

# THE THOURON AWARD



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## What a Celebration!

“Magical” is the word most frequently used about the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Thouron Award at Hampton Court Palace. It was truly a night to remember.

The 220 guests came from all over the world — Simon Pillar and Ian Buchanan from Australia, Ian Petersen from Hong Kong, Gerry Crompton from Switzerland, and a slew of Americans — to join in the celebrations. John Berry was there from the very first contingent of Scholars in 1960, and four of the new 2010 Scholars had their first introduction to the world of Thouron.

Guests arrived at the Palace, mostly by bus, and were greeted by a piper and medieval musicians, who led them to the Privy Gardens for Champagne and hors d'oeuvres. Rupert Thouron welcomed everyone and expressed the Thouron family's pride in the achievements of the Scholars and a deep and continuing commitment to the Award. Penn President Amy Gutmann spoke of her own admiration for the Award and the University's pride in hosting it for 50 years.

Costumed guides led guests up the King's Stairs, through the King's Guards, the King's Presence Chamber, and the Communication Corridor to the Great Watching Chamber and The Great Hall. Dinner in The Great Hall, with the spirit of Henry VIII hovering somewhere, was followed by port and cheese in the beautifully lighted Fountain Court, with a full moon overhead. There John Chesney made remarks, and Eugene Huang read a letter of congratulations from Barack Obama. It was hard to imagine what could top that scene, but...

On to the East Front, where out of the darkness appeared the Band of the Royal Scots Guards. Marching in formation and playing a selection of both British and American marches, they were a breathtaking sight. After this grand finale, a single piper on the ramparts of the Palace sent the guests on their way back home — to London and beyond.

### The Day After

All guests at the Hampton Court event were invited to brunch at Paul Judge's spectacular flat in Pimlico on Sunday. Another cloudless day meant expansive views from the 360° of windows, so everyone seemed to be dividing time between gazing and talking. It was an opportunity to spend more time with new friends and old and to make plans for getting together again. Special thanks to Paul and Barbara Judge for being such gracious hosts.

## AWARDS 2010

### American Fellows

#### Veyom Bahl

MSc in Development Administration and Planning, University College, London. One year.

#### Samuel Levine

M.Phil. in Finance, Oxford. One year.

#### Stefan Sabo

Master of Advanced Study in Mathematics, Cambridge. One year.

### British Fellows

#### Nassim Baiou

Oxford. M.B.A. Two years.

#### Hannah Bill

Cambridge. LL.M. One year.

#### Lorna Gunn

Aberdeen. M.A. in Criminology and MGA. Two years.

#### Femi Fadugba

Oxford. MGA. Two years.

#### Robert Peal

Cambridge. MA in History. One year.

#### Casey Thomas

King's College, London. MSE in Nanotechnology. One and one-half years.

# Alumni News

*On the occasion of the 50th anniversary, it seemed appropriate to try to learn about some of the Scholars who have been “missing” for many years. Thanks to Google and some queries from Sheena Stewart, it is now possible to see what they are up to. Other Thourons sent news with their RSVPs to Hampton Court. Read and be impressed!*

**Faye Allard, Br’01**, was the star of the *other* big Thouron event in 2010 — her wedding to Matthew Glass. By enlisting her many friends around the world to vote for her and Matthew, she won a lavish wedding in a contest sponsored by *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. The public even voted on her dress, cake, and invitations! Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter officiated — thanks to the efforts of Luke Butler, Br’06, Special Assistant to the Mayor. Thourons came from everywhere — even Alex DeRenzy Channer from Bosnia — to join in the celebration. Among them were Jane Machin, Suzanne Evans Wagner, Dominique Tobbell, Janine Catalano, Bob Wilson, Luke Butler, John Shurmer Smith, and Rupert and Jan Thouron.

**Susan Archer (Cockcroft), Br’63**, recalls, “I was the first woman to be awarded a Thouron Fellowship in 1963, though I was unaware of this honour until John Gelling and the other Fellows enthusiastically congratulated me on my arrival!

“I had a wonderful time at Penn, and with the help of a University Dissertation Fellowship, completed my PhD in English and American Literature in 1967. Returning to the UK, I was appointed to a lectureship in American Literature at the University of Nottingham. I’m still teaching at Nottingham part-time, though now it’s linguistics not literature. In the meantime I married a fellow English Lecturer, had three daughters, taught for the Open University for 27 years, taught in further education for 20 years, became a Senior Examiner for a major examination board (2000 to the present), wrote books on sociolinguistics, discourse and context for A level students, and co-authored with my husband a book on rhetoric and language, *Persuading People* (Palgrave Macmillan 2005, 3rd edition pending).

