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Health Technology: AI, Innovation and Ethics

08.30-09.00	Registration	JdP foyer
09.00-09.30	WELCOME Professor Dame Sarah Springman & University of Oxford Translational Research Office	JdP auditorium
09.30-10.00	Society's Mirror: The Speculative Fiction Portal to Potential Futures Liz Williams	JdP auditorium
10.00-10.30	Seeing Patterns and Potential in the Near Future of Healthcare Lisa Hoffart & Greg Hart	JdP auditorium
10.30-11.00	Break	JdP foyer
11.00-12.30	Regulating algorithms? AI and the Future of Healthcare Marcus Vass & Gwydion Williams	JdP auditorium
12.30-13.30	Lunch	JdP foyer
13.30-14.15	Cultural Aspects of Health Innovation: Co-Development and Collaboration with Communities Dr Stacey Lovo & Dr Joshua Kibera	JdP auditorium
14.15-15.00	KEYNOTE Delivering the Promise of AI in Healthcare Prof Trish Greenhalgh	JdP auditorium
15.00-15.30	Break	JdP foyer
15.30-17.00	WORKSHOP MicroHackathon: AI Modelling in maternal mortality Dr Eva Coates & Ms Naveed Dogar	Anniversary Building Roof Suite
17.30-20.00	College Dinner	Pavilion



The Women's Health Revolution: Women's and Reproductive Health Equity

08.30-09.00	Arrival	JdP foyer
09.00-09.30	The Femtech Frontier: Business, Access, and Reproductive Health Equity Dr Christiane Hagel	JdP auditorium
09:30-10:00	Breaking Barriers and Building Businesses in Women's Health Tania Boler	JdP auditorium
10:00-10:30	The Change: Co-Designing Menopause Care in Low-Resource Contexts Chido Kelly Saruh Rusike	JdP auditorium
10.30-11.00	Break	JdP foyer
11.00-12.30	Global Frameworks, Local Realities: Translation and Backtranslation Around the World Dr Shobhana Nagraj & Dr Adam Devall	JdP auditorium
12.30-13.30	Lunch	JdP foyer
13.30-14:15	How to do Femtech better: Evidence, Ethics and Avoiding Data Bias Thang Vo-Ta & Dr Emma Thornton	JdP auditorium
14:15-15:00	WORKSHOP Utopian and dystopian futures of Femtech Dr Kate Sheridan	Anniversary Building Roof Suite
15.00-15.30	Break	JdP foyer
15.30-17.00	From Pilot to Population: Navigating Challenges of Scale and Adoption Katherine Edwards and Stephanie Somerville	JdP auditorium
17.00-18.30	Punting or History of Science Museum tour (5.30pm-6.30pm)	



Global Health Resilience: The Consequences of Funding Divestment

08.30-09.00	Registration	JdP foyer
09.00-10.00	Harnessing knowledge mobilisation to strengthen global health research capacity Dr Alun Davies	JdP auditorium
10.00-10.30	The Geopolitics of Aid: Navigating Strategic Value in Global Health Funding Dawda Jawara	JdP auditorium
10.30-11.00	Break	JdP foyer
11.00-12.30	The Human and Health System Impact of global health funding shocks: local level experience and future implications Dr Carol Tait and Dr Helene-Mari Van Der Westhuizen	JdP auditorium
12.30-13.30	Lunch	JdP foyer
13.30-14.00	What We Don't Know Will Kill Us: How Funding Cuts Create Lethal Data Deserts in Healthcare Dr Ursula Gazeley	JdP auditorium
14.00-15.00	Artifacts and Field Recordings from the Future Lisa Hoffart & Greg Hart	JdP auditorium
15.00-15.30	Break	JdP foyer
15.30-17.00	Health Innovation Showcase + Poster Prize Presentation	Anniversary Building Roof Suite

**TRISH GREENHALGH**

*Professor of Primary
Care Health Sciences
University of Oxford*

Trish is a medical doctor and internationally recognised academic in primary health care and digital health. She leads research at the interface of social sciences and medicine, focusing on digital innovation, health equity, and humanistic care. Her work has shaped understanding of technology adoption, narrative methods, evidence implementation, and Covid-19 responses. She directs Oxford's MSc and DPhil in Translational Health Sciences and has published nearly 500 peer-reviewed papers and 16 textbooks. Honours include an OBE, Fellowships of major UK medical colleges, election to the US National Academy of Medicine and UK Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management.

