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Dear Diane Elizabeth Huntington Loring,

I am delighted to inform you that at its last meeting on 3 May 2024, Council elected you a Postgraduate Member of the Royal Historical Society (RHS) in recognition of your programme of study for a higher degree relating to History.

As a Postgraduate Member you join a group of researchers, many of whom will seek to work in a field relating to History. In creating this new category of membership, the Society recognises the particular experience of higher degree students. The Postgraduate Membership seeks to provide you with tailored support to assist you during your degree and afterwards. We hope you will enjoy your association with the RHS and that you will continue your association with the Society on completion of your studies by moving to another of our membership categories.

The RHS acts as a champion of History, both inside universities and within our culture, and as a Postgraduate Member you are invited to take full part in our work and events. Our events are an important opportunity to meet together as historians, in-person or online. You are *very* welcome to attend all our lectures, panel discussions, conferences and training workshops, as well as the receptions that follow many of these events.

On Wednesday 3 July 2024 we host the Society's annual Prothero Lecture, followed by our summer party. This year's lecturer is Peter Frankopan (Oxford) who will be speaking on 'The Challenges and Purposes of Global History'. The lecture takes place both in person (at Mary Ward House, Bloomsbury) and online from 6.30pm. If you are able to be in London on 3 July, we look forward to welcoming you to the event and to the summer party which is an excellent opportunity to meet members of the Society and RHS Councillors. In addition to the Prothero Lecture, other forthcoming events include an online training *event* on publishing a first monograph (Friday 20 June) and a panel discussion on 'AI, History and Historians' which takes place on Wednesday 17 July.

Please see our [Events Listing](#) for further details of forthcoming events, and as we add to the programme for 2024. We also record all our events, and videos/ audio recordings of previous RHS activities are [available to watch again](#). Recent events include our latest RHS Lecture, by Julia Laite (which took place on 3 May), our guide to 'Podcasting History' (25 April), and an evening 'in conversation' with the historian and broadcaster Greg Jenner (20 February).

Each year, the RHS provides financial support to UK-based postgraduate research students and those who've recently completed their doctorates in History. These grants range from funds for research

trips to named RHS fellowships. Your Postgraduate Membership entitles you to apply for these grants, further details of which may be found [here](#).


To keep you up to date with RHS activities you will receive an annual online President's Letter and a copy of the Society's Annual Newsletter. Postgraduate Members also receive our [weekly e-circular](#) of externally organised historical events and activities, as well as other occasional mailings relating to the Society's work through the year.

We have recently added a number of benefits to the Postgraduate Membership. These include full online access to the archive of our journal, *Transactions of the Royal Historical Society* (1872-2023), and to the 380 volumes (1838-2023) of the Camden Series of primary source materials. Once your Postgraduate Membership is set up, our publishers (CUP) will contact you directly with details of how to create your personal access. In addition to archive content, Postgraduate Members can purchase the Society's print publications-our [New Historical Perspectives](#) monographs, the [Camden Series](#), and the online [Bibliography of British and Irish History](#)-at specially reduced rates. For further details about these, and other, titles please go to the [Publications area](#) of our website.

As a Postgraduate Member you will receive a digital copy of the Society's journal, [Transactions of the Royal Historical Society](#) which is released each November. Your membership of the RHS also gains you a 30% discount on all academic print books published by Cambridge University Press and on History publications from Oxford University Press. To reclaim these discounts, please use the code when purchasing books via the [CUP website](#) and via the [OUP website](#). You'll find more on Postgraduate Members' benefits [on the Society's website](#).

Congratulations on your election as a Postgraduate Member of the Royal Historical Society. Our aim is to make the Society a truly representative forum for all those involved in researching and disseminating History. To that end we will always be pleased to hear from you on any issues in which you feel the Society should be involved.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Emma Griffin
President of the Royal Historical Society