

Tributes to Professor Simon Hailwood

On the occasion of his 60th Birthday



Barry Dainton, University of Liverpool

In the opening paragraph to a recent editorial for the journal *Environmental Values*, which he has edited for many years, Simon asks what may well be some of the most important questions of our time: “How do we orient ourselves amidst the cacophony of noisy advertising, self-promotion, conspiracy theory promulgation, algorithmic opinion delivery and newsfeed, the general barbarousness and communicative violence of social media and the ratings-obsessed ideologically compromises mainstream media? What confidence can we have that our democratic institutions are able to deal with the situation and deliver on policy goals that, until very recently, were nothing like adequate to the situation described by science, and perhaps not

even now? If lacking any such confidence we were tempted by authoritarian alternatives, what might that be like in terms of public participation in environmental debate and decision making? If we prefer to stick with democracy, then what should we make of the impact of news media, for which truth is not necessarily the bottom line, on the formation of opinion and behavioural intention? How should we understand and take account of people's existing attachments to their environments, their places, their landscapes, at a time when these are threatened? We could make a start by reflecting on how to pay better attention to the natural and social worlds and their interrelationships.”

As a philosopher, this is exactly what Simon has been doing in his work since he published his first book in 1996, a critical study of Robert Nozick's political philosophy, followed by his comprehensive exploration of environmental ethics and how it can be accommodated, perhaps even be required, by a liberal political outlook in *How to Be a Green Liberal* in 2003, and culminating (for now) in his game-changing *Alienation and Nature in Environmental Philosophy* in 2015. More is to come, though. I hear that a new book on 'non-human agency and the environment' is in preparation, in which Simon is going to throw fresh light on issues such as the relation between human and nonhuman animals, the 'rewilding' of humanised landscapes, technological 'biomimicry', and the idea of the Anthropocene.

Simon is the kind of philosopher we need these days, and a kind and decent man on top of that. I have had the good fortune to be Simon's colleague here at Liverpool for almost four years now, and I am looking forward to many more, filled with engaging philosophical debates and friendly chats over lunch, which I hope we will be able to resume very soon now.

Happy Birthday, Simon, and many happy returns!

