



## Somerville College

### *In Conversation*

#### **Careers in the Law & Regulation – Margaret Thatcher Centre**

The Rt Hon Lord Justice David Bean, QC  
Mrs Harriet Maunsell OBE  
Dame Judith Parker DBE, QC  
Professor Stephen Weatherill (Somerville Professorial Fellow)

#### **Scientific Research – Flora Anderson Hall**

Professor Jenny Glusker  
Professor Joanna Haigh CBE, FRS  
Professor Judith Howard CBE, FRS  
Professor Angela McLean FRS

#### **Servants of the People – politics and public policy – Eleanor Rathbone Room**

Dame Fiona Caldicott DBE FRCPsych  
The Rt Hon Baroness Royall of Blaisdon  
Mrs Theresa Stewart

#### **Film & Television Production – Vaughan Senior Common Room**

Ms Tessa Ross CBE  
Professor Fiona Stafford FRSE (Fellow & Tutor in English Literature)  
Ms Sara Kalim (Fellow & Director of Development)

#### **Writing for Your Life – New Powell Room**

Victoria Glendinning CBE, FRSL  
Hilary Spurling CBE, FRSL  
Dr Annie Sutherland (Rosemary Woolf Fellow & Tutor in Old and Middle English)

#### **Life in the Humanities – universities, museums, teaching, libraries and more – Brittain Williams Room**

Professor Caroline Barron FRHistS  
Mrs Margaret Kenyon DL  
Dr Alice Prochaska FRHistS

#### **Networking & Influencing in International Environments – Principal's Office**

Dr Paula Brownlee  
Mrs Nicola Ralston  
Mrs Catherine Royle de Camprubi  
Professor Guido Ascari (Fellow & Tutor of Economics)



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### Short Description of those participating in the Honorary Fellows' panels on 3 March 2017

**Professor Caroline Barron FRHistS** graduated from Somerville in History in 1962 and went on to do a University of London PhD in Medieval History. She spent most of her career at Royal Holloway College, University of London, where she is now Professor Emerita. Well known for her publications on the history of medieval London in particular, she serves on boards and committees dealing with a wide range of support for historical research, including at different times, the Victoria County History, Royal Historical Society and Institute of Historical Research.

**The Right Honourable Lord Justice (Sir David) Bean**, a Cambridge graduate, was called to the bar in 1976 and became a QC in 1997. Chair of the Bar Council in 2002 and appointed a Justice of the High Court (Queen's Bench Division) in 2004, he became a Lord Justice of Appeal in 2014. He is now in the middle of a three-year term as President of the Law Commission. Sir David's wife Ruth Thompson, who died in September 2016, was a Somerville graduate, a senior civil servant with a special expertise in higher education, and an honorary fellow of the college. Together they participated often in college events and have treated the college with great generosity.

**Dr Paula Pimlott Brownlee** graduated from Somerville with a BA in Chemistry and a DPhil in Organic Chemistry before moving to the University of Rochester (New York) in 1959 and on from there to a distinguished academic career in the US. Her senior academic positions include President of Hollins College, 1982-91, and subsequently President of the Association of American Colleges and Universities.

**Dame Fiona Caldicott DBE FRPsychS** was Principal of Somerville 1996-2010 (affectionately known to students as Dame Fi) and held several University-wide posts including Pro-Vice-Chancellor during that time. She graduated from St Hilda's College in Medicine in 1966, going on to a distinguished career as a psychiatrist which culminated in the presidency of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, in recognition of which she was appointed DBE in 1996. Her many nationally important roles include chairing the Caldicott Committee which produced *The Protection and Use of Patient Information*, the Caldicott Report, on patient confidentiality which is nationally recognised and applied, and was appointed National Data Guardian in 2014. She chaired an enquiry into student radicalisation at University College London, has served on the United Nations University advisory board, and is chair of the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

**Victoria Glendinning CBE, FRSL** graduated in Modern Languages at Somerville in 1959. Her many books include biographies of Elizabeth Bowen, Edith Sitwell, Vita Sackville-West, Rebecca West, Anthony Trollope, Jonathan Swift, Leonard Woolf and, in 2012, *Raffles and the Golden Opportunity*. She has won the James Tait Black Memorial Prize and is an Honorary Vice-President of English PEN and Vice President of the Royal Society of Literature.

