

# ELECTORAL MALPRACTICE

**Electoral malpractice includes, but is not limited to, the following activities:**

- Making false or misleading claims intended to influence the election
- Bribery · Intimidation · Distributing physical campaign material
- Making slanderous or libellous statements about a candidate
- Using a vehicle to convey members to the Poll · Campaigning using any University e-mail system · Creating websites or promotional videos · Claiming to represent or be supported by any political, racial or religious group · Candidates marking manifesto booklets
- Hindering the Returning Officer or their Deputies · Unauthorised access or attempted access to another’s personal electronic files

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**If you have any queries about the election, please contact [ro@oxford-union.org](mailto:ro@oxford-union.org), or call 01865 241353**

# ELECTORAL OFFICIALS



**Harry Samuels**  
*Collegium Sanctae Mariae Wintoniae*  
**Returning Officer**

## DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICERS



Stanislas Lalanne, Ex-RO  
Merton



Jamie Lagerberg, Ex-RO  
Corpus Christi



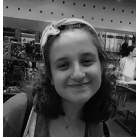
Alastair Graham, Ex-RO  
St. John's



Michael Harkness, Ex-RO  
Magdalen



Nebojša Jovanović, Ex-RO  
St. Peter's



Louise Kandler  
Lady Margaret Hall



Alexandra Galloway  
Magdalen



Lucy Boland  
Keble



Wesley Zhang  
Harris Manchester



Aleksandra Katolik  
Harris Manchester



Liam Frahm  
Jesus



Thomas Laver  
Balliol

# OXFORD UNION ELECTIONS

Poll Date: Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2018

## WHERE TO VOTE

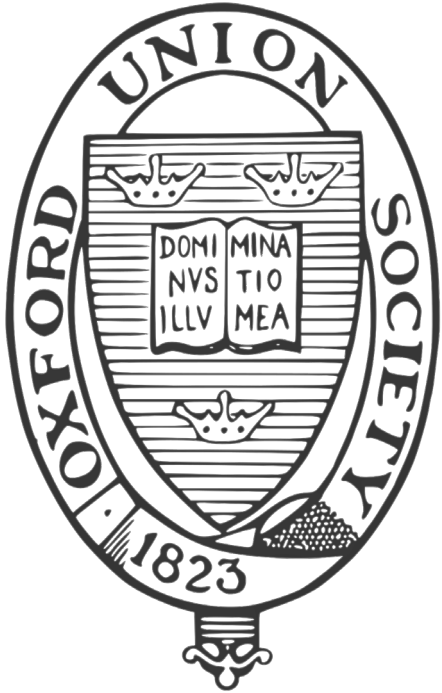
Polling takes place in the Union’s Goodman Library (the room on the ground floor, next to the marble staircase), from 9.30am to 8.30pm precisely. Please bring your membership card to assist the Poll Clerks.

## HOW TO VOTE

For each post, simply number your preferences against each candidate from 1, 2, 3, 4, and so on until you have finished expressing your preferences between the candidates. Expressing later preferences in no way harms your earlier preferences.

### FOR EXAMPLE:

C. ANTONIUS HYBRIDA	2
L. SERGIUS CATILINA	3
M. TULLIUS CICERO	1
RE-OPEN NOMINATIONS	4



the OXFORD UNION

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# CANDIDATES’ CLAIMS IN MANIFESTOS

*allowing members to judge the relative merits of manifestos*

**The Returning Officer has ensured to the best of their ability that all claims made in manifestos are true; they advise, however, that Members acquaint themselves with the commonly used terms below in order that they are not misled. Members may wish to consider other similar words used as holding the same meanings and draw inferences from the fact that a candidate has been unable to make the most substantial kinds of claims.**

## Stronger claims

- Raised / Secured* – the candidate must prove primary responsibility for the production or negotiation of a contractual arrangement, to claim to have raised/secured funds or partnerships.
- Brought* – the candidate must prove that a speaker visited the Society as a direct result of their confirmation.
- Confirmed* – the candidate must prove primary responsibility for a speaker accepting an invitation to visit on a mutually agreed date, or the candidate has drawn up an as yet unsigned contract, following agreement from involved parties on its contents, which is set to be signed in due course.
- Organised* – the candidate must prove their primary control of an event, its inception and its development. Where primary control is shared comparably with another member, co-organised shall be used.
- Responsible for / Led / Ran* – the candidate must prove primary responsibility for the content of claim.
- Arranged* – the candidate must prove a substantial degree of control of an event and its development, but not the contribution to inception that any organised claim requires.
- Negotiating* – the candidate must prove primary responsibility for an ongoing negotiation, clear interest in response to their proposition, and further progress from this towards a confirmed claim since then.

