

List of speakers

Mrs Patricia Ackerman

Pat Ackerman, Churchill Archives Centre's third archivist, graduated with an honours degree in Latin and Greek from the University of Reading in 1963. Her early career was that of a Latin Teacher at High Storrs Grammar School for Girls in Sheffield.

After moving to Cambridge, she became Manuscript Cataloguer at Trinity College from 1970 until 1974, then Archivist at Churchill College. In the autumn of 1978 she moved to the United States, where she became the first archivist at New York University. For 20 years she was an archivist and occasional Latin teacher in the U.S., latterly as a corporate archivist in Philadelphia; except for a year in the mid-eighties when she was briefly back in Cambridge and conducted an oral history project for Churchill College Archives, interviewing former colleagues and employees of Winston Churchill.

She returned to Cambridge permanently in 2001 and until Covid struck was a project archivist at Newnham College, as and when needed. Now retired.

Dr Emma Barrett



Emma Barrett is Arts and Law Teaching Fellow (BIA) and Honorary Research Fellow in History at the University of Birmingham. Her forthcoming book, *Survival Capitalism and the Big Bang*, is a cultural history of the 1980s financial revolution ranging in scope across the Thatcher government, the Bank of England, London Stock Exchange and member firms, and Lloyd's of London. Based on archival sources and dozens of in-depth interviews, it brings to life the people and processes involved in the making of the financial revolution. It offers timely new perspectives on the City of London's Big Bang reforms just as Big Bang 2.0 is being contemplated in the 2020s.

Professor Lawrence Black



Lawrence Black is Professor of Modern History at the University of York, UK. He was a by-fellow at the archives early in 2023 working on the papers of social scientist and opinion pollster, Mark Abrams.

Lord Boateng PC



The Rt Hon Paul Boateng is a Labour politician and peer who became the first black Cabinet Minister in May 2002, when he was created Chief Secretary to the Treasury. He has since served as the British Ambassador to South Africa and has been Chair of The Sir Winston Churchill Archive Trust since October 2020.

Professor Myriam Boussahba Bravard



Myriam Boussahba is Professor of British history now at Université Le Havre Normandie, Director of the research Centre GRIC, and Overseas Research Fellow of Churchill College, Cambridge (UK). She was a 2022 Research and Collections Visiting Professor at Cambridge University and Archives By-Fellow of Churchill College. She is a specialist of British gender history in the nineteenth century. First focused on British women's emancipation campaigns, she now researches female first internationalism through congresses and exhibitions. She co-edited *Women in International Exhibitions* (Routledge, 2018), *L'Europe des femmes XVIII-XXIe siècle* (Perrin, 2017), *Qu'est-ce que l'intersectionnalité?* (Payot, 2021). Her latest article "Le roman sentimental *Regency*, 2000-2020" (*Temps des medias*, 2021/2) that shows her historical interest in Romance with aspects such as transnationalism, feminism, writing and

readership communities, has now paved the way for an international collaborative research project that currently looks for funding. Her forthcoming 2023 co-edited book *Frontières de la citoyenneté* (PU Rennes) has added up to worldwide citizenship issues. She is currently editing *History and the Writing of the Self: Diaries and Diary-keepers* (Bloomsbury, 2024), a follow-up to the international diary conference co-organised with Churchill Archives (2022). Her personal research project on British masculinities before 1914 has led her to stay at Churchill College and work in Churchill Archives on William Bull's diaries (1876-1931); writing William Bull's biography is scheduled next.

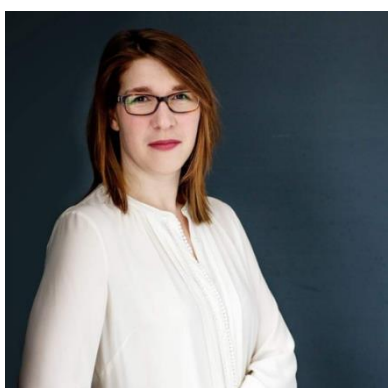
Dr Lise Butler



Lise Butler is a Senior Lecturer in Modern History at City, University of London. She is the author of *Michael Young, Social Science and the British Left, 1945-70* (Oxford University Press, 2020). Her research focuses on the history of left wing politics, social science, critiques of state planning, and prediction in post-war Britain. She is a contributing editor for *Renewal: A Journal of Social Democracy*, and an Advisory Committee member for the

Churchill Archives Centre and the Institute of Historical Research.