Michael Hauskeller, University of Liverpool

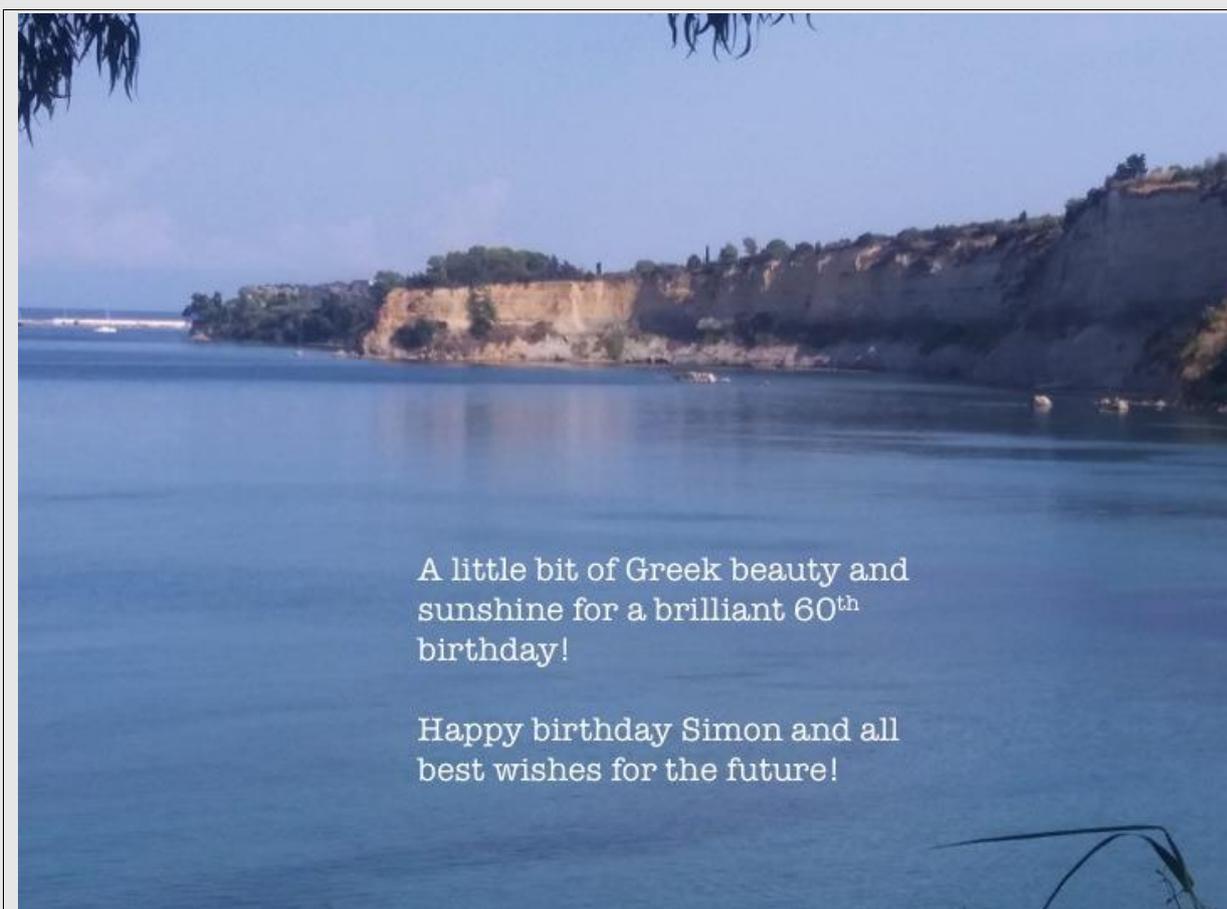
In the twenty years I have been at Liverpool, Simon has been a constant and a calming presence. In fact, the only time I can remember seeing him really worked up was during the interview for his job, when he got so excited talking about his research that it was quite hard to bring the discourse to an end. We were discussing nature and the natural and, as I recall, I simply asked him (as one does on these occasions) why nuclear weapons were not the most natural thing on earth, and he wasn't having it, and . . . But that has been the only time I have seen him aroused: otherwise, he has been a temperature-lowering presence in the department, and I have often gone to him for a friendly ear and wise advice. Perhaps the most distinctive occasion that stays in the memory was the very moving appreciation of Gill Howie that Simon delivered at her memorial service, in front of a large throng of family, friends, and University staff, including the Senior Management Team. He spoke about Gill in measured and thoughtful tones, all the more powerful for the understatement of the performance. I was sitting directly behind the VC, who, when Simon remarked that one sometimes had the impression that Gill would rather like to run the University herself, nodded vigorously. Simon resisted the temptation, to which I would have succumbed, to add 'and a much better job she would make of it too', and so the whole thing passed off amicably. That last word is perhaps the one that most comes to mind when I think of Simon: an ideal colleague, a wonderful person to have around, and a much-valued pacific presence.

Richard Gaskin, University of Liverpool

I first met Simon when I started at the University of Liverpool in September 2000 and have appreciated his wise counsel ever since. His cool head has often prevailed when hotter heads were agitating. Over the years (decades) I have been privileged to receive occasional tips from him, when requested, on philosophical matters (how to understand Nozick), or teaching problems (what to do in a silent seminar?), or administrative quandaries (I remember, from more than two decades ago, the ‘first-year marks meeting’ across the whole Faculty of Arts (as it then was)). These tips have never been pushy or preachy, but always helpful and constructive. Once Simon even did a Cold-War-style document drop for me: he was on campus, and I was at home in mid-Cheshire. I asked him to collect my exams, to save my going in. He did, and I went to Hartford Station. When his train stopped, I was on the platform. The doors opened; he gave me the exams; the doors closed; and he was off away to Winsford. His helpfulness here was typical of his unobtrusive kindness.

Simon, thanks for everything over the past 21 years, and best wishes on your 60th birthday!

Daniel Hill, University of Liverpool



A little bit of Greek beauty and
sunshine for a brilliant 60th
birthday!

Happy birthday Simon and all
best wishes for the future!

Yiota Vassilopoulou, University of Liverpool

Dear Simon,

In the manner of Andrew Marvell, W. H. Auden addressed some lines to Dr Claude Jenkins, Canon of Christ Church, Oxford, on the occasion of his Eightieth Birthday (May 26th, 1957). When your eightieth anniversary falls in 2041, it is my intention to present similarly felicitous verses to applaud the scholar and *salute the man*. I regret that a failure of the muse means that this pleasure must be deferred.

