



THE THOURON AWARD

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Come Celebrate With Us

The 50th anniversary of the Thouron Award will be celebrated at Hampton Court Palace on Saturday, June 26, 2010.

The black-tie event, held within the historic rooms of the Palace, will include tours, cocktails, dinner, and informal entertainment. It will definitely be a night to remember.

While there is train service from London to Hampton Court, there is no late train returning. Consequently, coaches will be available to pick up and discharge passengers at several central London hotels. There is also parking at the Palace for those choosing to drive.

Please note that there will be blocks of rooms reserved at a number of hotels — details to follow.

Although formal invitations will be sent in the spring, it is important to reserve your place now because of space constraints. To reserve your place, go to www.esc-events.co.uk/thouron

[Please send your updated contact information — including address, telephone, and e-mail to Carole Clarke (cclarke@upenn.edu) so that we may keep you informed about Celebration plans.]



AWARDS 2008

American Fellows

Madeleine Evans, M.P.A. in International Development, London School of Economics. Two years.

Rishabh Jain, M.Phil. in Physics, Imperial College. One year.

Matthew Lewandowski, Certificate of Advanced Study in Mathematics, Cambridge. One year.

Kojo Minta, M.Phil. in Modern European History, Oxford. Two years.

Andrew Renuart, M.Sc. in Global Health, Oxford. One year.

British Fellows

Michael Beverland, Cambridge, Ph.D. in Physics. (Deferred)

Alexander Devine, Edinburgh, Ph.D. in English. One year.

Rosemary Grey, Cambridge, M.A. in History. One year.

Stephen Kosmin, Cambridge, L.L.M. One year.

Jessica Peake, Sheffield, L.L.M. One year.

Jonathan Pearson, Cambridge, M.G.A. Two years.

In Memoriam

JOHN BISHOP, AM'98



The Thouron community was shocked and saddened by the tragic death of John Bishop in September 2008. He had been in a freak farm accident months earlier and was making a miraculous recovery when he suddenly succumbed to his injuries. He leaves a wife and four children, one of whom was born after his death.

Born in Arkansas, John attended Notre Dame University before transferring to Penn, where he was a standout both at the Wharton School and on the football field. His Thouron Award sent him to St. Anne's College, Oxford for a degree in PPE and the beginning of very close ties with his fellow Thourons. While in England, John met his wife, Sara, also an American studying abroad.

A deeply religious person, John was living in New York and forging a successful career at Salomon Smith Barney when he and Sara decided that they wanted a different life for themselves and their family, one where they could make a positive difference in the world, serving others and sharing the blessings for which they were so grateful. They returned to Arkansas and talked of volunteering with Catholic Relief Charities in Latin America or Africa.

Francis Campbell, Br'96, was one of John's closest friends, having met originally at the American Selection where current British scholars mingle with candidates. Francis's eulogy at John's funeral included the following:

"What does John's life say to us? For each of us who knew him we would likely come up with different examples, but I believe that ultimately we would come back to four things: family, friends, fun and faith. Work for John, though important, was a means to an end — and not an end in itself. John showed us what the human spirit is capable of when it responds to the call of faith. John was John because of the values he chose to live his life by. Those values permeated his being. Regardless of the setting or the person — John was simply John."

JIM YARNALL

Although not a Thouron scholar himself, Jim Yarnall was for many years the key Thouron contact at Penn. He died March 22 at the age of 82. As director of fellowships and study abroad programs at Penn's Office of International Programs from 1961 to his retirement in 1986, Jim came to know the first 25 years of Thouron Scholars, most of whom he remembered by name and face. Jim's presence was always a highlight of Thouron alumni events, and British alumni, in particular, always asked to be remembered to him.

Alumni News

Kenny Baer, Am'96, joined the White House as Associate Director for Communications and Strategic Planning at the Office of Management and Budget.

Alex Barden, Br'03, practices law at Erskine Chambers, where he specializes in company law, insolvency, and general commercial litigation. He is also a regular contributor of contemporary law podcasts to CPDcast.com.

Tim Cooke-Hurle, Br'04, worked on the case of toxic waste dumping in Ivory Coast. His research, with some hair-raising, intimidating, adventures, has been the basis of a lawsuit against Trafigura, an oil trader. The case, which was due to be heard in October, ended in a settlement. Tim will soon start a new job as an investigator (of secret prisons) for Reprive.

Jim Dawes, Am'91, is associate professor of English at Macalester College, in Minnesota. His latest book, *That the World May Know: Bearing Witness to Atrocity* (2007), describes the successes and failures of the modern human rights movement.

Pat Dineen, Am'70, chaired the first day of the Emerging Markets Investor Conference in Geneva in July.

John Doviak, Am'67, is director of the Cambridge Academy of Transport, responsible for the development of educational courses held in Cambridge and London and for the Profiled Course held in locations worldwide. He founded and directed Seatrade Academy, a company affiliated with Seatrade Organisation.

