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After CAM published a guide to the “161 Things Every Cornell Student Should Do,” the list—inspired by the number of steps in McGraw Tower—became a phenomenon, with the *Daily Sun* generating its own version and many undergrads striving to check each item off. But the fact is that most students don’t get to see Cornell’s hometown in its glory season: the summer. So, in the hope that alumni will be inspired to make a trip back, we offer a different list: 161 things to do in the Ithaca area over the coming warm-weather months. Like Cornell itself, it has something for everyone.

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Professor Rick Johnson has spent decades teaching and doing research in electrical engineering—but over the past twelve years, his interests have entailed as much art as science. A pioneer in the field of computational art history, Johnson leverages both his engineering acumen and his abiding passion for art to study the physical materials with which works are made, exploring the oeuvres of Van Gogh, Vermeer, Rembrandt, and more. “A work of art is the meeting place of many different disciplines; that’s what’s so interesting about studying this stuff,” observes Frank Robinson, director emeritus of the Johnson Museum. “The scientific aspect of it is absolutely vital—and in that respect, Rick is top of the line.”



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Founding Principles

More than 150 years later, A.D. White's vision still resonates



Since becoming Cornell's fourteenth president, I have spent many hours immersed in the history of our university and its founders. One piece of that history I find particularly intriguing is a letter written by our first president, Andrew Dickson White, in 1862 to social reformer Gerrit Smith, laying out White's vision for "a new university, worthy of our land and time."

The letter is remarkable in many respects, but what struck me most was White's belief that creating a university founded on the revolutionary ideal of "any person . . . any study" would be pointless if the university itself were small, its faculty mediocre, or its facilities limited. White's goal was not simply to found an institution "where the most highly prized instruction may be available to all—regardless of sex or color." He argued, in detail and with passion, that such an institution must be made great—capable of transforming not only the lives of its students, but all of American higher education. In this new university, truth would be sought for truth's sake, and "liberally minded men of learning now scattered throughout the land [would] cluster—making the institution a center from which ideas and men shall go forth to bless the nation during ages."

With the presidency of Cornell, I inherited responsibility for that vision. In my inaugural address, I laid out four priorities that I see as key to furthering our legacy, building on Cornell's signature strengths and advancing its founding mission. These priorities continue to guide me in planning for Cornell's future as a university where truth is sought for truth's sake, where knowledge has a public purpose, and where ideals are matched by excellence.

Academic distinction. As White made clear, the success of Cornell's mission depends above all on its excellence as an institution. Investing in our faculty, building on our breadth of expertise, and supporting cross-disciplinary collaboration make Cornell a place that attracts remarkable people who do remarkable work. Today Cornell is indeed the sought-after institution of which President White dreamed: last year, 51,000 applicants competed for places in the Class of

2022, a 9.1 percent increase over the year before. More tellingly, we are also seeing a steady increase in the number of students who make Cornell their first choice.

Educational verve. Cornell is first and foremost an educational institution. We are here, as our mission statement says, "to discover, preserve, and disseminate knowledge, to educate the next generation of global citizens, and to promote a culture of broad inquiry throughout and beyond the Cornell community." It is a responsibility to be approached as we approach everything at Cornell: in a way that is creative, evidence-based, and mindful of our larger goals. Through endeavors like the Active Learning Initiative, the Office of Global Learning, and many others, we constantly seek new and more effective ways to teach and to learn.

Civic responsibility. The notion of knowledge and truth has never been something to take for granted. In our time as in White's, it requires vigorous and constant defense, as do our uniquely American ideals of free

White wrote 'in one of the darkest periods of our national history': the depths of the Civil War. It is perhaps no coincidence that, at a time of unprecedented national division, White saw hope for the nation in education.

speech, diversity and inclusion, and equality of opportunity. In the last two years, Cornell has moved to create a more open, inclusive, and respectful campus through the Presidential Task Force on Campus Climate and numerous diversity and inclusion initiatives.

One Cornell. Cornell was established as a rural university with broad connections to the larger world. Today, with an expanding presence in New York City, including Cornell Tech and our new hub in Manhattan, we are better equipped than ever to build new paths to collaboration and discovery, fulfilling our mission as a research university that improves lives.

Reflecting on President White's letter today, I find it all the more remarkable for its context. White wrote "in one of the darkest periods of our national history": the depths of the Civil War. It is perhaps no coincidence that, at a time of unprecedented national division, White saw hope for the nation in education—in teaching and sharing the value of truth, beauty, science, and knowledge. ■

— Martha E. Pollack
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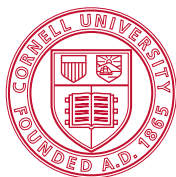
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From the Hill



QUICK SILVER: A shiny metallic beast invaded East Hill for the traditional Dragon Day festivities.

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According to the Lab of Ornithology, some 600 million migrating birds die in building collisions in the U.S. each year—and the most dangerous cities are Chicago, Houston, and Dallas.

In mouse studies, researchers at the Medical College have found that high fructose corn syrup can fuel the growth of colon tumors.



A \$68.9 million federal grape genetics research lab, funded by the USDA, will be built on CALS' Geneva campus, now known as Cornell AgriTech.

Engineers have created a radio frequency identification system so precise it can take measurements smaller than the width of a human hair—opening up a host of potential applications, including monitoring the structural integrity of buildings.

‘This really is an issue that affects all of society.’

— Government professor **Peter Enns**, whose research found that nearly half of Americans have a close relative who has been incarcerated

Huttenlocher to Depart Cornell Tech



Dan Huttenlocher (left), the founding dean of Cornell Tech, will step down August 1 to become the inaugural dean of MIT's Schwarzman College of Computing. A doctoral alumnus of MIT, Huttenlocher has led Tech since 2012, overseeing its move from temporary quarters in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood to its permanent home on Roosevelt Island in 2017. A search committee has been formed to find his successor.

New Center Supports Social Sciences

The University has announced the establishment of the Cornell Center for Social Sciences—the main initiative to come out of several faculty reports on how to enhance Cornell's excellence in the field. "Our goal," says Emmanuel Giannelis, vice provost for research, who will oversee the center, "is to facilitate increased collaborations across the disciplines and colleges, provide enhanced research infrastructure, and support future opportunities for research and growth." Provost Michael Kotlikoff also announced the formation of a faculty committee to develop recommendations for an organizational structure that will integrate academic areas in public policy, as well as for the creation of "superdepartments" akin to the existing Department of Economics.

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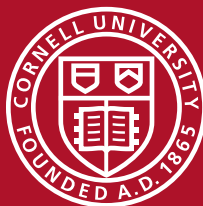
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IN STYLE: The work of more than two dozen student designers was on display at the Cornell Fashion Collective's thirty-fifth annual Runway Show, held in Barton Hall in March.

Center for Immunology Founded



Faculty from multiple colleges will collaborate on research through the new Cornell Center for Immunology. The virtual center—to comprise researchers from Veterinary Medicine, Engineering, Arts and Sciences, Human Ecology, and CALS—will be directed by Gary Koretzky '78 (left), a rheumatologist and immunologist who

holds appointments in the medical and veterinary colleges. "Our goal is to develop a center that complements the work conducted by our colleagues at Weill Cornell Medicine," says Koretzky, also vice provost for academic integration. "This makes it synergistic—and even though this is the cliché of 'the sum being greater than the individual parts,' it's really true. We have people who are tackling things from all different perspectives and directions, and they can provide insights to each other that are really useful."

Did You Know...



That a Cornell law professor recently argued a death penalty case before the Supreme Court? Sheri Lynn Johnson (left) represented a black man from Mississippi—convicted of a quadruple homicide he denies committing—who claims racial bias in jury selection.

Give My Regards to . . . These Cornellians in the news

Weill Cornell Medical College, which jumped twelve spots in *U.S. News & World Report's* rankings of the best med schools for research, landing at ninth place in a three-way tie with NYU and the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine.

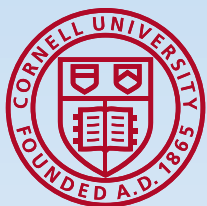
The **Cornell Speech and Debate Society**, which for the first time made it to the grand final of the World Universities' Debating Championships.

Ithaca, named the thirty-ninth best place to live in the U.S. by *livability.com*.

Ex-Student Sentenced in Arms Case

A former undergrad who was arrested in March 2018 following the discovery of an arms cache in his Collegetown apartment has pleaded guilty to federal weapons charges and been sentenced to two years in prison. Maximilien Reynolds '19—a CALS student who was on leave from the University but still living nearby—was found with an AR-15 rifle, a homemade silencer, bomb-making materials, a bulletproof vest, and other items. He pleaded guilty to charges relating to the straw purchase of a rifle and having unregistered firearms. Reynolds's attorney, Raymond Schlather, JD '76, has said that his client has a history of mental illness and that paranoia may have driven him to stockpile weapons to defend himself against a perceived threat.

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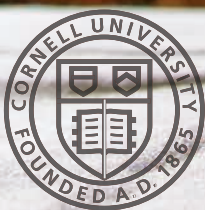
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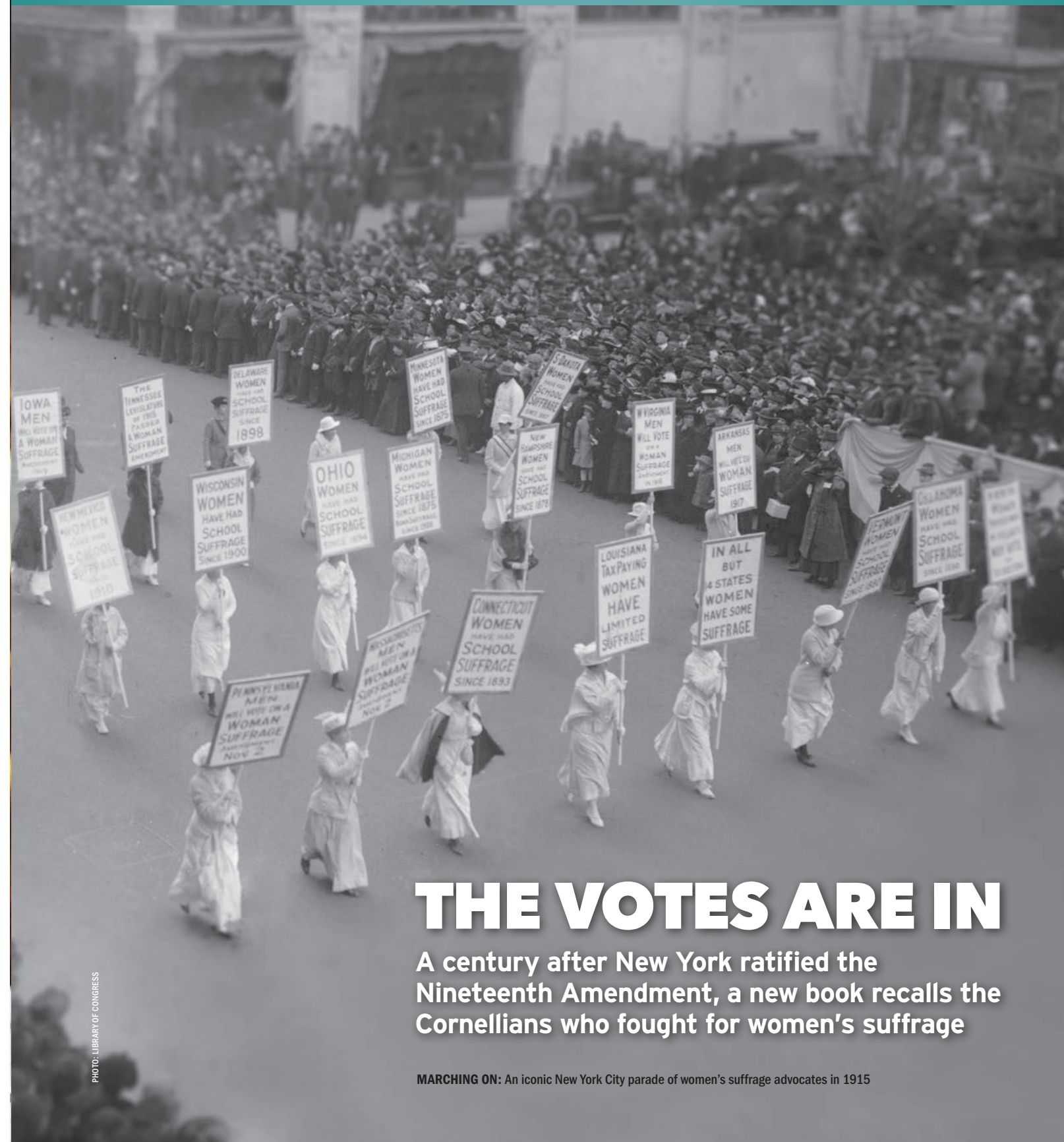
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THE VOTES ARE IN

A century after New York ratified the Nineteenth Amendment, a new book recalls the Cornellians who fought for women's suffrage

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MARCHING ON: An iconic New York City parade of women's suffrage advocates in 1915



I AM WOMAN:
Alumnae activists
(from left) Ethel
Stebbins 1895,
Nora Stanton
Blatch 1905,
Harriet May Mills
1879, and Isabel
Howland 1881

In October 1915, more than 30,000 women clad all in white marched up a three-mile stretch of Manhattan's Fifth Avenue, carrying ballot boxes and waving posters demanding votes for women. Leading the procession was Ethel Stebbins 1895—the parade's grand marshal and one of many Cornellians who played roles large and small in the decades-long fight for women's suffrage in the U.S.

Among Cornell's most prominent suffragists were two of its early female graduates: Isabel Howland 1881 and Harriet May Mills 1879. Howland hailed from a reformist Quaker community north of Ithaca, while Mills—who'd go on to an unsuccessful 1920 bid for New York secretary of state—grew up in an

abolitionist family in Syracuse. The two crossed paths on the Hill and went on to become leaders of the New York State Woman Suffrage Association, which twice held its annual convention in Ithaca. As women's rights icon Susan B. Anthony once wrote of them: "I am truly glad for the discovery of our two New York girls . . . who promise to take up the laboring oar and pull us to the promised land."

Howland, Mills, Stebbins, and other stalwarts of the suffrage movement are remembered in *Achieving Beulah Land*, a new book published by the University Library that offers snapshots of those Cornellians' efforts as it chronicles one small chapter in the long, nationwide struggle to gain women's right to vote.

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Released ahead of the centennial of New York's ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in June 1919, it focuses on the efforts of activists in Ithaca and elsewhere in Tompkins County—whose ranks comprised undergrads, faculty, alumnae, and even mothers of students. They include women who were pioneers in other arenas of gender equality on the Hill, such as Emma Sheffield Eastman 1873, the University's first female graduate, who became an avid suffragist in New England; Harriet Connor Brown 1894, the first female staffer on the *Cornell Era* magazine, who advocated for suffrage in her native Iowa and in Washington, D.C.; and Elizabeth Ellsworth Cook 1908, who broke barriers by joining Cornell's all-male debate team and went on to become vice president of the Women's Political Union, a national feminist group.

The authors of *Achieving Beulah Land*—Elaine Engst, MA '72, Cornell's archivist emerita, and Carol Kammen, the Tompkins County historian and a former lecturer on the Hill—parse letters, memoirs, newspaper articles, and other documents to explore stories that represent a microcosm of the nationwide suffrage movement. The book—whose title refers to a biblical promised land that suffragists used as a symbol of their hopes—has its roots in an exhibit that Engst curated in Kroch Library in 2017. (That show, whose content can still be viewed online, marked the centennial of when New York became the first state east of the Mississippi where women could vote.) "This was a radical move >



VOTES FOR WOMEN
(clockwise from left): a
vintage newspaper clipping,
convention program, and
pro-suffrage leaflet

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BACKLASH: An 1899 misogynist cartoon in the *Cornell Widow* depicted “a class meeting in the near future”—the chaotic result of letting women be in charge.

The Cornell Women's Suffrage Club—the first group of its kind on the Hill—was co-founded in the early 1900s by Nora Stanton Blatch 1905, granddaughter of feminist pioneer Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the first American woman to earn a degree in civil engineering. But as Blatch recalled in an unpublished autobiography, the club was hardly greeted with open arms after its creation was announced in a campus newspaper. “The result was immediate and decisive, an editorial attack painting the women members as disturbed human beings, etc., etc.,” she wrote. “I forget the wording but it was so violent that with the dawning of the

second day all but four members resigned.” And as Rochester's *Democrat & Chronicle* observed in 1909: “Forty Cornell coeds have organized a Cornell branch of the Collegiate Women's Suffrage League . . . None of the girls will disclose who belongs to the league because they fear publicity would result in ridicule by male students at the university.”

Slowly but surely, though, the suffrage movement touched hearts and changed minds. Among the many Americans whose views were swayed was Cornell's third president, Jacob Gould Schurman, who served from 1892 to 1920. Initially somewhat tepid in his support of enfranchising women, he went on to become an enthusiastic advocate, serving on the executive committee of the Men's League for Woman Suffrage of the State of New York. “We believe that women should vote,” Schurman said in a 1915 statement he issued along with other prominent men, “and that the community will derive an appreciable advantage when they do vote.”

Arguably the twin highlights of the suffrage movement in Tompkins County came when the state suffrage association held its annual convention in Ithaca—first in 1894, and again in 1911. Kammen notes that even though the first convention fell at a time when Cornell students had a heavy workload, it didn't dim their enthusiasm. “It was exam week, and they still participated,” she says. “They greeted people at the train and served as ushers.” As the organization's president said in her address that year: “In some regards, Ithaca is a land of Beulah to members of this association. Some turn fondly towards your heights because there stands their alma mater, in which they girded for the struggle for women's liberty.” ■

—Cathy Xie '20

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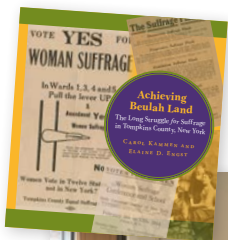
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for women,” Engst says of the suffrage fight, “to step up and say they wanted something for themselves and they would not be protected by men.”

On the Hill, Engst and Kammen note, suffrage activism took many forms—from late-night chats over coffee to the formation of clubs. Perhaps surprisingly, given that Cornell—unlike many of its peers—was officially co-educational from its founding, the University wasn't a hotbed of suffrage activity, and little evidence of what did occur has survived. At Cornell, as elsewhere across the country, enfranchising women was a controversial issue, and students were often reluctant to publicly identify with the cause. In the *Statistics of the Class of 1880*, for example, a third of female seniors reported being opposed to giving women the vote. (It was admittedly a small sample; there were only nine women in the class.) “Being for suffrage,” Kammen observes, “was setting yourself outside of whatever social group you were in.”

In the book, she and Engst describe anti-feminist episodes on campus around the time of the state constitutional convention of 1894: “Gertrude Nelson [1895] reported

that two women she met in the library have ‘started a petition against women's suffrage and have left it in the Library for girls to sign!’ . . . She wrote that several of her friends were ready to put down their names. At Sage Chapel, Gertrude noted [a visiting minister] preached, ‘that wives should yield to the dominating influence of their husbands.’ ”



AUTHORS: Elaine Engst, MA '72 (left), and Carol Kammen. Above: Their book.



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The Council on Foreign Relations' Adam Segal '90, PhD '00, is an expert on wars waged in the digital realm



In his 2016 book, *The Hacked World Order*, cyber security expert Adam Segal '90, PhD '00, detailed the impact of recent online attacks conducted by the United States, China, Russia, and other nations—from America's malware assault on Iran's nuclear program to North Korea's leak of sensitive e-mails stolen from Sony Pictures. By the time a second edition came out a year later, he needed to add a lengthy afterword to address alleged Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election. And now, with state-sponsored cyber operations regularly making headlines, Segal says he could probably write another 100 pages. "When I first started doing this cyber work, there might have been a story once a month that people would be familiar with," he says. "Now it's every week."

As director of the Digital and Cyberspace Policy Program at the Council on Foreign Relations, a nonpartisan think tank based in Manhattan, Segal is in the vanguard of this ever-expanding field. In an interview with CAM in his book-lined office at the Council—headquartered in a landmark building on the Upper East Side—he explains that the organization takes no positions on policy, but employs specialists like him to research and analyze complex global matters. As Segal puts it, his job is to help

government officials, business leaders, journalists, educators, and others better understand the latest battleground in geopolitics: cyber warfare.

To that end, he has testified before Congress and conducted briefings on Chinese cyber espionage with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the State Department, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and the Department of Commerce. He has advised lawmakers on how to revise policies that allow foreign investment

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in U.S. businesses while better protecting America's cyber security. He frequently offers his expertise in the media—including CNN, NPR, Fox News, the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Financial Times*—addressing topics from WikiLeaks to Silicon Valley's ongoing conflict with law enforcement over data privacy. Segal writes for *Foreign Affairs*, CFR's influential magazine, and contributes to its *Net Politics* blog. He also leads the team that created the Cyber Operations Tracker, a database of publicly known state-sponsored incidents that have occurred since 2005. According to the tracker, more than sixty such attacks struck around the globe in 2018 alone. "Everything >

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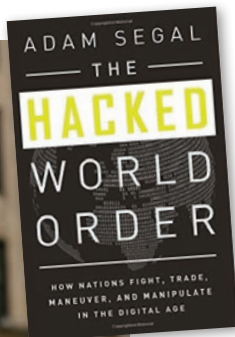


THINK TANK (from left): Segal outside the Council on Foreign Relations on Manhattan's Upper East Side; his most recent book; cyber warfare in the headlines

is moving incredibly quickly," says Segal, who also serves as the Council's Ira A. Lipman Chair in Emerging Technologies and National Security. "It's hard to keep up with what's happening now, much less think about what's coming next."

Take Russia's hack of the Democratic National Committee and that nation's disinformation campaign during the 2016 election, which caught even Segal by surprise. He knew Russia was capable of such acts, since it had waged similar operations against Ukraine not long before. Yet Segal says targeting America in this way took cyber war to another level. "We had now entered a world where clearly all states were going to do this to each other as much as they could from now on," he says. "This was the new normal." And Segal warns that China poses an equally troublesome threat. He points out that entities associated with the Chinese government have broken into computer networks at the Pentagon and other U.S. agencies, stolen trade secrets from American companies like Coca-Cola and Google, and more. And while China hasn't yet tried to use cyberspace to sway American elections, he says it has launched online influence operations against activists in Hong Kong, Tibet, and Taiwan. As Segal wrote in an op-ed for the *New York Times* last fall: "China has both the playbook and the capacity to interfere."

Unsurprisingly, Segal says that there are no easy solutions to combat these cyber attacks. While the U.S. has brought criminal charges against suspected Russian and Chinese hackers and has imposed economic sanctions on those countries and others for online attacks, he doubts these moves will deter future assaults.



He argues that America needs to shore up its cyber defenses in both the public and private sectors, recommending that counterintelligence officials identify vulnerable companies and help strengthen their computer security. If an influence campaign should occur, Segal says, the government must move swiftly to counter the spread of false information. He also thinks the U.S. should be partnering with allies—as well as engaging with adversaries like China and Russia—to agree upon international rules of behavior in cyberspace. "Unfortunately," he says, "not much of that is going on right now."

A government major on the Hill, Segal taught English in Taiwan and China for a year after graduation. He earned a master's degree in international relations from Tufts before returning to Cornell in 1993 to pursue a doctorate in government. His dissertation, which focused on high-tech enterprises in China, turned into his first book, *Digital Dragon*. For that project, Segal interviewed dozens of tech entrepreneurs, including managers at the then-nascent Huawei Technologies, now the world's biggest provider of telecom equipment and a hot topic in today's news. (The Trump Administration is currently attempting to block use of Huawei's products, claiming they present a cyber security risk that China can exploit for espionage or sabotage.) Segal's PhD advisor, Peter Katzenstein, the Walter S. Carpenter Jr. Professor of International Studies, says his former student was prescient about China's potential to become a tech superpower.

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"His thesis was daring in some ways, and he succeeded in making it an interesting, cutting-edge book," says Katzenstein. "It really laid the foundation for his career."

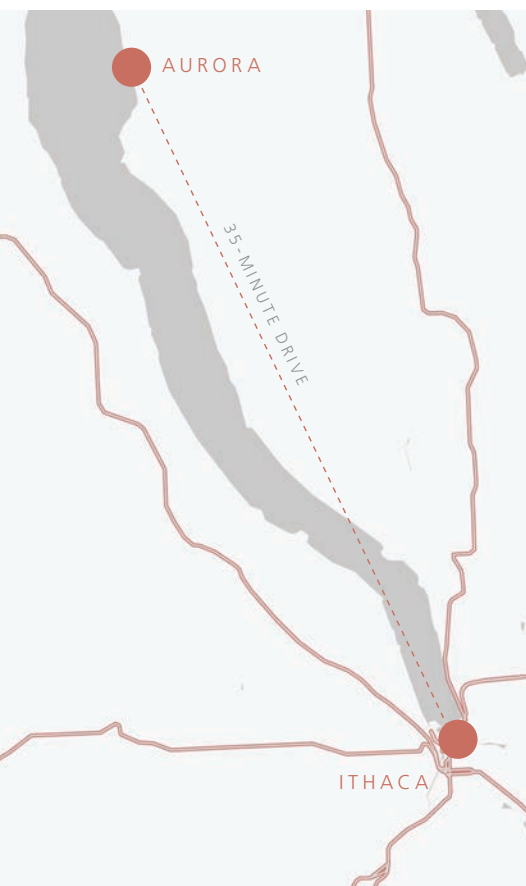
Segal next served as an arms control analyst for the Union of Concerned Scientists—writing about missile defense, nuclear weapons, and Asian security issues—before joining CFR in 2001. Going forward, he foresees the need to address more sophisticated technologies like "deep fakes," the more realistic and harder-to-debunk video and audio content enabled by recent advances in machine learning, which Segal says is a looming menace. "It's another tool in influence operations—and right now, there's no technological solution," he says. "It's very worrisome." ■

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ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

Nicole Smart, MPS '15, is the first-ever diversity director for the Actors' Equity theatrical union



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In the classic 1933 film *King Kong*, the female lead—the plucky ingénue to whom the title character loses his heart, with tragic consequences—was famously portrayed by Fay Wray. In two remakes, Jessica Lange and Naomi Watts filled Wray's stilettos—and in a musical version that premiered in Australia in 2013, the female protagonist was played by another Caucasian blonde. But when that show opened on Broadway last fall, the producers went a less traditional route: they cast an African American actress.

For Nicole Smart, MPS '15, the *Kong* casting is a sign of progress, a much-needed step toward making live theatre more racially inclusive, both onstage and behind the scenes. As the first-ever diversity director for Actors' Equity Association—the 51,000-member union for professional live theatre actors and stage managers—Smart is working to achieve that aim. For the past two years, she's been helping to implement Equity's diversity initiatives and making the case to the theatre world and beyond about the value of multi-cultural hiring. "If you're not diversifying your workforce—when it comes to directors, playwrights, casting, choosing the shows—you're not really functioning at the best of your ability as an organization," she says. "To be competitive, to have a diverse audience and be sustainable within the industry, you need to do shows that represent the demographics of our country."

Around the time of Smart's hiring in spring 2017, Equity released a study on gender and racial diversity in the theatre that made national headlines. Analyzing its members' employment from 2013 to 2015, it found that 60.9 percent of principal roles in plays (and 58.7 percent in musicals) were filled by men. Even more strikingly, 65.9 percent of principal roles in plays went to Caucasian performers, compared with 8.6 percent for African Americans, 2.1 percent for Hispanics/Latinos, and 1.6 percent for Asians. (In musicals the disparity was >



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NON-TRADITIONAL CASTING: Broadway shows that have featured minority actors in roles typically filled by Caucasians include (from top) *King Kong*; *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812*; and *Hamilton*.



more marked, with white performers getting 70.8 percent of roles.) And as for stage management jobs? They were the least diverse of any in the union, with 74.4 percent going to Caucasians. “The study found that there are stark and pervasive barriers when it comes to employment, specifically when it comes to women and people of color—and when they are hired, they receive lesser pay,” Smart notes. “It’s nothing that wasn’t well known, but when you have the data there’s no refuting it.”

