Gates Cambridge Scholars 2006

Scholars are listed alphabetically by name within their year-group. The list includes current Scholars, although a few will start their course in January or April 2007 or later.

Several students listed here may be spending all or part of the academic year 2006-07 working away from Cambridge whilst undertaking field-work or other study as an integral part of their doctoral research. The list also retains some Scholars who will complete their PhD thesis and will be leaving Cambridge before the end of the academic year.

Some Scholars shown as working for a PhD degree will be required to complete successfully in 2007 a post-graduate certificate or Master's degree, or similar qualification, before being allowed by the University to proceed with doctoral studies.

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* Indicates that a Scholar applied for and was awarded a second Gates Cambridge Scholarship for further study at Cambridge
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It is my honor to welcome the sixth cohort of Gates Scholars to Cambridge University. You have been given a wonderful opportunity to study and learn at one of the best universities in the world, and I have no doubt that you will explore the substance and essence of every aspect of Cambridge while you’re here.

As I reflect upon the incoming class of Gates Scholars that are highlighted in this yearbook, I am reminded of the diversity of students in this program. We now have had 621 Gates Scholars from 78 different countries studying a multitude of academic disciplines. This year’s cohort alone is a group of 98 scholars from 32 different countries, and for the first time scholars are coming from Haiti, Iceland, Jamaica, Latvia and Lithuania.

But having a diverse group of scholars at a world-renowned university is not the only benefit of this program. As I participated in some of the Gates Scholar candidate interviews this past winter, I was struck by the impressive quality of the students and their genuine enthusiasm for their fields of study. I am delighted that such an outstanding group of students can come together through this program to learn from each other and the great minds at Cambridge, and then take that knowledge out into the world. There is no question that the world will be a more informed, compassionate place as this cohort and the other Gates Scholars studying at Cambridge join almost 400 alumni who have completed their studies and are out creating significant change in the world.

Lastly, it is a pleasure to note that this year marks the sixth anniversary of the Gates Cambridge Scholars program. I am delighted to see the benefits to student’s lives and to their homelands that have already occurred in the short life of this program. I look forward with optimism as that these highly motivated, extremely talented students make their mark on the world.

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<td>2001–02</td>
<td>Mr Christopher Kirchhoff*</td>
<td>USA</td>
<td>MPhil &amp; PhD in Social and Political Science; Sidney Sussex College</td>
<td>Harvard University: AB (History and Science) (2001); Magna Cum Laude with Highest Honors; MPhil in Social and Political Sciences, University of Cambridge (2002)</td>
<td>For a long while now the intersection of public policy and partisan politics has captivated my attention and aspirations. I've worked both as a professional political hack doing opposition research and attack media for a U.S. Senate candidate and as a policy aide and speechwriter, serving most recently as one of two Editors of the Space Shuttle Columbia Investigation Report and before that in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.</td>
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<td>INTERESTS: Long distance running, backpacking (Moscow to Singapore overland during summer of 2001; Australia, Marshall Islands winter 2002; Fiji, Egypt, 2003; Cyprus, South Africa 2004), landscape photography, cooking, and the occasional enthusiastic consumption of red wine or fine Gin.</td>
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<td>2002–03</td>
<td>Mr Marvin Braun</td>
<td>Canada</td>
<td>PhD in Zoology; Sidney Sussex College</td>
<td>University of British Columbia: BSc, MSc</td>
<td>INTERESTS: I enjoy writing, movies and competing in sports.</td>
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<td>This opportunity to study at Cambridge gives me the ability to learn from some of the best instructors and students in the world. I expect my time at Cambridge to give me a head start on the path to becoming a professor in biology. As a professor, not only will I be able to continue learning but will also be able to pass on that knowledge to another generation.</td>
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<td>2001–02</td>
<td>Miss Kathryn Franko</td>
<td>USA</td>
<td>PhD in Physiology; Wolfson College</td>
<td>Cornell University, BS Biological Sciences</td>
<td>INTERESTS: Co-founder, Graduate Women’s Network – creates liaisons between graduate women and academic and industrial career-women; i-Teams-Cure Tuberculosis, Group Leader; Water sports (rowing, sailing, kayaking, skiing); travel.</td>
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<td>I am exploring the long-term consequences of prenatal malnutrition, specifically as related to the onset of type II diabetes. I hope to apply my analytical training to develop health policy in an international aid organization.</td>
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<td>2002–03</td>
<td>Mr Moncef Tanfour</td>
<td>Algeria</td>
<td>PhD in Multiphase Flow; St John’s College</td>
<td>Imperial College London (United Kingdom); UNITECH International Society (Switzerland); Delft University of Technology (Netherlands)</td>
<td>INTERESTS: Socialising, sports, cinema, languages and non-profit work.</td>
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<td>The Gates Cambridge Scholarship enables me to conduct my PhD in an internationally-renowned academic institution at the forefront of research and teaching. I am equally thrilled to be part of a vibrant collegiate community. My ultimate goal is to contribute to the improvement of knowledge transfer and technology management in the developing world. I am certain that my stay in Cambridge will enhance my chances to fulfill this ambition.</td>
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Dr Pandula Athauda-Arachchi
Sri Lanka

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Brain Repair; Selwyn College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka: MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery)

My dream is to become both a pioneering scientist and an able neurologist, seeking to open new avenues to treat neurological deabilities hitherto being impossible to tackle. The scientists at the Brain Repair Centre in Cambridge have opened up new hopes for regeneration and repair of neurons that make up the brain and spinal cord, with their discoveries on the multi-potent stem cells. I will be greatly privileged to be part of this team of scientists. The Gates Scholarship has given me new strength, along with that of my family, friends and teachers, to go forward to broaden the horizons of new knowledge, for the benefit of millions of people worldwide who suffer with neuronal loss and debility. I am confident and committed to make that dream a reality.

INTERESTS:
Reading – Academic and non academic (science fiction), athletics – track and field sports. Dancing and music, astronomy and extra terrestrial life forms/intelligence. Quiz programmes!

Ms Elizabeth Beiswenger
United States

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Polar Studies; Jesus College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Vassar College

I have a special fondness for Arctic Russia, and I plan to find employment in sustainable resource development following graduation from Cambridge. I would like to focus on oil and gas development, which is rapidly expanding in Arctic Russia. One of the things that I hope to work on is the protection of the native populations near and around this area. I think that it is essential that the indigenous populations participate in and gain from the development of natural resources in their regions. Being a Gates Scholar gives me the freedom to pursue my studies without having to worry about the financial difficulties to graduate school. The Gates Foundation's focus on addressing global problems by improving people's lives fits perfectly with my future career goals.

INTERESTS:
Russian Literature, travel, downhill skiing.

Mr Mihai Brezeanu
Romania

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Engineering; Churchill College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Politehnic School in Bucharest, Romania

I would like to become a good researcher and teacher in the field of microelectronics. The Gates Cambridge Scholarship gives the opportunity to study in one of the most prestigious Universities in the world and to learn things from some of the most outstanding specialists in this field. I'm planning to learn as much as possible about modern devices of silicon carbide, the subject of my PhD programme. I hope to use this information in my future career. I'm also very anxious to find out how a research laboratory is organised because one of my goals is to start a laboratory in my native country, Romania. I look forward to meeting new people and making new friends from all over the world. Being a Gates Scholar will give me the opportunity to meet other Gates Scholars and this will enlighten the accomplishment of my dream.

INTERESTS:
Sports, theatre, cinema, chatting, playing cards.

Mr Rongjun Chen
China

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Chemical Engineering; Clare Hall

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Tsinghua University, Beijing
Beijing Technology and Business University

I have made a deliberate decision to further my study in the field of Chemical Engineering, focusing my research on the interdisciplinary combination of polymer and biotechnology. This is an active frontier in research. The advanced knowledge and skills I will bring back from the Department of Chemical Engineering in the University of Cambridge (a world famous University) will be relevant to the needs of the development of my homeland. My long cherished dream is to find a research position in a university or R & D lab of China to do something beneficial in the field of Chemical Engineering.

INTERESTS:
Music, travel, swimming, roller-skating, table tennis.
Mr Aidan Craig
USA
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Physics; Homerton College
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
UC Berkeley: BA (Physics)

Science has always been my calling; even my second-grade stories are filled with spaceships to the moon and giant microscopes. As such, I hope to make scientific research into a career, and enter academics as a tenured professor of physics.

Ms Ludmila Du Bouchet*
France
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil & PhD in International Relations; Trinity College
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Ecole Normale Superieure, Paris, University of Paris X-Nanterre: Licence (3rd year degree maîtrise)
Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris: (Masters Political Philosophy)

My research seeks to rethink state formation in the non-european world by edging away from the dominant inside/outside analytic divide. State formation is forged out of the mutually constitutive relationships between national and global processes. Using Yemen as a case study, I look at the reconfiguration of the Yemeni state in the US-led “global war on terror”. This research has involved considerable fieldwork in Yemen since 2001.

Mr Paul Goulart
USA
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Engineering; Churchill College
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
MIT

My research interests are in robust control of constrained systems, with applications in aerospace, economics, and networked systems.

Ms Katja Jantos
Germany
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Chemistry; Fitzwilliam College
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Marburg, Germany: Diploma in Chemistry

My PhD project is concerned with cancer research and anti-cancer drug discovery which is a very important area of modern chemistry. After my PhD in Cambridge, I would like to continue my career in that area. Therefore, I would like a position at a university or another scientific research institute. The Gates Scholarship makes it possible for me to study and research at the University of Cambridge, which is considered to be one of the best universities worldwide. Since the Gates Cambridge Trust supports students from all over the world, I hope to meet students from other countries and would like to exchange opinions with them.

INTERESTS:
Sports (dancing, aerobics), travelling with friends, watching movies, musicals, operas and drawing pictures.
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<td>Joel Jennings</td>
<td>USA</td>
<td>PhD in Geography; Wolfson College</td>
<td>San Diego State M.A., B.A. (hons) in Geography</td>
<td>I enjoy politics, volleyball, and reading. I also love ocean sports including sailing, body surfing, and scuba diving.</td>
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<td>Eric Jensen*</td>
<td>USA</td>
<td>MPhil &amp; PhD in Social &amp; Developmental Psychology/Social and Political Science; Homerton College</td>
<td>Portland State University, Clark College</td>
<td>Ancient Greco-Roman History/Philosophy, Italy, Deadwood, and House, MD.</td>
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<td>Angeliki Kehagia*</td>
<td>Greece</td>
<td>MPhil &amp; PhD in Experimental Psychology; Downing College</td>
<td>Oxford University, Balliol College</td>
<td>Travel, reading, pottery, tennis, cooking (weekends only!).</td>
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<td>Benedikt Mandl</td>
<td>Austria</td>
<td>PhD in Zoology; King’s College</td>
<td>Salzburg University (Austria), Bowling Green State University (US)</td>
<td>Photography, illustration, and webdesign; media and science communication; I enjoy art, history, literature and cooking; travelling.</td>
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2003–04

Ms Emily Murphy
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Experimental Psychology; Trinity College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Harvard University
AB Magna cum laude with highest honors, June 2003
Psychology/Mind, Brain, Behavior

My research is in the interdisciplinary field of neuropsychopharmacology. Broadly speaking, I study relationships between higher cognitive functions and their anatomical, pharmacological, and molecular correlates. My work specifically investigates glutamate receptor subtype interactions in models of disrupted cognition similar to that seen in schizophrenia. My secondary interest lies in the growing field of neuroethics: the impact of neuroscience on social, legal, medical and ethical issues.

INTERESTS:
Cooking, hiking, travel, rock climbing, rowing, dancing, wine and food, literature and writing.

Mr Shishir Nagaraja
India

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Computer Science; St John’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Bangalore University -PES Institute of Technology

I work on anonymity, privacy and traffic analysis in social networks. Communication and conflict go hand and hand, and my research is about the evolution of conflict. Specifically, I am trying to understand how topology of networks (social, political and biological) are affected by the dynamics of conflict unfolding on top of them. This year has been very exciting and has seen a significant rise in the number of citations to our main contribution so far – Dynamic models of attack and defense in complex networks. The support from the Gates foundation has been splendid, with support and encouragement at every point. I couldn’t ask for more!

INTERESTS:
I have interests in philosophy, music, art, theatre, literature and sport. I do photography, hiking and fell running now and then. Outside research my main passion is sitar, I am learning to play classical hindustani in the Maiher Gharana under Sadhana Jairam. Tennis, gymnastics, kayaking and running keeps me going the rest of the time.

Mr Ramanan Navaratnam
Sri Lanka

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Engineering; Trinity College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Oxford

The area of my research is ‘Computer Vision’ – a field that is expected to expand and make great strides in the near future. This has many useful applications in a variety of fields such as security and surveillance, animation for movies and games and medical imaging. Being at a leading university like Cambridge, that is at the forefront in research in my chosen field, will not only help me to expand my knowledge but also to meet and develop contacts with like minded people.

INTERESTS:
I’m a keen sportsman. I’ve participated in badminton, football (soccer), cricket and athletics at various levels. Also I’m a martial arts exponent. Currently I’m concentrating on improving my skills in pole-vaulting. My favourite leisure activity is ice-skating.

Miss Kieu Nguyen
Vietnam

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Chemical Engineering; Fitzwilliam College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
BEng (Chem.), University of Adelaide, Australia, 2003

My experience in Cambridge has been wonderful, having met many fantastic people and engaged in many enjoyable activities with them. The PhD has lots of up and down moments but generally is very rewarding. I am about to submit my thesis shortly then start a job as a project engineer in a material science R&D company in Cambridge. I wish to continue working at the interface of science and engineering where I am involved in transforming scientific ideas into practical solutions and products.

INTERESTS:
Taekwondo, French, reading, ballroom dancing, communicating science to the public, eating, cooking.
Mr John Prendergast
Ireland

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Engineering; Wolfson College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University College Dublin, Ireland: BE

My research studies the action of wind flow on flexible structures. When such structures can deflect in response to wind forces, the flow around them is modified, altering the force and creating an interaction effect. As modern structures such as bridges and towers become increasingly slender and flexible it is important to be able to accurately model this effect in order to be able to predict the extent of structural movement or any instability that may occur.

INTERESTS:
Sports, anything outdoors, music, dessert.

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Mr Giovanni Procopio*
Italy

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
CASM & PhD in Mathematics/Theoretical Physics; Churchill College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Cambridge (CASM)
University of Bologna
University of York

I am interested in exploring and identifying the basic principles governing the generation and the behaviour of energy and matter. During my time spent in Cambridge I hope to develop the skills I need to do research in theoretical physics leading to greater understanding of the basic laws of nature. I would also like to be part of the University’s influential international alumni network and I think that being a Gates Scholar will help to accomplish this ambition.

INTERESTS:
Travel around the world, Opera, Cinema and swimming.

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Miss Deborah Pino Pasternak
Chile

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Education; Darwin College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Universidad Metropolitana de Cienas de la Educacion: BA (Special Education)
Universidad de Chile: One-year certificate (Biology of Cognition)
Universidad Diego Portales: One-year certificate (Cognitive Development)

My nearest future goal is to successfully complete my doctoral studies in Education. In the following years, I will develop a reflective programme oriented to enhance the level of awareness that parents have in relation to the strategies they use to foster learning abilities in their children. I will design and put in practice this programme in families whose children have learning difficulties. I strongly believe that this project can have relevant implications in my home country, where parental involvement in educational environments has only been partially explored. Having completed this first goal, I would like to return to Chile and to obtain a lectureship position which would enable me to have an impact on undergraduate student-teachers, but also to continuing developing research projects participating in government or community consultation groups. I would also like to work with other professionals in the creation of inclusive educational environments, giving to all children equal access to educational provision.

INTERESTS:
I really enjoy dancing and listening to different kinds of music. I like Latin American writers. My favourites are Mario Vargas Llosa, Marcela Serrano, Horacio Quiroga and Angeles Mastreta. I love Mexican, French and Spanish cinema. Singing and cooking are among my favourite activities too.

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Mr Shiladitya Paul
India

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Materials Science and Metallurgy; St Edmund’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India
University of Calcutta, India

My objective is to enter scientific research obtaining a doctorate in the field of materials processing within 3 years of graduation. I would like to work in this extremely challenging field and carve out a niche for myself in the research community. It is my proud privilege to be able to be a Gates Scholar and I believe that the varied interests of the past and present scholars will provide a dynamic and exciting atmosphere, where I hope there will be scope for fertile exchange of ideas. I have a lot to gain from the Gates Cambridge Trust and hope that the trust will support my cause both financially and morally to prove my academic and research potential in my chosen field, thus aiding my development, not only as a scholar but also as a human being.

INTERESTS:
Rabindrasangeet, Rai; Salsa dancing, Bachata, Ballroom & Latin; Cricket, Volleyball, Football, Badminton, Pool, Swimming; Painting, origami, Short poems.
2003–04

Miss Mahnaz Rezaeian
Iran

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Earth Sciences; Churchill College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran.

Having spent 3 years in Cambridge was a valuable experience and great opportunity for me that brought me more responsibilities and new horizons in my life. Travelling to discover the other cultures to understand and get know people.

INTERESTS:
I always welcome voluntary work and try to associate in team work activities and benefit to humanitarian societies. I love light sports and I’m an amateur mountaineer. Also, I’m very interested in Iranian arts such as Iranian music and handicrafts. I know how to play Setar, a traditional Iranian musical instrument. Meanwhile, I’m familiar with weaving carpet.

