

**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

**To see a complete list, please consult Rule 33, *www.oxford-union.org* or the Returning Officer.**

**Any breach of this rule or complaint regarding the conduct of a candidate in the election should be reported to the Returning Officer, at the Oxford Union.**

**If you have any queries about the election, please contact *ro@oxford-union.org*, or call 01865 241353**



**Alastair Graham**  
*Coll. Sancti Johannis Baptistae*  
**Returning Officer**

**DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICERS**

- Thomas Reynolds, Ex-RO, Coll. de Somerville
- Stan Lalanne, Ex-RO, Coll. Mertonense
- Peter Corden, Ex-RO, Coll. Orielense
- Ceri Smith, Ex-RO, Coll. Sanctae Annae
- Jamie Lagerberg, Ex-RO, Coll. Corpus Christi
- Harry Samuels, CCC, Coll. Sanctae Mariae Wintoniae
- Henry Robertson, Coll. Beatae Mariae Magdalenae
- Michael Harkness, Coll. Beatae Mariae Magdalenae
- Nebojša Jovanović, Coll. Sancti Petri-le-Bailey
- Tom Turner, Coll. Sanctae Catherinae
- William Seymour, Coll. Kellogg
- Louise Kandler, Aula Dominae Margaritae

**OXFORD UNION ELECTIONS**

Poll Date: Friday 3rd March 2017

**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.

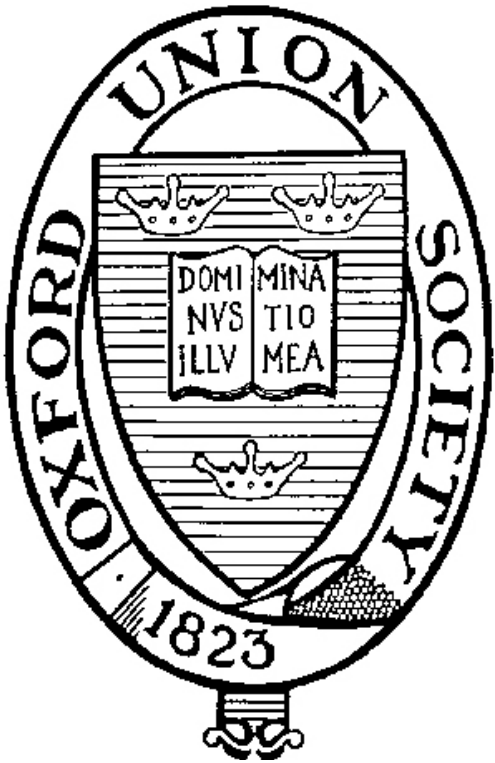
**HOW TO VOTE**

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:**

INTREPID	2
GALAXY	3
CONSTITUTION	1
DEFIANT	4

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**CANDIDATES’ CLAIMS IN MANIFESTOS**  
*ensuring that candidates’ claims allow for fair elections*

**The Returning Officer has ensured to the best of his ability that all claims made in manifestos are true: he advises, however, that Members acquaint themselves with the commonly-used terms below in order that they are not misled. The list begins with five standardised terms for the most substantial claims and ends with seven for the least substantial. 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* - the candidate must have produced a contract on which they have been the primary signatory, to claim to have raised a sum of money.
- Brought* - the candidate must have produced an acceptance e-mail or letter addressed to them, to claim to have brought the Society a speaker.
- Confirmed* - the candidate must have produced written evidence either that a contract is being drawn up for a confirmed sum of money or that a speaker has accepted an invitation and provided a date.
- Organised / run* - the candidate must have produced substantial evidence, such as contracts, correspondence and testimony, that they were in control of an event, its inception and its development.
- Responsible for* - the above, or the candidate, must have proven primary responsibility for the content of a claim

