

Electoral malpractice includes, but is not limited to, the following activities:

- Making false or misleading claims intended to influence the election
- Bribery · Intimidation · Distributing physical campaign material
- Making slanderous or libellous statements about a candidate
- Using a vehicle to convey members to the Poll · Campaigning from or to a Nexus e-mail account · Creating websites or promotional videos · Claiming to represent or be supported by any political, racial or religious group · Candidates marking manifesto booklets
- Hindering the Returning Officer or their Deputies · Unauthorised access or attempted access to another's personal electronic files

To see a complete list, please consult Rule 33, www.oxford-union.org or the Returning Officer.

Any breach of this rule or complaint regarding the conduct of a candidate in the election should be reported to the Returning Officer, at the Oxford Union.

If you have any queries about the election, please contact ro@oxford-union.org, or call 01865 241353



Michael Harkness
Collegium Beatae Mariae Magdalenae
Returning Officer

DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICERS

- Thomas G Reynolds, Ex-RO, Somerville College
- Stanislas Lalanne, Ex-RO, Merton College
- Peter Corden, Ex-RO, Oriel College
- Ceri Smith, Ex-RO, St Anne's College
- Jamie Lagerberg, Ex-RO, Corpus Christi College
- Alastair Graham, Ex-RO, St John's College
- Henry Robertson, Magdalen College
- Nebojša Jovanović, St Peter's College
- Tom Turner, St Catherine's College
- William Seymour, Kellogg College
- Louise Kandler, Lady Margaret Hall
- Alexandra Galloway, Magdalen College
- Lucy Boland, Keble College

OXFORD UNION ELECTIONS

Poll Date: Friday, 9th June 2017

WHERE TO VOTE

Polling takes place in the Union's Goodman Library (the room on the ground floor, next to the marble staircase), from 9.30am to 8.30pm precisely. Please bring your membership card to assist the Poll Clerks.

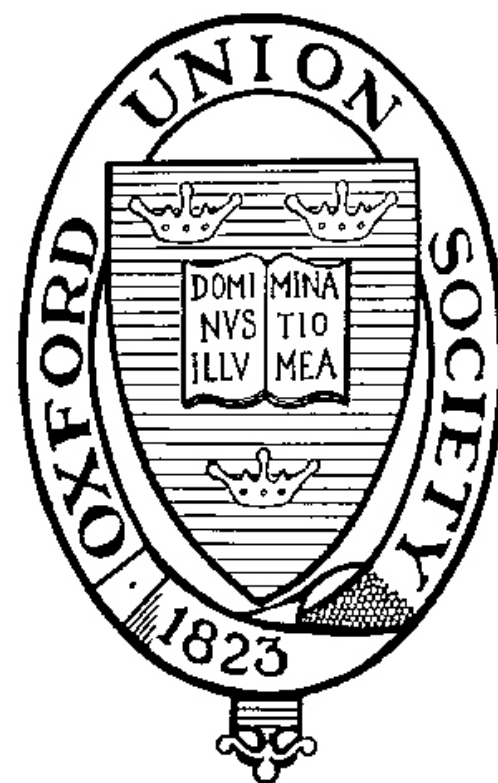
HOW TO VOTE

For each post, simply number your preferences against each candidate from 1, 2, 3, 4, and so on until you have finished expressing your preferences between the candidates. Expressing later preferences in no way harms your earlier preferences.

FOR EXAMPLE:

Mikhail GORBACHEV	2
Pope PIUS IX	3
Lili'uokalani	1
Jefferson DAVIS	4

Michael Harkness
*Coll. Beatae
Mariae Magdalenae*
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CANDIDATES' CLAIMS IN MANIFESTOS

Ensuring that candidates' claims allow for fair elections

The Returning Officer has ensured to the best of their ability that all claims made in manifestos are true: they advise, however, that Members acquaint themselves with the commonly-used terms below in order that they are not misled. The list begins with five standardised terms for the most substantial claims and ends with seven for the least substantial. Members may wish to consider other similar words used as holding the same meanings and draw inferences from the fact that a candidate has been unable to make the most substantial kinds of claims.

Stronger claims

Raised - the candidate must have produced a contract on which they have been the primary signatory, to claim to have raised a sum of money.

Brought - the candidate must have produced an acceptance e-mail or letter addressed to them, to claim to have brought the Society a speaker.