For the time being, I look back on happy collaborations extending over a quarter of a century. Moreover, the unsurpassed clarity of your teaching informed by distinguished research, and your patient bearing of administrative burdens have long been examples to us all. I'm sure that we all appreciate your good-humoured tolerance of academic folly, gentle irony, and wisdom. Working with you has been a pleasure.

Chris Bartley, University of Liverpool

Simon, you were always such a kind, fun and open-minded mentor to me when I was doing my PhD at Liverpool, and you helped to make my viva an actually enjoyable experience! I hope I'll see you again someday and wish you a very happy 60th birthday. All the best, Victoria Browne.

Victoria Browne, Oxford Brookes University

“It’s all nonsense, isn’t it?”: In Praise of Simon Hailwood

I first met Simon in 2013 as a mature postgraduate student on the MA in Philosophy at Liverpool, where (among numerous other things – as anyone who knows Simon will attest, the extent of his expertise is impressive) he led the seminars in Environmental Ethics. These seminars must have been pretty exclusive because the group of discerning participants was so small that it could easily fit into his little office in Abercromby Square. And so we did, each week, for a semester that ignited my passion for critical environmental philosophy, which culminated in my completing a PhD (soon to be a monograph) under Simon’s supervision, and which shows no sign of being extinguished. I owe Simon a great debt for helping to light that fire.

Of course, in this instance, the trademark Hailwood kindling derived from relatively inauspicious beginnings. As I recall, Simon hadn’t even read the book from which he set us weekly readings (although, in his defence, he was *very* interested in finding out – together - what it was like). But in spite of his lack of familiarity with that particular text, what really struck me from the outset was Simon’s shrewd insight and his desire not to allow important philosophical contributions to be overlooked on the basis of the tribalistic mindsets which are regrettably pervasive in analytic and continental camps, for instance. That autumn, Simon not only introduced me to radical ecofeminists like Val Plumwood, but he also effortlessly put them into productive conversation with (arguably) more analytically minded, mainstream thinkers such as Martha Nussbaum and Bernard Williams with whom I was more familiar. This impressive sort of cross-paradigm and collaborative pursuit of something better is typical of Simon’s own research in philosophy – especially his work in ecopragmatism – and it is

something I have long admired, especially early on as an enthusiastic postgrad with an interest in connecting phenomenology with matters of social justice (for whom ‘have you thought much about how Merleau-Ponty’s thought connects with environmental ethics?’ was a much more fruitful and insightful question than ‘why on earth are you reading *him*?’).

Indeed, for Simon, somewhat unsurprisingly for someone so interested in American pragmatism, the main desideratum of whether a philosophy, topic, or line of argument is worth pursuing is whether it *matters*. I emphasise this point because I think it is important. It is important not only for those of us who want to connect philosophy in a meaningful manner with insights from other disciplines and the concrete horrors and joys of the world in which we live, but also for those of us who feel the pull of a professional obsession with the minutiae of arguments and thereby risk losing sight of the question of why we are doing this in the first place. It has always been my view that Simon rarely suffers from this ailment, and it is certainly my experience that he encourages a healthy level of critical reflection about it in his students. For Simon, however, this demand for critical reflection cuts both ways. I recall an anecdote Simon told me about a remarkably successful philosopher he knew who proposed an entire overarching metaphysical system on the basis that they “just want to understand the way things really are”, allegedly without agenda. Like Donna Haraway, Simon has little truck with what Haraway calls the “God trick” of seeing “everything from nowhere”, and thereby risking implicitly appropriating the results of their science to their ends. The most interesting question here – as Simon taught me to realise – is “what else could be going on behind the scenes (philosophically, historically, socially, etc.) to allow us to think we can detach ourselves from all interests and concerns to reach the sorts of conclusions we do?” I doubt I am unique among Simon’s former students in asking that important question daily.