(And in fact, the percentages of Caucasians employed in all jobs may have been even higher, since a significant number of Equity members don’t share their race or ethnicity with the union, and were put into a separate statistical category, “not provided.”)

Smart’s passion for promoting diversity and inclusion stretches back to childhood, when she and her family moved from their native Trinidad to the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. For a bookish young girl with a Caribbean accent, life in the impoverished and crime-ridden neighborhood wasn’t easy. “I always say

I lived the movie *New Jack City* for the first ten years of my life in the United States,” Smart says, referring to the 1991 gangster film about the New York drug trade. Her parents eventually secured union jobs—her father as a city bus driver, her mother as an assistant geriatric nurse—that allowed them to relocate to a safer part of the borough. “At a very young age, I experienced what it was like for people to be treated differently because of the way they speak, the way they look,” says Smart. “I didn’t understand why, but I knew it wasn’t fair. I always said, ‘Whatever I do in my career, I will serve as an advocate for people who are under-represented.’”

She postponed full-time college for financial reasons, eventually earning a BS in leadership and management studies from NYU as a non-traditional student. While working in the legal labor department of the National Football League—a post she held for fourteen years—Smart earned a master’s at the ILR school’s New York City branch, through a program that offers all-day classes on Saturday (plus a two-week summer residency in Ithaca). After spending nearly a year working in leadership development and inclusion with the NCAA in the Midwest, she found the job wasn’t a good fit and ultimately moved back home to New York

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and began the Equity gig. She observes that her work is informed, in a small way, by her own brief experience as a performer: in 2000 she appeared in two Off-Off-Broadway shows, including one lead role. “I’m proud to say that I’ve done it—and it’s actually connected to what I do right now,” Smart says. “Seeing everything that goes into putting a production together gives you a level of respect for it. And experiencing that storytelling—it shows you how theatre has an amazing influence on society.” ■

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YOU BETCHA

Three young alums oversee a multimedia empire—unapologetically cheeky and occasionally profane—aimed at millennial women



GENERATION Y

(from left): Samantha Fishbein '11, Jordana Abraham '11, BS '10, and Aleen Kuperman '12, BS '11, at the Betches offices in Manhattan

When three Cornellians—Jordana Abraham '11, BS '10, Samantha Fishbein '11, and Aleen Kuperman '12, BS '11—started a blog as undergrads, they were just looking for a fun way to satirize college life and speak their minds online. To their surprise, the snarky posts poking fun at dating, dieting, and drinking—complete with F-bombs and self-deprecating humor—struck a chord with other millennial women nationwide. “We thought we were writing about our own small bubble, but it turned out other people really related to it,” says Kuperman. Adds Abraham: “We tried to say what people are thinking, but not saying out loud.”

When their musings went viral, it launched the trio on an unexpected career path. Since leaving the Hill, Abraham, Fishbein, and Kuperman have transformed that blog into a thriving multimedia brand called Betches Media—their take on a similar five-letter word. The name, they say, represents a community of confident young women, not necessarily a squad of mean girls (although, as the many postings on Betches’ social

media reveal, the trio and their fans sure do love that Lindsay Lohan movie).

Named to *Forbes*’s “30 Under 30” list earlier this year, the three now oversee a digital enterprise that boasts more than 6.5 million Instagram followers and major brand partners like

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Netflix and MTV. They’ve authored two humorous, *New York Times* bestselling self-help books and describe their third (*When’s Happy Hour? Work Hard So You Can Hardly Work*, published in October 2018) as “a guide on how to thrive professionally, get ahead at your job, and basically become the Beyoncé of whatever you aspire to do.” They produce a website and a network of podcasts, run an e-commerce shop (get your “Alexa, Buy More Wine” glasses here), and recently launched a dating app. All the ventures share the same irreverent tone. For instance, when President Trump’s former lawyer Michael Cohen testified before >

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the House Oversight Committee in March, a Betches post called it “so cataclysmically insane that I am going to begin day drinking.” Says Fishbein: “We’re not afraid to share a strong opinion.”

With nineteen full-time employees, the Betches team works out of a stylish, pink-accented office in Manhattan’s Flatiron District, where the co-founders met with CAM in early February. The décor reflects the brand, with framed photos of their favorite memes and wall art that proclaims pop culture catchphrases like the Kardashian-inspired “You’re Doing Amazing, Sweetie.” On this day, they’re excited to talk about the three sold-out shows they held the previous week in Brooklyn, Philadelphia,

and Washington, D.C., which were recorded for their popular “U Up?” podcast about relationships that’s hosted by Abraham and comedian Jared Freid. “That podcast gets thousands of e-mails with people asking questions,” says Abraham. “We discuss very modern dating issues, like, ‘Why isn’t he answering my texts, but he’s looking at my Instagram stories?’ Dating is so different than it used to be. It can be hard to navigate.”

The co-founders say expanding into podcasts—with topics ranging from recaps of “The Bachelor” to weight loss and wellness—was a natural move, since research shows that millennial women are driving much of that platform’s growth. The popularity of “U Up?” also inspired the idea for Ship, a dating app unveiled earlier this year in collaboration with the firm that operates Match.com, Tinder, and OkCupid. Putting a spin on traditional online dating approaches, Ship lets users’ friends play matchmaker. “We wanted it to mimic a night going out with your friends to a bar,” says Abraham, “where if you meet someone, that’s great, but if not, you’re still having a good time.”

Abraham, Fishbein, and Kuperman have been friends since childhood, growing up in the same Long Island town (Roslyn) and attending the same high school. At Cornell, they joined Alpha Epsilon Phi and later shared a Collegetown apartment. As undergrads, they had different plans for their future careers: Abraham studied policy analysis and management in Human Ecology,

GEAR UP: Products available from the Betches online store include (clockwise from right) wine glasses, greeting cards, T-shirts, and phone cases. Top: Their three lifestyle books.



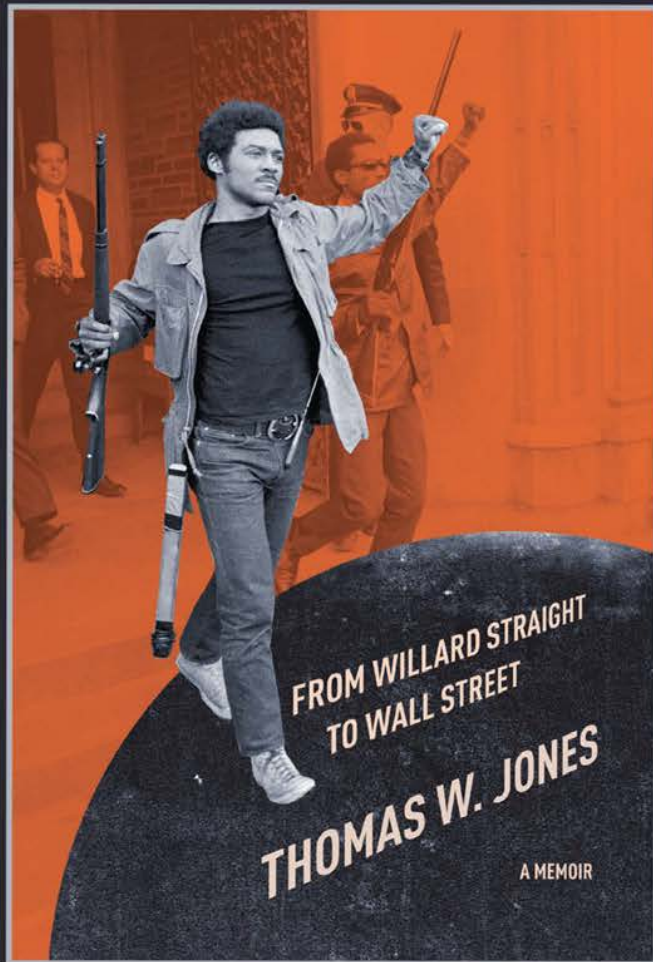
‘None of us were business majors, and sometimes that was hard on us,’ Kuperman says. ‘But at some point we said, “Let’s just use our intuition.”’

Fishbein was in the ILR school, and Kuperman was pre-med in CALS. But when their blog caught the attention of a TV producer and book agent, they decided to move back in with their parents after graduation and develop the Betches brand. “We knew there was something there,” says Fishbein. “It was just a question of what it would become.” They each invested \$1,500 and bootstrapped the company from there; they’ve maintained sole ownership, and *Forbes* estimates that in 2017 Betches exceeded \$5 million in revenue. “None of us were business majors, and sometimes that was hard on us,” says Kuperman. “But at some point we said, ‘Let’s just use our intuition.’”

These days, they’re tackling more grown-up topics—though in a typically lighthearted way. During the midterm elections last fall, Betches Media teamed up with New Balance and Rock the Vote to send a party bus around NYC to offer rides to the polls. The company has introduced a politics and news hub (called “The SUP”) and sends out a daily current events newsletter via e-mail. As the site’s online description puts it: “Keep up with WTF is going on in the world . . . Uninformed is no longer cute, and sometimes you just need for your funny informed friend to explain what’s going on to you (that’s us, duh).” More live events are planned, and an animated TV series based on the Betches brand is in development at Comedy Central. “It’s been like a roller coaster for us,” Kuperman says of the Betches’ journey, “but it’s been really exciting—and we get to do it together.” ■

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RAISE A GLASS

An early grad of CALS' viticulture and enology program, winemaker Nova Cadamatre '06 has one of Napa's top jobs



IN THE HEART OF WINE COUNTRY: The first-year aging room at Robert Mondavi Winery. Below: A bottle bearing Mondavi's iconic arch and tower.

Nova Cadamatre '06 has a heady title: senior director of Napa Valley winemaking for Constellation Brands, the parent company of such celebrated wineries as Robert Mondavi, the Prisoner, and Mount Veeder, not to mention various lines of beer and spirits. But the way she looks at it, her primary role is something more evocative and elemental: “yeast wrangler.”

It's a gorgeous fall day in Napa—toward the end of October, with its summerlike days and chilly nights—and Cadamatre is sitting outside at Mondavi, on a bench beneath a dark wood pergola. The winery's historic To Kalon Vineyard (first planted in 1868) stretches out before her, with the Mayacamas Mountains in the distance; behind her is Mondavi's Mission-style arch and tower, whose iconic shapes are emblazoned on its bottles.

As Cadamatre explains, her day-to-day job is to manage winemaking, from harvest to fermentation, aging, and blending. “But to me, the most critical section of that is the actual fermentation—the changing from juice to wine,” she says. “That chemical process isn't done by me; it's done by yeast.” Smiling, she talks about the single-celled microorganisms as though they're toddlers down for a nap, adorable but demanding. “There's this balancing act of, ‘Do you have everything you need? Are

you comfortable? You've got your blanket, your food?’ I don't physically make wine—they do, and I manage them.”

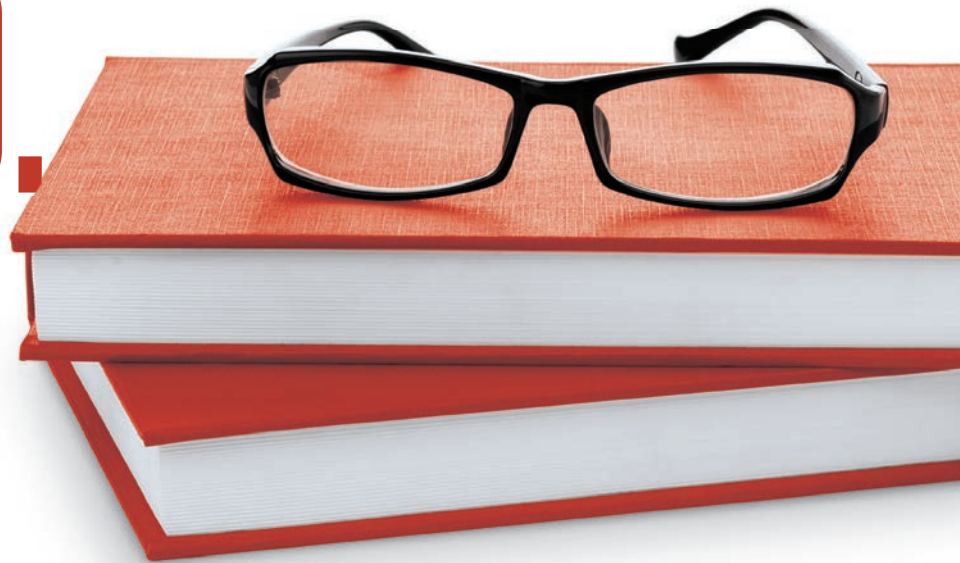
Cadamatre's role at Constellation encompasses both the art and science of winemaking—from walking the vineyards as she determines optimal harvest time to tasting as many as 200 individual samples a day. There are myriad decisions to be made—for example, whether it's time to remove the skins from nascent red wine, which Cadamatre likens to discarding a tea bag once the drink has been steeped to one's liking. “During harvest, timing is essential,” she says, now standing in a clinical-looking room lined by shallow countertops bearing dozens of wine samples, each stemmed glass capped with a saucer to keep out fruit flies. “It's urgent that we taste every day and make sure things are going okay.”



One of the first-ever graduates of CALS' viticulture and enology (V&E) program—which allows undergrads to major in the making of wine and growing of grapes—Cadamatre is one of the few women to serve as a head winemaker nationwide. (The official figure, she says, is 10 percent; if you add in other roles, such as assistant winemakers or enologists, she estimates it would grow to around 20 percent, still a distinct minority.) “One of the real fascinations with grape vines is you can grow the ➤

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GROWING CONCERN: Cadamatre among the vines. Below: A bottle from her small Finger Lakes winery, Trestle Thirty One, which began sales in 2017.

fruit, bring it to the winery, produce something with your own hands, then take it to the marketplace and sell it," observes Cadamatre, whom *Wine Enthusiast* named to its 2014 list of the Top 40 Under 40 Tastemakers. "That's one of the things I love about winemaking—you can be part of the whole chain."

Cadamatre boasts yet another distinction: she was the first American female winemaker to be named a Master of Wine (MW). That honor—currently held by fewer than 400 people in various roles in the wine and hospitality industries worldwide—requires the completion of a notoriously exacting, years-long course of study, including an exam with blind tastings of three dozen wines and a 10,000-word research paper (Cadamatre did hers on barrel sanitation). "It's very, very challenging," says Alan Lakso, a professor emeritus of horticulture who taught Cadamatre on the Hill. "When you get the Master of Wine you've learned an awful lot about the industry—not only the

taste of wines and those sorts of things, but a lot of technical background as well." On top of her MW—not to mention her degree from Cornell's V&E program, whose graduates Lakso notes are in high demand in the industry—Cadamatre holds a diploma from another global leader in wine education, the London-based Wine & Spirit Education Trust, which gave her its Outstanding Alumni Award in 2018. "There aren't a lot of winemakers that have that breadth of training," Lakso notes. "It's quite unusual."

A South Carolina native, Cadamatre didn't grow up in a household of wine aficionados; she was in high school when she met her now-husband, whose Italian-American family introduced her to the concept of serving wine with meals. "There was a

social aspect; I really liked that gathering around," she recalls. "And I liked the fact that each wine had its own flavors and aromas, and each variety was a little bit different." After earning an associate's degree in horticulture from SUNY Morrisville, Cadamatre transferred to Cornell, where she dived into the newly established V&E major. "She was very keen to learn as much as she could," recalls enology lecturer Kathy Arnink. "She always had big goals and lots of motivation, and was really focused on what she wanted to do in the wine industry. Her career is impressive, but it's not surprising. You knew that Nova was going to succeed at whatever she wanted to do."

Cadamatre worked at nearby Thirsty Owl Winery while still a student, and after graduation went on to various roles at wineries owned by Constellation and others in California. In 2013, she became head of red winemaking at Mondavi, and two years later accepted a transfer back to the Finger Lakes to serve as director of winemaking at Constellation's Canandaigua Winery. Around that time, she and her husband purchased land on Seneca Lake and took the first step toward realizing a long-held dream to open their own winery, dubbed Trestle Thirty One. A boutique luxury brand, the winery produces some 120 cases a year, starting with a 2015 Riesling released in July 2017. While the couple ultimately aim to grow their own grapes and build a winemaking facility and tasting room, they're currently sourcing their fruit from other growers and making wine at a nearby winery. "When I got into this industry, I never set out to be the head winemaker at Mondavi; it kind of evolved that way," Cadamatre says. "I wanted my own vineyard, to walk my own land and see my own fruit. That was my goal—to have a piece that was mine."

When Cadamatre was offered her current job at Constellation—entailing a relocation back to Napa—it was too good to refuse. She and her husband are still running Trestle Thirty One, with

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the help of New York-based staff. As she notes, she has some experience in making wine from afar: for two years starting in fall 2015, she participated in a competition in which four dozen winemakers from eighteen countries vied to make the finest Cabernet Sauvignon using grapes from a vineyard in Ningxia, China. After making numerous trips to the other side of the globe—but mainly managing the process remotely—her team won a silver medal. "Winemaking is a very traditional field, and in some ways it hasn't changed radically in the last 300 years—but in some ways it changes every day," Cadamatre says. "To me, that's really exciting. Every vintage is different; the weather is different; there's always some quirk of the season you haven't dealt with before. So every year you can make wine generally the same way, and come out with so many different things." ■

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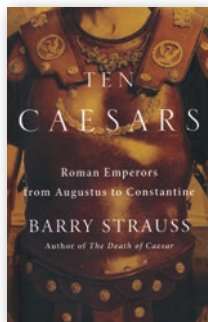
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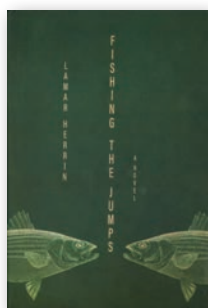
New Releases



Ten Caesars

BARRY STRAUSS '74

A professor of history and classics on the Hill, Strauss is the author of numerous nonfiction books on such topics as the Trojan War and the assassination of Julius Caesar. Here, he delves into the lives of ten Roman emperors including Augustus, Tiberius, Nero, and Hadrian—chronicling each man's childhood, rise to power, rule, marital and political alliances, and more. "It was both the empire's glory and curse that succession was often contested," Strauss observes in the prologue. "It opened the door to talent and to violence." Says *Publishers Weekly*: "Citing numerous primary and secondary sources and providing modern analogies to convey complex relationships and ruling styles, this captivating narrative breathes new life into a host of transformative figures."



Fishing the Jumps

LAMAR HERRIN

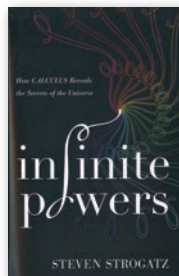
In the emeritus professor of English's seventh novel, two middle-aged friends vacation at an Adirondack lakeside cabin—fishing, canoeing, drinking bourbon, and unspooling stories that stretch back generations. The narrator, a transplanted Southerner named Jim, shares interwoven tales of the joys and heartbreaks of his extended family in the years following World War II. "Walter and I had come up here to step away from our lives for a long weekend—not that our lives were hemming us in," Herrin writes in Jim's voice. "After a period of some ill-advised advances and some tactical retreats, our lives had settled . . . This was the town, these were the people, this was the professional path you found yourself wandering down. Time to stop wandering and make it yours."



Superlative Birds

LESLIE BULION '79

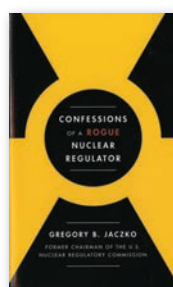
In this hybrid of poetry and science education, Bulion teams up with an illustrator to teach children some of the many weird and wonderful facts about birds. Each page offers a superlative—including fastest, most feathers, longest bill, most humorous, and best mimic—along with a poem and scientific information about the creature that holds the distinction. As she writes in her entry on "most gruesome prey collection": "It darts down from its perch to make a strike, / Then decorates long thorns with rotting prey. / A most surprising songbird is the shrike— / Small scurriers had better stay away!" The book also includes advice for kids on writing poetry and exploring the avian world.



Infinite Powers

STEVEN STROGATZ

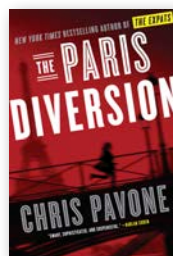
Strogatz, a math professor on the Hill, has frequently written about his field for a popular audience—in columns for the *New Yorker* and *New York Times* and in his books *Sync* and *The Joy of x*. His latest tackles, as the subtitle puts it, "how calculus reveals the secrets of the universe." Starting with the ancient Greeks, he traces the discipline's evolution and impact through the work of Galileo, Descartes, Isaac Newton, and many others, detouring to describe how calculus has enabled technology from microwave ovens to GPS to computer animation. "His discussion is clear and accessible, with plenty of diagrams and mercifully few equations," says *Publishers Weekly*. "Strogatz successfully illuminates a notoriously complex topic and this work should enhance appreciation for the history behind its innovations."



Confessions of a Rogue Nuclear Regulator

GREGORY JACZKO '94

"This is a well-written memoir," says *Booklist*, "from an insider with a powerful message: nuclear power can never be made completely safe, and defining safety is as political as it is scientific." Jaczko—a physicist who calls himself a "Birkenstock-wearing PhD"—served on the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission from 2005 to 2012, including several years as chairman. In this slim memoir, he describes his journey from unlikely political appointee and nuclear power moderate to fierce critic of both the industry's political might and its potential for catastrophes such as Japan's Fukushima disaster. "Many tried to dismiss Fukushima as a result of Japanese unwillingness to challenge authority. Their engineers simply didn't push back against the norms that stand in the way of safety, people said," he writes. "But that same obeisance to the powerful is exactly what I saw at home in the NRC."



The Paris Diversion

CHRIS PAVONE '89

The sequel to Pavone's award-winning *Expats* has deep-cover CIA operative Kate Moore living in the City of Light with her family. Frustrated with domesticity, she jumps at the chance to investigate a dramatic act of apparent terrorism: a man walks into the Louvre courtyard with a bomb strapped to his chest. The ensuing intrigue threatens to enmesh not only a shady tech CEO, but Kate's own husband. "With all those players, mercenaries, and assorted bad guys thrown into the mix, you just know that the storyline is going to be knotty, and it resolves in a messy spatter of violence that's trademark Pavone and decidedly not for the squeamish," says *Kirkus*, which praises the book as "a satisfying puzzler, one to shelve alongside le Carré, Forsyth, and other masters of foreign intrigue."

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Big Red Highlights

WRESTLING **Yianni Diakomihalis '21** won his second national title to help the Big Red to a seventh-place finish at the NCAA championships. He completed a 29-0 season at 141 pounds with a 6-4 overtime victory in the title match. **Max Dean '21** nearly won the title at 184 pounds, losing the final 6-4 after upsetting the top seed in the semis. Both earned All-American status, as did **Vitali Arujau '22** (who finished fourth at 125 pounds) and **Ben Honis '19** (eighth at 197 pounds).

WOMEN'S HOCKEY The Big Red made its fourth trip to the Frozen Four, reaching the NCAA semifinals before losing 2-0 to second-ranked Minnesota. Cornell finished 24-6-6 and went 17-3-2 in ECAC play to win its first regular season title since 2013. After finishing second in the ECAC tournament, the Big Red earned an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament, beating Northeastern 3-2 on an overtime goal from **Gillis Frechette '22** (right). **Jaime Bourbonnais '20** was named the ECAC's best defenseman as well as earning first-team All-ECAC and All-Ivy honors.

MEN'S HOCKEY For the third straight season, the Big Red earned a spot in the NCAA tournament, beating Northeastern 5-1 in the East Regional semifinal—its first tourney win since 2012—before losing to Providence College 4-0 in the regional title game. Cornell gained its bid after falling a whisker short of an ECAC title, suffering a 3-2 overtime loss to Clarkson in the title game. The Big Red posted a 17-8-4 record during the regular season and was 13-4-2 in ECAC play to finish tied with Quinnipiac for the Cleary Cup as the league's regular season champion.

FENCING The Big Red sent a trio of freshmen—**Esther Bentolilla '22**, **Megan Eno '22**, and **Gillian Harrill '22**—to the 2019 NCAA Fencing Tournament in Cleveland. Despite having only three competitors, Cornell was tenth in the women's team standings and 14th overall.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL After placing eighth in the preseason media poll, the Big Red defied expectations and earned its first berth in the Ivy tournament by finishing fourth in the final league standings. Cornell was 12-13 in the regular season and 6-8 in Ivy play before losing to Princeton 68-47 in the tournament. **Laura Bagwell-Katalinich '20** was named first-team All-Ivy after leading the team in both points (16.1) and rebounds (7.9) per game.

MEN'S BASKETBALL **Matt Morgan '19** finished his record-setting career as Cornell's all-time leading scorer with 2,333 points, second in Ivy history only to Princeton's Bill Bradley. After leading the league in scoring for the fourth straight season and posting a Cornell single-season record of 687 points, Morgan was a unanimous first-team All-Ivy selection and a National Association of Basketball Coaches All-District first-team pick.

WOMEN'S SQUASH A mid-season addition to the Big Red, **Siva Subramaniam '22** (below) quickly established herself as one of the nation's top players, taking second at the College Squash Association Individual National Championships in March after winning nine of her 10 matches during her abbreviated regular season. Subramaniam, who was seeded fifth at nationals, beat the undefeated defending champion in the semifinals.



ALUMNI NEWS

BASKETBALL **Louis Dale '10** and **Karen Walker '91** were named 2019 Ivy League Legends of Basketball, which honors one male and one female alum of each school who has shown excellence in academics and athletics and had a lasting impact on their programs, schools, communities, and professions. Dale, the 2008 Ivy Player of the Year, helped lead the Big Red to three league titles. Walker held the team's career scoring record for 26 years; she still holds school records for career scoring average (16.3 points per game) and field goals made (640).

MEN'S HOCKEY **Doug Derraugh '91** was honored as the CCM/American Hockey Coaches Association Women's Division I National Coach of the Year. It's the second such award for Derraugh, who was also recognized in 2010 when the Big Red made its first Frozen Four appearance. His former Big Red teammate **Casey Jones '90** was named the ECAC Men's Coach of the Year for leading Clarkson to its second straight 20-win season.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY Three former Big Red skaters helped the Calgary Inferno to its second Canadian Women's Hockey League championship. **Rebecca Johnston '11**, **BS '12**, and **Brianne Jenner '13**, **BS '15**, were the team's leading scorers; **Kelly Murray '16** played in all 17 games for an Inferno defense that allowed only 1.94 goals per game.

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In the mid-Nineties—inspired by the number of steps in McGraw Tower—CAM published a guide to the “161 Things Every Cornell Student Should Do.” The *Daily Sun* later ran its own version, and we updated our original list in 2015. But as Ithaca’s year-round residents often observe, most students don’t see Cornell’s hometown in its glory: the summer, when we locals reap our karmic debt for all those frigid winter days. It’s the perfect time for alumni to return—and to use Ithaca as the base for a vacation. In that spirit, we offer a different list: 161 things to do—in Ithaca or within about an hour’s drive—if you come back this summer (with a few events in fall). Like Cornell itself, it has something for everyone.

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On the Hill

Outdoor Amusements

1. Request a song to be played on the chimes, then listen to it while lounging on the grass.

2. Walk through the Botanic Gardens' arboretum; rest at the pond's gazebo and admire the aquatic life.

3. Take an official tour of campus (and see the new Tang Welcome Center, with its lovely view of Beebe Lake).

4. Go on a guided bird walk at the Lab of Ornithology.



5. Rent equipment—from canoes to backpacks to camping gear—from Cornell Outdoor Education (COE), then enjoy the great outdoors.

