Dear Friends:

Imagine yourself in a world where whispers of great thinkers envelop you. Imagine learning from tutors in an intimate classroom setting. Imagine being a part of an exclusive group that experiences the magic of a storied English university firsthand.

This is the MSU Alumni Association’s Odyssey to Oxford experience.

From August 19–September 1, 2018, we will celebrate the 35th anniversary of our most popular annual lifelong education program, and I want to invite you to be a part of it.

I’m an Odyssey to Oxford alumnus and I can tell you that immersing yourself in the majesty of England while expanding your mind is something that should be on every Spartan’s bucket list. This year, we have some outstanding programming—explore the ideas that inspired the Arts and Crafts movement and its many practitioners; delve into scandal and usurpation, marriage and regicide, wives and mistresses, violent deaths and happy endings in Shakespeare’s plays; examine English politics and society during the turbulent and often traumatic years of the early 20th century; and ponder the fascinating events and the extraordinary cultural achievements of the Romans in Britain.

I hope you’ll consider joining us in Oxford for what promises to be another incredible year. Don’t wait too long to decide, though, as this program fills quickly. Registration opens January 24 and you’ll find details in this brochure.

With warmest Green and White regards,

Scott Westerman
Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations
Executive Director of the MSU Alumni Association
AN ODYSSEY TO OXFORD

Odyssey to Oxford is a two-week lifelong education program that takes you on a rare adventure to Oxford, England, “City of Dreaming Spires”, and to the University of Oxford, famous as a great center of learning since the 12th century. This year’s program is set for August 19–September 1, 2018.

The MSU Alumni Association and the Oxford University Department for Continuing Education offer you an opportunity to enroll in one noncredit, personal enrichment course of study taught by a University of Oxford tutor. Participants enjoy the relaxed yet intellectually stimulating atmosphere of small classes and course-related excursions, plus several group excursions.

The city of Oxford is rich with cultural and leisure activities, offering a variety of museums, bookstores, theaters, restaurants, pubs, shops, and natural settings to visit. Free time during the two-week program offers participants many opportunities to explore the University of Oxford’s 38 colleges, home to gifted men and women such as Walter Raleigh, Christopher Wren, William Penn, Edmund Halley, Cecil Rhodes, T.E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia), Oscar Wilde, Dorothy Sayers, Charles Dodgson (Lewis Carroll), Jonathan Swift, C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Aldous Huxley, William Morris, Edward Burne-Jones, John Ruskin, William Fulbright, Richard Burton, Dudley Moore, Hugh Grant, Indira Gandhi, Margaret Thatcher, and Tony Blair.

Immerse yourself in the history and traditions of this storied learning center that lends itself to a truly unique educational opportunity.

REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 24

Don’t delay in registering as course sizes are limited and the program fills quickly. alumni.msu.edu/oxford
ODYSSEY TO OXFORD
PROGRAM HISTORY
“The sign greeting us at Gatwick Airport outside of London read, ‘Welcome MSU Aluminium!’ The marker on the long dinner table in the baronial dining hall at Keble College at Oxford University said ‘Michigan State Alumni’. And the directors of the program kept calling us ‘Odysseans’,” wrote Pam Rohman in the winter 1984 issue of the MSU alumni magazine, recalling the first Odyssey to Oxford program.

Odyssey to Oxford was the first noncredit alumni residential program at Oxford and a forerunner of alumni travel-study programs throughout the nation. In 1982, Dr. Charles McKee, then director of alumni lifelong education for the MSU Alumni Association, traveled to Oxford and met with Dr. Richard Smethurst, a professorial fellow at Worcester College, Oxford. Over tea one afternoon, the two of them worked out the program details, which took place in September 1983.

WHY OXFORD?
In 1951, Michigan State University became the site of the first Kellogg Center for Continuing Education with funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Under the leadership of its CEO, Dr. Russell Mawby, the foundation became a supporter of lifelong learning in various parts of the world. Mawby was also an MSU alumnus and former MSU Trustee. In the 1980’s, Rewley House was renovated with a grant from the foundation, thereby creating a base for a new society of Oxford, which was later to become Kellogg College.

