



# **55th Annual Report**

Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission  
Year ending 30 September 2008



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## The Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission's report to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

Pursuant to Section 2(6) of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Act 1953, we have the honour to submit the report of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for the year ending 30 September 2008.

### WELCOME FROM DR FRANCES DOW



Dr Frances Dow

This report marks my first year as Chair of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission (MACC) and a period of reflection on the achievements and future direction of the Marshall Scholarships.

At a time of increased global interaction and inter-dependence it is of

critical importance that countries build and maintain strong and meaningful international relations on a variety of fronts. The higher education arena has long provided a strong platform for international collaboration and integration and this has never been more true or relevant than now. While the political and economic aspects of global relations might dominate the headlines, intellectual ties and cultural understanding, such as that fostered within the higher education sphere, are no less important and create a crucial base for lasting international relationships. The MACC believes that international scholarships are an important tool for demonstrating a commitment to international cooperation and in stimulating links with new generations of leaders and opinion formers across the globe.

The MACC commissioned a survey of former Marshall Scholars which provided strong evidence of the wide-ranging and enduring benefits that can be achieved through an international scholarship programme. Since their inception, the Marshall Scholarships have set out to strengthen relations between the UK and the US by identifying and supporting exceptional students in their chosen fields in degree programmes at top UK universities. The survey highlighted the long-term impact of the Scholarships on the personal and career development of recipients and also in cultivating positive perceptions and greater understanding of the UK, with many former Scholars retaining strong links to the UK. The survey reveals that the Marshall Scholarships have generated a highly influential body of alumni who continue to express profound appreciation for the opportunities provided by their Scholarship. A more detailed analysis of the results of this survey can be found on page 14 of this report.

A true international educational experience can no longer be confined to the college campus but must also include contact with the community. Community participation is a major element in the Marshall Programme and is expanding. An example of a Marshall Scholar's experience in the Marshall Scholars Speakers programme is presented in this report.

In addition, this year saw the continued growth of the Association of Marshall Scholars (AMS) dedicated to strengthening relationships with Britain and to providing a lifelong knowledge network for the scholars both during and especially after their stay in Britain. This year also saw a Marshall Alumnus, Josh West, win a silver medal at the Beijing Olympics, and I am pleased that he has written about his experiences for this report.

As evidence of their continuing and much appreciated interest in the Marshall Scholarship programme the Scholars were invited to attend events at the British Embassy in Washington DC and at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London. They were also hosted by the Scottish Government in Edinburgh and Glasgow which has given them a broader perspective on the UK.

The MACC is enormously grateful for the support of the UK government and their representatives. We are also indebted to our partnership institutions and private funders for their wonderful contribution to our goals of educational excellence and mutual understanding. We would like to thank the members of the Ambassador's Advisory Council and the Regional Selection Committees in the United States whose generous devotion of time and energy enables the MACC to ensure that Marshall Scholarships maintains the very highest standards in the selection of outstanding Scholars.

Finally, the MACC wishes to extend deepest condolences to the families of John Jay Iselin CBE, 1956 Marshall and former Chair of the New York Selection Committee and Michael Bhatia 2001 Marshall and social scientist who died in Afghanistan. Their commitment to public service was in the highest tradition of the Marshall programme and will remain as an inspiration to us all.

**Dr Frances Dow**  
**Chair**

Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission (MACC)

## THE MARSHALL AID COMMEMORATION COMMISSION

The Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission Act was passed by the British Parliament in 1953 in order to express gratitude to the American people for the post-war support and assistance conceived by Secretary of State George C Marshall, now known as the Marshall Plan. The Parliamentary act created postgraduate Scholarships in the United Kingdom for American students with the potential to excel in their chosen fields of study and future careers. As alumni of British Universities and members of the community during their stay in Britain, Marshall Scholars create lasting bridges between the United States and the United Kingdom and become advocates for greater depth and breadth of interaction, co-operation and mutual understanding between the two countries. They also participate in activities which make them effective spokespeople for the best in British society and education once they have completed their studies.

Each year up to 40 Marshall Scholarships are awarded, some in partnership with outstanding British Universities. This unique testament of gratitude plays a vital role in developing a constituency for Britain in the United States of America.

The programme is funded by HM Government through the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and is administered in Britain by the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission and in the United States by the British Embassy in Washington DC, and the Consulates-General in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco. HRH Prince of Wales is Honorary Patron of the Association of Marshall Scholars.



Secretary of State  
George C Marshall

## MEETINGS AND MACC MEMBERSHIP

Regular business meetings of the MACC were held on 8 October 2007, 28 January 2008 and 21 April 2008. The MACC's Education, Finance and Audit and Risk Management (ARM) Committees met on several occasions under the respective chairmanship of Dr Frances Dow, Professor David Eastwood, Mr James Ross and Mr Graham Benson. The Advisory Council met in Washington on 30 November 2007, under the Chairmanship of HM Ambassador and the Chair of the MACC. Professor David Eastwood attended as the MACC's representative.

A full list of MACC members follows and further details can be found at the end of this Report (page 23) and includes a note of their affiliation with the Education, Finance and ARM Committees.

**Dr Frances Dow (Chair)**

**Baroness Tessa Blackstone**

**Professor John Caughie**

**Professor David Eastwood (Deputy Chairman)**

**Mrs Diane Flynn**

**Ms Lucy Heller**

**Mrs Carol Madison Graham**

**Mr Simon Morris**

**Mr James Naughtie**

**Mr James Ross**

In addition full details of the membership of the Ambassador's Advisory Council and of the Regional Committees, as at date of the selection interviews for the 2008 awards, are given on page 23 of this report.



Ambassador Sheinwald meets 2007 Scholars

## SCHOLARS IN BRITAIN 2007/2008

At the start of the academic year 2007/2008, 96 Marshall Scholars were in residence at British universities. This number was made up of one 2004 Scholar who was completing a deferred third year, ten 2005 Scholars, who were completing a third year, 41 2006 Scholars and another 44 Scholars who had taken up their awards in 2007. The total group comprised 56 men and 40 women. Ten of the Scholars were married (five women and five men), nine of the spouses were in residence in the UK, two Scholars also had children.

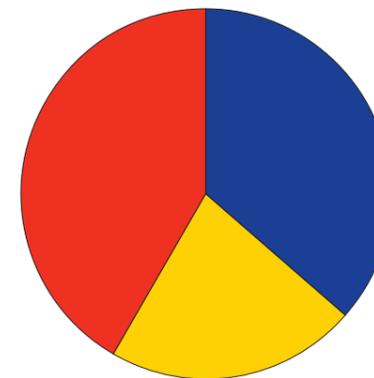
The distribution of the awards was as follows: 35 at Oxford; 21 at Cambridge; 20 in London (nine at the London School of Economics; four each at King's College London and the University College London; two at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, one at the School of Oriental and African Studies), three each at the University of Edinburgh and the University of St Andrews and one each at Imperial College London, the London International Film School, the Royal College of Music, Queen Margaret University Edinburgh and the Universities of Birmingham, Bristol, Dundee, Durham, Essex, Kent, Liverpool, Newcastle, Reading and York.

The Scholars were funded as follows:

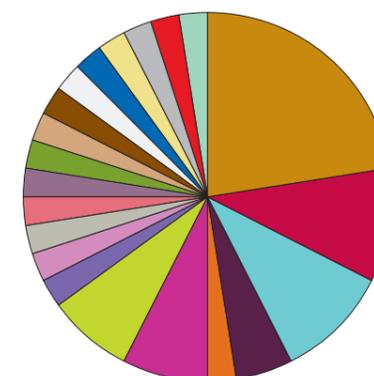
- 81 fully funded by the MACC
- Two part funded by partnership Scholarships with Imperial College London and the University of Birmingham
- Three fully funded by the agreements with British Schools and Universities Fund, National Grid and Walter and Leanore Annenberg Foundation
- Three third year extensions fully funded by the MACC
- One third year extension jointly funded under the agreement with the University of Cambridge and the NSF
- Three third year extensions funded under the agreement with the University of Oxford
- One third year extension funded under the agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- One third year extension funded under the agreement with the LSE
- One third year extension funded under the agreement with the Scottish Government

Further Scholars were supported entirely by alternative funding. In addition to the 96 one Scholar was funded at Stanford University, USA for a PhD under the EPA Marshall Scholarship Agreement.

The majority of Scholars chose postgraduate programmes, with 95 enrolling for taught and research graduate degrees; one Scholar was registered for a year of supervised research.



