

Our honorary graduates

Each year the University of Liverpool honours people who have excelled in their chosen field and whose achievements have made a significant contribution to society. In July 2015 we are presenting honorary degrees to the following:



THE HON MR JUSTICE HENRY GLOBE is currently Presiding Judge of the North Eastern Circuit. For the previous eight years he was Honorary Recorder of Liverpool, the highest legal role in Merseyside. Born in Liverpool, he spent 30 years as a junior barrister and Queens Counsel in the city and was joint head of chambers from 2000 until his appointment to the Bench in 2003. While Honorary Recorder of Liverpool, together with Merseyside's chief crown prosecutor, he devised an early guilty plea scheme - subsequently adopted nationally - in a bid to reduce waiting times, paperwork and costs, while also bringing quicker justice for victims. He was the first Judicial Studies Board course director for judicial seminars in relation to trying cases of murder, manslaughter and serious fraud, and was one of the inaugural judicial members of the Sentencing Council upon its formation in 2010. He was appointed to the High Court and knighted in 2011.



MICHAEL D. HIGGINS was inaugurated as ninth President of Ireland in 2011. A passionate political voice, he has served at almost every level of public life in Ireland, including as Ireland's first Minister for the Arts. Born in Limerick city, he was a factory worker and clerk before becoming the first in his family to access higher education. He studied at the University College Galway, the University of Manchester, and Indiana University. Later, as a lecturer in political science and sociology, he was a passionate proponent for the extension of access to third-level education beyond the walls of established universities. He was centrally involved in the development of extra-mural studies and travelled extensively to provide accessible evening classes. Throughout his life, he has campaigned for human rights and for the promotion of peace and democracy. In 1992, he was the first recipient of the Seán MacBride Peace Prize, in recognition of his work for peace and justice in many parts of the world.



PAUL PRESTON CBE is Príncipe de Asturias Professor of Contemporary Spanish History at the London School of Economics. He was born in Liverpool in 1946 and has dedicated the bulk of his professional life to writing the history of 20th century Spain in both its domestic and international dimensions. He has taught at the Universities of Rome, Madrid, Valencia, Reading and London, and lectured widely in Europe and America. Among his books are *The Triumph of Democracy in Spain*, (1986); *Franco: A Biography* (1993); *Juan Carlos. A People's King* (2004); *The Spanish Civil War. Reaction, Revolution, Revenge* (2006) *We Saw Spain Die. Foreign Correspondents in the Spanish Civil War* (2008); *The Spanish Holocaust. Inquisition and Extermination in Twentieth-Century Spain* (2012) and *The Last Stalinist: The Life of Santiago Carrillo* (2014). He became a Fellow of the British Academy in 1994 and was appointed CBE in 2000.



JUSTIN WELBY is the Archbishop of Canterbury and spiritual leader to 77 million Anglicans worldwide. He graduated in History and Law at Trinity College, Cambridge, before embarking on a career in the oil industry. He was group treasurer of a large British exploration and production company, concentrating mainly on West African and North Sea projects. He left in 1989, obtained a degree in Theology at Cranmer Hall, St John's College, University of Durham, and went on to attain the Cranmer Diploma in Ministerial Studies in 1992. After being ordained Deacon, he spent 15 years serving Coventry Diocese before becoming the Dean of Liverpool in 2007. He was elected Bishop of Durham in 2011 and became the Archbishop of Canterbury in February 2013.