

## Anniversaries Alumni, and Acquisitions New College Library in 2019

Geometry and Astronomy in New College (2019) front cover

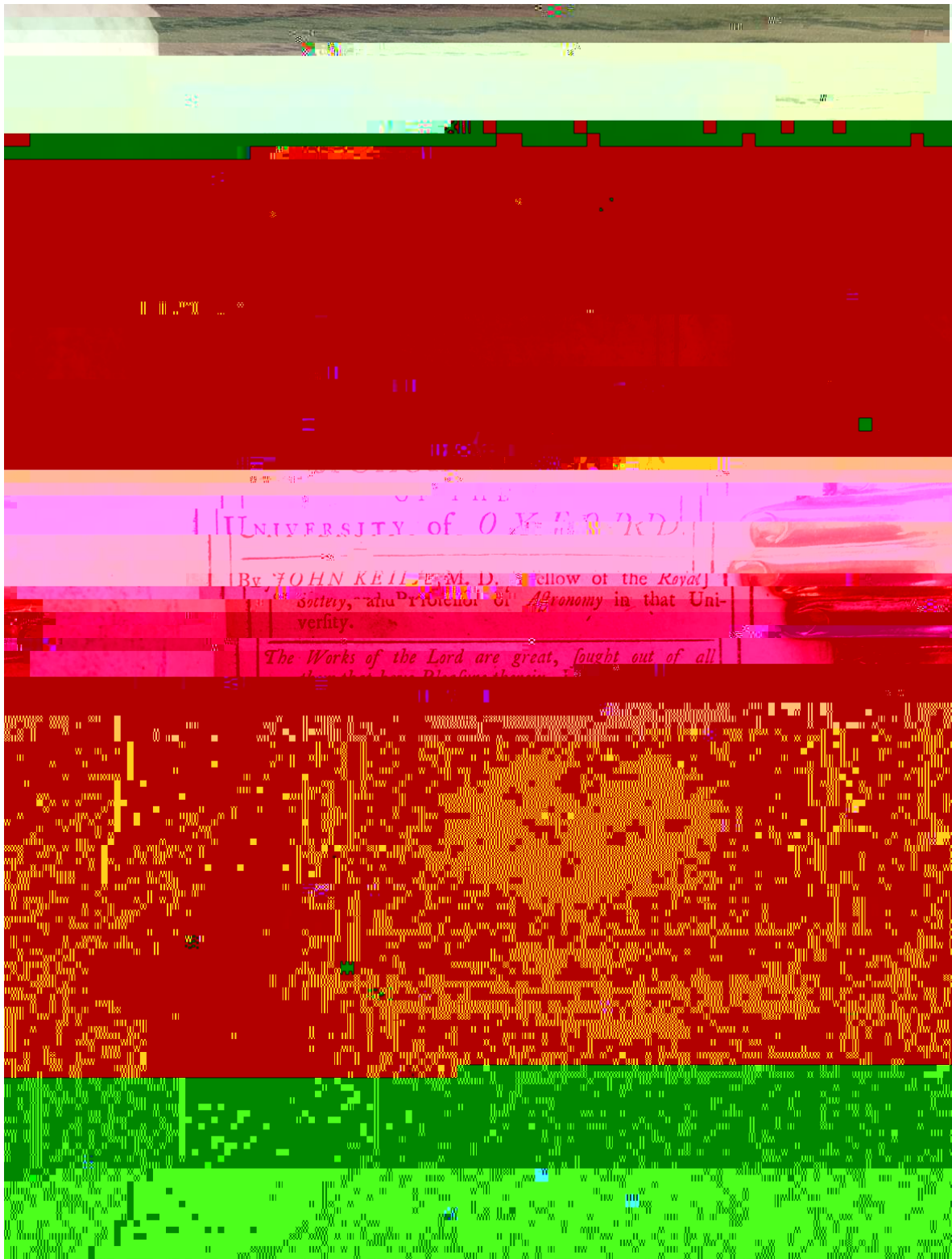
Professorships in geometry and astronomy, and the 40th anniversary of women students at New College<sup>1</sup>. In 1619, the scholar and diplomat Sir Henry Savile (1549-1622), Merton College

