruiting female and male players of all abilities. Anyone interested in getting involved with the team can contact santiago.izquierdotort@gtc.ox.ac.uk.

REFURBISHED COURT GIVES BOOST TO SQUASH CLUB

Green Templeton Squash Club has had another terrific season. Players have enjoyed the newly refurbished squash court, which is now one of the top courts in Oxford.

The quality of the court was matched only by the quality of our new group of players. This year has seen the highest proportion of new players enter the Club and compete for the College. Coach Wilma Kirsten has again provided a winning combination of entertainment and skill development. Wilma commented that: “this year’s group of players is the best yet”.

Both the men and the women had two full teams enter the inter-college league and Cuppers tournament, with all of the teams competing at or near the top of their divisions. The women’s first team won their third Cuppers title in four years in a closely contended final against Hertford College.

The end of the official season was celebrated at the annual banquet in March, but given the enthusiasm of GTC players, squash events have continued out of season.

Trinity Term saw the return of the popular team tournament and summer BBQ, and after a handover to the new committee members, Club members are now looking ahead to another successful season and new members joining in Michaelmas.

If you’d like to get involved with the squash club, please e-mail kristin.schmidt@gtc.ox.ac.uk.

GTC PAIR VICTORIOUS IN TABLE TENNIS CUPPERS

Green Templeton College has lifted the 2014 table tennis Cuppers trophy.

After qualifying in the group stage in the 45-team competition, GTC students Sam Lin (MSc Water Science, Policy and Management) and Seonsam Na (DPhil Anthropology) beat St Hugh’s in the last sixteen, Keble in the quarter-final and Worcester in the semi-final, before overcoming Mansfield College 3-1 in the final.

Seonsam also captained the Oxford Men’s table tennis first team to victory in this year’s annual Town v Gown challenge in March, beating the Oxford City men’s first team by a score of 7-3.

It was the first time in six years that the Oxford Men’s first team had beaten their rivals.

[To r]: Andris Rudzitis, Ruby Carrington, Charles Archer, and Alysia Garmulewicz celebrate winning the GTC Trinity Term Squash team tournament.
**Solo Cross Channel swim for GTC’s Marisa**

**Marisa Schubert** (Clinical Medicine) is preparing to swim the English Channel this summer.

Marisa is a member of the Blues swimming team and took part in the 2012 Varsity Channel relay race. The Oxford team reached France in 8 hours 44 minutes – just 30 minutes off the team world record.

This experience intensified Marisa’s aim to swim the Channel solo and she plans to make her bid in July.

“I have booked a pilot (an experienced guide with a boat) between 19 and 26 July and, weather permitting, will start my solo crossing to France then,” she says.

“I anticipate it taking over 12 hours and although ideal conditions would be sun and calm seas, I am preparing for 15 degree (cold) water, jelly fish and a potentially tough crossing.”

Good luck to Marisa from everyone at GTC!
Marc Szepan (DPhil Management Studies) has been appointed Co-Director, Economy and Business Research Group, for the newly founded Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS) based in Berlin, Germany. Find out more here.

GTC Associate Fellow Gerald Sacks was intronised into the Jurade de Saint-Emilion in September 2013 at a ceremony which took place in the subterranean Eglise Monolith in the heart of the city.

Gerald is now a Jurat and Chancellor of the Jurade for the South of England and Wales. The Jurade de Saint-Emilion was a medieval Confrérie (or brotherhood) established in 1199 by the English King John to maintain the quality of the wines. Find out more here.

Professor Bleddyn Davies (GTC Common Room Member) has received an honorary D.Litt from the University of Kent for contributions to social policy. He was also the recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award by the British Society of Gerontology for contributions to social gerontology in September 2013.

GTC Associate Fellow Professor Derrick Gosselin has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Belgian Nuclear Research Centre SCK-CEN by the Belgian Government. SCK-CEN is among the top research centres on nuclear technology research in the world and the second most important in Europe.

Professor Gosselin is a specialist in energy and in international strategy and marketing.

An in-depth account of her working visit to the BEIT CURE International Children’s Orthopaedic Hospital in Blantyre, Malawi, won Meera Joshi (Clinical Medicine) the Green Templeton Emanoel Lee Essay Prize 2013. Find out more and read Meera’s essay here.

