### Talk Details

#### Saturday 12 September

**10.30-10.45**
Provost’s Welcome  
Welcome and update on College from Provost Neil Mendoza (1978)

**12.00-12.45**
How Biomedical Sciences are central to tackling COVID - the role of Orielenses  
Professor Max Crispin (1997) and George Moody Fellow Professor Lynne Cox

**14.00-14.45**
Would you like ice with that? From cocktails to climate change.  
Tutor & Fellow in Physics  
Dr Andrew Wells

**18.00-19.00**
1990-1992 Virtual Gaudy

**19.00**
Oriel Quiz hosted by Orielensis Frank Hardee (2004)

#### Sunday 13 September

**10.00**
Prerecorded talks for you to enjoy at your leisure.

**12.00-12.45**
A Research update from Oriel and Laing Professor of the interpretation of Holy Scripture Professor Hindy Najman

**14.00-14.45**
An update on Outreach from Outreach Officer India-Collins-Davies

**18.00-19.00**
An update on the Library from Librarian Eleanor Kelly

**19.00**
Recordings of Oriel College Choir, prepared during lockdown, with music from visiting musician Craig Ogden

**Further Talk Details to be shared soon.**

**How Biomedical Sciences are central to tackling COVID - the role of Orielenses**

Professor Max Crispin (1997) and George Moody Fellow Professor Lynne Cox will discuss current research into COVID-19, as well as reflecting on their time as researchers at Oriel and beyond. Further details to follow.

**Would you like ice with that? From cocktails to climate change.**

In the heights of summer, it is often tempting to quench one's thirst with a cool refreshing drink with ice. It might come as a surprise that the ice melting in your glass conveys some important lessons about the vast Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets, sea level, and how these respond to climate change. In this talk, Dr Andrew Wells will discuss some of the contemporary challenges faced when quantifying the impact of polar ice sheet changes on sea level. We will examine the potential fate of the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets in a warming world, combining table-top experiments, computational simulations, and observations from satellites and polar exploration.

**Can I lose a hand?**

Professor Gonzalo Rodriguez-Pereyra shall present a paradox that seems to show that people cannot lose their hands, and more generally, that things cannot lose any of their parts. If this is correct, a fundamental assumption of our ordinary, commonsense conceptual schema is wrong, since it is part of our ordinary way of thinking that people and things in general can lose some of their parts. The paradox reveals a conflict between different commonplace assumptions and thereby opens up a revisionary role for Metaphysics in which it can correct our ordinary, everyday way of thinking about people and things in general.