

PROFESSOR ALICE ROBERTS

Pro-Chancellor,

Professor Alice Roberts is an anatomist, author and broadcaster. She qualified as a medical doctor with a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery and an intercalated Bachelor of Science in Anatomy from the University of Wales College of Medicine (now part of Cardiff University). Later she took a PhD in paleopathology, the study of disease in ancient human remains. After graduating in 1997 she worked for a year in clinical medicine as a junior doctor in South Wales. In the following year she moved to the University of Bristol, first as a demonstrator in the Anatomy Department and then, a year later, as a lecturer. Later, as Senior Teaching Fellow at the University's Centre for Comparative and Clinical Anatomy, she taught clinical anatomy, embryology, and physical anthropology, as well as researching in osteoarchaeology and paleopathology. She left the University in 2009 to

Festival of Science, and a judge for the annual Wellcome Image Awards which celebrate art in science. She is also Patron of the Association of Science and Discovery Centres, and a Trustee of Oxford University Museum of Natural History. Amazingly, she also finds time to support charities such as For Ethiopia, the British Heart Foundation (where she is a member of Council), and Sustrans, which promotes sustainable travel behaviour.

Alice is a longstanding friend of this University; she has given public lectures here, and members of our School of Applied Sciences have appeared with her in *Coast and Digging for Britain*. So today BU is proud to honour such a very distinguished polymath, communicator of science, and role model for graduates.

Pro-Chancellor, I have the honour to present Professor Alice Roberts, and I ask you to confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Science, .