## Weaker Claims

- Assisted / Helped to* – modifiers used where there is sufficient proof that a candidate contributed substantively, but insufficient to prove that they have the necessary level of contribution or control for the stronger claim.
  - Interest from* – where there is insufficient evidence for a stronger negotiating claim, but there has been clear interest received to their invitation or proposition.
  - Invited / Contacted* – proof has been provided.
  - Supervised / Oversaw / Co-ordinated* – proof has been provided for a lower level of involvement in an event or project suitable for these claims.
  - Facilitated / Assisted / Worked* – proof has been provided that a candidate contributed significantly to an event, usually but not necessarily the logistics or hospitality.
- Weaker claims will be used often in manifestos even by good candidates: usually only candidates for Office will be able regularly to make “stronger claims”. The distinction is nonetheless worth making.
- Candidates’ own spelling, punctuation, and grammar have not been corrected in manifestos.*



CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT  
with overall responsibility for the Society and for arranging its debates

Michaelmas 2018

MOLLY GREENWOOD  
ST. HILDA'S COLLEGE, SECRETARY



DEDICATED  
• Invitations Researcher HT17, Director of Research TT17  
• Managed invitations work of appointed officials  
• **CHIEF OF STAFF** MT17 - oversaw a team of **40+ people**  
• Assisted with the Membership Drive, worked multiple Freshers' Fairs  
• Debater - given three paper speeches  
• Sent out ballot e-mails for events in **MT17**  
EXPERIENCED  
• Confirmed Hilary Benn MP for the *No Confidence Debate*  
• Invited **A QUEEN**  
• Responsible for **MEDITERRANEAN VOYAGE BALL** - budget of **£30,000**  
• Arranged *Pub Quizzes*, *Secured Debate Prizes*  
• Worked previous socials - **Olympus Ball** and the **Into the Movies Social**  
• Reviewed *hundreds of speaker blurbs*  
PROMISE  
*I am the leader of REFORM, together we pledge the following:*  
• Engage - Online noticeboard to publish minutes and detailed accounts  
• Represent - Allow members to suggest debate motions  
#voteREFORM

STEPHEN HORVATH  
NEW COLLEGE, TREASURER



#IGNITE  
Organised **MORE** debates, confirmed **MORE** speakers, facilitated **MORE** speakers and socials than **ANY OTHER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE!**  
Making the Union **more accessible**:  
• Arranged Freshers' outreach  
• **\*\*LED MORE ACCESS WORKSHOPS** than any other presidential candidate\*\*  
• Enabled speaker events: **LGBTQ+ society partnership**  
• **PLEDGE**: POLLING STATIONS around Oxford - helping **members engage!**  
Let's **#IGNITE** debate:  
• Confirmed 15+ speakers: 'Fire and Fury' author, **Heads of State**, ICC Chief Prosecutor, **HITCHENS**  
• DEBATE ORGANISER: **WORLD UNIVERSITIES DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIP**  
• Debated ORGANISER: finance, safe spaces, drugs  
• Oversaw *all* Hilary PANELS & debates  
• Facilitated **50+** Events: *Robin Wright*, **BERNIE**  
• WON *No Confidence Debate*  
• **PLEDGE**: ANYONE can pre-submit questions, give **paper speeches!**  
Innovative:  
• Effective Treasurer:  
o WESTGATE DISCOUNTS  
o Upgraded debate prizes  
o Co-arranged **£325,000+ membership drive**  
o Raised **£7,000+**  
• **\*\*Implemented more LONG-TERM CHANGE** than any other candidate\*\* - changed rules: *increase transparency; empower Access Officers*  
• **PLEDGE**: members' **OVERSIGHT** - committee reports online!