Mr Robert Rivers
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Chemistry; Clare College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Kentucky State University

I aspire to teach and mentor college students at historically black colleges and universities to pursue careers in scientific research. As a Gates Scholar, I hope to learn all that I can through daily interactions with a diverse group of highly motivated individuals. These interactions with students will help me greatly in the classroom and in the laboratory, and allow me to help more effectively.

INTERESTS:
I enjoy doing anything athletic, reading and meeting new people.

Mr Jost Schatzmann
Germany

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Engineering; Darwin College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Imperial College London
Cambridge University

My PhD is on machine-learning approaches to spoken dialogue systems. I look forward to learning from some of the best people in my area of research and working among students from all parts of the world.

INTERESTS:
Rowing for Darwin College Boat Club.

Mr Jeffrey Skopek
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in History & Philosophy of Science & Medicine; Queens’ College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Stanford University: BA (History) (2002)
University of Cambridge: MPhil (History & Philosophy of Science) (2003)

My research and studies in the Department of the History and Philosophy of Science are motivated by my interest in the ways scientific knowledge shapes our intuitive ethical sensibilities. When I finish my PhD in 2007 I will return to the US to attend law school, with hopes of becoming a professor of law, in order to work on philosophical, legal and political issues in the realms of bioethics, animal rights, and environmental protection.

INTERESTS:
Animal rights, veganism, philosophy, mountaineering, snowboarding, travel.
Mr. Asbjoern Steglich-Petersen
Denmark

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Philosophy; Darwin College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Aarhus, Denmark
UC Berkeley, USA

INTERESTS:
Mountaineering, rowing for Darwin, steaks, garden sports, whale hunting, bad television, literature.

Ms Su-Yin Tan
Canada

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Geography; Wolfson College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Boston University (USA), MA
University of Guelph (Canada), BSc

I have grown increasingly aware of the diversity of environmental and social issues while participating as an active member in numerous international student clubs.

INTERESTS:
My interests include travelling, environmental activism, creative writing, playing the piano, listening to music, and being involved in community volunteer activities.

Mr. Johannes Smit
South Africa

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Philosophy; Darwin College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Stellenbosch: BA (Law), BA Hons (Philosophy) Cum Laude, D. Phil

My main future goal is to do interesting research in philosophy. The Gates Scholarship gives me the opportunity to do research at a top university, without the distractions that normally come with being a lecturing academic philosopher. I also want to write serious fiction, and the experience of living abroad for a few years won’t hurt. Studying at Cambridge is of course, also an opportunity to meet some intelligent and interesting people.

INTERESTS:
Golf (for handicap), writing fiction, loud music, reading (fiction and biographies).

Miss Mamta Thangaraj
India

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Physics; Wolfson College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Manonmaniam University – India

I am me!! The usual cliched stuff friendly, vivacious, caring, affable etc. On a serious note here is a bit about me... I am a confident and talkative person. I believe in working very hard and also having fun... a kind of balancing act! Friends say that I am full of zest for life and brimming with enthusiasm for any activity. An inquisitive and probing child, I found a soul mate in Science which answered to a great extent all my ‘whys’, ‘hows’ and ‘whens’, still leaving a few mysteries for me to fathom. My ambition in life is to be? Someone who excels in any field she cares to follow. I would want to share my life’s experiences for it would be criminal to let it gather dust when it could benefit others, be it through teaching or research.

INTERESTS:
An active person, bubbling with enthusiasm, I cannot bear to be idle, involving myself with one form of activity or the other. I enjoy being with people and having simulating discussions along with travelling, trekking, charcoal drawing, photography, cooking sessions with friends...
Ms Deepti Trivedi
India

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Molecular Genetics; Churchill College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Boston College

I am a student of life sciences and have a strong desire to understand the natural processes. I am interested in fundamental neuroscience, specifically in understanding the intracellular signaling at basic level, leading to complex peripheral and higher level processing. I want to pursue fundamental research and education as a career. Basic research at the University of Cambridge would help me learn and put together my efforts to start on an independent research group in India. I am extremely thankful to the Gates Cambridge Scholarship which has made the first step towards achieving my goal possible.

INTERESTS:
I am interested in reading, writing, painting and listening to Indian Classical music.

Ms Julia Wolf
Germany

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Mathematics; Clare College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Cambridge

Having been awarded a Gates Scholarship, I will be able to continue my studies at Cambridge through to PhD level, which will hopefully be a first step towards an academic career in mathematics. At the same time, I also have a strong interest in international politics and development work, and consider this a challenge equally worth pursuing.

INTERESTS:
Music (violin) and foreign languages.

Ms Tatyana Yakovleva
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Biological Science; Churchill College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Boston College

I am grateful to the Gates Trust for their support in this difficult but exciting journey. In my Ph.D. project in Biochemistry I have been exploring the structure and function of Methy-CpG binding protein 2 (MeCP2) and it’s domains. In addition, over the past three years I have met many extraordinary people, and I’d like to thank all of them for their company, their friendship and all the fantastic times together in Cambridge and abroad. Please stay in touch, and pop in when in Philadelphia!

INTERESTS:
I enjoy discovering new places and cultures, a good book and a cup of Earl Grey whilst sitting in the garden, opera, ballet, and pottering around with friends.

Ms Zhongqiang Yang
China

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Chemistry; Gonville & Caius College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Heilongjiang University: BE
Jilin University, China: MSc

My future goal is to become a chemistry scientist, like Marie Curie. In Cambridge, I can work at the frontiers of the subject, experiencing different cultures and communicating with outstanding people from all over the world. After I get my PhD in Cambridge, I will engage in scientific research that benefits the development of the chemical field and improvement of all nations. I consider the whole world to be like a work of art that has been refined by many people before and will be consumed after. Compared with this eternal nature, my life is transient. But I hope I could make this world more perfect in my own way and what I do will be a necessary part for this work of art. I am thankful that Gates Cambridge Trust provides me with financial support and helps me make this dream come true!

INTERESTS:
Poetry, guitar, music, movie, aerobics.
2003–04

Ms Margaret Young
Australia

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD Law; King’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Cambridge LLM (2003)
University of Melbourne BA/LLB (1999)
University of Amsterdam Exchange (1998)
Universitas Santa Dhana Indonesia Exchange (1996)

My studies examine the conflict between international trade and environmental laws regulating the use of global resources such as fisheries. My research draws on professional experience with country delegations to international organisations and with bodies such as the International Law Commission, and academic interest in global governance, theories of democracy and sustainability. I will continue to work in this field as an academic and consultant at the conclusion of my Gates Scholarship.

INTERESTS:
My favourite activities include travel (particularly in South East Asia), sport (rowing and basketball), hiking and gorging on international film festivals.

2004–05

Ms Sarah Alexander
Ireland

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Classics; St John’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Trinity College, Dublin

I am delighted to have the opportunity to work towards a PhD in Classics at Cambridge. My particular area of interest is Hellenistic Greek poetry and literary criticism. In the future I hope to apply the knowledge and skills developed in studying the ancient world in our modern one.

Mr Ryan Adams
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Physics; St John’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
MIT

Although I am performing my PhD work in the Physics Department at the Cavendish Laboratory, my primary research is in Statistical Machine Learning, a sub-field of Artificial Intelligence. I study the mathematical properties of collections of independent adaptive entities, using Bayesian statistical techniques. I believe that this approach to AI has far-reaching implications both for understanding the brain and for the long-term development of machine intelligence.

INTERESTS:
I like to play and coach water polo, race cars and karts. I also enjoy creative writing, and playing poker and Go. I would love to learn to play rugby while in Cambridge.

Ms Laura Allan
Germany

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Pharmacology; Queens’ College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Newcastle upon Tyne
BSc Hons (Pharmacology) 2004

I am investigating the role of amyloid precursor protein derived peptides in the pathological mechanism of Alzheimer’s Disease (AD). It has been predicted that in 50 years time there will be as many as 100 million AD sufferers worldwide. This translates into severe strain on medical, monetary and human resources. I would like to make a contribution towards acquiring a clearer understanding of AD thus advancing the search for treatments which will halt its progression or indeed effect a cure.

INTERESTS:
I enjoy music and dance of all kinds and both indoor and outdoor sporting activities.
Ms Penelope Bond  
New Zealand

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhD in Land Economy; Fitzwilliam

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
University of Cambridge, LLM (2003)  
University of Melbourne, BA/LLB (1999)

My PhD research proposal has grown out of experience in community development and advocacy for refugees. I am interested in the nature of the refugee resettlement experience in Australia, New Zealand and the UK, and my research seeks to explore the factors that facilitate or complicate this process. I am particularly interested in investigating the relative roles of the state, the media and NGOs in facilitating resettlement and minimising xenophobia in communities which accept refugees and determining whether links can be drawn between different refugee policies and the levels of belonging experienced by those granted refuge in these countries.

INTERESTS:  
Growing sunflowers, single malt whisky, arguing, Christmas baking, bonfires on the beach or in the backgarden, fried breakfasts on sundays, accessory shopping, smoking cigars in seedy jazz bars, all poetry, but especially Auden…

Ms Sook Chia  
Singapore

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhD in Education; Homerton College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
University of London (Institute of Education)  
University of Auckland (New Zealand)  
Nanyang Tec Univ (National Institute of Education)

I am very privileged to be part of the Gates Cambridge Community. Being an educationist, I look forward to the exciting adventure ahead, to advance the cause of education and contribute to the society, in the spirit of a Gates Cambridge scholar.

INTERESTS:  
Travelling, Reading, Singing (Choir), Playing the piano, listening to Jazz Music.

Ms Claire Clement  
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhD in Medieval History; St John’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
University of California, Riverside  
University of California, Santa Cruz

My main intellectual interests are economic and social development – in both modern and historical contexts. I have degrees in Sociology and History, and have spent a year studying development in India. My research at Cambridge will look at the economies of convents in late medieval England. I intend to continue research in medieval economic history, while studying comparative economic history to look for rules of economic development.

INTERESTS:  
Creative writing, theology, walking/hiking, travel, languages, politics, music, art.
2004–05

Miss Caroline Dingle
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Zoology; St John’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
San Francisco State University (MA Biology 2004)
University of California Santa Cruz (BA Biology)
School for International Training
Wesleyan University

My PhD research at Cambridge will integrate genetic, morphological and behavioural studies to address questions related to speciation and conservation in the neotropics. I also do work as part of the Yanayacu Natural History Research Group in Ecuador to describe the natural histories of little-known tropical species in order to contribute to a deeper understanding of tropical ecology, evolutionary biology, and the diversity of organisms that share our planet.

INTERESTS:
Chasing birds around South American jungles, backpacking through remote wildernesses, Hashing, rowing with the St. Radegund Boat Club, water polo, open water swimming, evolution, mountains, natural history.

Mr Mohammed El-Shafie
Sudan

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Engineering; Hughes Hall

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
MPhil, University of Cambridge, UK
B.Sc, University of Khartoum, Sudan

My principal goal will be to contribute in the area of the prediction of construction related damage to nearby already-existing structures. I will be working to make the introduction of new infrastructure in highly congested rural areas a safe and well predicted job instead of a risky and costly task. Working in one of the best research groups in the world and living in a society which provides an endless source of inspiration, provides a very high potential for a valuable contribution.

INTERESTS:
Reading, Football & Communication with different people of different interests and backgrounds.

Miss Mary Fan**
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil in Social Anthropological Analysis; Downing College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Arizona/Yale Law School

My research concerns transformations in Euro-American criminal justice practices and rationales. I will analyze how the detached information collator guided by formulas and rules has become a central figure at sentencing and whether the shift is salutary. I also plan to examine how undeterrables challenge the orderly theories and methods of criminal justice. I believe social anthropology’s methods and insights can illuminate analyses by connecting theory with lived experience.

INTERESTS:
Criminal law, elder care policy, the administrative state and its duties, duties of care generally, international and comparative law, coordination and cooperation between different disciplines and groups. Other loves: running, hiking, writing, editing, broccoli, open-air markets, national parks.

Mr Paul Franklyn
South Africa

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Chemistry; Darwin College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of the Witwatersrand (MSc Chem)
University of the Witwatersrand (BSc Hons Chem)
University of the Witwatersrand (BSc Chem, Phys)

I have always been driven by scientific curiosity. Cambridge has the resources to allow me to carry out science for the sake of science with no direct industrial application. My focus is the crystal structure of nanoparticles and in determining and explaining the mechanism by which crystalline nanoparticles form. I’m using the opportunity of being based in the UK to gain international experience and to meet experts before returning to South Africa to work in a university there on nanoscience.

INTERESTS:
Programming, computer gaming, extreme chemistry, current affairs (with an emphasis on scientific literature), sketching, tennis and squash. And since being here cooking, punting and touring cycling can be added to that list.
2004–05

Ms Karuna Ganesh Ganesh
India

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MBBCh in Clinical Studies, Fitzwilliam College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Cambridge University BA (Hons.) Biochemistry

The Gates Cambridge Scholarship will allow me to study clinical medicine and pursue doctoral research at Cambridge, thereby preparing me for a career as a medical scientist. In the long term, I hope to study virulence mechanisms of microbial pathogens, and develop affordable means of combating them. In this way, and by participating in international health policy planning, I hope to make a real difference to people’s health in the poorest parts of the world.

INTERESTS:
Molecular evolution, political philosophy and international affairs, literature, languages, Bharatanatyam, community service, travel, badminton, wine, chocolate...

Mr Douglas Guilfoyle
Australia

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Legal Studies, Trinity Hall

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Australian National University

I worked as a commercial lawyer in Sydney and as an associate (or clerk) to two Australian federal judges (one in Sydney, one in Melbourne) before coming to Cambridge. My PhD research is on the interception (stopping, searching and seizing) of shipping in order to regulate such activities as drug smuggling, WMD trafficking and the management of fisheries.

INTERESTS:
Drama, debating, travel, reading and writing.

Mr Gregory Hughes
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Computer Science, St Edmund’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Rhode Island

I am interested in adapting computers for users who are blind and partially sighted. Cambridge is not only a great place to study computer science, but there have also been various research projects on adaptive technology, and thus it is an amazing environment for me to conduct my research. “Be who you are and say what you want, because those who mind don’t matter and those who matter don’t mind.” Theodor Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss)

INTERESTS:
Aside from my studies I am interested in downhill skiing, water skiing, mountain biking, swimming, kayaking, and canoeing.

Miss Marcela Gomez-Perez
Colombia

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Earth Sciences, Newnham College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Universidad Nacional de Colombia, BSc Geology (2001)

I am interested in understanding the history of life on Earth, not only by studying events today, but understanding those that occurred in the past and to some extent shaped the world we know inhabit. Cambridge has a strong research group in Palaeobiology doing an innovative research in this area. My goal after my PhD is to study part of the great palaeontological richness of Colombia as part of the leading scientific community of my country.

INTERESTS:
Classical music, playing the viola, swimming, Natural History Museums, traveling.
Dr Anand Jeyasekharan
India

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD in Oncology; Gonville & Caius College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
MBBS – Christian Medical College, Vellore (2002)

I would like to become a physician-scientist, a cadre essential in any country to the advancement of Medicine as a science; particularly in India with the need to develop viable approaches to her specific health problems (as well as to make the most of the opportunities offered by these problems to explore basic cellular mechanisms). Oncology is my speciality of interest and I’m currently studying damage induced changes in cancer related DNA repair proteins using optical biophysics.

**INTERESTS:**
Music (Classic Rock, Alternative, Indian String Classical and Trivia), Sci-Fi + Fantasy, Bridge, Volleyball, Epidemiology and the perception of experiences.

Miss Yinglin Ji
China

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD in English & Applied Linguistics; Trinity Hall

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
Peking (Beijing) University MA (English)
Ocean University of China BA (English)

My career goal is to become a linguist who can view language teaching from the perspective of a practitioner and meanwhile, a practitioner who would like to see language teaching through a research lens. I believe that my potential as an English teacher and researcher will be further exploited in the highly stimulating and exciting atmosphere of Cambridge. I’m also very grateful to the Gates Cambridge Trust for their generous financial support of my PhD study in Cambridge.

**INTERESTS:**
Reading, Chinese ancient poetry, music, jogging, travelling.

Dr Joseph Lim
Philippines

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD in Pharmacology; Selwyn College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
University of Western Australia (MLM)
DLSU-Medical Center (Pathology Residency)
De La Salle University (MD)
University of the Philippines (BS)

I believe that the University of Cambridge, given its prestigious history in the training of biomedical researchers, would be the perfect setting for me to gain more research skills and experience in the field of multidrug resistance in cancer. In the long term, I intend to be actively involved in biomedical research in the context and setting of the population of a developing country, like the Philippines, as well as collaborative studies with my contacts in Australia and in the UK.

**INTERESTS:**
Music, films, tennis, and cooking.
2004–05

Miss Ming Lim
Malaysia

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MBBCh in Clinical Studies; Magdalene College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Cambridge

To be offered a Gates Scholarship to continue my medical education at Cambridge provides me the opportunity to be trained from one of the best patient-orientated and research-based medical schools. This will greatly help me in my future medical career, both in the hospital and in the lab. In equipping myself with valuable clinical skills through direct patient contact, I aspire to become a compassionate and thinking member of the medical profession and of the general community.