**Professor Jenny Glusker** graduated from Somerville in Chemistry in 1953 and then studied for her DPhil (1957) under Dorothy Hodgkin, working with her on the analysis of Vitamin B12 for which Professor Hodgkin later won the Nobel Prize. Moving to the USA with her American chemist husband, she worked in the laboratory of Linus Pauling at Caltech and subsequently at what is now the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. She became director of the institute, 1966-79 and then Professor at the University of Pennsylvania where she is now Professor Emeritus. Among her various awards, Jenny holds the Garvan-

Olin Medal of the American Chemical Society and the Fankuchen Award of the American Crystallographic Association.

**Professor Joanna Haigh CBE, FRS** graduated from Somerville in 1976 in Physics, and went on to get a DPhil in Theoretical Physics. She is co-director of the Grantham Institute for Climate Change and the Environment, based at Imperial College where from 2009 to 2014 she headed the Department of Physics. She has been President of the Royal Meteorological Society and a Lead Author on the intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. She holds awards from the Institute of Physics and the Royal Meteorological Society as well as being a Fellow of the Royal Society.

**Professor Judith Howard CBE, FRS** graduated in Chemistry from the University of Bristol and from Somerville with a DPhil in Chemistry in 1971. She was the last DPhil student taken on by Professor Dorothy Hodgkin and became the first woman to head a 5-star Chemistry Department (at Durham). She has over 1,500 publications to her name and, in addition to being a Fellow of the Royal Society, she has been President of the British Crystallographic Association and holds the Royal Society of Chemistry's Structural Chemistry Award.

**Mrs Margaret Kenyon DL** graduated from Somerville in Modern Languages in 1963 and went into school teaching, spending her working life in Manchester. She was headmistress of Withington Girls' School and later became, among other distinctions, Deputy Lieutenant of Manchester and National President of the Girls' Schools Association. She served in roles as a governor and on boards and councils associated with education and the humanities, including the Granada Foundation, the Museum of Science and Industry and as chair of the Board of Manchester University Press.

**Mrs Harriet Maunsell OBE** graduated from Somerville in PPE in 1965. During and after a distinguished career as a lawyer specialising in pensions, she was Deputy Director of the Occupational Pensions Board, a member of the Council of the Pensions Advisory Service, and a founder member of the Association of Pensions Lawyers. She has served as a non-executive director of various organisations in the field of pensions and regulation.

**Professor Angela McLean FRS** graduated from Somerville in Mathematics in 1983 and is a Fellow of All Souls and a Fellow of the Royal Society. She uses mathematical models to study and predict how human infections evolve and spread; and she models the human immune system, expanding the field of theoretical immunology and its influence on experimental work. She has advised high-level UK government bodies, sits on several government committees, and chairs the Lead Expert group for a Policy Futures project on reducing the risk of future disasters.

**Dame Judith Parker DBE, QC** graduated from Somerville in Jurisprudence in 1972. She became a QC specialising in family law in 1991, and became a High Court Judge in the Family Division in 2008. She has made many notable judgements in cases particularly involving the law relating to children and their welfare.

**Dr Alice Prochaska FRHistS** is the current Principal of Somerville, from where she graduated with a BA in History in 1968 and DPhil in 1975. Positions in historical research, museums archives and libraries in Britain and the USA have included Director of Special Collections at the British Library (1992-2001) and University Librarian of Yale University (2001-2010). She has served as a Vice President of the Royal Historical Society, and Chair of the National Council on Archives, the Center for Research Libraries, the International Council of Library Associations section on rare books and manuscripts, among other national and international roles. Currently a Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, she also chairs the Sir Winston Churchill Archive Trust and serves on other boards. She will be stepping down as Principal of Somerville in August this year.