I’ve tried above to paint a picture of Simon Hailwood the philosopher, for whom humility is a virtue. But I think - again, perhaps rather unsurprisingly - that his philosophical

approach echoes his character more broadly. His humility, for instance, also directs how he views his own work (“Here is my latest article. I am not very happy with it, though; it reads like a Wikipedia article”) and he is blessed with a healthy and refreshing scepticism about how professional philosophy functions. Speaking of the latter, I remember recounting the feedback I received on an early article rejected by reviewers who could barely agree on a single detail, to which Simon succinctly replied: “Well, it’s all nonsense, isn’t it?”, a response which also foregrounds Simon’s emotional literacy, from which many supervisees have doubtless benefitted. (Incidentally, the last time I had heard Simon utter this phrase was during my MA, when Simon responded in the same manner to the question of the value of Robert Nozick’s philosophy, on which Simon had previously written his PhD dissertation and first monograph!) I continue to benefit from Simon’s wisdom, support and influence way beyond his contractual obligation to offer them. As an ECR three years post PhD, I still regularly hear from him with news of promising postdoctoral fellowships and funding streams, always with words of encouragement to apply and the promise of a reference and feedback on drafts, despite the fact I have long since exhausted any right to ask for them. But I think this is typical of Simon Hailwood the person, who I am lucky to have known, and who cannot be wholly separated from Simon Hailwood the philosopher, who I am lucky to have thought with.

Happy birthday Simon! I hope you get (at least) a day’s peace.

Robert Booth, Liverpool Hope University

Dear Simon

Many congratulations in your 60th birthday!! It has been a long time since we have last seen each other, I think I had just moved to Groningen University? Since then, many years and many things have passed, but – and I have said this to you many times already – I remain so utterly grateful that you were my PhD supervisor (with Gill being the second). You not only dedicated so much time to supervising the PhD: we spent many hours discussing and mulling over Habermas, Rawls and Taylor amongst others. Often in your office, sometimes in number 5, and at other times in informal chats after work in the Cambridge. You truly facilitated the formation of my own thoughts and arguments. And I remember Claire Carlisle once telling me: “your PhD days are the best – but you will only realise that afterwards”. At the time, I was just on my way back down to my basement office after having made a cup of tea and did not half realise how spot on she was! Now, I often miss those days at Abercromby Square, and most of all our conversations. I also remember how my transition from Sociology to Philosophy was, especially at the beginning, not an easy one – and how all sorts of unfounded assertions that I thought were acceptable were just really not up to philosophical standards. And so, I remember that the first piece of paper I handed in had more of your and Gill’s handwriting on it than my own words. It was indeed a steep learning curve (pun, given the topic of the thesis, intended). But you know what, in an academic world so steeped in individual competitiveness and neoliberal purposive rationality, it was not only this formal formative process that was wonderful, but also that in all this you were (and remain) just a truly wonderful and incredibly genuine, down to earth, human being. And so, I really hope that we get to see each other soon, perhaps at the Radboud University, or maybe even sometime back in Liverpool – but for now: happy birthday from Tim, Jenna and me!

Vivienne Matthies-Boon, Radboud University Nijmegen

I have worked with Simon for over 20 years in four, quite different capacities.

When I started at Liverpool back in the 1990s, I was course director of an Msc in Health Care Ethics and Simon used to do sessions for the students, mostly practising healthcare professionals doing a Master's for fun of it, on moral theory – utilitarianism and Kant. The students usually found the more theoretical aspects of the course challenging and Simon always managed to bridge the philosophical and the practical – give them just the right amount of philosophy – as too much would have felled them.

Later Simon became one of my PhD supervisors and he helped me develop my approach to integrating empirical research and moral theory.

Our third encounter was the most challenging! He was in charge of the philosophy department's REF return, and I had an impact case study. Although the process, the admin, the endless uploads to Elements accompanied by strange and confusing instructions from Faculty, was far from pleasant, Simon navigated it all with humour and efficiency. We used to meet in Costa on Brownlow Hill, a kind of informal support group of two, and he held my hand through the admin blizzard, right to the rather anti-climactic end.

Finally, he was endlessly supportive when I was threatened with redundancy and, along with Michael, offered me a home away from what has now become the notorious Faculty of Health and Life Sciences!

This is a personal reflection on how he has been a kind, generous and really the best kind of colleague, and I know others will speak about his philosophical contribution. I shall confine myself to these personal reflections, on how, in the many different ways I have worked with Simon, he has always been exactly the sort of person you want to work with, something that is crucially important but often overlooked in academia.

