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SIR JOHN RUPERT HUNT THOURON (1907-2007)

John Thouron was born in Cookham, England of an American father descended from Huguenots, who was taken to England as a child, and a British mother descended from the first chairman of Lloyd's of London. He was educated at Sherborne Dorset. Thouron married Lorna Elliot in 1930, with whom he had a son, John Julius Thouron, who died in 2006. This marriage was dissolved in 1939 and in 1953 he married Esther duPont who died in 1984.

On the outbreak of World War II John Thouron enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders and was subsequently commissioned in the Black Watch. Later, he was seconded to the Special Operations Executive, headquartered in Bletchley, with the primary mission of sending personnel, including both U.K. and escaped European military personnel, into occupied countries to sabotage communications and create resistance movements. For a period of time, he was seconded to the General Staff, Scottish Command, to undertake responsibility for instructing the Glasgow Home Guard battalions in the tactics of street and house-to-house fighting, a form of warfare in which the British Army at that time was virtually untrained.

Later in the war he became part of an organization formed for the purpose of foiling any attempts to massacre prisoners of war as the war drew to its close. The plans of the organization involved parachuting behind enemy

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Awards 2007

AMERICAN FELLOWS

- Giselle Aris**, M.Phil. in Development Studies, Oxford. Two years
- Amelia Duffy-Tumas**, M.Sc. in Development Studies, SOAS. One year
- Sara Gorman**, M.St. in English Literature, Oxford. One year
- Sonia Meskin**, M.Sc. in International Relations, LSE. One year
- Sharon Orbach**, M.Sc. in Neuroscience, Oxford. One year

BRITISH FELLOWS

- Sophie Coulombeau**, Oxford, M.A. in English Literature. One year
- Elizabeth Hurst**, St. Andrews, M.A./Ph.D. in History. Two years
- Colin McIntyre**, Glasgow, L.L.M. One year
- Rebecca Terry**, Bristol, Internship in Equine Surgery. One year

(Sir John Rupert Hunt Thouron—continued from cover.)

lines in the vicinity of prisoner-of-war camps, and Thouron had many parachute jumps, including a number at night, behind German lines.

Inspired by seeing British and American troops fighting side-by-side during the war, John Thouron sought a way to foster continued Anglo-American friendship through an academic exchange. In 1960, he and his wife created the Thouron University of Pennsylvania Fund for British-American Exchange, destined to become one of the world's leading graduate fellowship programs. Since that time more than 700 students have studied abroad at either the University of Pennsylvania or at British universities. Chosen by a competitive process culminating with interviews by the British and American Selection Committees, the Thouron Scholars receive funding to pursue studies in any field of their choosing.

In recognition of his work for the Thouron Award, Thouron was awarded a CBE in 1967 and a KBE in 1976, on the occasion of the Queen's visit to Philadelphia for the bicentennial of American independence. His son, the late John J. Thouron, known as "Tiger," was awarded an OBE in 2003 for the more than 30 years of work he devoted to the Award.

With an abiding love for Scotland, Thouron returned regularly to fish the Deveron River, and to pursue his life-long and immensely talented relationship with golf. In 1938 he bested Bobby Locke at Muirfield over 18 holes, and nothing gave him greater pleasure from the age of 70 on than competing shot by shot against his age over 18 holes. In June, 1995, playing at Bidermann Golf Club in Delaware, he was renowned for scoring 75 at age 88. He was the only member of Seminole Golf Club, in Florida, whose name appears at least once on each of the Club's historic tournament boards.

John Thouron was known internationally for his gardens at Doe Run in Unionville, Pennsylvania, where he took what were originally open fields and created a series of gardens — an Alpine garden, a water garden, a cottage garden, and extensive herbaceous borders, amongst others — that each year attract thousands of horticulturists and garden clubs. Doe Run also has greenhouses with an extensive orchid assemblage. Uniquely, Thouron had a myrtle standard grown from a myrtle sprig taken from the wedding bouquet of Queen Victoria, in whose wedding his grandmother was an attendant. A superb plants man, Thouron was the first to produce a clear yellow clivia, described by White Flower Farm as "one of the holy grails of the plant world."