Dr Jessamy Carlson



Jessamy leads the Community & Transport team in the Collections Expertise & Engagement department at The National Archives. She is currently working on the re-cataloguing of WO 399, the records of pre-1939 military nurses, and on the history of the Home Office Research Unit, alongside other projects. Recently, she led public engagement for the release of the 1921 Census in 2022. Previously she developed public engagement partnerships in the Events & Exhibitions team, notably running the First World War 100 programme between 2015 and 2018, and worked on the 20-Year Rule Project in Archive Sector Development. She has

worked at The National Archives since 2008.

Jessamy has a degree in Medieval Studies from Birmingham, and a Masters degree in Archive Administration from the University of Wales (Aberystwyth). She was awarded a Clore Fellowship in 2010, and is a Registered Member of the Archives & Records Association. She has been a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts since 2011. She recently completed her PhD in Sociology at the University of Essex, titled 'Girls will be girls – Approved Schools in England, 1933-1973'. She is Associate Staff at the Centre for Archival and Information Studies at the University of Dundee, and advises a number of academic projects including the ICeM 1921 project at the University of Cambridge. Jessamy is interested in 20th-century British social welfare history, especially in the juvenile courts and the associated systems and institutions, and also works extensively on family and local history.

Dame Athene Donald DBE FRS



Professor Dame Athene Donald was awarded both her BA (Natural Sciences, Theoretical Physics) and PhD (in Physics) by the University of Cambridge, studying at Girton College. She then spent 4 years as a postdoctoral research associate in the USA at Cornell University in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, before returning to Cambridge where she has been ever since.

Initially holding an SRC fellowship in the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy, she returned to the Cavendish Laboratory as one of the first generation of Royal Society University Research Fellows. Thereafter she was appointed a Lecturer in 1985, a Reader in 1995 and a Professor in 1998. A year later she was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society. Her research field can best be described as soft matter and biological physics, including polymers, biopolymers and, most recently, cellular biophysics. From 1983-2014 she was a fellow of Robinson College.

Within the University she has served on Council from 2009-14 and several of its dependent committees, and was the Gender Equality Champion from 2010-14. She has served on a variety of committees at the Royal Society, chaired its Education Committee from 2010-14 and currently serves on its Council (as she has before) and is a member of the Science Policy Committee. She served on the Scientific Council of the European Research Council from 2013-18 and was a Trustee of the Science Museum from 2011-16.

She has been awarded prizes by the Institute of Physics (CV Boys Prize, Mott Medal and Faraday Medal) and was the Bakerian Lecturer of the Royal Society in 2006. In 2009 she was awarded the L’Oreal/UNESCO For Women in Science Laureate for Europe. She was appointed a Dame Commander of the British Empire for Services to Physics in 2010. Dame Athene became Master of Churchill College in 2014.

Dr Graham Farmelo



Graham Farmelo, a Fellow of Churchill College, is a biographer and science writer. He is author of *The Strangest Man*, a biography of the theoretical physicist Paul Dirac that won the 2009 Costa Prize for Biography and the 2010 Los Angeles Times Prize for Science and Technology writing. His other books include *Churchill’s Bomb*, which he researched mainly in the Churchill Archives Centre, and the collection of essays *It Must Be Beautiful*, about some of the great equations of twentieth-century science, with contributions from several distinguished historians and scientists.