Lucy Frith, University of Liverpool

Dear Simon,

I was delighted but also mildly astonished to be asked to say a few words to help celebrate your 60th birthday. Delighted, of course, because these are all milestones and it's great to know that the colleagues and friends at Liverpool are making suitable celebratory efforts to mark your friendship and all you have done for the department, but also astonished because – well, **60?!?** “That must have been a typo”, I thought, “Surely Simon can't be 60! I mean, how could that even work, when we've known nearly 25 years but I'm still only 37?!”. But it seems that the time has passed and somehow it is indeed the case.

I hope that you're enjoying your special events, and that it's feeling good to look both back and forward at all you've accomplished at Liverpool. For my part, I find it extraordinary and rather wonderful to think that we've been friends since the late 1990s, and that things have turned out so amazingly well. At the risk of going into the territory of the four Yorkshiremen sketch – who'd have thought it, eh, all those years ago, when we were both teaching part time and bumping into each other regularly in that shared room for the part-time tutors in Abercrombie Square? It's an especial joy to know that things have turned out so well for you, and that just as you and I seemed to be marked out from the beginning to be working in similar posts – including swapping the same one a couple of times in the early 2000s! – the friendship has endured, with the distance of an ocean not stopping us remaining friends and even working together on journals. Your achievements are well earned, and long may the fulfilment, success and friendships that you have forged continue! For myself, I always remember the Liverpool days fondly, and although I know the department has moved on in more ways than one, there seems a certain poetry to the fact that University of Georgia is its official twin.

Speaking of earlier days, I thought you might appreciate some memories of past times and old friends. I'm attaching some photos of the old days, mostly from my visit back in 2007: you'll see Fran, Mo, Viv Boon, John Adams, Steve, Daniel and myself, as well as the inside of the Cambridge – for some strange reason, alcohol seems to keep being implicated in the images! I've also added a couple of pictures of Mansfield College Oxford from 2009, which it seems was the last time we actually got to meet in person, though sadly I can't find any pictures of you, me or any of the other participants. It's been too long a time since our last actual meeting, we must try to make up for lost time, hopefully next year if COVID allows me to get back to Blighty for a visit. I know that Viv Boon, amongst others, is similarly keen for us all to have a get together, so let's do all we can to make it happen.



Simon, I'm not sure what more to say - except thanks for all you do, for being a great friend and a terrific philosopher, and Happy Birthday!

Piers H.G. Stephens, University of Georgia

My view of Simon is that of an affable, welcoming person who is also a brilliant and rigorous thinker, one who has done much to create a bridge between liberal thinking, contemporary philosophy and environmental political theory throughout the years – years which, in regard to the development of the latter, must count as decisive. He has always been thoughtful in his encounters and exchanges with me, exhibiting his good humour and intelligent wit. I hope that he can exercise his virtues, both in academia and beyond the latter's walls, for a long time yet.

Manuel Arias-Maldonado, University of Malaga

Back in 2004, all I knew of Simon was that he was the chap who got the job I applied for at Liverpool. I soon got to know him, though, and soon discovered that he was not just an insightful, intellectually open-minded and, overall, first-rate philosopher, but also a tremendously kind and gracious fellow. I feel privileged to know him.

Many Happy Returns, Simon!

Simon James, Durham University

It is very easy to pay tribute - both academic and personal - to Simon. He is obviously a very good philosopher - his publications testify to this. What was, to me anyway, the most striking is that Simon is a great colleague and wonderful, generous person. First of all, he always gives me ciggi whenever I ask for it (well, this might not be politically correct to point out any more...). By the way, he is also a great educator – perhaps the best I've had the chance to work with. A traditional lecturer – meaning: no powerpoints, no fancy technological help, just standing out there, lecturing from his notes, facing (off) the students. And the students love it ... amazing. (And I am sweating with my fancy slides, and videos, and music, anything that could somehow catch the students' attention.) So I learnt a lot from Simon over the years ...

Thanks again!

As a token of my gratitude, and since when he visited us in Norway we didn't have the time – although we did have a nice dinner overlooking the city by the midnight sun – I'd like to invite him to occupy the specially designated 'chair of philosophy' here in Tromsø (well, not exactly, but almost). Photo attached! No doubt, the offer shall prove to be irresistible.

