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**ACADEMIA**

**Professor Julie Curtis**

I retired from my university post in 2021 after 30 years at Oxford. I loved my undergraduate teaching and the supervising of many postgraduate students in Russian literature and language from colleges across the university.

My publications have been focused on satirical writers under Stalin (Bulgakov, Zamiatin), and for several years I also ran a research project on protest theatre in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus in the Putin era, editing a book on the subject in 2020.

I am re-joining Wolfson's Governing Body in October 2024 in order to take up the role of Vicegerent. My office was always at Wolfson, and my children went to the nursery here, so this feels like my second home.

**Professor Peter Stewart**

Born in Belfast in 1971, I studied in Cambridge for eight years before starting a career as a university lecturer in classical art and archaeology. I held posts at Cambridge and Reading Universities and the Courtauld Institute of Art in London, before moving to Oxford in 2011.

Aside from my academic teaching and research, I have held leadership and management roles in higher education as Acting Dean in the Courtauld, Director of the Classical Art Research Centre, and recently as Vicegerent of Wolfson College.

I also have an interest in institutional governance and strategy in universities, museums, and heritage. I was on the Board of the Ashmolean Museum for eight years and am chair of trustees of The Brooking, a heritage charity which holds the largest collection of British architectural details.

**Associate Professor Julie Cosmidis**

I am an Associate Professor working in Geomicrobiology (the application of microbiology to Earth Sciences problems). I obtained my PhD in 2013 in Paris, and worked in the United States as a postdoc (University of Colorado in Boulder) and Assistant Professor (Penn State University), so I have experience working and finding jobs in different academic systems. I am also a mother of three young children, and I love to talk about ways to balance work with family and other personal interests.

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**Associate Professor Jesus Lizana**

Jesus Lizana is Associate Professor in Engineering Science at the University of Oxford, with a unique experience profile in architecture and engineering. He leads the research on Zero-Carbon Space Heating and Cooling at ZERO Institute.

At Oxford, Lizana is engaged in many research initiatives and has received several prestigious and extensive grants, including a Marie Curie Fellowship. He supports the interdisciplinary research in the Future of Cooling Programme of the Oxford Martin School. He also serves as a board member and scientific reviewer for many leading journals, conferences and research programmes.

Alongside his academic career, Lizana serves as a consultant on many building energy-related projects, data science, and sustainable cooling across various global locations, including the United Kingdom, India, Spain, Morocco, and Saudi Arabia. He has provided strategic guidance to international institutions such as UNEP, CIBSE, and the Department for Energy in the UK (DESNZ).

**Associate Professor Angela Minassian**

I am a consultant physician in infectious diseases by training. I lead a clinical malaria vaccine programme at the University of Oxford which involves testing first-time-in-human vaccines against Plasmodium falciparum and P. vivax, incorporating controlled human malaria infection to test vaccine efficacy.

I am passionate about building relationships and transferring skills to empower the research teams where malaria is endemic, and our trials now span Phase I-IIb in the UK, Africa (Tanzania, The Gambia and Burkina Faso) and Thailand. Using the platform of the malaria human challenge model I also conduct experimental medicine research to explore mechanisms of disease tolerance, and am developing a novel model of relapse for P. vivax. I also run clinical trials of vaccines against emerging pathogens and have an interest in developing new human challenge models of infection with which to assess these.

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**Associate Professor Annina Schmid**

Annina is a Professor of Pain Neurosciences and a Specialist Musculoskeletal Physiotherapist at the Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences at Oxford University in the UK. She leads the [Neuromusculoskeletal Health and Science Lab](https://www.ndcn.ox.ac.uk/research/neuromusculoskeletal-health-and-science-lab) which uses a translational and interdisciplinary approach to study the pathophysiology of neuromusculoskeletal conditions with the ultimate goal to improve management for patients.

Annina and her team specialise in deep clinical phenotyping combining clinical methodologies (e.g. psychophysical testing, neurophysiological recordings, sensory profiling) with advanced neuroimaging (e.g. diffusion tensor imaging, MR neurography) and cellular and molecular analyses of human bio-samples to gain a detailed understanding of changes associated with nerve injuries and neuropathic pain.

I have a special interest in capacity building especially for allied health professionals and am a strong advocate for women in academia.

**Professor David Zeitlyn**

Social anthropologist working in Cameroon (and Nigeria) on religion and divination, sociolinguistics, visual anthropology (photography). Wider interests in research ethics, data archiving, qualitative digital research.

**INDUSTRY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

**Dr Jonathan Paine**

Dr. Jonathan Paine is a career investment banker and specialist in the telecommunications, media and technology (TMT) sectors. He has recently retired from Rothschild & Co. where he led the media team for over 25 years as managing director, then senior adviser and chair of the global TMT team. He is an expert in mergers and acquisitions and corporate strategy. In his early career he also worked at Schroders, Swiss Bank Corporation and S.G. Warburg.

He joined Wolfson College in 2010 as a mature student and completed his doctorate in 2017. He writes on literature and economics and his monograph, Selling the Story, was published by Harvard University Press in 2019.  He is a Supernumerary Fellow of Wolfson College and has served on the college’s Investment Committee since 2010.

He has held non-executive board positions in the health, housing and charity sectors and is currently a non-executive director of the University of East Anglia. He is also the Treasurer of the International Dostoevsky Society.

**Catherine Quinn**

Catherine’s executive career over the last 25 years has crossed a number of sector boundaries, from science, technology and innovation; to higher education and professional training; to the running of national institutions. She has held a variety of senior executive roles: at Oxford University, The Wellcome Trust, Middle Temple, and most recently in The Royal Household, where she was Private Secretary to the then Duchess of Cambridge (now Princess of Wales).

In parallel with her executive roles over the years, Catherine always maintained her interest in serving on boards and chairing committees of private companies, public sector bodies and charities. She has served as a non-executive director on the boards of a diverse range of institutions, including The Charity Commission. The Met Office, National Physical Laboratory, Centre for Process Innovation and Royal Academy of Dance.

Her enjoyment of working at governance level led her four years ago fully to complete the shift to a portfolio career. She takes a particular interest in corporate strategy, in particular in relation to people and the way organisations are designed and work, and she currently chairs several People and/or Remuneration Committees.

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**Dr Andrew Mackintosh**

My background is general management roles in established technology companies but my recent and current activity is investing government funds in early-stage technology businesses.

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**UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION**

**Dr Peter Barber**

Following more than a decade’s experience as a researcher in Philology and Linguistics in Oxford, I moved into University professional services. I have since built expertise in the research funding and innovation landscape through roles in the Humanities and Medical Sciences Divisions e.g., working with University-level strategic applications.

I now support the department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics, aiming to build a broader and deeper research grant portfolio, through training, lectures, one-to-one support for applications and interviews, strategic planning and improving research culture.

I would be happy to discuss research grants with any Wolfson mentees wishing to support their continuing research, but I would also be happy to work with anyone considering a move into e.g., professional services, to think through together what such a transition may mean personally and professionally, and to help develop, where relevant, strategies for maintaining one’s sense of academic identity in the process.

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