Aaron Neal (DPhil Biomedical Sciences) represented Oxford University at the second annual Global Young Scientists Summit (GYSS@one-north) in Singapore in January 2014. He was one of five science graduates and post-doctoral fellows selected from applicants across the University. The four-day interdisciplinary meeting featured high-profile speakers including no fewer than 13 Nobel laureates.

Senior Research Fellow Professor Jenny Ozga was elected as a Fellow of the British Academy in recognition of her outstanding research and work within the social sciences in July 2013. Professor of the Sociology of Education in the University’s Department of Education, Jenny’s main research area is education policy in international comparative contexts.

Fiona Powrie, GTC Fellow and Sidney Truelove Professor of Gastroenterology, has been elected a member of EMBO, the international body which recognises outstanding researchers in the life sciences.

Professor Powrie has also been elected as a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences. The honour recognises her outstanding contribution to the advancement of medical science, the innovative application of scientific knowledge, or conspicuous service to healthcare.

GTC Fellow Dr Laurence Leaver has been awarded the Medical Sciences Teaching Excellence Award from the University.

Dr Paul Temporal has been appointed by the Malaysian government to be a member of a newly formed Special Business Advisory Panel chaired by the Hon. Minister for International Trade and Industry. Paul’s appointment was based on his vast experience and notable accomplishment in the development of international and global brands. The first meeting of the Panel was in November where Paul delivered a paper on ‘Elevating Business Success Through Branding’.

Dr Susan James (GTC Research Fellow) and Jennifer Allen (DPhil Education) have won a Teaching Excellence Award from the Social Sciences Division to support the provision of a personal and professional skills course for Social Sciences master’s students in Michaelmas 2014.
Ron Emerson, GTC Associate Fellow, has been appointed as the first Chairman of the government-owned British Business Bank by the Business Secretary Vince Cable. Emerson will play a crucial role in leading the institution, including the process to appoint a CEO.

Sam Franzen (DPhil Clinical Medicine) has been named a New Voice in Global Health by The Lancet and the M8 Alliance, following his presentation to international leaders at the World Health Summit in Berlin last autumn on his research into health research systems in Rwanda, Ethiopia, Cameroon and Sri Lanka. Sam is part of the Global Health Network at the Nuffield Department of Medicine in the division of tropical medicine.

Marios Margaritas (DPhil Cardiovascular Medicine) was awarded the Young Investigator Award (Coronary Pathophysiology and Microcirculation Working Group) at the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) Congress in October 2013. Marios is a British Heart Foundation Centre of Research Excellence Clinical Research Fellow based in the University’s Cardiovascular Medicine Division in the Radcliffe Department of Medicine.

Michael Smets (GTC Research Fellow and University Lecturer in Management Studies) and Tim Morris (GTC Fellow and Professor of Management Studies) won the Academy of Management Journal’s prestigious Best Article Award for 2012. Their winning paper, From practice to field: A multilevel model of practice-driven institutional change, co-authored alongside Royston Greenwood, University of Alberta, examines the cross-border collaboration of English and German lawyers in global law firms. This is only the fourth time that researchers from a UK institution have won the award in its 28 year history. Read the paper online here.

In October 2013, Jessica Richman (DPhil Management Studies) made the list of ‘50 Fearless Minds Changing the World’ published by online careers website The Muse. Jessica is the founder of ubiome, a company that helps people investigate their personal microbiome (healthy bacteria) to learn more about their health. The company raised $350,000 in the largest citizen science crowdfunding campaign ever. Find out more here.

Professor Sir Walter Bodmer (GTC Honorary Fellow), of the Department of Oncology, has received a Royal Medal for his contributions to research into genetic disease.

Marios Margaritas

GTC students have excelled in their studies, winning a number of University awards and prizes.

Katie Glover (Clinical Medicine) was awarded The Medical Women’s Federation Prize 2012-13 for Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Mai Fachiri (Clinical Medicine Fast Track) was awarded the Matilda Tambyraja Prize 2012-13 for the best written performance in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

San Chye Cheng (MSc Applied Statistics) was awarded the Gutiérrez Toscano Prize 2012-13 for the best performance in the MSc in Applied Statistics.