“Teaching and learning have been at the centre of my life. The joy of pure research first experienced at Penn, still remains

a lodestar, always present whatever other demands are made on time and imagination. Without the Thouron Award this life-fulfilling experience would not have happened. Equally, the friendships that I still enjoy that have lasted over forty five years, sustained by regular criss crossings of the Atlantic, would not exist. I can still recall Sir John Thouron’s words at my interview in the autumn of 1962: ‘We want Thouron Fellows to be ambassadors for friendship and understanding between the British and American people, because the young will do it best.’ I am immeasurably grateful for the Thouron Award, which, quite literally, transformed my life.”

**Camilla Baker, Br’97**, after 10 years working in primary schools, is now running a community development project, supporting families in low-income areas in growing their own vegetables — through the Eden Project. She loves working for the Eden Project and would be happy to give tours to Thouron alumni. (Her title is Project Manager, Seeds Soup & Sarnies!)

**Andrew Bell, Br’84**, is back in London, where he is political editor for BskyB.

**David Briggs, Br’70**, has been appointed by the Queen as Lord-Lieutenant of Cheshire, making him the Queen’s representative in the County. “In 2006 I was High Sheriff which is a one year position and you are the Queen’s representative for law and order. This new job is a bigger one and you have a wider responsibility getting involved in everything that the Royal Family do and in particular supporting the whole of the voluntary sector. You also get very involved in the armed forces and in a whole plethora of activities. You are appointed until the age of 75. The challenge is how to ‘use’ the position to ‘add value’ to the community and I am already getting a lot of local businesses involved in community activity so hopefully I will be able to bring the job into the 21st century.”

**Nigel Caplan, Br’00**, is an assistant professor at the University of Delaware English Language Institute.

**Vijay Chauhan, Br’02**, has relocated from Barclay Capital’s London office to the Jersey City office, working in Global Information Security.

**Silvia Casale, Br’69**, former Chairperson of the UN Subcommittee for Prevention of Torture, is now associated with the Asia Pacific Forum. She spent the year as a visiting professor at Bristol University School of Law.

**Robert Cooper, Br’69**, is Director-General for External and Politico-Military Affairs of the Council of the European Union. He was formerly Deputy Secretary for Defence and Overseas Affairs in the Cabinet Office and, subsequently, Special Representative for the British Government on Afghanistan.

**Michelle Danso, Br’08**, returned to London after receiving her LLM and immediately found a job in Prime Brokerage and Trading at Man Investments.

**Calum Davey, Br’08**, is working for a small NGO in France called CartONG. “We have been helping with an environmental resource management project in Vietnam looking at how the ethnic minorities can get benefit from there forests. I’ve also been making maps of the radio stations in Haiti to help with the disaster response.”

**Hugh Davies, Br’70**, died in 2000. He taught in the Department of Economics at Birkbeck, University of London.

**Marc Diamond, Am’67**, is now Managing Director, Primary Gifts at McGill University.

**Nikolai Dejevsky, Am’71**, originally pursued a career in British publishing and journalism, moving to Paris in 1995. He is the author of *A Myth of Messina: Echoes of Russian Richmond* (2009), *Moods and Memories* (2007), and *Woodland of Weir: America in 2276 AD* (2004), as well as co-author of *Cultural Atlas of Russia and the Soviet Union* (1989 — revised in 1998). His poetry has received two Mervyn Peake Awards.

**Simon Engelhart, Br’05**, has completed his PhD. He stayed on at Penn as a post-doc, working on the sedimentary signatures of earthquakes in Oregon and Washington.

**Suzanne Evans (Wagner), Br’01**, is the new mother of Toby Anthony Wagner (December 6, 2009).

**Carolyn Fairbairn, Br’83**, is Director of Group Development and Strategy at ITV plc. A member of the Board of FSA (Financial Services Authority), she is also chair of the Royal Television Society, and a non-executive director of Digital UK, the organization leading the UK’s switch to Digital TV, and of Freesat.



Geoffrey Latta and Janice Bellace, Am’74, and Edward Behrendt and Lesley Behrendt, Br’68



Medieval musicians.

**Richard “Rick” Gekoski, Am’66**, is a writer, broadcaster, and rare book dealer. He has founded two private presses, The Sixth Chamber Press and (with T.G. Rosenthal) The Bridgewater Press, which issue limited editions by well-known writers. He has published a trilogy of books which trace three of his major enthusiasms: football, book dealing, and reading: *Staying Up*, *Tolkien’s Gown*, and *Outside of a Dog*. Rick regularly appears on radio as a guest commentator on topics relating to rare books and the book trade. He has written and produced three series of Rare Books, Rare People for BBC Radio 4, which he followed with two series of *Lost, Stolen, or Shredded: The History of Some Missing Works of Art* also for Radio 4. In 2005 he was a Man Booker Prize judge, and is currently Chairman of Judges for the 2011 Man Booker International Prize.



