



## DARWIN COLLEGE E-BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 2010

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Dear Old Darwinian,

Welcome to the Darwin College September 2010 e-bulletin. Here we list news and alumni events from both Darwin and the wider University community. If you would like more details on anything included, please do not hesitate to phone or e-mail. It is always a great pleasure to talk to our alumni and help them where we can.

### **Darwin College Happenings**

#### 4 Newnham Terrace Update

Thank you to all our alumni/ae for your generous gifts towards this project. On March 1<sup>st</sup> we started to convert the former Rectory into a home for seven students and one Junior Research Fellow. This work has been completed for the next intake of new students who should be arriving in a few weeks. We are now turning our attention to the redesign of the gardens along the river up to the mill pond. It is our intention to keep you updated on this project as it happens. This is truly a thrilling time for all Darwin members. If you would like to help further this project with a gift, please use online giving. Go to

<http://www.darwin.cam.ac.uk/alumni/fromthemaster.htm>

### **College personalities talks, and internet links**

#### 2010 Pilkington Teaching Awards

Congratulations to Darwin Fellow Professor Simon Schaffer and Old Darwinian Dr Rob Wallach (PhD 1971) on being honoured with a Pilkington Teaching Award. The Pilkington Teaching Prizes were established in 1994 by businessman and alumnus of Trinity College, Sir Alastair Pilkington. The aim was to ensure that excellence in teaching at the University was given proper recognition.

The prizewinners received their awards from the Vice-Chancellor during a reception at Cripps Court, Magdalene College. For further details on their fantastic achievements please go to

<http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/news/dp/2010062902>

This year's Pilkington Prize Winners with  
the Vice Chancellor, Dame Alison  
Richards



## Cambridge Ideas – Lunar Meanderings

Sir Martin Rees, Honorary Fellow of Darwin College and Astronomer Royal talks to Cambridge Ideas about the Apollo 11 moon landings -

<http://www.sms.cam.ac.uk/media/650158;jsessionid=E3270EBE567E29FE0C6DF F3CEEFDF0CB>

## Michael Scott's Blog

Michael Scott is one of the current Moses and Mary Finley Research Fellows. He writes a regular blog on various aspects of Ancient Greece for the BBC History Magazine website. All of them a diverse and very interesting, go to

<http://www.bbchistorymagazine.com/blog/13422> for a full list.

## **College Fundraising**

### Annual Fund

The Annual Fund should be mailing in the middle of November. This will go to all alumni/ae worldwide; in it you should find an update on the College, students and Fellows, our hopes and plans for the future and a donation form. Please give what you can, every donation is much appreciated and goes directly to the area you indicate. All gifts will help enhance the 'Darwin Experience' for future students.

### US Telephone Campaign

If you live in the US and we have your telephone number you may receive a phone call from a Darwin student at some time in the middle of November. The reason for the call is twofold – firstly, we would like to give you a first hand account of what it is like to be a student at Darwin today (without the mediation of the Alumni Office). Secondly, the student who is talking to you will ask you to consider making a gift although there is no obligation on your part. Further details and an opt-out form will be sent to you nearer the time.



## **College Alumni Events – ‘Dates for Your Diary’**

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010 – Darwin College Society dinner**

The next Darwin Society Dinner will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> October in the College 7.00pm for 7.30pm. More details are available on our website.

<http://www.darwin.cam.ac.uk/alumni/>

### **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October -Darwin College Society tour of Whipple Museum**

The Whipple Museum holds an internationally important collection of scientific instruments and models, dating from the medieval period to the present day. The museum holds instruments of astronomy, navigation, surveying, drawing, acoustics and calculating as well as sundials, mathematical instruments and early electrical apparatus. The main gallery is a room dating back to the 1618 and was part of the

first Free School in Cambridge. The tour will start at 11.00am and lunch will be in the Graduate Centre, followed by another tour of the museum. Further details from Sophia, [sas65@cam.ac.uk](mailto:sas65@cam.ac.uk)