After taking his PhD in theoretical particle physics at the University of Liverpool in 1977, he was appointed a lecturer in physics at the Open University, where he taught for thirteen years. From 1990 to 2002, he was an executive at the Science Museum, London, responsible for the vision of the Museum’s Wellcome Wing and founding director of the Dana Centre. He has co-edited several collections of essays about contemporary museology, including *Creating Connections* (2004). Since 2004, Farmelo

has been a frequent visitor to the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, where he wrote most of his subsequent books.

In 2011, he was appointed Honorary Fellow of the British Science Association, and a year later won the Kelvin Prize and Medal for his contributions to the public understanding of physics.

Mr Jonathan Fenby CBE



Jonathan Fenby, a former editor of newspapers in the UK and Asia, is the author of twenty books on China, France and the Second World War and its aftermath. He edited Reuters news service, the Observer in Britain and the South China Morning Post in Hong Kong as well as holding senior editorial positions at The Economist, The Guardian and The Independent. He was also a founding partner of the analytical service, Trusted Sources, where he directed the China coverage. He is a Commander of the British Empire (CBE) and a Chevalier of both the French Légion d'Honneur and Ordre National du Mérite.

Dr Jessica Gardner



Dr Jessica Gardner took up her post as Librarian of Cambridge University Library in April 2017, having been previously Director of Library Services and University Librarian at the University of Bristol.

Dr Jayne Gifford



Dr Jayne Gifford is a lecturer in Modern History at the University of East Anglia. Her research focuses upon the nature of British imperial rule on the peripheries of Empire, specifically knowledge networks and how imperial policy formulation was influenced by inter-personal relationships between politicians, military personnel and diplomats. Her first monograph *Britain in Egypt: Egyptian Nationalism and Strategic Choices, 1919-1931* (Bloomsbury/I.B. Taurus, 2019) examined the genesis of Egyptian nationalism and British appeasement of Egyptian politicians to maintain its geo-strategic imperial network. With Dr Kent Fedorowich, she has recently published the diary of Sir Earle Page's wartime mission to Britain between 1941 and 1942, *Sir Earle Page's British War Cabinet Diary, 1941-1942* (Cambridge University Press Camden Fifth Series, 2021). This account provides crucial insights into Anglo-Australian, Anglo-dominion and American-Australian wartime relations during a critical phase of the Second World War. Continuing the theme of imperial peripheries, a journal article examining the abduction and rescue of Mollie Ellis on the North-West Frontier, India in 1923 was published in January 2023 in the *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*. This article argues that through instruments of nineteenth century legislation, a brutalisation of imperial rule on this contested frontier was normalised and extended through a combination of military force and political coercion.

She is a member of the editorial board for *Transactions*, the academic journal of the Royal Historical Society, an Associate Editor for *History: Journal of the Historical Association* and a committee member of the British International Historians Group.

Professor Mark Goldie



Mark Goldie is Emeritus Professor of Intellectual History, University of Cambridge, and a Fellow of Churchill College. He has published extensively on politics, religion, and ideas in Britain, 1600-1800. He is also (slowly) writing a history of Churchill College. A former Chair of the Churchill Archives Committee, he has had a close association with the Archives Centre for many years.

Dr Alix Green



Alix R. Green is Reader in History at the University of Essex. Having completed her BA and MPhil in History at Clare College, Cambridge, she went on to a career in policy and government affairs. She later undertook a PhD and entered academia. She is a historian of contemporary Britain, with particular interests in politics and political culture and the uses of history and historical records, especially in policymaking and organisational contexts. Since her 2016 book, *History, Policy and Public Purpose: Historians and Historical Thinking in Government*, she has taken her

concern with the uses of history and commitment to co-production and co-designed research into the business archives sector. She has extensive experience of successfully leading knowledge exchange projects, including with the Warner Textile Archive and Essex Record Office. She has collaborated or is currently collaborating on projects with the John Lewis Partnership, GlaxoSmithKline, Marks & Spencer, Unilever, Boots and the National Theatre archives. She also worked with a network of business archivists to develop tailored guidance to help archivists develop collaborative projects that demonstrate the value of archival collections and historical research to their parent organisations. Green is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and a Trustee of the Business Archives Council.

