

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

- Drawing attention to the election in a public place
- Canvassing for votes in a Public Place
- Bribery
- Intimidation
- Providing written or verbal lists of other candidates
- Making defamatory statements about a candidate
- Written election material
- Systematic campaigning in college rooms (e.g. knocking on people's doors)
- Using a vehicle to convey members to the Poll
- Campaigning by telephone or by the Internet
- Claiming to represent or be supported by any political, racial or religious group
- Candidates marking manifesto booklets
- Hindering the Returning Officer or his deputies.

*To see a complete list, please consult Rule 33, [www.oxford-union.org](http://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.**

**HAVE YOU SEEN SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR?**

**CALL HACK-STOPPERS ON (01865) 241 353**

**Niall Gallagher, Worcester College  
Returning Officer**



**DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICERS**

Andrew Grey, Ex-RO, St Peter's  
Alexander Priest, Ex-RO, St John's  
Oliver Linch, Ex-RO, Lincoln

Max Lewis, Pembroke  
Phillippa Neal, Christ Church  
Martin Nelson, Lady Margaret Hall  
Luke Connoley, Lady Margaret Hall

## OXFORD UNION ELECTIONS

For an Honest, Open, and Transparent Union

Poll Date: Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

### 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 - and afterwards, why not have a drink in the refurbished bar or use the Library for some work?

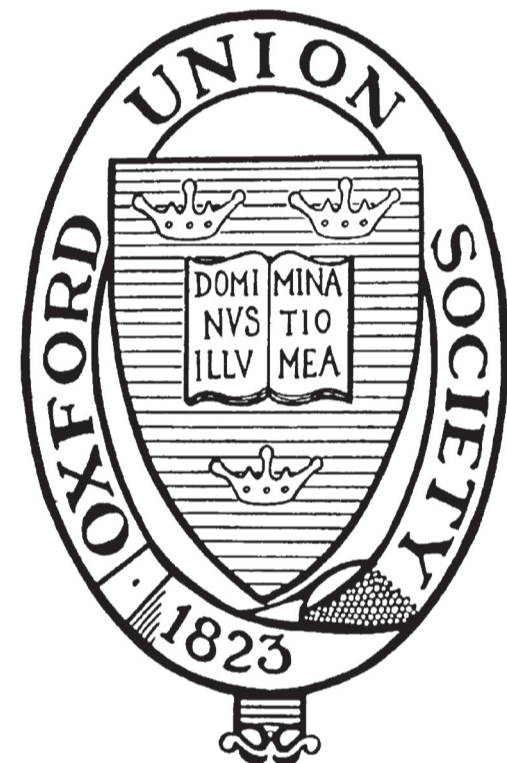
### HOW TO VOTE

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:

Gussie FINKNOTTLE	2
Oofy PROSSER	3
Dame Daphne WINKWORTH	1
Pongo TWISTLETON	4

*Niall Gallagher  
Collegium Vigornienne  
Returning Officer*



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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 his ability that all claims made in manifestos are true: he advises, 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.

**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.*

# CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT

with overall responsibility for the Society and for arranging its debates

## TOM HARTLEY, WORCESTER, LIBRARIAN



**The Union needs a President who has proven commitment and experience which I've gained through 3 terms on Standing Committee including 2 Officerships;** confirming *Jane Goodall, Kazuo Ishiguro, Romano Prodi* and *Howard Dean*; deputising for 3 Presidents, coordinating debates and organising £25,000+ *Fire & Ice Ball*. I've worked for the future, confirming *Stephen Hawking* and *Chief Justice Roberts* for Trinity, and

kept my pledges, only promising speakers who have confirmed. I want to see more people getting involved and to expand the women's initiative, but not through patronising means. For too long the Union has been caught up in its own internal affairs- this has to stop! **I've been honoured to serve as your Secretary and Librarian and hope you'll give me the chance to serve as your President. For a Union that puts you first: Vote Smartly. Vote Hartley.**

## JAMES DRAY, MANSFIELD, STANDING C'TTEE



Our Society was once run by its best debaters, attracting the top speakers and creating a powerful forum for debate. I am the current **WORLD UNIVERSITIES DEBATING CHAMPION**, the current European Universities Debating Champion and a past World Universities Masters Debating Champion. I have given eight paper speeches and coached members in debating for over three years. I have invited 350 people to speak in debates and I believe that my **ABILITY**

**TO ATTRACT THE MOST INFLUENTIAL SPEAKERS** will help to rebuild the reputation of our Union. Having assisted the President with the organisation of the Iran, America and Islam debates, I know how to **DEMAND DEDICATION FROM YOUR COMMITTEE**. Recent Officers have overseen a wasteful Society; I have held them to account, and ensured that your membership fees are spent wisely. For **SPEAKERS, NOT SCANDAL**, vote **JAMES DRAY!**

## JAMES LANGMAN, UNIVERSITY, TREASURER



**The Union needs comprehensive leadership.** I'm the **only** candidate with a proven record across the board: **Record-breaking** Treasurer, National Debater, Two Officerships, Six Committees and most Officer Vacation Days. I've raised over **£430,000**, obtaining long-term sponsorship to secure the Union's future. I've invited speakers who have actually turned up (**Anna Wintour, Chertoff**) and organised the most **popular** and **profitable** socials