**ANNE FERREY**

*Senior Researcher and
Course Director,
MSc Translational Health
Sciences
University of Oxford*

Anne is Course Director of the MSc and DPhil (PhD) programmes in Translational Health Science at the University of Oxford. An experienced behavioural scientist, she teaches intervention design and health behaviour change theory and practice across multiple programmes. Her module, Behavioural Science and Complex Interventions, explores how behavioural science can drive sustainable innovation in healthcare. Anne has a particular interest in mental health, with a focus on developing creative and arts-based interventions to enhance health and wellbeing.

**RACHNA BEGH**

*Deputy Course Director,
MSc Translational
Health Sciences
University of Oxford*

Rachna is Deputy Course Director of the MSc in Translational Health Sciences programme and research lecturer at the University of Oxford. Her research focuses on tobacco addiction and smoking cessation interventions, primarily in people with chronic diseases and severe mental health conditions. She is co-leading an NIHR programme grant investigating the effectiveness of mental health professionals giving brief advice, an offer of an e-cigarette and ongoing support to people with serious mental illness who smoke and have declined help to quit.



Special Guests



SARAH SPRINGMAN

Principal

St Hilda's College

Professor Dame Sarah Springman DBE FREng is Principal of St Hilda's College, Oxford. Educated at Wycombe Abbey and Cambridge University, she earned an MPhil and PhD in Soil Mechanics and became first female Research Fellow at Magdalen College, Cambridge. In 1997, she joined ETH Zurich as Western Europe's first female Professor of Geotechnical Engineering and Switzerland's first female Civil Engineering Professor. An expert in soil-structure interaction and natural hazards, she served as ETH Rector from 2015 to 2021. A former international triathlete for Great Britain, she helped secure Olympic and Commonwealth recognition for triathlon and received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Sky Sports Awards in 2013.



ZAHIRA EL MARZOUKI

*Head of Middle East
Relations*

Gates Foundation

Zahira is Head of Middle East Relations at the Bill & Melinda Gates foundation. She has over a dozen years of experience in the field of development, advocating for policy change, cementing partnerships and leading investment projects. She started her career as a policy officer at the Quai d'Orsay (France's Foreign Ministry) before working as a management and strategy consultant between France and Morocco. She later joined the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in London, spearheading the Bank's engagement efforts in the Gulf region. Zahira joined the Gates foundation in 2015 before re-joining in 2021. She has co-launched the foundation's largest partnership in the region, the Lives and Livelihoods Fund, and championed the foundation's gender equality priorities in the Gulf. Zahira has spent time living in Kuwait where she authored *Philanthropy in evolution: private foundations in Kuwait* (Harvard Kennedy School).



GIANCARLO FRANCESE

*Head of Strategic
Partnership, Global Health,
IDev-CMC*

Gates Foundation

Giancarlo Francese is Head of Strategic Partnership, Global Health, IDev-CMC at the Gates Foundation, working at the intersection of health innovation, industrial strategy and co-financing. He leads initiatives spanning women's health, peptides, biologics, drug-delivery technologies and pharmaceutical manufacturing in low- and middle-income countries, connecting product development with affordability, supply security and regional manufacturing capability. He works with manufacturers, investors, governments and development partners to structure financing that turns promising innovation into access. Previously he held leadership roles at Novartis and Teva, where he helped shape a US\$5 billion sustainability-linked bond. He earned his PhD in Chemistry in Switzerland.



