

FACULTY NEWS BULLETIN

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Faculty would like to welcome Dr Matthew McCullough who joins us as a University Lecturer in DAMTP and Dr Spencer Becker-Khan as a University Lecturer in DPMMS.

The Faculty would also like to wish Aurora Gutiérrez all the very best as she leaves the Graduate Office to take up a new position.

PhD Approvals

Many congratulations to the following students who have recently completed their PhD:

Alice Corbella	DPMMS	Statistical inference in epidemic models to jointly estimate transmission
Joseph Paris	DAMTP	The Dynamics of Magnetised Warped Discs

Congratulations to John Barrow who is to receive the 2019 Guiseppe Occhialini Medal of the Institute of Physics and the Italian Physical Society, at the Opening Ceremony of the Annual Congress of the Italian Physical Society in L'Aquila on 23 September.

This award is for contributions to physics during the last ten years, with a citation “for contributions to cosmology, gravitation and the use of astronomy to extend our understanding of the constants of Nature and constrain their possible variation in time.” It is one of the international bilateral awards made jointly by the physics societies of the UK and Italy.

Stephen Siklos 1950-2019

The Faculty is saddened to report the death on 17th August of Dr Stephen Siklos. Stephen will be greatly missed, and is remembered with huge gratitude and affection by his many colleagues and friends in Cambridge and in the wider mathematics community.

EVENTS

Respect at Work at Maths

Friday 27 September and Thursday 28 November, MR3

Following the first Respect at Work at Maths session in June, two further sessions are now planned to be held by the end of Michaelmas term. The dates are as follows:

Friday 27 September 1pm-2.30pm (lunch will be provided)
Thursday 28 November 2pm-3.30pm

This training is for all staff and if you did not attend the first session, please sign up to one of these sessions via this doodle poll link <https://doodle.com/poll/hrkih6hy8444kyx7>

This training supports the outcomes of the staff survey and the E&D agenda as a whole, and is linked to the LGBT+ action plan.

The session will cover bullying and harassment prevention, and offers individuals the opportunity to learn about the different factors that might create and perpetuate a work environment, in which harassment and bullying occur, and the strategies to address them.

2nd British-Polish Science Forum - Women In STEM 19-20 September 2019, London



This unique event will showcase successful female careers in the STEM sector in the UK and Poland as well as create a networking platform between the two countries to share best practice on promoting gender balance in STEM education and careers, also with the use of such new technologies as AI and machine learning.

Anyone interested in attending should e-mail the Polish Embassy in London at london.events@msz.gov.pl



Apple Day

20 October, 10-4pm, Botanic Garden

Visit the Botanic Garden for the region's largest Apple Day.

Highlights include

- apple tasting: over 2 dozen delicious, locally-grown heritage varieties from the region to try and buy;
- apple identification: apple experts from the East of England Apples and Orchards Project will be on hand to identify apples. Visitors should bring along two to three apples, preferably with a leaf and stalk attached, to help with accurate identification;
- apple cultivation: expert advice on what to grow, how to plant and prune for a bumper crop.

Plus:

- apple activities: get crafty with a variety of apple activities in the Schools' Garden for the young and young-at-heart;
- apple produce: locally produced edibles including hedgerow cordials, fruit-flavoured spirits, hand-pressed juices and ciders, specialty teas, chocolates & artisan cheeses for sale in the Garden's Main Lawn Marquee.

Ticket prices: Adult: £9.30
Concessions (over 65 and students): £8.30
Friends and Cambridge University students: £4.30

Tickets are available to purchase now and include full garden admission. It is recommend you purchase them in advance via one of the Botanic Garden ticket offices or online <https://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/apple-day/>

Wikithon for Diversity in Mathematics

8 October, 5-7pm, UCL London

UCL Mathematics is organising a wikithon on October 8 at 5pm in celebration of Ada Lovelace Day. The theme is Diversity in Mathematics, and the aim is to write wikipedia pages of mathematicians from under-represented groups. The session will be led by Dr Jess Wade (Imperial College, Physics) and Dr Alice White (Wellcome Trust).

Please bring your laptop and they will bring pizzas. Please [register](#) for free so they know how many pizzas to order!

This event is open to all

GENERAL INFORMATION



Brexit

Keep as up to date as you can with Brexit developments and how they will effect you, on the University's Brexit Analysis and FAQ's web page:

<https://www.eu.admin.cam.ac.uk/>.

These pages are continually being updated with the latest information.

Equality and Diversity Training

The words equality and diversity are often used but what do they actually mean? Equality focuses on the law and people's rights, and diversity looks at how we can accept and celebrate our differences. Equality laws exist to identify, tackle and eradicate unlawful discrimination, to help us improve our workplace cultures and behaviours. This can often be quite a challenge, so the first step is to increase our knowledge, understanding and skills in this area.

With this in mind, the University asks all staff to complete an online E & D Essentials course as part of their induction. This course covers:

- the main principles of equality and diversity and legislation;
- how equality and diversity impacts on the University and members of the University community; and,
- outlines the key initiatives and resources available to University members.

If you haven't already completed this training, please do so via the following link:

<http://www.equality.admin.cam.ac.uk/training/equality-diversity-online-training>