INTERESTS:
I enjoy travelling, watching plays and musicals, ballroom dancing, listening to music, playing badminton, cosying up with a good book, having cookouts with friends and window-shopping.

Mr Yu Liu
China

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Engineering; Sidney Sussex College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Beijing University of Aeronautics & Astronautics:
Msc in Aerospace Engineering
Beijing University of Aeronautics & Astronautics:
BSc in Aerospace Engineering

I have a definite career goal to become a world-class researcher in Aerospace Engineering. I choose Cambridge for its top-class faculty and advanced facilities in Aeroacoustics. Upon completion of my PhD program, I will come back to China and continue my research in this area. I look forward to leading my own acoustical lab at a major research university. I believe that a postgraduate experience at Cambridge will greatly benefit both my own career and China’s aerospace industry.

INTERESTS:
Soccer, table tennis, music, movie, travel and team activities.

Miss Ella McPherson
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Social and Political Science; Pembroke College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Cambridge, MPhil, Latin American Studies
Princeton University, BA, Woodrow Wilson School

My PhD is on the factors affecting how the Mexican press covers human rights stories. This meant I spent a large part of 2006 living in Mexico City conducting my fieldwork. The aims of my thesis are to shed light on cultures of information as well as to provide a greater understanding of the important relationship between the press and human rights organizations in combating violations.

INTERESTS:
Latin American films, documentary photography, Mexican food & drink, train travel, ebay

Miss Maja Milicevic
Yugoslavia

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in English & Applied Linguistics; Darwin College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Cambridge
MPhil (English and Applied Linguistics) 2004
University of Belgrade
BA (Italian Language and Literature) 2001

My research follows the direction of my main career goal, which is to work in the sector of education. My area of study is second language acquisition and I expect to draw from it data useful also in terms of pedagogical grammar. I hope to apply the results I obtain in Cambridge on further improvement of language teaching in Serbia at all levels, from primary schools to university, through practical teaching activity and through promotion of research in the relative field.

INTERESTS:
Academic interests: morphosyntax in second language acquisition, pedagogical grammar and contrastive linguistics, translation studies. Other: learning new foreign languages, cinema, theatre.
Mr Michael Motto
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Criminology; King’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Yale University: BA Sociology (2001), BA American Studies (2001)
University of Cambridge: MPhil Criminological Research (2005)

September 11, 2001, brought home for me the urgent need to examine the relationship among policing, the community and effective anti-terror policy. My research on London’s Metropolitan Police Service and the New York Police Department is grounded in the belief that we can protect great nations while ensuring the civil rights and basic liberties of all citizens. I hope my time at Cambridge will inform a career in public service, building international coalitions to address the global threats of terrorism.

INTERESTS:
Gates Scholars’ Council (Chairman, 2005–06; Secretary, 2004–05), long-distance running, tennis, soccer, photography, US politics and elections, international affairs, civil rights issues, animal rights issues, collecting postcards, trying new foods, staying connected with my friends (wherever they may be) and spending time with my family.

Ms Emily Noah
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Geography; Queens’ College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Yale University: MESc (Environmental Policy)
Brown University: AB (Environmental Studies)

Building on previous work, my focus in geography is on environmental policy innovations, especially ones reliant on cooperation among businesses, citizens and government. I will apply interdisciplinary methods I used to research wood eco-labeling to other efforts in EU sectors, many of which are leaders in this area. Through the unequaled opportunity offered by the Trust, I will prepare for a career in academia, where environmental issues demand collaboration across and beyond the university.

INTERESTS:
I enjoy the outdoors, travel, cinema (both artistically lauded films and more obscure, unintentionally kitschy fare), personal attempts at creative writing and various craft activities, and learning about plants and the development of the field of natural history. I am also a devotee of 19th century-early 20th century British literature and caffeinated beverages. Political advocacy processes are an important part of my life as are environmental education and volunteer tutoring/mentoring for at-risk kids. At Cambridge, I hope to become re-acquainted with earlier pursuits of tennis and equestrian sports.

Ms Rita Monson
Canada

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Biochemistry; Gonville & Caius College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Until recently, scientists assumed that single celled organisms acted on their own. My research focuses on the growing field of quorum sensing and how bacteria communicate with each other. I am interested in discussing questions of ethics in science, medicine and what diseases we choose to invest resources in. I am trying to understand how governments and independent funding bodies choose to invest money in certain fields and how our current system benefits the worldwide scientific community.

INTERESTS:
I love reading cultural nonfiction and anything about current scientific debates. I also love being outside playing sports and during the winter I can be found on the squash court most of the time.

Miss Julia Moses
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in History; St John’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Oxford (University College)
Columbia University (Barnard College)

My PhD will focus on the development of social welfare policies in Germany, Britain and Italy from the 1880s to the early 1920s. I seek to address the extent to which domestic and transnational discussions about national welfare policy related to changing conceptions of national identity and national strength. With this dissertation, I also hope to contribute to current debates about social welfare reform.

INTERESTS:
Learning languages (currently working on my sixth), playing the piano (mostly classical but hope to start with jazz), listening to music, the history of art and architecture, sailing, rambling, traveling.
2004–05

Mr Sheehan Olver  
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhD in Applied Mathematics; Trinity Hall

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
University of Minnesota Twin Cities

INTERESTS:  
Wakeboarding, Water Skiing, Extreme Tubing, Downhill Skiing, Numerical Analysis.

Mr Lars Nordstrom  
Sweden

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhD in Pure Mathematics; King’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
Cambridge University

I’ve previously done the Mathematical Tripos here in Cambridge. I am now staying on to do research in differential geometry, particularly Kahler geometry and the geometry of manifolds of special holonomy.

Ms Clementina Osti  
Italy

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhD in Modern European Languages; St John’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
1999–2002: University of London

I am focusing my research on major European literary competitions such as the Prix Goncourt, Premio Strega or Booker Prize. I am particularly interested in considering issues of cultural and literary identity and hope to investigate the influence of literary allusions and intertextual references in the establishment of aesthetic judgement.

Mr Ramar Pandia Raj  
India

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhD in Engineering; Jesus College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
IIT Madras  
GCE, University of Madras

My PhD research in Cambridge University will add value to the research that I have carried out during my MS at IIT Madras. This will enable me to understand and use technological innovation in various infrastructure projects, specifically projects related to Structural Engineering. Such knowledge will undoubtedly help me and my country to realise the vision of making a developing country like India into a developed country. I gratefully acknowledge the support of the Gates Cambridge Trust.

INTERESTS:  
Horse riding, swimming, history of cinema, folk and country music.
Miss Amy Rowe
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Social Anthropology; Girton College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Harvard University, MA in Theology, 2001
Colby College, BA Anthropology & Religion, 1999

Prior to Cambridge I taught history at a private school in Vermont, studied in India, worked in public policy, and volunteered on an archaeology project in the Caribbean. Now I am starting the third year of my PhD in Social Anthropology; I just completed a year of fieldwork in the US in an Arab-American Christian community. Religious identity, social memory, and perceptions of the past are some of the issues I focus on in my work. My goal is to pursue a career in academia after completing my PhD.

INTERESTS:
Hiking, Girton rowing, running, cooking, gardening, and traveling.

Mr Julian Sonner
Germany

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Theoretical Physics; Trinity College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Cambridge
University of Edinburgh

My research interests centre on problems in M-Theory and String Theory. These theories allow us to describe the phenomena of gravitation and quantum field theory in a unified way. Recently I have been involved in the study of generalized holonomy in M-Theory, a technique to classify supersymmetric solutions of M-Theory. In my PhD I hope to continue exploring stringy physics with the help of contemporary mathematical tools.

INTERESTS:
Playing the piano, listening to music (both classical and not), cooking, sports (tennis, skiing...).
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<td>Mr Florian Steinberger</td>
<td>Germany</td>
<td>PhD in Philosophy; Hughes Hall</td>
<td>University of Cambridge; Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic</td>
<td>My interests include: spending time with my dog, literature, Jewish history, jazz, politics, natural sciences, cinema, arts, soccer, basketball.</td>
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<td>Ms Cassandra Sweet</td>
<td>USA</td>
<td>PhD in Land Economy; Jesus College</td>
<td>University of Cambridge; Stanford University; Georgia State University</td>
<td>Clean water, community cinema, northeastern Brazil, large tomato gardens, East Palo Alto, international relations, transportation, all languages, salsa, samba, bachata, ciranda, poetry of the street.</td>
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<td>Mr Jan Trnka</td>
<td>Czech Republic</td>
<td>PhD in Biochemistry; St John’s College</td>
<td>I am very glad to have the opportunity to study at Cambridge University. My research will focus on the signalling from the mitochondria to the rest of the cell by means of redox active species. Any progress in this area might elucidate some of the mechanisms behind the damage caused by diseases such as diabetes, Parkinson disease, atherosclerosis, stroke, etc. In the future I see myself as a researcher and teacher at a university.</td>
<td>My doctoral work focuses on the philosophy of mathematics and logic. Ultimately I hope that my work will encourage the collaboration between researchers in the fields of philosophy, mathematics, computer science and related disciplines.</td>
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<td>Mr Viktor Vafeiadis</td>
<td>Greece</td>
<td>PhD in Computer Science; Selwyn College</td>
<td>University of Cambridge: BA (computer science)</td>
<td>Orthodox and hellenic societies, water polo, chess. My long-term aim is to improve software quality by developing programming environments that will detect most errors automatically, thus enforcing correctness by design. During my PhD, I will investigate the design space of safe modular type systems and extend existing systems in order to capture more precisely the implied semantics of each module; thus creating a system able to provide additional static and dynamic correctness guarantees, going far beyond what classical type systems achieve.</td>
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**Ms Sarah van Mastrigt**
Canada

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD in Criminological Research; Magdalene College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
Cambridge University (MPhil in Criminology)
University of Calgary, Canada (B.A. Hons in Psych)

Unique theoretical and legal issues are raised when individuals commit crime in conjunction with others. My PhD will focus specifically on the role of gender in co-offending. Are offences committed by females acting together significantly different from those committed by male or mixed sex groups? If so: in what ways, and why? Answers to these and other questions will stimulate academic discussion and improve the ways in which we investigate, prosecute, and ultimately prevent, crime.

**INTERESTS:**
Inclusive action learning environments (especially outdoor), primatology, water-skiing, violin, board games, soccer, neurotheology, sleep/dream research, hiking, costume parties.

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**Ms Noreen Von Cramon-Taubadel**
Ireland

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD in Biological Anthropology; St John’s College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
University College London:
MSc Human Evolution and Behaviour, 2003
National University of Ireland, Galway:
BSc (Hons) Zoology, 2002

My fascination for human evolution grew from my zoological training and a desire to become involved in one of the least objective academic fields-research into our very own origins. My future career goals are to carve a research niche in Anthropology and to become an active educator within the field. I believe it is important for students to develop an appreciation of the time-depth involved in the history of our species. The Gates Scholarship affords me the opportunity to pursue my ambitions.

**INTERESTS:**
Rowing, walking, wildlife, reading, cinema, travel, dance and theatre.

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**Ms Abigail Wild**
USA

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD in Criminological Research; Pembroke College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
Harvard

I plan to research women’s rights and mental health care in Latin American prisons. I am interested in questions of cross-cultural applicability of prison modeling and in culturally contingent explanations for gaps between criminological research and penal policy. I am also interested in prison conversion narratives, photographic representation of prisoners, and historical constructions of criminal typologies and their use in substantiating (frequently racialized) claims about atavistic types.

**INTERESTS:**
Inclusive action learning environments (especially outdoor), primatology, water-skiing, violin, board games, soccer, neurotheology, sleep/dream research, hiking, costume parties.

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**Mr Shane Jason Woods**
Canada

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD in Genetics; Hughes Hall

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
University of Notre Dame
Harvard University

I have a degree in biochemistry but have spent most of my research hours studying the cytoskeleton and searching for drugable targets of small molecules. I plan to complete my doctoral studies investigating duplicate genes on a functional level and deciphering their evolutionary role. Besides research, I’m interested in the relationship between science-business and the way in which this relationship influences the economy.

**INTERESTS:**
In my off time you will most likely find me snowboarding, wakeboarding, travelling, or hanging out with friends.
2004–05

Ms Umut Yildirim
Turkey

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Social Anthropological Research; Lucy Cavendish College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
London School of Economics, MSc Social Anthropology (2004)
Bogazici University, MA Modern History (2002)
Koc University, BA Business Administration (1999)

My research at Cambridge will look at the formation of political subjectivities in the context of the state of emergency in South Eastern Turkey. My research involves rethinking the political dimensions of the “discipline” and practice of anthropology with a particular focus on methodologies and the role of the anthropologist in the context of violence.

INTERESTS:
Music, food, photography, critical theory.

2005–06

Ms Mi Zhou
Australia

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in English; Clare Hall

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
UNSW, Australia

I’m curious about how representation – through all media, but in particular literature and music – affect the way we look at the world and what that means for the decisions we make. I’m looking forward to having the opportunity to explore the area (or part of it!) in Cambridge in the next three years.

INTERESTS:
Human rights advocacy, refugee law, international relations, random debates, good music of any kind, (plays piano and violin), theatre, film, hiking and being under the sky, travelling, and reading in bed.

Mr Shehu Abdussalam
Nigeria

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Mathematics; St Edmund’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Cambridge; AIMS, South Africa
Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria

I enjoy learning new ideas of physics at high energies and want to contribute to our understanding of the secrets of nature. The Gates Cambridge Scholarship has given me an opportunity for tools and experience gathering towards achieving that.

INTERESTS:
Science, reading history, politics, cycling, jogging.

Mr Alexander Al-Haschimi
Germany

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Economics; St John’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Oxford
Columbia University

During my PhD studies, I plan to develop models for the analysis of monetary policy. I am particularly interested in how uncertainty about the economic outlook affects the performance of monetary policy. I am grateful to the Gates Cambridge Trust for funding my studies.

INTERESTS:
Guitar, drums, tennis, chess and boxing.
Mr Ross Anthony
South Africa

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Social Anthropological Analysis; Pembroke College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Natal, BA (Hons) History of Art 1998
University of Cape Town; MA English

I am interested in the development of China’s western region of Xinjiang. My research focuses on ways in which urban development shapes notions of identity on global, national and local levels. After completing my PhD, I will return to South Africa in the hope of fostering a greater awareness of China amongst Africans through teaching, researching and perhaps contributing to policy issues. My long-term goal is to contribute to the development of an Asian studies department in South Africa.

INTERESTS:
Mountains (especially the Himalayan family), China-watching, novel theoretical approaches to anything and everything, playing guitar, drinking coffee and hanging out with friends.

Ms Diane Archer*
Thailand

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil & PhD in Planning, Growth & Regeneration/Land Economy; Sidney Sussex College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Cambridge

Having completed both the BA and MPhil in Land Economy, I am furthering my Master’s research on community participation in slum upgrading, with a focus on Bangkok, Thailand. This will involve an analysis of a current government program from both an economic and social perspective.

INTERESTS:
I enjoy playing ladies football for my college, as well as a spot of rowing. Otherwise I like to play tennis, take runs along the river and do aerobics. I’m a keen reader and love travelling and meeting new people.

Dr Felix Assah
Cameroon

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Epidemiology; Wolfson College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Cambridge (MPhil, 2005)
University of Yaoundé I, Cameroon (MD, 2001)

My PhD research will focus on objective measurement of physical activity in an adult Cameroonian population. This work is within the broad area of understanding the determinants of adult obesity, diabetes and related metabolic disorders. I intend to focus my career on alleviating the burden of diabetes on the population and the healthcare system through epidemiological research on primordial and primary prevention of diabetes.

INTERESTS:
Reading, watching football/movies, music and travel. I do not trust people who don’t drink coffee!

Ms Silvia Breu
Germany

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Computer Science; Newnham College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Saaland University
University of Passau
University of Edinburgh

I am excited about coming to Cambridge and I hope to sharpen my skills, to broaden my view, and to meet exciting people. I plan to work on the automated analysis of software. In particular, I like to improve the quality of software systems. I tackle this problem by helping programmers to identify functionality that is spread over a system but could be bundled for improved understanding and maintainability. At Cambridge, I am looking forward to finding mutually inspiring discussions as well as collaboration with people from inside and outside my field.

INTERESTS:
Sports (Volleyball, Skiing, Skating, Diving, Hiking), music (singing, playing instruments) and movies. I’ve always been a bookworm and have a passion for cooking & baking. I love walking around in museums of modern art, cities with intriguing architecture, travelling fascinating countries, through wild nature & to buzzing cities. I enjoy to chill in cafes, latte macchiatto, reading, solving logical puzzles, listening to music, watching people walk by, but also love to perfectly organise events.
2005–06

Ms Chi Chew
Singapore

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Classics; New Hall

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Cambridge (BA, MPhil)

I am extremely grateful to be provided with this opportunity to continue to pursue my studies in Philosophy and to benefit from the enriching community life of Cambridge University, especially in its inter-cultural and international aspects. I look forward to many fascinating conversations with other Gates Scholars and others.

Mr Aaron Coble
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Computer Science; King’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Pennsylvania State University, PA
Oxford University

I am honored to be continuing my PhD research as a Gates Scholar. During the next two years I will be analyzing privacy technologies for use on the internet.