Dr Pieter van Houten



Pieter van Houten is a Fellow of Churchill College and currently chair of the Churchill Archives Committee. He is an Associate Professor in the POLIS department of the university, where he teaches comparative politics, European politics and research methods. His past research interests focused on territorial politics (especially regional autonomy movements and regional parties) and state development in Western Europe, as well as post-conflict reconstruction in the Balkans.

Dr Tom Hurst



In 2018 Tom completed his PhD at King's College, London. He went on to become an Archival By-Fellow at Churchill College, Cambridge where he received the John Antcliffe Memorial Fund Grant. He is currently a Visiting Research Fellow at King's College, London. His book, *Making speeches: the speechmaking of Margaret Thatcher, 1975-1990* will be published by Bloomsbury Academic in 2024. Tom is also a deputy headteacher in a school in North London.

Dr Lyndsey Jenkins



Lyndsey Jenkins is a historian of women, politics and activism in nineteenth and twentieth century Britain. She has recently joined St Hilda's College, Oxford as a Departmental Lecturer, after completing a Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship at Queen Mary University of London. Lyndsey's recent research is on women MPs in the Labour Party between 1945 and 1979. As well as developing a monograph, she is working on a partnership with Bruce Castle Museum and Archive in Haringey, London, to showcase the life and work of the pioneering MP Joyce Butler (1910-1992), and, with Ruth Davidson, Anna Muggeridge and Farah Hussain, is developing two collections of work examining women's participation in grassroots activism and formal

politics. Her previous research focused on the suffrage movement, and her publications include *Sisters and Sisterhood: The Kenney Sisters, Class and Suffrage, c.1890-1965*; *The Politics of Women's Suffrage: Local, National and International Dimensions*, edited with Alexandra Hughes-Johnson, and *Lady Constance Lytton, Aristocrat, Suffragette, Martyr*, which was a Sunday Times biography of the year and shortlisted for the Slightly Foxed Best First Biography Prize. She has published widely on women's political activism and recently edited a special issue on the future of British Political History for *Political Quarterly* with Colm Murphy and Rob Saunders. She was awarded a Fellowship by the Churchill Foundation to support her by-Fellowship at Churchill College in 2023, where she utilised the papers of Mark Abrams to examine the gendered dimensions of opinion polling in the 1950s and 1960s.'

Professor Gaynor Johnson



Gaynor Johnson is Professor Emerita in International History at the University of Kent, UK. She studied at what is now Bangor University in North Wales as both an undergraduate and as a doctoral student. In a career spanning more than thirty years, she has also taught at Bolton University and the University of Salford. She has published widely in the area of twentieth century British foreign policy, the history of government and on the origins of the Second World War. These include *The Berlin Embassy of Lord D'Abernon, 1920-1926* (Palgrave 2002); *The Foreign Office and British Diplomacy in the Twentieth Century* (Routledge, 2004); *Our Man in Berlin: the Diary of Sir Eric Phipps, 1933-1937* (Palgrave 2008) and *Lord Robert Cecil: Politician and Internationalist*: (Ashgate, 2013). Her most recent work has taken her into the realm of gender history. She is also currently writing a history of the Foreign Office. She is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, a member of the Peer Review College of the Arts and Humanities Research Council and is the Editor in Chief of two peer-refereed journals: *The International History Review* and *Diplomacy and Statecraft*.

Professor Stephen Kelly



Professor Stephen Kelly is Professor of Modern Irish History and British-Irish Relations at Liverpool Hope University. He has published extensively in the field of Modern Irish History, British-Irish Relations, and the Northern Ireland Conflict.

His most recent monograph, *Margaret Thatcher, the Conservative Party and the Northern Ireland conflict, 1975-1990* (Bloomsbury, 2021; Paperback edition, 2022) was the winner of the 2022 'CHOICE Outstanding Academic Titles'.