Attila Tanyi, University of Tromsø



Dear Simon,

I wanted to write a short note for your Festschrift. You have been a huge inspiration to me over the past few years. It is such a shame that we have not had the chance to meet more often in person, but I very much hope that we will manage to do so again sometime soon. I remember our meeting at the UEA research seminar and your talk on the various meanings of the ‘anthropocene’. Your talk seemed to me just what such a talk should be: an open and fair-minded critical appraisal that invited us all to engage in collaborative thinking. Since then you have been persistently kind and patient during my years at *Environmental Values*. I have learnt a great deal about the technicalities of running a journal, but more importantly, you have set a tone and expressed an ethos of openness and patience that I hope to emulate when I take up the editorial reins next year. I’m sure I won’t entirely succeed, but you have set the model for me to follow.

In return for your kindness, I fear I do not have any gems of philosophical insight to offer in this note. I’ve been starting to think more about ‘concrete’ experience lately, in the light of hermeneutics of place. The fact that we have not managed to spend time in one place and that most of our communication has been online has been an experience that most of us have had to replicate far too much since the start of the Pandemic. Particularly with my environmental philosophy friends and colleagues I feel that lack of shared experience of place more intensely. On the other hand, I feel an intangible collectivity with my eco-friends even when I am alone in the park or out on the Broads, just knowing that there are others who appreciate such things. We all need that sense of others who would appreciate what we are appreciating, I think, just as much a shared experiences with those who are with us in person. So that is something else you’ve given me since we have known one another, probably unbeknownst to you! As I say, I very much hope there will be the opportunity for in-person shared experience of nature too.

Tom Greaves, University of East Anglia

Professor Simon Hailwood is an internationally recognised scholar in the field of green/environmental moral and political theory. His interests in this area are wide, ranging from philosophical discussions of landscape, normative and political dimensions of ‘environmental citizenship’, to more recent critical and important analyses of the ‘Anthropocene’. On the latter he has done a great service, to my way of thinking, in skewering those naïve (and misguided) boosters of ‘the good Anthropocene’ and their flawed thinking in placing ‘moralism’ in opposition to ‘political realism’. In this, Simon continues his long-time work in challenging the view of politics as a form of ‘applied morality’. And as I interpret him, Simon offers a perspective we might characterise as ‘environmental ethics meets political power’, which holds fast and strong in defending ‘old’ environmental normative concerns about the intrinsic value of an independent nature, the importance of recognising and protecting wilderness, against those who present (through an ideologically distorted lens I would suggest), these ‘old’ concerns as ‘romantic’, ‘reactionary’ or ‘utopian’. As someone who shares these views and concerns, I am grateful to have someone like Simon my intellectual corner as it were! While Simon’s liberalism is sometimes at odds with my own Marxian-inspired ‘green republicanism’, I think he has moved in more in my direction since his 2004 book, *How to be a green liberal: Nature, value and liberal philosophy*, (and indeed I am more ‘post-liberal’ rather than anti-liberal, perhaps as a result of his work!).

While we have not met over the years as much as I would have liked, the times I have met him were enjoyable and I found him to be a gentle, respectful and quietly spoken but intellectually tough interlocutor and friendly critic. He is to my mind a palpably and transparently decent human being who wears his extensive knowledge lightly and it must have been a pleasure to have been his work colleague. In an academic world increasingly infected

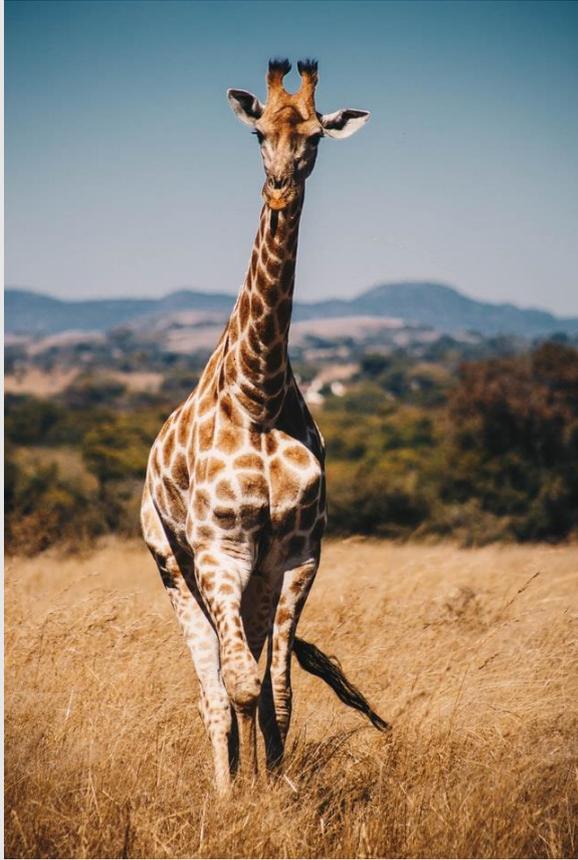
by competition, ego and self-promotion (stemming I would suggest from the ‘academic capitalist’ institutionalisation of knowledge and universities over the past 3 decades), Simon stands for older and more enduring virtues of intellectual collaboration, honest inquiry and respectful critique and a dialogic sharing of differences and a celebration of pluralism, openness and curiosity. It has been a pleasure to know him and his work and I wish him all the best.

