

From Professor Leigh Payne

On the very first day of the Sociology of Latin America class, Finn told me that he had never thought he would be at all interested in the class. He just showed up to see what it was about. And he stayed. And I am so happy he did. Ever engaged. Challenging conventional wisdom. Provoking us all to think differently, newly, freshly. Maybe the last time I saw him, he invited me to a dinner at Exeter. We talked about the future, beyond the MSc, beyond Oxford. That intelligence, so full of sparkle and life. That smiling face, so full of excitement for life. The only words that come to me to express my sorrow at this enormous loss are not mine. Let Mario Benedetti (*A Roque*) say it:

sobre todo llegaste temprano

demasiado temprano

a una muerte que no era la tuya

y que a esta altura no sabrá que hacer

con

tanta

vida.