Speakers and Guests



TANIA BOLER

Founder
Elvie

Tania Boler is the founder of Elvie, the British company that created the femtech category and put women's health at the centre of technology innovation. Elvie's products – a silent, wearable breast pump and a pelvic floor trainer – challenged long-standing taboos around women's bodies and won TIME's 100 Best Inventions twice. Before Elvie, she was Director of Evidence, Strategy and Innovation at Marie Stopes International, and earlier oversaw HIV prevention policy at UNESCO. An Oxford psychology graduate with a PhD from LSHTM, she now supports and invests in health tech founders.



EVA COATES

Founder
Clinical AI Partners

Dr Eva Coates is an NHS surgeon, educator and founder of Clinical AI Partners (CAIP) Oxford, a venture bridging the NHS's AI-fluency gap. She holds a PhD in applied machine learning, and a postgraduate diploma in AI for Business from Oxford's Saïd Business School. With her team at Clinical AI Partners, she delivers hands-on training that equips clinicians, educators and operational staff with AI safety and fluency, while building a data engine that maps NHS readiness for healthcare AI. CAIP's mission is ambitious: to upskill 10% of the 1.3-million-strong NHS workforce for safe, equitable AI adoption.



ALUN DAVIES

Senior Programmes
Manager
The Global Health Network
University of Oxford

Alun Davies is Senior Programmes Manager at The Global Health Network, leading partnerships and public, community, and patient engagement. He heads Mesh, a global platform that strengthens community engagement in health research by connecting practitioners and researchers across Africa, Asia, North Africa and the Middle East, and Latin America and the Caribbean. With over 20 years' experience, mainly in Kenya, Alun has worked on HIV research, youth engagement, and multi-country clinical trials. He established a pioneering school engagement programme in Kenya and holds a PhD evaluating community engagement using participatory video alongside qualitative and quantitative research methods.



Speakers and Guests



ADAM DEVALL

*Professor of Maternal
Health Clinical Trials*
Nuffield Department of
Women's & Reproductive
Health (NDWRH),
University of Oxford

Adam is a clinical trials academic whose programme focuses on miscarriage, infertility, preeclampsia and postpartum haemorrhage. He manages a portfolio of national and international trials and is Deputy Director of Tommy's National Centre for Miscarriage Research. His work encompasses trial design and governance, implementation in low-, middle- and high-income countries, trial statistician collaboration and clinician engagement to ensure evidence changes care. Several of these trials have been published in high impact journals and have led directly to updates in national and international guidance and to measurable changes in clinical pathways and training. He maintains active collaborations with clinical networks, guideline committees and international bodies including the World Health Organization and implementation partners to translate trial findings into practice.



NAVEED DOGAR

*Partner, CAIP &
Co-Director,
Seven Informatics*

Naveed is a partner at Clinical AI Partners, directs Seven Informatics and runs the CIO GOSEHR: Global Open-Source Electronic Health Records. She is currently undertaking a DPhil in health informatics and is passionate about increasing access to healthcare in LMICs. Through GOSEHR, Naveed is also working on the 'in-a-container' project, which is a portable EHR solution with on-device AI, aiming to reduce the bias in current AI models which are primarily trained on western datasets. Naveed is studying at St-Hilda's and serves as the VP for Oxford Women in Computer Science society.



KATHERINE EDWARDS

*Director of Patient Safety
and Clinical Improvement*
Health Innovation Oxford
and Thames Valley

Katherine is Director of Patient Safety and Clinical Improvement at Health Innovation Oxford and Thames Valley, leading a broad portfolio of improvement programmes including maternal and neonatal safety, women's health, medicines safety, mental health, wound care and wider national patient safety priorities. She oversees delivery of regional projects for the Oxford and Thames Valley area and leads national programmes in maternity and neonatal safety and mental health, working closely with NHS England, Integrated Care Boards and system partners. Katherine heads an experienced team with expertise in evaluation, quality improvement, patient safety and adoption and spread of innovative solutions from a cross section of clinical backgrounds.



