

Class Notes

News from Trinity alumni around the world.

Vawn Corrigan B.A. (2014)

Vawn (Siobhán) Corrigan came to Trinity as a mature student through Trinity Access to study English. After graduating in 2014, she worked as an editor for the Heritage Council and feature writer for magazines such as *Irish Arts Review* and *Ireland of the Welcomes*. Vawn was commissioned to write two heritage books for O'Brien Press, both on Irish textile heritage: *Irish Aran* (March 2019) and *Irish Tweed* (Spring, 2020). "Trinity really changed everything for me; it gave me the tools to turn my life around in my fifties. The path I'm on now is exciting and alive with possibilities."



Kate Perry M.Phil. (2011)

Kate Perry graduated from Trinity with an M.Phil. in Creative Writing. She has written for *Woman's Hour*, BBC R4, BBC NI and RTÉ. Her one-woman show, *The Very Perry Show*, won the Best Comedy Show award at the United Solo Theater Festival, New York in 2017. It has toured both nationally and internationally to critical and popular acclaim. Her short film *Ruthless*, originally commissioned as a short story for BBC NI/R4, is in production. She is also a recipient of a John Brabourne Award for Film/TV, 2019. Her passion is comedy.



Derek F. Butler B.A. (2004)

Derek F. Butler is a Business and Economics graduate and former Central Societies Committee officer. Having worked abroad with PWC and Goal, he returned home in 2013 and founded GRID Finance. With its Dublin head office in the Trinity Enterprise Tower, GRID Finance also has offices in Limerick and Portugal. Derek likes to share the lessons learned along the way in the hope of helping fellow alumni on their own journey.



Beatrice Whelan
B.A., M.Sc. (2001)

Beatrice Whelan studied History of Art and Multimedia Studies at Trinity. Since graduating, she has worked in digital marketing for Google and Kildare Web Services. She joined Sage in 2011, progressing to Senior Manager for Global Content Platforms in 2019. In 2016, she published her first book, *Trending: The Complete Guide to Social Media for Events*. Beatrice has received numerous awards for her work including Best Use of Social from the Advocate Marketing Academy, an Irish eGovernment Award for Best Accessible Website, and the Going Global award for Sage Advice at the Think Global awards.



Joe Cummiskey
B.B.S. (Lang.) M.A. (1996)

Following graduation, Joe returned to France, where he spent his Erasmus, to work with the Disney Company in the video game business. Next stop was Australia in 2000 to coach tennis in Manly. Following a stint in education on anti-doping in sport and as a teacher, Joe moved into technology. Having led international sales teams at both Google and Facebook, he now works for SurveyMonkey with a view to expanding their revenue from customers outside of the US in key international markets. He's a big fan of a game of tennis and golf and loves to meet for a cup of coffee.



Marco Herbst
B.A.I. (1999)

Upon graduating, Marco founded jobs.ie which became Ireland's leading jobs website. After an extended career break living in Berlin, Marco returned to Dublin to co-found Evercam along with his original business partner, Vinnie Quinn. Evercam, which offers project management and time-lapse cameras for construction sites, has led Marco back onto the Trinity campus to provide services to the new Business School and Oisín House developments.

Stephen Morris
B.A.I. (1986)

Since graduating from Engineering in Trinity, Stephen has worked in international software development in a range of industries. In 2003, he became an author with US publisher Prentice Hall and has since written several books and over 100 articles for InformIT, IBM, and others. Stephen is an independent, self-employed software consultant and continues to work in IT, helping firms with digital transformation, strategic and tactical projects. Writing has invariably helped inform Stephen's work and his books are available on Amazon.





Jillian Godsil

M.A. (1987)

Jillian Godsil has been named one of the top 50 women globally in Blockchain and actively speaks and chairs Blockchain conferences across the world. She has 30 years of international PR and journalism experience in the fintech industry. She is a former European Parliamentary candidate and in 2014 her legal challenge prompted legislation allowing undischarged bankrupts to run for Dáil and European elections. Jillian is the founder of blockleaders.io and is a radio broadcaster with East Coast FM and Dublin City FM. She sits on the board of EOS Dublin Blockchain and is a founding member of the London Trinity Business Alumni.