CANDIDATE FOR LIBRARIAN

with responsibility for the Library and for arranging individual speaker addresses

Michaelmas 2018

ALEX BRUCE  
CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE



DEDICATED  
• Co-founded school debating society  
• Competitive Debater  
• President-Elect of independent society - **£15,000+ a year turnover**  
EXPERIENCED  
• Confirmed Damian Collins, Nicky Morgan and arranged **JEREMY HUNT** for independent society  
• Negotiating former senior Government Minister for independent society  
• Facilitated other independent speaker events  
• Arranged 8 debating events for independent society: attended by **100+ people**  
PROMISE  
• Opportunity - Allow dedicated members to give paper speeches  
• Membership - Introduce a graduated access scheme  
#voteREFORM

GENEVIEVE ATHIS  
CHRIST CHURCH, STANDING COMMITTEE



#IGNITE  
Pledges:  
• **IGNITE Engagement**: WINNING floor speeches on YouTube  
• **Innovate**: **OXFORD UNION APP**  
Experienced:  
• Organised: **Religion Debate**, **Abortion Panel**  
• Confirmed 7 speakers: **LGBTQ+ activist**, **CEO**  
• Facilitated: 25 events, **7 debates**, **3 socials**  
• Opening Speech: **Liberty/Security Debate**  
• Worked: **Mediterranean Voyage Ball**, Martinis & Macaroons Social  
• Sent **120+ invites** over vacations  
Committed:  
• Negotiating: *Revolutionary comedian*, and **Inspiring Sportsman**; interest from **Internationally Acclaimed Pop-Star**  
• Delegate to Access Committee: Co-arranged **Diversity Event**  
• Delivers on promises: **Improved gender ratio**

CANDIDATES FOR TREASURER

with responsibility for the raising of sponsorship and buildings maintenance

Michaelmas 2018

CHARLES WANG  
HERTFORD COLLEGE, STANDING COMMITTEE



DEDICATED  
• Confirmed more **Asian speakers** than any other candidate: Kai-Fu Lee, Yohji Yamamoto, Vera Wang...  
• Facilitated **20+ Events**: Ian McKellen, Bryan Cranston...  
• Approached: Award-winning Asian Actress, Chinese Conglomerate CEO  
EXPERIENCED  
• Responsible for *Oxford China Forum* event hire - **securing £6,000+**  
• **Three-term Access Committee Secretary**  
• Co-arranged **BP Debating workshop**  
PROMISE  
• Engage - publish minutes and accounts online  
• Represent - Increase speaker diversity  
#voteREFORM

JAMES LAMMING  
EXETER COLLEGE, EX-STANDING COMMITTEE



#IGNITE  
• **IGNITE Publicity**: **National Press** engagement  
• Informing members: **Advertise Weekly Discounts**  
• More Networking Opportunities  
Hard-Working:  
• Confirmed 15+ speakers: JJ ABRAMS, Robert Peston, Derek Jacobi  
• Facilitated 20+ events: Jeremy Irons, Monica Lewinsky  
• Worked **MORE vacation days**, Arranged **MORE debates** than any other treasurer candidate: **No Confidence**, Democracy  
Passionate:  
• **US politics fan**: confirmed MIKE LEE; negotiating with US Senators  
• Worked on EU, Democratic Allies debate  
• University squash player

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY

with responsibility for the term's social events and for minuting Standing Committee meetings

Trinity 2018

SHANUK MEDIWAKA  
LINCOLN COLLEGE, STANDING COMMITTEE



#IGNITE  
FOR TRINITY  
- **IGNITE Community**: bring back GARDEN PARTY: Mad Hatter theme  
- **Cheaper Access tickets**: more affordable socials  
DEDICATED  
- **CONFIRMED 10 SPEAKERS**: Saddam's interrogator; McFly drummer  
- Facilitated 20+ events: **Emeli Sande**, **Robert Peston**  
- Debates: Co-organised **Democratic Allies**; co-arranged Feminism; arranged *Partition* and *Populism*: **WINNING** paper speech  
- Worked 34 vacation days!  
- Law Access mentor  
\*\***WORKED MORE UNION SOCIALS THAN ANY OTHER SECRETARY CANDIDATE\*\***  
- Worked *Union Balls*: *Mediterranean Voyage*; *Olympus*  
- Facilitated *Martinis & Macaroons social*; *pub quiz*  
- College Ball Committee