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URSULA GAZELY

*Postdoctoral Researcher in
Reproductive Demography*
Leverhulme Centre for
Demographic Science,
Nuffield Department
Population Health,
University of Oxford

Ursula's research spans reproductive demography, maternal epidemiology, and global health. Her work focuses on advancing the conceptualisation, measurement, and analysis of maternal morbidity and mortality to improve reproductive and perinatal health outcomes. Her research interests include postpartum health, severe maternal morbidity, hypertensive disorders of pregnancy, perinatal outcomes, and violence against women and girls. At the Leverhulme Centre for Demographic Science, Ursula works with Dr Joshua Wilde on the SEXRATIO project, which investigates how maternal stress influences the sex ratio at birth as a potential indicator of otherwise unobserved pregnancy loss.



CHRISTIANE HAGEL

*Postdoctoral Research
Scientist*
Nuffield Department of
Medicine, University of
Oxford

As President of the Oxford FemTech Society, Christiane chaired Oxford's inaugural FemTech Forward Conference under the umbrella of the Human Welfare Conference at Green Templeton College and regularly hosts educational events and lectures. She is committed to build interdisciplinary collaborations between academia, industry, healthcare providers, policymakers, investors, and advocacy groups to drive innovations and provide evidence for FemTech interventions. She is also the Co-Founder of the not-for-profit FemTech Germany Association and regularly advocates for women's rights for UN Women UK.



GREG HART

Chief Design Officer
InceptionU

Greg is a lifetime entrepreneur and strategic designer who has worked across multiple industries, including extensive involvement in healthcare. He is an experienced presenter and innovation leader and is currently the co-founder of Future Fit Cities, which applies living systems approaches to urban challenges, and InceptionU, which reinvents education through the lens of evergreen MetaSkills such as design and critical thinking. He co-leads the doctoral program in design at the University of Calgary, and when he wants to get yelled at, he officiates lacrosse around the world.



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LISA HOFFART

Physical Therapist

Lisa is a physical therapist, biomechanics enthusiast, and healthcare innovation pragmatist with over 30 years of experience bridging clinical practice and systems change. Her work has taken her across the world of elite sport, from six World Championships in four sports to the sidelines of Calgary's professional football teams. She has dedicated her career to maintaining the mobility of both athletes and non-athletes. Her MSc thesis in Translational Health Sciences from Oxford examined healthcare innovation ecosystems, demonstrating her commitment to advancing science from concept to patient impact. She specializes in overcoming implementation challenges, translating research into pragmatic, stepwise solutions for sport, rehabilitation, and preventive health. She finds movement analysis enjoyable. It is "simply physics".



DAWDA JAWARA

*Deputy General Counsel/
Children's Investment
Fund Foundation*

Dawda is Deputy General Counsel at the Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), the world's largest philanthropic funder focused on improving outcomes for children. Dawda's role covers both programmatic and operational legal risk, compliance, and governance, with a particular focus on CIFF's global health innovation portfolio. Before joining CIFF, Dawda was a partner at a pan-African credit fund investing across multiple sectors, including healthcare. Dawda began a legal career in leading law firms in the City of London.



JOSHUA KIBERA

*Founder & CEO
The Pathology Network*

Dr Joshua Kibera is an anatomical pathologist, health-technology entrepreneur and diagnostic systems architect. His work sits at the intersection of pathology, digital infrastructure, AI and health systems design. For over a decade, he has worked on the design and implementation of systems to expand access to pathology and laboratory medicine for underserved and geographically dispersed populations. His company serves more than 60 partner institutions in Kenya, with an innovative model built for expansion across Africa's wider diagnostic ecosystem.

