We celebrate International Women’s Day

International Women’s Day celebrates the economic, political and social achievements of women around the world.

The University wishes to mark this day by showcasing a few of the 6,000 female staff members who have been nominated by their peers for their contribution to the University and beyond. We asked leading photographers to help us celebrate the diversity and influence of the roles these women hold in the University, while capturing their individuality and character, which are clearly a great part of their success.

These women not only ‘Inspire Change’ but also make real change. They help us ensure our world-class University is constantly considered one of the top 50 in the world. Their dedication is helping us meet the urgent challenges affecting the world and provide an outstanding student experience to 33,000 students, 16,000 lifelong learners and more than 300,000 MOOC learners.

These women are role models who will not only make a mark in our University’s history but also inspire us all.

There is also a mini exhibition in the University’s Visitor Centre, where we continue the celebration of our outstanding, inspiring and visionary female staff, alumni, students and honorary graduates.

Whatever you’re meant to do, do it now. The conditions are always impossible.

Doris Lessing (1919–2013)


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Professor of Quantitative Modelling

JANE HILLSTON

Jane is also Director of the Laboratory for Foundations of Computer Science in the School of Informatics.

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Assistant Principal Global Health

SUE WELBURN

Sue is also Director of the Global Health Academy and Professor of Medical and Veterinary Molecular Epidemiology at the Centre for Infectious Diseases in the School of Biomedical Sciences.

Photograph: Heather Dorning Siddall

Professor of Organisational Behaviour

WENDY LORETTO

Wendy is also Director of Research and the Research Excellence Framework in the University’s Business School.

Photograph: Susie Lowe

Professor of Health Promotion

AMANDA AMOS

Amanda is also Convenor of the University of Edinburgh Tobacco Control Research Group and is based in the Centre for Population Health Sciences in the School of Molecular, Genetic & Population Health Sciences.

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**Professor of Biological Physics**

**CAIT MACPHEE**

Cait is also in the Condensed Matter Group at the School of Physics & Astronomy and part of the Life Physics at Edinburgh Group.

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**Senior Vice-Principal**

**EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT**

**MARY BOWNES**

Mary is also Professor of Developmental Biology and Director of the Scottish Initiative for Biotechnology Education in the School of Biological Sciences.

Photograph: Michael S. D. Binning

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**Data Librarian**

**ROBIN RICE**

Robin is the Manager of the Data Library service, the Edinburgh DataShare repository, and the MANTRA research data management training tool.

Photograph: Susie Lowe
Estate Development Manager

JANE JOHNSTON

Jane is responsible for the delivery of the University’s construction projects with a shared responsibility for developing and implementing the University’s estate strategy.

Photograph: Euan Myles

Vice-Principal and Head of the College of Science & Engineering

LESLEY YELLOWLEES

Lesley is also Professor of Inorganic Electrochemistry and the first female President of the Royal Society of Chemistry (2012–14).

Photograph: Maverick Photo Agency

Professor of Social History and Cultural History

STANA NENADIC

Stana’s research focuses on the social, cultural and economic life of the middle ranks, gentry, professionals and business owners since the 18th century, mainly with reference to Scotland. She is currently the only female professor of history in the School of History, Classics & Archaeology.

Photograph: John Need
Head of Museums

JACKY MACBEATH

Jacky is also Deputy Head of the Centre for Research Collections with a shared responsibility for collecting and maintaining the University’s culturally and scientifically significant objects, samples and artefacts.

Photography: Brian Bailie

Professorial Fellow

PAM SMITH

Pam was the Head of Nursing Studies 2010-2013 and is currently the Undergraduate Programme Director for the Bachelor of Nursing (with Honours) in the School of Health in Social Science.

Photography: Nicola Lane

Director of Research for the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine

MARGARET FRAME

Margaret is also Professor of Cancer Biology and Co-Director of the Edinburgh Cancer Research UK Centre in the Institute of Genetics and Molecular Medicine.

Photography: Douglas Robertson
Crum Brown Chair of Chemistry

POLLY ARNOLD

Polly is also Director of Research in the School of Chemistry.

Photograph: Dominic Ibbotson

Professor of Chinese Studies

NATASCHA GENTZ

Natascha is also Director of the Confucius Institute for Scotland, Dean International (China) and Director of the Scottish Centre for Chinese Studies in the School of Literatures, Languages & Cultures.

Photograph: John Need

Assistant Principal for Religion and Society

MONA SIDDQUI

Mona is also Professor of Islamic and Inter-Religious Studies and the School of Divinity’s first Muslim professor.

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Head of School of Molecular, Genetic & Population Health Sciences

SARAH CUNNINGHAM-BURLEY

Sarah is Professor of Medical and Family Sociology in the Centre for Population Health Sciences and non-executive Director at the Centre for Research on Families and Relationships.