Hugh Durrant-Whyte, Br'83, is the research director of the Australian Centre for Field Robotics at the University of Sydney. It is the world's second-biggest robotics research group, with more than 200 people. Dr. Durrant-Whyte, who recently won a Clunies Ross innovation award from the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Technology, was quoted in a Sydney newspaper interview as saying the "biggest break" in his life was seeing the advertisement for the Thouron Award. The article also notes that he's never owned a mobile phone, doesn't drive, and uses e-mail and the Internet sparingly.

Sue Dyson, Br'80, is head of clinical orthopaedics in the Equine Centre of the Animal Health Trust. A former president of the British Equine Veterinary Association, she has published and lectured extensively on lameness in horses.

Jennifer Egan, Am'85, continues to write both fiction and non-fiction. An evocative cover story in *The New York Times Magazine* in September 2008 on bi-polar disease in children garnered enormous praise.

Justin Faiz, Br'98, has left the consulting business to run Pluto Capital, a property investment company that he set up with another ex-McKinsey colleague four years ago. Pluto focuses primarily on property investment projects in the former Yugoslavia, as well as property management in Germany. They now employ 20 people in offices in London, Belgrade, and Montenegro. Projects include a 17-story office building in Zagreb, apartment complexes and retail parks in Serbia, and holiday homes on the Montenegrin coast. Justin says that the most important news is his marriage in 2007 and birth of daughter, Rosie, in 2008.

Rose George, Br'93, received rave reviews in both the UK and the US for her book, *The Big Necessity: The Unmentionable World of Human Waste and Why It Matters*. *The New York Times* book reviewer noted that “Ms. George is the kind of writer — tenacious and clever — who will put you in mind of Jessica Mitford (in her exposé “The American Way of Death”) and Erin Brockovich. She is angry about what she discovers, and she offers the kind of memorable details that make her points stick.”

Josh Gottheimer, Am'97, a former speechwriter for Bill Clinton and senior advisor to the US Commission on Civil Rights, is editor of *Ripples of Hope: Great American Civil Rights Speeches*.

Richard Jacobs, Am'81, is now president and chief executive officer of The Robert C. Gallo Foundation for AIDS and Virus Research, within the Institute of Human Virology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. It is the first center in the US to combine basic research, epidemiology, and clinical research in an effort to speed the discovery of diagnostics and therapeutics for a variety of viral and immune disorders.

Paul Judge, Br'71, a former director-general of the Conservative Party, has launched a new political party, the Jury Team, aimed at “cleaning up politics.” The party’s website, www.juryteam.org, says, “The Jury Team is a coalition of independent candidates, who share the common belief that the current political system perpetuates both malpractice and waste at the heart, not only of Westminster but also of Europe.”

Jeremy Kahn, C'96, is a freelance journalist, currently living in New Delhi, India, where his wife Victoria works for the British High Commission. Jeremy and Victoria were married in July 2008 in England.

Thomas Laryea, Br'92, is assistant general counsel at the International Monetary Fund, in charge of their capital markets work and the legal relations between the IMF and each of its 185 member countries. He and Ola have two daughters, Atswei and Ayorkor.

Gwyneth Leech, Am'81, marked the inauguration of President Obama with an exhibition of her painted portraits of mixed-race and alternative families. The exhibition ran for two months at the Columbus branch of the New York Public Library. Gwyneth’s work can be viewed on her website, www.gwynethleech.com.

Saul Lemer, Br'05, is a barrister at One Essex Court.

Michael Levin, Am'64, was featured together with pianist José Caceres in the Bailey Law Group’s first “Seasons” event — *Harmonies: A Celebration of Spring in Words & Music* — at the University Club of Washington DC May 20, 2009. A two-time recipient of the American Independent Writers juried annual Poetry Prize, he read 21 original poems. Caceres performed complementary selections from Villa-Lobos, Gershwin & others. Michael is managing member of the Michael H. Levin Law Group PLLC and two renewable-energy investment banking entities, NLGC LLC (focused on landfill-gas, biomass & hydrokinetic facilities) and Carbon Finance Strategies LLC (focused on advanced solar & other facilities).

Justin Marozzi, Br'94, continues to receive international accolades for his travel writing. His latest book, *The Way of Herodotus: Travels with the Man Who Invented History*, was featured in publications around the world. Perhaps the greatest compliment came from *The Telegraph*, saying, “It is, in fact, the sort of thing that Herodotus himself might well have written.” A regular contributor to publications in the UK and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, Justin has managed to fashion a life that combines adventure and scholarship.

Michael Moritz, Br'75, whose venture capital firm, Sequoia Capital, was an early investor in Yahoo and Google, was featured in *The New York Times*, reporting that this was a good time for venture capitalists to build companies because “the parvenues and the pretenders are gone.” He was said to be looking for talent in China, India, and Israel, as well as the US.