(Poker), attracting international sponsorship and £3,000 worth of prizes. I've signed 90+ Treasurer's Treats and arranged sweet giveaways at every debate. I will fight for a **relevant** and **inclusive** Union: Creating a Graduate Officer, expanding the role of Women's Officer, wireless throughout the building and Sky TV. I will establish a Union Careers Service: using alumni to get you internships and jobs. **We need a Union that delivers on its promises: no more no-shows, no more scandals, no more deception.**

## CANDIDATES FOR LIBRARIAN

Trinity 2009

with responsibility for the Library and for arranging individual speaker addresses

### STUART CULLEN, CHRIST CHURCH, EX-STANDING COMMITTEE



*Our Union was once the world's best debating society. Today, scandal and incompetence dominate.* I've worked during 3 vacations, assisted 2 Presidents and 1 Librarian, and I confirmed **Roberto Cavalli**. I've acted as an **AMBASSADOR FOR THE UNION** in the US and at the UN in Geneva. When working at the SU, I raised **£48,000**. I've given **4 paper speeches**, been to **7 national tournaments** and I'm the 2007 World Schools Debating Champion. **FOR A DEBATER WHO DELIVERS: VOTE CULLEN.**

### ANNA WILLIAMS, ST EDMUND HALL, SECRETARY



**YOUR QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR LIBRARIAN;** *Proven competence; relevant experience* - Managed £17,000+ **1950's BALL** and every social of term. **THREE TERMS INVOLVEMENT; FIVE COMMITTEES.** Spearheaded Women's Initiative and Public Speaking Masterclasses. **LIBRARIAN'S ASSISTANT, LIBRARY COMMITTEE delegate - deputised Librarian and invited hundreds.** **PLEDGE: BETTER PUBLICITY** - you deserve to know immediately when and why speakers aren't coming, **SET UP LIVE FEED** - so you don't miss the popular guests. **VOTE ANNA: I will work tirelessly to ensure a packed term of world-class speakers.**

## CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

Michaelmas 2009

with overall responsibility for the raising of sponsorship and buildings maintenance

### JAMES KINGSTON, CHRIST CHURCH, STANDING COMMITTEE



You need a committed treasurer - and I have **Proven dedication - genuine commitment, genuine results.** With three terms' experience in the Union, I raised **£12,000** sponsorship, invited hundreds of speakers, helped **organize 2 debates and a forum**, deputised Librarian, served Treasury Committee, and organized 'Kinky's Book Club'. **Deeply committed debator - 5 paper speeches.** We need *ideas, efficiency* - I want to revolutionize the way our Union attracts sponsorship. For **experience, energy, and results**, don't get tied up with others, vote Kinky.

## ELECTED UNOPPOSED

## CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY

Trinity 2009

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

### NGU ATANGA, LINCOLN, EX-STANDING COMMITTEE



For a **Sexier Summer, a Tastier Trinity...** I'm your **fully-committed secretary candidate: PRESIDENTS ASSISTANT** for RICKMAN & CAMERON. **Paper speech, floor speeches.** Worked off committee: **MEMBERS' DRINKS, BOLLYWOOD BASH.** I brought you **Union Open Mic Night**, performed at **Champagne and Strawberries**, helped organize **STARSAILOR.** Helped with **organization+promotion: TWO UNIVERSITY BALLS**, college halfway hall and **GREASE** entertainment. **Summer Garden Parties:** more *decedance, music, fantasy.* **GLITZ AND GLAM: "Guys & Dolls" BALL** at EYNHAM HALL. **Don't Look Back In Anger, VOTE ATANGA.**

### LAURA WINWOOD, HERTFORD, STANDING COMMITTEE



**Your qualified candidate:** Coordinated *Monarchy* and *Promiscuity* debates (paper speech). Ran more socials than any other Standing: sell-out *Pancake Party* and *Winter Warmer*, as promised. **Your hard working candidate:** Deputised for Secretary, assisted President and Librarian. Slaved away at *Fire & Ice* and *1950's Ball.* **Your creative candidate:** Arranged 6 socials as Hertford Women's Officer and Musical Society entz rep. University wide Ball committed member. **Pledge:** Innovative and appealing socials for all & *Garden of Eden Summer Ball* to seduce your senses.

## CANDIDATES FOR STANDING COMMITTEE

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

### HANNAH CUSWORTH, BRASENOSE SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE



Dedicated seccie, attended every debate this term. Worked like a trouper at ball. Over vac assisted with America debate. Helped launch and run the Women's Initiative, determined to increase participation. Want your Union run in a better manner? **Vote Hannah.**

### KANISHKA NARAYAN, BALLIOL



**Committed - Worked Vac and Bollywood Bash** when not on seccies. JCR committee, independent society committee, Treasury committee. **Debater** - Spoke on 5 Thursdays. Debated on **Sundays. Judged** at UCL IV. **PLEDGE FOR THE SUMMER - STRAWBERRIES & SWIMSUITS** Social.