He is a Fellow of Oxford University's Africa-Oxford Initiative Healthcare Innovation Programme (AfOx-HIP), and a beneficiary of the UK's Global Entrepreneur Programme.



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STACEY LOVO

Associate Professor
School of Rehabilitation
Science, University of
Saskatchewan

Dr Stacey Lovo is a fourth-generation settler in Canada and lives on Treaty 6 Territory and Homeland of the Métis Peoples. She is an ally and a co-Principal Investigator in the nātawihowin and mamawiikikayaahk Research, Training and Mentorship Network (Saskatchewan Network Environment in Indigenous Health Research, funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research). Stacey's research interests include enhancing access to rehabilitation and primary team-based care in collaboration with rural, remote and Indigenous communities using virtual health technologies including remote presence robotics, smart glasses and virtual reality. She works closely with First Nation and Métis communities and interest holders to enhance culturally responsive, anti-racist and anti-oppressive healthcare. Stacey teaches health professional practice, focussing on health equity, communication, innovation and culturally responsive healthcare.



SHOBHANA NAGRAJ

Assistant Professor in
Primary & Community Care,
Department of Public
Health & Primary Care,
University of Cambridge.

Dr Shobhana (Shobi) Nagraj is an Assistant Professor in Primary & Community Care and works in partnership with the East London NHS Foundation Trust (ELFT). She leads the Global Primary & Community Care group (GPACC) within the Department of Public Health & Primary Care. Her research focuses on implementation science and use of theory in the design, implementation and evaluation of complex interventions (including digital health). Shobi leads the ELFT-UCAM Implementation Research Hub, established in 2024, to improve healthcare delivery for under-represented populations across Luton & Bedfordshire, working closely with the local Integrated Care Board and Health Innovation East. She uses global health thinking to address local health challenges and involves communities in research that impacts their lives.



CHIDO KELLY SARUH RUSIKE

PhD Fellow
University of Bristol &
The Health Research Unit
Zimbabwe (THRU Zim)

Saruh Rusike is a public and global health professional with over eight years' experience in sexual and reproductive health and rights, implementation research, and health systems strengthening across sub-Saharan Africa, South-East Asia, Oceania and Latin America. Her work translates research into policy and practice through qualitative research, community engagement, and evidence-informed programming, in partnership with governments, UN agencies, academic institutions, and civil society organisations. A Global Health Corps alumna, Saruh is currently pursuing a PhD at the University of Bristol, using participatory approaches with healthcare stakeholders to co-develop a public health intervention supporting midlife women through the menopause transition.



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KATE SHERIDAN

DPhil Candidate

Nuffield Dept of Primary Care
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Oxford

Kate Sheridan is a Qualitative Researcher in the Department of Primary Health Care, University of Oxford interested in how technology is changing women's approaches and experiences of health care. She has experience as a Product Owner for software used by millions, has published on Femtech, and has advised on health data privacy and security policy. She is a long-time advocate for improving patient-facing digital health tools, collaborating with the private and public sectors to inform policy and tool development



STEPHANIE SOMERVILLE

*Director of Delivery for
Urgent & Emergency Care
NHS England*

Stephanie Somerville is Director of Delivery for Urgent & Emergency Care at NHS England, with a career spanning government, academia and industry at the interface of health policy and applied innovation. She previously led the national scale-up of virtual wards, from early adoption to a model supporting over 500,000 patients annually, establishing the clinical standards and evidence frameworks needed for safe adoption at population scale. Director of Imperial College's Helix Centre, she built operating models for translating digital health innovation into regulated NHS environments. She holds an MSc in Applied Psychology and read Experimental Psychology at Oxford.



CAROL TAIT

*Technical Advisor: Public
Health*
Anova Health Institute

Dr Carol Tait is a medical doctor with an interest in child health, HIV care service improvement and translational health. Carol has worked in public health in South Africa for over 15 years and has experience leading donor-funded programmes and supporting service implementation and research. She completed her medical degree at the University of Cape Town and has an MSc in Translational Health Sciences (University of Oxford). Carol works at Anova Health Institute, a South African NGO, and is an Honorary Lecturer in Community Paediatrics and Child Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.