John Barry, Queens University Belfast

From one Other
To another Other . . .



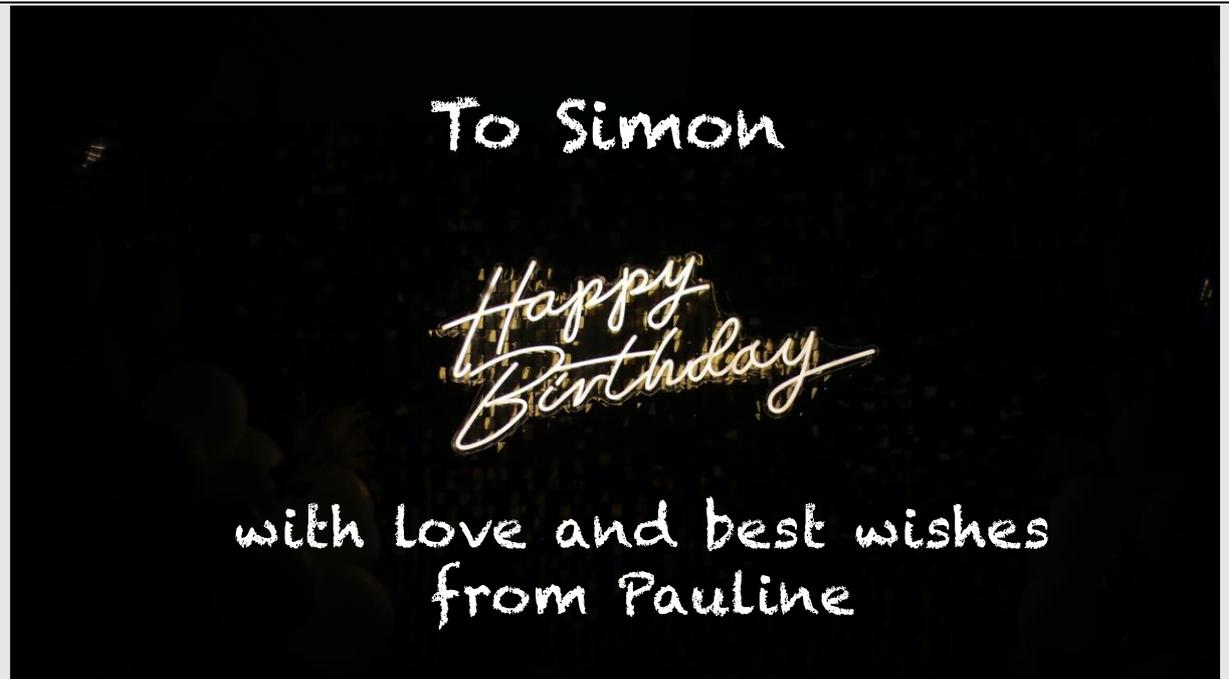








You're a star



Pauline Phemister, University of Edinburgh

Dear Simon,

My commiserations on being outed as a pensioner-trainee. I share your pain being just 9 months younger. You now have eyes pricking in your back: younger people wondering why you are still around and in their way, managers and Heads of Department wondering which two positions can be financed with your one salary. Beware of stairs, road crossings, train platforms – unfortunate accidents do happen.