**Mrs Nicola Ralston** graduated from Somerville in Modern History in 1977. She has over thirty-five years of investment experience as an analyst, portfolio manager, investment consultant, board member and adviser to investment committees, and has featured as one of Dow Jones Europe Financial News' 'Veterans of Finance'. She is a director and co-founder of PiRho Investment Consulting, and prior to this undertook several roles, including Head of Global Investment Consulting at Hewitt (now Aon Hewitt). She is a member of the FTSE Russell Policy Group, Chairman of Henderson EuroTrust plc and the Capital Markets Policy Council, and a Fellow of CFA UK.

**Tessa Ross CBE** graduated from Somerville in Oriental Studies and Chinese in 1984. She began her career as a literary agent and moved on to the BBC, later running the National Film Development Board. As a commissioning editor for BBC Drama, her projects included *Billy Elliott* and *Clocking Off*. She moved to Channel 4 in 2000 and then ran Film 4 and Film 4 Productions, where her extraordinary roll-call of often award-winning films included: *The Last King of Scotland*; *This is England*; *Slumdog Millionaire*; *Hunger*; *12 Years a Slave*; and (in 2015 alone) *Ex Machina*; *45 Years*; *Room*; and *Carol*. Tessa became chief executive of the Royal National Theatre in 2014 but stepped down after a year and now runs her own production company. Her many awards include BAFTA's Outstanding British Contribution to Cinema Award, and in 2013 BBC *Woman's Hour* named her one of the 100 most powerful women in the UK.

**The Right Honourable Baroness Jan Royall, Principal-elect of Somerville**, will take up her post in September 2017. After graduating in French and Spanish from London University in 1977, her early career included the post of General Secretary of the British Labour Group in the European Parliament, 1979-1986, followed by nine years in the office of Neil Kinnock when he was Leader of the Opposition in the UK Parliament. She has served as Chief Whip in the House of Lords, Jan-Oct 2008, Leader of the House of Lords and Member of the Cabinet and in that capacity also, Lord President of the Privy Council, and from May 2010 to May 2015, Leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords. Lady Royall serves on numerous voluntary bodies at a regional, national and international level. In the House of Lords she focuses on young people, higher education, mental health, equality and diversity, social care, housing, the EU and Foreign Affairs.

**Ms Catherine Royle (de Camprubi)** graduated from Somerville in PPE in 1982. During a great career as a British diplomat she has served as ambassador to Venezuela and undertaken multilateral work in Iraq and Afghanistan. She joined NATO in 2015 as Political Adviser to the Commander, Joint Force Command Brunssum, and her NATO roles have included integrating international support for the Afghan police. She writes that "Two secondments in Kabul have allowed me to develop my expertise in institution building...in challenging circumstances and to work in partnership with international and local colleagues..."

**Hilary Spurling CBE, FRSL** graduated from Somerville in English in 1962. She has had a prolific career as a journalist, theatre critic and biographer, winning the Whitbread Prize for the second volume of her biography of Henri Matisse (on which subject she has addressed two separate, sold-out events for Somerville friends and alumni). Early awards included the Rose Mary Crawshay Prize and the Duff Cooper Prize for her book on Ivy Compton-Burnett, *Burying the Bones*. *Pearl Buck in China* won the James Tait Black Award for Biography, and she is currently finishing work on a biography of Anthony Powell.

**Mrs Theresa Stewart** graduated in Mathematics from Somerville in 1951 and spent most of her career in local politics (as a member of the Labour Party) in Birmingham. She became the first woman to lead the Birmingham City Council and was subsequently Lord Mayor of Birmingham (2000-2001). She has served on many voluntary bodies, with a special interest in education and social services. As a member of the West Midlands Passenger Transport Authority, she won consent for a new tram line between Wolverhampton and Birmingham, and now has a tram named after her.