Photograph: Douglas Robertson
Professor of Social and Cultural Anthropology

JANET CARSTEN

Janet’s research interests are in kinship and relatedness, gender and personhood, houses and domesticity, migration and memory. In 2011, she was elected Fellow of the British Academy. She is based in the School of Social & Political Science.

Photograph: Susie Lowe

Deputy Head (Learning and Teaching) of the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies

SUSAN RHIND

Susan is also Professor of Veterinary Education.

Photograph: Douglas Robertson

University Chaplain

HARRIET HARRIS

Harriet has overall responsibility to provide pastoral and spiritual support for students and staff of all faiths and none.

Photograph: Susan Wylies
University Court Vice-Convener

ANNE RICHARDS

Anne is the newly-appointed University Court Vice-Convener. Made up of 22 voluntary members, the Court is the University’s governing body and its legal persona.

Professor of Nanoelectronics

REBECCA CHEUNG

Rebecca’s research interests include silicon carbide microelectromechanical systems, biomedical systems and graphene. She is based in the School of Engineering.

Professor of Developmental Linguistics

ANTONELLA SORACE

Antonella’s research focuses on language and cognition in bilingualism over the lifespan. She is also the founding Director of the Bilingualism Matters initiative in the School of Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences.

Professor of Molecular Biology

JEAN BEGGS

Jean is also the Royal Society Darwin Trust Research Professor in the Wellcome Trust Centre for Cell Biology in the School of Biological Sciences.
Professors from the School of Clinical Sciences
Left to right:
JOANNA WARDLAW – Professor of Applied Neuroimaging, Honorary Consultant Neuroradiologist, Head of Division of Neuroimaging Science and Director of the Brain Research Imaging Centre.
JANE NORMAN – Vice-Principal Equality and Diversity, Professor of Maternal and Fetal Health and Director of the Edinburgh Tommy’s Centre.
HILARY CRITCHLEY – Head of the School of Clinical Sciences and Professor of Reproductive Medicine/Honorary Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.
KAREN CHAPMAN – Professor of Molecular Endocrinology.
Photograph: Douglas Robertson

Professor of Economics
MICHELE BELOT
Michèle’s research is in the area of behavioural and labour economics in the School of Economics.
Photograph: Susan Lowe

Director of Human Resources
SHEILA GUPTA
Sheila is responsible for ensuring that excellent people management is embedded in all that the University does, in order to attract, develop, reward and retain the best staff.
Photograph: Chris Park

Head of the Neurobiology Division of the Roslin Institute
JEAN MANSON
Jean is also Professor of Neurodegenerative Disease in the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies.
Photograph: Douglas Robertson
Professor of Geophysics

**KATHY WHALER**

Kathy’s research interests are in geomagnetism, dynamics and thermal history of the Earth’s core, geophysical inverse theory and electromagnetic induction. She is based in the School of GeoSciences.

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Lecturer in Mathematics

**NATALIA BOCHKINA**

Natalia’s research interests are Bayesian nonparametric wavelet regression, inverse problems, Bayesian hierarchical modelling of high dimensional genomic data and theory of Bayesian inference. She is based in the School of Mathematics.

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Senior Lecturer in Music

**KATIE OVERY**

Katie is also Director of the Institute for Music in Human and Social Development in Edinburgh College of Art.

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Professors from the School of Law

LESLEY MCARA - First female Dean of the School of Law, Professor of Penology and Co-Director of Edinburgh Study of Youth Transitions and Crime.
Left to right:
SUSAN MCVIE - Professor of Quantitative Criminology, Director of the Applied Quantitative Methods Network, Co-Director of the Edinburgh Study of Youth Transitions and Crime, and Network Leader for the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research.
ANNE GRIFFITHS - Professor of Anthropology of Law.
JO SHAW - Salvesen Chair of European Institutions and Director of the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities.
ELSPETH REID - Professor of Scottish Private Law.
NIAMH NIC SHUIBHNE - Professor of European Union Law.

Domestic Assistant

FAY HOLMES
Fay has worked for the University since 1985 in one of the University’s accommodation residences and has been ‘Mum’ to hundreds of students.

University Secretary

SARAH SMITH
Sarah is the University Secretary, working with the Court of the University across University business, and leading the team delivering a range of student-focused and central services.

Vice-Principal and Head of the College of Humanities & Social Science

DOROTHY MIELL
Dorothy is also Professor of Social Psychology.
Director of Careers Service

SHELAGH GREEN

Shelagh is responsible for expanding the horizons of our students and recent graduates, enabling them to make informed career decisions in order to progress towards a fulfilling future.

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Former Vice-Principal Equality and Diversity (2006–2013)

LORRAINE WATERHOUSE

Lorraine is Honorary Professor of Social Work in the School of Social & Political Science.

Photograph: Chris Close

Head of Moray House School of Education

ROWENA ARSHAD

Rowena is also Co-Director of the Centre for Education for Racial Equality in Scotland and was the first black/minority ethnic female Head of School in the University.

Photograph: John Reid