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Scholars' Lunar New Year Lunch in London



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In early February, Trustees of the China Oxford Scholarship Fund in the United Kingdom celebrated the Year of the Rooster with Scholars and COSF Committee members.

The gathering took place on Sunday 12th February at the Mandarin Kitchen Restaurant in Central London. The COSF contingent included Trustees Xiaodi Bell and Anne Lindsay, Legal Advisor Gina Fairfax and the Oxford Awards Panel Chairman Prof. Derek Siveter. They were able to celebrate the Chinese New Year with nearly a dozen current and former Scholars from 2014 and 2015. We are pleased that the students managed to take a break from their studies at Oxford and made their way into the City for the traditional Chinese lunch. The Scholars were Xian Guan, Xiaohang Fang, Shan Wang, Zeyu Duan, Yan Tong, Yuan Wang, Wenjun Ding, Huan Qi, Hanyang Ye, Chenkai Wang and Yudong Liu. After the lunch, some of the scholars opted for a visit to the Design Museum.

Xiaodi and her husband Nicholas kindly hosted the lunch. They also organised a similar gathering last year.

*"Oxford lends sweetness
 to labour and
 dignity to leisure."*

Henry James
Portraits of Places

Scholar Updates



Xiao Wan presenting her work at COSF's inaugural Scholars' Speakers' Event at Christ Church in 2014

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Congratulations to Dr Xiao Wan who is currently a Training Fellow at the University of Oxford. She was awarded a grant of £121,416 which is enabling her to extend her research work at Oxford. The funding started last November and will extend over 2 years into 2018. Xiao says that she highlighted her experience as a Scholar of the China Oxford Scholarship Fund and how the COSF community promoted leadership potential amongst its awardees which she believes strengthened her funding application bid.



Xiao was the 2011 recipient of the Winkler Oxford Award and earned her DPhil in Engineering Science and attended Linacre College. She obtained her bachelor's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences followed by a master's degree in Chemical Biology from Peking University in China. She then came to the University of Oxford, and decided to pursue a totally new subject as a DPhil student: Tissue Engineering. Xiao's DPhil thesis was focused on developing many advanced *in vitro* models for anti-cancer drug testing as alternatives to animal models in pre-clinical therapeutic evaluation, involving groups in engineering, physics and oncology in Oxford and Beijing. In 2014, Xiao presented her work at COSF's inaugural conference at Christ Church. The event served as a platform for Scholars to highlight their research work to the wider community at Oxford and to friends and supporters of the China Oxford Scholarship Fund. Xiao's presentation was titled "New Dimension for Anti-Cancer Drug Screening". Xiao is currently living in Oxford with her family, who give her generous support in her passion for public science engagement and international cultural exchange. Xiao is proud of being recommended by her students and clients as one of the best science tutors and technology interpreters in Oxford.

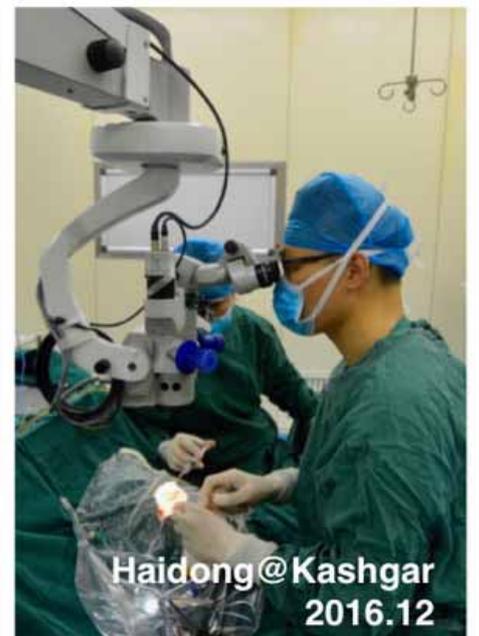


Dr Haidong Shan with Trustee Anne Lindsay, Prof. Robert MacLaren and ophthalmologist Gary Misson at the Scholars' Summer Lunch in 2010

We heard from Dr Haidong Shan who updated us with his medical work when we received his delightful festive greetings last Christmas. He sent us a wonderful picture postcard which is featured on the following page. Haidong was the 2010 recipient of the Winkler Oxford Award. He earned his DPhil in Ophthalmology and was at the Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences. Haidong attended Merton College.

In mid 2015, Haidong joined a medical aid team and went to Kashgar in Western China. For 18 months, Haidong led a volunteer 24-member team providing life-changing services to those with vision impairment. Haidong carried out nearly 800 cataract procedures as well as successfully performing difficult VR or vitreo-retinal surgery. The latter is a sub-speciality discipline of ophthalmology that deals with diseases of the vitreous and retina that are amenable to surgical and other treatments. Up to half of patients requiring VR surgery present as emergency or urgent cases, for example retinal detachment and eye trauma.

