Glasgow welcomes two new Fulbright Scholars

This academic year the University is to welcome two new Fulbright Scholars for one year as part of the Fulbright Commission’s UK-US programme.

Glasgow is delighted to welcome William Boyce, an English, Creative Writing and Religious Studies graduate from Florida State University. Whilst at the University he will be studying theological aesthetics at the Centre for the Study of Literature, Theology, and the Arts while pursuing a Masters of Literature.

Liam Riordan will be arriving in the spring of 2012. He is an Associate Professor of History at the University of Maine and will teach an Honours course at Glasgow on the early American Republic and participate in its School of Humanities’ active graduate programme in early American history.

Fulbright is commonly recognised as the most prestigious international exchange programme in the world, fostering bilateral relationships between the US and other countries.

Fulbright Exchanges currently operate in 155 countries, and since the Commission’s foundation in the aftermath of World War II, it has facilitated the exchange of more than 300,000 people from around the world. To date there have been 28 former Fulbright Scholars who have at one time served as head of a state or government, 43 Nobel Prize winners, and 78 Pulitzer Prize winners.

The Scholarships are awarded to outstanding candidates who not only excel in their respective academic fields, but who also have a rich track record of participation in extra-curricular activities, and who have demonstrable ambassadorial skills. Former members of the UK-US Commission include: Milton Friedman, Sylvia Plath, Ian Rankin and Charles Kennedy.

The University is seeking to raise funds to support future UK-US Fulbright Scholars at Glasgow. Your support would help deliver the University’s vision for the future and help sustain not only a University worthy of the city but a world-class centre of learning whose graduates and research provide benefits to communities in Scotland and throughout the world. If you would like to make a gift to help support future Fulbright Scholars via the Scholarships Fund please see the attached donation forms for giving from the US and Canada.

Welcome from the International Dean

In this issue, I am delighted to be able to tell you about our two new Fulbright Scholars who will be joining us this year. This news, in addition to our ongoing activities in the region, will help us to continue to attract the very best students to Glasgow.

During this year I have had the opportunity to meet with many of our exchange and study abroad partners, with whom we have been working closely to develop a range of unique courses. Recruitment and International Office colleagues have been actively promoting these offerings to student advisers and counsellors in the region and new links have been developed with major partners such as the University of Minnesota.

I visited Columbia University in June and am very enthusiastic about further developing our range of research collaborations which is to include a joint appointment in Human Genetics.

I have very much enjoyed my first year as International Dean and would like to thank those alumni who have attended events in recent months. I very much enjoyed meeting you and am looking forward to working with our partners and alumni over the coming year.

Professor David Fearn
International Dean for the Americas
People in profile: Paul Hughes LLB 2006

Short career biography
I grew up in Lanark and moved to Glasgow to begin my studies in 2002 and graduated with an LLB (Hons) in 2006. I then undertook two Masters Degrees, the first in England and the other in the US. I spent six months travelling throughout Asia, South America and New Zealand and a further six months working as a Foreign Law Clerk with the Supreme Court of Israel. I started my current job as a litigation associate with the New York law firm Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP in late 2009.

What took you to the US?
I first visited the US during my third year at Glasgow as a participant in the School of Law’s study abroad programme. I studied for one semester at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. I fell in love with North Carolina and with the States in general and resolved to return for a Masters degree following graduation.

How did Glasgow shape your life?
I owe a great deal to the University. It provided me with a rigorous and stimulating education, as rewarding as it was demanding. It gave me the skills and just as crucially the confidence to go on and try to make a success of myself and it exposed me to ideas that challenged me and opened by mind. I have since studied at some of the highest ranked universities in the world and found that trying to compete with the top students there was difficult but no harder than it had been at Glasgow. The study abroad programme was life changing and I will be eternally grateful to the University and in particular to the School of Law for giving me that opportunity.

Achievement of which he is most proud
It’s a tie between two events that occurred in my final year: winning the Snell Exhibition [scholarship] and reaching the final of the Garscube Football League. I would say winning the final, but alas, some things are not meant to be!

Paul is part of the University’s International Alumni Ambassadors programme. Alumni around the world like Paul can get involved to help us to continue to attract, educate and inspire the very best students to follow in your footsteps. Attend an event, support our recruitment activity or even offer advice to our students, there are many ways to help. For further information please email Laura Henaghan, Project Officer (Alumni Programmes) Laura.Henaghan@glasgow.ac.uk.

Graduate honoured for contributions to veterinary medicine
Hugh B Lewis (BVMS 1965) was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science from Purdue University, Indiana in May of this year in recognition of his distinguished record of achievements throughout his career in the profession of veterinary medicine. Dr Lewis is a Board Certified Clinical Pathologist and has been a leader in instituting change in veterinary education throughout the US.

Pictured on the left, Professor Lewis with Dr Eli Assem, Professor of Veterinary Physiology at Purdue.

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The question of how best to give financial support that maximizes the benefits to both the donor and the charitable recipient often arises. By naming American Alumni of Glasgow University (AAGU) as the beneficiary of your Individual Retirement Account, you can make considerable tax savings while making valued contributions to AAGU.