I was going to share with you the outline of a lecture that I hoped to give at a summer school of the Dutch Humanist Federation, inspired by Latour's 'Down to Earth'. But Covid

interfered... It would have been a try-out of some of my ideas for the final chapter of my last book (yes, I am preparing for retirement already). I would start with Routley's Last Person Argument, then discuss other than mainstream modes of self-understanding and understanding of nature, then discuss your ideas, then, with your help hopefully having created soft spots in the humanists' hardcore anthropocentrism, moved on to the most likely outcome of the Anthropocene: the extinction of humanity. And that is when I want to introduce my Last Human Argument: we've made the planet totally uninhabitable for humans, you are the last human alive, and on your death bed you have the ultimate Apple computer – just two buttons. Press A and upon your death, a fully automated lab will start monitoring the planet, waiting for the moment conditions allow life for humans again, at which time the lab will access its gigantic collection of human DNA, start growing humans in vitro, to be further raised by AI then let loose. Press B and that lab explodes the moment your heart stops. Make no choice and the computer decides for you. So what would we choose?

I'm also thinking of the Nietzschean Last Human Argument. Same set-up only you are informed that this may actually not be the first Last Human. The whole thing may have happened before. In fact, it may have happened an infinity of times. What would you choose?

Hope you have a lovely 60th birthday and no Nietzschean dreams...

Marcel Wissenburg, Radboud University Nijmegen



Simon in Reykjavik, 2011.



Simon in Pisa, 2016.

I would like to extend a brief tribute to Simon from all at *The White Horse Press* (me, Andrew, Alison and latterly James) who have worked with him on *Environmental Values* since 2012, when he became an Associate Editor, and much more closely since 2015 when he took on the role of Managing Editor. *Environmental Values* is a flagship journal in its field, possessing an Impact Factor that many larger publications and presses would be proud of, but it is nurtured by a close community of editors and, with WHP, a very small publisher; it is fair to say that the journal project has linked a group of people from across the world in a working relationship that is in a very real sense a friendship. Simon is stepping down after 6 years as Managing Editor and we will miss his efficiency, his good judgement (in weeding out the no-hopers as well as in detecting and fostering potential) and his kindness, directed to authors, peer-reviewers, fellow editors and us as publishers. Simon has always been enthusiastic about the journal and gracious when things don't run perfectly, or when extra work unfairly falls on him. At *Environmental Values* annual meetings (back in those heady days of face-to-face meetings), Simon's laugh over the lunch table was always infectious, *and* he took and efficiently circulated accurate minutes.

Of course, I only know Simon in his editorial capacity and I hope that his impending release from the role will allow him more time to focus on his own research and intellectual fulfilment. As well as his administrative work for the journal and his shepherding of numerous papers through the peer review process, requiring at times limitless patience, Simon has taken very seriously his role in presenting and explicating the contents of the issues for which he has written lengthy, thoughtful editorials, always drawing out the best of the articles and maintaining diplomatic silence if he happened not to agree with their authors. These editorials, eight in all, also gently put forward Simon's own philosophical concerns, beginning with 'Some Grounds for Optimism' about climate change (*Environmental Values* **22**, 2013) but progressing to a darker tone with the penultimate, written in August 2020, in the wake of the

global mobilisation to fight COVID and continuing governmental slumbering over climate change: “we are all supposed to be following the science now and we are entitled to request this will be done consistently, with appropriate urgency and a view to engaging with the large issues of value, meaning, ethics and justice”. (EV 29, 2020)

Simon is no ivory tower philosopher. He knows that if indeed we are ‘other’ from the natural world, as considered in his 2000 article ‘The Value of Nature’s Otherness’ (EV 9, 2000), that is no reason to treat it, or our fellow human beings, in accordance with any credo but the ‘Justice, Fairness, Responsibility and Meaning’ espoused in his 2017 editorial (EV 26). We hear much about Justice and Fairness, but society needs thinkers, and human beings, like Simon to insist on the Responsibility and – even more – the Meaning. Simon, as you enter your seventh decade, we wish you all good things and a better world in which to enjoy them.

Sarah Johnson, The White Horse Press

Happy birthday, Simon! I want to wish you the very best on your 60th birthday and also express my gratitude for the opportunity to work with you over the past several years. Your work as managing editor of *Environmental Values* has been a true service to those of us working as associate editors, to the journal, and to scholars working on environmental issues from multiple disciplinary perspectives. I'm so appreciative of how thoughtful, conscientious, helpful and humane you've been in this role. You've kept things rolling even through challenging times -- not least the last year and a half -- and have set a positive and collegial tone for all of us. It's been a pleasure and an honor to work with you, and I wish you a joyful birthday and many healthy and happy years ahead.

Marion Hourdequin, Colorado College



Happy Birthday, Simon!