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*Two one-week travel/study programs
for young alumni at the University of Oxford, England*

September 5 – 11, 2010

Global Issues and Sustainability

September 12 – 18, 2010

Global Issues and the E.U.



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About the Program

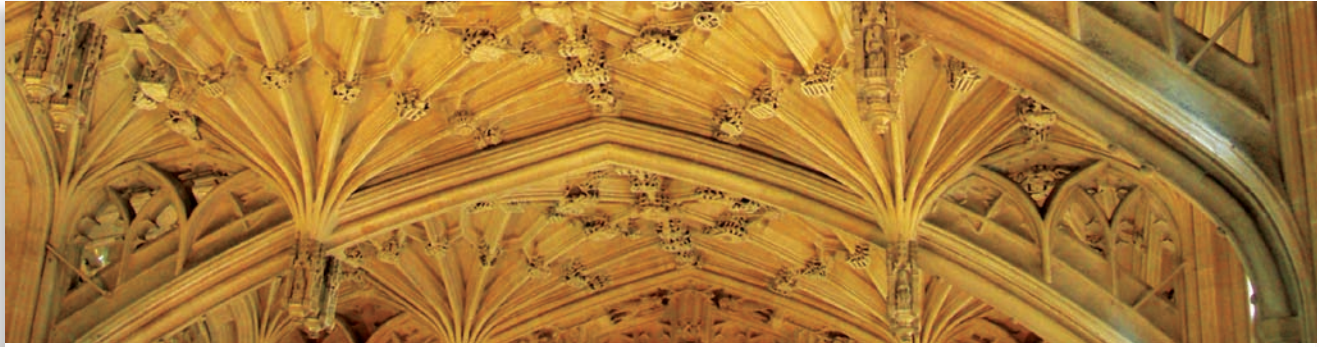
The Oxford Experience has been a mainstay of the education and travel programs for both Duke and UNC for several years. This year, we want to offer this experience to our younger alumni up to the age of 35. Knowing the demands on your time, we are offering two one-week programs on topics we hope will be of interest to you while the two-week program is going on. You of course have the option to stay for the two weeks if you wish.

A typical day consists of class discussions in the morning, with afternoons and evenings free to discover Oxford – a modern city full of spires, gargoyles, and quads. Your meals, plenary excursions, special evening lectures, and planned entertainment are included. The plenary excursion during the first week is to Wells, England’s smallest city, where you will visit the Cathedral, Bishops Palace, and Vicars Close – Europe’s oldest, complete, and continuously inhabited medieval street. For the second week, the plenary visit is to Burghley House, one of the largest and grandest of the first Elizabethan Age. Built and mostly designed by William Cecil, Lord High Treasurer of England between 1555 and 1587, the house remains the family home of his descendants. Its park (gardens) was landscaped by Lancelot “Capability” Brown.

You’ll stay in the heart of Oxford at the Rewley House Residential Center, Oxford University Department for Continuing Education.

Enjoy and explore the wonders of this ancient university town, founded in the ninth century. Magnificent architecture, extraordinary art, historic pubs, and cultural events surround you. Join us for an experience you’ll never forget!





Oxford Program Director

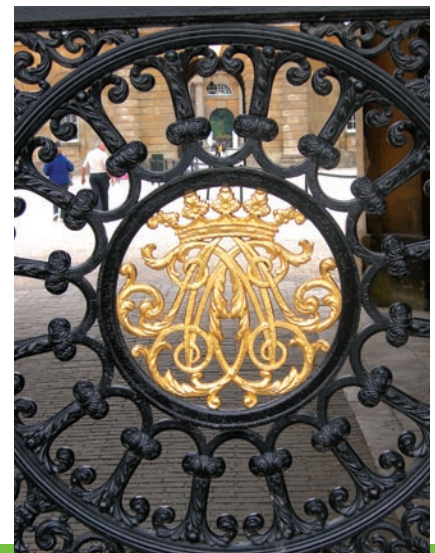
We are very pleased that Elizabeth Gemmill, who has been a tutor for the Duke/UNC program in previous years, has agreed to be the Oxford program director. She earned her bachelor's degree and Ph.D. in history at the University of Manchester and first came to Oxford to work on a research project in medieval



Courtesy James Gemmill

economic history at the Ashmolean Museum. She has since held appointments as a lecturer at Glasgow University, as associate lecturer with the Open University, and as a tutor in Oxford's Department for Continuing Education. She is now University Lecturer in local history in the continuing education department and a fellow of Kellogg College. Her

research interests are medieval English aristocracy and medieval economic history. Her publications include *Changing Values in Medieval Scotland: a study of prices, money, and weights and measures* (Cambridge University Press, 1995), and she is now writing a book about the ecclesiastical patronage of the English nobility in the thirteenth century.





Courses

There are two one-week courses with descriptions below. A reading list for your course will be sent in advance. Each class is limited to 10 students. Prompt registration is recommended.

Global Issues and Sustainability

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Twenty-first century challenges are global, the result of world-wide interactions, and are shared in varying degrees by us all. This one-week program of lectures provides an opportunity to hear, and engage with Oxford academics, on a number of issues facing the world today. Lecturers are from a variety of academic backgrounds, and a particular attraction of this course is its multi-disciplinary approach. Topics will include water policy, social choice and human development, the eco-systems and sustainability of wetland environments, global financial regulation, fundamentalism, international relations, and changing global demographics. Sessions will be chaired by the director of the program, Elizabeth Gemmill.