6. Kiss your significant other on the Suspension Bridge.

7. Enjoy a free concert on the Arts Quad, held on summer Fridays.

8. Stroll around Beebe Lake.

9. Marvel at the blooms in the Azalea Garden (on Tower Road) and Rhododendron Collection (at Cornell Botanic Gardens), at their height May to July.



10. Take a recreational tree climbing course at COE.

11. Watch an outdoor movie on the Willard Straight terrace, hosted by Cornell Cinema.

12. Go on a self-guided tour of campus's many outdoor sculptures.

13. Follow a timeline of Big Red history at the Sesquicentennial Commemorative Grove, at the top of Libe Slope.

Indoor Activities

14. Go rock climbing at the 8,000-square-foot Lindseth Climbing Center, one of the largest of its kind in the U.S.

15. Stargaze at Fuertes Observatory on Friday nights, cloud conditions permitting.



16. Take a week-long Cornell's Adult University course; topics this summer range from gourmet cooking to the science of climate change.

17. Climb to the top of McGraw Tower to hear (and see) a chimes concert.

18. Tour the Johnson Museum; after checking out the view from the fifth floor, go to the sculpture court and admire the *Cosmos* light installation from the "zero gravity" bench.

19. Enjoy a free concert in Klarman Hall (Tuesday evenings).

20. Go bowling at Helen Newman Hall (closed on Sundays).



21. Attend a free lecture in Kennedy Hall's Call Auditorium (Wednesday evenings).

22. View the Wilder Brain Collection in Uris Hall, whose specimens include the brain of infamous murderer Edward Ruloff.



23. Read a book in Uris Library's ornate A.D. White reading room.

24. Savor a quiet moment in Sage Chapel.

25. Pick up some Big Red swag for the whole family at the Cornell Store.



Food & Drink

26. Sip a cocktail at the Statler bar (don't forget to ask about the secret drinks menu).

27. Check out the latest ice cream flavors—and pick

up some cheese, chocolate milk, and other Cornell-made products—at the Dairy Bar in Stocking Hall.

28. Enjoy a coffee at your favorite campus café, such as Manndible or the Temple of Zeus.

29. Stock up on apples, cider, maple syrup, and more at the Cornell Orchards.



Around Collegetown

30. Walk up the Cascadilla Gorge Trail from downtown; reward yourself with coffee and a sweet treat at Collegetown Bagels.

31. Have brunch at Ruloff's, one of Collegetown's oldest eateries.



32. Shop for comfortable shoes at Fontana's.

33. Relive your undergrad days with a bar-hopping tour of Collegetown's remaining watering holes.

34. Refresh yourself with bubble tea at one of several spots in the neighborhood.

35. Grab a pizza and Greek salad at Souvlaki House; don't forget the baklava.



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Ithaca and Beyond

The Great Outdoors

36. Take a gentle stroll to Taughannock Falls (two miles round-trip from the parking lot), then drive up to the falls overlook for a spectacular view.

37. Go on a hot air balloon ride; flights leave from various parks in Ithaca depending on wind direction.

38. Go skydiving over the Finger Lakes from a private airport in Ovid.

39. Bring a picnic to the Flat Rock area of Forest Home, on Fall Creek just upstream of Beebe Lake.

40. Ooh and ahh at the Independence Day fireworks (set for July 3) over Cayuga Lake; viewing options include Sunset Park, Cass Park, Taughannock Falls State Park . . . and a boat on the lake.

41. Explore the farm and make crafts at Gourdlandia, a gourd-centric arts and agriculture spot on West Hill.



42. Visit Ithaca Falls, either by parking in the adjacent lot or taking an easy stroll from downtown.

43. Admire the nineteenth-century covered bridge in Newfield.

Water World

44. Go swimming in Cayuga Lake; lifeguarded areas are available at such venues as Taughannock Falls State Park (on the western shore) and Lansing's Myers Point (on the east).

45. Take a sailboat, canoe, kayak, or paddleboard onto Cayuga Lake; various venues offer rentals and/or lessons.

46. Spice up your Farmers Market visit with a one-hour boat ride from its dock (Saturdays, Sundays, and Thursday evenings in season).

47. Go for a dip in a (legal) swimming hole at Lower Treman or Buttermilk Falls state parks.

48. Take a paddleboard yoga class on the lake.

49. Wine and dine on the lake; offerings include wine-tasting cruises and self-catered sunset trips.

50. Go scuba diving in the Finger Lakes, where you can view sunken fossils, boats, even (in Skaneateles Lake) a plane.

51. Watch the action at the Finger Lakes International Dragon Boat Festival, set for July 13 at Taughannock Falls State Park.

Get Some Exercise

52. Rent a bike at Stewart Park and cruise Ithaca's 5.5-mile Cayuga Waterfront Trail.

53. Hike a state park; nearby options include Buttermilk, Treman, Taughannock, Watkins Glen, and Fillmore Glen.

54. Go mountain biking at Greek Peak, home to seventeen trails (and a chairlift); rentals and lessons are available.



55. Stroll or cycle the Black Diamond Trail, an 8.4-mile former rail line that runs from Ithaca to Taughannock Falls in Trumansburg.

56. Rent a Lime Bike and explore Ithaca and its environs.

57. Explore the trails of the Arnot Teaching and Research Forest, a Cornell-run preserve fifteen miles southwest of Ithaca.

58. Hike part of the 580-mile Finger Lakes Trail, which stretches from Allegany State Park at the Pennsylvania border across Central New York to the Catskills.

59. Bike along the Erie Canal, located about an hour north of Ithaca; the annual Cycle the Erie Canal event, with riders pedaling from Buffalo to Albany and camping en route, is July 7-14.

60. Walk, jog, or cycle the 3.5-mile East Ithaca Recreation Way.

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Race to the Finish

61. Run a 5K, such as the Ithaca Twilight (June 12), the Fillmore (July 20) in Moravia, or the Ithaca 5 & 10 (September 15), which also has a 10K option.

62. Run a trail race. Cayuga Trails (June 1) offers marathon and 50-mile distances, with a route that includes Buttermilk Falls and Treman state parks; the Finger Lakes 50s (July 6), which goes through the Finger Lakes National Forest, offers 25K, 50K, or 50 miles.

63. Compete in a triathlon. Options include the Musselman (Geneva, July 14), the Cayuga Lake (Taughannock Falls State Park, August 4), and the Finger Lakes (Canandaigua, September 8).

64. Run the Ithaca Gorges Half Marathon (June 15), described by its organizers as “fantastically fast and scenic.”

65. Cycle around Cayuga Lake—and raise funds for HIV/AIDS prevention and services—with the annual AIDS Ride for Life, September 7.

66. Brave 5K or 10K obstacle courses along the Cayuga Waterfront and Black Diamond trails at the Tough Turtle Mud Run, September 21.

Family Fun

67. Stroll the Sagan Planet Walk, a scale model of the solar system stretching from the center of the Commons (the sun) to the Sciencenter (Pluto).



68. Bring the kids to Ithaca's Sciencenter for some hands-on science education, plus a large outdoor play structure and mini-golf.

69. Learn about all things avian at the Lab of O's Migration Celebration, September 15.

70. Take a spin on the Stewart Park carousel and enjoy the park's new inclusive playground for kids of all physical abilities, then go watch the geese on the lakeshore.

71. Visit the Ithaca Children's Garden, a three-acre oasis near Cayuga Inlet.



72. Navigate a six-story tree house at the Cayuga Nature Center, which also features live animals and (in summer) a butterfly garden.



73. Burn off some energy on the giant, castle-like wooden playground outside Fall Creek Elementary School.

74. Encounter bugs of many species at Insectapalooza, hosted by Cornell's entomology department in Comstock Hall, October 19.



75. See some 275 species at Syracuse's Rosamond Gifford Zoo (whose healthcare is provided by specialists at the Vet college).

For Foodies

76. Have breakfast at the State Diner—any time of the day.

77. Take the "Pinesburger Challenge" at the Glenwood Pines, the venerable eatery overlooking Cayuga Lake (put away four cheeseburgers in under an hour, win a bobblehead).

78. Go grocery shopping at Wegmans, the mega-market that so many Cornellians wish had a branch where they live.

79. Take a scenic drive on Route 89 to Cayuga Lake Creamery (lauded by *USA Today* as the best ice cream in the state), stopping at wineries there and back.

80. Revisit the Hot Truck with a French bread pizza at Shortstop Deli.

81. Go vegetarian with lunch or dinner

at the legendary Moosewood Restaurant in Ithaca's Dewitt Mall.

82. Sample dairy delights on the seven-stop Finger Lakes Cheese Trail; the closest one to Ithaca is Lively Run Goat Dairy, which offers tastings and barn tours.

83. Have an upscale lunch or dinner at Simeon's restaurant, the Commons stalwart that reopened several years ago after being heavily damaged by a 2014 truck crash.

84. Graze the vendors for breakfast at the Ithaca Farmers Market; shop for produce and crafts, then graze for lunch.

85. Eat brunch at Purity Ice Cream, then chase it with dessert.



86. Take a six-stop, three-hour, downtown culinary tour with Ithaca Is Foodies.

87. Gather strawberries, blueberries, apples, peaches, and more at a variety of U-pick farms in season.

88. Take a cooking class. Venues include Ithaca's Cultivare Culinary Center and Aurora Cooks!, a school run by Inns of Aurora.

89. Take a "farm to fork" cycling tour based at Atwater Estate Vineyards, August 9-10.





Libations

90. Go tasting on the Cayuga or Seneca Wine Trail, with dozens of wineries. Don't want to drive? Book a tour, which can include lunch and expert guides.



91. Sample local hard ciders at the Finger Lakes Cider House in Interlaken.

92. Grab a brew on the Finger Lakes Beer Trail, which features some 140 breweries, pubs, tap houses, and tasting rooms.

93. Quaff beers, take a tour, and eat al fresco at the Ithaca Beer Company.

94. Enjoy a craft cocktail with some locally sourced ingredients at Argos Inn, a lavishly renovated hostelry a block east of the Commons.

95. Taste small-batch spirits and take a tour at Finger Lakes Distilling in Burdett.

Festivals & Events (Food & Beverage)

96. Choose from among more than 200 wines at the Seneca Lake Wine and Food Festival in Watkins Glen, May 18.

97. Eat shortcake, view a parade, and more at the Owego Strawberry Festival, June 14-15.

98. Taste vino on a vast scale at the Finger Lakes Wine

Festival, which brings more than ninety wineries to Watkins Glen raceway, July 12-14.

99. Nibble dozens of cheeses by local makers, plus listen to live music and shop for produce and crafts, at the Finger Lakes Cheese Festival in Odessa, July 27.

100. Savor fermented cabbage in all its glory at the Phelps Sauerkraut Festival, August 1-4.

101. Celebrate all things apple at the annual Apple Harvest Festival on the Commons, September 27-29.

102. Drop in to tasting rooms and enjoy pairings at local restaurants during Finger Lakes Cider Week, September 27-October 6.

103. Sample the wares of breweries, distilleries, and cideries at the Ticket Galaxy Beer Festival at Watkins Glen raceway, October 26.

Festivals & Events (General)

104. Revel in the wonderful weirdness that is the Ithaca Festival Parade—featuring the tutu-clad autos of the Volvo Ballet and so much more—snaking through downtown the evening of May 30.

105. Enjoy a plethora of performances, food vendors, and crafts at the annual Ithaca Festival, May 31-June 2.

106. Groove to the music of some eighty bands at the Finger Lakes GrassRoots Festival, in Trumansburg, July 18-21. (Camping available.)

107. Take in an old-time country fair—from fried dough to animal exhibits to carnival rides—at the Trumansburg Fair, August 20-25.

108. Get an up-close look at Ithaca-area agriculture at Cornell Cooperative Extension's Open Farm Days weekend, August 10-11.

109. Immerse yourself in an American tradition, complete with deep-fried delights and vendors galore, at the New York State Fair in Syracuse, August 21-September 2.

110. Walk around Ithaca's Fall Creek and Northside neighborhoods while listening to concerts at Porchfest in September (date TBA).



111. Admire vintage autos and stroll the grounds at an antique car show at Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park in Canandaigua, September 21.

112. Fly high on Airport Day at the Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport; festivities include a 5K race on the runway, sightseeing flights, and a pancake breakfast (date TBA).

113. Wield your wand at Ithaca's popular Wizarding Weekend, a Harry Potter-inspired event (now with a generic Halloween theme, thanks to objections from Warner Brothers) held downtown, October 26-27.





Theatre & Film

114. See a play or musical at the Kitchen Theatre (in downtown Ithaca), Hangar Theatre (in a former airplane hangar near Treman Marina), or Cortland Repertory Theatre (located about a half-hour away in a picturesque lakeside spot).

115. Catch an old-fashioned drive-in movie. The Elmira Drive-In (which holds double features) and Auburn's Finger Lakes Drive-In (which holds *triple* features) are each located about an hour from Ithaca.



116. Attend an avant-garde performance at Ithaca's Cherry Artspace, located on Cayuga Inlet.

117. Go retro with a silent movie. The Wharton Studio Museum hosts a screening at Taughannock Falls State Park each August; in October, it holds a celebration of silent films with events at

Cinemapolis, Cornell Cinema, and Sage Chapel.

118. Take in one of Ithaca Shakespeare Company's outdoor shows in Treman State Marine Park; *Pericles*, *Prince of Tyre* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* are in July.

119. Watch a free outdoor movie in Stewart Park (every Friday in August).

120. Enjoy a Victorian-era classic: a Gilbert & Sullivan operetta by Binghamton's Summer Savoyards. This season's show is *The Yeomen of the Guard*.

121. View an arthouse movie (and munch on delicious popcorn, with real butter and tasty toppings) at Cinemapolis, Ithaca's nonprofit cinema just off the Commons.



Fine Arts

122. On Gallery Night, held the first Friday of each month, take a walkable tour of Ithaca art openings.

123. Visit artists' studios on the Greater Ithaca Art Trail; a select number of artists welcome guests the first Saturday of each month, and large "open studio" weekends are set for October 5-6 and 12-13.

124. Create your own artwork (and BYOB) at Ithaca's Wine and Design, a studio located just west of the Commons.

Music

125. Rock out at a show at the State Theatre, which hosts major acts from around the country.

126. Bring a picnic and enjoy a summer concert at Taughannock Falls State Park.



127. Attend a free concert on the Commons, held on Thursday evenings throughout the summer.

128. Sip vino and listen to music at one of the wineries, such as Treleven and Americana, that host summer shows.

129. Mark the fiftieth anniversary of Woodstock with a three-day music festival (organized by a co-producer of the original show) at Watkins Glen raceway, August 16-18.

130. Catch an outdoor rock concert at Tag's in Big Flats. (During the Halloween season, the venue transforms into Tagsylvania, a hard-core haunted house.)

Museums & Centers

131. Tour the Corning Museum of Glass, which includes not only a vast collection but glass-blowing demonstrations and hands-on workshops.

132. Check out the Paleontological Research Institution's Museum of the Earth, whose highlights include one of the most complete mastodon skeletons ever discovered.



133. View the collection at Syracuse's Everson Museum of Art—whose dramatic concrete building, like Cornell's Johnson, was designed by star architect I.M. Pei.

134. Take a guided tour of the Harriet Tubman Home and National Historical Park in Auburn.



135. Learn about the suffrage movement and more at the Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls.

136. Meet the rescued agricultural animals—turkeys, pigs, cows, and more—at Farm Sanctuary in Watkins Glen (co-founded by a Cornell alum).

137. Visit the Rockwell Museum, a Smithsonian-affiliated museum of American art in Corning.



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Sports

138. Play a round of golf. The numerous area options include Ithaca's nine-hole municipal course—and Cornell's own eighteen-hole course, designed by Robert Trent Jones.

139. Attend a minor league baseball game. The Auburn Doubledays (a single-A team), Binghamton Rumble Ponies (AA), and Syracuse Mets (AAA) are each about an hour's drive from Ithaca.



140. Get revved up at a NASCAR, vintage auto, or other race at Watkins Glen International.



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141. Learn cartwheels, handstands, and more with an adult (or youth) tumbling class at Ithaca's Circus Culture school. Other sessions that welcome drop-ins include juggling, unicycling, and "Family Circus Jam," which includes wire walking and aerial work.

142. Play miniature golf at two venues in nearby Cortland—the pirate-themed Shipwreck Golf and, just down the road, a classic course (complete with

windmill) located next door to one of the Northeast's few remaining A&W restaurants.

143. Watch a roller derby bout by the Ithaca League of Women Rollers at Cass Park rink.

144. Saddle up for horseback riding at one of several local stables.

145. Experience what it's like to be an auto racer with Drive the Glen, which lets visitors do laps in their own car or truck around Watkins Glen's Grand Prix circuit.

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Lodging

146. Reserve a cabin at Buttermilk Falls or Lower Treman state parks.

147. Rent a house on Cayuga Lake; which shore you choose depends on your preference for sunrises or sunsets.

148. Go "glamping" (luxury camping) at sites such as Ithaca's La Tourelle, which offers well-appointed tents on its grounds.

149. Stay in a yurt in a nearby town like Newfield, Trumansburg, or Romulus.

150. Book a guestroom on a farm or at a farm-based B&B.

Shopping

151. Browse the newly renovated Ithaca Commons, which features boutiques, restaurants, and an outpost of the Cornell Store.

152. Peruse high-end home décor at MacKenzie-Childs's headquarters and flagship store in Aurora. Its wildly popular barn sale is July 18-21.



153. Go antiquing. Local venues include the Found in Ithaca multi-vendor market and Significant Elements, a nonprofit purveyor of salvaged architectural pieces, from light fixtures to doorknobs.

154. Buy an "Ithaca Is Gorges" T-shirt (or other keepsake, from coffee mugs to baseball caps) at one of many places around town.

155. Explore "micro retail" in Press Bay Alley, a cluster of tiny shops located behind the *Ithaca Journal's* former printing facility off West Green Street downtown.

Etcetera

156. Drive around Ithaca and marvel at all the recent high-rise construction downtown and in Collegetown.

157. In honor of Carl Sagan's description of Earth as a "pale blue dot," put a marble on his grave in Ithaca's historic Lake View Cemetery, the final resting place of many prominent Ithacans.



158. Get a free massage from a student at the Finger Lakes School of Massage.

159. Attend (or participate in) the annual reading of the Declaration of Independence, held the morning of July 4 on the Homer town green.


160. Take your teen on a tour of (gasp!) another area school; options include Ithaca College, SUNY Cortland, Wells College, Binghamton University, and Syracuse University.

161. Pick any of the activities from the original "161 Things" list you didn't get to do when you were a student, and do it.

A large graphic of the text "HOME COMING 2019" where each letter is filled with a different photo of students and faculty at a homecoming event. The photos show people in red clothing, cheering, playing instruments, and celebrating.

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Magic Eye

Professor Rick Johnson taps his engineering acumen—and a longtime passion for Dutch art—to explore the materials used by Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Vermeer, and more

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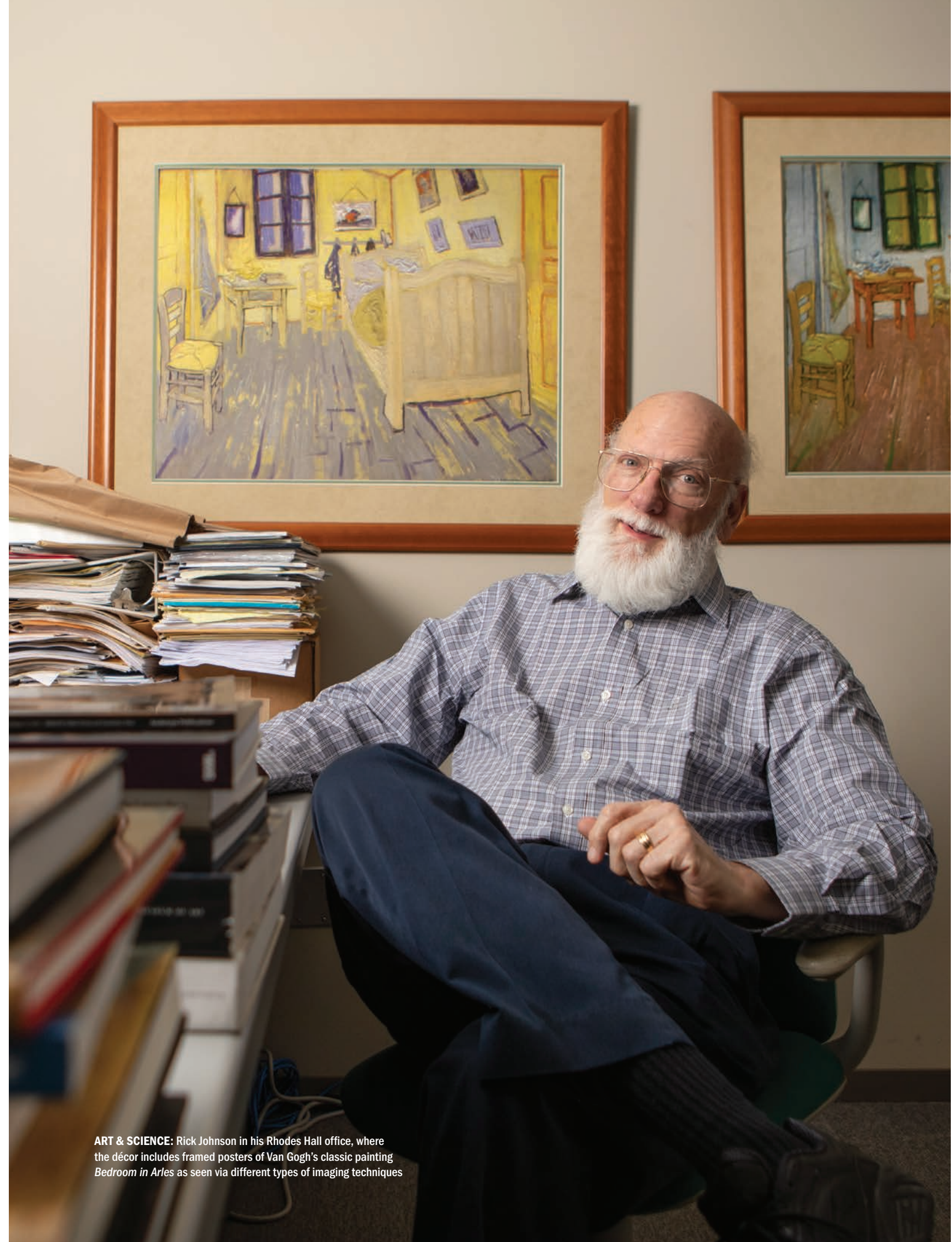
Lisa Pincus calls it “the ugly Vermeer.” Entitled *Young Woman Seated at a Virginal*, it depicts a rosy-cheeked lady with light brown curls, wearing a yellow shawl and gazing vaguely in the direction of the viewer as she fingers the keys of the title instrument, a type of harpsichord. The painting, an oil on canvas currently held by the Leiden Collection in New York, is believed to date from the early 1670s, a few years before Johannes Vermeer’s death in 1675. But to Pincus—a Cornell art history professor who specializes in seventeenth-century Dutch art—it’s arguably the weakest entry in the artist’s distinguished oeuvre. “I think it’s a really wooden depiction,” she says. “We have a pretty set idea, ‘This is what Vermeer does; this is how

his paintings look.’ It doesn’t have the subtlety, the nuance, the kind of light we expect of Vermeer.”

As Pincus explains, there’s a long history of Vermeer forgeries. (Most notably: during the German occupation of the Netherlands, Nazi leader Hermann Göring was fooled into buying a fake painted by a skilled Dutch forger, who was hailed as a folk hero after the ruse became public.) For years, the authenticity of *Young Woman Seated at a Virginal* was in doubt, given its perceived artistic shortcomings. “I still would like to disown it,” Pincus says. “The only reason I don’t is because Rick has made it clear that it is by Vermeer.”

“Rick” is C. Richard Johnson Jr., an engineering professor on the Hill—and,

at the risk of a mixed metaphor, something of a Renaissance man. At Cornell since 1981, Johnson has spent decades teaching and doing research in electrical engineering, particularly in the fields of control systems and signal processing. But over the past twelve years, his interests have entailed as much art as science. A pioneer in the field of computational art history, Johnson leverages both his engineering acumen and his abiding passion for art to study the physical materials with which works are made. “Rick is fabulous—omnivorous, open, enthusiastic, and caring,” says Pincus. “He has boundless energy, curiosity, generosity, and a brilliant mind. He can come up with more ideas in five minutes than I can in five months.” >



ART & SCIENCE: Rick Johnson in his Rhodes Hall office, where the décor includes framed posters of Van Gogh's classic painting *Bedroom in Arles* as seen via different types of imaging techniques

In 2007, at the start of a five-year stint as an adjunct research fellow at the Van Gogh Museum, Johnson launched the Thread Count Automation Project (TCAP), which informs the study of works on canvas by mapping the thread density of the fabric on which they're painted. By comparing the "weave maps" of various paintings, researchers can establish that they came from the same roll of cloth—and, therefore, that the artworks were likely produced in the studio of the same artist around the same time. (The concept is bolstered by the fact that canvas of that era was woven by hand, making each

bolt distinctive, and that it was a pricey commodity for cash-strapped artists who weren't likely to leave it unused.) That's how Pincus was convinced of the authenticity of *Young Woman Seated at a Virginal*, whose weave map matched that of one of the most beloved of Vermeer's works: *The Lacemaker*, housed in the Louvre in Paris.

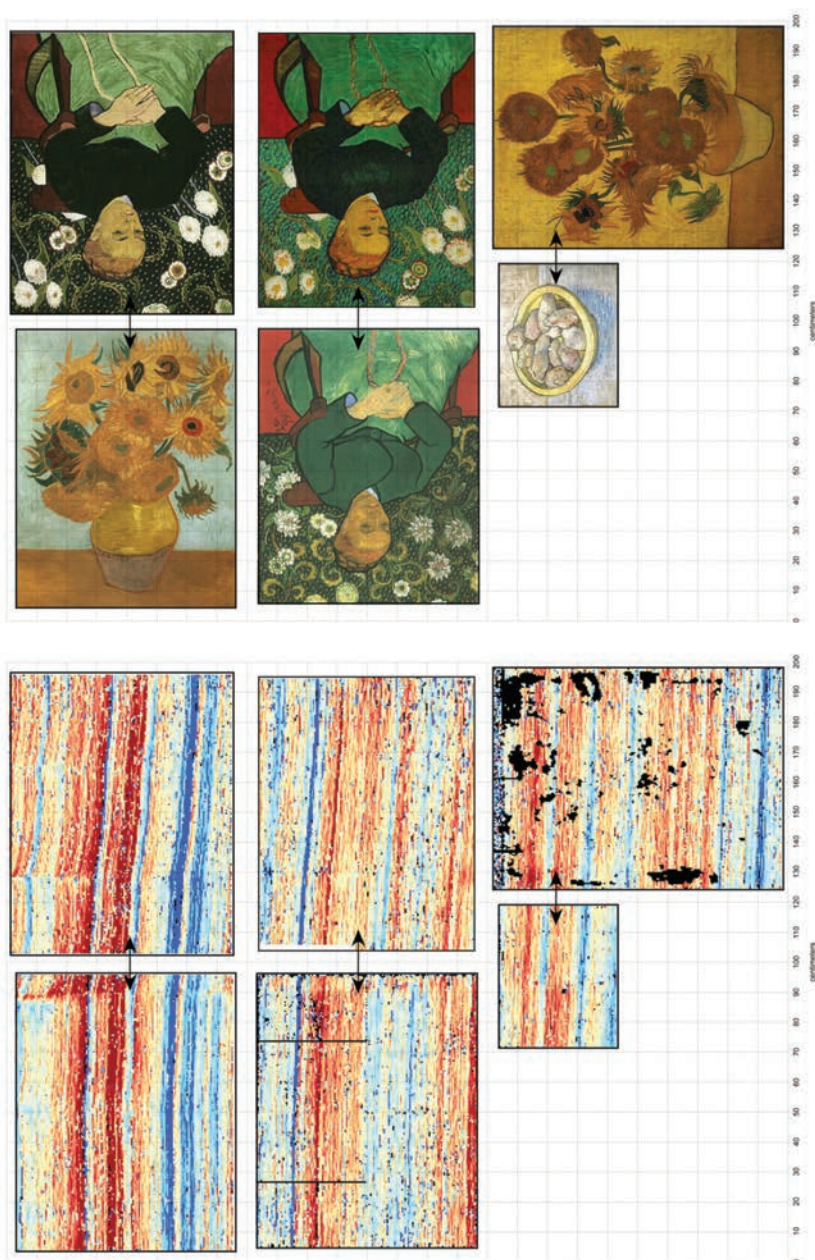
In a December lecture in the A.D. White House as part of the Milstein Program in Technology and Humanity, Johnson put up a slide showing the two paintings: *Young Woman* was on the left, *The Lacemaker* on the right, and their

respective (and visibly matching) weave maps beneath them. "If you doubted the painting on the left, how could they be on the same canvas?" he asked the audience. "Somebody's answer would be, 'His cousin painted it; he showed him how and gave him the canvas; it's not a Vermeer.' So [the match] doesn't cure everything, but it's another piece of forensic evidence that stacks up to make the case."

