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The following overview about Professor John Eekelaar was written at the time this scholarship was awarded in 2005.

John Eekelaar (LL.B. (London) 1963; B.C.L. (Oxon) 1965; M.A. (Oxon) 1967, held a Rhodes Scholarship from 1963-5, and was awarded the Vinerian Scholarship in 1965. He was called to the Bar in 1968 at the Inner Temple and has been a Tutorial Fellow at Pembroke College since 1965. Professor Eekelaar held a CUF Lecturership from 1966-91, and has been Reader in Law since 1991. He was elected to a Fellowship of the British Academy in July 2001.

Professor Eekelaar is a former President of the International Society on Family Law. He lectures in Constitutional and Administrative Law, Introduction to Law, Jurisprudence, Socio-Legal Studies and Tort. He is best know, however, for his lectures in Family Law - a field in which he is considered a world expert.

He is joint founding co-editor of the International Journal of Law, Policy and the Family, and is currently General Editor of the Oxford Journal of Legal Studies.

Professor Eekelaar, has a particular interest in the socio-legal approach to family law, and has published influential work on family law and social policy. He is much in demand by policy-makers both in the UK (where he has carried out influential work for the Lord Chancellor’s department and other departments) and overseas (his work for the Commonwealth Secretariat on International Conventions dealing with Child Abduction being one example).

While in New Zealand for the Fellowship, Professor Eekelaar will be giving a number of public lectures and staff seminars at the Universities of Otago, Canterbury, Victoria, Waikato and Auckland. The lectures will be based on Professor Eekelaar's recent paper, "The End of an Era", discussing the significant changes family life and family have undergone during the last quarter of the 20th century.