■ 35 Oxford  
■ 21 Cambridge  
■ 40 Other



■ 9 London School of Economics  
■ 4 King's College London  
■ 4 University College London  
■ 2 London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine  
■ 1 School of Oriental and African Studies  
■ 3 University of Edinburgh  
■ 3 University of St Andrews  
■ 1 Imperial College London  
■ 1 London International Film School  
■ 1 Royal College of Music  
■ 1 Queen Margaret University Edinburgh  
■ 1 University of Birmingham  
■ 1 University of Bristol  
■ 1 University of Dundee  
■ 1 Durham University  
■ 1 University of Essex  
■ 1 University of Kent at Canterbury  
■ 1 University of Liverpool  
■ 1 Newcastle University  
■ 1 University of Reading  
■ 1 University of York

Thirty one Scholars pursued courses in Science and Engineering, including Mathematics, and 65 in the Arts and Social Sciences. The range of individual subjects studied in the year under review was lower than last year (67). The subject breakdown is as follows:

**SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS**

Subject	No. Scholars
Astronomy	1
Astrophysics	1
Atomic and Laser Physics	1
Basal tetanuran phylogeny & anatomy	1
Biochemistry	1
Biomechanics of the Knee Joint	1
Cell Biology	1
Chemical Engineering	1
Clinical Neuroscience	1
Earth Science and Engineering	1
Elementary Particle Theory	1
Engineering	1
Engineering (Computer Science)	1
Human Genetics	1
Informatics	1
Information Engineering/Control Group/ Signal Processing	1
Mathematical Studies	5
Meteorology	1
Molecular Medicine	1
Molecular Analysis of Neuromuscular Disorders	1
Molecular Biology	1
Neuroscience	4
Physics	1
Theoretical Condensed Matter	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>

**ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Subject	No. Scholars
African Studies	1
Arts and Cultural Management	1
Built Environment: Urban Design	1
Comparative Politics	2
Conflict, Security & Development	1
Creative Writing	1
Criticism and Culture	1
Development Studies	1
Economic History	1
Economics	1
Education	1
Energy Studies Specialization in Energy Economics	1
English Language & Literature (American Studies)	1
English Language and Literature:1900 – Present Day	1
Environmental and Resource Economics	1
Environmental Change and Management	1
European Literature	1
Film Making	1
Financial Economics	1
Forced Migration	1
Geography and the Environment	1
Global Governance & Diplomacy	3
Global Politics	1
Human Rights	1
Humanitarian Studies	1
International Human Rights Law	1
International Law	1
International Relations	8
Modern History	3
Modern Middle Eastern Studies	3
Music	2
Musicology	1
Philosophy and Public Policy	1
Political Thought and Intellectual History	1
Politics	1
Politics (Political Theory)	2
Politics and Communication	1
Politics of the World Economy	1
Protection Gaps in the Arab World	1
Public Health	2
Russian and Eastern European Studies	1
Social Anthropology	3
Social Research Methods	1
War Studies	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>

**SCHOLARS GRADUATING IN 2008**

39 Scholars completed tenure of their awards in 2008. Of these, eight had graduated at the time of completion. The remaining Scholars, who are registered for research or taught Master’s programmes, will complete the requirements for their degrees in the coming months.

The examination results of 27 Scholars were announced during the year – one from the 2001 group, seven from the 2002 group, two from the 2003 group, five from the 2004 group, five from the 2005 group, seven from the 2006 group. Six of these obtained Doctorates, the rest undertook Masters degrees.

The names of all the Scholars on whom degrees were conferred during 2007/2008, together with their results, are listed at the end of this Report (page 27).

Three Scholars from the 2006 group were granted an extension of their award to a third year of tenure on full funding, and will continue their studies in 2008/2009: one each at the Universities of Cambridge, Kent and Oxford. A further six 2006 Scholars will be supported under the terms of funding arrangements with the University of Oxford. Two Scholars will be funded under partnership agreements with the Universities of Birmingham and Newcastle, these agreements include the payment by the MACC of the Scholars’ maintenance costs and agreement by partner university to waive the tuition fees. One Scholar will be funded under a full partnership with the Scottish Government. One 2006 Scholar received a National Science Foundation Fellowship, with partial funding by the MACC for tuition. Four Scholars will continue with their PhD/DPhil at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland, as part of the NIH Marshall Scholarships.

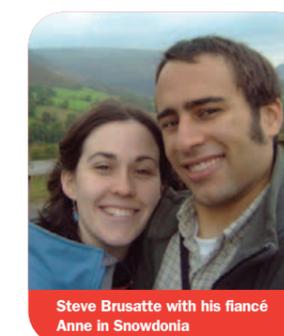
Each year the costs of up to two Marshall Scholars is covered by London School of Economics and, the costs of a third year for up to five Marshall Scholars at Oxford will be provided by the University of Oxford. In all cases, Scholars must be registered for the degree of PhD, requiring not more than one further year of fees and maintenance to complete their doctorate, and are required by the respective universities to apply for alternative sources of funding for which they are eligible.

The Scottish Government funds up to two awards per year for Marshall Scholars entering their third year of study either for a PhD or Masters course in Scotland. To be eligible for such funding, Scholars must be registered at a university in Scotland by the end of their second year of study and require not more than one further year of fees and maintenance to complete their degree.

Funding agreements with the University of Nottingham and the University of St Andrews were not utilised in the year reported.

**SCHOLARS’ EXPERIENCES**

**Steven Brusatte 2006 Marshall Scholar**



Steven Brusatte with his fiancé Anne in Snowdonia

*For the past two years I have studied palaeobiology at the University of Bristol, as the sole Marshall Scholar at the university. Palaeobiology is the study of ancient life: fossils, dinosaurs, evolution. It is essentially a blending of biology (especially evolutionary biology) and geology, and the University of Bristol boasts the best research group in this subject in all of Europe.*

*I grew up in a small town in central Illinois, in the middle of the United States. I have an undergraduate degree in geophysical sciences from the University of Chicago, and have been conducting paleontological research for several years. I have two primary specialty areas: the evolution and genealogical relationships of the carnivorous dinosaurs (Tyrannosaurus, Allosaurus, and their kin) and the evolution, anatomy, and relationships of archosaurs, a big group that includes birds, crocodiles, dinosaurs, and several extinct subgroups.*

*While in the UK I have produced a new analysis of the evolutionary relationships of the archosaurs – the largest such study yet conducted – and have used this to address the big picture question of how these animals evolved and diversified in the deep past. A primary focus has been on the origin of the dinosaurs: when did the dinosaurs originate, what did the first dinosaurs and their closest ancestors look like, and what was the evolutionary pattern of the first 30 million years of dinosaur history? I have also spent much time working on carnivorous dinosaurs, and have written a long monograph on the best known large carnivore from all of Europe: the mega predator Neovenator from the Isle of Wight.*

*My time in the UK has been a great pleasure, and also an incredible two years for my own professional and personal development. I have learned a wealth of new skills here: new quantitative methods that are at the forefront of current research in palaeontology and evolutionary biology, the detailed anatomy of new groups of fossil organisms, and in-depth knowledge of a very important time period in vertebrate evolution (the Triassic, the 50-million-year interval when dinosaurs originated).*

**Jamie Gianoutsos 2006 Marshall Scholar**

Jamie Gianoutsos

I spent my undergraduate years studying Political Science and Great Texts of the Western Tradition at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. It was here that devoted professors and mentors sparked my interest in early modern British political thought.

I grew eager to thumb through original manuscripts

of British writers, to study where they studied, and to experience the culture and homeland that shaped them. When I arrived in the United Kingdom, this fascination became a reality.

I experienced two vastly different cities in the United Kingdom: Belfast and Cambridge. Reading for an MA in English (Reconceiving the Renaissance) at Queen's University in Belfast, my position as the only non-Northern Irish student in my programme taught me to pursue early modern texts with more investment, especially when studying authors who struggle with religious divides. I learned from political discussions in Northern Ireland and I experienced the hospitality of many Northern Irish people.

From Belfast I migrated to Cambridge, where I completed the MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History. In Cambridge I found unequalled resources for my research, as well as inspiration for studying British intellectual history. I also found a vibrant academic community in the university. Even those who held important positions in my faculty made time to challenge and to encourage the students in the MPhil programme.

