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Film director Oliver Stone among Edinburgh honorary graduates

Academy award-winning film director Oliver Stone is among the public figures to receive an honorary degree from the University of Edinburgh next month.

The filmmaker will receive the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa at McEwan Hall on Tuesday, 4 July. Mr Stone will be awarded a degree in recognition of his prominent and politically engaging career in film.

He has won three Academy Awards, as Best Director for his Vietnam War dramas *Platoon* (1986) and *Born on the Fourth of July* (1989) and for Best Adapted Screenplay, as writer of *Midnight Express* (1978).

Before becoming a filmmaker, Stone served in the US Army and experienced combat duty in the Vietnam War, receiving numerous military awards for his service.

Other recipients of Honorary Degrees this summer include a leading social entrepreneur and figures from the worlds of media and the arts.

All of the ceremonies will take place at the University's newly refurbished McEwan Hall in Bristo Square.

Entrepreneur Josh Littlejohn, who founded Social Bite – a growing chain of sandwich shops run as a social business - will be awarded a Doctor of Science in Social Science on Wednesday, 5 July.

A quarter of their staff have been affected by homelessness and 100 per cent of the business' profits go to good causes. The venture gained worldwide profile when Hollywood star George Clooney visited one of its Edinburgh sandwich shops in November 2015.

Journalist Magnus Linklater - former editor of *The Scotsman* and *The Times* in Scotland - will be awarded a Doctor Honoris Causa on the same day.

Broadcaster Michael Mosley - a familiar figure on screen with his engaging, lively health and science documentaries - will be awarded a Doctor of Science on Friday, 7 July.

Sculptor Andy Scott - best known for his popular Kelpies creation in Falkirk - will receive a Doctor honoris causa on Saturday, 8 July.

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