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EMMA THORNTON

CEO/Clinical Lead
Cocoon Digital Limited

Dr Emma Thornton is a GP with a special interest in women's health, as well as the Founder and CEO of Cocoon and an NHS Clinical Entrepreneur. She also co-hosts The Pink Pineapple podcast, where she explores the latest developments in women's health and digital innovation. With a background in obstetrics and gynaecology, Emma is passionate about advancing women's healthcare through responsible AI and evidence-based digital health. Her work focuses on perinatal mental health, innovation and translating emerging technologies into safe, scalable solutions. Emma also serves as a board member for General Practice Championing Perinatal Care (GPCPC), supporting collaboration, education and policy across perinatal health in primary care.



**HELENE-MARI
VAN DER WESTHUIZEN**

Postdoctoral Researcher
University of Oxford

Dr Helene-Mari van der Westhuizen trained as a medical doctor in South Africa and is co-founder of the award-winning tuberculosis advocacy organisation TB Proof. She lectures in Global Health at Oxford University. Her research is at the intersection of translational science and global health: she focuses on how health system insights can be translated between contexts and from research into policy. Her evidence synthesis work has been relied on to inform national and international policy, and she is a member of the WHO Civil Society Task Force on TB.



MARCUS VASS

Head of Digital Health
Osborne Clarke

Marcus is Head of Digital Health at law firm Osborne Clarke, where he advises healthcare providers, life sciences companies, and technology innovators on the legal and regulatory challenges arising from the convergence of AI, data, and healthcare. He also teaches on the Translational Health Sciences MSc, bringing practical legal insight to the next generation of health innovators.



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THANG VO-TA

Co-Founder and CEO
Calla Lily Clinical Care Ltd

Thang Vo-Ta is a Vietnamese-British entrepreneur and advocate for women's health innovation. He co-founded Calla Lily Clinical Care, which is developing Callavid®, a drug delivery platform aimed at improving the administration of vaginally delivered medicines, particularly for women's health. Thang's background includes a BSc in Management from MIT and an MSc in Translation Health Sciences from the University of Oxford. He has been recognized as a Sunday Times Maserati Top 100 entrepreneur and The Manufacturer's Top 100 manufacturing leader. Thang's work with Calla Lily Clinical Care has been recognized with FDA clearance and recognition as one of TIME magazine's Best Inventions of the Year.