### HENRY CURR, MAGDELEN

Debator: broke at **Bristol IV**, spoke at **LSE**, convened **Oxford Schools' region.** Spoken in 7 debates. **Don't err: vote CURR!**

### JOCKY JUAN McLEAN, CHRIST CHURCH

**Committed to the Union.** Will work hard. Library Committee member; **exciting.** I'm your **Juan.** *Get on this horse, vote Jocky!*

### CONAN MCKENZIE, LMH

I've taught debating to kids in East London. I helped run schools debating competition. I'm anything but a barbarian.

### EDMUND KING, WADHAM

Wadhamite Japonologist, GSOH, keen debator (Belfast MUN winning team), culinary connoisseur, seeking to experiment with new position on Secretary's Committee.

### SARAH WILLIAMS, LMH

Scholar dedicated to looking after your **ORGANS.** Gossip Editor. **TOSSED your** pancakes whilst not on committee. Something *rarer*, vote **SARAH!**

### THOMAS LAKIN, LINCOLN

I take our Union seriously. I will work hard so that it remains the world leader for quality debate.

### LOU STOPPARD, CHRIST CHURCH SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE



Alternative seccie wants to bring something new to the floor. **Competent, confident and committed. Hardest working - MOST VAC DAYS ON SECCIES (16).** Helped organise great debates (monarchy, promiscuity). Assisted president. Wants more women involved in the union - **Workhard, playhard, STOPPARD!**

### ALED RICHARDS-JONES, St JOHN'S



**It's time to deflate the egos and start working for you.** A Real Debater (5 IVs, World Schools, Won Freshers' Competition); Worked Ball; Organised Speakers; College RAG Rep; I pledge an accountable charity event. **No-Nonsense, Hard Work and Commitment: Vote Aled.**

### DAVID BLAGBROUGH, SOMERVILLE

Cocktail making **PPEist** with flair, wine drinking, poker playing, dedicated **rower.** **Works like a slave, vote Dave!**

### MIKE WEBB, BALLIOL

**What's this?** Balliol **PPEist - ORGAN** Scholar - **DEBATER & MUN Champion.** Vote anyone you like, as long as it's **MIKE!**

### EMILY BENN, NEW

This **New College** violin player's dedicated to helping ensure ALL members get the best out of their union - **Vote Benn!**

### WILL CHAMBERLAIN, LINCOLN

Willing cox seeks to bring direction to your Union. Experienced: on Charity Committee. Remember, **where there's WILL, there's a way.**

### DAVID WATSON, St PETER'S

Hockey "player"; **St Peter's** crewdater: Man of leisure, JCR Treasurer, notorious pleasurer... A vote for **Dave?** Elementary, my dear **Watson!**

### CLAIRE HANDEL, HERTFORD

Blonde bombshell wants to shake up your union! **Passionate** for RAG - helped run **Mr&Miss Oxford.** Can you *handel* it?

### DAVID THOMAS, EXETER SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE



**Dedicated and competent:** Slaved over the vac to help invite over **100 speakers** and design your termcard. Committed during term - worked most speakers and **majority** of debates. **Genuine debater:** freshers' competition finalist, Cambridge and Trinity IVs. **Pledge:** Murder Mystery Dinner!

### ASH SANGHA, THE QUEEN'S SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE



**Our union needs people who deliver.** I have a record of doing just that. This term, I've helped organise **five debates**, brought you **Lembit Opik** and coordinated over **£1000** in sponsorship. **So to cash in, vote Ash in!**

### MARK O'BRIEN, St CATHERINE'S

**Firey redhead** who spoke about *valentines* in the chamber. Catz Union Rep. Actor. Culture writer. Passionate and sparky, **VOTE MARKY!**

### DHARMESH NAYEE, UNIVERSITY

An experienced debater and charity fundraiser who will work hard for your union. Sound the alarm, Vote Dharm!

### BEN CASE, KEBLE

Effervescent JCR Secretary, Keblite Air Cadet who wants to "rise above the rest"! **Get on the CASE, vote BEN!**

### SIMON MILLAR, LINCOLN EX-STANDING COMMITTEE



Having served on Secretary's and Standing Committee, as Guest Liaison Officer, on Security, and deputised for President and Secretary; I am the **most experienced** and **best qualified** candidate. I'm re-running to change an institution that I love.

### CONSTANTIN CALAVREZOS, SOMERVILLE SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE



Greco-German fencer: laid back but **ruthlessly efficient.** Worked more socials than **any seccie** (Ball, Bollywood, Pancakes, Speed Dating, Winter Warmer) and most speaker meetings. Helped invite 100+ speakers and assisted Treasurer. Pledge: Summer Beer Fest. Elect an Emperor - **Vote Constantin.**

### ELLA FLAYE, ORIEL

**Flexible yet firm** on policy. Experienced. Energetic public speaker, yoga guru, scandalous social secretary. **The bendy way, vote Ella Flaye.**

### HENRY EVANS, CORPUS CHRISTI

**Charming** first year **Corpuscule** historian, blue-eyed **port-swilling** politico and **good lad** seeks your vote. Thank heavens for **Evans!**

## 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).