Professor Kelly's publications also include: *'A failed political entity': Charles Haughey and the Northern Ireland question, 1945-1992* (Merrion Press, 2016); *Fianna Fáil, partition and Northern Ireland, 1926-1971* (Irish Academic Press, 2013); and *A conservative at heart? The political and social thought of John Henry Newman* (Columba Press, 2012).

In May of 2024, Professor Kelly will publish his new biography of Gerald Boland, an Irish revolutionary, politician and statesman. See *Gerald Boland: A Biography* (Wordwell Books, 2024).

Dr Thomas Kelsey



Tom Kelsey is currently an ESRC Policy and Research Fellow at the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford, working on a project on how to improve policymaking at the intersection of economic prosperity and national security. He was awarded the Hans Rausing 1+3 Scholarship at King's College London in 2014. He completed his PhD in 2020, which was about 'high technology' policy in post-war Britain. Before taking up his current post, he worked on tech policy for the UK Civil Service. He has written for the Guardian, Open Democracy, and the Independent, appeared on BBC Radio and has an article forthcoming with the English Historical Review.

Professor Paul Kennedy CBE



Paul Kennedy is the J. Richardson Dilworth Professor of History at Yale University. He holds many honorary degrees, and is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, the American Philosophical Society, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He was made Commander of the Order of the British Empire (C.B.E.) in 2000 for services to History and elected a Fellow of the British Academy in June 2003.

He is the author or editor of over twenty books, including *The Rise of the Anglo-German Antagonism*, *The War Plans of the Great Powers*, *The Realities Behind Diplomacy*, and *Preparing for the Twenty-First Century*. His best-known work is *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers*, which provoked an intense debate on its publication in 1988 and has been translated into over twenty languages. In 1991, he edited a collection entitled *Grand Strategies in War and Peace*. His 2006 book *The Parliament of Man* contemplates the past and future of the United Nations. Professor Kennedy's book *Engineers of Victory, history through the eyes of problem-solvers during the Second World War*, was published in 2013. Professor Kennedy's most recent book *Victory at Sea* examines the operational naval history of the Second World War and its implications for the post-war order. He is currently working on an edited collection of essays in naval strategy, a personal new book project, and starting a program for Naval-Maritime Studies at Yale.

Dr Claire Knight



Claire Knight first encountered the Churchill Archives Centre as an Archives Assistant too many years ago to confess. Despite subsequently becoming a Russianist, she has kept the Churchill connection alive ever since, publishing on Mrs Churchill's Soviet sojourn in 1945 while completing her PhD in the Slavonic Department at Cambridge, and later returning to the CAC as an Archives By-fellow in 2022 in order to dig into the representation of the USSR in British wartime media. She has also written a book entitled *Stalin's Final Films, 1945-53*, due for release with Cornell University Press in 2023/24. She is currently on secondment from the Russian Department at the University of Bristol in order to serve as the inaugural Academic Director of UoB's Centre for Study Abroad.

Professor Margaret MacMillan CH CC



Margaret MacMillan (Toronto and Oxford) is a professor of History at the University of Toronto and an emeritus professor of International History at Oxford University. She was Provost of Trinity College, Toronto from 2002-7 and Warden of St Antony's College, Oxford from 2007-2017. She is currently a trustee of the Imperial War Museum. Her research specializes in British imperial history and the international history of the 19th and 20th centuries. Publications include *War: How Conflict Shaped Us*, *Paris, 1919*, and *The War that Ended Peace*. She gave the CBC's Massey lectures in 2015 and the BBC's Reith Lectures in 2018. Awards include the Samuel Johnson prize for non-fiction and the Governor-General's literary award. She has honorary degrees from several universities and is an honorary Fellow of the British Academy. She is also a Companion of the Order of Canada and an Order of Merit and Companion of Honour (UK).

