Photographic Portraits in Hall: 2022

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.

WEST WALL

Lisha Patel (1999, Economics & Management: Managing Director, Investments, Wellcome Trust)

Lisha is a Managing Director for the Investments Division of the Wellcome Trust, one of the world’s largest charitable foundations. She is responsible for Wellcome’s endowment investment activities across private companies and commercial property, and holds various non-executive directorships. Lisha is a CFA Charterholder and began her career in Lazard’s corporate finance practice in London. Lisha is Chair of Pembroke’s Investment Committee; Endowment Board member for Imperial College London; and External Investment Committee Member for The Honorable Society of Middle Temple. For over a decade, she has been a mentor with Sponsors for Educational Opportunity London for talented students from minority ethnic or lower socioeconomic backgrounds. Lisha was a JCR Vice President and a Chair of the ICR Art Fund during her time at Pembroke.

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Graham Lennox (1978, Medicine: Clinical Lead for neurology at Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust)

Graham has been an academic neurologist in Nottingham and a clinical neurologist in Cambridge and Oxford. His research put human bodies on the medical map, recognised the role of ubiquitin in neurodegeneration, and identified the specific pathology of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (MND) and its relation to frontotemporal dementia. He co-authored a popular undergraduate textbook of neurology. In recent years, Graham established a comprehensive neurology service in Swindon, and led the service in Oxford. He continues to enjoy seeing people with a wide range of neurological disorders. He is married with four lovely children.

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EAST WALL

John Dickie (1982, Modern Languages: Professor of Italian at UCL, historian and broadcaster)

John is Professor of Italian Studies at University College London where he has taught since 1993. He has written numerous books on modern Italian history, amongst them Cosa Nostra: A History of the Sicilian Mafia (2004) which has been translated in twenty-one languages. John has also co-written and presented a number of television documentaries including the six-part history of Italian food, Delizia! (2007). He lives in London and his most recent book is The Craft. How the Freemasons Made the Modern World (2020), which has been translated into 10 languages.

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Sudhir Krishnaswamy (1998, BCL & DPhil in Law: Vice Chancellor at National Law School of India University)

Sudhir graduated from the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore (B.A. LL.B). He read the BCL and studied for his DPhil at Oxford. He was a Teaching Fellow in Law at Pembroke, an Assistant Professor at NLSIU and a Professor at the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata. He was also the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Visiting Professor of Indian Constitutional Law at Columbia Law School. He is currently a faculty member at the Azim Premji University. In the past, Sudhir has worked in the Prime Minister’s Committee on Infrastructure and in the Kasturirangan Committee on Governance of Bangalore. He has authored a book titled Democracy and Constitutionalism in India which was published by Oxford University Press in 2009. His main areas of interest are constitutional law, legal education, legal theory, intellectual property law and administrative law.

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Jane Carter (1979, Agriculture & Forest Sciences: Senior Adviser at the Natural Resource Governance Institute)

Jane Carter was inspired to study Agricultural and Forest Sciences as a pathway to working in rural development, and has travelled that path ever since. She has lived and worked in Kenya, Sri Lanka, India and Nepal – the latter being the country in which she conducted fieldwork for her DPhil (Oxon), 1991. This entailed living in what was then the remote village of Suri, in Dolakha district, for 18 months. She has worked for the Swiss NGO Helvetas for many years, including a return to Nepal as the Director, Programme Development over 2017 – 2020. This photo was taken over that period; the red “tikka” (in Nepali) on her forehead and the marigold garland were given by villagers as a traditional mark of welcome and blessing. Now based in Switzerland, Jane’s current professional engagement is focused on biodiversity conservation in the context of sustainable local development.

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Pete Buttigieg (2005, PPE: Democrat politician, US Secretary of Transportation)

Pete Buttigieg serves as the 19th Secretary of Transportation for the United States of America. Prior to joining President Joe Biden’s Administration, he served two terms as mayor of his hometown of South Bend, Indiana. A graduate of Harvard University and a Rhodes Scholar, Buttigieg read PPE at Pembroke College and completed his degree in 2007 with First Class honours. He served for seven years as an officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve, taking a leave of absence from the mayor’s office for a deployment to Afghanistan in 2014. In 2019, he launched his historic campaign for president and became a New York Times best-selling author. He was confirmed as Secretary by the Senate on February 2, 2021, becoming the first openly gay person confirmed to serve in a U.S. president’s Cabinet.

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