CELEBRATING SIR JOHN AT DOE RUN

Members of the global Thouron family gathered at Doe Run Farm June 3 to celebrate the life of Sir John Thouron. Pictured, clockwise, in the square are John Crawshaw, Br'72, Amit Pandya, Br'72, John Chesney, Br'73, and Sandra Knopp Reiners, Am'67. In the center photo are Rupert Thouron and Sheena Stewart, Br'71. Photo on the right: Deveron Emily Nicoll, Jane Whitehouse Thouron, Br'73, and Hannah Nicoll. Deveron and Hanna are the daughters of Rachel Thouron Nicoll and, thus, Tiger's granddaughters and Sir John's great-granddaughters.



Among the responses to the notice of Sir John's death were the following:

"He was a charming man who made a great art of interviewing young people. Indeed, he taught me the value of humour and humanity in what otherwise could become dry recitations of academic achievements."

JOHN STOPFORD

"I feel as if we have all lost a family member. I can vividly remember playing golf with him about 30 years ago at the DuPont Country Club." MICHAEL WESTON

"Sir John and his whole family, following in his footsteps, have made the lives of so many young people so much fuller. He will be sadly missed by all of us who had the privilege of meeting him and whose lives were so shaped by him." KEITH STONE

"Few people can have had as fulfilling a life as Sir John. His energy and many achievements are an inspiration to us all."

JULIAN HIRST

"Reading the obituary reminded me that once giants walked the face of the earth; Sir John was clearly one of them." GUY ROGERS

A YEAR OF MEMORIALS...

Celebrating two extraordinary lives

On three occasions within the last year — November 3, 2006, January 12, 2007, and June 3, 2007 — Thouron Scholars from around the world gathered to celebrate the lives of the two men who shaped the Thouron Award and created its enduring legacy.

The November memorial celebration for Tiger Thouron was held at Penn's Law School and loosely followed the Quaker tradition. After words from Penn Provost Ron Daniels on the importance of the Award to the University and his personal recollections of meeting Tiger, former Thouron Scholars rose individually to reminisce. Not surprisingly, many of the stories evoked knowing laughter — so much so that attendees agreed that Tiger would have considered it a good party.

The gathering in London, at the Army & Navy Club, was arranged as a memorial to Tiger by David Briggs and David Wertheim. One speaker from each of the five decades of the Thouron Award talked about what the Thouron experience was like in his or her era, and all expressed gratitude to Sir John and Tiger for making it possible.

June brought a memorial service and garden party for Sir John Thouron at his Doe Run Farm in Unionville, PA. During the final reading, bagpipers could be heard in the distance. When summoned by Rupert Thouron, they marched forward in formation and provided a stirring conclusion to the ceremony. Walks around Sir John's famed gardens — in the rain — were followed by lunch.

TIGER THOURON & SIR JOHN THOURON

Beau Ances, Am'93, and his wife, Liz, welcomed a son, Leander McGehee Ances, April 11, 2007.

Helen Bronte-Stewart, Br'78, is Director of the Movement Disorders Center at Stanford Hospital (California) and Assistant Professor in the departments of neurology and neurosciences. "Dr. Bronte-Stewart's expertise in single neuronal electrophysiology in primates has been transferred to the operating room, where she performs the intraoperative microelectrode mapping of basal ganglia nuclei during deep brain stimulation procedures for the treatment of movement disorders.

Ian Buchanan, Br'70, based in Sydney, Australia, is Senior Executive Advisor to Booz Allen Hamilton Australia, New Zealand, and Southeast Asia. Formerly Regional Chairman, he has more than 30 years experience in consulting in the Asia Pacific region.

Marc Diamond, Am' '67, is the Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations at the University of Vermont after seven years at Bryn Mawr College as Chief Advancement Officer and Secretary of the College.

Hugh Durrant-Whyte, Br'83, is Director of the Australian Center for Field Robotics and Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Sydney. He moved to Sydney from Oxford in 1995 to pursue his interest in large-scale autonomous robots.

Jennifer Egan, Am'85, had a busy two-month book tour last year promoting her well received novel, *The Keep*.

Suzanne Evans Wagner, Br'01, has a tenure-track teaching position in linguistics at Michigan State University, where she sees **Nigel Caplan, Br'00** (a new father).

Michael Grubb, Am'00, now married to Ani, is continuing work on his Ph.D. in Economics at Stanford.

Hugh Gusterson, Br'80, is moving from MIT to George Mason University, still focused on science, technology, and society.