Ms Amanda Dennis**
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil in European Literature; Trinity College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Princeton University:
AB Comparative Literature (2003)

My interests revolve around the interplay between philosophy and literature. I would like to explore the influence of memory on present experience, and to look at how this perceptual phenomenon is manipulated by artistic (literary) and cultural productions. My studies engage with the work of Nietzsche (among others), who stylistically blurred boundaries between poetry and philosophy in order to expose correspondences between psychology, mythology, literature and the structure of consciousness.

Mr Rittik Chaudhuri
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Biological Science; Magdalene College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Duke University

Among the genes encoded by HIV, Nef has been shown to be a primary determinant of viral pathogenicity. Patients infected with an attenuated strain of HIV, lacking a functional Nef, have displayed markedly slower progression towards AIDS. While at Cambridge, I intend to explore the role of Nef in HIV pathogenesis using an array of biochemical, cell biological, and genomic approaches. Hopefully, the findings of these studies will contribute to our understanding of HIV.

INTERESTS:
Running, lifting, near death experiences, playing sandlot baseball, betterfication campaigns, not tearing my ACL a third time, email, becoming an astronaut, shooting, and living the life of a mendicant student.

INTERESTS:
Theology; international friendship (I have been involved in running international coffee bars and other activities for several years in cambridge); travelling; languages; (non-academic) counselling.

INTERESTS:
My interests are quite varied and include: swing dancing, cycling, climbing/backpacking/outdoor pursuits, wine tasting, classical and contemporary cookery, activism, abstract painting, bonsai, gardening, modern poetry, and independent film. Most of all I enjoy meeting and talking with anyone about their interests and experiences.

INTERESTS:
I love traveling, learning foreign languages, soccer, running, sailing, cooking Thai food, theater, film and all kinds of music.
Mr Daniel Dicenso
USA
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Music; Magdalene College
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Villanova University (MA)
University of Pennsylvania (MA, MS)
College of the Holy Cross (BA)

I bought my first chant album in the sixth grade as a first-year Latin student. While an undergraduate, my childhood fascination with chant blossomed into an intellectual passion, which now, in turn, has led to the pursuit of a Ph.D. in Music. I am particularly excited about pursuing my interests in chant at Cambridge University because Cambridge is unique in its resources for the interdisciplinary study of chant and its medieval contexts.

INTERESTS:
Music, singing, concerts, art, cultural theory, reading, teaching, and travel.

Mr Michael Dodson
USA
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
Diploma and MPhil in Computer Science; Queens’ College
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
United States Naval Academy

I’m studying computer science and computational fluid dynamics during my time by the Cam. I’ll be entering the submarine community in the US Navy when I leave Cambridge, and eventually (hopefully) will become involved with submarine (or aerospace) research and development for the Navy.

INTERESTS:
I surf, row, and swim. Music interests vary, but anything with instruments is generally fine with me. Atlas Shrugged is my favorite book with The Fountainhead close behind. Anything by Douglas Adams also tops my favorites list. If I could go to school forever my next degrees would be cosmology, theoretical physics, and philosophy, not necessarily in that order.

Mr Fernan Federici
Argentina
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Plant Sciences; St Edmund’s College
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Universidad Catolica de Chile
Universidad Nacional de Cuyo (Argentina)

I have chosen to investigate Cell Development in Plants. The aim of this project is to contribute to better understand the genetic and cellular interactions that control this phenomenon. I have chosen Cambridge because not only is it one of the oldest educative institutions in Europe and with the greater prestige in the world, but also because it gives a complete and integral formation to its students. I’m also very grateful to the Gates Cambridge Trust for its financial support of my PhD.

INTERESTS:
Football (to play and watch C.A.Boca Juniors), Fly Fishing, Tennis, Outdoors...and Science.

Mr Szilard Fejer
Romania
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Chemistry; Downing College
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Szeged, Szeged, Hungary

Computational chemistry is becoming a more and more powerful tool for chemists as time goes by. One “mystery” of particular interest, which can be very well investigated with the help of computational chemistry is how certain systems can self-assemble into well-defined structures. I am very excited to do research in this field in Cambridge, and I’m sure my experiences gained during these years will last for a lifetime.

INTERESTS:
General stuff like biking, movies, travelling; most of the time I play the guitar or the piano when I’m not near a computer or sleeping.
Mr Daniel Greenfield
Australia

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD in Computer Science; Trinity Hall

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
University of New South Wales
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (exchange)

As part of the Cambridge-MIT Alliance in Pervasive Computing, I am excited to be working with some of the best researchers in this field. As transistors shrink, communication becomes a major bottleneck to performance. My research concerns Networks-on-Chip for communication-limited VLSI. As a big believer in the cross-pollination of ideas, even from seemingly far-flung fields, I look forward to many fascinating discussions, as well as close friendships, in the Gates Cambridge Community.

**INTERESTS:**
Development, Sustainable Energy, Music (an eclectic sort), Japanese Animation, Systems Biology, Cancer Diagnosis, Statistical Machine Learning, Sociology, Gourmet Food/Chocolate and Travel

Mr Dirk-Hinrick Haar*
Germany

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
MPhil & PhD in Criminology; Selwyn College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
Universität Konstanz, Diplom 2005
Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris
Universität Leipzig

Ultimately, my goal is “better” criminal policy in a double sense: to address more efficiently crime as a major concern of people in many countries, and to free resources and sympathy for human rights and equal protection. Beyond contributing to policy design and its knowledge foundations, I am also willing to engage in the struggles of implementation. The Institute of Criminology provides an excellent environment for related research. Being a Gates scholar inspires and motivates me further.

**INTERESTS:**
Sports (esp. icehockey, fencing, windsurfing, football), politics (esp. international and development issues), writing (esp. speeches, essays), music (esp. violin, jazz, modern classical), reading (20th century literature, esp. poetry).

Mr Joel Halcomb
USA

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD in Early Modern History; Selwyn College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
Oklahoma State University
York University

I was born in Texas, lived in the deep south, and graduated from Oklahoma State University with degrees in mathematics and history. Here at Cambridge I will be studying early modern history, with an emphasis on religion.

**INTERESTS:**
I like long walks on the beach, red wine, English girls named Helena, and Yearbook statements. I play in a band called Bert and the Shirts. I like working construction while drinking Pabst Blue Ribbon and talking about Eugene Debs to a bunch of wry rednecks who dont know who he is. It’s futile, but no more than the current geopolitical situation. At least the rednecks are partly charming.

Ms Elizabeth Gray
USA

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
MSc in Pathology; Churchill College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
University of Washington

I will be working towards a MSc in Pathology with Dr. Nick Coleman. My project involves modeling HPV(Human Papillomavirus)-mediated cervical neoplasia. Specifically, I am interested in those cases which are driven by non-integrated (episomal) HPV. This work will prepare me for a career as a professor and research scientist. In this field, I hope to increase our understanding of cancer and inspire young biologists to pursue this intriguing field.

**INTERESTS:**
I love running, rowing, reading, discussing politics with friends, traveling, volunteering, and baking (preferably something with chocolate in it!).

**2005–06**
Ms Jin He
China

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD in Education; St John’s College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
Cambridge University, MPhil
Southwest China Normal University, BA

My field of research is Second Language Education, which I have pursued for over 10 years. However, I am also extremely interested in early education, educational policy-making and management. My career goal is to become a professional educator and help improve education in my home country. I am very glad to be able to conduct further research at Cambridge and I would particularly like to extend my thanks to the Gates Trust for generously sponsoring my study at Cambridge.

**INTERESTS:**
Reading, trekking, music, history, social work in improving education at depressed areas.

Ms Ling-Yan Hung
Hong Kong

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD in Theoretical Physics; Peterhouse

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
CASM, Cambridge University 2004–05
BA (Physics), Oxford University 2001–04

I am a Theoretical Physics student. I have always aspired to understand the most fundamental laws governing Nature and so I am now working on String Theory. May I express my gratitude to the Gates Trust for granting me this invaluable opportunity to realize my childhood dream.

**INTERESTS:**
Reading, soccer, cantonese opera.

Miss Deborah Hayden
USA

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD in Anglo Saxon; Hughes Hall

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
Cambridge University, B.A. Affiliated ASNaC 2005
Wellesley College, B.A. 2003

My PhD research will focus on the evolution of linguistic study and thought in medieval Ireland, and will aim to explore the broader questions of language use and acquisition through a textual medium. Ultimately I hope to use my experience at Cambridge to pursue a career in teaching and research.

**INTERESTS:**
Music (of all sorts, but especially playing horn and fiddle), literature, languages, travel.

Mr Anthony Hylick
USA

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD in Computer Science; Churchill College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, USA

I am from Warner Robins, GA, United States of America, and I completed my undergraduate curriculum (B.S. Computer Engineering 2005) at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, GA. My current research interests include reconfigurable computer architecture design and computer hardware and electronic hardware design. I love basketball, baseball, being outdoors and relaxing. My future plans are to complete my Ph.D. and become a Senior Design Engineer for computer architecture development.

**INTERESTS:**
Enjoying my first time in the UK and Europe, sports, food, friends, and life. Relaxing and remembering what is important in life.
2005–06

Mr Isaac Idun-Arkhurst
Ghana

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil/PhD in International Relations; St. John’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Ghana

At Cambridge, I hope to ultimately complete a PhD on why greater integration of many African economies into the world trading system, rather than spurring growth and development, seems to be constraining national development aspirations and deepening the crisis of underdevelopment. I hope to pursue a career as an academic and a policy-maker in development and foreign economic policy.

INTERESTS:
Volleyball, football, creative writing, rhetoric and culture, politics.

Ms Tala Jarjour
Syria

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Music; Trinity Hall

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Cambridge 2004–2005
Ohio University 1999–2002

Throughout my studies I came to realize that whether in the Western world or in the East, music and religion have always had intriguingly close affinities. It is widely known that modern Syria hosts an array of modern and classical Arab musical trends. Nevertheless, little attention is ever given to the relation of this music to the ancient Christian heritage of Syria. In my time in Cambridge I intend to look closely at the Syrian Orthodox Chant which dates to the dawn of Christianity and continues to be sung in Syriac, a dialect of Aramaic. Looking with modern eyes at this ancient heritage, the mere persistent existence of which is fascinating, enriches, I believe, our experience of our common human musical heritage and offers new dimensions for more inter-cultural awareness.

INTERESTS:
Hiking, baking, reading; music.

Mr Seevaratnam Jegandan
Sri Lanka

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Engineering, Churchill College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Moratuwa

I was very much interested in soil mechanics and geotechnical engineering during my first degree in Civil Engineering. After graduation, I decided to pursue a research degree in geotechnical engineering after thoroughly enjoying my final year undergraduate research project on the topic of deep soil mixing. Currently, I am doing my PhD in applicability of innovative and sustainable binders in deep soil mixing on problematic soil conditions.

INTERESTS:
I am a big fan of classical music; love to travel and play cricket on sunny days.

Mr Nicholas Johnson
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Chemistry; Churchill College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Texas Tech University

At Cambridge, I look forward to the challenge of world class research projects while bridging scientific disciplines. With this in mind, I plan to work with DNA influenced by electric fields for my PhD project. Upon completion of my degree, I expect to continue working in a research capacity either in academia or industry. Specifically, I hope to be involved in the medical fields and create novel solutions to medical problems plaguing the world today.

INTERESTS:
I like to challenge the body as well as the mind. I enjoy endurance sports such as marathon running and long distance triathlons. I am also excited by long distance backpacking trips and spending time out doors. To relax, I prefer golf, and I look forward to playing some of the storied links in the UK.
Mr. Sebastian Klinge  
Germany  
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhD in Zoology; Clare College  
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
University of Cambridge  

During cellular division, DNA needs to be replicated and distributed into two daughter cells. My studies in Cambridge will focus on factors, which are required to trigger the initiation of DNA replication. The characterization of these initiation factors will help to understand the molecular basis of this process in normal and cancerous cells.

INTERESTS:  
Music (cello), independent cinema and art.

Ms. Svetlana Kobzar  
Ukraine  
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhD in International Studies; Wolfson College  
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
Cambridge University:  
MPhil in Contemporary European Studies (2005)  
Alma College: BA in Foreign Service (2004)  

I am thrilled to be able to pursue my PhD at the University of Cambridge with many faculty and students specialising in the EU’s external policy. I will research the ‘European Union factor’ that contributes to democratisation in Ukraine. I intend to use my knowledge to facilitate further reforms in Ukraine by promoting the political dialogue among government agencies and organised civil society actors.

INTERESTS:  
I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, volunteering for non-government organisations, traveling, reading, running, skiing and watching movies.
Dr Ramon Maluping
Philippines

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Veterinary Medicine; Sidney Sussex College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain
Swedish University of Agric. Sciences, Uppsala
University of the Philippines

The occurrence of infectious diseases still remains one of the major challenges the world has to face. These diseases have not only brought economic losses, but more importantly some have posed great threats to human health. It is my objective that by specialising in microbiology, I can contribute to solving this problem. Being accepted in one of the best universities in the world and winning a prestigious Gates scholarship have greatly encouraged me in my belief that I can realise this goal.

INTERESTS:
Sports (badminton, swimming, table tennis, etc.), Snorkling, Hiking, Camping, Mountain and Rock Climbing, Cycling, Beach Hopping, Travelling, Dancing, Rodeo, Community Immersion and Participation in Voluntary and Non-Government Organizations.

Ms Nayanika Mathur
India

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Social Anthropology; New Hall

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
The Institute of Social Sciences (ISS), the Hague
Cambridge University
The Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University
Hindu College, Delhi University

My research interests centre around environmental politics, with a focus on social inequality and natural resource conflicts; environmental movements; and the anthropology of development. I plan to study issues revolving around access to water by probably the most invisible section of India—her rural populace. I, rather immodestly, hope that my doctoral research shall bring to light some aspects of these lives lived in the margins, in the context of control and conflict over natural resources.

INTERESTS:
Reading, writing, travelling, learning new languages.
Mr Alex Mauss  
Germany  
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhD in Zoology; Emmanuel College  
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
University of Cambridge, United Kingdom  
Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz, Germany  
INTERESTS:  
Outdoor sports (running, hiking, cycling, football), travelling, and playing the guitar.

Mr Kamiar Mohaddes  
Sweden  
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhDMP in Economics; St John’s College  
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
University of Warwick  
INTERESTS:  
Music, sports, movies, travelling, cooking, hanging out with friends, as well as doing volunteering work in the community.

Mr Martial Ndeffo Mbah*  
Cameroon  
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
CASM Mathematics and Plant Sciences; St Edmund’s College  
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
Stellenbosch University (South Africa)  
Yaounde 1 University (Cameroon)  
INTERESTS:  
Bible, science and listening to music.

Mr Jonas Neher  
Germany  
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhD in Biochemistry; Darwin College  
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
University of Tuebingen, MSc  
Trinity College Dublin  
University of Darmstadt  
INTERESTS:  
Volleyball, playing the flute and saxophone, non-scientific reading, all kinds of music.
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| Dr Virginia Newcombe | Australia        | PhD in Medicine; Wolfson College | Cambridge University, MPhil (Epidemiology, 2005)  
University of Queensland, MBBS (2001)  
University of New South Wales, BSc (1998)  
My PhD project involves using diffusion weighted tensor imaging to demonstrate the incidence, time course, and clinical correlates of axonal injury following head trauma. | Rowing, Debate, Musical Composition, Hiking, Satire, Maps.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Mr Thai Binh Nguyen   | Vietnam          | PhD in Oncology; Fitzwilliam College | Ecole Polytechnique: Diploma Engineering (2004)  
Universite de Paul Sabatier: Msc (Medical Physics) (2005)  
My research focuses on methods for optimization of intensity modulated radiation therapy where the planning target volume extends into the build up region. I believe that this type of advanced technique in radiation therapy can improve significantly cancer patients’ life. Studying at the prestigious universities of Ecole Polytechnique (X) in France and the University of Cambridge in England will help me in building bridges between Vietnamese researchers and other researchers all over the world. | Golf, football, table tennis, walking … I enjoy traveling and my next continent will be Africa.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Ms Sarah Nouwen       | Netherlands      | PhD in International Relations; Emmanuel College | University of Cambridge, MPhil International Relations  
Utrecht University, LLM Dutch private law and international law  
Ever since participating at the age of eleven in an international summercamp (CISV) in Japan, I felt at home at the international plane. My legal studies in Utrecht and Cape Town and working experiences with international organisations (UN), NGOs (Plan Senegal), the Dutch Ministry for Foreign Affairs and a law firm in Paris revealed my passion for international law. They also fostered a fascination for the interaction between international law and politics, so after obtaining an LLM at Utrecht University I read international relations in Cambridge. Before I embarked on the PhD project, the call from the reality of the “world out there” was too strong. I worked for a year as legal and political advisor on the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement in challenging Sudan. Now I hope to combine the working experiences and studies in a thesis on the interaction between international criminal courts and the domestic rule of law in states in transition from war to peace. | International law and politics, literature, CISV, theatre, running, journalism, transitional justice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Mr Mikkel Oestergaard | Denmark          | PhD in Epidemiology; Clare Hall | University of Cambridge: MPhil Epidemiology (2005)  
University of Copenhagen: BSc Biochemistry (2003)  
2004–05 was an excellent year in Cambridge, both socially and academically. After my MPhil I now look forward to three more years in Cambridge for my PhD. | Travel, sports (e.g. running, rowing), literature, nature and scuba diving.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
Mr Arijeet Pal
India

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
BAff in Natural Science; Christ’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
St. Stephen’s College, University of Delhi, India

Life is full of surprises and it is this spontaneity which has always attracted me to what the future holds for me. I am looking forward to my stay in Cambridge as an opportunity to expand my vision not just in physics but other aspects of life. Physics is my first love. Though I have a certain fondness for Theoretical Physics, I am also looking forward to honing my skills at Experimental Physics given the world class facilities at Cambridge.

