

SUPPORTING LAW TEACHING AT FITZWILLIAM



FITZWILLIAM COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

The 150th Anniversary Campaign

THE LAW TEACHING FUND

Our Achievements

We, at Fitzwilliam, are proud of our excellent reputation in Law. Our Fellows take the most able and enquiring young people, from all backgrounds, and provide an education to challenge and to inspire them. That they have been able to do this over many years is demonstrated in our excellent longstanding record in Tripos and the LL.M. And we are delighted to report that in 2012 Fitzwilliam was the top performing college for Law in Cambridge.

Our academic successes have been the springboard for many flourishing careers. Fitzwilliam Lawyers are represented at the Bar, on the Bench and in International and Corporate Law. They have made their mark in business, the media, the Civil Service and academia. This has not been achieved, as you will know from personal experience, without the hard work of generations of students and the commitment of our Law Fellows.

Our Teaching

We currently have three Law Fellows – Nicky Padfield (Reader and University Teaching Officer), Niamh Dunne (College Teaching Officer, five year fixed term) and Richard Hooley (ad hoc Supervisor) – who share Director of Studies responsibilities. This limited provision means that whilst Fitzwilliam continues to provide an excellent Law education to our students, we can do so only for a few. In the 1960s and '70s the College admitted between 13 and 20 undergraduates each year to read Law; this has now dropped to four or five. It is a simple equation: more security in teaching means more opportunities for students.

Our Challenge

The larger context is the financial pressure under which all non-Science subjects in the University are operating, with the consequence that there are fewer University Lecturers. In common with other colleges Fitzwilliam needs to raise funds to secure Law teaching. But as one of the poorest colleges in Cambridge we are struggling to meet this challenge.

We want to build an endowed Law Teaching Fund of £1 million. This will provide a sum sufficient to employ a permanent College Teaching Officer or equivalent, and allow the College to plan for the long term. It will enable our Directors of Studies to admit the most promising candidates, secure in the knowledge that the resources will be there to inspire and equip them for their professional lives.

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Law supervision with Nicky Padfield

Coming to Fitzwilliam to read Law was a great decision. Not only is the Law fascinating and diverse in scope, but also complex enough to challenge me daily. Throw in the varied opinions and thought-provoking questions of our teachers here, and you've got yourself one truly interesting and enriching experience.

Daniel Yee (2012)

I chose Law because I wanted to study a subject that is rigorous and respected. The supervisors at Fitz are incredibly knowledgeable and through them I am learning to think critically and analyse effectively – invaluable skills that will give me a solid foundation.

Kate Browning (2010)

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**PLEASE HELP US TO RAISE £1 MILLION
TO SUPPORT LAW AT FITZWILLIAM.**

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In 2019 Fitzwilliam College will celebrate the
150th Anniversary of its creation. To mark this
milestone, and to continue to fulfil Fitzwilliam's
founding aims, we are hoping to raise £20 million.

The Law Teaching Fund is an important element of
our 150th Anniversary Campaign. By investing in
Law teaching you will help the College look
forward to the next 150 years.

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Law Matriculants 2012

**Every year a fresh group of bright and
enthusiastic young individuals, coming
from an extraordinary array of
backgrounds, but all keen to learn and
to explore the legal firmament, arrives
in College radiating a rather endearing
sense of nervous anticipation. I am
really sorry that we have had to cut our
numbers in recent years – a (huge!) pot
of money dedicated to Law teaching
would let us take a few more every year.**

Nicky Padfield

**As well as providing a springboard for
Law students, the College has given a
start to many young Law Fellows,
including Nicky and myself – something
for which I shall always be grateful.**

Richard Hooley