**Weaker Claims**

- Assisted / helped* - to raise / bring etc. The Returning Officer deems there to be sufficient proof that a candidate has contributed substantively, but insufficient to prove that they have had primary responsibility.
- Likewise such terms as: *facilitated, coordinated, supervised, oversaw.*
- Invited/contacted* - proof has been provided
- 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. Neither ‘organised’ nor ‘arranged’ claims imply primary responsibility for the content of a claim.
- 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 2017

## CHRIS ZABILOWICZ WORCESTER COLLEGE, LIBRARIAN



- Speakers:**
- CONFIRMED: *more speakers than any other candidate*, including:
    - **Robin Wright**, 90210 Star, **Jack Garratt**:
    - Airbnb Founder, WENTWORTH MILLER (Prison Break), Mark Gatiss;
    - *Zana Laryson*, Roberto Cavalli, **YouTube Star**, **GOP Treasurer**
  - NEGOTIATING: **US Cabinet Minister**, Fashion Icon, **Indie Rock Band**, **Prominent Marathon Runner**, **LOTR Stars**
  - INTERVIEWED: **Zoe Wanamaker**, Jools Holland, *Ted Talks Curator*
- Well-Rounded:**
- DEBATES: *Arranged Obama Debate*; delivered **two** speeches: *Two-Party System*, **Russia**
  - FINANCE: Helped raise **£400,000+** during membership drive
  - SOCIALS: Facilitated **5+ Social Events** (including *Northern Lights* and DANTE'S INFERNO Balls; **Pub Quizzes**)
  - ACCESS: College **LGBTQ Officer**; responsible for flying **Pride Flag** at Union
  - COMMITTEES: Current Member/Previous Member of: *Standing*, Consultative, **Library**, Finance, **Access**
- Pledges:**
- Consolidate **long-term** partnerships with *agencies* and *charities* to bring the BIGGEST SPEAKERS
  - Accessible **public speaking** workshops for **novices**
  - *Acoustic Sessions* in Chamber; raises **money**, and **increases** YouTube presence

# CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

with responsibility for the raising of sponsorship and buildings maintenance

Michaelmas 2017

## GUI B. CAVALCANTI PEMBROKE COLLEGE, SECRETARY



- ACCOMPLISHED:**
- Managed **£32,000+** budget
  - Assisted **£400,000+** Membership Drive
  - Contributed **£6,000+**
  - *Brazilian* Society Treasurer
- INNOVATIVE:**
- SINGLE-HANDEDLY Organised **Dante's Inferno Ball**
    - Sold-out: **14 minutes**; previous record 28+ hours
  - Brought **PEACE** to the Union - *Confirmed 8 speakers*, including **4 NOBEL Laureates**
  - Organised **Wine & Cheese** Social
  - Arranged **Speakeasy** Social
- DEDICATED:**
- Facilitated **40+ events**: **HAWKING**, **#BLM**
  - Organized & spoke: **UN Debate**
  - Managed **3 Pub Quizzes**
- FORWARD-THINKING:**
- Negotiating: **UN** Chief, *Brazilian* President
  - **Living Wage** accreditation
  - *Update Infrastructure* - Implement Chamber **FIRE DOOR**
  - Expand **ACCESS** Scheme

# CANDIDATE FOR LIBRARIAN

with responsibility for the Library and for arranging individual speaker addresses

Michaelmas 2017

## MELISSA HINKLEY KEBLE COLLEGE, STANDING COMMITTEE



- EXPERIENCED AND COMPETENT**
- ARRANGED Voluntourism panel, reaching **100k+ YouTube views**; confirmed **majority** speakers.
  - Arranged **LGBTQ+ Allies Debate**; a first in **Union history**.
  - Negotiating: *GoT* **STAR**
- DEDICATED AND INVOLVED:**
- Facilitated **24 events**:
    - **Black Lives Matter**
    - *No Confidence*, *Class* debates
    - Individuals: **Speaker John Bercow**, Football Legend Gary Neville, Pamela Anderson, *Fred & George Weasley*.
  - *Competitive Boat Captain* - *Henley Winners*.
- PLEDGE - DEVELOPING UNION:**
- *Women in politics panel*
  - Interactive events - *art*; *yoga*
  - **Updated online** presence: *candid* Instagram, *streaming big* events

# CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY

with responsibility for the term's social events and for minuting standing committee meetings

Trinity 2017

## MAAN AL-YASIRI BRASENOSE COLLEGE, STANDING COMMITTEE



- DEDICATED**
- Organised **SELL-OUT Speakeasy Social**
  - Helped with **Wine and Cheese** Social, Pub Quiz, and **Inferno Ball**
- DRIVEN**
- SPOKE: *ISIS Debate*, Organised **Obama Debate**. Co-organised *Racism and Education Debate*
  - **Confirmed**: Tariq Ali, *Obama's speechwriter*, Maryam Namazie, **Nadia Murad**
  - Facilitated: **SHIA LABEOUF**, *Mary Berry*, Mark Hamill, Robby Mook
  - Delegate to Access Committee; helped pass motion to fly **LGBTQIA+ flag**
  - Secured Union **debate floor prizes** including **VIRGIN BALLOON FLIGHT**
- DIVERSE:**
- **Bus poster boy**
  - Play **marketing officer**
- Pledge**: *Mediterranean* **GARDEN PARTY**

# CANDIDATES FOR STANDING COMMITTEE

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

Trinity 2017

### MINAL HAQ CHRIST CHURCH, SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE



- COMMITTED**
- **Confirmed**: Anna Fendi
  - Negotiated: *Indie Rock Band*, **Boxer**
  - Worked **SELL-OUT BALL**; every **PUB QUIZ**
  - Facilitated **10+ events**, including **5 debates**
- COMPETENT**
- **Tutored** underprivileged children
  - **MD**: Young Enterprise
  - Cellist, *Ballerina*
- CREATIVE**
- **PLEDGE**: More **AFFORDABLE** socials

### STEPHEN HORVATH NEW COLLEGE, SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE



- COMMITTED**
- **Confirmed 6 SPEAKERS**, including President of Gabon, TED Talks Owner
  - ORGANISED *Drugs Debate*
  - Delivered speech: **LIBERALISM DEBATE**
  - Facilitated *Prince of Monaco*, **LGBTQ+ Debate**
- COMPETENT**
- Judged *World Debating Championships*
  - DSC **Sponsorship** Officer
  - College *Squash team*
- CREATIVE**
- **PLEDGE**: Union **SNAPCHAT** Filter

### SABRIYAH SAEED SOMERVILLE COLLEGE, SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE



- COMMITTED**
- **Confirmed**: Moazzam Begg
  - *Negotiating*: Parisian Fashion Icon, *Bollywood Star*
  - ORGANISED: *Racism and Education Debate*; **confirmed** two speakers
- COMPETENT**
- Invited **100+ speakers**
  - Facilitated - *SPEAKEASY SOCIAL*; *Dame Shafik*
  - Wrote for **National Newspaper**
  - Volunteer teacher in India
- CREATIVE**
- **PLEDGE**: *Intersectionality* Debate

### ANDREW NG HERTFORD COLLEGE, SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE



- Committed:**
- *Arranged Social Media Debate*
  - **Drugs Debate** opening **SPEAKER**
  - Facilitated **Nadia Murad**, **ROBBY MOOK**
- Track record:**
- **1st Elected 'Seccie'**
  - Full scholarship **MBA**
  - Ex-Director & *Treasurer* of non-profit organisation
- Pledge:**
- **FUNDRAISING** support
  - **Networking events** with CEOs

*Time for a spring clean!*

# CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE

to assist with running social events and distributing publicity

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#### BRYAN O'BRIEN KEBLE COLLEGE

I hope to make the Union's events more accessible. I have worked with the Social Committee at SBS.

#### JAMES LAMMING EXETER COLLEGE

**Versatile**: Cherwell *Investigations* EDITOR; *University Squash Player*. **Arrested** in Serbia; Costa Coffee CASANOVA. Don't get into a JAM, vote LAM!