Thirty-five years later, almost 400 MSU alumni and friends have journeyed to Oxford to study at the oldest university in the English-speaking world and arguably the most prestigious worldwide. Nathaniel Hawthorne noted that, “the world surely has not another place like Oxford; it is a despair to see such a place and ever to leave it, for it would take a lifetime and more than one to comprehend and enjoy it satisfactorily.” Today, Odyssey to Oxford is one of MSU’s most noteworthy lifelong education programs. The MSU Alumni Association invites you to join us for a memorable experience in 2018 and take your place in history.

35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
To commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Odyssey to Oxford program, we’ll be hosting a special reception and dinner at Trinity College. Trinity College was founded as a training house for Catholic priests in the 16th century by Sir Thomas Pope on land that was previously occupied by Durham College, home to ancient monks from Durham Cathedral. Trinity College was one of the locations used for filming of the original series Brideshead Revisited and is featured heavily in episodes of Inspector Morse, Lewis, and Endeavour. Trinity College has also produced three British prime ministers. A fictional former student is Jay Gatsby, the title character in The Great Gatsby.

Trinity College, Oxford, England
COURSE EXCURSIONS AND TUTOR

EXCURSIONS

Full-Day
The Red House and the William Morris Gallery

Half-Day
Kelmscott Manor

TUTOR

Dr. Antony Buxton teaches courses in design history and material culture for the Oxford University Department for Continuing Education as well as other craft and design institutions. He conducted his doctoral research on the relationship between people and their household furnishings, and his continuing research is focused on the interpretation of historic design. For many years, he has also been a furniture designer and maker in the Arts and Crafts tradition and a conservator of historic furnishings.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Arts and Crafts Movement was a response to 19th century industrialization, perceived to be making life ‘shoddy’ in its productivity and in its treatment of the worker. The movement emerged in Britain in the later part of the century, inspired by the ideals of the Oxford professor, John Ruskin, and the work and opinions of the designer and craftsman, William Morris, who believed passionately in the importance of art and personal creativity in life. These ideals found ready proponents in the United States, setting their own hands to creating enterprises for that purpose, or designing the homes which would be a setting for beautiful objects and a true quality of life.

This course will explore the ideas that inspired the movement and the many practitioners in different crafts and in architecture. From Morris himself and his associates, the foremost artists, craftsmen and architects of the Arts and Crafts Movement in Britain, to the craftsman and Roycroft enterprises, potteries such as Greuby and Pewabic, and Frank Lloyd Wright and Greene and Greene in America, we will consider the ideas that served as inspiration in both Britain and America as well as their continuing relevance today.

Participants will receive a suggested reading list for this course prior to the program.
COURTLY SHAKESPEARE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The royal courts of Elizabeth I and James VI and James I were central to Shakespeare’s career. As a playwright, poet, actor, and shareholder, he gained patronage from aristocrats and monarchs and his plays were performed regularly at court. With a shrewd eye on his audiences, he dramatized courtly life, exposing its conflicts and performing its ceremonial. Shakespeare’s dramatic imagination probed for the human beings that dressed themselves in the robes of courtliness and reveled in the wit and elegance of courtly entertainments.

This course will examine a range of plays from across Shakespeare’s career. Beginning with Richard II, we will consider ideas and ideals of monarchy and explore the play that was notoriously implicated in the Earl of Essex’s planned armed uprising. In As you Like It, we will discover similar themes of rule and usurpation, of clashes between court and country, but viewed through the lens of comedy. In Macbeth, Shakespeare’s tragic imagination explores the darkness of ambition, regicide, and madness. Henry VIII participates in the creation of an Elizabethan Golden Age while replaying the ‘court’ that heard the case for Henry’s divorce from Katherine of Aragon.

Delve into scandal and usurpation, marriage and regicide, wives and mistresses, violent deaths and happy endings.

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EXCURSIONS

EXCURSIONS AND TUTOR

EXCURSIONS

Full-Day
Sudeley Castle

Half-Day
Bodleian Library

TUTOR

Dr. Lynn Robson is a supernumery fellow in English at Regent’s Park College, Oxford, teaching early modern literature. She is also a tutor in literature and arts and women’s studies. She directs the Regent’s Visiting Student Programme, organizing and coordinating academic programs for students from North America, China, and Europe. As well as her research in print culture, crime, and women writers of the period, she has an abiding interest in Shakespeare. Her awards include Most Acclaimed Lecturer in the Humanities and a University of Oxford Teaching Excellence Award.

