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**Shakespeare and the Countess is an Observer Book of the Year (</schools/edacs/departments/shakespeare/news/2014/observer-book-of-year.aspx>)**

Dr Chris Laoutaris' recent book, 'Shakespeare and the Countess: The Battle that Gave Birth to the Globe', has been selected as one of the Observer's Books of the Year.  
18/12/2014

**Institute favourite Samuel West receives Birmingham honorary degree (</schools/edacs/departments/shakespeare/news/2014/samuel-west.aspx>)**

Actor Samuel West receives an honorary Doctorate of Letters.  
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**Research pioneers: Michael Dobson (</schools/edacs/departments/shakespeare/news/2014/research-pioneers.aspx>)**

Professor Michael Dobson features in the latest edition of Buzz dedicated to research being undertaken at the University.  
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**Jeremy Irons visits for a spot of regime change at the Shakespeare Institute (</schools/edacs/departments/shakespeare/news/2014/jeremy-irons.aspx>)**

Jeremy Irons visits the Institute.  
17/11/2014

**Dr Chris Laoutaris' Shakespeare and the Countess is Marylebone Journal 'Book of the Week' (</schools/edacs/departments/shakespeare/news/2014/marylebone-journal.aspx>)**

Dr Chris Laoutaris' recent book Shakespeare and the Countess has been listed as the Marylebone Journal's 'Book of the Week'.  
05/11/2014

**Shakespeare and the Idea of National Theatre (</schools/edacs/departments/shakespeare/news/2014/dobson-inaugural.aspx>)**

Watch Professor Michael Dobson giving his inaugural lecture at the Shakespeare Institute.  
27/10/2014

**Dr Chris Laoutaris lectures at former home of Elizabethan female Firebrand (</schools/historycultures/departments/history/news/2014/bisham-abbey.aspx>)**

Dr Chris Laoutaris lectured at Bisham Abbey in Berkshire.  
26/09/2014

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