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**Rose George, Br'93**, was back at Penn this fall to speak with students about her widely praised book, *The Big Necessity*, which was the work chosen for the Penn Reading Project. Rose spoke about the honor on her website: "I spent a happy year at the University of Pennsylvania in 1993-4, attempting to understand International Relations (and failing; I switched to comparative politics), living luxuriously on the generosity of the splendid Thouron Award (and Fulbright for the travel) and getting far too fond of the vegetarian meatballs served up by the Magic Carpet lunch truck just off campus. So I am extremely touched and honoured that the university's Penn Reading Project has selected *The Big Necessity* [for next year]. The Penn Reading Project gives out a copy of its chosen book (though last year the choice was a painting) to all



Mark Owen, Br'76 and Catherine Owen, David McGirr, Br'76 and Maggie McGirr, and Andrew Reicher, Br'76 and Hilary Reicher reunite as they have multiple times since they met as Thourons.



Penn President Amy Gutmann speaks.

freshmen (freshpeople) students. I think I'm the youngest choice, and the first woman to be chosen for twelve years (the last was Maxine Hong Kingston in 1998). Needless to say, I am extremely chuffed, not least to be in the company of Euripides, Voltaire and Graham Greene. And to be chosen by one of my alma maters (the other being Somerville College, Oxford, which has yet to want to inflict me or my book on its students or alumni), is even more gratifying."

**James Hood, Br'79**, died in Switzerland on Tuesday 14th September. He suffered a massive embolism the day after a long operation from which he seemed to have recovered. He had attended the 50th anniversary celebration in June.

**Kimberly Hsu, Am'08**, has moved back to Washington, DC, continuing her work for the US Department of the Navy.

**Michael Keeley, Am'00**, recently moved to San Francisco with his wife Olga and son Lucas (2). He currently works in the Market Planning team for Genentech. Prior to that, Michael worked at Novo Nordisk in Princeton where he helped launch a new diabetes drug (Victoza) and earlier worked as a consultant in the pharmaceuticals practice of McKinsey and Company. Through the Thouron Award, Michael received an MSc in History and Philosophy of Science from the University of London in 2000. He completed his PhD in Cell and Molecular Biology at the University of Pennsylvania in 2005.

**Mark Holdsworth, Br'94**, is Managing Director of Fabian Capital, an independent fund management company specializing in Romanian & Eastern European commercial property.

**Mark Rivers Kidel, Br'68**, is a filmmaker and writer specializing in art and music. Since 1988, he has worked as a documentary, arts and music consultant to Channel Four, United, and BBC Wales, as well as producing and directing many films in the UK and France. He worked closely with Third Eye Productions and Rosetta Films in London, and Les Films d'ici and Agat et Cie in Paris. In 2002, he set up Calliope Media as a vehicle for his own productions but continues to work with other producers in the UK and the rest of Europe. He lives in Bristol with his wife and occasional collaborator, Susan Rowe-Leete, his son Sam, and his daughter Anna.

**Jacob "Jake" Kraft, Am'03**, has completed his JD/MBA at Stanford.

**John Leonard, Am'67**, is a professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at MIT and is also a member of the MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory.

**Keith Leslie, Br'80**, Keith leads Deloitte's Organisation Leadership practice, after 12 years at McKinsey, leading their European organization design practice and their internal leadership development program. He regularly serves on 'expert panels' for government — e.g. service transformation, climate change. *The Daily Telegraph* listed him in May 2008 as the only consultant among the '100 most influential people in the public sector'. He is also a non-executive director of The Tablet Publishing Company and of BuildAfrica, a NGO working with young people in Kenya and Uganda.

**Gordon Lloyd, Br'69**, has retired and moved back to the UK. He is living in Torquay, Devon.

**Simon MacKimmion, Br'83**, a long-term, Mandarin-speaking, resident of Shanghai, has held senior management positions in China with P&O and as President of Corning Incorporated's Greater China Region. He currently serves as Chairman of Aggreko China Ltd and Chairman of Global Green Power Ltd (biomass, wind energy), as an associate partner in Noble House, and as China Advisor to Cinven Ltd. He is also an advisor to the Shanghai National People's Consultative Congress and was awarded Honorary Citizenship of Shanghai in 2007. Interestingly, he also serves as a Director of Liverpool Biennial, a UK festival of contemporary art.