INTERESTS:
Passions – Physics, Theatre, travelling & meeting people, food. Interests – Indian Classical Music, playing soccer, cricket or any outdoor team-sport.

Ms Xiaohan Pan
China

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Biotechnology; Downing College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Zhejiang University, BS of Biomedical Engineering
National University of Singapore, Exchange

My project is to design a novel contact lens glucose sensor to achieve real-time glucose monitoring for diabetes management. Two unparallel features, non-invasive and continuous, will benefit diabetics by releasing them from the six-time-per-day finger-pricking assays. Such a contact lens sensing approach might also be employed to monitor other ailments such as stress, hypertension, as well as heart and kidney diseases, and applications in sports medicine and training.

INTERESTS:
A sports girl, also like singing and reading.

Mr James Park
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil in Computational Biology; St John’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Yale School of Medicine
Harvard College

Before living in New Haven, CT, I’ve lived in Boston, New York, and Phoenix. I’m taking a leave of absence from Yale MD-PhD, where I studied the role of Nogo Receptor in Alzheimer’s Disease. At Cambridge, I will pursue an MPhil modeling Nogo Receptor interactions with its ligands. In addition to starting a residency in neurology, my goal is to start or work for a non-profit pharmaceutical company.

INTERESTS:
Hanging out with friends, volunteering, reading, writing, traveling (ghania and costa rica are heavy favorites and in the works), running (participating in 1/2 marathons and triathlons), rollerblading, learning guitar, tinkering with computers, learning chess (uh...actually productively wasting time on the internet), talking about economics, policy & politics, debating, lifting, sailing (uh...actually occasionally capsizing to get a swim), cooking (uh...actually eating whatever’s been made), hiking, climbing, and meeting new people.

Miss Irene Peano
Italy

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil in Social-Anthropology; King’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Cambridge (2004)

My research shall focus on issues of gender, sexuality and the body in the context of sex workers trafficking from Nigeria to Italy. I aim at actively contributing not only to anthropological knowledge, but also to more political and social issues related to the lives of these women within a wider social context, in a time when migration and the rights of migrants are becoming a central issue for European and global politics.

INTERESTS:
Travelling, grassroots politics, cinema, art.
Mr Towfique Raj
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Genetics; St John's College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Pennsylvania
Drexel University

I aspire to be part of new generation of research professionals who will use genomic technology to develop novel computational approaches to prognostics, diagnostics and treatment of diseases. My research will focus on the genetic variation in the human population and its contribution to disease. A Ph.D. from Cambridge with the resources of a Gates Scholarship will allow me to fulfill not only my career goal of becoming a scientist but also my dream of using my career to benefit humanity.

INTERESTS:
Public health for the developing world, infectious disease, human genetic variation, and computational genomics. Reading (autobiographies and philosophy of religion), community service, traveling, long walks, exploring new culture, dancing, music, basketball, soccer, would like to learn cricket.

Ms Rebecca Rancourt
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Anatomy; Darwin College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Syracuse University

I am looking forward to the adventure that lies ahead in jolly old England. My greatest feat will be remembering to look the opposite way when crossing the street. I am excited to do research in the fascinating field of Epigenetics. There can be a million reasons not to try something new… You just need one great reason to begin!

INTERESTS:
My interests include dancing (Ballroom, Flamenco, Salsa etc.), rowing, attending concerts (rock, indie, opera) and a mean game of kick-ball.

Mr Mr Paul Rhatigan
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Engineering; Churchill College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Cambridge
University of Arizona

I thoroughly enjoy my studies at Cambridge. My research in the Nanoscience Centre focuses on a novel method to study the electrical properties of DNA using nanofabrication techniques. The field of molecular electronics has fascinating applications that are only beginning to be realized. I'm looking forward to tackling new challenges and taking advantage of interesting opportunities in the coming year.

INTERESTS:
Rowing, running, traveling, cooking, and being adventurous!

Mr Andre Sartori
Brazil

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Earth Sciences; Emmanuel College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Licentiate Biology (2002)
BSc Biology (2001)

Studying in an excellent scientific centre such as the University of Cambridge is a once-in-a-life-time opportunity to learn and develop myself professionally as I will work on a daily basis with a leader in my field of interest. Moreover, living abroad for three years and meeting people from all over the world will certainly broad my horizons and provide me with an insight into several different cultures. I am very grateful to the Gates Cambridge Trust for making this possible.

INTERESTS:
Sports (table tennis, swimming, snorkelling and scuba diving) and music (blues harmonica and guitar player).
Ms Erin Snider  
USA  
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhD in Social and Political Science; Trinity College  
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
MSc, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)  
BA, James Madison University  
I’m really excited to begin doctoral studies at Cambridge to continue my research on the intersection of politics and economics in the Middle East, specifically in Egypt and Iran. I am particularly interested in examining political change, democratization and economic reform broadly and in relation to the Middle East and Asia. After finishing my degree, I hope to work on democratic governance and poverty reduction programs with the UN or an NGO focusing on these areas in the region.  
INTERESTS:  
I’ve always been fascinated by politics and international affairs, particularly Middle Eastern and Central Asian politics. I’m also interested in sustainable development issues, and humanitarian demining after working on the landmine issue for several years. Other interests include photography, music, travel, cooking (noble attempts at it anyway!), writing, films (especially Bollywood), and copious amounts of coffee.

Ms Uta Staiger  
Germany  
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhD in German; King’s College  
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
University of Cambridge:  
MPhil European Literature (2002)  
University of Edinburgh:  
MA (Hrs.) English Literature (2001)  
Drawing both on my studies and my professional experience at an agency for international cultural cooperation, my PhD will focus on the nexus of citizenship, culture and urbanity. I will analyse diverse media from performance over architecture and digital art to critical thought, in order to research how they renegotiate contemporary urban spaces. Ultimately, it may lead to an analysis of the mechanisms of exclusion, hospitality and communication at work in European cities.  
INTERESTS:  
Languages, travel, sports, cultural management, policies & cooperation.

Mr Oliver Stegle  
Germany  
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhD in Physics; St Edmund’s College  
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
University of Freiburg  
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology  
I get excited where Physics meets other fields. I want to work on a machine learning approach of Bio Informatics which allows me to combine Physics and Mathematics with life science.  
INTERESTS:  
Music (playing guitar), sports (skiing, squash), travelling and any kind of social activity.

Ms Federica Sulas  
Italy  
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhD in Archaeology; Gonville & Caius College  
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
University of Cambridge, MPhil (2005)  
Istituto Universitario Orientale di Napoli, BA (Hons.) (2003)  
I intend to pursue a PhD in Geoarchaeology. My goal is to investigate the landscape history of the Aksum region, northern Ethiopia, and to examine the human-environment relationship through a long-term perspective. I see my research placed within a broader trend which explicitly aims to contribute through the archaeological data to help inform contemporary debates regarding risk assessment and sustainable development in Africa.  
INTERESTS:  
Swimming, snorkelling, scuba diving, travelling... long-lasting dinners with old friends.
Mr Alireza Taheri
Canada

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD in History & Philosophy of Science & Medicine; Darwin College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
University College London
University of Essex
University of Toronto

The focus of my PhD will on the origins of the feeling of guilt. I will look at this question from philosophical and psychoanalytic sources mainly in the works of Nietzsche, Freud and Lacan. After I complete my research I would like to pursue a career as a university professor as well as a psychoanalyst where I can put my acquired knowledge to use in helping others.

**INTERESTS:**
Psychoanalysis Philosophy Chess Math/ Logic puzzles Running, Cycling, swimming, Yoga.

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Mr Robert Tonita
Canada

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD in Engineering; Hughes Hall

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
University of Waterloo

My area of study is control theory, my research is motivated by finding pragmatic results that lend themselves to applications for mainly engineering systems but also interdisciplinary fields such as biology and economics.

**INTERESTS:**
Sports, politics, people and travel.

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Mr Laur Vallikivi
Estonia

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD in Polar Studies; King’s College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
University of Tartu, Estonia
MA 2004 in Ethnology
BA 2001 in Ethnology

I am doing a PhD in Polar Studies with a focus on the religious conversion of Arctic reindeer-herders in Russia. While in Cambridge, I hope to develop my expertise in social anthropology for contributing to the development of the discipline at home. In the long term perspective, I intend to work for the benefit of the northern indigenous communities by raising, through my research, such issues as human rights and sustainable development in the circumpolar areas.

**INTERESTS:**
Travel, hiking, cycling, swimming, animal ecology, art history.

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Mr Brady Wagoner
USA

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD in Social and Political Science; Corpus Christi College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
University of Cambridge: MPhil
Clark University: BA (Phil and Psyc)

I am a cultural psychologist interested in how culture shapes thought and behaviour. My PhD is on cultural transmission and transformation – for example, how a story changes as it passed from one context to another (like the game of “chinese whispers”). Upon graduation I hope to continue research on culture both in and outside of academia.

**INTERESTS:**
Appreciation of the Beautiful and the Absurd: I enjoy mountaineering, travel, art, photography, architecture, philosophy, literature (especially with existential overtones), comparative religion, evolutionary theory, good conversation.
Ms Anke Weber  
Germany  
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhD in Economics; Emmanuel College  
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
University of Cambridge, MPhil Economics  
University of Cambridge, BA Honours Economics  

My choice to undertake a PhD in monetary policy is due to my deep interest in the subject and to my future career plans: upon graduation, I would like to pursue a career as a professional economist in a central bank, such as the European Central Bank. A PhD in monetary policy will equip me with the necessary knowledge, which I hope to be able to use eventually to contribute to the further development of a unified Europe.

INTERESTS:  
Rowing, tennis, skiing and playing the piano.

Mr Jerrell Whitehead  
USA  
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhD in Economic & Social History; King's College  
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
Yale University  
University of Washington (transfer)  

With my entrance into Cambridge and King’s College, my goal for the immediate future is to study obesity and health policy with regard to the minority populations of England. Much like the United States, the obesity epidemic is a severe and growing problem, which makes research on this matter of the highest importance.

INTERESTS:  
Dancing, Banana Pancakes, Oatmeal, Bodybuilding, College football, Fine timepieces, Disney movies, Discussing the business of Hollywood, Arguing over sports, FIFA World Cup on Gamecube.

Mr Diego Winkelried  
Peru  
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhD in Economics; St John’s College  
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
MPhil Economics, University of Cambridge  
BA Economics, Universidad del Pacifico, Lima-Peru  

My deep interest in social behaviour together with the fact that I come from a developing country, led me to enquire about the ways to overcome the barriers to improve living standards. Realising that economic reasoning helps greatly to solve this puzzle, I decided to pursue a career in Economics. Thanks to the Gates Cambridge Trust I have now the opportunity to refine and expand my expertise on development economics for policy design and to learn among colleagues from a wide cultural spectrum.

INTERESTS:  
Economics; Music (Classic rock, latin jazz); Travelling.
2006–07

Ms Xiaomin Zhu  
China

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**  
PhD in Engineering; Magdalene College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**  
Tsinghua University  
BSc, MSc (Electrical Engineering)

Furthering study in my chosen field up to the most advanced level is the best option and a worthwhile move in my path towards a career in engineering research. I hope that through my studies at Cambridge I can step by step reach the summit of my professional career.

**INTERESTS:**  
Travel, swimming, badminton, film, cooking.

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2006–07

Miss Aniko Adam  
Hungary

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**  
BAff in Law; Homerton College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**  
University of British Columbia: BA Economics and International Relations (2006)  
Lycee Français de Budapest, Hungary  
DALF (Diplome Approfondi de langue Française)

I was born and raised in Budapest, Hungary but moved to Canada to undertake a B.A. in Economics and International Relations. I am currently taking Law as an affiliated undergraduate at Cambridge.

**INTERESTS:**  
Horseriding (hopefully equestrian polo), snowboarding, hiking, languages and cheesecake.

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2006–07

Miss Shazia Afzal  
India

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**  
PhD in Computer Science; New Hall

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**  
Jamia Millia Islamia University: BA Information Technology (4 years) (2004)

The pulse of being in one of the most prestigious seats of learning & the thought of treading corridors shared by distinguished scientists leaves you in awe. The academic culture is exemplary and I consider it a privilege to be here. I expect my time here to prove to be one of the most remarkable & rewarding experiences.

**INTERESTS:**  
I love reading Tolstoy and George Eliot. I’m a nature person and love water! Professionally, I shall be researching in the area of Virtual Learning Environments & its psychological implications.

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2006–07

Mr Amir Amel Zadeh  
Germany

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**  
PhD in Finance; Clare Hall

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**  
University of Bayreuth, Germany: Diploma Business Administration (2005)  

Studying an MPhil in Finance at Cambridge offered me a valuable experience in many ways. I have not only grown academically but also personally. Every day I had the opportunity to meet extraordinary people from diverse backgrounds, to expand my knowledge in different fields, enter into lively discussions over a cup of coffee or simply have fun with friends; an experience that I do not want to have missed and that I look forward to continuing during my PhD studies in Finance for the following two years. “The quality of our life comes down to the richness of our thoughts”.

**INTERESTS:**  
Travelling, rowing, running, squash, reading, meeting people.
Ms Sara Asrat
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhDMP in Modern European History; Trinity Hall
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:

I am interested in the historical evolution of modern racial categories, and the current socioeconomic repercussions of early western encounters with the racial “other”. At Cambridge I hope to explore differences in the imagery used to describe nonwhite peoples across class lines in the late 18th century. This topic appeals to me both historically and as a way of approaching the unhealthy contemporary intersection of race and class status.

INTERESTS:
Reading, swimming, singing, traveling and watching old movies.

Mr Axel Bangert
Germany

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Modern and Medieval Languages; Gonville & Caius College
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Humboldt University Berlin: MA History, Philosophy, German (2006)
University of Cambridge: Tripos German (2004)
University of Bologna: examination History, Philosophy (2003)
Humboldt University of Berlin: BA History, Philosophy, German (2003)

In my PhD, I will investigate filmic representations of the Holocaust in German culture. My aim is to assess the films’ role in the construction of Holocaust memory. With the Holocaust turning into a remotest episode of history, collective memory of the event is taking on different shapes, both influenced and mirrored by filmic representations. Thus, I hope that their analysis will provide essential insight into the development of German national identity and historical consciousness.

INTERESTS:
I’m interested in all kinds of music, from popular and classical music to and jazz and modern compositions. What I probably enjoy most is improvising on the piano. Moreover, I love reading, and besides German literature I take an interest in Italian, English and American literature. Not least, I like watching movies, and I’m especially fond of Asian films.

Mr Justin Bangs
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil in Social Environmental Development; St Catherine’s College
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Florida: BA, Political Sciences (2006)

The aim of my M.Phil study at Cambridge is to gain both an academic and pragmatic understanding of the formation and implementation of environmental policy. I am eager to take up this research at Cambridge, gaining insight into how to approach the emerging and increasingly pressing environmental issues of our day. I am proud and tremendously grateful to be a Gates Scholar, confident that I will benefit significantly from the diversity of the group.

INTERESTS:
Aspirational politics, football (soccer), film, transgressive fiction, Malcolm Gladwell (on audiobook in particular), travel.

Mr Peter Barkley
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil in Comp Speech, Text & Internet Technology; Emmanuel College
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:

Communication, both practically and technically, is my passion here at Cambridge. I’m thrilled to be learning the essentials of language processing. This technology, I believe, holds the key to making sense of the enormous amount of information we’re surrounded with, whether by summarizing it or by translating it into other languages. I’m even more excited to meet and become friends with the fascinating people who’ve come here from all over the world. This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to travel the globe and experience different cultures. I look forward to bringing this knowledge and these experiences back to the US as I enter flight school and become a pilot in the U.S. Navy. Above all, I hope to glorify God and share his love in all I do!

INTERESTS:
Traveling, Ethics, Technology, Military Affairs, International Relations, Reading, Operations Analysis, Natural Language Processing, Machine Translation, Chinese, Spanish, Cooking, Jazz, Religion.
Mr Suneel Bhat  
USA  
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
MPhil in Epidemiology; St John’s College  
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  

I have spent the better part of recent years involved in biomedical research. The course at Cambridge is an initial step away from the lab into a broader perspective on health, encompassing societal and political aspects. After completing my time in Cambridge I will be returning to the United States to start up medical school. In the future, I hope to work at the interface between medicine, ethics, policy, and economics.  

INTERESTS:  
Most likely include, but generally not limited to: medicine, health policy, bioethics, photography, poetry, running and lifting (the remnants of an ex-athlete), hiking, and travel.