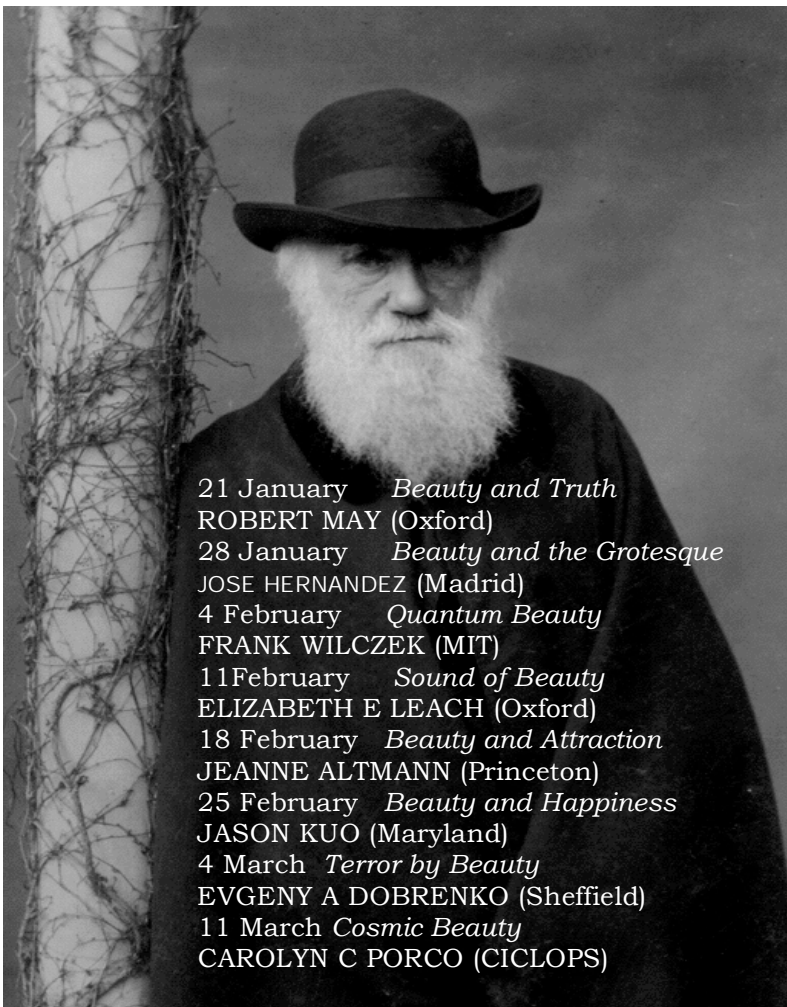
**Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November – Darwin College Society ‘Alumni – Student Business/Management Career Network’**

Following the success of the Darwin College Society Life Science Career Networking event earlier this year we are planning a second evening bringing current students and Old Darwinian’s together, this time we would like to involve alumni/ae who have made careers in Business and Management. If you work in Business and/or Management and are in a position to provide advice, guidance and/or useful contacts that can help current Darwin students who are in the final year of their post-graduate qualification to make a good start in their careers, then please join us. For more details please contact Alex Smeets of the Darwin College Society on [asmets@sky.com](mailto:asmets@sky.com)

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Darwin College Society tour of the Pepys Library**

More details will be available nearer the time. But, if you would like to register your interest please e-mail Sophia.

**26<sup>th</sup> Darwin College Lecture Series 2011**



21 January *Beauty and Truth*  
ROBERT MAY (Oxford)  
28 January *Beauty and the Grotesque*  
JOSE HERNANDEZ (Madrid)  
4 February *Quantum Beauty*  
FRANK WILCZEK (MIT)  
11 February *Sound of Beauty*  
ELIZABETH E LEACH (Oxford)  
18 February *Beauty and Attraction*  
JEANNE ALTMANN (Princeton)  
25 February *Beauty and Happiness*  
JASON KUO (Maryland)  
4 March *Terror by Beauty*  
EVGENY A DOBRENKO (Sheffield)  
11 March *Cosmic Beauty*  
CAROLYN C PORCO (CICLOPS)

For more information on the Darwin Lecture Series 2011 go to:

<http://www.darwin.cam.ac.uk/lectures/>

## **DID YOU KNOW?...**

### Photo of your Graduation

At the moment your degree is conferred a photograph is taken capturing the splendid atmosphere of the occasion. All graduands attending Senate House ceremonies will have their photograph taken automatically. Photos are kept of everyone who has graduated since 1990. If you would like to order your picture go to <http://www.cam.ac.uk/cs/media/pandis/graduation/graduation.html>

### Face book

Darwin College alumni have a new Face book page. Go to <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Cambridge-United-Kingdom/Darwin-College-Cambridge-Alumni/275788542485?ref=sgm>

### LinkedIn

A Darwinian in London has just started an 'Alumni and Student Career Network Group' on LinkedIn. The link for the LinkedIn group is <http://www.linkedin.com/e/-xw2jo-gebmo3zv-25/vgh/3431326/>. Please do join one (or both) of these groups and take advantage of the chance to network with Old Darwinians from all over the world.

### **'Lost Alumni'**

The College has lost contact with a number of 'Old Darwinians' over the years. Their names are listed by matriculation year on the Darwin website, please take a look and see if there are any names you recognise! Go to <http://www.darwin.cam.ac.uk/alumni/lostalumni/index.shtml>

### **Your Contact Details?**

If your contact details have changed recently, please take a few moments to go to <http://www.darwin.cam.ac.uk/alumni> and complete our on-line update survey. Alternatively, e-mail [alumni.office@dar.cam.ac.uk](mailto:alumni.office@dar.cam.ac.uk) as soon as possible after the change.

If you no longer want to receive these bulletins once a quarter (we of course hope that will not be the case...!), then please e-mail [sas65@cam.ac.uk](mailto:sas65@cam.ac.uk) to let us know to take you off the list. On the other hand, if you know of someone else who might like to receive these e-mails – please forward it to them; they can then register for the bulletins by going to <http://www.darwin.cam.ac.uk/alumni>.

...Oh, and don't forget to leave us your feedback on the update survey!