

## POLIS Alumni Newsletter - April 2017



Dear POLIS alumni,

Happy Easter! Thank you, as always, for your feedback from the Lent Term newsletter. We love to hear your news updates so, if you would like to get in touch, please contact us at [alumni@polis.cam.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@polis.cam.ac.uk).

You can also connect with POLIS via our [website](#), [Twitter](#), [Tumblr](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) or on [LinkedIn](#).

Yours,  
Lydia  
Graduate Secretary and Alumni Contact



### Professor Michael Kenny joins POLIS

The Department is pleased to announce that Professor Michael Kenny will be joining us as the new Professor of Public Policy from 1 June 2017. Professor Kenny will be taking on the leadership of the MPhil in Public Policy as the programme continues to develop and evolve.

He is currently a Visiting Fellow at the UCL's Constitution Unit, and was previously at Queen Mary University of London, where he was the inaugural Director of the Mile End Institute.

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### Professor Christopher Hill decorated by Italy

POLIS is delighted to report that Professor Christopher Hill has been awarded the rank of Ufficiale dell'Ordine della Stella d'Italia. The honour was conferred on Wednesday April 26 2017 in the Italian Embassy by Ambassador Terracciano. The award was given to Professor Hill for encouraging the development of the academic subject of International Relations in Italy, and for contributions to the study of Italian and European foreign policies.

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## POLIS News

### Six Gates US Scholars to join POLIS

Thirty-six of the most academically outstanding and socially committed US Citizens have been selected to be part of the 2017 class of Gates Cambridge Scholars at the University of Cambridge. We are delighted that six will be joining the Department of POLIS- including Gates Cambridge's first Native American Scholar, Montana Wilson.



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### Africa's Voices wins MRS President's Medal

The Africa's Voices Foundation, a nonprofit research organisation born from CGHR, has won the Market Research Society's President's Medal 2016 for their work with UNICEF Somalia.



The Director of Africa's Voices, [Dr Sharath Srinivasan](#), will be taking a two year sabbatical from POLIS teaching to build the Foundation's work and its goal of self-sustainability, while maintaining strong links to researchers across the University who collaborate on its work.

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### Varsity Cricket 2016

Make sure you get your ticket for the 1st July!

Booking is now open for the Varsity Cricket Match 2016 and alumni are invited to wear light blue in support of Cambridge. Watch as the team step up to the wicket and see the historic 'home of cricket' in your own time.



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## Spotlight: Alex Rushmer

"The prospect of applying to Cambridge didn't enter my head until late in my lower sixth year. Even then, the notion had to be implanted by my history teacher. An open day on a glorious afternoon in early May nurtured the thought and it took root in an unshakeable way. My senior tutor once described Cambridge as 'Disneyland for academics', putting into words a notion that I'd had since I first set eyes on the city as a spellbound 18 year old. Most of that day is a blur, but I do remember a near oppressive heat radiating through the high windows of the anthropology museum, an unforgettable warm scent coming from the exhibits..."

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## Taking Risks and Taking Risk Seriously: Dr Julie Smith

"I am very sorry that I cannot speak to you right now but I am in lockdown in Westminster." As excuses for missing a scheduled telephone interview go, it might seem a little extreme but that was my experience on 22nd March when I found myself trapped with hundreds of others inside the Palace of Westminster, uncertain how much danger we might actually be in.

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## POLIS PhD Student wins dissertation prize

We are very pleased to announce that Polis PhD Alasia Nuti has won the inaugural Political Studies Association Elizabeth Wiskermann Dissertation Prize for the Study of Inequality and Social Justice for her thesis, 'Historical structural injustice: on the normative significance of the unjust past'.

Dr Jude Browne quoted the piece as '... an outstanding thesis. Drawing on a wide and deep reading of relevant literatures, it makes a major contribution to the historical injustice literature and to the literature on gender injustice/ inequality. The research is ambitious in its objectives, meticulously executed as well as being beautifully presented.'

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## Dr Geoffrey Edwards wins CUSU Award

Congratulations to Dr Geoffrey Edwards, who won the award for best Postgraduate Supervisor at the student-led Cambridge University Students' Union Teaching Awards on Tuesday 9th May. A number of POLIS PhD students were involved in his nomination, on behalf of the dozens of MPhil and PhD students who Geoffrey has supervised and supported over the years. A well-deserved win!

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# ClassNotes

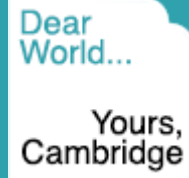
## Update your details on the POLIS Website

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