Confirmed - the candidate must have produced written evidence either that a contract is being drawn up for a confirmed sum of money or that a speaker has accepted an invitation and provided a date. This date may be subject to change or cancellation.

Organised / run - the candidate must have produced substantial evidence, such as contracts, correspondence and testimony, that they were in control of an event, its inception and its development.

Responsible for - the above, or the candidate, must have proven primary responsibility for the content of a claim

Weaker Claims

Assisted / helped - to raise / bring etc. The Returning Officer deems there to be sufficient proof that a candidate has contributed substantively, but insufficient to prove that they have had primary responsibility.

Likewise such terms as: *facilitated, coordinated, supervised, oversaw.*

Invited/contacted - proof has been provided

Weaker claims will be used often in manifestos even by good candidates: usually only candidates for Office will be able regularly to make "stronger claims". The distinction is nonetheless worth making.

Candidates' own spelling, punctuation, and grammar have not been corrected in manifestos.

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

Hilary 2018

with overall responsibility for the Society and for arranging its debates

LAALI VADLAMANI TRINITY COLLEGE, TREASURER



ACCOMPLISHED

- CONFIRMED 15+ speakers: *Mark Cuban, Stanley Tucci, AnnaLynne McCord, Dustin Lance Black, Goodluck Jonathan, Ken Livingstone*
- Improved debate floor prizes: **champagne dinners, hotel stays**
- Oversight for ALL debates this term
- Facilitated 40+ events: *John Kerry, Jeremy Irons, Stephen Hawking, M.I.A.*
- Access Committee Elected Member
- DSC Delegate

BOLD – opening up conversation about the things that matter

- ORGANISED **Sexual Violence** Panel, **Feminism and Social Media** Debates
- Arranged **Racism Debate**
- Spoke: Big Pharma, Social Media

COMMITTED

- Negotiating: *WikiLeaks Source, Female Tech CEO, 'See You Again' Star, 'Fight Club' Actor*
- Managing Union's **Instagram**: increased reach
- Worked 7 **Socials**: *Dante's Inferno Ball, Speakeasy, Garden Party*
- Raised **£9,900+**
- Helped raise **£400,000+** during membership drive
- President of **University-wide cultural society**

DIVERSE – Vision: **increased accessibility and inclusivity**

- More female & minority group speakers
- Audience engagement**: *WiFi in Chamber - live 'Tweeting' for Q&A; audience polls during debates*

CANDIDATE FOR LIBRARIAN

Hilary 2018

with responsibility for the Library and for arranging individual speaker addresses

SABRIYAH SAEED SOMERVILLE COLLEGE, STANDING COMMITTEE



ACCOMPLISHED

- Organised **Racism & Education** Debate: gave **winning** paper-speech
- Arranged **Kanye Debate**
- CONFIRMED: *Ossian Ward, Moazzam Begg*
- Negotiating: *Bollywood* Film Director and *Parisian Vogue Editor*

DEDICATED

- Facilitated 12 events: *Jeremy Irons, Sexual Violence Panel, Prince of Monaco*
- Worked **SPEAKEASY SOCIAL**, Pub Quizzes
- Sent **100+** invites over vacations
- Wrote for **National Newspaper**
- Volunteer **Teacher** in Bombay
- Worked for **NGO National Development Team**
- Delegate to **Access Committee**

PLEDGES

- Sustainable Development Panel**
- More event collaborations with **publishers and book chains**

CANDIDATES FOR STANDING COMMITTEE

Michaelmas 2017

members of the Society's governing body, to assist the Officers and plan social events

JAN BIALAS MAGDALEN COLLEGE, EX-SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE



Dedicated

- Worked 30+ events: *Mark Cuban, Postmodern Jukebox*
- Debates: Assisted **Religion**; Worked on **China**
- Graphic Designer** for 3 Socials
- Dante's Inferno Ball: *Facilitated record-breaking self-out*

All-Rounder

- Polish Society**: Committee Member
- Chaired **MUN Conference**

Inspired: More for Scientists - Cybersecurity Debate

GRACE JOEL BALLIOL COLLEGE



Dedicated

- Worked 5 **Debates**: *Kanye, China*
- Facilitated 7 events: *Sergio Moro, Stanley Tucci*
- Worked **Jazz Social**

All-Rounder

- Boat Club **Captain**
- Ran **Access Workshops**: *UN Youth Australia*
- Fundraised **AUD\$6,000+** for domestic violence charity
- State **MUN Winner**

