



We continue our occasional series of memories from alumni as part of our 25th anniversary reflections. This week, Douglas Dalrymple looks back at what he describes as the most challenging and rewarding of his university experiences.

Dear Woolf Friends,

My name is Douglas Dalrymple. I am Scottish by birth and initially trained as a Chartered Secretary. In mid-life, however, I decided to take early retirement and change career direction. In September 2000, I moved to Cambridge to follow the postgraduate course at the Centre for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations (CJCR), which went on to become The Woolf Institute. I have lived within driving distance from Cambridge since 1968 and my first impression of Cambridge from the beginning was the sheer volume and variety of its cultural life.

At the Centre, the staff were accessible, encouraging and enthusiastic about their subjects. Learning about Judaism from Jewish tutors and studying with Jewish colleagues enriched my understanding of the Scriptures and my perceptions of God. As a small group of full-time students from diverse backgrounds and nationalities we became a cohesive group sharing common interests, like theatre and music. We also had meals together and we were invited to each other's place of worship. It was the most challenging and rewarding of my university experiences.

From CJCR, I secured a scholarship to study for a doctorate in my specialism, 'the historical Jesus', at Exeter University. I completed this in 2007 and graduated in the following year just before my

Upcoming Events

25 October

Film Screening: The
Tinderbox



15 - 16

November

Woolf Institute
Conference



16 November

Woolf Institute
Research Afternoon



17 November

Living in Harmony
Teachers' Seminar



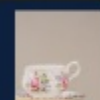
22 November

The Quranic Notion
of the Soul and Its
Place in Science and
Psychology



23 November

Interfaith Mixer



64th birthday. In my retirement I share those ideas and perspectives which I learned at CJCR with church groups involved in Biblical Studies.

I still keep in touch with colleagues from my time at CJCR and read with enthusiasm on Facebook the publications and activities of those who are engaged in academic pursuits.

Sally, my wife, and I now live near Lincoln and for various reasons we have been unable to visit the Woolf Institute at its new site but it is on our ever-increasing bucket list!

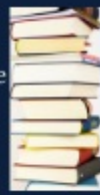
Wishing the Woolf Institute every success for the future.

Best Wishes
Douglas J Dalrymple PhD (Exeter)



30 November

Edward Said and the
Study of Religion



1 December

William Kessler
Essay Prize
Competition



6 December

Reading Group:
Qur'an and Bible



13 December

Historiography and
Politics in the Late
Medieval Islamic
Mediterranean



16 & 17 January

Perspectives on
Judaism and Islam



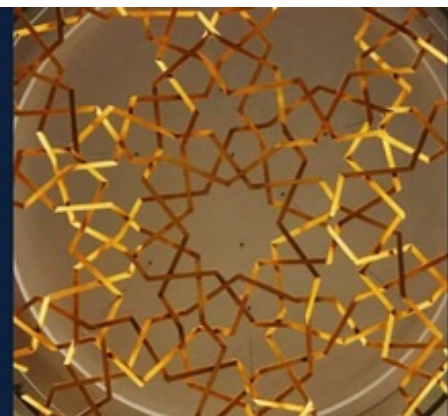
Woolf Institute

Research Afternoon

WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2022 @ 14:30 - 18:45

Join the Woolf Institute to hear from its multidisciplinary researchers from around the world. For one afternoon, the Woolf Institute research team will convene in Cambridge to discuss their research and propose ideas for the future.

On Wednesday 16 November, researchers will report on their work in a wide



variety of fields. We hope that the research afternoon will offer a unique opportunity to evaluate and further develop our diverse research into contemporary religion and society.

Please contact Flora Moffie to register for this event.



Join the Woolf Institute and Cambridge University Amnesty for a screening:

The Tinderbox Israel & Palestine: Time to Call Time?

This event will take place on Tuesday 25 October. Doors open from 18:45 and screening starts at 19:00. After the screening there is an opportunity to ask questions to the director Gillian Mosely around 20:30. This event is open to all.

William Kessler Essay Prize Competition



UK undergraduate and graduate students (Masters level) are invited to submit an essay (up to 1,500 words) which broadly addresses one of the following topics:

- Interfaith Encounters on Campus and in Academia
- Secular Societies, Religious Followers; Opportunities? Challenges?
- Modern Identities - the Intersection between Race, Faith and Gender
- Lessons from the Past: How Interfaith Work can Benefit from Historical Research

Essays will be judged by the Woolf Institute's leading academic staff. The top six essay writers will be invited to present their essays in a virtual event which will take place at the beginning of December 2022. An expert panel will then vote on the winner, who will receive a prize of £250. In addition, the top three essays will be published on our website and social media platforms.

Essays should be sent as a Word or pdf document to education@woolf.cam.ac.uk

4 NOVEMBER **Competition Deadline**

17 NOVEMBER **Shortlisted essays announced**

1 DECEMBER **Presentation Event**



LIVING IN HARMONY TEACHERS' SEMINAR

17 NOVEMBER 2022



The Living in Harmony team has created a dynamic outreach programme based on research from the project to teach students across England about faith communities and coexistence through music. Currently, we offer fun and engaging workshops that provide students with a unique experience of Middle Eastern music, religion and history. We are now also providing training for teachers who are interested in expanding their knowledge of interfaith relations and acquiring new tools and lesson plans for the classroom.

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HATE

Naked Reflections Podcast x The Woolf Institute

HATRED IS A POWERFUL HUMAN EMOTION.
IT CAN MOTIVATE INDIVIDUALS AND
NATIONS, SOMETIMES WITH TRAGIC
CONSEQUENCES...



Hatred is something most people feel some of the time but how should it be controlled? Certainly not by giving free rein to social media platforms to stoke up controversy in order to maximize advertising revenues. Kitty O'Lone and Arif Ahmed discuss both the roots of hatred and its latest iterations...

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