**Robert McCrum, Br'75**, received terrific reviews for his latest book, *Globish*, which describes and analyzes the development of English as the global language. After serving as Literary Editor of *The Observer* for 12 years, Robert is now Associate Editor. His pieces can also be found in *The Guardian*.

**Josie McRoberts (Goodale), Br'84**, is Director of Product Management for Cisco Systems in Glasgow. She plans to "downshift" soon.

**Blakeley McShane, Am'04**, has completed his PhD in mathematics and is headed for a teaching position at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Business.

**Jason Nagata, Am'09**, is now at medical school at the University of California San Francisco. He managed to make it across continent and ocean to the Hampton Court celebration.



Rupert Thouron welcomes guests.

**Brent Neiman, Am'99**, is Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago, Booth School of Business. After receiving his M.Sc. in Mathematical Modeling and Numerical Analysis from University College, Oxford, he did further graduate work at Harvard and served as Staff Economist for International Finance on the White House council of economic Advisors. (He also found time to marry Yael Aufgang.)

**Peter Norris, Br'77**, former head of investment banking at Barings Bank, has served as non-executive Chairman of Virgin Group Holdings since November 2009.

**David Osbon, Br'94**, saw the release of a CD of his Piano Sonatas 1-3, played by his wife, Jane Beament, with David conducting. It is available at Amazon.



John Crawshaw, Br'82, David Briggs, Br'70, Michelle Briggs, and Caroline Crawshaw.



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**Simon Palley, Br'83**, is a new Trustee of the University of Pennsylvania, where his son, Oliver is a junior. After retiring from BC Partners in 2007, Simon became a senior advisor to Haymarket Financial. He is also a member of the Wharton School's European Advisory Board and a member of the Wharton Executive Board for Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

**Michelle Peluso, Am'93**, gave birth to her second child, Cole Hudson Fader, in January 2010.

**Adrian (Gus) Pope, Br'85**, retired from the Cayman Islands law firm of Maples and Calder, returning to the UK. He made his first Thouron appearance in many years at Hampton Court Palace.

**Anthony Pursey, Br'83**, is now living in Brisbane, Australia.

**Karl Rethmeyer, Am'91**, was promoted to Associate Professor of Public Administration and Policy and appointed chair of the Department of Public Administration and Policy, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, SUNY Albany. "In August 2009, I was co-winner of the Accenture Advances in Public Management Award for an article published in the International Public Management Journal entitled, "Mobile Trust, Enacted Relationships: Social Capital in a State-Level Policy Network." I am also co-Director of the Project on Violent Conflict (PVC) at UAlbany, a research center devoted to the study of terrorism, terrorist organizations, and counter-terrorism efforts that is funded by grants and contracts from the Office of Naval Research, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), U.S. Strategic Command, the Department of Homeland Security, and the National Science Foundation."



Julian Hirst, Br'82, arrives in style.

**Peter Roberston, Br'69**, former vice chairman of the board of directors for Chevron Corporation, was the featured speaker at the Wharton School's 2009 Executive MBA Commencement in San Francisco. He retired from Chevron in 2009 after 36 years with the company. Over the course of his career, he advanced through a number of leadership positions in finance, strategic planning, exploration and production. He was appointed vice president, Finance, for Chevron U.S.A. in 1989, and president of Warren Petroleum Co. (Chevron's former natural gas liquids subsidiary) in 1991. In 1994, he was appointed vice president, Strategic Planning, for Chevron Corporation. He held this post until being named president of Chevron U.S.A. Production Company in 1997. In 2000 he became president of Chevron Overseas Petroleum Inc, and he served as vice chairman from 2002 to 2009.

**Margaret "Nog" Sawdon, Br'79**, is Head of New Media at GMTV in London.

**David Scales, Am'01**, recently completed his PhD in sociology after doing research in Lebanon and at the World Health Organization on pandemic influenza, food safety, and international disease outbreak control. He has been finishing his MD at Yale and will then work as an independent global public health consultant before beginning his medical residency.

**Karen Scrivener, Br'79**, professor at Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne, conducts research on cementitious materials and on the micro-mechanics and processing of wood at the Laboratory of Construction Materials (LMC). In January she was the first-ever woman to receive an honorary doctor of Czech Technical University in Prague. According to the announcement, "She is the director and the driving force behind Nanocem, a large consortium that brings together researchers and companies interested in fundamental research on the nanoscience of cement and concrete. Prof Scrivener's research interests are in the microstructure of cement, which is, after water, the most widely-used of all engineering materials. She has developed close cooperation with the Faculty of Civil Engineering at CTU in Prague, and many Czech scientists have had an opportunity to work under her supervision in Lausanne. Prof. Scrivener is the first woman ever to be awarded an honorary degree by CTU, and probably the only one to receive the award in the presence of both parents."