My research in Belfast focused on John Milton and his view of education and poetry. I had the opportunity to research Milton alongside Professor Estelle Sheehan, who is a specialist in Milton's early career including his travels to Italy. Under her guidance, I completed a dissertation entitled "Poetry, Virtue and Vision: John Milton's 'Of Education' and the Double Aim of Learning." My thesis compared Milton's tractate 'Of Education' to the milieu of humanist and puritan educational writers in seventeenth-century England. After demonstrating how Milton echoed many of the educational conceptions of his time, my next chapters explored Milton's unique contribution to educational thought: his particular definition of virtue education and his placement of poetry, instead of rhetoric, as the height of learning.

In Cambridge, I expanded my interest in early modern educational thought. My dissertation, entitled 'Cultivation as a Metaphor in English Pedagogical Literature, 1531-1644,' explored how twenty humanist writers described education and the nature of children in agricultural language. Schoolmasters referred to themselves as careful

husbandmen and gardeners, who had a duty to plant the seeds of learning into the fertile soil of children's minds. While this metaphor frequently occurred throughout humanist pedagogical thought, it has hitherto been overlooked in historical research. After explicating the metaphor in detail and comparing it to agricultural writings of its day, I argued that the metaphor demonstrated the teleological nature of humanist education thought. In short, I contended that humanist educators aimed to form children who would become rational human beings, not controlled by the passions. Toward this end, they tended to habits of children and instructed them in the virtues. This research focusing on Milton and on humanist educators raises a wider question of how we should structure and theorise about liberal arts education in our contemporary society: What role, if any, should the liberal arts play in our modern Westernized culture?

It would be difficult for me to enumerate all the ways that this experience has benefited my professional and personal development. My courses afforded me wider exposure to literary and historical scholarship, and the universities broadened my professional contacts. My writing became a great deal more polished, and my research skills were refined and deepened. I now feel better equipped to bring the stories and sites of British history into the classroom.

**Nicholas Klingaman 2005 EPA Marshall Scholar**

Nick Klingaman and his parents visiting Windsor Castle

Before taking up my Marshall Scholarship, I attended the University of Delaware, from which I received a Bachelor's of Science in Environmental Science and a Master's of Science in Geography. Intending to continue my postgraduate study in Meteorology, I applied for a Marshall Scholarship

so that I could attend the University of Reading, which has a world-class reputation in the atmospheric sciences. The Marshall Scholarship's policy of allowing successful candidates to apply to any UK institution was instrumental in this regard. I am currently only a few months away from completing my PhD in Atmospheres, Oceans, and Climate in the Department of Meteorology at the University of Reading. Through the Marshall Scholarship, I have been able to conduct innovative research that has been published in academic journals, research that has led my supervisor to offer me a contract to remain at Reading as a post-doctoral research fellow.

Entitled "The intra-seasonal variability of the Indian summer monsoon: Air – sea interactions and the potential for predictability", my PhD focuses on the role that the Indian Ocean plays in sub-seasonal changes in the summer

monsoon rains over India. Most of the Indian subcontinent depends on the June – September period for 85% or more of its annual rainfall. The rains wax and wane through the summer months with no immediately discernible pattern, which can create devastating flood and drought conditions. In a country in which agriculture is the dominant industry, these "active" and "break" spells can cause fluctuations in gross domestic product of as much as 5%. In my research, I have used advanced computer models and data from the Met Office to improve the scientific community's understanding of why these active and break events occur and how we might better forecast their effects on agriculture. I have concluded that short-term variability in Indian Ocean surface temperatures plays a key role in the development of active and break events, and that forecasting the atmosphere and ocean together – called "coupled" predictions – should lead to improvements in our predictions of intra-seasonal variability in precipitation.

Aside from the opportunity to receive a degree from a prestigious academic department, I am also grateful for the opportunity to live in the UK for the last three years the Marshall Scholarship has provided me. The vast majority of my colleagues are British; and they have drawn me willingly into their lives and activities. I play cricket regularly in the University league and I produced our departmental pantomime two years ago.

Accepting a Marshall Scholarship to study and live in the UK was certainly a life-changing decision.

**Dr Greg Sutton 2006 Marshall Sheffield Fellow**

Greg Sutton takes part in Chariots of Fire run for charity

I completed an undergraduate and PhD in Mechanical Engineering at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, in a graduate program specifically aimed at organizing groups of engineers and biologists to work together in intra-disciplinary teams. My focus was on using the feeding apparatus of the sea slug, *Aplysia californica*, as a model for building soft

tissue robots for gentle gripping and manipulation of objects. After studying slow movements in soft tissue, I wanted to move on studying fast motions in hard skeletons.

I moved to the United Kingdom research to analyze the neural and mechanical control of high-speed motions in insects in the zoology department at the University of Cambridge.

Insect jumps have to be very precisely controlled in order to successfully jump to a target. These behaviours, however, are completed in milliseconds, and thus are so fast that there is no time for the insect to correct for errors in the jump trajectory. I studied how insects with different body designs solve the problem of executing precise jumps extremely quickly: i.e. how they store and control the release of large amounts of kinetic energy in such a precise and fast way.

I chose the United Kingdom because that is where one of the most prolific researchers on fast motions is based. Initially, the choice was because the laboratory head had pioneered several of the techniques that were necessary for working on this kind of problem, and I hoped to learn the technical skills available in the laboratory. I had not, however, anticipated the support that the laboratory also has from the British amateur entomology community, who have also been invaluable in teaching me skills for my research.

The lab in which I work is very different, from the American labs where I have worked. While I have learned a significant number of new technical skills, such as how to handle electron microscopes, microtones, and microelectrodes, the greatest asset to my experience has been learning how to look at a research problem in different ways. I have also learned how to discuss my research in more social settings and to develop my projects with input gained from multiple fields. In this way I've gained significant input from neurobiologists, zoologists, engineers, economists, and, in one case, a historian. In the case of the historian, it turned out that an insect energy storage problem that I was working on had been solved by the ancient Egyptians, leading us to cite a treatise on ancient near eastern archery in the subsequent biology manuscript. While technical skills have made me personally a better researcher, properly appreciating the skills and knowledge of others in disparate fields is a skill that will go much farther than simply learning how to use a microscope.

More concretely, I have made many professional connections with researchers in the UK, and have maintained my connections in the United States – with the hope of being able to continue working on intra-disciplinary and international teams to tackle research challenges in the future.

### Marshall Scholars' Speakers Programme

The Marshall Scholars' Speakers Programme is a unique opportunity that enables Marshall Scholars to address audiences on a wide range of contemporary topics and interests. Running since 2000 the goal of the Programme is to match the interests of prospective audiences including university and secondary school students, business leaders, and other interested individuals – with those of the Scholars. In the past, topics have varied greatly, from broad areas such as US politics, foreign-policy, and race relations to more specific topics such as creationism. Last year, speakers travelled throughout England and to Wales and Northern Ireland.

#### Rebekah Hurt, 2006 Marshall Scholar Visit to University of Ulster, Coleraine



Rebekah Hurt

*As part of the Speakers' programme I gave a 50 minute talk covering a range of the most current developments in American race-relations as portrayed in the American media at the University of Ulster. I addressed a class of about ten third-year history students at Coleraine, most of whom had had no previous experience in*

*African-American studies, and a PhD student. I also gave the University a paper to put on the WebCT for the students' further revision. My paper covered the importance of recognizing American race-relations as multi-dimensional and not just black and white – especially emphasizing the new dynamics developing between Hispanic immigrants and existing black communities, the continuing rise in yearly reported hate crimes and race-based violence – especially the recent Jena 6 incidents in the South and resulting waves of noose-hangings and harassment throughout the country as well as the November rallies outside the Justice Dept. in D.C.. I also touched on issues of economic inequality, the fight for equal education, and election "race" 2008 – including the varying facets of gender and racial identity politics playing into the Democratic race between Clinton and Obama. I also commented on the long-ongoing debates in America as to who exactly has the "right" to speak on such politically sensitive identity issues.*

*After the first hour-lecture slot we devoted the module's second-hour slot to a question and answer session. All of the students actively participated in a discussion on a number of related topics beyond the core of my presentation.*

### Marshall Events

MACC Commissioners joined Scholars at a FCO Reception held in the sumptuous Locarno Suite, hosted by Dr Kim Howells, Minister of State, on 20 September 2007 to welcome the 2007 Scholars.

The MACC Commissioners hosted the annual Dinner given in honour of Marshall Scholars who were completing their awards on 12 May 2008 at the Stationers' Hall, London. The special guest and principal speaker at the Dinner was Mr Adrian Hodges, Managing Director of the Prince of Wales International Business Leaders Forum. Mr Alex Nemser, a 2006 Scholar who used his Scholarship to study European Literature, New College, Oxford, spoke on behalf of those Scholars returning home to the United States.

