

## ACADEMIC NEWS

- *Anthony Ashton* has been announced as one of the recipients of the [2017 Pilkington Prize](#), which recognises individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to teaching and learning.
- *Adrian Kent* has recently contributed to a BBC Earth article on '[The strange link between the human mind and quantum physics](#)'.

## ACADEMIC VISITORS

Please see below the current academic visitors in DAMTP:

- *Mike Graham* (University of Wisconsin-Madison) - hosted by Grae Worster: 20/02/2017 – 24/03/2017.
- *Chung-Chi Lee* (from Taiwan) - has a two-year Royal Society Newton International Fellowship to work on Cosmology with John Barrow.
- *Sebastien Michelin* (Ecole Polytechnique, Paris) – hosted by Eric Lauga: January - end August
- *Frederic Moisy* (Laboratoire FAST, University Paris-Sud) – hosted by Ray Goldstein: January - end July
- *John Webb* (UNSW, Sydney) – hosted by John Barrow: February 2017 – February 2018.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HMRC Rule Change For attention of all members of staff and PI's

If you are responsible for taking on contractors who are self-employed or are individuals trading as limited companies, please be aware that new HMRC rule changes are coming into effect.

In some situations, the onus will now fall on the University to deduct PAYE and National Insurance from invoiced payments - so please contact the accounts office for advice before employing contractors. The University will be obliged to run a number of background checks on such contractors which, if not sorted out in advance, will inevitably slow down the speed at which they are paid.

### Cambridge University Language Programmes (CULP)

Enrolment is now open for Easter Term language courses at the Language Centre. These courses are open to all current staff and students of the University; and could be valuable for future employability, open up overseas placement or study opportunities, enhance academic options, or simply enhance your future travel experiences. Courses are available in 14 languages. However the following languages are available during Easter 2017: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish and Swahili, in a variety of levels from Basic to Advanced. Others will be available again from Michaelmas 2017. For further information on the costs and how to book a place please visit their [online booking system](#). For those wishing to explore alternative modes of language study, please visit our [Language Advising pages](#) for details of Conversation Hours, supported self-study and other opportunities.

### Prevent Guidance

Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on specified authorities – including most higher education institutions – to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”. This is commonly referred to as the ‘Prevent duty’. The University and individual Cambridge Colleges (as autonomous, self-governing bodies) are required by law to comply with the Prevent duty. The governance and operational structures that need to be in place across the collegiate University to achieve this are currently being considered, although members of the University should be mindful that there are already measures in place to mitigate many of the risks described. The University has established a Prevent Committee – a joint committee of the General Board and the Council – to oversee its response to Prevent. Full details [University's Prevent Guidance](#) can be found on their webpage.

## Researchfish **REMINDER**

The current RCUK Researchfish submission period is now underway and will be open until 4.00pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017. If you are currently in receipt of a research council award you need to submit your research outcomes and outputs by this deadline.

## Vice Chancellor's Awards

The University runs two sets of parallel awards to recognise achievements in the areas of Impact and Public Engagement with Research. Applications for the 2017 Awards are currently open and the closing date for both awards is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Full details on the Impact Awards and how to apply are available on the [Impact Awards](#) webpage. Full details on the Public Engagement with Research Awards (£1000 prize), and how to apply are available on the [Public Engagement with Research Awards](#) webpage.

## EVENTS

### Behind the Shelves - Cambridge University Library

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2.00pm-5.00pm, Cambridge University Library

Cambridge University Library wishes to invite all members of the University and Library readers to a very special event to mark the closing of the Library's 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Building on a successful year of activities since the launch of their momentous anniversary in March 2016, all staff, researchers and students of the University are being offered a unique opportunity to go behind-the-scenes, to engage with their diverse collections and extraordinary treasures, and to learn more about the wide range of services and support they offer. A full programme of special events will be available in early March. If you are interested in attending please [register here](#).

### Industrial Seminars **Open to all members of the Department**

The following industrial seminars, which are part of the Cambridge Centre for Analysis Talks, will be taking place this term. All seminars will run from 4.00pm-6.00pm in MR14:

- *Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February*  
Evren Yarman, from Schlumberger will be giving a talk on, '[An industrialist researcher's learning experience](#)'.
- *Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March*  
Artur Steiner, from D-Fine Ltd. will be talking on, '[Below zero - negative interest rates as a challenge for the financial sector](#)'.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Access to Cambridge University Library

All members of the University are entitled to reading access and in most cases borrowing rights to millions of items held in the Library. If you would like to check that your University of Cambridge Card is activated, please email: [registration@lib.cam.ac.uk](mailto:registration@lib.cam.ac.uk) with your full name and the 5 digit code beginning with "V" under the barcode on the back of your University Card. Alternatively, you are welcome to make an appointment with Reader Registration by telephoning 01223 333030.

### Get involved - Cambridge Science Festival Maths Public Open Day – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March Volunteers needed

The biennial Maths Public Open Day event is being held by the two Departments on *Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March* from 12 noon to 4.00pm as part of the 2017 Cambridge Science Festival.

We are looking for people to get involved, either by creating and running activities and displays with your research group, or by volunteering to help run existing activities on the day. The [Cambridge Science Festival](#) is the UK's largest free science festival, with hundreds of events taking place over two weeks in March. In 2016 the Festival attracted an estimated 60,000 visits across 350 University events. The last Science Festival Maths Open Day in 2015 was a great success, with more than 90 staff and students involved on the day and hundreds of enthusiastic visitors, mostly families with children.

The Science Festival event is always a great opportunity to engage with the public, helps you develop useful transferable skills, and is enormous fun. Everyone interested is encouraged to take part - please see the further information and details of how to sign up on the [Cambridge Science Festival 2017 – Get involved!](#) Webpage.

### Tripes Examination helpers required

The Undergraduate Office is currently recruiting helpers for the 2017 Mathematics Tripos examinations, which take place from *Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June* to *Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June*. They are particularly seeking PhD's and Postdoc's volunteers, but any reliable people with an eye for detail are most welcome too. Excellent rates of pay are offered for Invigilators, Mark checkers, Script sorters and Attendants. Please contact the Undergraduate Office at: [undergrad-office@maths.cam.ac.uk](mailto:undergrad-office@maths.cam.ac.uk) if you are interested in being involved.

### University Travel Plan

*CMS Green Impact@Maths* would like to highlight the [University Travel Plan](#). The University Travel Plan, which was approved in 2011, sets out a package of measures to support sustainable travel initiatives at the University of Cambridge for staff, students and visitors. It aims to improve access to and between sites, and to enable staff to find alternatives to driving. The annual travel survey of staff helps the University to measure progress in this area. The University Travel Plan can be viewed via the link above.