**Pam Seidenman, Am'84**, is Business Development Manager, Joint BioEnergy Institute and Marketing Manager, Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Management, at the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab (LBNL). Prior to joining Berkeley Lab, Pam pioneered innovation in the health care arena at the University of California, San Francisco and Kaiser Permanente and in high tech at Xerox Palo Alto Research Park. She served as Executive Director of a national educational organization, *Student Pugwash*, dedicated to educating university students about the ethical and social issues raised by science and technology. She was also the founder and owner of Zero Gravity, a women's outdoor clothing company.

**Daniel Simon, Br'04**, and wife, Melora, are the proud parents of Nathaniel, born October 12, 2010.

**Natacha Simon (Catalino), Br'02**, and husband, Peter, announced the November 6, 2009 birth of Allegra Marisa and Olympia Mimy Catalino.

**Alex Slater, Br'00**, is working in Washington, DC for the Glover Park Group, a political/public affairs firm. "I love my job and my life," he says, noting that he is "always grateful for the Thouron Scholarship that made it all possible."

**Brian Slater, Br'89**, is still working for Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Cinto (law firm) in New York, where he practices intellectual property law. He is listed in Managing Intellectual Property's 2009 Guide to the World's Leading Patent Law Practitioners.

**Bernadette Spina (Tiso), Am'99**, works in the General Counsel's Office of the New York Blood Center (which operates similarly to the American Red Cross).

**Eugene Stelzig, Am'66**, Distinguished Teaching Professor of English at SUNY Geneseo, has recently published *Fool's Gold: Selected Poems of a Decade* (Foothills Press), and his edited collection of articles on *Romantic Autobiography in England* appeared in November with Ashgate. He is currently on sabbatical, readying a short book on *Henry Crabb Robinson in Germany: A study in Nineteenth Century Life Writing* to be published by Associated University Presses in 2010.



The Band of the Scots Guards performs.



Dinner in The Great Hall.

**Nuala Summerfield, Br'98**, notes that she has "moved about quite a bit" since her residency at Penn's New Bolton center. She is now an RCVS Specialist in Veterinary Cardiology at North Downs Specialist Referrals in Bletchingley, Surrey.

**Melissa Teixeira, Am'08**, who was twice a Thouron — first as the recipient of the Thouron Prize for summer study at Pembroke College, Cambridge and then as an Award recipient — has just started a PhD program in history at Princeton (where she will see **Aaron Rock, Am'08**, who is also studying for his PhD). Last year she was a visiting research student at the Harvard Center for History and economics.

**Louise Tillin, Br'03**, completed her PhD at the Institute of Development studies, University of Sussex, and is now beginning a junior research fellowship at Newnham College, Cambridge. She is continuing her work on India's political economy.

**Shawn Walker, Am'97**, mother of three boys, with a fourth child on the way, is setting up practice as an independent midwife just south of Norwich (UK).

**David Watson, Br'71**, formerly Professor of Higher Education Management at the Institute of Education, University of London, has been elected Principal of Green Templeton College, Oxford, taking office in October. (Green Templeton is Oxford's newest graduate-only college, specializing in "disciplines that are directly concerned with the contemporary world and human welfare.") David, who was knighted in 1998 for services to education, also received a National Teaching Fellowship in 2008. Between 1990 and 2005 he was Vice-Chancellor of the University of Brighton. He then chaired the Commission of Inquiry into the future of lifelong learning. He is also a member of the Advisory Board for the Higher Education Policy Institute.

**Claire Wilkinson-Weber, Br'84**, is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Washington State University, Vancouver. According to her faculty profile, "My research interests are based in India and include dress, fashion, and the social processes of film production, with special focus on questions of the co-option of commodities in media industries, the making of film costume, and fashion and performance in film. I have recently begun investigating the relationship between the materiality of costume and the immaterial



Port and cheese in the Fountain Court.

"realities" they help create on screen, with particular attention being paid to costume aging and distressing. Comparative research in North American industries is also a part of my work. I am currently preparing a book on Hindi film costume titled *Fashioning Bollywood: Making and Meaning in Hindi film costume*."

**Robert Crichton Wilson, Br'68**, is living in the Philippines, where he has been a Director of Epic Shipping (BVI) Ltd. since 2006. Most of his career has been spent in the Philippines and Hong Kong except for a seven-year period in the UK as Director of York Trust Ltd. (1986-93).

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