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World ranking rise for Glasgow
Glasgow has soared 18 places to attain 59th position in the latest QS World University Rankings. The University is one of only three Scottish institutions in the top 100, and has seen the largest rise in its rankings from 77th to 59th place and confirms that the University is in the top one per cent of institutions in the world.

Principal and Vice Chancellor, Professor Anton Muscatelli, said: “I am delighted that the University of Glasgow has risen to 59th place in the QS World Rankings. At Glasgow we are justifiably proud of the quality of our teaching and research, and we know from the National Student Survey that we provide one of the very best student experiences in the UK. We are also proud to be contributing to Scotland’s continuing success on the world stage in Higher Education”

Glasgow was recently rated as the joint top University in Scotland in the 2011 National Students Survey.
Dr Jerry (Jeremy) Haigh BVMS 1965

Jerry has been in Canada for 35 years after having spent 10 years in Kenya following graduation. His father was in the Highland Light Infantry (the Glasgow Regiment) so the Vet School at Glasgow was a natural choice. He is a retired wildlife vet and enjoys writing and telling stories about his work and career.

Short career biography
Three days after graduation in 1965 I returned to my birth-country of Kenya where I started out as an intern in the new veterinary school under the deanship of the late Ian McIntyre of Glasgow fame. I began to do more wildlife work after starting with a lame giraffe near the vet college and injured rhinos in Meru National Park. I was soon dealing with elephants, lions and a host of other African species. In 1975 I joined the faculty of the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in Saskatoon, Canada as a full-time wildlife vet. I have since worked with species ranging from polar bears to porcupines and reindeer to seals on four continents and have published two creative non-fiction books about the work in Africa. A third one "Of Moose and Men" is on the way.

Most memorable student moment
Playing hockey for the University and visits to Edinburgh and Dublin for long weekend "bonding" trips stand out.

Photo: The image was taken off the coast of Baffin Island where Jerry worked with scientists from Canada’s Northwest Territorial government. The adult bear was temporarily immobilized with a dart to allow Jerry and his co-worker to weigh her cub (also immobilized). Each bear was carefully monitored while measurements were taken.

Achievement of which he is most proud
The most important thing I did in my career was to take final year Canadian students to Uganda every year to show them how the wildlife x human x livestock matrix works. We spent a month working with local herders and in national parks. Many of the students have kept in touch, often telling me and my wife (who always accompanied me) that the trip was a life-changing experience.

Interests and hobbies
I continue to enjoy storytelling, writing, theatre, photography and woodworking. I read extensively, fish, hunt, canoe and visit grandchildren (and their parents). I maintain an active website and blog at jerryhaigh.com and have recently posted YouTube videos about some of my work.

Jerry maintains links with good friends in Scotland. He met his wife of 42 years, Joanne a physician, in Kenya. They have two children Karen and Charles who were both born in Kenya, and four grandchildren, Sonia, Rachael, Mathew and Gabriella.

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Events round-up

Alumni, friends and prospective students attended a range of social events over the spring and summer months to celebrate their association with the University and to hear the latest news.

The University of Glasgow Graduates of British Columbia met on Sunday, 3 April at Cheers Restaurant in North Vancouver for their 9th annual gathering organised by President Edward Mornin (MA 1961) and Secretary Peter Waddell (BSc 1956).

Chris Berry, Professor of Political Theory, met with alumni from the Atlanta area on Friday, 20 May for an informal evening at Tap. The group enjoyed drinks and conversation and took advantage of the sunny weather on the patio.

The Chicago group met on Wednesday, 25 May at Osteria Via Stato to socialise and network with friends before the Memorial Day Holiday weekend.

45 alumni and friends met at the University of Toronto’s Massey College for dinner on Saturday, 28 May to celebrate the achievements of the 2010 Young Alumnus of the Year winner Dr Patrick Gunning.

And finally an enjoyable evening was had by all on Wednesday, 1 June at the Hotel Durant, Berkeley. Professor David Fearn, International Dean for the Americas, and Katie Schwarz (LLM 2010), Alumni Coordinator for the San Francisco area, welcomed guests for drinks and canapés.

Forthcoming events

For further information and to reserve your place at any of the events below please email Emma.Sloan@glasgow.ac.uk or visit www.glasgow.ac.uk/alumni/events.

Stop Press for our North American Vets – details to follow very shortly of the Vet School’s 150th Anniversary celebrations and events in 2012.

Seattle Reception

Tuesday, 1 November
An evening reception at Black Bottle Seattle from 6.30pm.

New York Enlightenment Dinner

Saturday, 5 November
A special event in celebration of one of the most exciting periods in Scotland’s history.

North Carolina Reception

Sunday, 6 November
An evening reception to be held in the Raleigh-Durham area.

Miami Reception

Monday, 7 November
All alumni are welcome to attend this evening event.

Austin

March 2012
Host Margarita Reilly (MA 1961) is delighted to invite alumni to an informal reception event to socialise with fellow graduates from the local area and beyond.

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