DEDICATED  
• Founded school debating society  
• Model United Nations *Delegation Captain*: WON Outstanding Delegate  
• Independent society's **SECRETARY** - managing budget  
EXPERIENCED  
• Head Boy - managed over **30 people**, arranged events attended by over **400 people**  
• Facilitated **20 events** as Logistics Officer: **IAN MCKELLEN**, Amanda Holden, Robert Peston  
• Co-organised talks by **CAROLINE LUCAS** and **Natalie Bennett** for independent society  
PROMISE  
• **Renew** - Diversify panels and socials  
• **Fairness** - Expand balloted event spots for members  
#voteREFORM

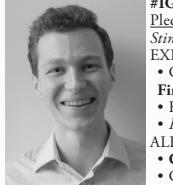
HARRY WEBSTER  
WORCESTER COLLEGE

CANDIDATES FOR STANDING COMMITTEE

Trinity 2018

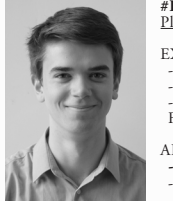
members of the Society's governing body, to assist the Officers and plan social events

BRENDAN McGRATH  
ORIEL COLLEGE, SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE



#IGNITE  
Pledges: Enhance communication: **transparency** guide -  
Stimulate beginners: **debating coppers**  
EXPERIENCED:  
• Confirmed 5+ speakers: **Pastor Evan**; **Icelandic Finance Minister**  
• Facilitated **10 events**: Seccie of the Week  
• Finance Debate, arranged; paper speech  
ALL-ROUNDER:  
• **Cuppers actor**  
• Competitive debater: judged Schools'

NICK BROWN  
MAGDALEN COLLEGE, SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE



#IGNITE  
Pledge: Access initiative: **lower nomination fees**  
EXPERIENCED:  
- Facilitated 5 debates and **Twinkle Khanna**  
- Invited **PALOMA FAITH**  
- Arranged *Westminster Debate*: confirmed **WELSH FIRST MINISTER**  
ALL ROUNDER:  
- **Social secretary** of large political society  
- **Half Marathon runner**

MAXIM PARR-REID  
TRINITY COLLEGE



DEDICATED  
- **6,500+ likes** on memes  
- Owns **Hassan's stash**  
EXPERIENCED  
- Met Jeremy Paxman  
- Member of the Union for over a whole year!  
- 330 **LinkedIn** Connections

MUSTY KAMAL

HARRIS MANCHESTER COLLEGE



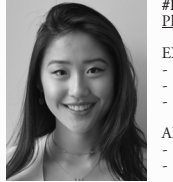
Passionate about **INCLUSIVITY**.  
Experienced:  
• **LSE Economics Society President**  
• Founder of South Asia NGO  
• Oxford Schools Debating Judge  
All-Rounder:  
• **Jorjids squad Rower**  
• **Writer** for University Newspaper  
**Harris Manchester JCR**:  
• **EDGE Officer**  
• Chairman of **Liberation Working Group**  
**UNAFRAID** to ignite and reform.

ROB SUTTON  
MAGDALEN COLLEGE



DEDICATED  
• Chief-of-Staff Oxford IV, **Regional Convenor**, *OrgComm*  
• Invited **40 speakers**, interest from **Editor-in-Chief** (major news network)  
• Worked 12+ days, secured **13 prizes**, facilitated 10 events  
EXPERIENCED  
• **Logistics**, **Partnership** Officer; *Library*, *Finance* Committee  
• OMSG **Head-of-Finance**, **RSN volunteer**  
PROMISE  
• **REFORM** manifesto  
• **#voteREFORM**

CECILIA ZHAO  
ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE, SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE



#IGNITE  
Pledges: SPEAKING WORKSHOPS, **multicultural social**  
EXPERIENCED:  
- Facilitated 10+ events: *Cranston*, Kai-Fu Lee  
- Confirmed **GOSSIP GIRL AUTHOR**  
- Organised **Tech Debate**: gave paper speech  
ALL-ROUNDER:  
- University **BOXER**  
- Chinese New Year: *Master of Ceremonies*

RAY WILLIAMS  
WADHAM COLLEGE



**Prolific**  
Political society: Ex-Secretary, **Co-Chair Elect**  
Publications: Ex-**Chief Editor**, **Section Editor**  
Press Officer: Covered 8 events  
SU Campaign: Ex-BME Rep, Secretary  
Student Radio: **Host**  
Subject Society: **Secretary**  
School Debate Society: **President**  
Radical Reformist favouring...  
fairer fees,  
online notices,  
abolishing slates!