Eight clinical medical students won Distinctions in their Year 6 Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery exams: Stefan Ebmeier, Anna Francis, Sarah Morrow, Fariha Naeem, Hussam Rostom, Anna Seeley, Maria Tsakok and Robert Watson.

Faraz Vahid Shahidi (MPhil Comparative Social Policy) received a distinction in the final exam.

Vikram Sharma (DPhil Clinical Laboratory Sciences) won the Young Investigator of the Year award at the 2013 European Human Genetics Conference, for his talk entitled ‘Mutations of TCF12, encoding a basic-helix-loop-helix-partner of TWIST1, are a frequent cause of coronal craniosynostosis.’ Vikram also received the Douglas Murray Prize for the best presentation at the West Midlands Plastic Surgery meeting in Birmingham in September 2013.

In addition, Vikram has received a Royal College of Surgeons of England Surgical Research fellowship award for 2013/14 following an interview assessment. Only 21 fellowships are awarded nationally, and they reflect the very high standard of surgical research being carried out throughout the UK today.

GTC Fellow Dame Valerie Beral received the American College of Epidemiology’s Outstanding Contribution to Epidemiology Award 2013.
The following MSc students received distinctions in their final exams:

Siti Amdani (MSc Clinical Embryology); Florianne de Boer (MSc Environmental Change and Management); Matthew Butler-Adam (MSc Economics for Development); San Chye Cheng (MSc Applied Statistics); Chloe Deambrogio (MSc Criminology & Criminal Justice); John Dunford (MSc Nature, Society & Environmental Policy); Mengmei Guo (MSc Financial Economics); Derrick Harmon (MSc Major Programme Management); Charlotte Koldeweij (MSc Environmental Change and Management); Madeline Nightingale (MSc Comparative Social Policy); Dimitrios Papadimitriou (MSc Financial Economics); Mingyi Qi (MSc Science in Financial Economics); Thain Simon (MSc Social Science of the Internet); Clementine Stip (MSc Water Science, Policy and Management); Sarah Wilkin (MSc Education, Learning and Technology); Dawei Wu (MSc Public Health), and Varduhi Yeghiazaryan (MSc Computer Science).

The GTC Liz O’Brien Prize for achieving the highest mark in the clinical part of his first-year examination was awarded to Karolis Bauza (Clinical Medicine Fast Track).

Executive MBA students Markus Bertsch, Catherine Kenyatta and Saramae Nilsson were awarded distinctions, while the following MBA students also received distinctions: Zhaoxing Bi; Gregory Fitzgelder; Kosuke Furutani; Yun Gao; Nikita Khosla; Praveen Kshirsagar; Mihir Vivekanand Patki; Purvi Shah; Arturo Tripodi; Maria Teresa Vilches Cevallos, and Linda Dorine Cornelia van de Ven.

Dr John Hood (BPhil Management Studies 1976), who has served as vice-chancellor of both Oxford and Auckland universities, has been named as a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to tertiary education. Hood is presently the President and CEO of the Robertson Foundation in New York City.

Louwai Muhammed

Louwai Muhammed (Clinical Medicine) is the first student at Oxford University to receive a merit in every exam across all years at the Medical School, scoring nine merits in nine exams. He also received the Medical Finals prize from the University earlier this year. In addition, Louwai ranked first out of almost 700 applicants to the London Academic Foundation Deanery.

Chester University has awarded Honorary Fellow Professor Alan Emery an Honorary DSc degree which he will receive in Chester Cathedral in November. This will be a special occasion for him having attended the then Chester Training College in 1945 to gain a teaching certificate. The course influenced him a great deal in his subsequent career, which often involved teaching science and medical students and writing several textbooks.