The dinner was preceded by a Colloquium for departing Scholars in which five Scholars presented their research. A panel discussion on the nature of the Special Relationship ensued with the participation of Mr Dominic Martin (Counsellor Political and Public Affairs, British Embassy Washington); Mr Michael Macy (Cultural Attache, US Embassy, London) and Mrs Diane Flynn (Marshall Commissioner).



Scholars visit 10 Downing Street

On 4 December 2007 a group of Scholars were invited to 10 Downing Street for a briefing from members of the Number 10 Policy Unit.

On 16 April 2008 the Scholars travelled to Scotland for a three day trip hosted by the Scottish Government. The trip included a welcome from Ms Linda Fabiani, MSP, Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Culture, a meeting with the Presiding Officer and a reception hosted by Ms Fiona Hyslop, MSP, Cabinet Secretary, Education and Lifelong Learning at Edinburgh Castle. In addition the Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow organised visits which included talks from some of their leading academics.

### Report on 2008 Marshall Scholar Trip to Scotland

#### Ross Baird, 2007 Marshall Scholar

*Each of the Marshall Scholars is integrated into their own local communities but we had the chance to get together as a community of Scholars from across the UK and explore the UK in our role as international ambassadors in Scotland.*

*Due to the generosity of the Scottish Parliament the Marshall Scholars were invited for three brilliant days to Edinburgh where we learned about the Scottish Parliament, Scottish culture, and the future of the region. We participated in discussions with the Scottish government about how Scotland and the US can further their relationships in tourism, business, energy, and other areas. We learned about Scotland's cutting-edge scientific programs, especially in alternative energy and genetic research. We even explored the city, trying the famous fried candy bars and a few brave joggers scaling the mountain in Holyrood Park. We laughed at the banter in the Scottish National Parliament and had differing opinions on the architecture.*

*After the visit to Edinburgh, many Marshalls stayed on for the next week and explored some of the lesser-known parts of the region. With several Marshall Scholars participating in Edinburgh's Fringe Festival this August, and many more attending school over the next year, Scotland will certainly remain at the top of Marshall Scholars' destinations in the near future.*

In addition to these more formal social events, opportunities also arose during the year for some members of the MACC and Secretariat to meet with and offer informal hospitality to Scholars at their university locations. The Scholars themselves organised the now traditional annual Marshall Thanksgiving Dinner which was held in Oxford on 24 November 2007.

As part of the induction week for the 2007 Scholars which took place in late September 2007, HM Ambassador, Sir Nigel Sheinwald, hosted the group for a Tea at the Ambassador's residence.

After their arrival in the UK, the 2007 Scholars were taken on a tour of the Houses of Parliament as part of their induction week. The tour was arranged through the kind offices of the British-American Parliamentary Group and Scholars met with a member of the Group – Rt Hon Dennis MacShane MP and – for a 'Question and Answer' session. The Scholars also rode the London Eye.

### MARSHALL ALUMNI

#### Report from Olympic Silver Medallist

##### Josh West, 1998 Marshall Alumnus and Olympic Medallist



Josh West and Assistant Secretary Mary Denyer

*Ten years after arriving on a rainy day as a Marshall Scholar fresh from induction in Washington DC, I again found myself aboard British Airways touching down at Heathrow. This time the plane carried members of Team GB returning from the Beijing Olympics, with my bags carrying the extra weight of a silver medal won on the rowing lake in the GB men's eight. My experience in Beijing had been extraordinary.*

*We arrived in the stifling heat and humidity with the world viewing us as outside hopes for a medal, but with us truly believing from the exceptional standard of our preparation that we could win gold. Our first race demonstrated that potential as we posted the fastest qualifying time. Our final got off to a rocky start, a sign of the pressure of the event, and the strong and favoured Canadians got an insurmountable lead. We just managed to hold off a charge by the US to claim second; as a dual citizen from birth I was certainly giving everything in the last strokes to make sure we didn't lose to my native country! The emotion of the podium was extraordinary, strangely combining the frustration of our last race and the overwhelming thrill of holding an Olympic silver medal.*

*Being a member of the most successful British Olympic team in 100 years has been a thrilling experience. Over the years, I've been enormously privileged to train and compete with one of the world's best international rowing programmes. The opportunities provided for me in this country, from the moment I arrived as a Marshall scholar through to competing in Beijing, have provided an unparalleled foundation for seeking excellence. Winning an Olympic medal was just one manifestation.*

Josh West held his Marshall Scholarship at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge where he completed a PhD in Earth Science. He is currently an NERC Fellow in the Earth Sciences Department at the University of Oxford.

### Report from the Board of the Association of Marshall Scholars

The new energy infused in the Association of Marshall Scholars (AMS) by former President Ted Leinbaugh has continued to flourish with the implementation of a number of organisational improvements. An expanded board of directors and slate of officers were elected, a set of new and active committees of the board were established, a new AMS mission statement was adopted, and an annual solicitation of dues and contributions has been implemented. Additional organisational improvements are underway, such as an AMS webpage, an enhanced database, and a communications plan to keep members informed about board actions, special events and new initiatives.

In furtherance of its mission, in the last twelve months the AMS has organized a number of regional and national events to bring Marshalls together. These events have been offered free of charge and have typically combined great company with one or more speakers on topics of current interest. Events have been held at Yale Law School, Goldman Sachs in New York, the Boston Consulate, the University of North Carolina and Atlanta, among other places. Often the events have included new or current scholars and have served as a helpful introduction of the new and current into the larger community of Marshall Scholars.



HMA Sir Nigel Sheinwald welcomes the Association of Marshall Scholars to his official residence in Washington, DC for the May 2008 annual event

The AMS is also committed to enhancing the experience of the current scholars. Contributions to the AMS in excess of annual dues are being collected in a 'special programs fund', the income of which is being used to provide "extras" for the current scholars.



Dominic Martin is recognized as an honorary Marshall Scholar by AMS board chairman W. N. Harrell Smith

This progress is the work of many people, more than can be recognized in this report. However, special recognition is appropriate for Ted Leinbaugh's heroic efforts during his two-year term as President. The AMS is also most grateful to Bob Gray for taking a leadership role in the process of recruiting and launching the expanded board of directors. Finally without the advice and support of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission, the British Embassy and the various British Consulates progress would not have been possible. Special thanks go to Dominic Martin who has been "shoulder to shoulder" with the board and officers during the past two years, and we wish Dominic well in his new position in Paris.

Among the rewards of serving as directors of AMS is the opportunity to meet and work with many Marshall Scholars and Commissioners of the Marshall Aid Commemorative Commission during the course of the year. We look forward to working with them as we continue our partnership during the coming year.

A list of the AMS Board Members can be found in Membership of MACC and Committees (page 26)

### Summary of Results From The 2007 Survey of Marshall Scholar Alumni

Since the first Scholarships were awarded in 1954, over 1,500 US citizens have received Scholarships under this programme to study at universities in the UK. Whilst there are countless anecdotal examples of success stories among the alumni, this survey represented the first attempt to systematically analyse progress and continued links with the UK among former award holders. The survey achieved a high response rate, with 49% (717) of all former award holders responding, comprising a strong and highly representative sample of Scholars across the six decades of the programme's existence.

### Career choices

A large number of respondents went on to pursue a career in academia following their Scholarship, but significant numbers also hold prominent positions in other sectors such as law, politics and diplomacy, medicine and financial services. Within academia, there is a high proportion of professors and senior academic staff. Taking the Ivy League universities in the US alone, over 100 academic positions were held by respondents. Respondents to the survey also included a number of institutional heads including the former heads of Magdalen College, Oxford, the California Institute of Technology, and Duke University. Within the legal profession, public appointments were widely reported, with a significant proportion of respondents providing legal counsel for the government, including the current senior counsel to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Also responding was a circuit judge for the US Court of Appeals, and the programme numbers a Supreme Court associate justice, one of the highest legal appointments in the US, among its alumni. There are also several high profile appointments in the field of politics and diplomacy, including a state senator, a former ambassador and a presidential advisor. Journalism was also well represented, with journalists from internationally renowned publications such as *Time* magazine, the *Financial Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times* and *The Economist* responding to the survey along with one Pulitzer Prize-winning author.

