

# **New College News**



**Latest updates from around the School.**



## Principal Jack

Prof. Alison Jack has been inducted as Principal of New College, succeeding Prof. David Fergusson. Her installation was presided over by the Moderator of the Presbytery of Sterling, with our own Prof. Susan Hardman Moore serving as preacher.



## AHRC Success

Dr Arkotong Longkumer has received a major grant from the Arts and Humanities Research Council for a multiple-year project on 'Decolonising the Museum.' This award, in excess of £1 million, will explore items taken from Nagaland and now housed in the Pitts Rivers Museum, in Oxford.



## Tutor of the Year

Final year PhD student Stephen Dolan won the Student Teacher of the Year at the 2022 EUSA Teaching Awards. This is the second year in a row in which a New College PhD student has won this award.



## Science and Theology

Prof. Mark Harris has been elected president of the European Society for the Study of Science and Theology—one of the longest-running and most distinguished international scholarly societies for the study of the relationship of the natural sciences and theology.



## British Academy Fellowship

Dr Anja Klein has been awarded a £100k Mid-Career Fellowship by the British Academy. This award will enable her to work on 'Theology born from Crisis:

Resilience Discourse in the three Major Prophets.'



## **Black History**

This year's New College Black History Month Lecture was given by Imam Mustafa Briggs, on 'Beyond Bilal: Black History in Islam,' and was jointly sponsored by the School of Divinity, the University of Edinburgh Islamic Society, Race.Ed, and the Edinburgh Race Equality Network.

For more news and events from the School of Divinity visit our main site

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## **2022 News**

### **COP 26**

Last year the School organised a series of initiatives to mark the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow.





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This included an Interfaith Pilgrimage, the Alexandra Duff Lecture, and the creation of two banners, each 22 meters long, that were suspended from the towers of the College.

Forty faith and community groups, as well as students and staff contributed patches to the design on the theme of Creation Care.

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## **Shaw Scholarships**

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## **Schools Outreach**

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