Global Issues and the E.U.

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Comprising 27 states (with applications from four others), the European Union (E.U.) is the world's largest market in terms of GDP. With a population of 490 million, it is a successful example of political and economic integration between European states. A superpower in its own right, the E.U. is, however, an unconventional superpower. It does not possess a standing army and much of its decision making is undertaken by institutions (except for one) that are not democratically elected. This course will explore the E.U.'s complex evolution. It will examine topical issues affecting the E.U. in the twenty-first century, specifically single market and single currency, the efficacy of the eastward enlargement, and the E.U.'s role as a global, economic, and political actor. Sessions will be chaired by Stuart Kewley, currently managing director at The Eurasia Consortium and former director of Postgraduate Diploma in European Studies at the University of Oxford.

Program Information

Accommodations

You'll stay at the Rewley House Residential Center, Oxford University Department for Continuing Education. Accommodations are similar to those in a college. All twin-bedded bedrooms have private baths, coffee/tea makers, hair dryers, and color televisions. Rewley House has its own dining room, library classrooms, and commons room, and participants have access to a computer room. This is not a hotel, but a college residence, so the amenities one associates with a hotel are not always available and the rooms are small. The location and the spirit of camaraderie among the participants more than make up for any lack of luxuries.

Participant Physical Abilities

It should be noted that this educational adventure may be problematic for anyone who has difficulty with walking or mobility. Our aim is to treat all participants equally. We ask that you let us know of any disability or special need so that we can advise you whether this program is appropriate.

Prospective participants with mobility difficulties or visual or hearing impairments may want to make preliminary inquiries before signing up for the program as the age and layout of many of the Oxford buildings make them user-unfriendly. Oxford, as an ancient city, tends to be difficult to navigate for people with disabilities. The number of very old buildings, designed in an age less sensitive to issues of disability, makes access to much of the city center difficult.

Please note that all field trips and excursions involve a certain amount of walking, ranging from less than half an hour's walk on even ground to two hours' walk on an uneven/unpaved surface and/or steep/hilly ground, including lots of stairs and steps. Applicants should also keep this in mind.

What's Included

- ◆ Six nights' accommodation at Rewley House Residential Center
- ◆ Tuition
- ◆ All meals in Oxford
- ◆ Transportation from Oxford to Heathrow and Gatwick airports for your return flight on the last day of the program

- ◆ All plenary excursions
- ◆ Walking tour of Oxford and its colleges
- ◆ All portage and baggage handling in Oxford

Fees

\$2,250 per person, double occupancy
Single-room supplement \$250 per week
(\$500 for both weeks)

Price does not include airfare.

Air Arrangements

Participants are responsible for making their own air arrangements for this program. You will also have to make your way to Oxford from the airports on arrival. Specific instructions regarding bus and train schedules will be included in your Joining Notes. If you are in need of flight assistance, please call Cardinal Travel at (866) 213-8743 and speak with Fred Ibberson at extension 14. Transportation from Oxford to Heathrow and Gatwick airports for your return flight will be available on the last day of the program.

Application/Cancellation/Refunds

A \$500 deposit is required upon application. The balance of the fee is due June 4, 2010. Notification of cancellations must be received in writing. Refunds will be made according to the following per-person cancellation penalties: Up to 61 days before departure: \$150; 60-46 days before departure: 50% of the total program price; 45-31 days before departure: 75% of the total program price; 30 days or less before departure: 100% of the total program price. In the event of cancellation of the program by Duke/UNC, a full refund will be given. **We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation/baggage/medical insurance.**

Responsibility

Duke University and The University of North Carolina General Alumni Association have no responsibility in whole or in part for any delayed departure or arrival, missed carrier connections, loss, death, damage, or injury to person or property or accident, mechanical, defect, failure or negligence of any nature howsoever caused in connection with any accommodations, transportation, or other services. Baggage is at the owner's risk entirely. The right is retained to decline to accept or retain any person as a trip member should such person's health, mental condition, physical infirmity, or attitude jeopardize the operation of the trip or the rights, welfare, or enjoyment of other participants. We reserve the right to revise the program itinerary as needed.

For Further Information

Please contact Duke Alumni Association, (919) 684-5114 or (919) 681-6216 or travel@daa.duke.edu.

Reservation Form **September 5-18, 2010**

Please reserve ____ space(s). Enclosed is my deposit of _____ (\$500 per person).

- Accept my check made payable to Duke University
 Charge my: Visa MasterCard AmEx

CARD # _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE AS IT APPEARS ON CARD _____

Please print below:

NAME #1 AS IT APPEARS ON PASSPORT _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ CLASS YEAR _____

NAME #2 AS IT APPEARS ON PASSPORT _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ CLASS YEAR _____

NAME #1 AS IT SHOULD APPEAR ON NAMETAG _____

NAME #2 AS IT SHOULD APPEAR ON NAMETAG _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (H) _____ PHONE (W) _____

EMAIL _____

- Twin room Single room
 I would like a roommate. If one is not available, I will pay the single charge of \$250 per week.

Course choices:

NAME OF PARTICIPANT #1 _____

FIRST CHOICE _____

SECOND CHOICE _____

NAME OF PARTICIPANT #2 _____

FIRST CHOICE _____

SECOND CHOICE _____

Mail to: The Oxford Experience, DAA Education & Travel, Box 90572, Durham, NC 27708-0572

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