

Photographic Portraits in Hall: 2024

In order to celebrate the life and achievements of recent generations of Pembroke students, the Governing Body determined in 2017 to hang, each year, a different selection of photographic portraits in our Hall. The six alumni have been chosen from a long list held by the Art Committee in consultation with all Fellows, MCR, JCR and Alumni.

These images offer our current students - we hope - an inspiring picture of the many walks of life in which Pembroke students have successfully found their place in the wider world.

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WEST WALL



Harriet Dedman (m.2002 - History)

Harriet is a British documentary photographer and filmmaker known for her work on VICE News Tonight, the cinematic feature documentary Refugee, and as the inaugural Gordon Parks Foundation Fellow. Harriet's work has been published by major outlets, including: HBO, the BBC, CNN, The Guardian and The Financial Times. She has covered stories from the fall of Mosul to the plight of Colombia's coca farmers and the de-militarization of the FARC-EP. Over the course of 2015 and 2016, Harriet reported extensively on the Syrian refugee crisis from Greece, Germany and the Jordanian border camps.

An international lawyer, Harriet has, in parallel, worked for leading British and US law firms. She is currently the GC at Tiny Supercomputer Investment Company, a prominent venture capital fund, investing in and scaling technology companies across Europe and the US.

Harriet holds Master's degrees in photography and journalism from Columbia University and London's University of the Arts, and is currently undertaking an LLM in International Law at LSE.

Previously based in Hong Kong, New York and the Cayman Islands, she now lives in West London with her husband and two sons.



Mark Thomson (m.1985 - Physics BA and DPhil)

Mark obtained a degree in physics (1988) and doctorate (1992) in particle physics, both from the University of Oxford. He then spent two years as a Research Fellow at University College London, before being employed by CERN for six years. During this time, he made key measurements of the properties of the Z and W bosons.

In 2000 he moved to Cambridge. His research focussed on neutrino experiments at Fermilab (MINOS and MicroBooNE) and physics at future colliders. In 2015, Professor Thomson was elected as the founding co-leader of the Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment, a collaboration of over 1000 scientists, working towards the construction of a \$3Bn project in the US. In 2013, he published "Modern Particle Physics", a textbook that is now widely used for undergraduate courses at universities around the globe.

In 2018, Professor Thomson was appointed as Executive Chair of the Science and Technology Facilities Council. With a budget of £900m and 2500 staff, STFC funds UK particle physics, astronomy, and nuclear physics and operates very large-scale research facilities in the UK, including those at Harwell. Professor Thomson was also responsible for the development of the UK's first infrastructure roadmap.

EAST WALL



Chris Whitty (m. 1985 - Physiological Sciences)

Professor Sir Chris Whitty KCB FRCP FMedSci FRS is a British epidemiologist who has been Chief Medical Officer for England (CMO) since 2019. He worked as a clinician researcher in the UK, Africa and Asia. He remains a practicing NHS consultant physician.

Previously he was Chief Scientific Adviser at the Department for International Development, the Department of Health and Social Care and interim Government Chief Scientific Adviser (GCSA), and was also head/CEO of the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR).

Before becoming CMO he was Professor of Public and International Health at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and director of the Malaria Centre. He was Gresham Professor of Physic. His research has mainly been into infectious diseases associated with poverty.

Prof. Whitty played a significant role in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic and other international emergencies.



Jennifer Easterly nee Koch (m.1990 – PPE - Rhodes Scholar)

Jen Easterly is the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, America's Cyber Defense Agency. She was nominated by President Biden in April 2021 and confirmed by the Senate on July 12, 2021. She is a proud Mom, a mental health advocate, a Rubik's Cube enthusiast, and an aspiring electric guitarist.

Before serving in her current role, Jen was the Head of Firm Resilience at Morgan Stanley. She has a long tradition of public service, to include two tours at the White House as both Special Assistant to President Obama and Senior Director for Counterterrorism and as Executive Assistant to National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice. She also served as the Deputy for Counterterrorism at the National Security Agency.

A two-time recipient of the Bronze Star, Jen retired from the U.S. Army after more than twenty years of service, including tours in Haiti, the Balkans, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Responsible for standing up the Army's first cyber battalion, she was also instrumental in the design and creation of United States Cyber Command.

A distinguished graduate of West Point, Jen holds a master's degree in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics from Oxford University, where she studied at Pembroke College as a Rhodes Scholar.



Steve Atkinson (m.1973 - PPE)

Steve Atkinson worked in local government in England and Wales for 39 years, progressing from Trainee (in home town Preston), to Personnel Manager, Director of Social Services and Chief Executive – Daventry, then Hinckley and Bosworth, where he retired in December 2016, having led them to an 'Excellent' rating from the Audit Commission.

He married Jennifer in 2002 and has two adult children.

A life-long Manchester United supporter, Steve's interests include classical music (especially Beethoven), poetry and battlefields of the Great War, cricket and the writings of Jerome K Jerome and P G Wodehouse, a complete collection of whose novels and short stories he has acquired over the years.

In his 'semi-retirement', Steve is the Independent Chair of the Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership and of two Urgent Care Health Joint Ventures in Leicestershire, as well as being an independent member of the Standards Committees of Coventry and Birmingham City Councils.

Steve has been chair of the College Alumni Advisory Board for over four years and has been instrumental in setting up the College's extensive Alumni Ambassador network, now nearly 90 globally, promoting and extending the Pembroke 'community' locally and encouraging active Alumni (re)engagement with the College.



Tazeen Hasan (m.1983 – Jurisprudence)

Tazeen Hasan manages the World Bank Umbrella Facility for Gender Equality, a US\$162 million fund dedicated to advancing gender equality through innovation and knowledge creation. The fund has financed work in over 100 countries, influencing government policies and changing how companies operate to close gaps between men and women. She previously was with the World Bank's Women, Business and the Law program focusing on discriminatory laws globally that impact women's economic opportunities. She has worked on World Bank operations in Africa, Eastern Europe, the Middle East and South Asia helping governments to reform outdated laws constraining women.

Tazeen started her career as a barrister in London for several years focusing on civil and family law before relocating to Kenya, working with NGOs and the United Nations on the conflict in Sudan. She is the coauthor of several publications, including "Empowering Women: Legal Rights and Economic Opportunities in Africa" and "Voice and Agency: Empowering Women and Girls for Shared Prosperity."

After obtaining her BA in Jurisprudence at Pembroke, she did a Masters in international law at the London School of Economics. Tazeen was the first British Asian Muslim to attend Pembroke. She lives with her family and cat in Washington DC.