### Impact of the Scholarship

The perception of those responding to the survey of the impact of the Scholarships on their careers and personal development was profound. Around 90% of all respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the qualifications and skills gained during their Scholarship were important to their career development. A similar proportion indicated that the prestige of the Marshall Scholarship played an important role in advancing their career. Virtually all respondents (97%) agreed that the Scholarship had played an important role in their personal development. Many described their Marshall years as formative and a period when they discovered who they were and what they wanted to do with their life. The experience was described variously as intellectually, socially, politically and culturally revelatory and rewarding. One 1999 Scholar wrote: *'This was the most pivotal and crucial time of development both personally and professionally for me. I am who I am today because of my experience as a Marshall Scholar. Academically the opportunity to study in the UK was unique and the peers with whom I interacted were just phenomenal people – thoughtful, engaged, and stimulating to be around'*.

### Experience of the UK and continued links

Scholars' time in the UK was viewed as overwhelmingly beneficial with 93% of respondents reporting that their experience of living and studying in the UK was largely positive. 98% felt that they developed a greater awareness and understanding of the UK while on their Scholarship. In terms of cultivating links between the UK and the US and the residual benefits for the UK of sponsoring the programme, one alumnus wrote: *'I benefited tremendously from the Scholarship, and I don't think there is any question that the British government received a substantial return on its investment. Within five years after finishing at Oxford, I was working closely with UK FCO [Foreign and Commonwealth Office] officials on diplomatic matters related to the Kosovo conflict for the US government... My relationship with and trust in my UK counterparts was much stronger as a result of my affinity for the country, cultural understanding and detailed understanding of the functioning of UK and EU political institutions as a result of my studies. These kinds of ties truly do bind together the "special relationship" between our countries in a manner that it is hard to imagine replicating any other way. A pretty cheap investment for the return in my view'*. This was echoed by a significant number of respondents who remarked that their Marshall Scholarship has led to a strong and lasting bond with the UK. Nearly a quarter of respondents lived in the UK for at least a year following their Scholarship and, since leaving the UK, 90% of respondents have been back to visit (rising to 97% or above for those who were here during or prior to the 1980s). Among those who have returned to the UK, 83% have maintained professional or business links, highlighting a fairly substantial level of continued professional association with the UK. Moreover, almost half the respondents reported that they have made donations to or invested in the UK. Around half of the donors provided details of the amounts invested, which amounted to over \$50 million; five donations were for more than \$1 million – this excludes a number of alumni who are known to have made major investments in the UK, such as Ray Dolby who founded Dolby Laboratories in England in 1965 following the completion of his Marshall Scholarship in 1961.

### Symbol of a 'special relationship'

The vast majority of respondents (96%) felt that the willingness of the UK government to fund scholarships for US citizens helped to demonstrate and contribute to the close relationship between the two countries and that the Scholarships were regarded as highly prestigious within the US. The importance of the Scholarship was seen to extend beyond the benefits to the individual and to represent a symbolic gesture of cooperation and allegiance. This was a strong message emerging from the evaluation and is summed up by a comment from one alumnus, who wrote:

'I doubt that many people in the UK government know how much goodwill and admiration for the UK is created by the Marshall Scholarship'. An important element in this, and in the long term dividends for both countries, is the engagement of the UK government and partners in the programme. This evaluation proved a highly instructive and encouraging exercise in assessing the impact of the Scholarship programme. Very few international scholarship schemes maintain sufficient contact with their alumni to carry out such a systematic impact study. The Marshall Programme is fortunate in this respect as it has maintained an extensive database of contact information and is aided by an active US-based alumni association. The fact that nearly half of all alumni who have participated in the scheme in its 55-year history responded is testimony to the strong links and continued support for the programme among former award holders. What emerged clearly and consistently in this study was the high regard with which Marshall Scholars continue to hold their Scholarship and the appreciation of the time they spent in the UK. The evaluation confirms that the programme has produced a high calibre of graduates, with many holding influential positions in academia and public life as well as in other professional fields. The MACC, recognising the importance of receiving feedback from award holders, plans to continue to monitor the impact of Scholarships on recipients and looks forward to building on this very important first step.<sup>1</sup>



2007 Class with Rt Hon Denis MacShane MP

## SELECTION OF 2008 SCHOLARS

At the MACC meeting held in October 2007, consideration was given to the budget for financial year 2008/2009. The MACC agreed to recommend to the Ambassador's Advisory Council that 31 new awards should be offered for 2008. The selection of the 2008 Scholars was undertaken by the Regional Selection Committees, listed on page 24 and confirmed by the Advisory Council held in Washington on 30 November 2007.

In addition the MACC had been successful in its fundraising efforts to increase the number of the Scholarships. The following Partnerships enabled the MACC to offer an additional six Marshall Scholarships for 2008, making the total number of Scholarships offered 37:

### Foundation Funded Scholarships:

- **Walter and Leonore Annenberg Marshall Scholar:** Funded by an endowment donated by the Annenberg Foundation. One Scholarship for two years.
- **BSUF Marshall Scholarships:** Funded by the British Schools and Universities Foundation. One Scholarship for two years

### University Partnership Scholarships:

These Scholarships are jointly funded by the MACC and the partner university.

- **Birmingham Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at the University of Birmingham.
- **Bristol Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at the University of Bristol.
- **Cardiff Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at the Cardiff University.
- **Courtauld Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at the Courtauld Institute of Art.
- **Durham Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at Doctoral level at the Durham University.
- **UEA Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at the University of East Anglia.
- **Edinburgh Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at the University of Edinburgh.
- **Guildhall Marshall Scholarship:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

- **Imperial Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at Doctoral level at Imperial College London.
- **Leeds Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at the University of Leeds.
- **Liverpool Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at the University of Liverpool.
- **Newcastle Marshall Scholarship:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at the Newcastle University.
- **Nottingham Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at the University of Nottingham.
- **Queen Mary Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at Queen Mary, University of London.
- **QUB Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at Queen's University Belfast.
- **Royal Holloway Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at Royal Holloway.
- **Sheffield Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at the University of Sheffield.
- **Southampton Marshall Scholarships:** Any Subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at the University of Southampton.
- **Surrey Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at the University of Surrey.
- **UCL Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at the University College London.
- **Warwick Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at the University of Warwick.

### College Partnership Scholarships:

These Scholarships are jointly funded by the MACC and the partner Oxford/Cambridge College.

- **Caius Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge.
- **Merton Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at Merton College, University of Oxford.
- **New College Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at New College, University of Oxford.

- **Nuffield Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at Nuffield College, University of Oxford.
- **Oriel Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at Oriel College, Oxford.
- **St John's Cambridge Marshall Scholarships:** Any subject at either Masters or Doctoral level at St John's College, University of Cambridge.

Similar partnerships with the Royal Academy of Music, King's College, Cambridge and the Universities of Glasgow, Reading and Sussex were also set up in 2008 and will be active for the 2009 Scholar selection.

### US Partnership Scholarships:

- **EPA Marshall Scholarships:** Jointly funded by the MACC and the Environmental Protection Agency, USA, these Scholarships support research specifically in the subject areas of the environment.
- **NIH Marshall Scholarships:** Jointly funded by the MACC and the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, USA, these Scholarships support research specifically in the subject areas of bioscience, medicine and related disciplines with a predominant application in bioscience.

### Third Year Funding Scholarships:

- **LSE Marshall Scholarships:** Fully funded by the London School of Economics, up to 2 Scholarships.
- **Oxford Marshall Scholarships:** Fully funded by the University of Oxford, up to 5 Scholarships
- **Nottingham Marshall Scholarships:** Fully funded by the University of Nottingham, up to 2 Scholarships.
- **St Andrews Marshall Scholarships:** Fully Funded by the University of St Andrews, up to 2 Scholarships

A similar partnership with King's College London was also set up in 2008 and will be active for 2009.

<sup>1</sup> Extract of article written by Jay Kubler for the 164th Edition of the ACU Bulletin June 2008.