In other words—as Johnson frequently stresses—weave matches are a powerful tool, but they don't themselves constitute proof of authorship; that has to come through additional means, such as understanding of an artist's technique and studio practices. For Pincus, it's that very knowledge that makes this match probative. "We know very little about Vermeer, but we're pretty sure he didn't have studio-mates, and he didn't have students," she says. "He wasn't rich. He died bankrupt. I don't think he'd be cutting off pieces of canvas [and giving them away]. I've reconciled myself that this is a late edition to the corpus."

As Johnson Museum of Art curator Andy Weislogel, PhD '00, puts it, Rick Johnson is "no slouch"; his art-and-science bona fides are impeccable. On the Hill, he holds an endowed position as the Geoffrey S.M. Hedrick Senior Professor of Engineering; on the other side of the Atlantic, he has a research appointment at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam and has served as an adviser to the Netherlands Institute for Art History in The Hague, where he was the first-ever fellow in computational art history. His many admirers on campus and beyond include Cornell's own Frank Robinson, director emeritus of the Johnson Museum and himself an expert on seventeenth-century Dutch prints. "A work of art is the meeting place of many different disciplines; that's what's so interesting about studying this stuff," observes Robinson, who invited Johnson to present his research to museum staff during his time as director. "The scientific aspect of it is absolutely vital—and in that respect, Rick is top of the line."

But as Johnson cheerfully admits, he'd never even been to an art museum until he was in his early twenties. He grew up in the Deep South, and was "the first male in my lineage to finish college" when he



MATCH MAKER: Weave maps (seen in the two bottom rows) connect three sets of paintings by Van Gogh, showing that each pair came from the same roll of canvas.

earned a bachelor's in electrical engineering from Georgia Tech. "Dad worked for the power company, and he wanted me to be an engineer," Johnson explains, "because the engineers were the ones who came to work with clean shirts, and they went home with clean shirts." As an undergrad studying abroad in Germany, his host family told him he absolutely had to go to a museum—and he did, in Berlin. At the end of the term, he spent two months traveling around Europe on a rail pass, "sleeping every third night on the train," and the many museums he visited instilled a lifelong love for the Dutch masters.

While earning his PhD in electrical engineering at Stanford, he talked his way into a graduate seminar on Rembrandt. "I was like the village idiot," he recalls, "in the sense that I'd say, 'You just said you see so and so, I'm looking at the same thing, and I have no idea what you're talking about.' I ended up asking all these stupid questions. But the professor told me later that it was great, because it made the rest of them articulate what they normally would take for granted." The following semester, Johnson impressed a visiting art historian by pointing out that a slide of a Frans Hals painting had been projected backward. (His clue: in Hals's work the light always comes from the same direction.) She invited him to join a Vermeer research project, and he went on to earn a PhD minor in art history—the first Stanford had ever granted.

In the mid-Aughts, planning his fourth sabbatic leave, Johnson resolved to integrate his engineering research with his passion for art; he landed a meeting at the Van Gogh Museum, where he ultimately spent a semester. He initially got involved with work to identify fakes through x-ray analysis of brushstrokes and other features—the subject of a May 2007 interview he did on NPR's "Science Friday"—but ultimately focused on thread counting as a method with the potential for broad applications. As Johnson explains, the practice then entailed the use of magnifying glasses and the painstaking, manual counting of small sections of x-radiographs (which reveal weave patterns because the lead-white paint used to prepare canvases is denser between the threads than atop them). Not only was it tedious, but counting an

entire canvas—rather than a number of sample sections—was wildly impractical. "Let's say you have a painting that's forty-five by fifty centimeters, and you're going to count the threads in every little half-centimeter," he says. "You end up with something like 9,000 places to count. Nobody's going to do it."

But Johnson immediately realized that counting threads was an example of a basic engineering concept: frequency, or the number of times that a particular thing occurs within a set interval. He attacked the problem by writing a basic algorithm called a Fourier transform—something Cornell engineering students study sophomore year—which is essentially an equation for reverse-engineering information into its constituent parts. "It worked, and I took it back the next day and said, 'We'll count every painting in

the museum!' " he recalls with a chuckle. "And they said, 'Please, try not to be so American.' "

In the intervening years, Johnson and his colleagues have refined their computational methods and mapped much of Van Gogh's oeuvre, matching his works to nearly four dozen rolls of canvas. Together with existing documentation—such as the artist's correspondence with his brother Theo—the weave maps offer valuable insights into Van Gogh's career, which lasted a mere ten years. "We can actually put the rolls back together, pretty much," Johnson says, "and that will date his paintings to within a three-week period." Among their revelations: that the seventh in Van Gogh's *Sunflowers* series—bought for nearly \$40 million in 1987 by a Japanese insurance magnate despite being long considered a potential forgery—was ▶



THE 'UGLY VERMEER': *Young Woman Seated at a Virginal* (top left) and *The Lacemaker* (top right), each oriented to correspond with their respective weave maps (bottom row)

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PAPER CHASE: Andy Weislogel, PhD '00 (at left in photo at top), with Johnson in a print storage room at the Johnson Museum. Left: A Rembrandt self-portrait illuminated to show a variant of the "Basilisk" watermark.

to capture the seasonal nuances. "He did them all in his studio," he said. "They're all from the same roll of canvas." The method also helped art historians identify the subject of a Velázquez portrait—a dwarf in the Spanish royal court—by demonstrating that the work was painted around the same time as the artist's portrait of King Philip IV in the mid-1640s.

In one of the talk's most intriguing anecdotes, Johnson described the analysis of three seventeenth-century French paintings: *The Triumph of Pan*, *The Triumph of Bacchus*, and *The Triumph of Silenus*. While it's known that Cardinal Richelieu commissioned the series from artist Nicolas Poussin for his chateau, only the first (in London's National Gallery) has always been considered a true Poussin. As Johnson and colleagues explained in the *Journal of the American Institute for Conservation* in May 2013: "The success of this commission led to demand for the production of copies close in date to the originals, some of which are represented in major collections." For that reason, the authenticity of *Bacchus* (housed in Kansas City's Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art) has been questioned over the years, though it's now generally accepted as original and the museum labels it as such. And as for *Silenus*? As Johnson told the audience: "It's in the basement in the National Gallery in London and is considered to be a fake [from] 100 years later, and nobody needs to see it." But as weave mapping revealed: all three came from the same roll of canvas.

When Louisa Smieska, PhD '15, was a grad student in chemistry, she took a course at the Johnson Museum on the intersections of art and science that Johnson co-teaches; among other activities, she got to try manual thread counting using a scrap of canvas and a microscope. She went on to postdocs at the Cornell High-Energy Synchrotron Source (CHESS)—where she used x-ray fluorescence (XRF) to analyze the pigments in illuminated manuscripts from Kroch Library—and at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, where she employed similar techniques to study items ranging from ancient Egyptian jewelry to nineteenth-century American furniture. Now a CHESS staffer, Smieska is continuing to leverage cutting-edge

likely genuine, given that it matched other works on a twenty-meter roll of jute canvas supplied by Paul Gauguin. "It didn't look like Van Gogh's brushwork, but it was a coarse fabric, and he was struggling with it," Johnson explains, noting that the artist complained about the difficulty of painting on jute in a note to Theo. "[The previous experts] didn't take that into account."

Aside from Van Gogh, the most frequent subject of Johnson's TCAP analysis has been Vermeer. In addition to helping establish the authenticity of *Young Woman Seated at a Virginal*, the method has informed understanding of

numerous works in Vermeer's oeuvre. For instance, it has helped reveal that certain paintings were likely intended as "pendant pairs"—works of roughly the same size intended to be hung together. "About 40 percent of Vermeer's paintings come with a partner on the same canvas," Johnson observes. "So this practice must have been part of his studio."

TCAP has contributed to the study of other artists' works as well. At the talk in the A.D. White House, Johnson put up slides of three of Claude Monet's famed *Haystacks* paintings and punctured the enduring romantic notion that he returned to the same farm field throughout the year

science to analyze artistic materials, including using XRF to reveal a hidden work beneath a painting by nineteenth-century French artist Honoré Daumier. “Even though our research hasn’t overlapped that much, Rick has been an amazing mentor figure to me,” Smieska says. “He wants to see people succeed in this strange, interdisciplinary field.”

Working with colleagues in the U.S. and abroad, Johnson is turning his computational eye on a variety of other artistic media, including photographic paper, parchment, and the silk used in ancient Chinese paintings. But his most active and prominent project involves analysis of the handmade paper used in centuries-old prints. In 2015, Johnson and Weislogel launched the Watermark Identification in Rembrandt’s Etchings (WIRE) project, which aims to date the Dutch master’s works through analysis of the distinctive markings on the paper on which he (and, after his death, others) printed them. “How do you know if this piece of paper you’re holding is a lifetime impression or a posthumous impression?” Robinson muses. “Whether it’s 1635 from the original edition, or 1640 but pulled from the plate by Rembrandt, with all of his special inking and wiping of the plate and the little additions that he sometimes makes? Or is it posthumous, from an eighteenth- or nineteenth-century edition when the plate was exhausted? One of the best ways is to look at the paper. If the paper was made in 1635, probably that’s one of the early ones. If it was made in 1720, it surely is not a lifetime impression.” Such questions, Robinson says, have financial implications for dealers, collectors, and museums. “But leaving the market aspect aside,” he says, “what’s really important is the artistic vision of Rembrandt.”

Similar to the weave-mapping work, WIRE leverages the financial and logistical realities of seventeenth-century print-making. “The research is based on the assumption that paper was expensive in Rembrandt’s time, and he was not always a wealthy person,” says Weislogel. “So when he wanted to make prints, he went into the market to buy paper. He would have bought a small batch, and he would have gone back to his press and used it up quickly so he could sell the prints and recoup his investment. And he did this with over 200 known

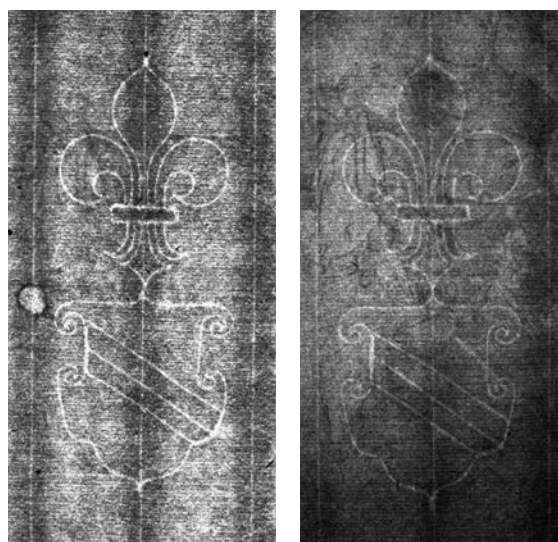
batches of paper during his thirty-plus years of making prints.”

The batches themselves can be identified through watermarks—the distinctive logos embedded in each sheet. But it’s hardly a straightforward process. “In the abstract, a watermark would indicate a particular papermaker or region where paper is made,” Weislogel says. “However, it all goes completely crazy, because as soon as a particular papermaker became popular, all the imitators would jump in and copy the watermark.” Take the “Strasbourg Lily” watermark; comprising

a coat of arms with a *fleur-de-lis*, it originated in that city in northeast France, but knockoffs were later made elsewhere in the country. Says Weislogel: “There was a lot of copycatting.”

So watermark identification often comes down to minute details—differences between very similar marks, owing to the fact that the designs were made by hand. In addition to the watermark itself, researchers consider the relative location of “chain lines”—the thin stripes that run down each sheet. (The first step in paper-making is to dip a mold, consisting of a ▶

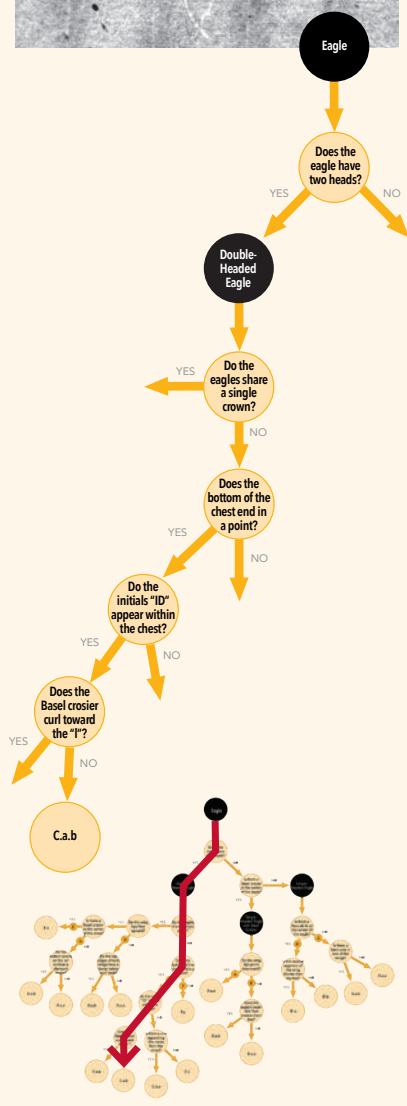
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MAKER'S MARK: A curatorial assistant at the Johnson Museum (above) uses a flashlight to display the watermark in a print of Rembrandt's *The Flight into Egypt*. Left: Two variants of “Strasbourg Lily” illustrate the challenge of discerning small differences among similar watermarks.

Hitting the Mark

To identify watermarks, WIRE has created binary decision trees—a series of yes/no questions that leads users to the answer. Here, the “Eagle” tree (at bottom, with the correct path in red) leads to the “Double-Headed Eagle” watermark’s “C.a.b” variant (below, with a detail of its “branch”).



screen inside a frame, into a vat of pulp; chain lines are marks left by the wires that affix the screen to the frame.) Then there's the issue of "twins": for efficiency's sake, papermakers would use two matching molds during production of each batch, with watermarks as close to identical as possible. To facilitate identification, the researchers have created binary decision trees, which narrow down the possible watermarks based on a series of yes/

watermarks in the master's prints, and broke those down into hundreds of variants and subvariants. WIRE ultimately aims to create decision trees for all the main types (with "branches" leading off into the many subvariants). The researchers have already found some previously uncatalogued variations as well as prints never before observed on a certain paper, evidence that the artist had gone back to earlier plates

‘We’re total geeks about watermarks now,’ says Weislogel, who calls the research ‘immensely rewarding and good fun.’

no questions. Identifying a mark called "Foolscap with Five-Pointed Collar," for example, can involve such questions as "Is there a C or D shape on the cross, with chain line down center of face?" and "Is the collar shoulder below the face straight, or does it have a bent corner?"

It's a painstaking process—one that the researchers are streamlining by creating an online tool that will let anyone upload images and identify watermarks by answering yes/no questions generated according to a user's previous answers; the website is aimed to go live in 2020. The work, conducted under an NEH grant, is the focus of a semester-long course that allows undergrads to participate in WIRE for academic credit. As Johnson stresses, part of his motivation in founding TCAP and WIRE was to create research projects to which undergrads could meaningfully contribute. And both he and Weislogel point out that such efforts are a natural fit for academia. "University museums don't have the fancy high-end collections; Rembrandt prints are probably the nicest things that most university museums have in terms of high-quality art," says Johnson. "But they have two things that major museums don't have: they've got all the experts on the same campus, and they have a technical labor pool in terms of students."

The WIRE project is an outgrowth of the work of Dutch scholar Erik Hinterding, who published a catalogue of Rembrandt watermarks in 2006; in it, he identified fifty-four main types of

and reprinted them. "We're total geeks about watermarks now," Weislogel says with a laugh. "When you discover something you think hasn't been seen before, or constitutes a new variation that helps you solve the puzzle of reassembling a particular batch of paper, it's immensely rewarding and good fun."

In fall 2017, the WIRE research and related artwork were the subject of an exhibit at the Johnson Museum entitled "Lines of Inquiry." The project was also the focus of a day-long symposium that drew more than 100 scholars to campus; featuring Hinterding as the keynote speaker, it included talks by Johnson, Weislogel, Pincus, and students on the WIRE research team. "Since I've been working on this project, I've come to think about prints and their production in such a different way," Weislogel admits. "I won't go so far as to say I ignore the wonderful work of art that's printed on the surface and concern myself only with the watermark. But you think about works of art as three-dimensional, living, breathing objects in a very different way after you've spent such a long time and great effort studying the supports on which they're printed, and thinking about where they came from and how the paper went through the market even before Rembrandt got his hands on it." The project, he says, "has underscored the crucial importance of blending traditional art historical knowledge and connoisseurship with an openness to what science and technology can bring to the equation." ■

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This special section, a bonus issue of the university's Ezra magazine, highlights ways Cornell initiatives intersect with philanthropy and engagement of Cornell alumni, parents and friends.



VICE PROVOST KEEPS CORNELL'S ENGAGEMENT MISSION VIBRANT AND RELEVANT

Katherine McComas, Ph.D. '00, professor of communication in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, is Cornell's vice provost for engagement and land-grant affairs.

As vice provost, she serves as the academic lead for the universitywide Engaged Cornell initiative; advocates for Cornell's role as New York's land-grant university; represents Cornell's four contract colleges in dealings with the State University of New York; and oversees Cornell's ROTC program, the Cornell Prison Education Program and the university's Office of Engagement Initiatives.

The full conversation is available at news.cornell.edu/McComasQA.

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“... THE LAND-GRANT MISSION IS ALSO PART OF THE ESSENCE OF OUR FOUNDING. IT SHOULD BE INEXTRICABLY ENTWINED WITH HOW WE TALK ABOUT CORNELL.”

– Katherine McComas, vice provost for engagement and land-grant affairs

How have you experienced and embraced Cornell’s land-grant mission and “knowledge with a public purpose” philosophy?

It’s something that has always figured prominently in my career and also in my interests. I started out being particularly interested in journalism around issues related to science and the environment. When I came to Cornell in 1994 as a doctoral student, my interests were in communicating about health and environmental risk. I quickly became involved with Cornell Cooperative Extension, working with different extension associates around issues related to waste management, for example, or communicating to farmers about tractor safety.

At Cornell, the public engagement mission, the knowledge with a public purpose, and wanting to engage with communities – it’s a core mission. It doesn’t just reside in our four contract colleges, although they do have that special responsibility in terms of our relationship with New York state.

When I came back to Cornell as a faculty member in 2003, it was sort of like coming home. [And] when the opportunity arose almost a year ago for me to advance into this vice provost position, to help steward and build on that public engagement mission, it was very exciting.

What are some of the things that are new with your vice provost role?

Provost Mike Kotlikoff has established a public engagement council of senior staff and faculty across the university. I work with this group to articulate a contemporary vision for public engagement that builds on Cornell’s strengths and research in many different domains. Also, I work closely with the provost’s fellow for public engagement, Gerard Aching, professor of Africana and Romance studies, on advancing all forms of engagement – such as the Rural Humanities initiative, which, under the aegis of the Society for the Humanities, connects scholars and students in humanities with

community partners in upstate New York.

Another priority of the provost and President Martha Pollack is our New York City visioning efforts, which are part of the larger “One Cornell” ethos of bringing all our campuses closer together so we can realize the synergies.

We are viewing these synergies through the broader scope of public engagement. When I think about New York City and all the public engagement activities that are happening there – through Cornell University Cooperative Extension-NYC, different K-12 programs and many other types of impact programs – they all fit within this New York City engagement vision and presence.

And now, with the new ILR School hub at 570 Lexington Ave. and others co-locating there, including Engaged Cornell, we will be able to help forge those community partnerships and provide more opportunities for our students to have engaged learning opportunities in the city. It’s a more direct presence we haven’t had before.

How do public engagement and Engaged Cornell fit into the president’s priorities for the university?

In particular, I see them as fully aligned with her priorities of academic distinction, educational verve and civic responsibility.

We want to attract the best faculty to maintain our academic distinction, and some of those best faculty are interested in the latest and the most up-to-date pedagogies, which include experiential learning. That ties into educational verve: having these opportunities not only for active learning inside the classroom, but active learning outside the classroom through community-engaged learning with partners.

Our role within civic responsibility is around diversity and inclusion; one of the many reasons that inclusivity is a priority is the need to be able to talk to people across

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The year the U.S. Morrill Land Grant Act was passed, setting the stage for Cornell University to be founded three years later as the land-grant institution for New York state.

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– Katherine McComas

differences. That's something we do through public engagement, especially Engaged Cornell, exposing our students to going outside of the classroom, outside of the walls of Cornell, out into communities, whether that's in Tompkins County or Thailand.

Learning to interact with people, learning to develop empathy for people who may be coming from a very different environment than they've been used to, is tied to achieving a high level of civic competence. And that is something we want to see in the students we graduate from an Ivy League university with a land-grant mission.

What is one individual example of the transformative impact of Cornell's engaged learning that has stayed with you?

The Cornell Prison Education Program. As its executive director, Rob Scott, describes, CPEP has a dual transformational impact: It not only works to help to transform the lives of the inmates by giving them access to college credits and college-level courses, but it also transforms the faculty and the staff and the students, graduate and undergraduate, who go and teach these courses. They engage with this population, which helps develop their own thinking about mass incarceration and also can develop their greater empathy for others.

It hits the mark for community-engaged learning and transformative impact, and it also serves as an example for prison education across the country. I'm looking forward to going to my first CPEP graduation in June.

Do people in general have an accurate picture of Cornell's engagement efforts and land-grant mission?

I think there is more work to be done to communicate what this means in a way that really captures people's awareness and their excitement about what we're doing. It can look different across the university, and I think we need to do a better job of packaging that.

Philosophy professor Kate Manne is a prolific scholar who also publishes essays in leading media outlets. She is an example of a faculty member deeply and consistently engaging in our land-grant mission of outreach and knowledge. There are many examples across the university of people where you'd say, "Well, that's in a field that traditionally wouldn't really be public engagement" – but that's really not what I see at Cornell. There are more people than you realize doing public engagement in their own way, form and fashion.

It's different, depending upon where you're sitting: what discipline, what field, what college or school. But it is something that's valued. It is part and parcel of how we



understand our university, and how we attract students, staff and faculty.

Much like Ezra Cornell's founding declaration of "any person ... any study" captured the essence of part of our vision, the land-grant mission is also part of the essence of our founding. It should be inextricably entwined with how we talk about Cornell.

What are ways you would like to continue to make Cornell's engagement work accessible and relatable to alumni?

We've been thinking a lot about alumni engagement along with our focus on public engagement. We know that there are many alumni – through their careers, through their volunteer work, through public service – who are role models for public engagement. Some of them, for example, have been winners of the Cornell New York State Hometown Alumni Award. So we're interested in understanding, how can we better support alumni in their lifelong commitment to public engagement and, to the extent that that comes back to connect with the university, what opportunities are there to work with us?

Certainly, it's through alumni and their generosity that we've been able to undertake so much of what we've done around Engaged Cornell, due to the wonderful support from the Einhorn Family Charitable Trust and many others.

I'd love to raise the visibility in terms of alumni working with us as community partners for engaged learning or engaged research opportunities; I'd love to enlist even more alumni as emissaries for communicating about the public engagement distinction of Cornell – for them to share their stories, and their willingness to connect, with students and the university.

Opposite page:

Katherine McComas, vice provost for engagement and land-grant affairs, talks with attendees at the Global Grand Challenges Symposium held in November 2018 in Warren Hall.

Above: McComas speaks at a ceremony for the Department of Communication in 2016.

Jeffrey Yen '18: Wild about plants

Jeffrey Yen's interest in the natural world began when he was a kid, fascinated by the abundance of insects in Taiwan's subtropical climate. He spent time at a local research institute with his father. Then he studied plant sciences at Cornell's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, graduating this past December.

"The diversity among plants is astounding, and unraveling the relationships between genetics and appearance is what keeps me going," Yen says.

Yen is the recipient of the English Family Scholarship. "Cornell's financial assistance has helped tremendously since both my parents retired early for health reasons," he says. "I would have had to take out a significant student loan to pay for tuition otherwise." More than 25 percent of the payout from the university's endowment supports financial aid for Cornell students.

Yen researches the genetic basis of leaf angle in grass species. Leaf angle is important because it determines how much light can be intercepted by leaves. This research has led to development of grass crops with optimal leaf angles, enabling higher yields.

He also studies asexual reproduction in plants. "If farmers save seed from hybrids and replant them, they will suffer from yield penalties due to reshuffling of the genetic material," Yen says. "If we can fix the genetic makeup of the 'hybrid seeds' that have dominated agriculture for many years, this will allow for easy regeneration of the seed stock, simply by saving the seeds."



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Above: Jeffrey Yen '18 in the Liberty Hyde Bailey Conservatory next to his favorite plant, a water fern.

Left: Yen enjoys a summer hike in the gorge with his peers.

Yen has applied to several graduate programs in genetics, and he dreams of running his own research lab and mentoring students. "My teaching philosophy is to guide students through critical thinking, instead of simply answering questions," he says. "This may take longer, but the students gain self-learning skills in the process."



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between genetics and appearance
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– Jeffrey Yen '18

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CLASS NOTES

NEWS OF FELLOW CORNELLIANS

45 Your correspondent, **Julie Kamerer** Snell, passed away on March 22, in the company of her children. She had had a few falls, but early in the year she wrote that she had been getting around well in a wheelchair and was enjoying rehab, crossword puzzles, sing-alongs, Bingo games, and looking at family photos.

Please write to us with your news or memories of Julie. We hope you will all stay in touch. ♦ **Class of 1945**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

46 **Leonard Ladin '55** and I, **Paul Levine**, went hunting for classmates again at the Cornell Glee Club's San Francisco performance. This time, we brought our wives along, and I also brought my son and his son and the son's fiancée along. Rather, my son did the bringing. He picked us up at an SF BART station and joined us and grandson David and his Marena for a delicious Turkish dinner and then to the Glee Club gig. At evening's end, Andy chauffeured us to a nearby BART station for the ride home. There, we ensconced ourselves in the safest car, the first car.