Litty Paxton, Br'91, is the new director of the Penn Women’s Center. Since assuming her role in Fall 2008, she has increased and energized the Center’s programs and lobbied for a new terrace and garden adjoining the Center’s home on Locust Walk.

Michelle Peluso, Am'93, in an e-mail entitled “Passing the Gnome,” announced that she was leaving her position as CEO of Travelocity in February 2009 to be able to spend more time with her new daughter, Auden. The press announcement noted a financial turnaround under her leadership, the adoption of the Roaming Gnome symbol, global expansion, and enhanced packaging of products. Among her new ventures is a stint with Citigroup, leading sessions on conceiving a “bank of the future.”

John Quelch, Br'72, the Lincoln Filene professor of business administration and senior associate dean for international business development at the Harvard Business School, is on sabbatical this year in Shanghai as the La Caixa Visiting Professor of International Management and Chairman of the Academic Advisory Council at the China Europe International Business School (CEIBS). His most recent book is *Greater Good: How Good Marketing Makes for Better Democracy* (2008). He is also chairman of the board of the Massachusetts Port Authority.

Katherine Rader Tyler, Am'67, has left the School of Economic and Business Studies at Westminster University. She is now UK chair, Academy of Marketing Service, group executive director, and senior research fellow at the Academy for Innovation in Management of Service (in London).

R. Karl Rethmeyer, Am'91, is assistant professor of Public Administration and Policy at the University of Albany, State University of New York. He is also director of the Ph.D. in Public Administration and Policy Program, as well as a senior research analyst at Penn’s National Center on Fathers and Families.

Peter Roth, Br'76, has been appointed a Justice of the High Court, assigned to the Chancery Division. He was called to the bar by Middle Temple in 1977 and took silk in 1997. He was appointed a Recorder in 2000.

Alumni News

John Shurmer Smith, Br'05, is still pursuing his musical career. He reports getting “regular gigs and making a bit of a name for [him]self around Europe.”

Omari Simmons, Am'00, and his wife, Kami, were both promoted to associate professor at Wake Forest University School of Law. Their second daughter, Zoe, was born July 2008, joining sister, Sydney.

Daniel Simon, Br'04 and Natacha Simon, Br'02 have followed oddly parallel paths. Both went from Cambridge to Wharton to McKinsey. Both married McKinsey colleagues this year: Natacha married Peter Catalino in Las Vegas in December, followed by a formal wedding in Switzerland. Daniel married Melora Krebs-Carter in Rhode Island in July, with a formal wedding following in Italy in October (the month when Natacha is expecting twins!).

Daniel Steadman Jones, Br'03, has shifted his attention from history to law. His Penn Ph.D. dissertation was: “Distilling Their Frenzy: the Origins and Development of Transatlantic Neoliberalism” — as he points out, a very Thouron topic! Now he is preparing to become a barrister, having received a scholarship from Gray's Inn.

Richard Stevenson, Am'81, political editor of *The New York Times*, periodically answers readers' questions on the online version of the paper, in the “Talk to the Newsroom” feature.

Jessica Stoner Steel, Am'96, is on the management team of Pandora.com, an innovative and popular personalized radio service based on the Music Genome Project™. As vice president of business development, she is responsible for forging strategic partnerships that contribute to the rapid growth in Pandora's listener base. Prior to joining Pandora, Jessica led the business development

efforts for the international division of Yahoo! Search Marketing and helped grow the business from its inception to a 19-country, 600+ person division during her four-year tenure. Before Yahoo!, Jessica worked in international finance. Outside of work, she is a singer-songwriter under the name “Jessica Stone,” with a full-length CD entitled *Seven Letters* released in 2002. She is also on the Advisory Board of GlobalGiving, an online marketplace for connecting donors with community projects.


Sandra Strokoff, Am'71, was recently named Legislative Counsel to the House of Representatives, the first woman to be appointed to this position. She has been on the Legislative Counsel's staff since 1975. She is a professional lecturer in law at the George Washington University School of Law, where she teaches Legislative Analysis and Drafting. Sandra is also a violinist with the Prince George's (Maryland) Philharmonic Orchestra and the Prince George's Philharmonic Quartet.

Rebecca Terry, Br'07, was awarded a Wellcome Trust Integrated Fellowship for Veterinarians, which offers six years of funding for a Ph.D. and residency. She will be at Imperial College's labs in Hammersmith for three years, followed by a residency at the Royal Veterinary College just north of London.

David Watson, Br'71, is professor of higher education management at the Institute of Education, University of London. Among his many board affiliations are: President, Society for Research into Higher Education; Trustee, the Nuffield Foundation; Trustee, Higher Education Policy Institute; and Trustee, Agora.

Bee Wilson, Br'96, has produced another book, *Swindled: The Dark History of Food Fraud, from Poisoned Candy to Counterfeit Coffee*, and a new son, Leo Francis Runciman.

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