Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom recently knighted two Columbia professors who are also British citizens: Alex Halliday, a geochemist and the director of the Earth Institute, and Simon Schama, a historian and University Professor.

Halliday, who has conducted pioneering research on the origins of our solar system, the evolution of Earth’s oceans, and climate change, will attend an investiture ceremony at Buckingham Palace on May 9. Schama, the author of eighteen books on topics ranging from the French Revolution to the artist Rembrandt, was honored
at a ceremony on February 5.

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