INTERESTS:  
Reading, Programming, Music.
Mr Kofi Boakye  
Ghana  
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhD in Criminology; St Edmund’s College  
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
University of Cambridge: MPhil Criminology (2006)  
University of Ghana-Leges: BA Psychology (2001)

What could have allowed one man to cause the death of over 6 million people? Why would millions of people be dragged not only against their will but, more so, be deemed inferior, and hence deserving of such fate? Why would one man choose as his victim the innocent and the helpless? Is the rage of the terrorist crazed and/or capricious? How different is that man who conspires to deny thousands of the reward of their years of labour? And why do the great majority usually stand by in apathy? In other words, what is crime? These are both philosophical and practical questions that have continuously engaged my attention; and, not satisfied with existing explanations, I set out to seek further answers. I do not pretend to know the answer or answers, but the questions are worth a second thought. This is why I am most thankful to the Gates Trust for assisting me in grappling with the issues of crime and the causes of crime, particularly from the African perspective.

INTERESTS:  
Travelling, photography, football, swimming, creative writing, reading, cooking and, of course, you can’t love music and loathe the art of dancing!

Ms Tiffany Bogich  
USA  
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhD in Zoology; St Catharine’s College  
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  

I am excited to shift from my previous research on invasive species management to conservation, and apply spatial optimization techniques to the conservation of birds in managed, agricultural systems. I will be working with Professors Andrew Balmford and Rhys Green to both expand upon their work in conservation modeling in agricultural systems and to begin to develop new models to balance agricultural yield with conservation needs. In addition to the farming models, I will also be working to improve theoretical methods for measuring the effects of land use change on extinction risk for vulnerable species.

INTERESTS:  
Outside of my specific area of research, I am also interested in questions of optimal monitoring and issues of environmental justice, particularly in South Africa. In extracurricular activities, I am involved in athletics and am now playing rugby for the University team at Cambridge.

Mr Christopher Bohn  
USA  
COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:  
PhDpg in Chemical Engineering; Christ’s College  
PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:  
Princeton University: BSE Chemical Engineering (2006)

I was born in Austria and attended the upper-level Gymnasium before returning to Monument, Colorado for my high school years. I pursued my Bachelors at Princeton where I majored in Chemical Engineering. I am loving England thusfar and the Cambridge system is fantastic. From porter’s lodges to punts, this town is packed with quaint icons and incredibly gifted people.

INTERESTS:  
While at Cambridge my research will be focusing on clean coal, specifically how to combust coal while controlling the potentially hazardous emissions. Out of lab, I enjoy almost all sports including snowboarding, biking, running, and basketball. I also love to read and travel when time allows.
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<td>Mr Tristan Brown</td>
<td>USA</td>
<td>MPhil in Environmental Policy; Girton College</td>
<td>Western Michigan: BS Environmental Studies (2005)</td>
<td>Efficiency, healthy food, bicycling, politics (especially the kind that involve actual debate), volunteering and helping others, space exploration, non-fiction, history and biographies, learning from mistakes and trying new things. Also, playing frisbee, tennis, basketball, ping-pong, American football (although I wish I was good enough to play real 'futbol'), chess, and poker.</td>
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<td>Ms Molly Crockett</td>
<td>USA</td>
<td>MSc in Experimental Psychology; King’s College</td>
<td>University of California (Los Angeles): BS Psychobiology (2005)</td>
<td>Efficiency, healthy food, bicycling, politics (especially the kind that involve actual debate), volunteering and helping others, space exploration, non-fiction, history and biographies, learning from mistakes and trying new things. Also, playing frisbee, tennis, basketball, ping-pong, American football (although I wish I was good enough to play real 'futbol'), chess, and poker.</td>
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<td>Mr Simon De Smet**</td>
<td>Belgium</td>
<td>PhD in Legal Studies; Gonville &amp; Caius College</td>
<td>Columbia University, New York: LLM International and Comparative Law (2002)</td>
<td>Efficiency, healthy food, bicycling, politics (especially the kind that involve actual debate), volunteering and helping others, space exploration, non-fiction, history and biographies, learning from mistakes and trying new things. Also, playing frisbee, tennis, basketball, ping-pong, American football (although I wish I was good enough to play real 'futbol'), chess, and poker.</td>
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<td>Mr David Deitz</td>
<td>USA</td>
<td>MPhil in History &amp; Philosophy of Science &amp; Medicine; Girton College</td>
<td>University of Arkansas: BS Biophysical Chemistry (2006) University of Arkansas: BA Philosophy, Pol Sciences, Eur St (2006)</td>
<td>Efficiency, healthy food, bicycling, politics (especially the kind that involve actual debate), volunteering and helping others, space exploration, non-fiction, history and biographies, learning from mistakes and trying new things. Also, playing frisbee, tennis, basketball, ping-pong, American football (although I wish I was good enough to play real 'futbol'), chess, and poker.</td>
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Ms Natalia Del Campo
Spain

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Psychiatry; Clare College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Autonoma University, Madrid: MA Psychology (2004)

Trained as a psychologist in Madrid (Spain) and as a neuroscientist in Utrecht (The Netherlands), I'm very interested in the interface between neuropsychology and fundamental neuroscience as a way to identify the neuro-biological mechanisms underlying psychopathology. For the first project of my PhD, I am combining various neuroimaging techniques with psychopharmacology, neuropsychological testing and genetic profiling on various psychiatric patient groups, such as attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

INTERESTS:
All cultures and languages, Greek and Roman mythology, travelling, running, good food with good wine, Italian coffee, the sun, the sea (especially the Caribbean!) and last but not least, all about the human brain.

Mr Carlos Del Cueto
Mexico

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil in Musicology; Clare College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Cardiff: BA Music (2005)

Music can truly be a path for great learning about who we are and how to be in this life. The overwhelmingly positive effects for people that make music in groups, and that know how to listen, are of huge interest to me. I'm delighted, therefore, to be in Cambridge active as a musician (mostly as a conductor) and musicologist.

INTERESTS:

Mr Zhao Ding
China

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhDpg in Pharmacology; Sidney Sussex College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Imperial College: Bsci Engineering (2006)

My research focuses on Calcium signalling, a fundamental process that controls many cellular functions as diverse as contraction, secretion, fertilization, division, development, apoptosis, memory and learning. The Gates Trust offers me not only the funding, but also the chance to meet other highly motivated Gates scholars. I will take advantage of this opportunity to build my skills and network so that I can pursue my goals further.

INTERESTS:
Tennis, Ping-Pong, Fencing, Swimming

Mr David Duncan**
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Medical Science; St John's College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Florida: B.S. Biochemistry (2005)

I am interested in the intersection of scientific research and public policy.

INTERESTS:
Science and Policy, Politics, Hall, Trains, Hiking, Camping and Canoeing.
Ms Lesley Everett
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil in Epidemiology; Homerton College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Washington, Seattle: BS Biochemistry (2006)

I’m particularly interested in the genetic and environmental determinants of common diseases and the translation of research into primary care and public health practice. At Cambridge I will pursue an MPhil in epidemiology to prepare for a career in genetic epidemiology and public health genetics. I hope to work with the CDC’s Center for Genomics & Disease Prevention or the National Human Genome Research Institute at the NIH to understand and resolve the complex genetic conditions of special populations. Next fall I will return to the United States to begin a PhD program in Human Genetics at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

INTERESTS:
Having grown up in the Pacific Northwest, I love to hike, bike, ski, and sail. I also enjoy playing the piano, photography, riding my horses, and exploring new places. At Cambridge I hope to learn rugby and to row crew for my college.

Ms Amparo Flores
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Engineering; St John’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Massachusetts Institute of Technology: MEng Environmental and Water Quality Engineering (1998)

Born in the Philippines, I moved to California in 1989. My past education and experience have been grounded in environmental engineering, specifically water and sanitation issues, but I hope to explore related socio-economic and policy issues at Cambridge. My research here is focused on developing ecological sanitation alternatives for urban areas in both developing and industrialized countries. I’m also hoping to round out my technical education with courses in the humanities and interactions with people from other disciplines. After Cambridge, I plan to return to public service and eventually pursue a leadership position in environmental management and policy.

INTERESTS:
Exploring old and new places on foot, hiking, cycling, reading, going to the theatre, enjoying good food with friends, hanging out with family, and, occasionally, weeding.
Mr Alejandro Ganimian
Argentina

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil in Education; Homerton College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Georgetown University: BSFS International Politics (2006)

I plan to study the impact of community-based education (decentralization in public education to the school level) on democratic governability in Latin America. After Cambridge, I intend to both pursue further research endeavors while also maintaining my position as Regional Coordinator for Latin America in Education Without Boundaries.

INTERESTS:
Education; Democracy; Latin America; Socialization; Rule of Law; Youth and Crime; Community-Based Development Initiatives; Student-Led Organizations; Argentina. Hobbies: running, dancing, acting.

Ms Kara Gaston
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil in Medieval and Renaissance Literature; Girton College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:

My study at Cambridge centers on Chaucer and several of his Italian and Latin sources. I am planning to write on Chaucer’s translation of Boethius’ Consolatation of Philosophy and perhaps explore the use of Boethian poetry in the Troilus and Criseyde.

INTERESTS:
Poetry, distance running, art, astronomy.

Ms Jennifer Gonser
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil in Engineering for Sustainable Development; Peterhouse

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
United States Military Academy: BS Civil Engineering (2006)

I feel really humbled to be here and to have the opportunity to study with such brilliant people from a plethora from different backgrounds. While I will be studying Engineering for Sustainable development officially I look forward to learning my greatest lessons from all the people I will interact with along the way. I also look forward to traveling and seeing all the exciting places and things that this region of the world has to offer. I look forward to the time when I can give back to a world that has blessed me with so much.

INTERESTS:
Engineering!, experimentation in cooking, reading, football (soccer), running, climbing, dancing, singing, travel, museums, history, and site seeing, and most of all, people.

Ms Nuria Gonzalez-Rabade
Mexico

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Plant Sciences; St John’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Universidad de las Americas, Puebla: Licenciatura (BSc) Biology (2005)
Universidad de las Americas, Puebla: Certificate Literature (2005)

I have always liked Biology and everything related to it, I find molecular biology, genetics and biotechnology especially interesting since they possess, to some extent, the answer to many of the problems we are facing at the moment. I would like to contribute as much as I can in improving the lives of others dedicating myself to a very rewarding field of science: edible vaccines. My PhD will focus on an AIDS vaccine in particular.

INTERESTS:
Literature, music, piano, traveling, photography, arts, cinema, squash, swimming, writing, football, and much much more.
Mr Daniel Greco  
USA

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:** MPhil in Philosophy; Darwin College  
**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**  

I am excited to start my MPhil in philosophy. I expect that having the chance to study at Cambridge before returning to the United States for my PhD will broaden my perspective, and expose me to different ways of doing philosophy.

**INTERESTS:**  
I fenced in secondary school, and I’m hoping to start fencing again here at Cambridge. I also enjoy playing pool, and I’d like to learn how to play snooker while in the UK.

Mr Benjamin Gross  
USA

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:** MPhil in Criminology; King’s College  
**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**  
Northwestern University: BA Philosophy (2005)

My research will focus on penal theory and the philosophy of punishment, particularly on the role of revenge. Grievance satisfaction is often condemned as an immoral motivator and thus marginalized among possible justifications of punishment. However, those who dismiss revenge so swiftly tend to produce theories of punishment with impeccable moral credentials but lacking a basic intuitive honesty. Can we find a morally responsible way to integrate revenge into our justifications of punishment?

**INTERESTS:**  
I fenced in secondary school, and I’m hoping to start fencing again here at Cambridge. I also enjoy playing pool, and I’d like to learn how to play snooker while in the UK.

Miss Johanna Hanink  
USA

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:** MPhil in Classics; Queens’ College  
**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**  
University of California (Berkeley): MA Classics (2006)  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: BA Classics Major/Linguistics Minor (2005)

I grew up in rural Connecticut with three younger sisters and various waves of cats, dogs and horses. Before coming to Cambridge, I’d been an undergraduate in Ann Arbor, a visiting student in Pisa, and a grad student at Berkeley. I’m interested in the history of Greek poetry, and especially in how later Greek poets react to and imagine Greece’s classical past.

**INTERESTS:**  
Mediterranean landscapes and cuisine; New England in autumn.

Ms Ximin He  
China

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:** PhDPg in Chemistry; Lucy Cavendish College  
**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**  
Tsinghua University: MSc Chemistry (2006)  
Shanghai Jiao Tong University: BS Chemistry (2003)

My current research focuses on Polymer Electronics, especially fabrication of FETs and PVs throughout polymer synthesis, which may have promising application in displays and solar cells. I hope my life at Cambridge will be fruitful and colourful.

**INTERESTS:**  
Violin, skiing, dancing, swimming, taekwondo, singing, and rowing.
Mr Jonathan Hollander
USA

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD in Materials Science and Metallurgy; Churchill College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
Illinois University at Urbana-Champaign: BS Material Science and Engineering (2005)

It’s very cliché, but carpe diem. How many people look back and feel no regret for opportunity lost?

**INTERESTS:**
Underwater Hockey, Ultimate Frisbee, classic rock, and traveling on other people’s money.

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Mr Franz Huber
Austria

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD in Geography; St John’s College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
Salzburg University (Austria): MA Sociology (2006)
Salzburg University (Austria): MSc Geography (2005)

My research at Cambridge will focus on the role of social networks on knowledge flows and regional economic development. I aim to investigate how social networks affect uneven economic development and social inequalities. The community of the Gates Scholars will represent a great opportunity to discuss intellectual and real-word problems in a truly international perspective. I hope that my Cambridge experience will prepare me for having an impact on the academic as well as the “real” world.

**INTERESTS:**
Sports (running, cycling, mountaineering, skiing, tennis), music (playing the piano), international newspapers, politics, philosophy of science.

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Ms Laura Hughes
USA

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
MPhil in Chemistry; Churchill College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
Northwestern University: BS/MS Chemistry (2006)

At Cambridge, I will be studying the use of computer modeling to predict the properties of molecules, especially drugs. I will then use this experience when I return to the United States to pursue a PhD in Chemistry at Stanford University. My research interests focus on the application of nanotechnology and molecular informatics to problems in biochemistry and medicine.

**INTERESTS:**
In my free time, I take ballet classes. I also enjoy going to concerts and ballet performances. When I have the time, I love to cook, read, and explore cities. I have also recently become interested in photography.

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Ms Evgenia Ilyinskaya
Iceland

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD in Geography; Darwin College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
Royal Holloway, University of London: BSc Geology (2006)

I was born in Russia and moved to Iceland when I was 10 years old. My PhD topic is in the field of Volcanology and Geochemistry. Volcanoes are one of the principal natural sources of reactive gas and particle emissions to the atmosphere. Important species include sulphur dioxide, halogen compounds, trace metals and acid aerosols. Volcanic emissions can result in significant local and even regional perturbations to the atmospheric environment and their deposition can have significant effect on terrestrial ecology, agriculture and human health. The objective of my project is to carry out detailed field measurements of both gas and aerosol phases in plumes of several volcanoes in Central America, South Pacific and Hawaii. These measurements will characterise the geochemical composition of emissions, interactions between gases and particles and lead to an understanding of the fate of the volcanic plume and its impacts on the environment.

**INTERESTS:**
My favourite sport is figure skating — I practice myself and coach the youngest groups on ice. I greatly enjoy reading, hiking and spending time with friends and on my own.
Mr Adam Jed**
USA

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
MPhil in Modern Society & Global Transitions

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
Harvard University: J.D. Law: ongoing
Yale University: BA Ethics, Politics and Economics (2003)

My research is ultimately aimed at a better understanding of antidiscrimination law. I plan to evaluate differences in mechanism and consequences of various models of antidiscrimination law in the United States and United Kingdom. Drawing on this comparison, I hope to show what models of government regulation are most successful in preventing discrimination and what models have unintended consequences that undermine the policy goal. I also hope to consider how these various models can be viewed normatively by drawing upon theories of responsibility and distributive justice that may suggest that certain models of regulation are more just than others.

**INTERESTS:**
I like to cook, eat, play poker, play bridge, and watch tv. I have an unhealthy addiction to reruns of the West Wing.

Mr Michal Jezek
Czech Republic

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD Pg in Economics; King’s College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
University of Cambridge: MPhil Economics (2005)
Charles University of Prague: BA Economics (2002)

I am interested in finance and macroeconomics and I would like to achieve a PhD in this field. I am going to do research on macroeconomic risks and asset price dynamics.

**INTERESTS:**
Sports, travelling, music, films and cooking with my girlfriend.

Mr Thomas Johnson
USA

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhD in Brain Repair; Trinity College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
Northwestern University: BA Biological Sciences (2005)

I am originally from Chicago, IL in the United States and completed my undergraduate work at Northwestern University. I am honored to have been elected a Gates Scholar and am currently pursuing a Ph.D. at the Centre for Brain Repair where I am evaluating the efficacy of stem cell therapy as a treatment modality for glaucoma. Upon completion of my time in Cambridge, I plan to return to the US to begin a medical degree at Johns Hopkins Medical School in Baltimore, MD. My academic interest lies in ophthalmology and particularly in glaucoma, a neurodegenerative disorder of the optic nerve that eventually leads to blindness. Ultimately, I would like to obtain a position as a clinician-scientist so that I may treat patients with sight-threatening disorders as well as conduct research that will benefit the field on a grander scale.

