James Fergusson awarded the 2024/25 Pilkington Prize

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Professor James Fergusson is an outstanding lecturer, who always presents material with remarkable clarity and expertise and focusses on equipping students with skills that can be used in practice. He brings genuine passion and care to everything he does. His dedication, creativity and heartfelt involvement in establishing and supporting the new MPhil in Data Intensive Science has already left an enduring legacy, not only for the cohort of students who are registered for the course, but also for the hundreds of others who access the materials. He has exhibited exceptional, innovative leadership in launching this new, extremely popular and successful course at the intersection of AI, data and the physical sciences, from original design through recruitment, to delivery and iterative improvement. At every stage, his highest priorities have been the success and well-being of the students, and he has fostered a real sense of community that is deeply appreciated by and valuable for his students and colleagues alike.