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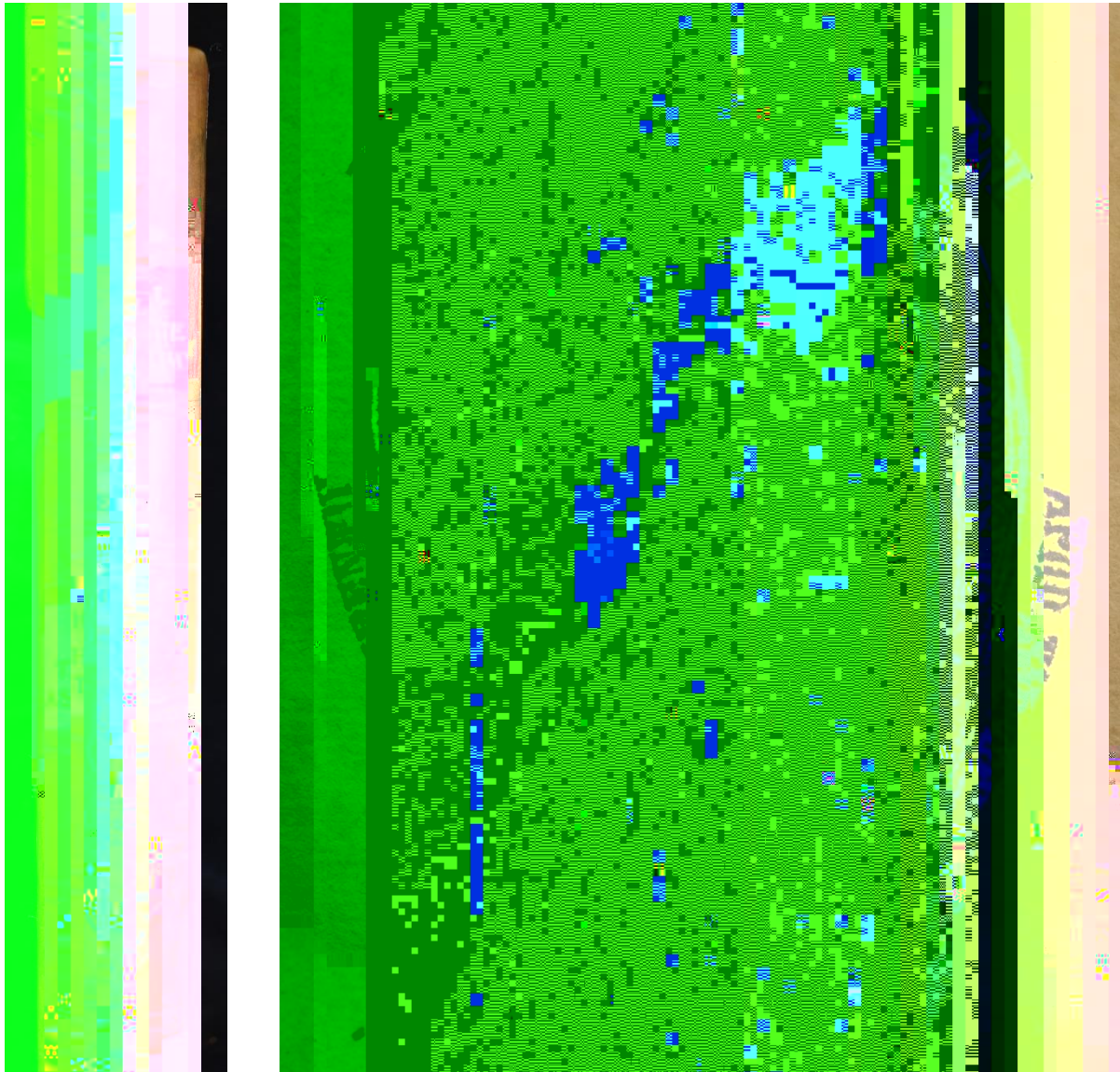


dedication to James Brydges, 1st Duke of Chandos (1674-1744) of Handel's *Chandos Anthems*.  
Brydges was New College man who in 1710 gifted his college £100 to help fund the Garden  
Quad and its wrought-iron gate screen.



John Keill *An Introduction to the True Astronomy* (1706) title-page  
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II

If we fastforward from 1619 in Oxford some 360 years to 1979 women students are for the first time ever matriculating at New College. The past forty years have seen an outstanding literary output from New College women writers, who count among their number the novelists Rachel Cusk (b. 1967), Roopa Farook (b. 1974), Rachel Johnson (b. 1965), Sophie Kinsell (b. 1969), and Kate Moss (b. 1961). Modern collections in our library today will become the stuff of our special collections of the future and we have the very pleasing obligation to collect the works of New College authors who are currently writing. W H DLP WR PDNH WKH alumni collection (our NC source) a comprehensive institutional print repository of books and pamphlets by and about New College women and men.

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Paula Wilson, Portrait of Ruth Mazo Karras and Caroline Kay (2019), oil, 106 x 91 cms  
New College, Oxford

The New College Apocalypse (1300-1310)  
New College Library, Oxford, MS 65, f. 78v

III

2019 has seen another landmark for New College women writers in the appointment of New College alumna Alice Oswald (b. 1966) as Oxford Professor of Poetry, the first woman to take up post, and the first woman ever to do so. Alice was made an honorary fellow of New College also this year. Her widely acclaimed writing has won many awards, including the T. S. Eliot Prize







Lodovico Beccadelli Mita Reginaldi Poli, Britanni, S.R.E. Carli Cisterciariensis Archiepiscopi (1569)  
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