Baron McDonald of Salford GCMG KCVO

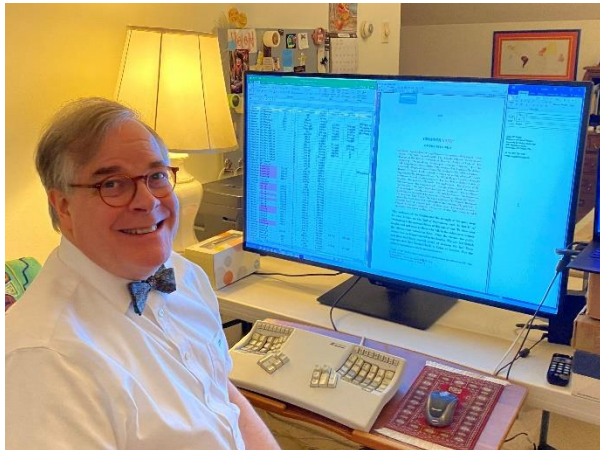


Simon McDonald was born and educated in Salford, and read History at Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he is now an Honorary Fellow. He joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in 1982 and, early in his career, served in Jeddah, Riyadh, Bonn and Washington, D.C. He was British Ambassador to Israel (2003-2006) and to Germany (2010-15). In September 2015 Simon became Permanent Under-Secretary at the FCO and Head of the Diplomatic Service. After leaving the FCO in Autumn 2020, he was appointed a life peer, taking his seat in the House of Lords as a crossbencher in February 2021.

Simon is a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St Michael and St George (GCMG) and Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (KCVO). His first book - *Leadership: Lessons from a Life in Diplomacy* - was published in November 2022.

Simon became the 39th Master of Christ's College on 1 September 2022.

Professor James Muller



James W. Muller is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of Alaska, Anchorage and chairs the Board of Academic Advisers of the International Churchill Society. He was educated at Harvard University, where he won the Bowdoin Prize for Undergraduate Dissertations in English, and at the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris. In 1983–84 he served as a White House Fellow and in 1988–89 he was an Academic Visitor at the London School of Economics and Political Science. During the Michaelmas term in 1995, he was

Archives by-fellow at Churchill College, Cambridge; since then he has frequently returned to the Churchill Archives Centre for research. In 2008 and 2010 he directed summer institutes for American high school teachers at the Archives under the auspices of the U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities.

Professor Muller is editor of *The Revival of Constitutionalism* (University of Nebraska Press, 1988), *Churchill as Peacemaker* (Cambridge University Press, 1997), *Churchill's "Iron Curtain" Speech Fifty Years Later* (University of Missouri Press, 1999), and Winston S. Churchill's interwar books of essays *Thoughts and Adventures* (ISI Books, 2009) and *Great Contemporaries* (ISI Books, 2012). His definitive edition of Churchill's earlier book, *The River War: An Historical Account of the Reconquest of the Soudan*, published in 2020 in two volumes by St. Augustine's Press, won the 2021 Winston S. Churchill Literary Award of the International Churchill Society. Professor Muller lives in Anchorage with his wife Judith, a retired health administrator, and their daughter Helen, resident stage manager of the Anchorage Opera.

Richard Ovenden



Richard Ovenden has been Bodley's Librarian (the senior Executive position of the Bodleian Libraries, University of Oxford) since 2014. Prior to that he held positions at Durham University Library, the House of Lords Library, the National Library of Scotland, and the University of Edinburgh. He was educated at the University of Durham and University College London, and holds a Professorial Fellowship at Balliol College, Oxford, and was awarded the OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2019.

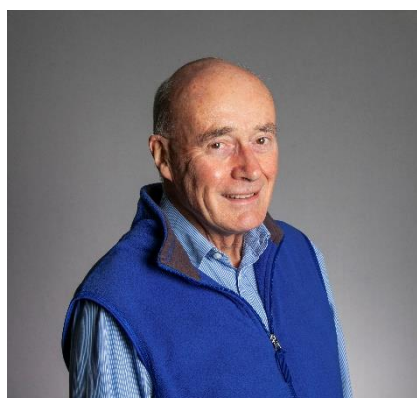
Richard serves as President of the Digital Preservation Coalition, and as a member of the Board of the Council on Library and Information Resources (in Washington DC). He holds Fellowships of the Royal Historical Society, the Society of Antiquaries and the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and was elected to the American Philosophical Society. He was recipient of the Walford Award for Knowledge Management and the Premio Acqui Storia in 2021. He writes extensively on libraries, archives and information management, and is the author of *Burning the Books: A History of Knowledge under Attack* (2020) which was BBC Radio 4's Book of the Week, and was shortlisted for the Wolfson History Prize in 2021.