After the necessary places at British Universities had been confirmed, the Marshall Scholarships for 2008 were awarded as follows:

### ATLANTA REGION

Name	US Institution	UK Institution	Subject	Degree
Ms. Inn-Inn Chen	Georgia Institute of Technology	Oxford Balliol	Orthopaedic Surgery	DPhil
Mr. Brian Lee Clark	North Carolina State University	Cambridge Churchill	Certificate of Advanced Study in Mathematics	Part III
Ms. Megan Elizabeth Galbreth	Harvard University	Oxford Magdalen	English Language and Literature, 650-1550	MPhil taught
Mr. Lee Michael Pearson *	Duke University	University of Edinburgh	Ecological Economics	MSc taught

### BOSTON REGION

Name	US Institution	UK Institution	Subject	Degree
Mr. Ali Alhassani	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	Health Policy, Planning, and Financing	MSc taught
Mr. Benjamin Hoagland Carmichael	Brown University	Oxford Oriol	Environmental Change and Management	MSc taught
Mr. Melvin James Sanborn	United States Military Academy	School of Oriental and African Studies	International Studies and Diplomacy	MA taught
Ms. Viktorya Vilk +	Boston University	Courtauld Institute of Art	Curating the Art Museum	MA taught

### CHICAGO REGION

Name	US Institution	UK Institution	Subject	Degree
Mr. Robert Vitold Arnold	Ohio University	London School of Economics and Political Science	Philosophy of the Social Sciences	MSc taught
Mr. Michael Jeremy Barany	Cornell University	Cambridge St John's	History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science, Technology and Medicine	MPhil taught
Mr. Ian Arthur Clausen*	University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign	University of Edinburgh	Theological Ethics	MTh taught
Ms. Sarah Kathryn Horn ♣	United States Naval Academy, Annapolis	Oxford Merton	Development Studies	MPhil taught
Ms. Kathryn Elizabeth Huston	University of Massachusetts – Amherst	University of Sussex	Global Political Economy	MA taught
Mr. Matthew Warren Linsley	United States Naval Academy, Annapolis	University of Exeter	War and Society	MA taught
Ms. Monica Mukerjee	Michigan State University	Oxford Linacre	Forced Migration	MSc taught

### DC REGION

Name	US Institution	UK Institution	Subject	Degree
Mr. George William Flathers ■	Virginia Military Institute	University of Sheffield	Automatic Control and Systems Engineering	MPhil research
Mr. Patrick Victor Rumley	George Mason University	School of Oriental and African Studies	Islamic Law	MA taught
Ms. Sabrina Snell	Yale University	University of Sussex	Development Studies	DPhil
Ms. Mary Caswell Stoddard ♦	Yale University	Cambridge Gonville and Caius	Biological Science	PhD

### HOUSTON REGION

Name	US Institution	UK Institution	Subject	Degree
Mr. Tildon Grant Belgard ▲	Rice University	Oxford New College	Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics	DPhil
Ms. Marzyeh Ghassemi	New Mexico State University	Oxford Linacre	Life Sciences Interface Doctoral Training Centre	DPhil
Ms. Jenna Elizabeth Sherry □	Indiana University	Guildhall School of Music and Drama	Violin Performance	MMus
Ms. Alice Marin Sverdlik	University of Chicago	London School of Economics and Political Science	Social Policy (Research)	MSc research
Mr. Zain Khaliq Yoonas	University of Texas	Oxford St Antony's	Modern Middle Eastern Studies	MPhil taught

### LOS ANGELES REGION

Name	US Institution	UK Institution	Subject	Degree
Mr. Eric Daniel Gardiner ○	United States Naval Academy, Annapolis	Queen's University Belfast	Terrorism, Violence, and Security	MA taught
Ms. Megan McGinnity	Arizona State University	School of Oriental and African Studies	Middle East Politics	MSc taught
Ms. Priyanka Narayan ✱	Stanford University	Cambridge St John's	Examination of Protein Misfolding and Amyloid Formation	PhD
Mr. Stephen Paul Silvius	Georgetown University	Oxford New College	Educational Research Methodology	MSc taught

### NEW YORK REGION

Name	US Institution	UK Institution	Subject	Degree
Mr. Stephen Douglas Danley ❖	University of Pennsylvania	Oxford Nuffield	Comparative Social Policy	MPhil taught
Ms. Emma Kaufman ▲	Columbia University	Oxford New College	Criminology and Criminal Justice	MSc taught
Mr. Judd William Kennedy	College of William and Mary	School of Oriental and African Studies	International Studies and Diplomacy	MA taught
Ms. Rachel Jean Kincaid	University of Rochester	Royal Northern College of Music	Trumpet performance	MMus taught
Ms. Sarah Beth Vander Ploeg	Princeton University	Royal Academy of Music	Performance	MMus taught

### SAN FRANCISCO REGION

Name	US Institution	UK Institution	Subject	Degree
Mr. Sean Michael Arenson	Stanford University	London School of Economics and Political Science	International Health Policy (Health Economics)	MSc taught
Mr. Jeffrey William Eaton ▶	University of Washington, Seattle	Imperial College London	Infectious Disease Epidemiology	PhD
Ms. Hilary Rose Martens ❖	University of Montana – Missoula	University College London	Space Science	MSc taught
Ms. Alyssa Marie Wechsler	University of Wyoming	Oxford Linacre	Nature, Society, and Environmental Policy	MSc taught

- \* Edinburgh Marshall Scholarships
- + Courtauld Marshall Scholarship
- ❖ Merton Marshall Scholarship
- Sheffield Marshall Scholarship
- ◆ Caius Marshall Scholarship
- ▲ New College Marshall Scholarships
- Guildhall Marshall Scholarship
- QUB Marshall Scholarship
- \* St John's Cambridge Marshall Scholarship
- ❖ Nuffield Marshall Scholarship
- ▶ Imperial Marshall Scholarship
- ❖ UCL Marshall Scholarship

The final number of Scholarships offered and accepted was 37. The 2008 Scholars represent 33 different United States universities and colleges, four less than 2007. Two institutions are appearing in the list for the first time – George Mason University and the Virginia Military Institute. 18 of the Scholars are women and eight Scholars are studying science and engineering subjects. Six of the Scholars are married and will be accompanied by their Spouses.<sup>2</sup>

The group will take up their places at the start of the academic year 2008/2009 as follows: 12 at Oxford, 11 at University of London (four School of Oriental and African Studies, three London School of Economics, one Courtauld Institute of Art, one London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, one Royal Academy of Music and one University College London) four at Cambridge and two at Edinburgh and Sussex. One each at Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Imperial College London, Queen's University Belfast and the Royal Northern College of Music and at the Universities of Exeter and Sheffield. All 37 will be reading for higher degrees.

University of Oxford	
School of Oriental and African Studies	
London School of Economics and Political Science	
Courtauld Institute of Art	
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	
Royal Academy of Music	
University College London	
University of Cambridge	
University of Edinburgh	
University of Sussex	
Guildhall School of Music and Drama	
Imperial College London	
Queen's University Belfast	
Royal Northern College of Music	
University of Exeter	
University of Sheffield	

### SELECTION AND PLACEMENT POLICY

The proportion of Marshall Scholars opting for universities other than Oxford, Cambridge and London School of Economics has increased from last year. The MACC remains committed to a policy of trying to increase the number of institutions at which awards are taken up, to reflect the academic excellence of UK Universities.

### MARSHALL SHERFIELD FELLOWSHIPS

The Marshall Sherfield Fellowship scheme, which was established in 1997 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Marshall Plan, enables up to two American post-doctoral scientists and engineers to undertake a year of research at any British university or research institute. The Fellowships are named after Lord Sherfield (1904-1996) who was the main architect of the Marshall Scholarship programme in the 1950s and are funded by the Marshall Sherfield Fellowship Foundation which is based in the US.

After the interviews held in Washington DC on 1 December 2007, two candidates were nominated for the award of post-doctoral Marshall Sherfield Fellowship from October 2008. These nominations came after applications for the new Fellowships had been reviewed by a specially appointed UK-based Selection Committee of scientific experts, and shortlisted candidates had been interviewed by a specially appointed committee in Washington DC.

Full details of the membership of the Sherfield Selection Committees are given in Membership of the MACC and its Committees (page 26).

Of the 11 candidates who applied for the 2008 Fellowship, five were shortlisted for interview. The awards were made as follows:

- Fellow:** Dr Daniel Bergstrahl  
**US Institution:** University of North Carolina  
**UK Institution:** Cancer Research Gurdon Institute Cambridge  
**Subject:** Cell Polarity 1 year Fellowship
- Fellow:** Ms Rose Szabady  
**US Institution:** University of Wisconsin  
**UK Institution:** Oxford Powrie Laboratory, UK  
**Subject:** Immunology 2 year Fellowship

<sup>2</sup> Further statistics from the selection process, including numbers of applications received, gender and US universities of origin is available in the Marshall Scholarships 2008 Competition Statistical Report, available on the Marshall Website [www.marshallscholarship.org](http://www.marshallscholarship.org).

## SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS

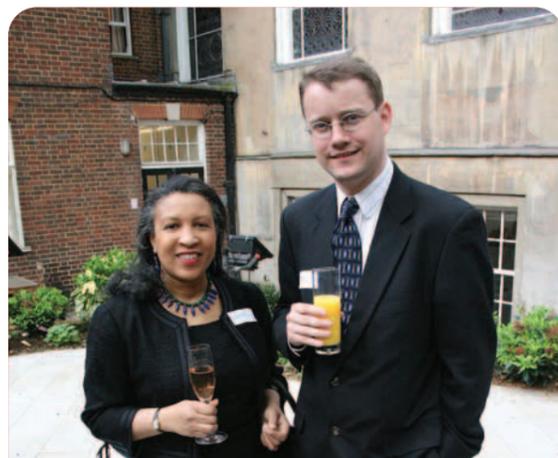
HM Treasury revisions announced from 1 July 2008 resulted in increases to the allowances payable to Marshall Scholars as follows:- basic monthly living allowance from £737 to £767 (and from £915 to £953 for those registered at institutions within the London Metropolitan Police district); book allowance from £307 to £318 for first year Scholars; marriage allowance from £209 to £215 per month. As a result of the stipend adjustments announced with effect from July 2008 the MACC revised the annual grant for approved research travel and the thesis grant from £215 to £220 and £291 to £301 respectively in October 2008.

## SECRETARIAT

The MACC continued the arrangement under which its Secretariat is provided by the Association of Commonwealth Universities, whose offices at Woburn House, 20-24 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9HF, serve as its headquarters. The detailed work was undertaken by Miss Mary Denyer, Assistant Secretary and Head of Scholarship Administration, and by Miss Elizabeth Martin, Administrative Assistant, under the direction of the Executive Secretary of the MACC Dr John Kirkland.

## ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The MACC operated under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information, and had also developed a Publication Scheme to comply with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Further information can be found at <http://www.marshallscholarship.org/about/foi>



2006 Fellow Greg Sutton with Marshall Commissioner Carol Madison Graham

## EXPENDITURE

Under Section 2(7) of the 1953 Act the MACC is required each financial year to prepare accounts of expenditure in such form as the Secretary of State may with the approval of the Treasury direct. The total expenditure of the MACC for the year ended 31 March 2008 was £2,382,878. The Summary Accounts are attached at the end of this Report (page 29). These figures have been scrutinised by the National Audit Office and, as provided by the Marshall Aid Commemoration Act 1953, the full accounts will be published separately and laid before Parliament. The Association of Commonwealth Universities, on behalf of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission, administers and recovers the costs of the Marshall Scholarship Scheme from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

### Signatures on Behalf of the MACC.

Dr Frances Dow  
Chair

Dr John Kirkland  
Executive Secretary



2008 Dinner at Stationers' Hall

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE MACC AND COMMITTEES

### Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission<sup>3</sup>

- Dr Frances Dow**  
Former Vice Principal, University of Edinburgh
- Baroness Tessa Blackstone**  
Vice-Chancellor, University of Greenwich
- Prof. John Caughie**  
Professor, Film and Television Studies, University of Glasgow
- Prof. David Eastwood**  
Chief Executive, HEFCE
- Mrs Diane Flynn**  
Managing Director of Operations, Brakeley Ltd
- Ms Lucy Heller**  
Managing Director, ARK Education
- Mrs Carol Madison Graham**  
Former Executive Director, Fulbright Commission
- Mr Simon Morris**  
Registrar, University of Keele
- Mr James Naughtie**  
BBC Journalist, Presenter on Radio 4's Today Programme
- Mr James Ross**  
Former Deputy Chairman, National Grid Plc

### Education Committee

- Prof. David Eastwood**
- Baroness Tessa Blackstone**
- Prof. John Caughie**
- Prof. John Mumford**

### Finance Committee

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- Dr Frances Dow**
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- Dr Jef McAllister**

### Audit and Risk Management Committee

- Mr Graham Benson (Chair)**  
Former Marshall Commissioner
- Mr Abdul Bhanji**  
Former Marshall Commissioner
- Mrs Diane Flynn**
- Mrs Shahwar Sadeque**  
Former Marshall Commissioner
- Mr Jonathan Taylor CBE**  
Former Marshall Commission Chairman
- Mr David Thomas**  
Former Marshall Commissioner

## Observers

- Rev. Richard Jones**  
Head, Scholarships Team, Public Diplomacy Group, FCO
- Dr Jef McAllister**  
1979 Scholar, Senior Partner, McAllister Olivarius
- Prof. John Mumford**  
1975 Scholar, Director, Centre for Environmental Policy, Imperial College
- Mr Mark Woodham**  
Head, US Section, North America Team, FCO

## Secretariat

- Dr John Kirkland** (Executive Secretary)  
Deputy Secretary General, ACU
- Ms Mary C Denyer**  
Assistant Secretary and Head of Scholarship Administration
- Ms Elizabeth Martin**  
Administrative Assistant

## ADVISORY COUNCIL IN WASHINGTON<sup>4</sup>

(as at 30 November 2007)

- Sir Nigel Sheinwald KCMG**  
HM Ambassador
- Dr Frances Dow**  
Chair, Marshall Commission
- Prof. David Eastwood**  
Marshall Commission
- Prof. Ted Leinbaugh OBE (1975 Scholar)**  
Chairman, Atlanta Region
- Mr Douglas Foy**  
Chairman, Boston Region
- Prof. James Shapiro OBE (1964 Scholar)**  
Chairman, Chicago Region
- Mr Lanny Edwards OBE (1968 Scholar)**  
Chairman, Houston Region
- Ms Annette Castro**  
Chair, Los Angeles Region
- Dr Ray Raymond MBE**  
Chairman, New York Region
- Mr Robert Gray (1971 Scholar)**  
Chairman, San Francisco Region
- Dr Craig Schiffries (1980 Scholar)**  
Chairman, Washington DC Region

<sup>3</sup> Marshall Grants may be tenable at Institutions from which members of the Commission and its committees belong.

<sup>4</sup> Scholars may be selected from Institutions to which members of the Ambassador's Advisory Council and Selection Committees belong.

**REGIONAL COMMITTEES IN THE UNITED STATES****Atlanta Region**

**Dr Jeffrey Rosensweig** (Acting Chairman)  
1979 Scholar, Professor of International Business & Finance, Goizueta Business School, Emory University

**Dr Alison Jenkins**  
1995 Scholar, McKinsey and Co

**Dr Mary Edgerton**  
1976 Scholar, Director, Department of Pathology and Associate Professor of Molecular Oncology, University of South Florida

**Dr Thomas Haddox**  
1994 Scholar, Assistant Professor of English, University of Tennessee at Knoxville

**Prof. Nancy Newman**  
1978 Scholar, Neuro-Ophthalmology Unit, Emory University

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Her Majesty's Consul-General in Atlanta

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Press & Public Affairs and Programme Officer, Marshall Scholarships, British Consulate General, Atlanta

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President, DIF Enterprises

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Associate Editor, The Yale Review

**Dr Lisa Cook**  
1986 Scholar, National Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University Development, Harvard University

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Vice Consul (Political, Press and Public Affairs), British Consulate General, Boston

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1964 Scholar, Professor, Microbiology, University of Chicago

**Dr Kathryn Bretscher-Salter**  
1982 Scholar, Biomaterials Technology Center, 3M

**The Honorable Mark Filip**  
1988 Scholar, US Deputy Attorney General

**Prof. Katharine Hunt**  
1975 Scholar, Professor, Chemistry, Michigan State University

**Ms Sandra Morgan**  
Director of Constituent Development, Kent State University

**Mr Mark Schneider**  
Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois Chicago

**Mr James Clark**  
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1968 Scholar, Managing Partner, Lemle & Kelleher

**Prof. James K Galbraith**  
1974 Scholar, LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas

**Prof. James Harner**  
Professor, Department of English, Texas A & M University.

**Prof. Thomas C Killian**  
1991 Scholar, Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Rice University

**Mr Paul Lynch**  
Her Majesty's Consul General in Houston

**Mr Mitch Jeffries**  
Vice Consul (Political, Press and Public Affairs), British Consulate, Houston

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Political and Fund-raising Consultant

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**Prof. Matthew A Malkan**  
1977 Scholar, Professor, Department of Astronomy, UCLA

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1994 Scholar, Vice President and General Manager of the Hollywood Bowl

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## APPENDIX I

### MARSHALL SCHOLARS GRADUATING AT BRITISH UNIVERSITIES SINCE FIFTY FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