Inspired: Discussion groups with speakers

JULIAN KIRK MAGDALEN COLLEGE, EX-SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE



Effective

- Confirmed **seven speakers**, including *George Takei, Zoë Wanamaker*
- Invited *Zara Larsson, Artur Mas*
- Organised **Russia debate**

Dedicated

- Facilitated **40 events**: *10+ debates, two balls*
- Helped raise **£400,000+**
- Speaker in **13 debates**, including **No Confidence**

Clear the mark- **VOTE KIRK!**

JAMES LAMMING EXETER COLLEGE, SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE



DEDICATED

- Confirmed 8 speakers, including: *Blackwater CEO, Derek Jacobi*
- ORGANISED; spoke in: *Democracy Debate*
- Facilitated **15 events**: *Jeremy Irons, Tony Pulis*
- Most 'Seccie' vacation days

ALL-ROUNDER

- Varsity Squash Player
- Student Newspaper Sports **Editor**

INSPIRED: More interactive speaker events

SHIVANI ANANTH ST ANNE'S COLLEGE, SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE



DEDICATED

- Arranging: **festival headliner**; Helped confirm: *Jeh Johnson*
- Co-Organised**: *Comedy Debate*
- Negotiating: *VS ANGEL, Spider-Man*
- Facilitated **15+ events**: *M.I.A., Judge Judy*
- INVITED 120+ speakers

ALL-ROUNDER

- Directed **Press Coverage**: *Robin Wright*
- Newspaper Section **Editor**
- SPOKE**: *China Debate*

INSPIRED: Fresher's Cocktail Party

BRIAN WONG PEMBROKE COLLEGE



Debater

- Top-10 speaker in **16 competitions**
- Judged elimination rounds in *World, European, Australasian championships*
- English Championships **DEPUTY CHIEF ADJUDICATOR!**

Experienced

- Union **LGBTQIA+** Officers
- assisted *China Debate*
- President and Treasurer** of student societies

Outspoken

- delivered **69 FLOOR SPEECHES**
- NGO Founder**

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

Hilary 2018

with overall responsibility for the raising of sponsorship and buildings maintenance

STEPHEN HORVATH NEW COLLEGE, STANDING COMMITTEE



ORGANISER

- Organised 2 debates: **Drugs, Safe Spaces**
- Facilitated **30+ events**: *DANTE'S INFERNO BALL, 2 Heads of State, Robin Wright*
- CONFIRMED **10+** Speakers: *Peter Hitchens, TED Owner*
- Negotiating **2 Presidents & Silicon Valley CEO**

DEBATER

- Worked **EVERY** debate this term
- Judged **World Universities Debating Championships**
- Paper speech: **Liberalism Debate**
- Debate Select Committee: **Delegate & Sponsorship Officer**

INNOVATOR

- Delivered **Access workshops**
- Helped raise **£2,500+** in sponsorship
- Prepared **interview questions**: *Judge Judy, John Cleese*
- Pledge: *Develop alumni relations network; Treasurer's surgery for transparency*

CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY

Michaelmas 2017

with overall responsibility for social events and for minuting Standing Committee meetings

ED EVANS ST JOHN'S COLLEGE, EX-STANDING COMMITTEE



Debates

- Organised: **Religion** debate
- Arranged: **No Confidence** debate
- Spoke: **Artefacts** debate

Experienced

- Facilitated **30+ events**, including **10+ debates**: *Stephen Hawking, Black Lives Matter, President Ahtisaari, Goodluck Jonathan, NATO Secretary General*
- Confirmed: *Patriarch Fouad Twal, Cardinal Murphy O'Connor, Andrew Lansley, Andrew Mitchell, Nia Griffith, Pravin Gordhan*
- Classics Society**: *President and Treasurer*

Socials

- Worked: *International / LGBTQ drinks, Pub Quiz, Election Social, Northern Lights Ball, Inferno Ball, Moscow Social, Jazz, Fizz and Chocolates Social*
- Pledge: **Olympus Ball – glitter and gold**

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE

Michaelmas 2017

to assist with running social events and distributing publicity

CHRIS GARNER ST PETER'S COLLEGE

National Public Speaking FINALIST. Surfed in **Morocco**. 'Effective Altruism' activist. *Les Misérables* **revolutionary**. *Spoons Rower*. Vote GARNER, he's a CHARMER.