COURTLY EXCURSIONS AND TUTOR

COURTLY SHAKESPEARE
COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course will explore English politics and society during the turbulent and often traumatic years of the early 20th century. It was an era which began in the sunshine of Edwardian glory, yet ended in the dark shadows cast by international war. It was an era where industrial might struggled in the face of economic distress, and where imperial power crumbled in the face of colonial challenge. Above all, it was an era of national uncertainty as the once mighty state was left struggling to find, or even understand, its place in the advent of a new, modern world.

A number of key issues will be addressed, both domestic and international. These will include the many political challenges faced by society and government alike, from the defiant reforms of New Liberalism to the franchise struggles of suffragettes and labour. The outbreak of World War I will dominate the course, as it brought about tremendous political and social challenges in its own right and also exposed the state to wider threats that were previously unthinkable, from the loss of Ireland to the Russian Revolution. We will conclude with a discussion of the state of England in the wake of war, asking how society was transformed by conflict and whether it was ready to face the daunting challenges to come.

Participants will receive a suggested reading list for this course prior to the program.

THE DYING OF THE SUN
ENGLAND AND THE EFFECTS OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR, 1906–1924

EXCURSIONS AND TUTOR
EXCURSIONS
Full-Day
Imperial War Museum
Half-Day
Sandham Memorial Chapel,
Burghclere, and Botley Cemetery

TUTOR
Dr. Kate Watson was recently appointed senior associate tutor for the Oxford University Department for Continuing Education and has many years of teaching experience with the department. She is a graduate of the University of York and was awarded a research scholarship to the Open University, completing her doctorate in modern British and European history. She has taught for the Open University, and Mansfield College, Oxford. She is currently pursuing research on Britain and the French revolutionary experience.
COURSE DESCRIPTION
The influence of the Romans on modern British society is enormous and unique. This course will concentrate on the fascinating events and the extraordinary cultural achievements of the Romans in Britain across a range of topics, including Caesar's expedition, the Claudian invasion, Boudica's revolt, Tactitus' Agricola, Hadrian's Wall, the army, and towns and villas. Numerous intriguing human issues will be explored as we follow the process of the creation of a province and see the problems faced by Roman and native, the physical and mental environment in which they spent significant parts of their lives, their mistakes, and the solutions they tried.

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TUTOR
Dr. Steve Kershaw is a tutor for the Oxford University Department for Continuing Education as well as the Victoria and Albert Museum. He also leads the European Studies Classical Tour for Rhodes College and the University of the South. He spent 25 years as a guest speaker for Swan Hellenic Cruises, with whom he traveled widely throughout what was once the Roman Empire. He is the editor of The Penguin Dictionary of Classical Mythology and the author of A Brief Guide to the Greek Myths, A Brief Guide to Classical Civilization, A Brief History of the Roman Empire, and A Brief History of Atlantis: Plato's Ideal State. He recently appeared as an expert contributor on the History Channel's Barbarians Rising series.
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A typical day’s schedule includes classes in the morning and free time to explore Oxford in the afternoon. Several days entail course-related excursions or general group excursions. The course-related excursions are planned by the tutor to enhance the course curriculum and are available only to those enrolled in the course—participants cannot attend another course of study’s excursion. General group excursions are for the entire group of participants.
OPTIONAL GROUP EXCURSION TO PORTSMOUTH

An optional excursion to Portsmouth is scheduled for participants' weekend enjoyment. The city was founded circa 1180 and has been a key player in many major historical events, including Nelson's last battle at Trafalgar, the sailing of the First Fleet to Australia, and the D-Day Landings. Portsmouth is a dynamic and vibrant waterfront city with a rich naval heritage. The Portsmouth Historic Dockyard exhibits over 800 years of naval history within the surroundings of its working docks, including iconic warships such as the Mary Rose, HMS Warrior, the first ironclad warship, and HMS Victory, plus the National Museum of the Royal Navy.

Portsmouth has many museums, memorials, and trails that cover a wide range of topics. You can walk in the steps of Henry VIII as you explore his Southsea Castle, view the majestic Overlord Embroidery—a work that took inspiration from the renowned Bayeux Tapestry—at the D-Day Museum, or pay a visit to the small terraced house of 1805 in which Charles Dickens was born and lived for a short time, as you uncover the city's social, literary, and maritime history.