**INTERESTS:**
My research interests involve the use of stem cells as a treatment modality for neurodegenerative disorders, specifically glaucoma—a disease of the optic nerve. Personally, I enjoy skiing, rugby and tennis. I am also a black belt in shotokan karate. I love baseball and American football (although I promise to give cricket and “soccer” a chance). I am a fan of all types of music though I am partial towards playing and listening to the acoustic guitar.
**Ms Zorica Jovanovic**  
Germany

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**  
PhD in Clinical Biochemistry; Corpus Christi College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**  
University of Hamburg: Vor Diplom Biochemistry (2004)

Obesity is now a worldwide epidemic which is associated with a number of health complications, including diabetes, hypertension and cancer. Collectively, these diseases represent a major public health problem, being the main causes of morbidity and mortality in the Western world. Over the past decade, enormous advances have been made in our understanding of the molecular regulation of mammalian body weight with special emphasis on the hypothalamus as a centre of neuronal control of body weight and appetite. In my PhD studies, I aim to identify novel components of the homeostatic system that regulates body weight, specifically within the hypothalamus. Ultimately, my aim is to return to Germany and work at the interface between scientific research and public policy.

**INTERESTS:**  
I enjoy drama and reading books with historical background. Furthermore, I take interest in organizing cultural events within the Serbian orthodox church community.

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**Mr Vijay Kanuru**  
India

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**  
PhDpg in Chemistry; Fitzwilliam

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**  
University of Pune: MA Chemistry (2005)  
Nagarjuna University: BA Chemistry (2001)

It is a dream to study in the University of Cambridge, the great, prestigious and the ancient historical educational landmark for the modern history. This is a great achievement and it is totally supported by Gates Cambridge Trust. To gain expertise in the field of Chemistry, which plays a vital role in solving the present challenging problems for mankind. The Gates scholarship allows me to say “A guy from a village came to Cambridge University”.

**INTERESTS:**  
Listening to music, reading biographies and fiction, teaching, photography, meeting new people, watching cricket and football.

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**Mr Andrew Kau**  
USA

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**  
PhDMP in Medieval and Renaissance Literature; Magdalene College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**  
Yale University: BA English and History (2006)

My study at Cambridge centers on the poetry and prose of John Milton. Specifically, I am studying Milton’s poetic self-presentation in the 1645 and 1673 Poems.
MISS JOAN KO
Australia

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil in Engineering for Sustainable Development; Hughes Hall

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
La Trobe University: Grad. Certificate Conflict Resolution (2006)
Monash University: BA Environmental Engineering (2005)

I have been working as an environmental engineer in Melbourne, Australia. I am very much looking forward to spending a year at Cambridge working with people from all around the world. In a year, I hope to end up with new ideas about sustainable development, new friends and lots of great memories. See you all soon!

INTERESTS:
All styles of dancing, photography, inline skating, negotiation and mediation, debating and public speaking, good food, Myers Briggs Type Indicator, blogging.

MR ETHAN KAUFMAN
Canada

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Biochemistry; Gonville & Caius College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Toronto: B.Sc Biochemistry (2005)

In my time at Cambridge, I hope to contribute to our understanding of the molecular events required to generate a remarkably complex adult body plan from a single cell embryo. Such developmental processes are often found to be deregulated in cancer, and thus research in this area promises to provide insight into cancer etiology and reveal opportunities for therapeutic intervention. I would like to express my profound gratitude to the Gates Trust for enabling me to pursue this opportunity of a lifetime.

INTERESTS:
Consistent with my interest in science, I’m an avid reader of social and economic history as these areas also help me to make sense of the world. To keep my mind fresh, I play basketball, soccer, and ultimate.

MR JEREMY KESSLER
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhDMP in History & Philosophy of Science & Medicine; King’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Yale University: BA Literature (2006)

The Gates has provided me an incredible opportunity to explore connections between my undergraduate work in literary theory and the history of science. I hope to chart the historical development and internal logic of such humanistic pursuits as poetry and criticism as they coincide with developments in the more “proper” sciences.

INTERESTS:
The Mets, Bob Dylan, baseball, basketball, soccer, early 1960’s literary criticism.

MRS PAULINA KOLASINSKA
Poland

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Genetics; Clare College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:

I am very excited about starting my PhD in Cambridge. My dream is to study principles of animal genetics and development. I think it is both interesting and important to learn about the very basic processes and laws ruling biology. I am especially interested in the influence of chromatin regulation on the cell life.

INTERESTS:
Apart from biology I love skiing and mountain trekking. I spend a lot of time with friends in Polish mountains but when the weather is not the best I like reading books, especially science fiction.
Mr Daniel Koslover
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil in Biochemistry; Churchill College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
California Institute of Technology: B.Sc Biology (2006)

I am interested in studying problems in biology at the molecular level by applying fundamental principles of chemistry and physics. I have been working on all-atom computational models of proteins since my sophomore year at Caltech. While at Cambridge, I will be studying biochemistry from a more experimental perspective using x-ray crystallography. I hope to eventually become a professor in biophysics and to use both theory and experiment in researching molecular processes within the cell.

INTERESTS:
Traveling, reading, science fiction, politics, world history, dance, and generally hanging out with friends.

Ms Kathelijne Koops
The Netherlands

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Biological Anthropology; St John’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Utrecht University: M.Sc Biology (2005)

My Ph.D. research is a dream come true: studying wild chimpanzees in the African rainforest! The aim of my Ph.D. is to determine the ecological factors influencing the use of elementary technology in foraging and in shelter construction (i.e., nest building) among the chimpanzees of the Nimba Mountains, Guinea, West Africa. Ultimately, I hope to be able to provide new insights into the possible origins of tool use and material culture. In addition to my research activities in Guinea, I am involved in conservation projects and environmental education of the local people in the Nimba area. I am very excited to start my Ph.D. at the University of Cambridge, which is yet another dream come true!

INTERESTS:
Chimpanzees and other primates (non-human and human!); conservation; hiking; theatre; nature; Africa; movies; reading; travelling; art; horse-riding; music; animals; photography; running; culture; and more.

Mr Rajan Kulkarni
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil in Technology Policy; Trinity College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Stanford University: AB History (2000)
Stanford University: BS Chemistry (2000)

Infectious diseases remain one of the pressing concerns of humanity. I am particularly interested in working to combat them, specifically dengue. The skills I learn at Cambridge will be valuable in optimizing management of the non-profit Dengue Relief Foundation we have established for Latin America and for synthesizing technology transfer with developing world needs. As a medical clinician and scientist, my goal is to tackle these problems from both a clinical and research perspective.

INTERESTS:
Community service, health outreach, music, leisure reading, hiking, swing, salsa, and ballroom dancing.

Mr Daniel Lam
South Africa

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Clinical Biochemistry; Fitzwilliam

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Cape Town: BA Physiology (2004)

In recent years we have begun to realize that the brain exerts overall control over appetite, energy expenditure, and glucose metabolism. By integrating peripheral metabolic signals in specific interconnected nuclei, the brain can determine the organism’s energy status and formulate appropriate behavioural and metabolic responses. By its nature, a central regulatory mechanism is a powerful and desirable target for pharmacological agents to treat obesity and associated metabolic disorders such as type 2 diabetes. I am very privileged to have the opportunity to enter this field just as exciting advances are being made on several fronts.

INTERESTS:
I’m an avid squash player, though not as good as I’d like to be. I enjoy outdoor activities including canoeing, cycling, and hiking. I am also passionate about travelling!
Mr Larry Li
Canada

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Engineering; Emmanuel College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of British Columbia: MASc Mechanical Engineering (2006)
University of British Columbia: BASc Mechanical Engineering (2004)

Having just completed my MASc at the University of British Columbia, where I focused on the atomization of viscoelastic liquids, I eagerly hopped on a plane over to Cambridge in pursuit of a PhD in Engineering. My current research examines the specific conditions under which flow in a confined shear injector transitions from a globally stable mode to a globally unstable mode. Globally unstable modes are desired because they enhance mixing of the oxidant and fuel, thereby improving combustion efficiency.

INTERESTS:
In my spare moments, I enjoy photography, snowboarding, team basketball, and reading.

Ms Thi Le
Vietnam

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Clinical Biochemistry; Churchill College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of New South Wales: B.Sc Biotechnology (2005)

I am looking forward to the adventure at Cambridge. My career goal changes a bit every now and then, but I hope this experience will be a great start for whatever future direction I may decide to pursue.

INTERESTS:
Traveling, hiking, making handicrafts, photography and cinema.

Miss Anne Leone
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Italian; Selwyn College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Cambridge: MPhil European Literature and Culture (2005)
Yale University: Literature (Italian focus) (2003)

My PhD will use the cultural significance of blood in the Middle Ages to interpret the substance’s role in the work of Dante. After finishing my studies I hope to teach literature at the high school or university level.

INTERESTS:
Early American history, political philosophy, constitutional theory, teaching, U.S. Army, soccer, photography, film.

Mr Larry Li
Canada

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Ms Jessamyn Liu
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhDMP in Political Thought; St John’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:

This year I hope to study one of my passions – early American political thought, while making lasting friendships and growing as a whole person.

INTERESTS:
Early American history, political philosophy, constitutional theory, teaching, U.S. Army, soccer, photography, film.
Mr Aaron Lobo
India

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Zoology; Trinity Hall

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Wildlife Institute of India, Saurashtra University: MSc Wildlife Science (2003)
Goa University: BSc Zoology (2001)

My research will address the impact of a highly unsustainable form of fishery, shrimp trawling, on incidentally caught species, laying special emphasis on sea snakes. Sea snakes are among the apex predators of these near shore marine ecosystems and thus play a key role in their functioning. Consequences of their loss/significant depletion are largely unknown.

I hope to see my research influence a paradigm shift from the present unsustainable form of fishery to a more sustainable one in India.

INTERESTS:
My interests are closely linked to the kind of work I do and are basically tools to explore the natural world. This said, I have a keen interest in reptiles and have grown up keeping and breeding several species in captivity. I love trekking in the wilderness, swimming in mountain streams and scuba diving in coral reefs. I share my experiences with others through writing about my travels and my photographs.

Mr Eoin Long
Ireland

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
CASM in Mathematics; St John’s College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:

I am from Waterford in Ireland and have just finished my undergraduate degree in Trinity College Dublin. I am mainly interested in number theory, ramsey theory and graph theory but have also developed a taste for some geometry recently (mainly differential). I hope to go on to do a PhD in Cambridge in one of the above areas.

INTERESTS:
Mathematics: most pure maths, especially number theory, combinatorics and differential topology/geometry. music: bits of everything – Nick Drake, My Bloody Valentine and Brian Eno would be favourites. puzzles and aimlessly browsing Wikipedia would have to be in there as well.

Mr Nicholas-Jacomo Macaluso
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhDpg in Chemistry; Darwin College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:

I will be working in the Unilever Centre, and to say I am excited about this opportunity is an understatement. What will the future hold for me in Cambridge? What will I accomplish? Only time can answer these questions. For the moment, I’m simply looking forward to hard work, completing my degree, and enjoying life.

INTERESTS:
Reading, sailing (though I haven’t done it in a while), films, opera, and traveling.

Ms Julie MacArthur
Canada

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in History; Trinity Hall

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Cambridge: MA Historical Studies (2005)
Toronto University: BA History (2004)

My research focuses on ethnicity and border conflicts in Colonial Kenya. I hope to use this research to not only to further our understanding of history in Africa, but also to gain insights into the current conflicts facing the continent. Special thanks to the Gates Trust, Trinity Hall, and my family for their continued support of my research.

INTERESTS:
I am interested in colonial and postcolonial histories. I also have a special interest in films and film festivals. I am an avid traveller and enjoy playing and listening to music.
Mr Adam Miller  
USA  
**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**  
PhDpg in Astronomy; King's College  
**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology: SB Physics/Theater (2006)  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology: SB Physics (2006)  
Adam completed his undergraduate degree in physics and theater at MIT in June 2006. His research interests include cosmology, the search for heavy atoms in extragalactic gas clouds, and the search for new planets orbiting stars other than the sun. In the theater, Adam has acted, directed, and written plays for the MIT stage, where he co-founded the Coalition Against Racist Propaganda and Other Crimes Perpetrated by the White Man, a theater group he founded in 2004. Adam is currently a member of King's College in pursuit of a PhD in astronomy. He hopes to continue writing plays on the side. After his PhD, Adam will continue astrophysics research while teaching in outreach programs designed to increase students’ interest in science and engineering. His main concern is increasing minority student involvement in the sciences. During the summer of 2006 you may have seen Adam touring England with a play he wrote, directed, and developed at MIT.  
**INTERESTS:**  
Stars, planets, theater, improv, comedy, basketball, ping pong, swimming, running, and most especially – people.
Ms Iris Montero Sobrevilla
Mexico

It is my goal to combine work in the areas of dynamic analysis, mechatronics, and controls at both the theoretical and practical levels to improve the safety and efficiency of motor vehicles. I intend to work with Canadian institutions internationally, as I believe in promoting Canada’s international presence and developing the budding Canadian automotive community. I am excited by the prospect of my involvement with the Cambridge Vehicle Dynamics Consortium (CVDC), part of the Cambridge Transportation Research Group, which has studied vehicle dynamics for over 20 years. The knowledge I will acquire in the strong learning environment at the CVDC, as well as the hands-on experience I will receive through use of the Experimental Heavy Vehicle, will greatly help me embark upon my intended international career. What is arguably most important about my time at Cambridge, though, is that it will allow me to return to my childhood days of playing with big trucks.

INTERESTS: Creative writing -mostly short stories-, yoga, Latin dancing, singing -specially bossa nova-, and Mozartian opera.

Mr David Motadel
Germany

My PhD project will be an analysis of the role of Islam in the Third Reich. The general focus of my inquiry will be the development of relations between representatives and institutions of the NS state and those of the Muslim community in Germany and the occupied countries. I am certain that my studies will sharpen my analytical skills in politics and intercultural issues and I am most grateful to the Gates Trust for giving me the opportunity to carry out my research in Cambridge. I hope to meet interesting people from different countries and fields of research and I am certain to gain excellent experiences that will influence my studies and future life.

INTERESTS: Tennis, surfing, photography, chess, travelling, philosophy of science. Apart from my studies I am writing for several newspapers and journals – particularly about the Middle East.

Mr Jonathan Miller
Canada

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Ms Giedre Motuzaite Matuzeviciute
Lithuania

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Archaeology; Downing College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Cambridge: MPhil Archaeological Science (2005)
Vilnius University: MA Archaeology (2005)
Vilnius University: BA Archaeology (2003)

The topic of my PhD research is “What were the corridors of influence upon the first agricultural communities in East Europe?”. The aim of my research is to investigate the earliest appearance and subsequent geographical spread of domesticated plant species in the northern Black Sea region through the study of archaeobotanical remains. It has been hypothesized that all domesticated grain species arrived in Europe from their centres of origin along a single pathway through western Anatolia during the 7th millennium BCE; however, in recent years a new interpretation has been proposed, claiming that other potential pathways exist. The northern Black Sea region constitutes one of these possible pathways of domesticated plant introduction into Eastern Europe, yet the circumstances surrounding the time of arrival and spread of agriculture in this region remain unclear. The Dnieper-Donets river basins in Ukraine represent a possible gateway for the spread of early agriculture in this region.

INTERESTS:
Archaeological spheres of interest: Origins of agriculture; Wetland archaeology; Palaeoenvironmental reconstruction through the application of soil analysis methods and archaeobotany; Holocene landscape development and human-landscape interactions. General: Hiking, scuba/sky diving.

Dr Shrinivas Mukku
India

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil in BioScience Enterprise; Trinity Hall

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Asian Institute of Technology: D.Eng Bioprocess Technology (2000)
Asian Institute of Technology: M.Eng Post Harvest & food Process En (1992)
Jawaharlal Nehru Agricultural University: B.Tech Agricultural Engineering (1989)

I am extremely thankful to the Gates Cambridge Trust for awarding the scholarship to me, acknowledging my scientific and social work that I have done in the past. This scholarship has led me not only to a degree from a world class university such as Cambridge, but also has exposed me to a diverse academic and social culture of the highest order from all over the world. I take this scholarship as a responsibility to contribute to my best abilities to the development of the world.

INTERESTS:
I am interested in Indian classical and world traditional music. I have been playing tabla, an Indian Percussion instrument for the past 15 years and I am one of the few lucky ones to learn from a famous master of Tabla, Pt. Suresh Talwalkar.

Mr (Sean) Yew Ng
Singapore

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Zoology; Trinity Hall

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Imperial College London: M.Eng Aeronautical Engineering (2006)

My research topic at Cambridge is on the aerodynamics involved in the flight of dragonflies. Specifically, I would be studying the fluid structural formations and interactions which lead to the high lift performance of dragonfly wings. This, however, would have been impossible without the necessary support, so many thanks to the Trust!

INTERESTS:
Most sports in general though I prefer running, dragonboating and playing badminton. Chilling out in a cafe is another favourite.
Mr Lance Owen
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil in Musicology; St John's College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Arkansas: BA Music (2006)

My music studies at Cambridge will focus on film music and its cultural connections and implications. Specifically, I will be discussing the scores from two 1990s neo-noir films: The Ice Storm and American Beauty. Additionally, I am interested in biomusicology, evolutionary musicology, and music cognition, for I feel that issues related to musical perception are best approached from a scientific angle. I hope to have a career in which I can be involved both in the academy and in the public arts sector.