Cameron Harris, Br'01, with his Ph.D. in composition in hand, is now in Pretoria, South Africa, where he and his wife, Marie Jorritsma, teach at UNISA. He is also busy composing pieces for small ensembles.

Caroline Heycock, Br'85, is Reader in Linguistics at the University of Edinburgh. She returned to the UK in 1998 after teaching at Oakland University, Yale, and the University of Delaware.

David Holtzman, Am'06, after completing his M.Sc. in public health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, got to apply his knowledge immediately by spending the summer in Rwanda working with the Clinton Foundation. He is now back at Penn finishing his M.D.

Jazz Kalirai, Br'99, has an architectural practice in Quito, Ecuador. His design for a prototype house for the Galapagos Islands took second prize in the 2006 PanAmericana Biennial.

Michael Levin, Am'64, now has his own law practice in Washington.

Jane Machin, Br'01, teaches marketing at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. Her second son, Oliver, was born in early 2007.

Gregg McClymont, Br'98, having completed his D.Phil. at St. John's College, Oxford in 2006, is a Lecturer in history at Keble College, Oxford. He is also a speechwriter for the Home Secretary. From 2003 to 2005 he was speechwriter for the Secretary of State for Health.

Hayley McLorinan, Br'06, has accepted a pupillage at 2 Temple Gardens, where **Ming-Yee Shiu, Br'00**, works.

Katherine Minarik, Am'98, completed her law degree at Penn in 2006 and just finished clerking for a federal judge in Chicago before joining the firm of Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott. She plans to stay in Chicago for a few years, "before heading back to the women's rights and civil rights world." She is married to Robert Pezold.

Christopher Monkhouse, Am'69, will become the Eloise W. Martin Curator and Chair of the Department of European Decorative Arts at the Art Institute of Chicago, effective October 1, 2008. Since 1995 he has been James Ford Bell Curator and head of the department of Architecture, Design, Decorative Arts, Crafts and Sculpture at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

Michael Moritz, Br'76, was named one of the world's 100 most influential people by *Time* Magazine.

Jennifer McAllister-Nevis, Am'92, who had worked as a staff attorney for the Legal Aid Society, has been with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Reproductive Freedom Project since 2003. As a state strategies attorney, she leads reproductive rights campaigns and special projects with state affiliates.

David Parkes, Br'95, is John L. Loeb Associate Professor of Computer Science at Harvard. He received his Penn Ph.D. in 2001. David's most recent honor — beyond receiving tenure after only four years — is an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship for 2005-2007.

Peter Robertson, Br'69, has been vice chairman of the board of Chevron Corporation since 2003. Currently a California resident, he has spent his entire career with Chevron.

Eric Schrode, Am'84, is a teacher at Harvard-Westlake School in Los Angeles and creator of the HWS/REMBIKO Project. He is a playwright and director, with several of his productions appearing at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. He has also written screenplays, two books of poetry, and a novel.

Omari Simmons, Am'00, and his wife Kami Chavis Simmons, have joined the law faculty at Wake Forest University, Omari's undergraduate alma mater. He is teaching Contracts and Sales.

BUILDING ON THE THOURON NETWORK

A few alumni have recommended that we find ways to build on the Thouron connection, knowing that Thouron Scholars are likely to share some interests as well as the proverbial "global perspective." One possibility is small group outings, whether for cultural events or for trips — domestic and international.

The Thouron website — www.thouronaward.org — will soon have a bulletin board for posting networking opportunities. Use it to find new ways to stay connected. (And, once again, remember that to search the Directory, the username is thouronaward, and the password is ti60ger.)

STILL LOOKING FOR SUGGESTIONS

With the 50th anniversary of the Thouron Award less than three years away, we continue to look for suggestions on how and where to celebrate. Because the Award originated in Scotland, our current thinking is to hold the celebration there. But where? We need to be able to accommodate at least 200 people for at least one night.

We are hoping that the celebrations will go beyond a formal dinner to include talks by alumni. Depending on the venue, sightseeing, cultural, and sporting activities might also be available.

Please send your suggestions to Carole Clarke: cclarke@dev.upenn.edu

www.thouronaward.org

The Annual Student Party at Glenroy Farm...

with innovative uses for Thouron ties and scarves.



May 2007 L.L.M. Graduates (left to right):
Hayley McLorinan, Alasdair Henderson and Joseph Farmer

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