GROUP EXCURSION TO STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

In addition to the individual course-related excursions, a group excursion is planned for all participants to Stratford-upon-Avon. More than 800 years old, Stratford-upon-Avon is steeped in culture and history, and is the birthplace of William Shakespeare. Participants will have free time to explore the town, which contains many buildings that would have been familiar to Shakespeare. The excursion concludes with dinner and an evening performance of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre.
FEES & REGISTRATION

TUITION, ACCOMMODATIONS, MEALS
$5,775 per person, based on double occupancy

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT
$15

COURSE EXCURSION FEES
$150 for Arts and Crafts
$190 for Courty Shakespeare
$140 for The Dying of the Sun
$160 for Roman Britain

OPTIONAL GROUP EXCURSION TO PORTSMOUTH
$115

WHAT'S INCLUDED?
• Tuition for selected course of study
• Accommodations at the Oxford University Department for Continuing Education residential center for 13 nights
• All but two meals (lunch and dinner on August 25)
• Common room coffee/tea breaks
• Opening reception and dinner
• Anniversary reception and dinner at Trinity College
• Closing reception and dinner
• Guided walking tour of Oxford
• Group excursion to Stratford-upon-Avon
• Professional group photograph
• Bus transportation to Heathrow Airport on September 1, 2018

REGISTRATION
Registration opens at 10:00 a.m. EST on January 24, 2018 and will be conducted both online and by mail although online registration is preferred. To register online, go to alumni.msu.edu/oxford. To register by mail, send the completed form at the back of this brochure with a personal check. This is an extremely popular program that frequently sells out. Courses of study are limited to 10-14 participants each and fill quickly. When registering, please be sure to select both a first choice and a second choice for your course of study. Registrations are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. The MSU Alumni Association will review registrations as they are received and we will contact you within three business days of your submission to let you know which of your two selected courses are available. Once we confirm your course of study with you, we will provide you with information to pay your deposit—for registrations done online, we will send you instructions to pay with a credit card, and if you registered by mail, we will cash your check. At the time you register, we will only be collecting a $500 per person deposit. The balance of the fee will be due May 17, 2018 and we will send you a statement in regards to this.

All online transactions are handled through the university’s secure, PCI-compliant server. Due to increased measures by MSU to ensure a secure credit card transaction, we can no longer accept credit card information over the phone for this program.

QUESTIONS?
Please contact Elizabeth Wheeler at szufnar@uadv.msu.edu or 517-884-2106.

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$5,775 per person, based on double occupancy

Single Room Supplement
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ELIGIBILITY
The program is open to adults, both alumni and friends of Michigan State University.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS
To enjoy this program experience, participants must be in good physical and mental condition and be able to keep pace with the group. Our aim is to treat all participants fairly and equally.

This program includes a significant amount of walking. Oxford’s historic city center has many cobblestone streets and walkways. Excursions involve walking that may range from less than half an hour to a couple hours and may necessitate walking on uneven, steep, or hilly ground, unpaved surfaces, or climbing steep and narrow stairs. England has many historic buildings that are not common.

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ACCOMMODATIONS
Participants will stay in the Oxford University Department for Continuing Education residential center, located in the heart of historic Oxford. The residential center offers twin rooms with private bathrooms attached, telephone, tea kettle, hair dryer, and television. The residential center also has its own dining rooms, common room and bar, computer room, and laundry facilities.

Accommodations are similar to those of a college or university. This is not a hotel, so the amenities associated with a hotel, welfare, or enjoyment of other participants. Any physical or mental condition that may require special assistance or medical attention must be reported in writing at the time of registration. An individual who is capable of, and totally responsible for, providing required assistance must accompany any participant that requires assistance. This will ensure the smooth and efficient operation of the program for all participants.

Prospective participants with mobility concerns or other impairments are encouraged to contact the MSU Alumni Association prior to registering for the program.

REGISTRATION/CANCELLATION/REFUNDS
Registrations are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Courses of study are available, you will be notified. If your course of study is full, we will be maintaining a waiting list in the event of a cancellation. If space becomes available, you will be notified.

No deposit is required.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS
Participants are responsible for making their own flight arrangements as well as travel insurance. No substitute travel service, such as Gatwick Airport to Oxford upon arrival. No insurance of any kind is required. Upon completion of the trip, flights and transportation schedules will be provided in advance. Bus transportation from the Oxford University Department for Continuing Education residential center to Heathrow Airport for return flights will be available on Saturday, September 1, 2018 for flights departing no later than noon. Participants are responsible for any fees incurred for trip cancellation, baggage, and medical insurance.