ERIC SUKUMARAN  
PEMBROKE COLLEGE, SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE



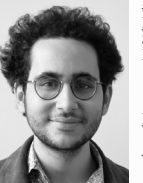
Elected **first**: Secretary's Committee; *Invited* former **Indian Finance and Home Minister** for debate;  
*Convinced* Saïd, Blavatnik schools to **pay** ex-Minister's **business class** travel; At **two day's notice**, *invited* MPP programme head to debate  
Pledges: greater **SBS** involvement; commission **Union app**

RAYMOND YIQING REN  
ST. HILDA'S COLLEGE



DEDICATED  
• **Hosting Member** of *Oxford Emerging Market Forum*  
• Assisted *Kai-Fu Lee's* Union talk  
EXPERIENCED  
• **Academic Affairs Director** at **OXCSSA**  
• Arranged **Chinese Cultural Week**, including *Food and Music Festival*...  
PROMISE  
• **Union** WeChat  
• **Diversity**  
#voteREFORM

RAPHAEL ZYSS  
PEMBROKE COLLEGE, SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE



#IGNITE  
Pledge: *Deliver*: MASTERCLASS WORKSHOPS WITH SPEAKERS  
EXPERIENCED:  
- Confirmed 2 speakers  
- Prepared questions for *Zimbabwe Opposition Activist*  
- Facilitated 5+ events: **MEDITERRANEAN VOYAGE BALL**  
- Helped arrange **Democratic Allies Debate**  
ALL ROUNDER:  
- Arranged **Brexit debate** for London society  
- Started magazine; interviewed: politicians, artists

JULES DESAI  
MERTON COLLEGE



ACTIVE, PROGRESSIVE, ENGAGED  
• JCR President  
• **Leading** biggest change to JCR governance in 20+ years  
• **Responsible** for elevating JCR Access / Equality  
• Arranged JCR Presidents' Committee event  
ALL-ROUNDER  
• **Winner** of Emergency Debate  
• **Co-led** satirical music video of "Shut Up", *Stormzy*  
#voteREFORM

SAMUEL BURNS  
ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

• School debating captain  
• Oxford schools **judge**  
• College outreach ambassador  
• Mirror Online by-line  
• Intern to MP  
*Feel the Burns...* #voteREFORM!

CHARLES COVERMAN  
BRASENOSE COLLEGE

#IGNITE. Guest Liaison: looked after *Welsh First Minister*; Access volunteer. Youth charity ambassador. Vote Charlie, he's got you COVERED!

RAI SAAD KHAN  
CHRIST CHURCH

#IGNITE. Finance Committee Member. JCR Secretary: **ACCESS** Ambassador. Coordinated **400 delegate international student conference**, Pakistani school fundraiser. Yes We Khan!

TALHA J PIRZADA  
LINACRE COLLEGE

Ex-Graduate Union officer. Secretary at Linacre MCR. Aerospace-Engineer by profession, educationist by passion. Have your say: vote TJ! **Unafraid**.

MAHI JOSHI  
TRINITY COLLEGE

#IGNITE. Comedy show stage manager; Access volunteer. Taught English in India; Youth Cabinet Chair; classical dancer. MJ's a **THRILLER**.

GEMMA TIMMONS  
MAGDALEN COLLEGE

#IGNITE. International competitive debate; speaks five languages! College hockey player; fresher rep. Entrepreneur and fundraiser. No dilemma, vote GEMMA.

HADI EL-HIBRI  
KELLOGG COLLEGE

GLO, Union HT18 Appointed Committee; Intern, **Lebanese PM Office**; Communications Intern, UNDP; Co-founder, VII Management. *Summited Mt. Kilimanjaro* (Age 13).