The GTC Annual Fund Prize for the best presentation at the 7th annual GTC Human Welfare Conference (23-24 May 2014) was awarded to Alysia Garmulewicz (DPhil Management Studies). Alysia presented on her research which focuses on 3D printing as an equalising tool for innovation. Innovation labs have sprung up globally, creating a community of innovators in developing and developed nations. Alysia is challenging this community to take their innovating thinking to the next level by exploring the degree to which these labs integrate circular economy principles.
WELCOME AND FAREWELL

Green Templeton has said goodbye to a number of staff over the last few months and also welcomed some new faces to the College. Here is an update.

GTC’s first Bursar, Mike Dudley retired in June. Mike will be particularly remembered for his contribution to College rowing, helping to establish the College Boat Club.

In August Adam Linzey, Casual Lodge Porter, headed off to the United States to begin a course at the University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts, although he helped the GTC Basketball team to win the Cuppers tournament in style before he did so.

Junior Research Fellows Tuukka Toivonen and Karenjit Clare also departed for pastures new.

We also said a fond farewell to Lynn Cross, College Nurse, Sarah Davis, Pastry Chef and Masters student Allison Howard, part-time HEXI Assistant.

New members of staff arriving at GTC include Paul Beerling, who joined us from the University of Exeter, succeeding Mike Dudley as Bursar.

Yoland Johnson took up the new post of part-time Academic Projects Administrator, helping to support a range of GTC academic initiatives, including the Emerging Markets Symposium. Her previous role was at the Said Business School’s Egrove Park campus.

Kirsty Taylor is the new Head of Library and Information Services, joining GTC from Hertford College where she was Librarian.

Also joining GTC from another Oxford college is Ali James who took over as Development Director in November. She spent ten years in the Development Office at Jesus College.

Freyja Howe joined the College Office as Assistant on an apprenticeship last August after completing her A levels. She is providing administrative support to the College Office and also sitting an NVQ in office administration.

The new GTC College Nurse is Jane Lambert, who works on a part-time basis and also works at St Peter’s and Oxel Colleges.

The Housekeeping team has been boosted by the arrival of Ewa Lura and Carolyn Lovell, both of whom are experienced cleaners who previously ran their own cleaning companies.

Gary Strivens is the new Food and Beverage Manager, taking up his role as ‘front of house’ in the dining room last July. Gary has many years’ experience with the Mogford Group in Oxford and has been general manager of the Old Bank, Quod, Browns, Old Parsonage and GEs at different times over the last 30 or so years.

In the kitchen, Kevin Stedman was appointed pastry chef, having covered the role temporarily after Sarah Davies’ departure. His last role was at the Ponsbourne Park Hotel in Hertfordshire where he worked for 11 years.

In the Porters’ Lodge, Dan Cooper joined us first as a part-time and then as a full-time Porter and Jamie Brooks became a full-time Porter, after a period of undertaking a casual role in the Lodge.

Finally, a number of GTC students were appointed to part-time paid roles in the College: Sophie Kendall is part-time academic initiatives resource worker, Yasser Bhatti is part-time research assistant for the Oxford Futures Forum; Aase Villadsen and Alessandro Di Nicola are the new Junior Deans; and Olivia Ryszni and Velicia Bachtiar are the new bar managers.

In February we said farewell to Barry Blake-Cox, Assistant Food Service Manager, who retired from the College after more than ten years’ service. Barry was an extremely popular member of staff, well-known to many members of GTC during that time.

Health and Safety Officer Jo Ray left us in April after just over a year to take up a new post at Manor School in Didcot.

In May we welcomed another two new members of staff: Ovais Awan is our Sunday Lodge Porter and will also provide cover to the Lodge team during their holidays and other absences.

Julia Sale has joined the Food Services team as part-time waiting staff member. Julia has been working in our casual team since February of this year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19 September 2014
GTC Golf Competition
For the Walton Trophy at Oxford City Golf Club

27 September 2014
Foundation Dinner
By invitation only

17 October 2014 at 7.30pm
GTC Wine Society Tasting
English Wines

6 November 2014
McGovern Lecture in the History of Medicine
Speaker to be confirmed

12 November 2014
Barclay Lecture
Presented by Professor Sir David Gann, Vice-President and Chair in Innovation and Technology Management, Imperial College, London.
Generously supported by the Barclay family in memory of Clifford and Evelyne Barclay.

More details of all these and other events can be found in the GTC online calendar.

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