Mary FitzGerald

B.Ed. (1979)

Since graduating from Trinity, Mary FitzGerald worked as a teacher, an RTÉ television and radio broadcaster, a journalist and a PR manager in the horse racing industry. In 2001, she set up her own public relations company working with corporate and consumer clients. Mary also qualified as a barrister having studied in the evenings in King's Inns. She then established a legal recruitment business for private practice and the in-house sector. Mary previously set up an adult education course on horse racing, called 'Horses for Courses', to educate and inform people about the sport and business. It returned successfully in the spring 2019 and will run again in the autumn.

Genevieve Smyth

B.A. (1990)

Genevieve Smyth discovered dramatherapy while studying at Trinity. She has developed her practice in 16 countries and has been published in texts in Latvia and Sri Lanka on her assessment methods. She is a British Association of Dramatherapists representative and first created a unique service for adults with mental illness in Dundee Rep Theatre, then managed Scotland's first creative therapies and counselling hub in Edinburgh primary schools, before treating adolescents in NHS mental health. Currently, she offers patient-led dramatherapy in dementia care and is developing work on dramatherapy and trauma with families in the Philippines.





Ingrid Nachstern

B.A. (1976)

Ingrid is a director, screenwriter, dancer and award-winning filmmaker. Since graduating, she has worked as a translator in Toronto, London and Oxford. She established Night Star Dance Company in 2003 and ran her school of classical ballet until 2017. Her debut as a choreographer was *Bow-Tie like 'Chioni*. Ingrid has performed in New York for Steve Paxton and Jacquelyn Buglisi. Since 2014, she has made three films; the most recent, *Shoe Horn/ Office*, won Best Experimental Film at the Los Angeles Movie Awards 2019. She lives in London and Dublin.



Robin Knight

B.A. (1966)

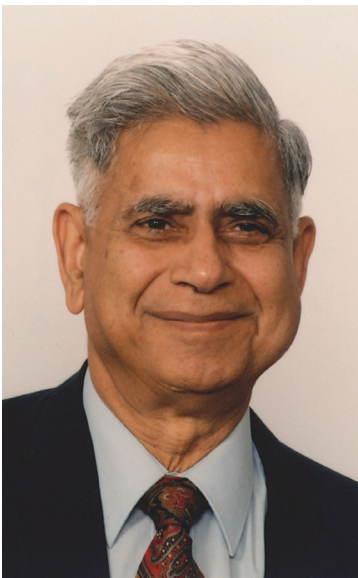
After graduating from Trinity, Robin Knight went on to Stanford University where he did an M.A. in Political Science. He then spent 28 years roaming the world as a foreign correspondent for the American news magazine *US News & World Report*, based in London, Moscow, Johannesburg, Rome and Washington DC. In 1997 he joined BP plc as the company's Editorial Writer. Since 2003 he has owned and run the corporate writing company Knightwrite Ltd and reviewed books for *Time* magazine. He is the author of six books himself including most recently in 2018 *The Extraordinary Life of Mike Cumberlege SOE*.



Rosalind Pritchard

B.A. (1967)

Rosalind Pritchard is Emeritus Professor of Education at Ulster University where she was Head of the School of Education, Research Co-ordinator and Distinguished Research Fellow. She is deeply interested in higher education and has authored *The End of Elitism? The Democratisation of West German Universities* and *Neoliberal Developments in Higher Education: the United Kingdom and Germany*, among others. She established and for years directed a Master's Degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages that incorporates school experience in Hungary. She is a Fellow of the British Academy of Social Sciences and a member of the Royal Irish Academy.



Naiter Chopra

Ph.D. (1955)

Naiter Chopra received his Ph.D. in Chemistry from Trinity in 1955. He is a retired Professor of Chemistry from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. He recently published a book entitled *Religions and Followers*, a dispassionate study on the constructive and destructive role of religions and their followers.