Mr Allen Packwood



Allen Packwood is the Director of the Churchill Archives Centre. He joined the Archives Centre team in September 1995 and has worked extensively on the Churchill Papers collection, publishing *How Churchill Waged War* in 2018. Allen manages the Archives Centre team and serves as Secretary to the Churchill College, Margaret Thatcher and Sir Winston Churchill Archive Trusts. His role includes development and outreach.

Professor David Reynolds



David Reynolds is Emeritus Professor of International History at Cambridge University and a Fellow of the British Academy. Author of fourteen books and presenter of thirteen historical documentaries for BBC TV, his writings include *In Command of History: Churchill Fighting and Writing the Second World War* (2004 - Wolfson Prize), *The Long Shadow: The Great War and the 20th Century* (2014 - Hessel-Tiltman Prize); *Island Stories: Britain and its History*

in the Age of Brexit (2019); and *Mirrors of Greatness: Churchill and the Leaders Who Shaped Him* (October 2023).

Alison Rose



Alison Rose is Principal of Newnham College, having previously been a Senior Civil Servant and a diplomat. Alison was born and grew up in Coventry and studied history at Newnham College (NC 1980), becoming the first in her family to gain a degree. She was British Ambassador to Belgium from 2014 to 2019, one of a handful of dual (French and Dutch) language postings in the Foreign Office. She also served abroad in the British Embassy in Paris and the United Kingdom Permanent Representation to

the European Union in Brussels and worked at the Foreign Office and Cabinet Office in London. Her particular expertise is international relations in Europe and the European Union. As well as her diplomatic career, she has wide experience of leadership in the British civil service in six other Government Departments, in policy and legislation on training, employment, transport, devolution, equality and heritage. She became Principal of Newnham College in September 2019, just before the global pandemic began and has overseen the celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the College. Newnham is one of the first Colleges to take students for the University's Foundation year course. Alison is a member of a number of University Committees including the Collegiate University's Joint Wellbeing Committee, the University Change and Programme Management board, and the Colleges' Standing Committee.

Professor Patrick Salmon



Patrick Salmon is Chief Historian at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) but directs the British Diplomatic Oral History Programme in a personal capacity. Before taking up his present position, Patrick was Professor of International History at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. His publications include *Scandinavia and the Great Powers 1890-1940* (1997) and *Deadlock and Diversion: Scandinavia in British Strategy during the Twilight War 1939-1940* (2012), as well as several volumes in the series Documents on British Policy Overseas (DBPO), including *German Unification 1989-1990* (2009), *The Challenge of Apartheid: UK-South African Relations 1985-1986* (2017) and *The Unwinding of Apartheid: UK-South African*

Relations 1986-1990 (2019).

Professor Jon Sumida



Jon Sumida was born in Washington, D.C. in 1949. He received his B.A. in modern European history from the University of California, Santa Cruz in 1971. Sumida received his doctorate from the University of Chicago in Modern British history in 1982. He taught Military History at the University of Maryland from 1980 to 2017.

Sumida published one edited collection of documents for the Naval Records Society, and several monographs: *The Pollen Papers: The Privately Circulated Printed Works of Arthur Hungerford Pollen, 1901-1916* (1984); *In Defense of Naval Supremacy: Finance, Technology and British Naval Policy, 1889-1914* (1988); *Inventing Grand Strategy and Teaching Command: The*

Classic Works of Alfred Thayer Mahan Reconsidered (1997); and *Decoding Clausewitz: A New Approach to ON War* (2008). He has, in addition to books, published thirty articles.