ALEX YEANDLE ST HUGH'S COLLEGE

ACCESS OFFICER: *Co-chaired Committee. Helped confirm Howard Gordon, Bharara. Musical Maverick: Organ Scholar, Imps Pianist. Get a handle – vote Ye-andle!*

WILL TAYLOR BALLIOL COLLEGE

MUN Under-SecGen. Pianist. Ran marathon, *went extra mile*; motorbiked Vietnam. College Rugby **Winner**. *If you want a thrill, vote Will!*

SHANUK MEDIWAKA LINCOLN COLLEGE

Fresher Debating **Finalist**, **WINNING** floor speech. **MUN Secretary General**. Law Access **Mentor**. **Ball Committee** Member. **Take a look**, vote SHANUK!

ADAM WATSON HERTFORD COLLEGE

"*Medic, mountaineer, debater and accomplished drinker*. Producing publication for **2,000+ students**. **Facilitated** access event, **brought 2 panelists**. Watson committee? Adam!"

ISABELLA RISINO ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE

Gold Medal Actress; Peer Supporter. **DEDICATED**: *Cambodian NGO Volunteer, M&S shelf-stacker, Girl Scout - Young Leader Award. Get Fizzy! Vote Izy!*

MATTHEW VAUTREY MAGDALEN COLLEGE

BIG NARSTIE'S *concierge*; facilitated **Democracy Debate**. **WISH 1** invited *Heston Blumenthal*. School **Basketball Captain**; **College Tortoise**. Be **CRAY**, vote VAUTREY!

ABIGAIL RIDSDILL-SMITH KEBLE COLLEGE

COMMITTED: *Guest Officer for COMEDY DEBATE*. *Rower: has definitely mentioned it. UNAFRAID: recycles black tie looks. Seriously fabby, vote Abby!*

FREYA DIXON-VAN DIJK ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

College Magazine Co-Editor. **Social Secretary**, **HHV Clinic Volunteer**. **Evaded** wild dogs, *Showered with 30 chicks*. Be a **PLAYER**, Vote **FREYA!**

Globetrotting Sailor and **Himalayas explorer**, **UNIVERSITY Cyclist**. **Grade 8 Clarinetist**, **Mercer Intern**. *Distinguished MUN Delegate. Vote CHEES(E)man. It'll be great!*

MIKE FULLER PEMBROKE COLLEGE

BRIDGE DJ: *Tiestó-signed* music producer. **UKMT Maths Challenge Captain**. **JCR Welfare Rep**. Do what you like, but vote **MIKE!**

GENEVIEVE ATHIS CHRIST CHURCH

Co-chaired debating society. **Access**: *College Rep, Ambassador, conference speaker, mentor. Fundraising for Everest. Threat to Tortoises... Better believe – vote GENE!*

CHARLES WANG HERTFORD COLLEGE

Secretary of Union Access Committee; co-arranged *Union tours* and organized *debating workshops* for middle-school students
6000+ **LIKES** for his **memes**

THE RETURNING OFFICER AND HIS DEPUTIES



MICHAEL HARKNESS
MAGDALEN COLLEGE
THE RETURNING OFFICER



THOMAS REYNOLDS
SOMERVILLE, EX-RO



STANISLAS LALANNE
MERTON, EX-RO



PETER CORDEN
ORIEL, EX-RO



CERI SMITH
ST ANNE'S, EX-RO



JAMIE LAGERBERG
CORPUS CHRISTI, EX-RO



ALASTAIR GRAHAM
ST JOHN'S, EX-RO



HENRY ROBERTSON
MAGDALEN



NEBOJŠA JOVANOVIĆ
ST PETER'S



TOM TURNER
ST CATHERINE'S



WILLIAM SEYMOUR
KELLOGG



LOUISE KANDLER
LADY MARGARET HALL



ALEXANDRA GALLOWAY
MAGDALEN



LUCY BOLAND
KEBLE

Want to get involved next term?

To run for election in the Society, you must make a certain number of qualifying speeches within the public debates either in the Emergency, Floor, or After Debate. Nominations open at 9.30am, Friday 5th Week, and close at 3pm on the following Friday.

If you would like to get involved with the administration of the Society without running for election, you can participate in the running of the Elections as a Deputy Returning Officer by applying in writing to the President by 3pm on Monday of 2nd Week. If you have any questions about running in elections, or you need impartial advice, please feel free to contact the Returning Officer (ro@oxford-union.org).