MATTHEW PUGH  
SOMERVILLE COLLEGE

#IGNITE. Committee of LARGE political society, secretary of debating society. School cadet corps: experienced **pilot**! Your Union needs **PUGH**!

CONOR Ó SÍOCHÁIN  
MERTON COLLEGE

Experienced - Irish National Delegate to European Youth Parliament.  
**Responsible** - JCR IT Officer, Treasurer of College Debating Society.  
#VoteREFORM

MO IMAN  
SOMERVILLE COLLEGE

• Entz officer  
• Theatre lover  
• Clubbed **20 nights in a row**  
• Wears glitter  
#voteREFORM

THANIA (NATHANIA) SILALAHI  
ST. HILDA'S COLLEGE

*PPE Society Speakers Team*; School **MUN Sec-Gen**; Co-coordinator of *micro-school* providing free education. Join the mania - pick **Thania**! #voteREFORM

RABII MALIK  
ST. ANNE'S COLLEGE

Youth rep at **G7 forum**. Access Officer of Religious Society. **Double Scholar**. Passionate about diversity. *Don't Panic*. Vote Malik. **UNAFRAID**

CLAUDIA FRENCH  
ST. PETER'S COLLEGE

#IGNITE. *National Youth Theatre* Member. Chair of school history society, DEBATER. Charity shop volunteer! Make the Union FRENCH.

LUDO FRASER-TALIENTE  
NEW COLLEGE

#IGNITE. College **rower**; *Arts Week* committee, Twin. Founded school newspaper; Prefect. Co-ordinating **Physics event**. Got no CLUEDO? Vote Ludo!

SARA DUBE  
ST. HUGH'S COLLEGE

Dedicated; Elected Member of Access Committee. Competitive debater - Oxford IV Judge  
Engaged; Tennis player  
#voteREFORM - Vote today, for **Dubae**

KATHERINE MILES  
LADY MARGARET HALL

#IGNITE. Fresher rep; University gymnast. RAG **fashion model**; Science award winner. High School **Class President**. All SMILES, vote Miles!

EMILY CHARLEY  
WADHAM COLLEGE

Sports Society **Founder** & **President**. SU Campaign **Rep**. Political Society **Membership Officer**. Experience-**PLENTY!** Ambition-**EMPTY!** Motivation - **SCANTY!** Words-TWENTY!

SAMIR CHITNAVIS  
JESUS COLLEGE

#IGNITE. Oxford biology society - head of communications; ENTREPRENEUR; science journal editor; college tennis; sexy SAXOPHONIST. No fear, vote SAMIR.

CERYS BAINES  
WORCESTER COLLEGE

**Best Speaker-Westminster Establishment** debate, Politics Student Committee, **University-level** football, **History Society** College Representative, **Gold** DofE, #VoteREFORM

MIRA MOTANI  
LINCOLN COLLEGE

#IGNITE. Access Committee: **International Officer**, facilitated *fashion diversity event*. Calais **refugee volunteer**; drug policy campaigner. Compare the **MIRACat**, simples!

JOHN LE MOIGNAN  
JESUS COLLEGE

• School's debating society **president**  
• **Professional pie maker**  
• **Volunteered** 50+ hours with disabled young adults  
Quit *Moaning*. Vote Le Moignan #voteREFORM

VARUN DOSHI  
PEMBROKE COLLEGE

#IGNITE. *Classic* E&Mer: Union PARTNERSHIP OFFICER, Business Society Committee, Student **Consultant**! JCR SANTA, footballer... Show me the DOSHI!

Want to get involved next term?

To run for election in the Society, you must make a certain number of qualifying speeches within the public debates either in the Emergency, Floor, or After Debate. Nominations open at 9.30am, Friday 5th Week, and close at 3pm on the following Friday.

If you would like to get involved with the administration of the Society without running for election, you can participate in the running of the Elections as a Deputy Returning Officer by applying in writing to the President by 3pm on Monday of 2nd Week. If you have any questions about running in elections, or you need impartial advice, please feel free to contact the Returning Officer (ro@oxford-union.org).