The nine of us arrived at the venue, the Universalist Church, punctually at 7:00 p.m. and joined the rest of the audience, but there was no sign of the Glee Club until about half an hour later. The performers had been trapped in D.C.'s major blizzard and were now claiming their tuxedos backstage and changing into them. Meanwhile, Leonard and I did some fraternizing seeking classmates. Leonard found **Tad Slocum '55**, and I found **Dottie Taylor** Prey and her party of four. The singing was wonderful. It even drew high praise from my wife, who can be a harsh critic of mediocre to bad singing. Alas, they didn't use my lyrics for the alumni verse to "The Song of the Classes." Robert Isaacs, the Glee Club director, said he lets the singers make the decision on whether to use non-regular material. With the severe distraction of D.C.'s blizzard, the decision was never made. He asked me to resubmit it for the 2021 Cornelliana Night, our 75th Reunion.

President **Lloyd Slaughter** liked our suggestion of a mantra for our 75th: "Thrive for 75; make history on the Hill in 2021." Therefore, we'll run with it. Stay tuned to this column for Reunion news. Meanwhile, THRIVE. Exercise moderately and, above all, avoid falls. See you on the Hill in June 2021.

To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at the below e-address. Include your name, city, and state. ♦ **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir., #S-202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, plevine93@gmail.com. Class website, www.classof46.alumni.cornell.edu.

As Paul has written, the Cornell men's Glee Club, celebrating their 150th year, arrived late in San Francisco on January 14. They had very little sleep, if any, due to a huge blizzard in Washington, DC. This was not at all apparent when they began to sing. It was a glorious evening of marvelous singing. The atmosphere became "Reunion-like" when many alumni from the Bay Area joined in with a very special encore (they had been prepped). Then, of course, came the "Evening Song" and

Alma Mater. We all joined with great gusto! Goose bump time. A reception followed, and an opportunity to meet some of these young men. Additional songs popped up. They were no doubt anxious to meet their respective hosts for the overnight and to finally have a good night's sleep before bussing to Los Angeles for a Thursday concert. This was indeed a very special treat for us way out here in California. We would love to have it happen more often!

Please send me some news. I have been calling many disconnected phones this past month. ♦ **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave., #501, San Mateo, CA, 94401; tel., (650) 342-1196; e-mail, dmprey@aol.com. Class website, www.classof46.alumni.cornell.edu.

47 We hope you responded to the annual News and Dues mailing from our class. If you haven't paid class dues yet, you can do so at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes/>. When you're done, please take a moment to send us your news via snail mail to the address below, or through the online news form at <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. ♦ **Class of 1947**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

48 This issue features, entirely, news from the "fairer sex," who outlive us guys usually by a number of years. **Mary Utting** writes from Charlotte, NC, that she lives in a retirement home with satisfying physical and mental activities, among which she is working on her genealogy. She was an English major at Cornell, which led to employment at two newspapers, followed by a career in the department responsible for publications at Texas A&M. Her Cornell friends are (or were) **Carolyn Shaver** Eisenmenger '47, **Rita Haeberlin** Palmer, **Virginia Genove** Rasmussen, MA '51, **Anne Colm** Repaske, and the late **Anne Roark** Karl. During her years in North Carolina, she was a volunteer recruiter for Cornell applicants.

Margaret Smith Brown is content, at age 90, to work in her flower garden, but remembers fondly the former days of even driving down to testify at the Nebraska legislature. She is rightly proud of founding, and for 40 years working in, a group home for teenage girls who could not live at home. This small home of only 11 girls is still in operation in Lincoln, NE. Although this was not her "major" at Cornell, she did take an elective course working in a settlement house in Ithaca. In another totally different area (that had future application), she took Arthur Allen's ornithology course at Cornell. "I got my Cornell husband interested in birds and he and I traveled over half the world taking pictures in spots ranging from Africa (seven times) to the Arctic Ocean." Though a long-time resident of Nebraska, she has a granddaughter living in Ithaca and loving it. More Cornell ties include attending the Cornell Club in Nebraska, wonderful memories of her 25th Reunion, and her dad's 50th, particularly since he was a grandson of Lucy Boardman.

Ruth Werman Weiss has moved into an assisted living residence and finds it remarkably satisfying after so many years of independent living.

Rosalie Smolin Mandel is doing lots of quilting, with all the cutting and stitching being a welcome diversion

from thinking about politics. More fun to think about is her upcoming 90th birthday to be celebrated in April with friends and cousins. "Then in May with my three children and spouses, six grandchildren and their three spouses, and nine great-grandchildren. Feeling very blessed," Rosalie writes. Looking back on college days, she remembers being a shy 16-year-old with little experience of the world, experiencing a dormitory life that opened her up to lively interaction with peers and the starting point for a lifelong interest in others. Her Cornell degree was ideal preparation for a variety of jobs including teaching, working in a craft shop, and a very satisfying career as a foreign student counselor for AFS Int'l programs. On the sad side, she is grieving the loss of her lifelong Cornell friend **Rosaline Resnick** Joseph '49 after 74 years of friendship. Lastly, she answered the question about likes or dislikes about current Cornell by observing that so much building has changed the look of the campus—and not for the better. Send news to: ♦ **Ray Tuttle**, 65 Oyster Reef Dr., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926; e-mail, RayTutt@aol.com.

49 Hurry, classmates! There's still time to register for our 70th Reunion, June 6-9, 2019. Go to <https://alumni.cornell.edu/come-back/reunion/> for more information and to get your registration in. We're looking forward to seeing you!

Mary Heisler Allison, our former class correspondent, writes that she has made a change from Florida living to a southern life in Georgia! "I must admit that I enjoyed living in The Villages for over 20 years, first in a villa at the Freedom Pointe with my brother, Ted (now deceased), after his wife died. Great place—lots of activities, good food, and fun friends!" When Mary wrote on January 24, 2019, she said, "Last Monday I moved north of Atlanta, GA, to live with my three daughters—one at a time! My oldest, **Ginny Miller** Petrisin '76, who graduated from the Hotel school then spent 25 years working at Disney, has me first for four months; then I'm with Lynn and Randy Stewart next and Janet and Clay Carver last. All close relatives are in the area!"

Jean Schultheis Brechter sends us her news of 2018 from Shelter Island Heights, NY. "January: Cold and clear. Blizzard on the 4th! Lots of snow and plowing. Grandson **Stefan Brechter '22** was accepted into the College of Arts & Sciences at our alma mater. February: Still below freezing! Then a February thaw. I took a 'step course' to improve my balance and strengthen my legs. March: Attended Gift of Life Foundation fundraiser at Rams Head Inn. Best party in town! Ten inches of snow mid-month. Tried Tai Chi! April: Another four and a half inches of snow the day after Easter! Then I turned 91! May: Nice visit from my oldest friend, Bob Edwards, and his family. Sadness was to bury his late wife in St. Joseph's Garden at St. Mary's Church. June: Grandson Stefan graduated from Cold Spring Harbor high school; a lovely affair! Summer: Still helping out on the race committee at the Shelter Island Yacht Club. I love being part of it! September: Nice week-long visit from granddaughter Renee Brechter Burns. We had great fun together. Renee lives in Duluth, MN. Fall: Wonderful! Thanksgiving celebration with the huge Landry family in Palm Beach, FL. We were 23 at a

long table laden with a traditional Thanksgiving feast. December: Looking forward to Christmas in Cold Spring Harbor with Peter, Martine, and Stefan."

Jean sent along a lovely photo from our time on the Hill, of three women standing in front of Balch Hall. Sadly, there hasn't been room for photos in the Class Notes for some time now—but this submission sparked an idea to create a bulletin board of photos like this at our Reunion. If you're planning to attend, please bring any photos you'd like to share from our time at Cornell to put up on the board.

Your class correspondent attended the first wedding of my nine grandchildren on July 1, 2017, when my grandson Warwick Reid Solow married Kelsey Summerfield in Pittsburgh, PA. Grandchild Samantha Nicole Solow married Zachary Fitzpatrick in Park City, UT, on January 5 of this year. Please continue to send in your news! It is great for all of us to hear all about your doings! ♦ **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 50 Grant St., Wellsboro, PA 16901; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 It is commonly said that "no news is good news." Well, not always. Especially if, like your class co-correspondents (Pat and me), your job is to write this column of news about classmates—and you have no reports on hand.

Of course, with our ranks severely thinned by those gone to the other side, a dearth of news reports from classmates is to be expected. Reasons? Aging hands make it difficult to type or write, personal news is not all that good, and personal news is presumed to be of little interest to others. Not true. Of course your classmates would like to read about what you are doing, and about unusual experiences and anecdotes from your post-Cornell life.

I'm age 91 and just made it as a WWII veteran. Our WWII GI classmates skewed our average age upward and it's difficult to know the average age of those of us still on this side of the sod. The youngest of us would be age 90 and the oldest probably age 100, but I'll make a guess at an average age of 93, which raises an interesting observation. If you are 93, you would have been born when Calvin Coolidge was president of the US and thus will have enjoyed, or endured, 30 percent (15 of 45) of our presidents. Now ask, what percent of the country's history have you experienced? Choose one of three possible dates: Continental Congress 1774, Declaration of Independence 1776, adoption of the Constitution 1787. Choosing the latter, a 93-year-old member of the Cornell Class of the Century will have experienced 40 percent of our great country's life and history. Put that in your bonnet and ramble it around.

That brought up a weird thought. If it had been possible to have doubled my age, I would have been born in 1818, and I could have been killed at Antietam or Gettysburg, or died an excruciating slow starvation death at Andersonville. I'm grateful it was 1928! What do you think of the year you were born and the times in which you have lived? To all you nonagenarians, think of how your Cornell degree contributed to the wonderful and fulfilling life you have had. After thinking about it during morning coffee, write us a note recounting an anecdote or experience about that wonderful life. Your classmates would love to read it, and we'll pass it on to them in the column.

Here's a suggestion: Write and record at least something about your life. It can simply be a record of important family dates with some memorable recollections for your kids. I've been writing my life story. I planned a simple account, but it grew to over 400 pages because, as I

went along, I decided to include succinct accounts of historic significance and strange, entertaining recollections from my times. There was a lot to choose from. Just think of the times we lived through. They were the worst of times and the best of times. Born in the Roaring Twenties; childhood in the Great Depression; World War II; college, careers, marriage, kids, houses, challenges, accomplishments, disappointments, travels, grandkids, great-grandkids, and so on. Once you start your recollections you'll be surprised at how much pleasure it will give you. I discovered something about brain memory storage. During the day, I would be recording something, but could not recall necessary details. Then during the night, my brain would continue to work sorting it all out, and next morning the details would be there for recording as well as over-the-coffee pleasure.

Tracing ancestry can be a bit tricky. I had no interest in going back more than four generations. As you go back in time, the number of ancestors increases exponentially. You may find some outstanding ancestors—heroes and historic figures and crazy characters—but you'll run the risk of finding criminals, scumbags, and ne'er-do-wells. In my own case I found that as a day-old infant my paternal grandfather, on a Sunday morning, had been dumped on the doorstep of a church. Now the disappointment. He sired seven kids and they begat my eight cousins and me, none of whom acquired even the least knowledge of that man's life nor that of his wife, my paternal grandma! A modest search of his ancestry led me to the Oneida Community of Central New York, which had a loose interpretation of conventional sexual behavior. Older women were to mate with young men and older men mate with young females; the purpose was to teach the youngsters how best to competently do it, as well as to promote genetic variance. My cousin Bill and I concluded that Grandpa may have been a product of such a liaison, and with no clearly identifiable sires was tossed out of the community. However, to balance things out, it was nice to discover that on my maternal side there was a sequence of good guys and gals, preachers, teachers, a justice of the NYS courts, and others of similar high repute.

Column Trivia: Perhaps you have noticed that our column gradually creeps closer to the front of the magazine's Class Notes section. In the Jan/Feb issue only six classes had columns ahead of ours, and only three had class correspondents. I guess we just have to adjust to the fact that we're a bunch of oldies. ♦ **Paul Joslin**, 13731 Hickman Rd., #4207, Urbandale, IA 50323; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phjoslin@aol.com; **Patricia Carry** Stewart, 2613 N. Ocean Blvd., Gulf Stream, FL 33483; tel., (561) 278-5387; e-mail, stewartpc@aol.com.

51 Responses from the annual News and Dues mailing will be featured in our upcoming columns. If you haven't sent in your news recently, please take a moment to write to me at the address below or via the online news form. ♦ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

52 It is February as I write. Not very cold, but very wet. Snow falls infrequently and only in short spurts. It melts rapidly in the warmish rain. My Ithaca contact told me that a foot of snow was expected there. Those were the days! The only new news I have come from **Dori Crozier Warren** in December. She wrote that we reached 88 percent of our class membership goal. An

excellent number. She also reported that she and **Terry**, JD '56, were "enjoying an active Tucson Cornell Club." I received an e-mail from **Karen Weinreich Weiss** '89 concerning classmate **David Murray**, who left Cornell for medical school at Washington U. A mix-up on summer school credits between U. of Iowa and Cornell resulted in his forgoing his Cornell diploma. David has since had a distinguished career. Through the efforts of Dr. Murray's niece, U. of Iowa, and Cornell administrators, the mix-up was recently resolved and he has received his Cornell diploma. Dr. Murray plans to march in the May 2019 graduation.

Now to the last of last spring's mailbox: **George Vlahakis** (Nashville, TN) wrote, "I'm in an assisted living facility after falling and breaking some ribs and chipping my vertebra. I've come to realize that at age 92, I need not live alone in a big house where I could fall and not have anyone to help me. I have been in good health in spite of the falls, but between a walker and wheelchair I can't do much traveling alone." He planned to stay where he was for the foreseeable future and do rehab to continue to build up his strength. George closed, "Seems like the older you get, more of your classmates and old friends have passed away. I think especially of two who were on the '48-51 football team: **Bob Malm** '51 and **Eric Jensen** '51—and his wife, **Janet (Clark)** '48, BA '50—gone but not forgotten." **Irwin Sitkin** (Aventura, FL, and Chatham, MA; isitkin0402@gmail.com) wrote that he and Helen "continue to be better than 'good' with great weather in southeast Florida and a zillion things to do including golf two or three times a week, theater, concerts, classes at Florida Int'l U., movies, dining, art, and lots of schmoozing with friends, relatives, neighbors, and visitors from up north." The Sitkins were planning to return to Cape Cod in May, stopping in Bethlehem, PA, to attend the annual meeting of the Early American Industries Assn. Yes, Irwin still collects woodworking tools.

James Clarke (Columbia, SC; carosyn@bellsouth.net) was looking forward to the next Reunion. He and Ellen had been "visiting relatives in England. We just returned before the 'Beast from the East' left the nation in a big freeze." **Nancy Harrington** Booth was at home in Brooklyn, CT, recuperating from three surgeries, knees and an ankle, all since 2016. She was using a walker but working to get back to normal walking, driving, and outside work around the yard and garden. She was feeling well and sleeping well and planned to stay where she was. Her daughter Janet was with her. Nancy reported that her sister **Janet Harrington** Hall '54 died on September 26, 2017.

As there is no more news, I have space for a cheer to the Nov/Dec 2018 issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* with its quite wonderful story on **Willard Straight 1901** and Willard Straight Hall. For a number of people in our time and after, the Straight was important. Important to those of us who consumed gallons of coffee, smoked too many cigarettes, and talked a lot in the Ivy Room, and to those who worked, volunteered, and just hung out in the building. **Otto Richter**'s letter, and the 15 that accompanied it in the Jan/Feb 2019 issue of CAM, prove my point. Disclosure: My brother **Bob Boffa** '57 worked the Straight desk and was president of the board of managers. I hung pictures in the Art Room, co-chaired the publicity committee with **Jim Wade** '53, and was on the board of managers. The structure then was committee members, co-chairs, and the board of managers with a student manager in the top position—that was **Jim Diefenderfer** in our time.

At Cornell, it was possible to operate in a number of different boxes, each with its own purpose and only occasionally overlapping characters. The Straight was one of

my favorite boxes. It included **Gayle Raymond** Kennedy, **Pat Gunderson** Stocker '53, **Harriett Scannell** Morgan, **Manny Ferreira** '53, MBA '54, **Ray Ericsson** '51, the Jims, and Otto. I think I am skipping some, but that was the board of managers. Then, on the front lines, were the committee co-chairs, not all of whom I will remember without checking my battered *Cornellian*. Holding it all together were Sally Kirkendall and **Foster Coffin** 1912. Mr. Coffin was gray-haired, distinguished, and, to my eyes, old. Hard to believe that the year we graduated, he celebrated his 40th Reunion. Now we are looking forward to our 70th. One of the very large points of the CAM article was that the Straight would change to accommodate the now 24,000 (!) Cornellians. Sounds very sad to me, but inevitable, although probably never in my mind. Last Straight note: I learned to drink black coffee there. Cream cost two cents. ♦ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, www.classof52.alumni.cornell.edu.

53 Greetings from fly-over country. With the Big Red having had only one winning season in football this century, one's mind turns to thoughts of better days. Out here I get a lot of grief from my Big Ten friends. I can usually quiet them down by pointing out we have played Ohio State multiple times and have never lost to the Buckeyes. (We are 2-0 against them all-time.) And then there was Homecoming 1987. Harvard is ahead, 17-13, and time is running out. It's Cornell's ball, fourth and goal from the one. A plunge into the line is stuffed. Now it's Harvard's ball on its own one with 2:01 to play and Cornell has no timeouts left. When the clock gets down to 0:00, Cornell has the ball on the Harvard 30 and the score is Cornell 29, Harvard 17. I was there. It really happened.

After 30 years as a management consultant, **Mickey Rosenau** (Houston, TX; mdrosenau@gmail.com) has retired to become a pillar of the Houston arts scene. Mickey is on the board of the Asia Society Texas Center, and his wife, Ellen Gritz, is on the board of the Houston Grand Opera. They are avid collectors of Asian art, and some of their pieces are on display in the Houston Museum of Fine Arts. They have traveled extensively and in 2018 made trips to Germany and Luxembourg, Southern Africa, Israel and Jordan, and Japan. Do you have any extra frequent flyer miles you don't need, Mickey?

Jim Logsdon (Palm Desert, CA; jameslogsdon@icloud.com) and his wife, Judy, live in the Del Webb Sun City community. Jim says, "I start each day with a near half-mile swim and am on the tennis courts most of the year a couple of times a week. Fortunately, the other players are of similar vintage. The Osher Foundation sponsors adult classes at nearby Cal State. I've found these sessions provocative and enjoyable—especially with no homework and no exams! Otherwise I participate in various volunteer activities, i.e., earthquake drills as we await the Big One. For several years, I was involved in a reading program with students (mainly migrants) in outlying communities. An eye opener considering current controversies."

Recie Miller Scott (Cincinnati, OH; js45242@gmail.com) and husband Jim have traveled the world, much of the time with CAU. They still revel in their trip to Antarctica, nearly 25 years ago. They are both enthusiastic oenophiles and were able to tie that trip into a visit to the Viña Los Vascos, an upscale winery in Chile. Their timing was perfect because the winemaker from Chateau Lafitte Rothschild was visiting at the time and was presiding over the blending of the Hacienda's new wines. Seeing all those penguins a week or so later was almost an

afterthought. The Scotts aren't traveling as much these days, but Recie keeps busy with tennis a couple of times a week and volunteer work at the healthcare unit in their retirement community.

Dick Hayes (Freeland, WA; richard.hayes32@gmail.com) and wife Jane have returned to the US from Brazil. They had been in Brazil since 1985, where Dick was involved in financial (banking and advisory) matters. It's the first time in 34 years that the entire family has been on the same continent. Dick came the greatest distance of anyone to attend our 60th Reunion. He's a lot closer

now, but still 2,200 miles away and a strong favorite to win the greatest distance award for our 70th. The Hayeses keep busy with music, Unitarian Universalist Church, and community activities. Dick observes that Brazil's political and economic problems were mild compared to what is going on in this country.

Roz Zalutsky Baron (Jupiter, FL; rozbaron16@gmail.com), former Reunion chair and nominations chair for the class, divides her time between Florida and the Berkshires. She lived in a brownstone in Brooklyn for many years and found rehabbing old brownstones made for an interesting way to spend her spare time. She has now decided that wasn't enough, so she did some research, went on the internet, and bought a vintage 1901 brownstone in Brooklyn. The place is across the street from a hospital, which has about 160 medical students and residents looking for housing every year. Roz plans to rehab the place and turn it into what she calls "group housing" for those folks preparing for a medical career. Her activities include going to the gym for an hour's workout three days a week.

C'mon folks. We need more news for this column! Just to spice things up, I'll add a contest for you to enter. Surely most of you will have an entry. The contest is to identify the most unusual entrée you've encountered in recent months and where you found it. If you participate, we promise to put one or more of them in the column. The winner this month is curried goat from the Asian Kitchen in Montgomery, OH. We need more members. You received the annual news and dues letter in March. If you haven't already done so, send in your dues, your unusual entrée, and some information about yourself, either along with your dues or to 53news.cornell@gmail.com. ♦ **Dick Halberstadt**, trh47@cornell.edu; **Jack Allen**, jwallen@msu.edu; **Jack Brophy**, johnbrophy@aol.com; **Caroline Mulford** Owens, owensnews@comcast.net.

54 Sadly, our class correspondent, **Les Papenfus** Reed, has passed on. What a great job she did writing this column, keeping us all connected and aware of what other classmates are doing at this point in our lives. I, **Louise Schaefer** Dailey, have agreed to write the column on an interim basis, until Reunion and a new correspondent takes over. All you writers out there: step up and take on this job! It's the glue that keeps our class in touch!

I have talked with several classmates recently—**Barbara Wegryn** Marroquin, for one. After many years in

Spain and then New York City, she now lives in San Antonio, TX. She spent ten years traveling to Oaxaca, Mexico, to work with orphans and has written a novel that is in its second edition. She is currently writing poetry. **Clancy** and **Barbara Gavin Fautleroy** '55 have been annual visitors to Bob and me on the west coast of Florida before going over to the east coast for golfing with the Hostages, Plamondons, Marianis, Ryans et al. No visit this year, but Clancy will be at Reunion.

In response to my plea to buddies for some column fodder, Clancy wrote about playing lacrosse at Cornell.

'I planned a simple account, but it grew to over 400 pages.'

PAUL JOSLIN '50

"The first day at practice my Cornell freshman year was disappointing. Then I met the coach, and I got really concerned. His name was Ray Van Orman and he was about as old as I am today. How could an old man be much of a coach? Little did I know that in his playing days he had been an All-American and had also been coach of the US Olympic lacrosse team and the Cornell varsity team." Clancy went on to play defense on the varsity lacrosse team (as well as football), was named to the All-American team for two years, and was inducted into the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame at Schoellkopf Field. He found time to go to class too!

There is a group of classmates here in Sarasota that get together on a regular basis: **Annadele Ferguson** Jackson, **Polly Hospital** Flansburgh, **Rosemary Seelbinder** Jung, **Carol Reid** Lyons, **Eloise Mix Unbekant** (Don '53), **Mary Lou Trehame** Warren, and me. **Betty Brundage Huntress** (Arnie '52) joins us when she's here in the spring. If you find yourself visiting these sunny climes, let us know! We have a great, active Cornell Club here and love visitors.

President of the class **Jack Vail** writes from Binghamton, NY: "Was away to college, Navy, and two jobs for a total of 11 years. Returned to Binghamton, had various jobs working for, buying, and selling companies, and now spend my idle time working for SCORE counseling with people who want to start a business or who have business problems. I've spent most of the past six to seven years taking care of my sick wife, who died last February. I'm now spending time trying to clean out years of accumulation in this house, which I designed and had built 52 years ago. Once it is sold, I have no idea of what I will do or where I will go." I suspect many of us are in the same boat. My husband, **Bob Dailey** '53, died two years ago and I too am cleaning out and contemplating the next move. Where does all that stuff come from?

Jack and VP **Chick Trayford**, MBA '60, have been working with **Dave**, PhD '60, and **Mary Gentry Call** on getting our upcoming Reunion set for YOUR arrival. Headquarters will be at the Statler, and you should have received your packet of information and registration materials. Dave is dean emeritus of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and they live in Kendal at Ithaca. Mary has had some serious vision problems—you can recognize her sporting a white cane. That hasn't kept her from working hard to make this a banner Reunion! See you there! ♦ **Louise Schaefer** Dailey, 497 Yacht Harbor Dr., Osprey, FL 34229; e-mail, Lsdailey99@gmail.com.

55 A welcome note from **Patrick Callahan**: “Remember me? I sat behind you in Prof. Sale’s freshman English class, next to **Dick Schaap**. (How come he got rich and famous, and I didn’t?) Looking back, that was the best course I took. A small class, and personal attention if you showed up at his office. Later on, my classes in my Government major were huge; I was just a number in the crowd. I did my military service in the Coast Guard, mostly on ships in southeast Alaska. I retired in 1986 from Hughes Aircraft Co. in California, where I was a software engineer. My wife, a school teacher, had macular degeneration and had to retire early. We moved to Kona, HI, and have enjoyed the Hawaiian lifestyle ever since. I’ve taught at the U. of Hawaii and sold real estate. If you ever visit Hawaii, let’s get together for a Kona coffee!” Thanks, Patrick.

Everett McDonough is in his 15th year doing taxes through a free IRS/AARP program. He’s been active in Rotary for 50 years, plus the local hospital, community concerts, and the library. Now, he adds, “I’m trying to grow old gracefully and gratefully!” **Don Robinson** is a volunteer musician in his church and retirement community. He names Prof. William Miller (Chemistry), his adviser for his senior research project, as the person who had the greatest impact on him at Cornell. **Marcus Reidenberg** writes, “While officially retired, I keep my office at Weill Cornell Medical College and go in two days a week for academic activities, including writing editorials for *Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics*, the major journal in my discipline.”

Ann “Toni” Eaton is enjoying a renewed relationship with “someone I loved and lost freshman year.” He lives in Cape Cod, so they spend several months there each summer. This has allowed Toni to spend time with fellow classmate and Pi Phi sister **Judith Powell** Lothrop. Judy had returned to Cape Cod, then her husband died suddenly in 2014. She’s moved to a retirement community in Mashpee, MA. Hope things are better now, Judy. **Margot Oppenheim Robinson** and her husband, **Jack ‘54**, moved from Longboat Key closer to downtown Sarasota “with all of the wonderful cultural events” like orchestra, ballet, opera, and the John Ringling Museum. The Robinsons say, “We’re very lucky and satisfied with our busy lives.”

Mike Mage still works in the lab at the National Institutes of Health as an emeritus scientist and is also a co-chair of the Montgomery County, MD, chapter of the ACLU. Is there anything else Mike would like to be doing? “To be back at Cornell playing the chimes.” From the “beautiful Smoky Mountains of western North Carolina,” **Ann Overbeck** reports that she continues her Meals on Wheels route, is active on the Library Foundation board, and wishes she could spend more time with her old Cornell friends. Don’t we all? Hope you’re all keeping June 2020 in your datebook!

I love reading about and remembering well-known Cornellians, such as cytogeneticist and Nobel Prize winner **Barbara McClintock 1923**, PhD 1927, actor **Christopher Reeve ‘74**, Supreme Court trailblazer **Ruth Bader Ginsburg ‘54**, astronaut **Mae Jemison, MD ‘81**, “Science Guy” **Bill Nye ‘77**, author **Toni Morrison, MA ‘55**, and so many others, including my favorite writer, **E.B. White**

1921. They were and are pioneers in their fields. They’ve helped us to understand science and the law, have written timeless classics, and have explored the cosmos. One was even Superman! Send your news to: ♦ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancysavagepetrie@yahoo.com. Class website, classof55.alumni.cornell.edu.

56 From **Evelyn Margulies Yudowitz**: “After many years of reading but not contributing to the *Alumni News*, I find it takes an event of this import to turn me to writing. My husband of 62 years, **Bernie ‘55**, died in December. Life is a lot different. Like many older and newly single friends, I am planning to enter the new phase of life by moving into an independent assisted living community. Like always, I will follow what my classmates are doing in the *Alumni News*.”