INTERESTS:
Hiking, Map Reading, Swimming, Water-Skiing, Norway, Ingmar Bergman films, Cultural Theory.

Mr Arjun Parasher
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil in International Relations; St John's College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Miami: B.S. Political Science/Biology (2006)

My studies will focus on promoting economic growth and improving health care systems in developing countries. I view the need to provide opportunity by removing the crippling effects of poverty and health as an urgent obligation of society. After my studies at Cambridge, I will return to the University of Miami to complete my degree in medicine. I hope this academic combination will allow me to fulfill my aspirations as a future leader in international health and development policy.

INTERESTS:
Travel, golf, basketball, tennis, adventure activities (whitewater rafting, backpacking, etc), snowboarding, music, political activism, journalism, and community involvement.

Mr Jens Niederste-Ostholt
Germany

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Astronomy; Gonville & Caius College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:

I recently graduated from Princeton University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Astrophysics and I am now doing research at the Institute of Astronomy for a PhD in Astrophysics. I am planning on concentrating either on observational cosmology or galactic structure.

INTERESTS:
My main interests include volleyball and photography. I’ve joined the Cambridge University Volleyball Club and I currently play for the Blues team. I started photographing whilst an undergrad and I have worked both with black and white, color, and digital techniques. Other than that I enjoy reading, art, other sports, cooking, good food, languages and being with friends.

Mr Vladimir Orlov
Russia

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Music; Clare College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:

I am working on Soviet Music trying to reveal the appropriate meaning of the obsolete term 'Soviet Classics'. Therefore, my research includes not only musical, but also philosophical, political the whole-cultural approach. Some of my papers won awards in competitions and are published already.

INTERESTS:
Anything from everywhere. Reading, singing, playing piano and organ. Mostly I prefer to sleep after all.

Mr Lance Owen
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INTERESTS:
Travel, golf, basketball, tennis, adventure activities (whitewater rafting, backpacking, etc), snowboarding, music, political activism, journalism, and community involvement.
Ms Kate Parlett
Australia

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhDpg in Legal Studies; Jesus College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
University of Queensland, Australia: LLB (2001)

My studies in the PhD involve consideration of non State actors in international law, and address the question of the relationship between the individual and the State. My goal is to propose reforms which will assist in better recognition and enforcement of the law, in order to encourage and promote respect for the rule of law in international law. Before coming to Cambridge I worked as an associate (or judicial assistant) to two Australian judges (one in the federal system and one in the state courts) and I practised as a commercial lawyer. I previously completed a Masters in International Law here in Cambridge and last year I was a Research Fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, working on international cases and arbitrations as well as some academic work.

**INTERESTS:**
Travel, reading, writing, cooking, epiculture, history and music.

Ms Rachel Pike
USA

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
PhDpg in Chemistry; Emmanuel College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
Northwestern University: BA Chemistry (2006)

I work in the Centre for Atmospheric Science with Professor John Pyle studying the effects of large scale biomass energy use on the climate. I will be using a unified troposphere-stratosphere model to examine atmospheric chemistry changes resulting from the use of energy sources such as ethanol, biodiesel, and biomass burning. I hope to find out what a (partially) biomass-dependent energy future will mean for our climate. Eventually, I would like to pursue a career in policy or business that can promote a sustainable energy future through detailed understanding of atmospheric processes and feedbacks.

**INTERESTS:**
Dance, rowing, white water rafting, cooking, skiing, swimming, hiking, and East Africa.

Mr Vladimir Pintro
Haiti

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
MPhil in Philosophy; King’s College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**

This year I shall do research in normative ethics and metaethics. Briefly, I am interested in two questions: a) ‘What should the relation between moral concerns and non-moral ones be?’ and, b) ‘Is “particularism” (a position that denies the existence or importance of ethical principles) a viable option for moral philosophers?’ I am also interested in exploring other areas of philosophy, e.g. philosophical logic, history, Wittgenstein, and aesthetic.

**INTERESTS:**
My interests include (but are not limited to) contemporary world politics, the history of African art, classical music, languages, and the development of Creole languages.

Mr Alejandro Ramirez
USA

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**
MPhil in Pathology; Peterhouse

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**
University of Colorado-Boulder: BA Biochemistry (2005)

At Cambridge I will study the molecular biology of the Trypanosoma brucei, the parasitic agent responsible for African sleeping sickness. My year at Cambridge will provide excellent training in infectious disease research, as well as have a profound influence on the path I ultimately embark on as a physician-scientist.

**INTERESTS:**
Science, literature, music, traveling, road cycling, coffee with friends, and novel cultural experiences.
Mr Sushil Saigal
India

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Geography; Churchill College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Oxford: MSc Forestry and its relation to land use (1998)
Indian Institute of Forest Management: P.G. diploma Forestry Management (1992)

I am a forester by training and have been involved with several environmental NGOs in India. I grew up in New Delhi and was always interested in living beings—animals and plants. I studied zoology at the undergraduate level and then shifted to forestry. As part of my forestry work, I got an opportunity to travel extensively in rural areas within and outside India. During this time, I became increasingly aware of the close link between environment and development issues. In order to understand this link better, I first did a certificate course on Sustainable Environmental Management at Berkeley and then joined MPhil in Environment, Society, and Development at Cambridge. I completed the MPhil in 2006, and am now continuing into PhD. I will be studying agro-forestry in India to understand farmers’ incentives and disincentives for tree planting. After completing my PhD, I intend to work mainly on issues related to interaction between environment and development policies.

INTERESTS:
I like travelling and hiking, listening to Indian music, and following current affairs.

Ms Alexandria Richart
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Biochemistry; Clare Hall

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:

For my PhD project I will be investigating the relationship of DNA methylation to chromatin structure and gene expression control.

INTERESTS:
I enjoy horseback riding, fencing, and spending time outside. I especially love to swing dance.

Mr Paul Robustelli
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Chemistry; Darwin College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Pomona College: BA Chemistry (2006)

At Cambridge I will be developing computational techniques based on experimental restraints that will be used to obtain structural and dynamic information about proteins and applying these techniques to investigate the processes of protein folding and misfolding.

INTERESTS:

Mr Sergejs Saksonovs
Latvia

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Economics; Darwin College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Cambridge: MPhil Economics (2006)
Towson University: B.Sc Economics & Computer Science (2005)

I am excited about starting the road towards a PhD degree in Economics. My research interest is current account deficits of different countries—essentially the ways countries can manage their foreign debts and avoid crises and defaults that have become common in the nineties. I believe that one of the key strengths of Cambridge University is the climate of interaction between different disciplines. Consequently, I am very happy to have the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with so many talented individuals from all over the world.

INTERESTS:
Photography, coins, debating, music, movies, literature.
Ms Rose Spear  
USA  

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**  
PhD in Materials Science and Metallurgy; Lucy Cavendish College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**  
Fordham University: BS Chemistry (2006)

I am truly honored to belong to the Gates Cambridge community of scholars. In May 2006, I graduated from Fordham University with a Bachelors of Science degree in chemistry. My first research project, functionalizing peptide nanotubes with adhesion proteins and hydroxyapatite, inspired me to combine my love of medicine and research in the field of biomaterials research for clinical applications. In the Materials Science and Metallurgy Department at Cambridge, I am investigating the physical properties and biological interactions of carbon nanotubes and their precursor graphite sheets following functionalization with fibronectin, a bone adhesion protein. My research will be conducted under the guidance of Dr. Serena Best, Dr. Ruth Cameron, Dr. Alan Windle, and Dr. Dominik Eder. I look forward to celebrating the future achievements of my fellow scholars and friends and hope to contribute to the advancement of scientific understanding during my three years at Cambridge University.

**INTERESTS:**  
My emerging interests are in web design, programming, juggling, and coxing. Continuous interests include hiking, languages, and international travel. Professional interests include nanocomposites, carbon and peptide nanostructures, and clinical materials research.

Mr David Serquera Peyro  
Spain  

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**  
PhD in Oncology; Trinity Hall

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**  
University of Valencia: BSc Biochemistry (2003)  
University of Valencia: Medical Speciality Family Doctor (2002)  
Valencia: BSc Medicine & Surgery (1997)

I have been working in understanding the function of one protein called GPBP. That protein has been involved in autoimmunity and protein folding diseases. Currently, I am researching the mechanical folding of the multiankyrin repeat proteins. Those proteins are scaffolds in protein-protein interactions and nanosprings in mechano-electrical transduction processes. Both activities are connecting the protein folding problem with diseases like cancer and prion diseases. The protein folding problem consists of understanding how proteins, the machines and structures of the cell, can reach its three dimensional structure. The correct folding of the proteins determine their function and a bad folding of the protein triggers some diseases. The basic knowledge gained with these researching is serving to produce new drugs in preventing protein aggregation, the consequence of many folding diseases. From my medical experience I understand that protein folding is at the core of modern medicine.

**INTERESTS:**  
I am interested in Molecular Medicine, Astrobiology, scientific policy, philosophy and history of science, formal democracy, chess, Scuba-diving and coral bleaching.

Ms Adrien Smith  
USA  

**COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:**  
PhDMP in European Literature; Emmanuel College

**PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:**  
Wellesley College: BA Russian Language and Literature (2005)

At Cambridge, I plan to research Russian émigré literature in Europe between 1917 and the beginning of World War II, concentrating on the prose of Vladimir Nabokov and the poetry of Vladislav Khodasevich. I am interested in the transformation of frontiers throughout Nabokov’s novels as they relate to the autonomy and mobility of characters within his texts. Born in Western Massachusetts, I graduated from Wellesley College in 2005 with a major in Russian Language and Literature. I spent the following year in the northern Russia, where I worked for the Atlantic Salmon Reserve on the Rynda and Kharlovka Rivers and participated in mountaineering expeditions in the Khibini Mountains and the Pre-Polar Urals.

**INTERESTS:**  
Whitewater canoeing, 1980s Russian rock, making potentially unwarranted connections, cycling.
Mr Krishnan Subrahmanian
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil in Education; Fitzwilliam

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:

Born in Saint Paul, Minnesota, I graduated with a degree in Social Studies in 2003. I lived in South Africa for a while and most recently I lived in Mission, South Dakota where I taught high school special education. My research is in the area of post-colonial education. I am also interested in public health, early childhood development and community organizing. I look forward to meeting you all!

INTERESTS:
Dance, song, television, sports, people and generally joyful things.

Ms Rabab Tamish
Palestine-Israel

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhDMP in Education; Queens’ College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
The Hebrew University Jerusalem: BA Education & General Studies (1999)

I believe that my course in Cambridge will enrich my research skills and my teaching methods. My plan is to contribute to the development of the quality of teacher education in Bethlehem University. My goal is to help teachers become more aware of the child’s learning process as they develop their ability to reflect on their practices.

INTERESTS:
Reading, watching dancing performances and listening to music. I also like to observe children’s play and to record their talks.

Mr Kristof Szombati
Hungary

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhDMP in Social Anthropological Analysis; Darwin College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
Eotvos Lorand University of Sciences, Budapest: MA Sociology & Political Science (2006)

As a member of Hungary’s burgeoning green movement, I’ve sought to contribute to ecological groups’ insistent (many times desperate) efforts to demonstrate environmentalism’s ability to provide politically viable and morally acceptable solutions to the banes of modern societies. As an academic I will strive to make evident that there is much more to environmentalism than its politics – in that it seeks to address some of the most fundamental problems of our modern culture and Weltanschaung.

INTERESTS:
Environmental ethics, politics and philosophy; (counter)cultural dynamics and new social movements; alternative development and development alternatives; central and eastern Europe.

Mr Andreas Vlachos
Greece

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Computer Science; Peterhouse

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Edinburgh: M.Sc Informatics (2004)

Natural Language Processing is used in order to extract information from large volume of texts. However, porting extant methods to other languages and domains is expensive. My research is focused on minimizing the costs involved enabling more people to enjoy the benefits of the research in this domain.

INTERESTS:
Classical guitar, argentine tango, photography, cinema, theater, modern art, football, basketball.
Ms Inna Zakharevich
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
CASM in Mathematics; Trinity College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:

I am a mathematics student attending part III of the Mathematical Tripos. While my field of study is algebraic topology, I am taking a wide variety of classes in order to build up a stronger mathematical background before attending graduate school.

INTERESTS:
Mathematics, reading (mostly science fiction and fantasy, but anything good), knitting, frisbee, classical guitar.

Ms Lauren Zeitels
USA

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil in Medical Genetics; Churchill College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Pennsylvania: BA Biochemistry/MS Chemistry (2006)

I have an interest in understanding the relationship between genes and disease. At Cambridge I will be investigating a possible association between a number of genes in the vitamin D pathway and type one diabetes.

INTERESTS:
Traveling, tennis, Habitat for Humanity, and good times.

Dr Quintin Wills**
South Africa

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
PhD in Epidemiology; Magdalene College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:
University of Witwatersrand: BSc Hon Human Genetics (1999)
University of Witwatersrand: MBCh Medicine & Surgery (2002)
University of Cambridge: MPhil Computational Biology (2005)

Translational science is what keeps me awake at nights. Love it! Cambridge is a great place to realise these dreams and network with the right people. Some colleagues and I managed to set up a SimuGen during my MPhil year, a funded company finding alternatives to animal testing. It really was just that easy – so if any of you bright sparks have great ideas in areas from mathematics to medicine, contact me (a bit of shameless plugging for the Cambridge biotech scene there).

INTERESTS:
Microlight flying, Photography, Vegan cooking, The next big idea in biotech to change the world.

Ms Hui En Joanna Yeo
Singapore

COURSE IN CAMBRIDGE:
MPhil in International Relations; Trinity College

PREVIOUS UNIVERSITIES:

I have long-term interests in international relations/development and the role of emerging countries and global philanthropy, and hope to pursue these interests as a practitioner, policymaker and teacher-researcher. I am intrigued by the emerging scientific revolution in social science, and am keen to apply the analytical tools of my prior scientific training to the complex socio-political phenomena that I find deeply engaging. At Cambridge, I will use game/graph theories to analyze the current network of preferential trade agreements and its impact on multilateral free trade.

Beyond my research, I hope to broaden my understanding of international security and the politics of the Middle East, punt and join the Union. I am grateful to the Trust for generously providing the opportunity to read at Cambridge, and hope to give back at least very partially by working with the development office on the 800th anniversary capital campaign, particularly campaign strategies in Asia.

INTERESTS:
Spending time with family/friends, informal debate, reading, learning and doing new things, traveling, exploring random new places by foot, desserts and good food, meeting new people, jogging, fashion, music, running/initiating large-scale conferences/organizations for a worthy cause, editorial journalism, community service (education/empowerment, housing), fundraising.
## Countries of Origin of Gates Scholars in residence, 2006–07

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**Total countries represented**: 56  
**Total scholars in residence 2006–07**: 239
Gates Scholars’ Society: Officers of the Council 2005–06

The Gates Cambridge Scholars’ Society includes and represents all Gates Scholars, past and present.

The members of the Society who are current students at the University of Cambridge and who hold a Gates Cambridge Scholarship may elect from among their own number a Council of the Gates Scholars’ Society. The purpose of the Council is to further the interests of the Trust and to work with the officers and the membership to develop and promote an international network of Gates Cambridge Scholars. The Officers of the Council for the period 2005–06 are listed below. A new Scholars’ Council for 2006–07 will be elected in November 2006.

Michael Motto  
Chair

Rita Monson  
Secretary

Steven Kreeger  
Treasurer

Towfique Raj  
Technology Officer

James Park  
Technology Officer

Rebecca Jones  
Internal Officer

Erin Snider  
External Officer

Sarah van Mastrigt  
Alumni Officer

Daniel DiCenso  
Alumni Officer

Kambar Mohaddes  
Social Officer

Izabela Kisilowska  
Internal Liaison

Mamta Thangaraj  
Internal Liaison

John Prendergast  
External Liaison

Gian Paolo Procopia  
External Liaison

Anand Jeyasekharan  
Social Secretary

Gates Scholars’ Society: Alumni Association

Past Gates Scholars automatically become members of the Gates Scholars’ Alumni Association (GSAA), an integral part of the Gates Scholars’ Society. Established in 2005 by members of the inaugural class of scholars, the Alumni Association works to ensure every Alumnus/Alumna remains as much a part of the Gates community after they leave Cambridge as they did while they were here. Through regular alumni activities, the biannual Gates Newsletter, the website, a well-maintained contact database and by reaching out and working with other organizations it aims to build a strong and lasting network of future leaders who work together to address many of the global issues facing our world today. Over the last year, the GSAA has launched regional chapters in four cities and organised several dinners with members of the Gates Trust and Alumni/ae. Regional contact points for more than 10 cities in six countries have been established and a strategic plan presented to the Board of Trustees for the Gates Cambridge Trust has provided organisational structure and strategic vision. The GSAA is also pursuing its mission by building partnerships with organizations such as the British Council and the Marshall Alumni Association to expand opportunities available to the Gates community. With over 300 Alumni/ae now spread throughout the world, the GSAA will continue to work closely over the next year with former scholars, the current Scholars’ Council and the Trust to further strengthen communications and expand opportunities for former scholars.
The following 382 Gates Scholars have completed the tenure of their scholarship

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