GWYDION WILLIAMS

Deputy Director for AI
PATH

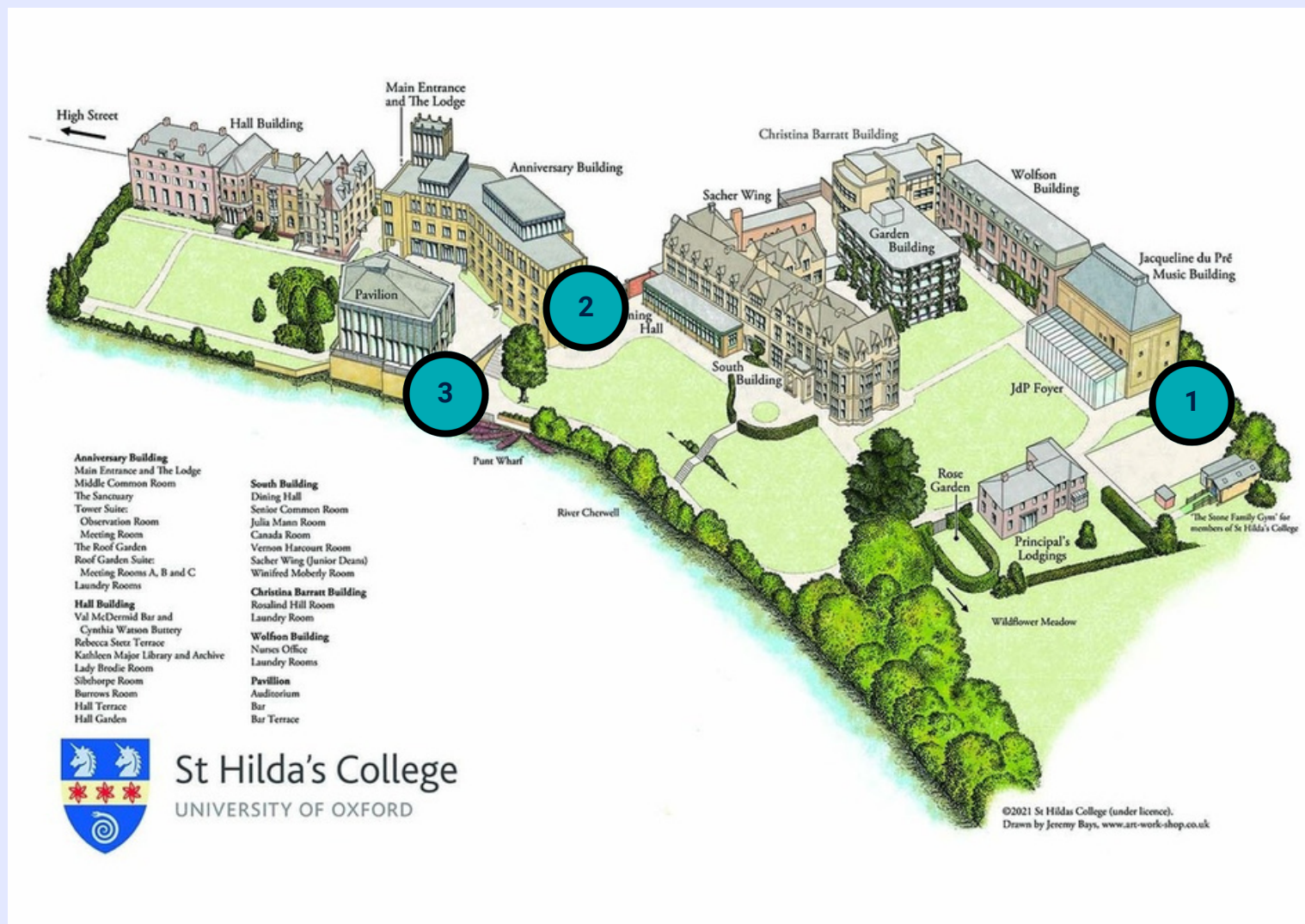
Gwydion Williams is Deputy Director of AI at PATH, where he leads a portfolio of work applying generative and traditional AI approaches to improve global health, ranging from developing and evaluating AI-powered clinical decision support systems in LMICs to developing new evaluation methods for AI-enabled mental health products and strengthening the regulatory ecosystem. Gwydion previously led investments in AI for mental health at Wellcome, and has experience at the intersection of AI and health from past roles in industry and academia. He holds a PhD in Cognitive & Computational Neuroscience from University College London.



LIZ WILLIAMS

*Science fiction and
fantasy writer*

Liz Williams is a science fiction and fantasy writer living in Glastonbury, England. She has been published by Bantam Spectra (US) and Tor Macmillan (UK), also Night Shade Press and appears regularly in Asimov's and other magazines. She has been involved with the Milford SF Writers' Workshop for over 25 years, and also teaches creative writing at a local college for Further Education, and English as a Second Language. She also occasionally writes for the Guardian.



1 Jacqueline du Pré Music Building

The Edward Boyle Auditorium

Main sessions

JdP Foyer

Registration, refreshments, lunch

2 Anniversary Building

Roof Garden Suite

Workshops and Health Innovation Showcase

3 Riverside Pavilion

Auditorium

College dinner



Venue Information

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