Carole Rapp Thompson and her granddaughter, son, and daughter-in-law were in Colombia, South America, on holiday. **Judy Frankel** Woodfin and I kept her husband, Paul, occupied with a great bridge game. **Margot Lurie** Zimmerman continues her traveling ways, now in Singapore and Asia.

Classes of ‘54, ‘55, and ‘56 met in Boynton Beach, FL, for their annual winter get-together. From **Grace Goldsmith** Wahba: “I finally retired after 51 years as the IJ Schoenberg-Hilldale Professor of Statistics at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison. I’m planning to do more dancing with my new husband, David Callan.” Keep the news coming. ♦ **Phyllis Bosworth**, Phylboz@aol.com.

57 **Paul Noble**, who sets the class gold standard for intellectual creativity, has penned a book of his memoirs, *My First 83 Years*, which includes his association and interaction with people as varied as Eleanor Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, and Dr. Ruth Westheimer. There is also a marvelous chapter on Cornell and reference to his work at a Club Med in Morocco. Wife Paulette helped in the organizing and editing. Her credentials are pretty good—she’s written 26 books. Amazon is the source for acquiring Paul’s book.

Elizabeth Hollister Zimmerman is an honorary fellow in the U. of Wisconsin botany department. In conjunction with her hobby of painting birds, she and John went to Australia last year, sighting a number of species. Engineering stu-

dents will remember her father, Solomon Hollister, as the dean of Engineering. **Bill Gold** is still at it at the company he founded 50 years ago, Excalibur Bronze Sculpture Foundry. Son **Joshua ‘01** has taken over day-to-day operations, while Bill concentrates on the design and fabrication of bronze lamps. **Bill Schmidt** sent along news that he has added a new category to his website (www.BillSchmidt.net), “Portfolio/Small Paintings.” On it he showcases paintings 9x12 inches or smaller, ranging from his usual haunts of Venice, the Chesapeake Bay, and Bermuda to almost any part of the planet. Small fits where big cannot—these serve as a wonderful gift idea and require fewer pictures of dead presidents to acquire.

Through the kind efforts of **Tony Cashen**, MBA ‘58 (who could not be there), and **Marj Nelson** Smart (who could and was), I am able to pass on news of the Cornell

Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), which took place in February in Boston. Attending (in addition to Marj) were class president **Betty Starr** King, secretary **Connie Santagato** Hosterman, class fund rep **Bert Grunert** DeVries, class council member **Dori Goudsmit** Albert, and regional VP **Marcia Wishengrad** Metzger, JD ‘60. The treasurer’s report indicated solvency, and the subject of appointing a Reunion chair for our 65th was discussed—a pretty cushy job in that all class activities, including lodging and meals, take place at the Statler in recognition of our status as Super-Geezers. One of the benefits of the position is that the incumbent will not be required to remember if he/she is chair. ♦ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

58 Good news on the law front: After 53 years with his law firm, **Mike Griffinger** had the opportunity to appear before the US Supreme Court, representing the State Legislature of New Jersey. Benefiting all those sports bettors out there, Mike won the case legalizing sports betting in New Jersey and, by extension, in all of the US. Congratulations, Mike, for that milestone as you continue your full-time work with Gibbons Law, still residing in Basking Ridge, NJ, and enjoying life with Jane after all these years. We missed you both at Reunion, but now know why: you were busy!

Phil Getter writes, “I missed the 60th Reunion, but promise to be at the 75th.” (Yes, 75th; Phil thinks he may not make the 65th due to already-pending commitments.) “After giving up the chairmanship of the Technical Careers Institutes, Elaine and I spent time with the kids in the south of France and decided to get back to our first [business] love of producing on Broadway, with a new musical for the 2019 season. Hope you’ll come.” The musical, *Hadestown*, played in London last winter with plans then for preview at Broadway’s Walter Kerr Theatre in March and opening in mid-April, co-produced by Getter Entertainment LLC. **Barbara Wood** Gray (blew zg@gmail.com) writes, “My husband, Bob, and I have happily returned to the Rocky Mountain West, moving to Balfour Senior Living in Louisville, CO. Life in Arizona was perfect for year-round golf and the warmth of the desert, but when health issues began to change mobility and independence, we felt blessed to be able to be closer to family and back in the land of mountain views and changing seasons.”

Dorothy Blow Dane (4dottiedane@gmail.com) writes from Annandale, VA, where she still sells real estate with her son, Doug. She says, “I toured Ireland for two weeks in June with daughter Sandy and a small group. The trip included visiting W.B. Yeats’s tomb in Drumcliffe. We had a fantastic time with our tour leader who, with dual citizenship, imparted her love of the country.” Dorothy gets the most satisfaction in her life these days in “having daughter and son nearby, and quilting! Most quilts are made for Project Linus or wounded soldiers at Ft. Belvoir. I’ve had two quilts pictured in books: *Art Quilts Inspired by the Beatles* and *Art Quilts Inspired by the National Parks*, and three have been submitted for *Art Quilts Inspired by the Endangered Species*, which will be out in June 2019.”

Fred Sherman (scufred@aol.com) writes, “I had a wonderful three-week trip to Patagonia in February, traveling with **Midge Yelon** Lefkowitz ‘60. We had a few days in Buenos Aires and two weeks covering both the Argentine and Chilean area of Patagonia, ending with a couple of days at Iguazu Falls. I developed a pinched sciatic nerve, so I’m a bit slowed down for now (couldn’t referee during the spring soccer season). Also

‘I’m trying to grow old gracefully and gratefully!’

EVERETT MCDONOUGH ‘55

had lunch with **Jim '59** and Nancy **Grunzweig** and **Bennett Brown '57** upon my return. My relationship with my grandchildren, 13 and 10, gives me my most satisfaction in life these days."

Mike Young also enjoys his family these days, along with music, the arts, and cooking. Mike (uomike1@aol.com) still works part time for Premier Medical and reports that he got to Reunion last year and still lives in North Salem, NY. He says that if he had a day in Ithaca, "I'd attend classes." **Stephan Wittkowsky**, MA '60, continues his work in Guatemala City and has a new address there. He consults in managing, lectures at Duke U., and mentors for project SCORE, as we've mentioned in previous columns. Stephan can be reached at switt787@gmail.com when he's not golfing or jogging, his favorite relaxing activities.

We have a short column this round, needing your news. Please keep us posted on your activities, changes of address, etc., and we'll attempt to keep the class up to date. Cheers. ♦ **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com; **Janet Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com.

59 We'll never be too old to meet fellow '59ers for the first time. This occurred in January, when **Bob Quencer**, MS '63, and **Dave Hurd** were part of a small group of Cornellians on Patagonian Frontiers: Argentina & Chile by Land & Sea, sponsored in part by the Cornell Alumni Assn. Travel Program. The 17-day trip began in Santiago, had a reception for Cornellians in Torres del Paine, went south through Patagonia to the Strait of Magellan, included a cruise through Admiralty Sound to Cape Horn National Park and Ushuaia (the world's southernmost city), and ended with time in Buenos Aires. Nice! Bob is chair of radiology at the U. of Miami School of Medicine in Miami, FL; Dave, who lives in Rome, NY, is a US district judge at the district courthouse in Utica.

You, too, may meet classmates for the first time, as well as get together with treasured longtime friends, as we gather at Cornell for our 60th Reunion, June 6-9. If possible, bring some Cornell memorabilia for display at class headquarters—and perhaps donate it thereafter to the University Archives. **Evan Earle '02**, MS '14, the Peter J. Thaler University Archivist, welcomes such materials: "What we particularly look for is unique material or items that aren't commonly kept. Scrapbooks, photographs, notes from courses, and correspondence are all of interest. Ephemera that documents student activities, events, and time on campus are all great. We also continue to collect items regarding class activities at things like Reunions." If you have questions, contact Evan at efe4@cornell.edu. He points out that the archives will be open on Friday and Saturday during Reunion weekend, when they'll have their annual collection highlights open house. Want to know who's coming to Reunion? Check out the list at: <https://cornell.reunioniq.com/index.cfm/event/who>. The folks at Alumni Affairs and Development continually update the list as new registrations arrive.

"I look forward to seeing you at our 60th," writes **Rolf Barth**, an academy professor in the Dept. of Pathology at Ohio State U. in Columbus. For almost 40 years, Rolf has been involved in cancer research. His work has focused primarily on innovative ways to treat brain glioblastomas and other brain cancers. He is the author of more than 370 scientific publications, including his first at the age of 19 with Nobelist George Snell. A recent issue of *C&CB News* (*Chemistry & Chemical Biology News*), published by the Cornell chemistry department, featured an article on Rolf, noting that "his focus on pathology

also has led to a few interesting side projects, scouring historical pathology and autopsy reports to look into the actual causes of death of some famous leaders—Stalin (who Barth concludes died of a massive stroke and complications secondary to it, and not from 'poisoning,' as some have speculated) and Sun Yat-sen (who died of gallbladder cancer, not liver cancer, as had been widely reported in the press)."

Michael Green was quoted in another *C&CB News* article, about Harold Scheraga, a professor emeritus who has been doing research at Cornell for some 70 years. "He's a person whose advice is worth listening to," said Michael. "He had a lot to do with directing me to graduate school; he was an important person in my life." Michael is a professor in the chemistry and biochemistry department at City College of New York—this past January his title upgraded to professor emeritus. His research work centers on ion channels, the pore-forming proteins that allow ions to pass through cell membranes.

Ann Schmeltz Bowers has given NYC's Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center the largest individual donation in the 49-year-old organization's history. Ann, who lives in Palo Alto, CA, made the gift to support the society's CMS Two program, which provides young artists a three-season residency with the organization as a stepping stone for their careers. In recognition of the contribution, CMS Two was renamed the Bowers Program. In a statement Ann said, "Enabling young artists to move their careers forward is an expression of my love of music. I've seen the impact that the CMS program has had on so many young musicians, providing them unique and significant experience. With this gift, I'm ensuring that the program will continue enhancing the lives and careers of the finest emerging artists now, and for generations to come." Ann, a Cornell trustee emerita who has served on many committees and advisory boards for Cornell, is a founding member of the Cornell Silicon Valley (CSV) program. CSV advisors collaborate with Cornell's leadership to build a more diverse and engaged Cornell community in Silicon Valley and the Bay Area.

A legacy continues to live at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), notes **Gerry Curkendall '55**. Gerry's brother, **David Curkendall '58**, BEE '59, who succumbed to cancer in 2011, was the manager at JPL of a group who did the navigation planning for all of NASA's planetary shots beginning in 1970. His ultimate navigation technique, called DDOR (pronounced "Delta Door"), used knowledge of the locations of quasars to a few billionths of a degree to help locate a spacecraft's motion in the "up or down" direction of the sky. When NASA landed *Spirit* on Mars in 2003, a project manager noted: "Even though it was seemingly impossible to reach the small science-rich landing site inside Gusev Crater, the dedicated navigation team hit the bullseye tonight to put us in position for a winning science mission." Most recently, it was because of Dave's technique, which he refined over the years, that NASA was able to land *InSight* on Mars last November. ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, jetesar@sbcglobal.net.

60 The big news is that about a year from now we'll be celebrating our 60th Reunion. Be sure to put the dates, June 4-7, 2020, on your calendar for that milestone event—"60 IS 60! Class president **Sue Phelps** Day, MEd '62, and several class officers began the planning at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in February and followed up with a webinar in April; next on the docket is a September weekend in Ithaca focused on the fine tuning of Reunion plans. They

welcome input from all classmates, so please send your thoughts and ideas to Sue at sueday6@comcast.net as soon as possible so they can be incorporated into the planning. Thanks to all the class officers who participated in the initial round—**Linda Jarschauer** Johnson, MS '63, **Ginny Seipt**, **Carl Johnson**, **Bill Flanagan**, **Jack Keefe**, **Jan Van Heiningen**, **Susan Cowan** Jakubiak, and **Don Milstein**—and will be hard at work over the next year.

Coming up very soon is Cornell's Adult University Summer Program, a series of seminars for alumni offered during July, with a variety of topics such as climate change, the natural history of the Finger Lakes, landscape design, and even a golf clinic for those who want to hone their game. Several classmates have attended these courses or participated in Cornell study tours at other times of the year; in 2018 those included **David Atkinson**, **Robert McAfoos**, MS '66, and **Arthur Field**, MS '61. You can find out more about such offerings by going to www.sce.cornell.edu/cau.

More news of festive 80th birthday celebrations arrived in end-of-year notes. **Barbara Cyrus Martin** and husband **Dan '58** gathered more than 20 family members, including ten grandchildren, on the north coast of the Dominican Republic for a week of swimming, boating, and feasting. **Jim**, MBA '63, and **Becky Quinn Morgan** had two large family events, one at home in Los Altos Hills, CA, and a second on the Hawaiian island of Maui. Barbara and Becky also traveled to meet five other classmates for a group celebration generously hosted by **Michaelin Reamy** Watts in Carmel Valley, CA, where they were joined by **Dixie Palmer** Peaslee, **Gretchen Zahm** Babarovic, **Margaret Osmer** McQuade, and your correspondent. The group spent several days enjoying the pleasures of the wildlife preserve, hiking, picnicking in a redwood grove, and visiting nearby sites like Big Sur.

Dividing his time these days between Florida and Canada Lake, NY, **Bruce Veghte**, retired chief financial officer of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, is now focusing on real estate investments and his work as vice chair of the Caroga Arts Collective, which organizes events in music, visual arts, poetry, and film in the southern Adirondacks. Bruce and another family member recently donated to the organization a ten-acre property formerly known as the Schine Estate, which will become its year-round home and allow it to further develop an interdisciplinary artist community.

Lynne Keefe Verna writes from White Plains, NY: "Several years ago, my partner, Ginger, and I came in fourth in the APTA Women's 70+ National Championship Platform Tennis Tournament. We probably did so well because we didn't take it very seriously. Now we play three or four times a week and laugh a lot. I also spend time with my granddaughters, mostly baking cookies and discussing life issues like bullying and cosmetics testing on animals. We don't have all the answers, but we enjoy the time together." **Rita "Ricky" Schwartz** Brody, a retired realtor in Falmouth, MA, says she is "enjoying life on Cape Cod, participating in groups focused on activities like knitting, exercise, dining, and political discussion. I recently spoke with Linda Jarschauer Johnson about the passing of **Abby Lippman**—what a sad loss of a special woman!"

I have more sad news about classmates we lost recently. Carl Johnson sent along the *Washington Post*'s December obituary for **Dick Ewing**, who held leadership positions while we were undergraduates, serving as sophomore class president and president of the student council during senior year. Retired as a longtime partner in the Washington law firm Arnold and Porter, Dick leaves four

adult children and his former wife, **Margaret Farrell '61**, also an attorney. **Richard "Nick" Nicoletti**, LLB '63, told me that in August he, **Al Kaneb**, and **Jim Thomas** attended the funeral of their fraternity brother **Paul Curry**, who leaves his wife, Mary, three children, and three grandchildren. That same month, **Carolyn Creamer O'Connor**, widow of **Bill O'Connor**, died in Gloucester, MA, a community where she had lived for decades and in which she was deeply involved; she leaves three children and seven grandchildren. In August, we also lost **Leslie "Les" Stern**, described by **Bill Fisher** as "a great guy, a Hotelier, and a strong supporter of the school and the university." Les, named as one of the 100 most influential business leaders in New York City when he was the managing partner of the executive search firm Heidrick & Struggles, leaves his wife, Madeline, two sons, and four grandchildren. Please send your news to me. ♦ **Judy Bryant Wittenberg**, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 February in Boston . . . It must be time for the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). Our '61 class mustered a stalwart crew. **Dick Tatlow** (president) and **Marshall** and **Rosanna Romanelli Frank** braved the winter winds to represent us. Dick hosted the class meeting via conference call and was joined by **Pauline Sutta** Degenfelder, **Carol Gittlin** Franklin, **Larry Wheeler**, and your class correspondent. After the usual financial reports and adminstrivia, the discussion turned to our 60th Reunion in June 2021. Pauline, along with co-chairs Carol Franklin and **Jim Moore**, LLB '64, have a preliminary schedule and plan for our event that will prove interesting and appealing to all of us. An interesting suggestion from the group involves a special pre-Reunion planning and gathering meeting in North Florida next winter. More will follow on this topic, but we appreciate your thoughts. A note in passing from Dick: Attendance at the 60th for recent classes had roughly 110-plus classmates and 160-plus total. We hope to exceed these numbers for our class. By the time you read this column, Larry will have posted the complete minutes of the meeting on our website: www.cornell61.org.

And speaking of Reunion, a significant update from **Gary Busch**: "We have sold our cargo ships and aircraft and have left the African transport industry. I am no longer a tourist in African wars. I am being overwhelmed by an outbreak of peace in London and I only do political advising and provide private intelligence services to a variety of governments and political risk companies. There are no more crises. Now I may be able to attend a Reunion."

Lars Aanning contributes a brief memoir of undergraduate days. "Willard Straight Hall was a godsend for some of us. I first worked as a short-order chef and waffle-bar man, then later at the Straight Desk. I napped on the huge couches, loved the reverberations from the jukebox in the Ivy Room, played billiards in the game room, escaped in the solitude of the library, avoided the deafening music room, and saw classic movies in the theater. I remember white-haired **Foster Coffin 1912**." **Bob Everson** wrote this past winter, "You can check out Cornell live (<http://www.cornell.edu/live-view/>) to see heavy snow in Ithaca. Reminds me of the blizzard we had in February 1961 just before the start of the second semester."

Charley Hecht, LLB '63, sent a lengthy note relating to our Reunion, but more specifically states: "I am a senior partner and continue at Wolf Haldenstein Adler Freeman & Herz LLP. I still am enthusiastic about the practice of law. However, I recently gave up the art studio in Beijing. The purchasers invited me to stay as a guest

in their other home in Beijing. And Leslie and I have been in a position to help their children, who have been working and one of whom has applied to college in the US. It turned out to be a win-win for everyone. I then opened my own studio in Queens, where, in addition to putting together the installations of components being fabricated in China, I create new sculptures. My website is www.charleshechtart.com."

Still trolling on the Reunion theme, I came across a five-year-old note I sent to **Alex "Pineapple" Veech**, which prompted a fresh reply. Alex responded quickly that he is alive and well and retired in Burlingame, CA, with his wife, Linda. Alex has sons working in NYC and San Francisco. Snowbirds pass through Savannah with some regularity and give us a call. We enjoy the opportunity to journey downtown for a dinner and some new memories with classmates. Recently **Charlie** and Louise **Betz** stopped by for an enjoyable evening at the 1790 House. Leaving the next day, the Betzes were headed to Vero Beach to escape the rigors of winter at their Maine home.

As we conclude this column we find a note, handwritten by **Margo Zimmerman** Fuld (mfuld@cloud.com), who writes, "I am enjoying life, my work, and my family. Still time to enjoy good health and travel." Remember to let Susan and me know what's going on in your life. ♦ **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net; **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com.

62 It's disorienting to be writing this column for May as the snow swirls past the window during this record-setting winter.

"We experienced the first half of 2018 as a continuation of learning about the annual cycle of life at Twin Lakes Retirement Community in North Carolina," wrote **Fred '59** and **Carol Shaw Andresen** (fandcandresen@gmail.com). "By May, we had been here a year and felt settled and 'at home' in our new place. The second half of the year, however, has been different." In early July, while on a visit to New Hampshire and Massachusetts, Carol was stricken with a balance issue. Her gait has improved with physical therapy, but the cause remains unknown. At the end of July, Fred experienced heart failure one morning after a workout. A defibrillator/pacemaker was quickly installed and he is doing well, now attending cardiac rehab.

Several classmates have grandchildren matriculating with the Class of '23. Pete and **Ruth Zimmerman** Bleyler's granddaughter will be entering Cornell in the fall, as an early decision candidate. **Danika Cho '23** lives in San Jose, CA; her parents, **Melanie Bleyler** and **Won Cho**, are both Class of '92. "She is thrilled! Danika attended most Reunions with her parents and then attended Cornell Summer College in 2017, where she fell in love with Cornell and earned her first college credits. We're looking forward to having her here on the East Coast, even though we're a six-hour drive from campus."

Bert Weidberg (Bert@Weidberg.com) writes that he has been living and practicing law in Irvine, CA, since 1985, when he moved from Purchase, NY. Bert retired at the end of 2018. Bert's wife, Sharon, passed away in June 2018. On a much brighter note, Bert is pleased to report that his grandson **Daniel Morgan '23** will be a fourth-generation Cornellian when he enters CALS this fall as a Biology major. He is following in the footsteps of his great-grandfather **Daniel Blaugrund '35**, JD '37, grandfather (Bert), and mother **Lynn Weidberg** Morgan '89.

Lori Krieger Yellen (lkyellen@gmail.com) writes, "I'm happy to share that my granddaughter **Julia Rose Yellen**, has been accepted into Arts & Sciences, Class of '23. She joins sister **Samantha Yellen '15**, father **Robert**

Yellen '86, grandmother (Lori), grandfather **Richard Yellen '60**, great-grandfather **Maurice Yellen 1922**, and two great-great-uncles, **Irving Yellen 1922** and **Max Yellen**, LLB 1918." **John '60** and **Helen Zesch Ward** are fortunate to have their family of four children, their spouses, and ten grandchildren living nearby their Owings Mills, MD, home.

Dale and **Marion Krause Benedict '66** call Commerce Township, MI, home. Dale sails on Lake St. Clair in summer and is in his 55th year of ski patrolling. Skiers Rocky and **Larrie Dockerill** Rockwell sent a photo of themselves skiing dressed as penguins. They live in Jackson Hole, WY. Your classmates—and your correspondent—hope to hear from you soon! ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 President's Corner: "The Class of 1963 can take great pride in its endowment support to the Tatkon [student service] Center for first-year students. Our class commitment to helping students make the transition from home to college through their freshman year can be the difference between making it through Cornell, and not. For even the most gifted student, it is the initial transition period that is not only the most academically challenging, but also the most trying in social and emotional adjustment. From drop-in counseling and tutoring, to yoga and meditation services, to resume critiquing and information on internship opportunities, to options for global learning and study abroad, it is all available, and more, at Tatkon. The \$294,200 market value of the Class of 1963 endowment on June 30, 2017, had grown to \$352,164 as of September 30, 2018. This past and continuing growth provides an ever-increasing annual payout in support of Tatkon Center programming. Among the Class of 1963's various contributions to Cornell, the multiplier effect of our support to Tatkon is immeasurable, and one which is not likely to be surpassed in terms of its impact on the stability of individual students, the long-term campus community, and life at Cornell. **Dick Clark**."

Dorothy "Dee" Stroh Becvar writes from St. Louis, MO: "After many years in academia I retired in 2013 as a professor emerita in the School of Social Work at Saint Louis U. At the same time, I am a licensed marriage and family therapist and a licensed clinical social worker and still see a few clients. When I remarried in 1978, I moved with my two children to St. Louis. My husband, Ray Becvar, and I recently celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary. Ours has been a wonderful partnership, both personally and professionally, and we continue to publish and present together from time to time. My son, **John Reif Jr. '86**, was killed in a bicycling accident in August 1987. My daughter, Lyn Victoria Reif, lives nearby and is a counselor in a nearby school district as well as a singer-songwriter with a band of her own."

Fred Parkin and his wife, Wendy, traveled to Zurich for the 35th anniversary dinner of **Thom Chirurg '64** and his wife, Lynne. "They are the godparents of our children, **Kathryn '04** and **James '07**. Attendees included fellow Alpha Delt **Robert Maroney '72**." **Renda Lindley** McCaughan, MS '66, and Pete celebrated their "50th year of a happy marriage in 2018." They traveled to the Quaker 1652 country in England last August and then took their whole family to Hawaii in December to celebrate. Renda says that her major advisor, **Eugene Delwiche**, PhD '48, in the Microbiology department, had the greatest impact on her at Cornell.

Cynthia Raymond relates from New York City that she is "trying to keep up with a changing world." She keeps

busy reading the *New York Times*, attending memory writing and computer classes, and doing a lot of walking and photography. "I'm keeping up with cultural events in the greatest city in the world. I also spend time with friends and family. Just completing and publishing my memoir along with photographs. My niece Emily and husband Ben Cavell have adapted to life in Santa Monica, CA. She is a clinical psychologist and he is the creator of the successful CBS series 'Seal Team.' Their girls, Sash and Josie, are thriving in their new home." Who had the greatest impact on her at Cornell? "No one person," she says. "Just a cumulative of a lot of good professors, great friends, and the beautiful stimulating environment."

My most loyal correspondent is **Madeleine Leston Meehan**. She is "enjoying the beauty and the good folks in my two favorite places. Soon to transition to my volcanic rock, US Virgin Islands (St. Thomas) in the Caribbean." She also lives in East Hampton, Long Island. Madeleine sent me a September 16, 2018 book review in the *New York Times* entitled "Presidential Values" by Josh Chafetz. "His mother, **Janet Saltzman Chafetz**, who passed away in 2006, and I were best buds, especially after graduation and catching up with 'real life' as New York YUPPIES, from posing as sociologists to 'inspect' an Upper East Side jail to partying in the lusty life up and down Third Avenue. When Janet was really a professor of sociology at the U. of Houston, married with child, I visited. Josh was 4 or 5 years old and when responding to the standard question everyone asks kids, Josh replied: 'I'm going to be (or will be) the first Jewish president!' He knows the job."

That's all for this month! I'm running out of news so please e-mail me. ♦ **Nancy Biers** Icke 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ick63@gmail.com. Class website: <http://cornellclassof63.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

64 Our 55th Reunion is next month (June 6-9), and I and other classmates who say they will be there hope to see you join us for a great weekend on campus. Also, we're running low on classmate news, so please take a few minutes to send any news you want to share, using any of the options described at the end of this column.

Let me begin with this Reunion info from our chair **Carolyn Stewart Whitman**: "You haven't registered for our 55th Reunion yet? There's still time! Do it now; it's easy. Just go to our class website, <http://www.cornell1964.org/>." By the time you read this column, Carolyn's committee will have sent you more info about all the fun and stimulating activities planned for our class and for all Cornellians on campus that weekend. "50th Reunion attendees had this to say about their time on campus in 2014: 'Seeing friends, walking around the campus, having time to go to the Botanic Gardens (formerly the Plantations), to the Lab of Ornithology, and canoeing, the JFK Award winners' presentations . . . There was a tremendous sense of belonging. It was great to be back at Cornell.' And, speaking of the JFK Award winners, this year on Friday morning (June 7) in our headquarters—Alice Cook House—right after breakfast, we have three of the alumni awardees scheduled to participate in an interactive discussion about the future of the award. As a classmate, your input is important. So make plans NOW to come to campus, June 6-9. CU there!"

And in related news, **Tim Davis** writes about our latest JFK Award recipient: "As you probably know, Venezuela is going through a pretty dramatic change. One of the under-the-radar movers and strong influencers in this change is a past JFK Award winner and currently one of **Cindy Wolloch's** JFK Award readers, **Jared Genser**

'95. His editorial in the February 1 *Wall Street Journal* says it all. Jared is an exceptional man on critical missions. I have been involved in Venezuela many times in my past (and present) professional life, and people who do work like his are my heroes. Google 'Perseus' for information on the firm Jared leads in D.C.; you'll see that Venezuela is just one of the places where he defends the unfairly persecuted."

Donna Gellis Grushka, MS '68, writes, "I made my annual visit to the US from my home in Israel in the fall to see my family, including my daughter and her family who are in Cambridge, MA, for two years. While there I spent two days with **Bob, PhD '69**, and **Alice Dannett Friedenson**, MA '71, at their home in Andover, MA, which was great fun. They were very hospitable hosts, and Alice and I got to visit the witches in Salem. I hope

Please respond positively to our annual dues and news appeal—especially with your news for this column. ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net. Class website, www.cornell1964.org. Class Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964>.