NAME REGION & YEAR	UK INSTITUTION	DEGREE OBTAINED
<b>Mr Michael Bhatia (NE, 2001)</b>	St Antony's College, Oxford	MSc Research International Relations (passed 2002)
<b>Ms Mindy Baccus (CHI, 2002)</b>	London School of Economics and Political Science	MSc Gender [with merit] (passed 2004)
	King's College London	MSc Philosophy of Mental Disorder [with distinction] (passed 2005)
<b>Mr Lionel Foster (DC, 2002)</b>	London School of Economics and Political Science	MSc Regional and Urban Planning Studies [with merit] (passed 2003) MSc Social Policy and Planning [with merit] (passed 2004)
	Goldsmiths, University of London	MA Creative and Life Writing (Tenure finished 2005) [with merit]
<b>Ms Laura Gardner (HOU, 2002)</b>	Birkbeck College, University of London	MA London Studies [with distinction] (passed 2003)
	Royal Holloway, University of London	MA Victorian Media and Culture [with distinction] (passed 2004)
	University College London	MA Museum Studies [with distinction] (passed 2005)
<b>Dr Matthew Harsh (NY, 2002)</b>	University of Edinburgh	MSc Science and Technology Studies (passed 2003)
		PhD Science and Technology Policy (Tenure finished 2005)
<b>Dr Ben Hood (HOU, 2002)</b>	University of St Andrews	PhD Astronomy (Tenure finished 2005)
<b>Dr Courtney Mills (CHI, 2002)</b>	University of St Andrews	PhD International Security Studies (Tenure finished 2005)
<b>Ms Ebony Spikes (HOU, 2002)</b>	Christ Church College, Oxford	BA (Hons) Psychology, Philosophy and Physiology [passed with III] (passed 2004)
	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	MSc Public Health (passed 2006)
<b>Dr Sarah "Katie" Blackmar (ATL, 2003)</b>	Imperial College London	PhD Aeronautics
<b>Ms Bre Millard (BOS, 2003)</b>	University of St Andrews	MLitt International Security Studies (passed 2004)
	Kings College London	MA War Studies (passed 2005)
<b>Mr Sameer Ahmed (CHI, 2004)</b>	School of Oriental and African Studies	MA Middle East Politics [with merit] (passed 2005)
	Lincoln College, Oxford	MSt Legal Research (passed 2007)
<b>Dr Nicholas Llewellyn (ATL, 2004)</b>	Trinity College, Cambridge	PhD Chemical Biology (Tenure finished 2007)

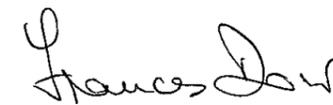
NAME REGION & YEAR	UK INSTITUTION	DEGREE OBTAINED
<b>Mr Joseph Wells (CHI, 2004)</b>	University of Birmingham	MA International Studies (International Peacekeeping) [with merit] (passed 2005)
	King's College London	MA Conflict, Security and Development [with merit] (passed 2006)
<b>Ms Tracy Williams (SF, 2004)</b>	University of Wales, Aberystwyth	MScEcon International History (passed 2005)
	University of Sussex	MA Governance and Development [with distinction] (passed 2006)
<b>Mr Joseph Wolpin (ATL, 2004)</b>	London School of Economics and Political Science	MSc Russian and Post Soviet Studies [with distinction] (passed 2005)
	King's College London	PgDip Theology and Religious Studies [with merit] (passed 2006)
<b>Ms Sarah Cook (SF, 2005)</b>	School of Oriental and African Studies	MSc Middle East Politics [with distinction] (passed 2006) LLM Law [with distinction]
<b>Dr Joshua Geltzer (NY, 2005)</b>	King's College London	MA War Studies (passed 2007) PhD War Studies
<b>Ms Anne Hammerstrom (CHI, 2005)</b>	Christ's College, Cambridge	MPhil Technology Policy (passed 2006)
	University of St Andrews	MLitt Middle East and Central Asian Security Studies [with distinction]
<b>Ms Jessica Lee (SF, 2005)</b>	Magdalen College, Oxford	MSc Biodiversity, Conservation and Management (passed 2006)  MSc Biology
<b>Ms Anne O'Donnell (NY, 2005)</b>	Royal Holloway, University of London	MSc Information Security [with distinction] (passed 2007)
	St John's College, Oxford	MSc Computer Science [with distinction]
<b>Ms Heidi Boutros (HOU, 2006)</b>	Trinity College, Oxford	MPhil International Relations
<b>Ms Rachel Denison (CHI, 2006)</b>	Magdalen College, Oxford	MSc Neuroscience (passed 2007)
	University College London	Sup Research Neuroscience
<b>Ms Jamie Gianoutsos (HOU, 2006)</b>	Queen's University Belfast	MA English (passed 2007)
	King's College, Cambridge	MPhil Political Thought and Intellectual History
<b>Mr Thomas Isherwood (CHI, 2006)</b>	St Antony's College, Oxford	MPhil International Relations [with distinction]
<b>Ms Lauren Schuker (DC, 2006)</b>	Courtauld Institute of Art	MA History of Art [with distinction] (passed 2007) [resigned]
<b>Mr Trevor Sutton (BOS, 2006)</b>	Magdalen College, Oxford	MPhil International Relations
<b>Ms Aziza Zakhidova (HOU, 2006)</b>	London School of Economics and Political Science	MSc Development Management [with merit] (passed 2007)
	Lincoln College, Oxford	MFE Financial Economics

**STATEMENT OF THE COMMISSION**

The summarised financial statements are a summary of information extracted from the full annual financial statements and do not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission ('MACC'). For further information, the Commissioners' annual report, the full annual financial statements and the auditor's report on those financial statements, should be consulted. These are all contained in the Annual Report and Financial statements, copies of which may be obtained from the Assistant Secretary and head of Scholarship administration, MACC, Woburn House, 20-24 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9HF.

The annual report and financial statements were approved on 9 July 2008 and were laid before Parliament as House of Commons paper HC1015 of 2007-08 on 21 July 2008. The full annual financial statements from which the summary is derived have been audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General, who gave an unqualified audit opinion.

On behalf of the Commission



**Dr Frances Dow**  
**Chair**  
30 September 2008



2007 Scholars Ethan Orwin & Rachel Shalev hike in Scotland



2007 Scholar Sophie Rutenbar swims with the Serpentine Swimming Club

**SUMMARISED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

for the year ended 31 March 2008

	2008 £	2007 £
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>Other operating activities</b>		
Project funding from FCO	12,824	–
Grants and Donations from third parties	95,602	79,324
<b>Total income</b>	<b>108,426</b>	<b>79,324</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
Scholarship costs	2,113,572	2,002,943
Selection process	58,594	25,370
Development of the Marshall Scholarship Scheme Administration	(538)	80,947
UK Regional Government itinerary	201,551	195,359
	9,699	18,326
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>2,382,878</b>	<b>2,322,945</b>
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<b>(2,274,452)</b>	<b>(2,243,621)</b>
Bank interest receivable	7,892	7,142
<b>Net expenditure for the year</b>	<b>(2,266,560)</b>	<b>(2,236,479)</b>

**SUMMARISED BALANCE SHEET**

As at 31 March 2008

	2008 £	2007 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Debtors	616,731	348,085
Accommodation deposits	19,225	14,835
Cash at bank and in hand	137,156	285,531
	773,112	648,451
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>(14,068)</b>	<b>(114,951)</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>759,044</b>	<b>533,500</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>739,044</b>	<b>533,500</b>
<b>RESERVES</b>		
<b>General reserves</b>		
MACC – uncommitted	308,423	107,827
– committed	362,592	337,989
	671,015	445,816
Third parties	88,029	87,684
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>759,044</b>	<b>533,500</b>

**STATEMENT OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL TO THE MARSHALL AID COMMEMORATION COMMISSION**

I have examined the summarised financial statements of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission which comprise the Summarised Income and Expenditure Account and Summarised Balance Sheet on page 30.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSION AND THE AUDITOR**

The Commission are responsible for the preparation of the summarised financial statements.

My responsibility is to report to you my opinion on the consistency of the summarised financial statements, on which I reported to you on 16 July 2008. I have also read the other information contained in the annual report and consider the implications for my report if I become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summarized financial statements.

**BASIS OF AUDIT OPINION**

I have conducted my work in accordance with Bulletin 1999/6 "The auditor's statement on the summary financial statement" issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom. My report on the Commission's full annual financial statements describes the basis of my audit opinion on those financial statements.

**OPINION**

In my opinion the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full financial statements of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for the year ended 31 March 2008. I have not considered the effects of any events between the date on which I signed the audit report on the full financial statements (16 July 2008) and the date of this statement.

**T J Burr**  
Comptroller and Auditor General  
14 November 2008

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Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission  
Year ending 30 September 2008