#### NORBERT SOBOLAK CHRIST CHURCH

**Genial GLO**: worked Religion debate, did *extra duties*. Sleek skier; **personable PPEist**; *EPAfrica* volunteer. *Cut me some slack: VOTE SOBOLAK!*

#### JOSIE DALLAS MAGDALEN COLLEGE

Competitive **DEBATER**: *IV quarter-finals*, **convened** *Regional Schools*. **DYNAMIC** *Remain campaigner*. *Devour* bookworms; *bold* baby. Don't be **DOZY**, vote for **JOSIE!**

#### MILO REYNOLDS MERTON COLLEGE

**Versatile**: House Captain, **Mandarin** Speaker. *Charitable*: MicroLoan volunteer, Projectile **Painted** Pembroke. Varsity **AMERICAN FOOTBALL** – Be a *BRO*, vote **MILO**.

#### SHIVANI ANANTH ST. ANNE'S COLLEGE

Helped **CONFIRM** Ruud Gullit, *Jeh Johnson*; *Guest Liaison Officer*. **Head Girl**; Grade 8 **Dancer**. Unless you're a *DIV*, vote *SHIV*!

#### AMELIA WEISS BRASENOSE COLLEGE

**All-rounder**: *quadrilingal* lawyer, pianist, netball. *Michael Jackson* lookalike? Costa Rica Volunteer; *Prince William* **approved**. Make the *Weiss* choice, vote **Amelia!**

#### MATT COOK JESUS COLLEGE

**AWARD-WINNING** floor speech. *Attendee* - **George Osborne's** Christmas party; *Marxist* Profile Picture. **Corporate sell out**. Vote MATT for *\*\*\* chart!*

#### CHARLES WANG HERTFORD COLLEGE

**Secretary of Union Access Committee**s led *Union tours*: co-arranged *debating workshops* for middle-school students. Posts *cool memes* on ODMS

#### DARIA LANGE ST. HUGH'S COLLEGE

*Globetrotter*: *Japanese* speaker, **NGO volunteer** – *Ghana*, *Mumbai*. Facilitated *Nobel Laureate* **CAKE PARTY**. *Near-death survivor*. Don't be a **Dunce**, vote *Daria!*

#### LAVANYA CHOWDHURY LINCOLN COLLEGE

Worked **Social Media** and *Drugs* Debates. Intern: *Mauritius Prime Minister*. **KPMG**. *Charity Trip* to Bangladesh. *All you need is Lav!*

#### KYRILL AFUDEGO HERTFORD COLLEGE

**Resilient**: **Reject** prefect, *Management Consultant*, Age UK Volunteer. **Daring**: Near-miss ski impaling. *Wahoo wipeout*. **Magnificent** curls. For a *thrill*, vote *Kyrill*

#### ISABELLE AGERBAK WORCESTER COLLEGE

*Appeared* on *Disney Channel*; Worked at **Institute of Economic Affairs**. Prolific Rapper; *Globe Theatre* Performer. Don't **dwell**, just vote **Isabelle!**

# THE RETURNING OFFICER AND HIS DEPUTIES



ALASTAIR GRAHAM  
ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE  
RETURNING OFFICER



THOMAS REYNOLDS  
SOMERVILLE, EX-RO



STAN LALANNE  
MERTON, EX-RO



PETER CORDEN  
ORIEL, EX-RO



CERI SMITH  
ST. ANNE'S, EX-RO



JAMIE LAGERBERG  
CORPUS CHRISTI, EX-RO



HARRY SAMUELS  
NEW COLLEGE, CCC



HENRY ROBERTSON  
MAGDALEN



MICHAEL HARKNESS  
MAGDALEN



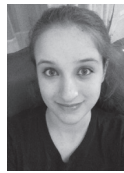
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ST. PETER'S



TOM TURNER  
ST. CATHERINE'S



WILLIAM SEYMOUR  
KELLOGG



LOUISE KANDLER  
LADY MARGARET HALL

*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, or as a Returning Officer's Assistant by applying to the Returning Officer. 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).