The MSU Alumni Association and the Oxford University Department for Continuing Education reserve the right to cancel the program prior to departure, in which case the registration fees will be refunded without further obligation on the part of the universities. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any part of the program.

WAIT LIST
If your course of study is full, we will be maintaining a waiting list in the event of a cancellation. If space becomes available, you will be notified.

No deposit is required.

Cancellations made after May 17, 2018 will result in forfeiture of the entire program cost. For your protection, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation, baggage, and accident/medical insurance.

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Cancellations and requests for refunds must be received in writing by the MSU Alumni Association by May 17, 2018. Cancellations for any reason will be subject to a $500 per person cancellation fee. The MSU Alumni Association is not responsible for any fees incurred for cancelled flight arrangements.
TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is strongly recommended that participants purchase travel insurance that will cover trip cancellation/interruption, and/or baggage loss or damage, emergency evacuation, and accidents incurred while traveling. The MSU Alumni Association is affiliated with USI Affinity Travel and information on their services will be sent as a part of your initial confirmation packet.

ITINERARY/PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS

Itineraries and programs, as contained in this brochure, are subject to modification and change by the MSU Alumni Association and the Oxford University Department for Continuing Education. We reserve the right to substitute accommodations of similar quality. Every effort will be made to carry out the program as planned. Participants who register for this program accept in full all of the conditions set forth.

RESPONSIBILITY

MSU, the MSU Alumni Association, the University of Oxford and the Oxford University Department for Continuing Education, their respective employees, officers, agents, servants and representatives (henceforth referred to as MSUAA/OX) are acting only as agents for the Odyssey to Oxford travel and study program participants with respect to travel services and shall not be responsible or liable for changes of flight times, missed carrier connections, fare changes, dishonor of airline, housing or other reservations, cessation of operations, airline or travel agency bankruptcy or insolvency, mechanical or construction defects or failures, failure or negligence of any nature caused in connection with any accommodations, restaurants, meals, transportation or other services, acts or defaults of any person or entity engaged in conveying participants or in carrying out other arrangements of the program. MSUAA/OX shall not be responsible or liable for damages, injuries, deaths, loss or damage of baggage, damage to person or property, accidents, delays, inconveniences, cessation of operations, acts of God, acts or omissions of any person or entity engaged in conveying participants or in carrying out other arrangements in connection with the travel and study program, or any other event or occurrence beyond the control of MSUAA/OX. MSUAA/OX shall not be responsible or liable for losses or additional expenses incurred by any participant due to sickness, disease, quarantine, local laws, strike, civil/social/labor unrest, acts of terrorism, war, weather, acts of God or any other event. By embarking upon their travel, the participant voluntarily assumes all risk involved in such travel, whether expected or unexpected.

Participant is hereby warned of the above risks as well as possible travel industry bankruptcies and medical and climatic disruptions, and the possibility participant may be unable to travel as scheduled because of personal emergency. Participant is advised to obtain appropriate insurance coverage against these risks; information is available through the MSU Alumni Association regarding travel insurance.

By registering for this program, the participant agrees to the above and an agreement on their part to convey the contents hereto to their travel companions or group members.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

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Accommodations

Participant #1 and #2 will be sharing a twin room
Participant #1 is planning to room with who will register separately
Participant #1 would like a single room and will pay the single supplement of $515
Room requests (same room as 2015, minimal stairs, etc.):

REGISTRATION FORM

Complete and return this form only if you are registering by mail

AUGUST 19–SEPTEMBER 1, 2018

Participant #1:

Full name as it appears on participant’s passport
Address:
City: State: Zip:
Preferred Phone Number: ( )
Email:
I/we do not have an email address
Have you previously attended? Yes No Year(s):

Participant #2:

Full name as it appears on participant’s passport
Address:
City: State: Zip:
Preferred Phone Number: ( )
Email:
I/we do not have an email address
Have you previously attended? Yes No Year(s):

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Review the Accommodations section in this brochure and note that there is no guarantee that these requests can be honored.
At the time you register, we will only be collecting a $500 per person deposit. The balance of the fee will be due May 17, 2018 and we will send you a statement in regards to this.

Based on the information above please reserve space(s) at $500 per person. Enclosed is a check for __________________________.

Mail to: Elizabeth Wheeler
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Please make checks payable to: MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 24

Don’t delay in registering as course sizes are limited and the program fills quickly.

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