65 **Ernest Berger** writes, "It's been awhile so I'm playing catch-up. Elizabeth Mancini (U. of South Alabama faculty) and I have been touring the world for the past several years—Scandinavian Arctic, Balkans, Russia, Benelux, Portugal, Spain, Morocco, UAE, India, Nepal, Burma, Korea, South America, and Antarctica. Grand adventures! We will see the world before being confined to a comfy padded rocker! I founded Santa America (santa-america.org) in 2003, which is a national

'I am still working hard on theoretical physics.'

CARL BENDER '64

to return their hospitality this coming spring as they are planning to visit Israel. I was in New York during Thanksgiving week and attended what has become something of a tradition, brunch with a group of Cornell friends: **Linda Cohen** Meltzer, **Roberta Matthews** Monat, **Toby Rice** Goldberg, and **Sheila Zouderer** Strauss. I had not seen these friends for 50 years until our 50th Reunion, and it is amazing how we reconnected and now look forward to these annual meetings."

Last August, **Anita Apesche** Heller got a new grandson. Anita writes, "I was so excited I felt I was having delivery stomach pains. My son and his wife live right across from Central Park. I go into the city and take my 2-year-old granddaughter to the park, usually to Sheep Meadow. We play soccer there; she's pretty good for 2. We climb trees, not too high, and throw acorns at a target I chalk on a maple tree. We also do rock paintings with chalk around the park. It's tons of fun and I come back to Westchester feeling I'd played a long, hard tennis match. With the baby, I know how to give him a bottle, change his diaper without him peeing on me, burp him, do tummy time, and just love him to bits. I also keep in touch with **Barbara Lutz** Brim, and that's my life at the moment."

Leslie Seiden writes that she's "finally retired after 45 years as a working psychiatrist." Leslie and her husband, Hal Rosenblum, now live in a retirement community in Wellington, FL, where she relishes access to "two golf courses, many tennis courts, two dining rooms, etc. We hope to spend the rest of our years happily here." In his response to Tim Davis's aforementioned news, psychiatrist **John Looney's** e-mail signature block implies that he might not yet be retired from his professorship at Duke U. Medical Center, where his psychiatry specialties listed are: child and adolescent, addiction, and forensic.

Carl Bender has just retired, in his case as a professor emeritus at Washington U. That aside, Carl writes, "I am still working hard on theoretical physics, and I have just been awarded an Alexander von Humboldt research award." Carl also recently published a book, *PT Symmetry: In Quantum and Classical Physics*. Carl and wife **Jessica (Waldbaum)** live in St. Louis, MO, and "continue to travel widely. We love being in London and seeing great theater."

service charity that visits special needs children in hospice, at the hospital, and at home, 365 days a year. Our mission is to deliver love, hope, and joy wrapped in a warm secure Santa hug! In 2018 our Santas visited over 100 special needs children, children of our military wounded or deceased, and children impacted by hurricane or forest fire disasters. Elizabeth and I are looking forward to our next Reunion!"

Members of our class council discussed our 55th Reunion at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston this past February. Attending in person were **Frank McCreary**, **Penny Skitol** Haitkin, **Judi Kellner** Rushmore, **Bob Kessler**, **Bill Vanneman**, **George Arangio**, MD '69, **Liz Gordon**, and **Jamil Sopher**, ME '66, and many called in from points across the US. Please send in your ideas or favorite events from years past to **Myron Jacobson**, who is chairing the Reunion! Topics discussed at CALC included ideas such as a bus tour of campus, lunch at the Dairy Bar, and more protein at breakfasts! Also, we want to drive traffic to our website, ably updated by **Steve Hand**. Please make sure you contribute your dues, and take note of class president Frank McCreary's letter that you should have received in March.

Jamil Sopher (jsopher@mac.com) spent three weeks before attending CALC visiting and enjoying Paris. Days were spent seeing the art on display at the Grand Palais, Petit Palais, and Rodin Museum, and sharing time with friends and eating very well at favorite restaurants. "I also played some Pétanque when the weather cooperated," he writes. "Regrettably, I failed in my attempts to have deep philosophical discussions with Bernard-Henri Lévy and wild nights on the town with Dominique Strauss-Kahn!" And to that statement, your correspondent says thank goodness!

Jamil also offers some good advice: "We are now at the stage when many of us have restructured our finances for estate purposes, and we are directing that our gifts to Cornell come from trusts, foundations, or IRAs. Donations from trusts and foundations are directed by us people, but emanate from a different entity. In such cases, the tax deduction related to the gift belongs to the trust or foundation funding it, but the recognition (for Tower Club or similar purposes) belongs to the individual.

It is important that the donor or his/her representative send a letter or e-mail to Cornell noting which entity gets the tax deduction and who Cornell should recognize as the donor of the gift. When a gift emanates from an IRA, the individual gets both the tax deduction and the recognition. It is still helpful to send a note to Cornell that a particular gift originated from an IRA belonging to the donor." Bill Vanneman (williamvanneman@yahoo.com), our class secretary, is now a retired gastroenterologist, and he and wife Irene spend most of their time in Vermont. He remains active as the Camp Dudley (Westport, NY) doctor for one of the summer sessions.

Fulbright professor three times, most recently in 2017, spending seven months in Mexico. His wife, **Raven (Clarke) '67**, passed away in November 2018.

John Monroe, PhD '70, has been in touch with **Pete Leech** (petercleech@gmail.com), who is slowly recovering from treatment for multiple myeloma. His energy is building and his spirits are good. He even got his guitar out to play Christmas carols in December. John and wife **Meg (Warne), MS '68**, attended a jazz concert last fall along with **Larry Mohr**. Larry's wife, **Nancy (Huxtable) '67**, was at a poetry reading at the time. Last year she published a poetry collection, *The Well: Poems from Twin*

an occasional publication for those living where the author resides on the West Side.

"It was Friday, October 13. I was rushing to meet my wife and friends for dinner at a restaurant at Madison and 93rd St. Taking the subway from my office, I got off at the 96th St./Lexington Station at about 5:45 p.m. Looking up toward Park Avenue, I recognized the long, steep stretch ahead. I began the challenge carrying just a computer bag. Within two minutes it felt as if someone was holding a rolled-up towel against my chest, from armpit to armpit, and pulling it tight. No pain, just pressure. 'What is this?' I thought. 'Could it be stress pain? If so, it'll go away in a minute or two. Right?' It didn't. In fact, my breathing was also not right. But I had no other symptoms: no sweat, no nausea, no arm pain. I stopped a quarter of the way up the street and took deep breaths. The pressure subsided. I thought, 'My bad cholesterol count (LDL) is only 112, although my good cholesterol count (HDL) is lower than it should be.' I had just completed my annual physical. All was well except for the HDL. My blood pressure is always low, and I've never smoked. I play singles tennis every weekend. I hadn't noticed anything except maybe a tiny twinge at the end of last weekend's game.

"I started up the street, again. It returned immediately. So I stopped again, halfway up, paused, and breathed deeply. I did that again three-quarters of the way up. At Park Ave., 96th St. flattens, so I sailed to the restaurant. After five minutes sitting at the table, I felt fine. Should I forget about this? Over the weekend I did; on Monday, I started to look for a cardiologist. I could only find doctors who could see me next month. I made one appointment and left a message for Dr. Jeffrey Fisher of Cardiology Consultants of New York, who has outstanding reviews on the web. As I was leaving the office, the phone rang. It was Dr. Fisher. He launched a single question. 'What did you experience?' I described what happened, and without any hesitation he said that I had experienced angina, a kind of arterial blockage. He told me to come to his office 'tomorrow morning.' I then let my internist know what was happening.

"Tuesday morning, Dr. Fisher did an echocardiogram and a sonogram. His conclusion: 'Your heart is fine. In fact, it's working better than average; very strong and efficient.' But then he had me do a stress test. After about ten minutes of walking while wired on the treadmill, he said that he had seen what he needed to see. 'You have serious blockage in two or three arteries that feed the heart. I'm near Weill Cornell Medicine, and I have two outstanding stent doctors that work with me. I can call them.'

"My internist had told me that if I needed any stents, I should try to get internationally known Dr. Samin Sharma, head of Mount Sinai's Cardiovascular Center. I mentioned this suggestion to Fisher. 'Oh, he's the best,' he said. 'He has his own hospital in India and is known worldwide. However, I don't have admission rights at Mt. Sinai. But he and I just consulted on a case, so let me give him a call.' Fisher left the room, then returned a minute or two later, stating that Dr. Sharma had asked Dr. Fisher to fax him the test results. My wife and I went to the waiting room, where he soon joined us. Dr. Sharma had read the tests and asked that I come over immediately. I was told not to go home and not to eat or drink anything. My status was regarded as between 'urgent' and 'emergency' (emergency means you're having a heart attack).

"At Mount Sinai Cardiovascular Center, a team of eight was ready to apply local anesthesia and begin the

'We make kites with kids to encourage the joy of being out in any breeze.'

LARRY AND NANCY JENKINS KRABLIN '69

Catching up with many freshman friends at the last Reunion and looking forward to our 55th is **Bill Brothers**, BS '68 (bill@hsiforanimals.com). "I'm currently—and very happily—living in a beautiful rural valley in California that was completely surrounded in December '17 by the largest wildfire in California history. Some homes were lost, but most (including ours) were spared. The Ojai Valley seems to have more than its share of Cornellians including next door neighbors and many others I know in the valley. Even my brother's freshman year (Class of '56) roommate lives in Ojai. Fully retired after closing my company last year, I spend much of my time building and maintaining trails for the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy, where I also serve on the board of directors. It's a fine organization dedicated to preserving in a wild state much of the valley's watershed, as well as providing outdoor recreational activities to our small community and its visitors. The community of Ojai is one of the most amazing places in the world, with the most wonderful people I've met anywhere. We keep a home in Ithaca near Cornell and spend most of the summer and fall there and out on Cayuga in our sailboat. It's always great to be back in Ithaca and to take advantage of all Cornell has to offer. Life can't get better than it is!"

Please send your news to your correspondents, along with your 55th Reunion ideas, and we will pass them along to Myron. ♦ **Joan Hens Johnson**, joanipat@gmail.com; **Steve Appell**, bigred1965@aol.com.

66 Peter Freeman is a retired financial executive and CPA. He lives in Interlaken, NY, where he is promoting the possibility of a hometown return of James Hope's Hudson River Landscapes to the Finger Lakes region of New York. **Elmer "EJ" Phillippi** (ephillippi@msn.com) is an electrical engineering consultant to government agencies. When not working, he enjoys lap swimming, playing the violin, and discussing politics. In 2018, he married Maria Sasso, a real estate broker and former owner of an international trading company, and the couple have moved to Florida. The first person he met at Cornell was his roommate, **Foster DeReitzes**. Given a day in Ithaca, Elmer would swim in Fall Creek Gorge and climb McGraw Tower. **Russell Lidman** (lidmanr@seattleu.edu) retired as a professor emeritus from Seattle U. in 2011. Since then, he has been teaching part time, mostly at Evergreen State College. Russell has also been a

Pines Farm, inspired by letters from multiple generations of women in her family who lived on their Upstate New York family farm. John also talked with class treasurer **Bill Maxfield**, who continues to play soccer (indoors in the winter) and also stays busy helping wife Sue frame and exhibit her paintings. John reports that he is having fun as a member of the Blue Diamond Growers board of directors. They broke ground for an expansion of their Turlock, CA, processing plant in January. John got to keep the gold shovel and the hard hat!

Ronni Barrett Lacroute (rlacroute@gmail.com) sold her winery in 2016 and has no more involvement in the wine industry, though she continues to live in the beautiful Oregon wine country. She is staying busier than ever meeting with leaders of nonprofits, mostly in the performing arts but also in social justice, humanitarian, educational, and environmental organizations to develop collaborative projects and discuss sustainability. She has been sponsoring theater, music, and dance companies in the Portland area as well as in the Oregon wine country, mostly with a focus on equity, social change, and conversations across the political and social divide. Ronni is on the board of trustees of a small liberal arts college (Linfield College) at a time when the liberal arts, especially the humanities, are increasingly under attack. Therefore she is also defending the importance of a strong liberal arts education such as the superb education she enjoyed at Cornell.

At the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) held in Boston in early February, our class was represented by Bill Maxfield, **Dick Lockwood**, **Alice Katz Berglas**, and **Susan Rockford Bittker**. We are only two years away from our 55th Reunion! The discussion for planning Reunion is under way. We welcome input from classmates and hope many of you will plan to attend. We hope you will contact us through the website, cornellclassof66.org, check out our Facebook page, or e-mail your news to us at cornellclassof1966@gmail.com. ♦ **Susan Rockford Bittker**, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Pete Salinger**, petersalinger95@gmail.com; **Deanne Gebel** Gitner, Deanne.Gitner@gmail.com.

67 This month, here's a report titled "96th Street May Have Saved My Life," by **Martin Gold** (New York, NY; martinegold@gmail.com), who is retired from law firm practice but hardly inactive. It appeared late last year in Issue 22 of the "Normandy Newsletter,"

procedure. Soon Dr. Fisher's test results were confirmed. One artery was 80 to 90 percent blocked, and a second was 95 percent blocked. (The procedure for the 95 percent blocked artery was threefold: a wall of calcium was drilled out, an angioplasty balloon was used to push accumulated plaque against the artery walls, and three stents were deployed.) I wasn't allowed to move off my back for six hours, yet two days following the procedure, I was able to go to the office.

"What if I hadn't walked up 96th St. that Friday the 13th? I asked my internist, and he said I was the fourth person to report this street to him. 'The block is a naturally existing stress test,' I said. 'You don't have to make an appointment. You can walk it day or night, and there's absolutely no charge. And if you start at 96th and Second Ave., it's even longer.' " Send your news to: ♦ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

68 William Huling Jr., MBA '74 (wwh1@cornell.edu) has been retired from his full-time position at Cornell for four years, but has continued to work half time mostly in the position of director of the Cornell VinUniversity Project in the SC Johnson College of Business. Ironically, 48 years after fighting in Vietnam he has been leading an academic advisory team helping a company create a new private university there. You can learn more about the project online (<https://cornellsun.com/2018/03/16/cornell-to-help-establish-university-in-hanoi-in-collaboration-with-vietnamese-company/>). Of course, Bill still lives in Ithaca with his wife, **Karin Ash, PhD '99**.

Kathleen Maney Fox (kmfox@twcny.rr.com) and her husband, Gary, live in Cortland, NY, where Kathy is the treasurer of the Cornell Women's Club of Cortland County. She keeps busy arranging monthly breakfasts for both the women's club and her book club, but mostly playing with her four grandchildren. **Diane DeGeorge** Nichols (dianelinda1946@yahoo.com) has had a busy first year of retirement. Her activities have included our 50th Reunion, an Alaskan cruise, a trip to visit her family in Palm Springs, and getting together with an old friend from Ohio and Rhode Island in Pennsylvania while visiting Fallingwater and the Flight 93 National Memorial.

Paul Rohan (pr68@cornell.edu) lives in Westport, CT. He still works as a partner at UHY LLP, certified public accountants, which is located in nearby Norwalk. **Alan Altschuler** nearly made it to Broadway as the star in *Bigfoot Stole My Wife*, a one-man show he wrote and performed during the 2018 United Solo event at Theatre Row on 42nd Street in New York City. Alan's theatrical life began following a highly successful career in finance. In *Bigfoot*, Alan takes the audience through his life's experiences of loves won and lost. On stage for over an hour, he reveals some of his own flaws and lessons learned that now, as an older and wiser man, have taught him to appreciate the love of his life. It was favorably reviewed by theater critics as well as **Jerry Levitz** and me; perhaps he'd perform for us at our 55th Reunion. Google Alan for his complete bio.

Roger Stetter (RASetter@bellsouth.net) and his wife, Barbara, live in New Orleans. Roger is busy writing his family's memoir, traveling, volunteering to work with seniors, and occasionally working on select legal cases. His son **Jack Roger '09** is completing his doctoral studies in philosophy at the U. of Paris and has published his first book. Keep sending your news; we enjoy reading about your experiences. ♦ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 50th Reunion, June 6-9! Our Reunion committee and class officers have been hard at work to make Reunion a huge success. Please plan on attending and check out our website (www.cornell69.org) for updates on our class activities and campus-wide programs and events.

Our stalwart Reunion registrars, **Larry and Nancy Jenkins Krablin** (thanks for taking on this job once again), send us news, "as we organize our 'flexible/retired/complex' life to spend the weekend in Boston at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC)." They write: "Larry and I are some of the 'ordinary classmates' who are working on the mechanics of welcoming classmates to our 50th Reunion. In this context, I think frequently about where half a century has gone! We really hope to see many, many of you dedicated readers in Ithaca!

"(I suspect like many classmates,) Larry and I raised two wonderful girls with support for their activities as they developed. Larry actually worked for the same company for more than 40 years as a software architect/engineer; he did not buy or sell a corporation. Along the way he earned a master's and an 'All But Thesis' PhD at Penn. Before children in the early '70s, I sort of fell into teaching for six years. When I became a mom, I did what I referred to as 'play jobs' that fit into what the girls were doing as they grew up. When I had back surgery in 1988, returning to teaching the high-impact aerobics that was popular at the time was not realistic! Thus, I began a five-year stint as a substitute teacher in the district where we live. Knowing many of the kids, I really enjoyed the review of the secondary education that I received when filling in for other teachers. Ezra's 'any person, any study' proved very useful! However, with our eldest approaching college, full time was prudent. I returned to the district I had left on maternity leave in 1993. Days and weeks were sometimes long, and summers always short—but 19 years of public service teaching middle school science was good.

"In 2011, I entered the demographic of 'blissfully retired!' Larry did so officially in January 2012 and actually the following October concluded his part-time work with his colleagues as a contractor. In the nearly eight years since, I have been working (less than) diligently on recreating myself, but loving infrequent a.m. alarms, slowly making progress with residential archaeology (peeling the layers of stuff that accumulated in 25 years serving the public and family), using my two-wheeled vehicle as much as possible (we became a one-car family after traveling around the world in 2012), staying healthy, doing volunteer work, and being engaged with grandchildren, family, friends—the stuff that, for me, really gives meaning to life. Our oldest grandson, 8, has completed two years of treatment for acute lymphoblastic leukemia (his mom is '00!); the other 'future Cornellians' are 6, 5, and 3 . . . amazing as are everyone's grandchildren. Life is good!

"Larry and I got involved in kite flying about 15 years ago. This is a niche hobby, with participants as eclectic as what we put into the sky to amuse ourselves and to make beaches beautiful for anyone who chooses to enjoy! We fly at festivals (Ocean City, MD, in April and September; Long Beach Island, NJ, Columbus Day weekend; and Wildwood, NJ, Memorial Day—gorgeous, if the wind gods favor us!), construct at workshops, and make kites with kids to encourage the joy of being out in any breeze. With the exception of bike tours, we've been leery of 'group' travel. Two almost whim decisions may have lifted this cloud. With the Cornell Alumni Assn., experiencing some of Iceland (2015) was pretty amazing.

The small group of interesting travelers, fabulous guides, and organization that provided balance between independence and having mundane decisions well-made led to a second tour—China (2018). You, too, may be ready to leave making arrangements to experts! See us at Reunion registration (after the crunch of arrivals!) for more opinions!

"We will miss my mom, **Doris Holmes Jenkins '44**, who became an honorary '69 member with us in preparing for our 45th. In April 2017, she joined my father, **Du Bois '43**, DVM '43, who died in 2010. Many of us have experience in or are coming to grips with 'the next phases of life' when walking with our parents. Finding a wise and compassionate path is part of reality."

Regarding our Reunion class gift, please note that any gift given by a classmate until June 30, 2019, will count toward our class gift, so please be generous. Co-class presidents **Alan Cody** and **Charlotte Bruska** Gardner write, "We have a great program planned for our 50th, June 6-9, 2019! We and our Reunion committee are as proud as we can be to be organizing the weekend. Many classmates who have not attended past Reunions are coming, and you will have lots of time to catch up with friends! Thanks to everyone who has helped as an affinity group leader to bring our classmates back—and especially to **Jon Kaplan**, MD '74, who has led this effort. See you in June. It's Time to Come Home!" Please make every effort to attend Reunion, June 6-9! Looking forward to seeing many of you there! Send your news and notes to: ♦ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedi048@gmail.com.

70 In just one short year, we will gather in Ithaca for our 50th Reunion. I am astounded that we graduated 49 years ago! Most days I do not feel quite that old, but some days I do. Please mark your calendar (paper or on your phone) and make plans to meet your friends and classmates at Cornell, June 4-7, 2020. **Sally Anne Levine**, JD '73, and **Cathy Hogan**, our amazing 50th Reunion chairs, are in the midst of planning a spectacular and fun-filled Reunion weekend for all of us. They have set up a special and specific e-mail address, Cornell70Reunion50@gmail.com, for us to use for all things 50th Reunion! Send ideas and suggestions, and of course questions and comments, to Cathy and Sally Anne. And volunteers before, during, and after our 50th are needed and welcomed. To complete my bi-monthly reminder, check out our various '70 sites: class website, cornell70.org; Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Cornell70; and Twitter page, www.twitter.com/CornellClass70. Have you moved recently? Do you have a new e-mail address? Please update your contact information by visiting cornellconnect.cornell.edu so you will not miss out on our future 50th Reunion communications.

My parents, **Carl Ferris '47** and **Connie Foley '47**, met in downtown Ithaca, when she was hitching a ride up the very steep section of Buffalo St. and he was driving his car back to campus. He stopped, she accepted the ride, they met, and the rest, as the saying goes, is history. They had their first date within a week, maybe even just a day or two later! The legend is that the date was at Joe's Restaurant (on West Buffalo and Meadow streets). Since my birth in August 1948, I, "Little Connie," have been blessed and lucky to be half of "the Connies"—a term that was coined by one of the ministers at my father's funeral after his death in November 2009.

On December 13, 2018, the other half of "the Connies," my beloved mother and namesake, passed away. She died at a wonderful senior residence and total memory care facility south of San Francisco. She was

close to her three grandchildren, Eric Meyer, **Bethany Meyer Paves '96**, and **Robyn Meyer McGrath '97**, and her six great-grandchildren, Chloe, 13, Bode, 10, Brooke, 8, Travis, 6-1/2, Margaret Constance, 8, and Beatrice, 6, all of whom have resided in the Bay Area for many years.

"Big Connie" was married to my father for over 62 years. They wed at Sage Chapel on Cornell's campus on June 16, 1947 in the afternoon of her graduation day from the College of Home Economics. "I went from my graduation gown to my wedding gown," Mom always enjoyed saying. Carl graduated from the College of Engineering (Mechanical) in December 1946 as he was in the accelerated Navy V-12 program during WWII. Their wedding reception was held at her Delta Delta Delta sorority house that was then located at 626 Thurston Ave. overlooking the gorge and right after the Triphammer Bridge, just west of Beebe Lake. The new Tang Welcome Center (thank you, **Martin Tang** and family), which is in the renovated Noyes Lodge, is just to the left of the TriDelt house of 1947. My grandfather, Roland Foley, worked at the stockyards in Buffalo, NY, as a calf buyer, and often lectured at the Ag school (now known as CALS, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences). He did not have a high school diploma, much less a college degree, but he had a popular radio show in Buffalo that was faithfully listened to by area farmers as he talked to them about calves and cattle and many agricultural topics. His position as a frequent visiting speaker on campus most likely introduced my mother to "our fair Cornell."

One last anecdote about my mother's years on the Hill: Mom told me many times in the past that she would send her dirty laundry "home" to my grandmother in Kenmore, a suburb of Buffalo, for her to wash and send back to Ithaca. This was accomplished by train from the station (yes, the building that we knew as the Station Restaurant!) way downtown in Ithaca, quite close to the inlet at the southern end of Cayuga Lake. My mother was a lovely lady, a kind and funny woman, and a special mom. I will miss Connie #1. Send your news to: ♦ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 In February, our class officers met at the Sheraton Boston Hotel on the first day of the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). Gathered around the conference table were **Laurie Berke-Weiss**, **David Beale**, **Elisabeth Kaplan Boas**, **Linda Cushman**, **Dale Cohen**, **Martha Coultrap**, **Kathy Menton** Flaxman, **Gilda Klein** Linden, **Arthur Mintz**, **Naomi Katz** Mintz, **Jan Rothman**, **Mitch Weisberg**, and me, **Jim Roberts**. Lauren Morgenstern joined us to provide an AA&D update and a preview of the weekend's events. Class president **Barbara Brem** Noveau couldn't be there in person, but she joined us on-screen thanks to Google Hangout; in her absence, Laurie directed the meeting. Class secretary **Linda Germaine**-Miller was unable to join us—although we were glad to see her later that weekend—so Kathy served as the recording secretary. My thanks to her for providing detailed notes of the proceedings.

In two hours of lively discussions, we covered a myriad of class-related affairs, including new officer training, the status of the class website, dues solicitation, and possible get-togethers for classmates in the coming year. Arthur reported on the class's finances, which appear to be in good shape, and then the conversation turned to getting ready for our 50th Reunion, coming up in June 2021. Barbara emphasized that it is "now or never" for finding missing classmates, and Mitch agreed to lead an effort to locate them using affinity-group connections. If you're reading this and know of a classmate who has been out

of touch, we encourage you to reach out. The next subject was the 50th Reunion gift, and a number of ideas were discussed, including facilities—perhaps a Class of '71 lounge in one of the new residences planned for North Campus—or a class scholarship fund. Martha said she would circulate information about the giving levels required for different types of gifts. After Mitch's report on class membership, which is up slightly compared to last year, the meeting was adjourned.

On Friday evening, there was a reception before the CACO dinner in the hotel's grand ballroom. A highlight of the reception, for me, was meeting **Jim Cunningham**, ME '75, who had provided some great photographs of the undefeated 1969–70 Big Red men's hockey team for the book that Arthur and I wrote about Cornell hockey, *Forever Faithful* (available from Cornell University Press: www.cornellpress.cornell.edu). We were also able to greet more classmates, including **Dot Preisner** Valachovic, **Jay Carter**, ME '72, and **Bob Linden**, MD '75. (My apologies to others I may have overlooked—there were a lot of folks in the room.) At the CACO dinner, and after, there were some interesting and unexpected events—but I'll assume you've read about those elsewhere.

Saturday's focus was the proposed "Strategic Framework," a five-year plan for Alumni Affairs. After a presentation led by **Kelly Brown '88**, MBA '91, chair of the Cornell Alumni Advisory Board, and **Michelle Vaeth '98**, associate vice president for Alumni Affairs, attendees moved to breakout rooms to discuss the plan. If my group was typical, there were concerns about the goals and many suggestions for improvements. It will be interesting to see how all of the feedback will be reflected in the final version, which is scheduled to be presented to the board of trustees for approval in May. I would encourage all classmates to seek out information about this five-year plan and provide your input to Alumni Affairs. It will affect all Cornell alumni, current and future.

Saturday night, a group of the '71 CALC attendees with some guests met for a wrap-up dinner at Legal Sea Foods in Copley Place. Beer and wine were served, seafood was consumed, and everyone had a good time. We all look forward to getting together again soon and to seeing as many of our classmates as possible at our 50th Reunion.

As a postscript to CALC, Kathy Flaxman sent this update: "David and I moved to Chevy Chase, MD, almost 15 years ago, when he was working for Fannie Mae. He has had several jobs since then and is now mostly retired. He sings with the Choral Arts Society of Washington, which for the past several years has been led by Scott Tucker, previously the director of choral music at Cornell. We also sing together in another group, the Georgetown Chorale, and I sing in a smaller neighborhood group as well. We have finally found some time to travel, and in conjunction with several trips to Italy we have been studying Italian for several years. In summer 2017, we traveled to Budapest to sing the Brahms *German Requiem* with the Berkshire Choral Festival. After that week, we went on to Prague for another week. This coming summer we hope to return to Prague to sing the Dvořák *Stabat Mater*, again with Berkshire."

