

# Celebrating excellence

In September and October 2009, the British Academy held ceremonies to honour individual scholars for the excellence of their work in the humanities and social sciences.

At the Annual General Meeting in July 2009, 48 distinguished scholars were elected to be Fellows of the British Academy; and on 21 September 2009, a ceremony was held at the Academy to admit them to the Fellowship.



Left: Professor Theodore R. Marmor (Yale University), elected to the Corresponding Fellowship, was one of six Fellows invited to speak about their work. He lamented the poor quality of the healthcare debate in the United States, saying it did not pay enough attention to the large amount of serious scholarship conducted on the subject. Photos: David Graeme-Baker.

Left: Sir Adam Roberts (President of the British Academy) and some of the new Fellows of the British Academy. The full list of new Fellows may be found at [www.britac.ac.uk/fellowship/elections/2009/](http://www.britac.ac.uk/fellowship/elections/2009/)

On 30 September 2009, the British Academy held its annual Medals and Prizes Ceremony, to bestow awards on outstanding researchers in psychology, law, literature, classics, archaeology and history.



Above: Dr Robin Jackson (Chief Executive of the British Academy) addresses the gathering. More information on the Academy's medals and prizes can be found via [www.britac.ac.uk/misc/medals/](http://www.britac.ac.uk/misc/medals/)



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Above: Professor Martin Seligman (University of Pennsylvania) receives the inaugural Wiley Prize in Psychology from Sarah Phibbs (Publishing Director, Social Science & Humanities, Wiley-Blackwell). On the previous day, Professor Seligman had delivered the Joint British Academy/British Psychological Society Lecture, on 'Positive Psychology and Positive Education'.



British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowships enable outstanding early-career researchers to strengthen their experience of research and teaching in a university environment. The latest intake of Postdoctoral Fellows was welcomed at the Academy on 28 October 2009.

Left: The class of 2009.

Right: Professor Ian Clark FBA (Chairman, Posts Committee) presents a certificate to Dr Sonia Exley (Institute of Education, University of London).



More information about the Postdoctoral Fellowships scheme can be found at [www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/pdfells.cfm](http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/pdfells.cfm)