Early this year, Haidong returned to Shanghai where he has been practicing as an ophthalmologist at Fudan University's Eye & ENT Hospital. During his time at Oxford, Haidong worked with Professor Robert MacLaren at the Nuffield Laboratory of Ophthalmology. His research project was to develop neuroprotective gene therapy for the age-related macular degeneration which is the main cause of blindness worldwide. Shortly after returning to China, Haidong was recognized as one of China's top young scientists with the Government awarding him the China National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scientists Award. This enabled Haidong to continue his research at Fudan University.



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Scholars' Speakers Event



The China Oxford Scholarship Fund and its Scholar alumni will be organising a Speakers' Event in May which will provide an opportunity for selected China Oxford Scholars to present their academic work to the wider community at Oxford University. The event theme will be "A Changing China" and it will take place on Friday 12th May at Christ Church's Blue Boar Lecture Theatre from 3pm to 6pm.

We are honoured that the event's keynote speaker will be Rosemary Foot who is a Professor and Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Politics and International Relations. She is also an associate of the China Centre, and an Emeritus Fellow of St Antony's College. Her research interests cover Security issues in the Asia-Pacific, Institutional developments in the Asia-Pacific, Human rights diplomacy, China's regional policy and US-China Relations. Six Scholars will each make 15-minute presentations of their work and a brief Q&A will follow each of their talks. The presentations will cover archaeology in China, new interpretations of the Chinese language, media governance in contemporary China, education reform in Chinese primary schools, an exploration of Chinese-funded projects in Africa, the implications on African domestic development and research into improvements on diesel fuel and the implications for China's automotive industry. More information on the scholars who will be speaking are on the next page.

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Prof. Rosemary Foot



Elyse Wenjun Ding is an MSc student in Applied Linguistics and 2nd Language Acquisition in the Dept of Education. She obtained her MA in Interpreting and Translating at University of Bath and BA in English Language and Literature from Beijing Foreign Studies University. Elyse is the 2016 Thomas Wong Scholarship holder. Her presentation at Christ Church is titled: *An Exploratory Case Study of the Classroom-Based Assessment for Young EFL Learners' Oral Language in Chinese Primary Schools*



Yuang Wang is an MSc student in Politics and is the 2016 Johnny Hon China Scholar in Law, Politics and International Relations. Yuan earned her MA in Public Policy at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She was awarded her Bachelor of Laws at the Shanghai International Studies University. Yuan has conducted field research in Ghana and Kenya exploring China's engagement in Africa. The title of her presentation is: *The Politics of Sino-Africa Infrastructure Development*.



Leo Xiaohang Fan is DPhil student reading Engineering Science. He is the 2016 Pay It Forward Scholarship recipient. He earned his BSc in Mechanical Engineering from the University of British Columbia in Canada. He graduated first in his class and obtained multiple academic awards. He worked as a professional engineer with several firms including Voestalpine Nortrack and John Deere. It was his time at John Deere which helped him to choose the field of researching diesel engines. His presentation is titled: *Clean future for Diesel Engines*



Sherry Yong Chen is a 2nd MPhil student in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology. She is the 2016 Oxford China Simon Li Scholar. Her research at Oxford focuses on theoretical and experimental semantics. Sherry received a BA in General Linguistics from the University of Hong Kong. She plans to pursue a PhD in Linguistics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Sherry's presentation is titled: *New Understanding of Temporal Interpretations in the Chinese Language*.



Ray Ruiliang Liu is currently a postdoc student at Oxford. He was a 2012 China Oxford Award holder and earned his DPhil and Master's in Archaeological Science. He majored in conservation science in Northwest University in China, where he also obtained his master's degree on the same subject. He is working for the FLAME project (Flow of Ancient Metal across Eurasia) at Oxford. The title of his presentation is: *Using the 'Oxford system' to further understand the movement of metal in Bronze Age Shang China*.



Xian Guan is an MSc student in Comparative Social Policy. She is one of 14 members of the 2016-2017 Oxford Global Leadership Initiative. She is the 2016 Hoare Family Award recipient. She earned an MSc in Contemporary Chinese Studies also from Oxford. She obtained her Bachelor of Philosophy and Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Tsinghua University in Beijing. Her research interest is sub-national governance and local accountability in China. The title of her presentation is: *Inquiring governance on TV: A government-built bridge between local accountability and public opinion in contemporary China*

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