Sumida was the first Churchill College Archives Fellow Commoner (1982). He served as Chair of the Department of the Army Historical Advisory Committee (2003-2006), Major General Matthew C. Horner Chair of Military Theory, U.S. Marine Corps University (2004-2006), and in 2020 was awarded the Samuel Eliot Morison Prize from the Society for Military History.

Dr Mari Takayanagi



Dr Mari Takayanagi is Senior Archivist at the Parliamentary Archives where she has worked since 2000. She has particular expertise in public services, exhibition and outreach work, and also other areas including records management, preservation and access. She has a first-class Honours degree in Modern History from the University of Oxford, an MA in Archives and Records Management from UCL, and a PhD in History from King's College London. In 2018 she was co-curator and joint project manager for

Parliament's Vote 100 Exhibition Project, celebrating the centenary of the first women voters and women MPs.

Mari is a historian of British history from the mid-19th to mid-20th century, specialising in women's history and Parliamentary history. She is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and an Honorary Fellow of the Historical Association. Her research interests include legislation affecting women's lives and gender equality, the early women MPs and Peers, and women staff in Parliament. Her book, *'Necessary Women: the Untold Story of Women Working in Parliament'*, co-authored with Elizabeth Hallam Smith, was published in June 2023 by The History Press.

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Dr Jackie Ui Chionna



Jackie Uí Chionna was born in Dublin, but now lives in Galway, in the West of Ireland, where she teaches History at the National University of Ireland, Galway. She has combined a career in heritage management with academia and academic research. Her specialism is in modern Irish history, and she has a particular interest in the social and cultural history of the revolutionary period, 1912-1922, and the emergence of the independent Irish state. Jackie was awarded an Archives By-Fellowship at Churchill College in 2019 to work on her biography of Emily Anderson, and *Queen of Codes: The Secret Life of Emily Anderson, Britain's Greatest Female Code Breaker* was published earlier this year.

Ms Cherish Watton



Cherish Watton is a third-year PhD student at the University of Cambridge, specialising in the history of archiving, life writing, and collecting in modern Britain. Her PhD research explores a history of scrapbooking in Britain during the twentieth century. She also works part-time as an Archives Assistant at the Churchill Archives Centre in Cambridge. In her free time, she founded and runs a national, online archive on the work of the Women's Land Army and Women's Timber Corps: www.womenslandarmy.co.uk.

Mrs Margaret Williams

Mrs Williams was the Archives Centre's secretary from 1984-89. Practically single-handed, she organised the Roskill Lecture in both 1987 and again (following her retirement) in 1991.

Dr Chris Woods



Chris Woods is director of the UK non-profit membership organisation for archives, libraries and museums, National Conservation Service, which supports institutions that do not have conservation staff. Chris has worked in the archive and heritage sector for over 35 years and founded NCS in 2009 following research and sector consultation as a Senior Fellow at University of the Arts London. Former public sector roles included Head of Preservation for Oxford University, Bodleian Libraries, and Director of Collection Services, Tate. He is noted as an expert in the conservation of archival manuscript and photographic collections and archive storage buildings and is conservation adviser to

Lincoln, Salisbury and Hereford Cathedrals for their Magna Carta exemplars. He is chairman of the committee for BS 4971:2017, the standard for archive and library conservation, having led its revision and expansion to cover environmental elements of the old BS 5454. He led the development and publication of the standard BS EN 16893:2018 for heritage collection buildings, replacing 5454. He and NCS colleagues advise and support c. 200 institutions UK-wide for the conservation management and storage of their collections, including working with approximately 50 on design and refurbishment schemes.

Lady Wright MBE



Abbey Wright has recorded for and managed the British Diplomatic Oral History Programme since 2013. Abbey is a former diplomatic spouse and has professional experience in corporate public relations, government relations and recruitment. For ten years Abbey managed political party programmes for the Westminster Foundation for Democracy. Abbey was awarded the MBE in the 2021 New Year Honours List in recognition of her services to public understanding of UK foreign policy.