

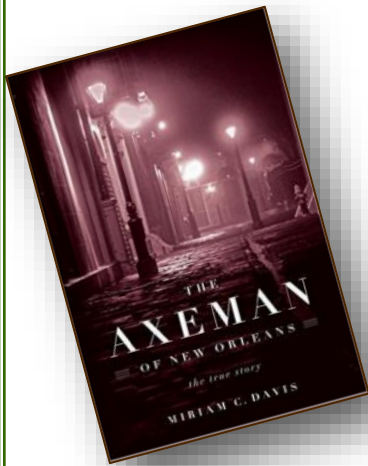
Alumni News

Hannah Rose Blakeley 17BJS – This year the University of St Andrews installed a new principal and vice-chancellor, Professor Sally Mapstone. As the ‘flagship choir’ of the university, St Salvator’s Chapel Choir – of which I am a member – sang several medieval and Scots songs at the ceremony before leading the formal, torch-lit procession along North Street and into St Salvator’s quad. This photograph of the choir encircling Professor Mapstone (I’m sixth from the left!) made it onto the front page of some of the regional newspapers, including The Courier and The St Andrews Citizen. From the processional bagpipes and traditional Scots songs to the red gowns and academic ceremony, I feel I took part in a uniquely St Andrews experience and loved every minute of it!



Miriam C. Davis 87BJS – Miriam’s book, [The Axeman of New Orleans: The True Story](#), was published by Chicago Review Press in March 2017. It’s the true story of a serial killer who terrorized New Orleans in the early twentieth century, and of two innocent men wrongly convicted of one of his crimes. Axeman tells a tale of gruesome murders, sympathetic victims, accused innocents, the New Orleans Mafia, and a mysterious killer.

Booklist awarded the book a starred review, calling it a “riveting story of a serial-killer investigation in a time long before modern-day investigative techniques, or even the term ‘serial killer,’ was invented.” Miriam has just signed a contract with Left Field Entertainment, a New York production company, to turn this story of one of America’s first serial killers into a documentary.



Gabrielle Starr 94BJS – Gabi Starr will be the first woman and the first African American president of Pomona College, one of the nation’s premier liberal arts institutions. Her collegiate work began at the age of 15, when she came to Emory where she earned her BA and MA in Women’s Studies. She then spent a year at St Andrews as a Bobby Jones Scholar, studying Arabic and French before going on to earn her PhD from Harvard.



Helena Worrall 16BJF – Helena worked in Bangladesh and India with CARE Pathways, a women’s empowerment and livelihood security program while enrolled in Laney Graduate School’s Master’s of Development Practice (MDP) program. In the 6th annual MDP photo contest she won in a 2nd place tie (left) in the My Vantage

Point category, which depicts people, places and events that students encounter during their field work, and in a 3rd place tie (right) in the Our Field Experience category, which demonstrates students engaged in their field experience.