Please send your updates and remember to support our class and renew your CAM subscription by paying your dues. Send news to: ♦ **Jim Roberts**, jhr22@cornell.edu; or **Gayle Yeomans**, gay2@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

72 **Gerry Roehm '69**, BS '72, recently returned from a 12-day adventure-travel trip to Antarctica. Sailing from Punta Arenas, Chile, aboard a

146-passenger ship, he reports that the crossing of the Drake Passage was a wild ride, experiencing ten-meter swells and Beaufort 11 winds. The seventh continent was everything he imagined and more. Glaciers, icebergs, spectacular rugged peaks, and penguins . . . so many penguins. Weather was cold, but not Ithaca-in-January cold. Mostly overcast, and frequently snowy, but not so cold to discourage a group of "ice swimmers" from making the first 1,000-meter Antarctic swim in frigid -1.2C (30F) seas. On their last day, they sailed into an "active" volcano to visit an old whaling station, abandoned after the last eruption in 1969.

Bob Tausek and wife Marjie live in Charleston, SC, where they recently visited an eatery owned by actor Bill Murray for an oyster roast. Bob and Marjie spend a lot of time with their twin grandsons, Nash and Maverick. Send news to: ♦ **Gary Rubin**, GLR34@cornell.edu; or **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

73 It's February in fly-over country, so you know I'm basking in the glare of sun on icy snow, all the while realizing you'll be reading this in May. There aren't many items in the mailbag, so here is what I have. The annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in February included time spent planning our 50th Reunion. Yes, our 45th was just a year ago, but if we want to do something special, now is the time to bring ideas together. We'll let you know as options percolate to the surface. Meanwhile, here are ways our classmates continue to contribute to Cornell.

Over the course of our entire time as alumni, our class has raised \$11,740,644. Each year we provide a scholarship for students. Last year's recipient received \$15,381. In addition to tuition, the class also supports a book fund, which last year was \$794. The importance of your and other's donations cannot be understated in this era of increasing costs. But fundraising isn't the engine that will drive a great 50th Reunion—your participation will!

A number of classmates participated in either on-campus summer courses or study tours offered through Cornell's Adult University. **Charles Camisa** took a bike tour of the Finger Lakes, while **Susan Laeger** Sturc went sailing on them. **Martha Burroughs** Keagle attended Not Just a Game: Sports and Politics in American History, and **Carol Hoekje**, JD '81, went on a study tour that focused on Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*: Theology, Musicology, and Performance.

Sadly, we learned from **Paul Cashman** via **Debbie Greene** Rothman that **Eliot Greenwald**'s mother died in January. We send our condolences. Shelly Kaplan let us know that **Jon Kaplan**, MBA '74's bike club has erected a "Ghost Bike" in honor of Jon, on the site where he was killed. It is a moving tribute to our classmate and friend. Needless to say, please send in your news! ♦ **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu; **Pamela Meyers**, psmeyers73@gmail.com; **David Ross**, dave@daveross.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

74 From class president **Dale Lazar**, JD '77: "The leadership of the (Notable) Class of '74 was well represented at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) held February 8-10 in Boston. We attended many interesting presentations that enhanced our understanding of Cornell and provided ideas for our class. "We have a Reunion coming up June 6-9, 2019! Come join us for a fun weekend. I enjoy the opportunity to renew long friendships and make great new ones (even after

45 years from our graduation!). Our Reunion planning team, led by **Shelley Cosgrove** DeFord, has come up with a fun-filled program that will engage all of us. You will be glad that you joined us!"

Fellow WVBR colleague **Kendall Minter**, JD '76, was appointed as a board member of Georgia Music Partners, a nonprofit organization that supports Georgia's music industry through its commitment to promoting music within the state's communities, schools, and economy. Kendall was also a co-founder and inaugural executive director of the Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyer Assn., and is currently an adjunct professor at Georgia State U. teaching copyright and music publishing. I reached out to Kendall to ask how his "formative years" at Cornell and WVBR may have influenced his professional career. "During my six years on the Hill, I had the honor and pleasure of doing an air shift at WVBR-FM (as well as WTKO), working as a deskman at the Straight, and organizing Cornell's on-campus recycling program while working in Day Hall for the then-VP of Campus Life, William Gurewitz. My evening show on WVBR was the direct result of a movement initiated by African American students at Cornell concerned about the lack of culturally and musically diverse on-air programming at the station. As a result of those collective efforts, the Sounds of Blackness and Black Radio Ithaca were birthed and found daily time slots and homes at WVBR and WHCU. The rest is history, and that's exactly what Ezra Cornell envisioned in his founding motto."

Fellow Cornell Club of Washington member **Claudia Benack**, MS '75, was presented with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who, as a leader in the biochemistry industry. (Claudia received her BS and MS from Human Ecology and her doctorate in biochemistry from Case Western Reserve U. School of Medicine.) Through her career, which included developing and implementing technology in order to support chemical and biological defense and health initiatives in both civilian and military medical protection, Claudia worked for the DHS, FDA, VA, DOD, Air Force, Army, and Navy. She also held editorial positions at *Biochemical Journal*, the *Journal of Molecular Endocrinology*, and the *American Journal of Physiology*. She is active in a number of professional organizations, including the Assn. of Women in Science and the Int'l Assn. for Women Bioscientists.

Continuing the accolades, **William Quain** reports, "It has been an eventful year for me in Ocean City, NJ. The big news is that I won the Mr. Mature America Pageant in April 2018, and will turn over my crown in April 2019. It has been a real blast to 'reign.' My talent portion of the pageant was playing my banjo ukulele and singing, and that has produced some interesting gigs for me, including entertaining at other pageants. The emcee at the Mr. Mature America Pageant was Erik Estrada of 'Ponch' fame on the 'ChiPs' television show. He still looks pretty good!" Bill's older daughter, **Amanda Quain '13**, married **Dustin Tiedemann '13** during a ceremony at Sage Chapel, followed by a reception at the Statler Hotel. Bill says that Statler GM **Rick Adie '75** and his staff did a fantastic job and that they had a chance to spend time with **Mimi Ansbro** and **Tom Maloney**, MPS '84, **John Martindale '72**, MPS '74, and **John Foote** and **Kris Rupert** while they were there. They also enjoyed a dinner with John, Kris, and Kris's father, **Jack Rupert '49**, JD '51. Bill says he and his wife, Jeanne ("an import from Cortland"), met at Cornell 45 years ago.

Elizabeth Moore writes, "I recently taught a course called Art & Architecture of Catalonia, along with Cazenovia

College colleague **Anita Welych '80**. We took students to Spain, stayed in an old Roman foundry turned art center, and made excursions into Barcelona and Tarragona. I'm looking to make a return trip before I retire from teaching perhaps in 2020. On a sad note, our dear classmate **Olga Mohan** passed away in January 2019."

Kristen Rupert writes, "Six classmates recently toured the Cornell Costume and Textile Collection's exhibit 'Women Empowered: Fashions from the Front Line,' in Martha Van Rensselaer Hall. Organized by John Foote and led by assistant professor **Denise Green '07**, the group included **Mary Berens**, current president of the Ithaca Rotary Club; **Peggy Cangilos**-Ruiz of Skaneateles, chief bankruptcy judge for the Northern District of New York,

Matt '09 and wife Sarah Chao in Kansas City. Matt is a software developer for startup Paylt. They also enjoy visiting youngest son **Joe '16** just outside D.C., where he is a senior software engineer for MITRE Corp. Middle son Mark is in St. Paul, MN, where he is an engineer for 3M. Pam is looking forward to retiring in a few more years and then "triangulating" between their sons, plus a beach venue, but will stay rooted in Ithaca. In (what little remains of) her remaining time, Pam also is VP of her church council and president of her PEO chapter in Ithaca.

Gail Henderson (g_e_henderson@yahoo.com) is a grandmother for the first time! Scout Josephine was born October 8, 2018. Gail lives on a 50-acre hobby farm in central Ontario adjoining her younger daughter and son-

'Mom always enjoyed saying, "I went from my graduation gown to my wedding gown."'

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whose son, Seb, was recently married; **Marcia Langwell** Morris of New Jersey, founder and owner of the company Headpiece Heaven, which makes wedding headpieces and accessories; Betsy Moore, design professor at Cazenovia College, whose son recently graduated from Syracuse and is now working on Capitol Hill for Representative Anthony Brindisi; and Kristen Rupert of Boston, who works for a business trade association. **Frank Ruiz '72** and **Paul Morris '75** also joined the tour. Marcia Morris stays in touch with classmate **Diane Wright** Hirsch of Connecticut; Marcia designed wedding accessories for Diane's daughter's recent wedding." ♦ **Jim Schoonmaker**, js378@cornell.edu; **Lucy Babcox** Morris, lucmor1433@gmail.com.

75 I, **Mitch Frank**, recently visited my older daughter, Briana, in Manhattan. She is working at Alice & Olivia in its Bryant Park women's clothing store location, and finishing up college online at the U. of Central Florida. We took in *Network*, a great play with Bryan Cranston, and then she flew out to Napa for her boyfriend's mother's 60th birthday, and then off to Hong Kong for a week. We did that when we were 22, right? A very, very different world to be sure; a much smaller one. Younger daughter Arielle is a freshman at American U., and I had the opportunity to see her starring on their mock trial team.

Bill Hopple (billhopple@gmail.com) is retiring in May after 23 years as executive director of Cincinnati Nature Center. Wife **Mary (Benning) '76** and he plan to spend more time at their cottage on Chautauqua Lake in Western New York and travel the states—don't be surprised if they stop by, Cornell classmates! **Pam Hanna** (phannamenz@aol.com) still lives happily in Ithaca and works at Cornell supporting students. She writes that they got 12 inches of snow overnight. (Does anybody remember jumping out of second-floor dorm windows into snowdrifts in the winter of '71-72?) She still walks the same halls of Goldwin Smith that she did "oh so many years ago as an Artsie." Pam reports that Klarman Hall has been an amazing addition to the Arts Quad. She misses the old Temple of Zeus, but "its newest incarnation in Klarman is quite acceptable." She and husband Greg Menzenski (chief data officer for Cornell) recently visited oldest son

in-law's property (and the baby too!) after moving there last year with her partner of five years, Chris (a sound engineer), two dogs, a cat, and some chickens (so far the only livestock—working toward cattle and horses and probably goats). So I guess she returned to her Ag college roots! Gail worked for many years in the corporate field as a senior analyst, then taught at junior college for a while and wrote part of a grammar textbook. More recently, she turned her hobbies (theater performance, directing, teaching, and vocal coaching, particularly musicals) into her "job": Gail runs an Entertainment Network company with Chris, and also directs, performs, and teaches. She has taught children and adults for a few local groups as well as one of the municipalities nearby. She also serves on the board of a local theater company and on the board of the local chamber of commerce. Gail's Cornell connections abound—she got back in touch with a whole host of dorm-mates from Cornell last summer and they correspond regularly.

Eliot Schuman (ems@ddw-law.com; Pleasantville, NY) is the head coach of the Cornell mock trial team, sponsored by the ILR school and open to all undergraduates. He and his team reached the final four of the national championship tournament held in Minneapolis in spring 2018, the best finish in Cornell history. They were ranked 11th in the nation (out of hundreds), again a school record. Eliot, you have a lot to be proud of. I guest-presided over two rounds at a regional mock trial tournament held at American U. The student competitors were incredible; they were undergraduates arguing evidence, cross-examining witnesses, doing it all. Their coaches are amazingly talented in teaching them these skills pre-law school. I have coached law school trial teams for 20 years, and we in that arena think it is big—but college mock trial has far more teams competing. I would take all three advocates from one team I saw right now on one of our teams. It really was something to see.

Jeanne Allen (Jeanne.allen@hhcinc.org; Easthampton, MA) is starting a family nurse practitioner residency program at the health center where she works, including peace and justice activities and annual health brigades to Honduras. **David Levy** (dlevy31416@gmail.com) retired from his partnership at Venable LLP on January 1. He had worked in several areas of public utility law since

1979, including railroad, pipeline, telecom, and postal, all in Washington, DC. **Robin Michael Koenig** (Robin Koenig@comcast.net; Rockville, MD) retired two years ago from Walter Reed Hospital after working there for 32 years as a child psychologist. Son Aaron and wife Erica have two children, Maya, 3, and Eli, 1. Aaron is a geriatric psychiatrist working at Brogen and Erica is a neuroscientist there. Daughter **Sarah '08** is in Austin, TX, where she obtained her PhD in child psychology. Husband **Scott '73**, PhD '79, is extremely busy as CEO of MacroGenics, a biotech company in Rockville. I hope everyone stays well. ♦ **Mitch Frank**, mfgator@gmail.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, Karen.boroff@shu.edu.

76 Simon Krieger, MBA '77, writes from Scotch Plains, NJ: "Whenever Robin and I and our widely dispersed family get together, it becomes a mini-Cornell reunion. On September 29, 2018, we gathered in Lerici, Italy, for a family wedding of our nephew Isaiah Krieger and his bride, Anastasia Dementieva. The groom's parents, my brother, **Alex Krieger '74**, and Anne Mackin, traveled from Boston. Arriving from Madison, WI, was our son, **Jason Krieger**, MBA '09, his wife, Holly, and our 7-year-old grandson, Finn. From Westfield, NJ, arrived our daughter, **Lisa Krieger** Hamlich '05, her husband, Eliot, our 5-year-old grandson, Jake, and our 3-year-old granddaughter, Emma. Other family members attending were niece Isara Krieger from San Francisco, and from Chicago my sister, Debbie Cristino, her husband, Mike, and our cousins Gloria and Don LeBoyer, whose daughter, **Jeannette LeZaks '01**, graduated Cornell with a BS. After a marvelous wedding weekend on the Italian Riviera, we traveled to Florence to witness the splendid art and architecture of the Renaissance and enjoy some fine dining."

Our old pal and WVBR luminary **Larry Epstein**, MBA '78, sends this update: "I guess since this is my first update in this column ever, a bit of catch-up is in order. After a 25-year career as a TV executive, I joined Drexel U. in Philadelphia in 2003 as an administrator—but I quickly transitioned to teaching, which I've been doing (and loving) for the past 13 years, teaching media and arts management and entrepreneurship. I've stayed active in student-run WVBR-FM and its parent organization, the Cornell Media Guild, where I am about to begin my 20th year as a member of the board of directors. Meanwhile, **Karen (Hasby) '77** retired in 2018 following her 20-plus-year career as a TV journalist and, after going back to school for her master's in reading education, enjoyed a 17-year second career as a middle- and upper-school reading specialist at a private school in Princeton, NJ. Karen has just completed training as a certified yoga

instructor, so I guess 'retired' may just be a figure of speech. Our children live in Boston, where both are enjoying careers in healthcare—Katie (MS, RD, LDN) as a registered dietitian and Mike (MPH) as a data analytics executive. Karen and I spend part of every summer in the Finger Lakes, not far from our alma mater!" **Jerry and Jia Cai Lewin's** daughter, Jade, was one of the many talented high school students who attended the 2018 Cornell University Summer College Program.

And lastly, my (that's me, **Pat Relf** Hanavan, writing the column this time) book with Doris A. Dirks, *To Offer Compassion: A History of the Clergy Consultation Service on Abortion* (U. of Wisconsin Press) is coming out in paperback this August and has been optioned for a feature film—which of course may come to naught, but it's fun to cast the movie in our minds. We'd all love to hear where you are and what you're doing! Please keep us in the loop. ♦ **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com; **Lisa Diamant**, ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, krinsk54@gmail.com.

77 Many of our fellow alumni gathered in Boston this past February for the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) sponsored by the Cornell Assn. of Class Officers (CACO). The three-day conference included a number of presentations about alumni life today and opportunities for alumni engagement. Many current students and Cornell staff participated in the conference and spoke about what's happening on campus these days. Several sessions focused on discussion of a draft strategic plan for the Office of Alumni Affairs. When complete, this document will guide their efforts to strengthen alumni programs in the coming years. I was fortunate to attend the conference for the first time. Reunion chairs **Cara Lebowitz** Kagan, **Donna Darragh** Copley, and **Karen Lipton** Wellin, all seasoned CALC veterans, were also there to represent our class. Cara's husband, Len, an honorary member of our Reunion team, and her daughter **Erica '05**, a member of the CACO board, also participated. This year the conference was open to class officers and all interested alumni, prompting **Carol Benson** Antos and **Roland Shen** to attend.

Another classmate also made the trip to Boston. **John Molinda** lives in Pittsburgh, PA, and has been busy connecting with a number of our fellow classmates. He reports that **Ken Koenig**, ME '78, visited him in Pittsburgh as part of Ken's cross-country trip from his home in Saratoga, CA. John noted that Ken "loaded up his family and headed east, kind of like 'The Beverly Hillbillies' in reverse, except he had a new fancy RV instead of a beat-up old truck." Ken then went on to visit **Stu Soffer** in Branford, CT. John wanted to also mention that Stu frequently

arranges mini (and sometimes not so mini) reunions of '77 classmates in conjunction with Cornell vs. Yale (or Quinnipiac) hockey or football games. More classmates are always welcome! John writes that on his way to CALC in Boston, he and Stu stopped to visit Bishop's Orchards in Guilford, CT, and got a fascinating tour by **Keith Bishop** of his 400-kW solar electric array on a field adjacent to his farm market and winery building. Keith also has a large roof-mounted solar array.

John also joined **Carol Rosenblum** Levin and **Sheryl Checkman** to march in the 2018 **Sy Katz '31** Parade, after the Cornell vs. Columbia game. He then caught the Big Red Band performance and the tailgate party at the Cornell Club-New York. Finally, John reports that he met up with **Mark Halper**, who flew back from his home in Bristol, UK, for his dad's memorial service. While Mark has been a UK-based freelance journalist for over 20 years, he recently has been pursuing a new career as the leader of the rock band Ghost Weed, based in Bristol.

In other news, **Tracey Benson Smith** writes that she and husband **Gary, DVM '76**, live in Bainbridge, NY. **David Dickieson** was inducted into the inaugural class of the Cornell squash team's hall of fame. The induction was to recognize David's captaining the team to a seventh-place national ranking and working to help create the Friends of Cornell University Squash (FOCUS). Congratulations, David!

We enjoy hearing from you and having the opportunity to share your stories with our fellow classmates. Please keep all of your news and views coming in via the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>, or by writing to either of us: ♦ **Mary Flynn**, maryflynn1@me.com; **Howie Eisen**, heisen@pennstatehealth.psu.edu.

78 We did not receive enough news items from classmates for a full-fledged class column this issue, but we'll be looking forward to hearing all that's happening in your lives for a full update in the next one! When you have a minute, please e-mail us with your news: ♦ **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilene.lefland@gmail.com; **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyfuller.com.

79 How exciting that our 40th Reunion will be here very soon! Come for the whole Reunion (June 6-9) or just a couple of days. If you want to come for just Saturday, you can enjoy our lunch, reception, and dinner. If you haven't already registered for our big get-together, please do so ASAP. Register online so that we make sure we have enough food for everyone for all our events. If you have any questions, please contact either **Karen Mineo** (K_Mineo@yahoo.com) or **Steve Magacs** (SMagacs@parkoutdoor.com). See you at Cornell for a wonderful weekend of reminiscing and making new memories at our 40th!

During the past 40 years, many Cornell '79 classmates have become quite prolific. We have made lasting contributions to both our chosen professional fields and the communities in which we work and live, and we've received many important honors. As our class did in the lead-up to our 25th, 30th, and 35th Reunions, we have identified and will honor as part of our Reunion additional distinguished classmates equal in number to our Reunion, across the diverse fields of arts and media, education, entrepreneurship, healthcare/medicine, product businesses, public service, and service businesses. This brings the total number of Class of '79 Distinguished Classmates to 130 (25 + 30 + 35 + 40) individuals. See <http://79classmates.net> for the bios of all 130 classmates, including the 40



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classmates named in the lead-up to our 40th. Nominations are now open (form is on the class website) for those to be honored as part of our 45th.

As a warm-up to Reunion, **Deb Waterman** Johns hosted a pre-Reunion cocktail party for Washington, DC, alumni at her Georgetown home. Class president **Jeff Weiss** assisted in the planning effort. The class is also grateful to Deb, the chief creative officer and co-founder of Scout, for her contribution of beverage cooler bags as Reunion favors. What a great way to bring home a Finger Lakes wine or other beverage!

On February 8 and 9 Jeff Weiss, Karen Mineo, Steve Magacs, **Brad** and **Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS '87, **Margie Wang**, **Danna Levy** Riback, **Janet Goldin** Rubin, **Dan Mansoor**, MBA '80, **Mark Wilson**, **David Steward**, **Zena Saunders**, MBA '81, **Deb Arrindell**, and **Nancy Sverdluk** gathered in Boston at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). The group enjoyed dinner at La Voile and opportunities for learning and socializing with other Cornellians throughout the weekend!

Cindy Green reports that she and her suitemates had their 43rd freshman Low Rise 7 reunion to celebrate the year (1975-76) they all lived together in the dorm. They continue to marvel over how amazing it is to be friends! This year the group gathered in NYC for the fourth time, starting on Friday with dinner at **Karen Cornelius '78's** apartment. The group, including Karen, Cindy, **Elena Rodriguez**, **Allison Gaye** Kirschner, **Gloria Cohen**, **Randy Strongin** Weiss '78, and **David Goldston '78**, continued the celebration visiting museums and galleries on Saturday and attending a comedy show. They wrapped up the fun weekend with a dim sum Sunday brunch and made plans to reunion annually forever and ever.

Gregg Popkin (gpopkin@rfr.com) writes that he and spouse **Joan (Discepolo)** look forward to seeing friends from ILR, Human Ecology, U-Hall 1, Kappa Sigma, and spring football at Reunion. The Popkins live in NYC, where Gregg is the president and COO at RFR Realty LLC. They are truly a Big Red family as their two daughters earned both undergraduate and graduate degrees at Cornell. **Elizabeth Nolan Nethery** (liznolan5@yahoo.com) and husband **Lance** are looking forward to Reunion and are amazed at how quickly time flies. They continue to enjoy living in Germany after 37 years and have ticked off many items on their bucket list. **Michael Curran** writes that he retired in 2016 after 30-plus years of consulting and went back to school. In March 2019, he received his master's in military history from the U. of Buckingham and is working on turning his thesis into a book.

Jon Wardner (jmwardner@hotmail.com) sent some great pictures of his years with the Hangovers that were forwarded to the Reunion committee. The Hangovers, founded in 1968 as a subset of the Cornell Glee Club, celebrated their 50th anniversary in Bailey Hall on November 10, 2018. A group of 16 alumni from the classes of '79 through '84 performed "Facetime" at the Fall Tonic, an a cappella jamboree, as a guest group of the current undergraduate Hangovers. "Facetime" was composed by **Phil Hess '82** in 1980 as a satirical look at the campus social scene. The Hangovers released a 45-rpm single in 1980, followed by an LP album of the same name in 1981. Jon directed the Hangovers from 1978-81. After graduating in '79, Jon stayed at Cornell for two extra years, working on campus as a TA and research assistant, before leaving Ithaca for medical school in 1981. Jon writes that he is looking forward to Reunion and seeing Steve Magacs, his old Glee Club friend. The Glee Club, founded in 1868, will concurrently be celebrating its 150th anniversary during Reunion weekend. To celebrate, Jon will be leading

the Alumni Hangovers in a couple of gigs throughout the weekend, and he is looking forward to the challenge of coordinating everything.

It's never too late to relive those good old times on the Hill, so plan to join us in June. In the meantime, keep your news updates coming to classof79@cornell.edu or directly to your class correspondents: ♦ **Kathy Zappia** Gould, kathy.gould57@gmail.com; **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@sothebyshomes.com; **Linda Moses**, linda kmoses@gmail.com.

80 As I write this column, we celebrate Women's History Month to amplify women's voices to inspire future generations and share their stories regarding their accomplishments and challenges as guideposts. The International Women's Day celebration is only several days away with the theme #BalanceforBetter, focusing on achieving a more gender-balanced world through highlighting women's achievements, taking actions for gender equality, and raising awareness against bias. Our class will be taking our own steps at Reunion toward celebrating the progress, achievements, and challenges for Cornell women from graduation in 1980 to our 40th Reunion in 2020. We will be discussing the issues facing Cornell women from 1976 to 1980 and the societal, policy, workplace, and legislative changes that have impacted Cornell women from 1980 to 2020.

The class officers and council had a terrific turnout for the class meeting and Reunion planning at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), February 8-9 in Boston. The Reunion chairs, **Mollie Pulver** (mpulver@nbtbank.com), **Kathy Biondolillo** Valliere (kathannval@gmail.com), and **Todd Wolleman** (todd@leowolleman.com) continue to focus on creative programming for our 40th Reunion, June 4-7, 2020. Reunion activities will include a fun and relaxing Thursday at the Ithaca Farmers Market filled with delicious food and music, the special class Cornell ice cream flavor, the celebration with CALS dean **Kathryn Boor**, and many other special programs. Volunteers are needed for advance planning and to assist at Reunion, and we encourage you to contact the Reunion co-chairs.

The 40th Reunion for the Class of 1980 will be the first Reunion to host a focused women's program on Friday with a panel of prominent Cornell alumnae discussing their professional and personal experiences and the changes and challenges for women from 1980 to 2020, followed by lunch discussion groups on timely topics facilitated by our classmates. Please contact **Leona Barsky**, MS '81, the chair for the Reunion women's program, at LLB39@cornell.edu to volunteer and for additional information.

The class council at CALC was joined by **Jon Shields** from West Seattle, WA, who works with the Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County developing programs to reduce residential toxic substances exposures. Jon continues to pursue his photography hobby, photographing local musicians, political events, and scenic hikes in the Pacific Northwest. He has interesting pictures of key campus events from our undergraduate days, which we would like to share at Reunion. Another classmate, **Reginald White**, senior management consultant with Cornell Organizational Development and Talent Management, was one of the featured speakers about volunteer leadership at CALC.

Karen Friedman See attended CALC and found the conference to be a terrific way to learn about opportunities to reengage with Cornell and meet classmates. Karen was inspired by the more than 100 current Cornell students who attended CALC and shared their backgrounds

and Cornell experiences with the group. Karen noted that the students were "diverse in every aspect, articulate, open, humble, and confident, and I left wanting to do more to help and optimistic about our future."

Our classmates have been sharing news of their professional accomplishments and personal milestones as we approach our 40th year after graduation and explore encore careers or transition to retirement activities. Our fellow class correspondent **Dik Saalfeld** has been enjoying his retirement with his wife, Kelley, spending time in Madagascar seeing lemurs, chameleons, and other wildlife, St. Lucia, Vermont, and Florida. **Niel Golightly** has joined FCA Fiat Chrysler Automobiles as global chief communications officer, following 13 years at Royal Dutch Shell. Niel and his wife, Lori, plan to divide their time between their home in Houston, TX, and Auburn Hills, MI. Niel has resumed rowing and rekindled his great memories as a member of the lightweight crew team at Collyer Boathouse during his undergraduate years.

Dori Kerner writes that she earned her 200-hour certification as a yoga teacher in 2018 and is currently pursuing education in mindfulness in preparation for a career pivot. Dori has been the managing partner at her own digital agency, Sleight-of-Hand Studios, for the past 15 years, supporting small businesses and nonprofit organizations with web strategy and development, and also serves as the class VP of communications. She resides in Fairfax, VA, with her husband and business partner, Larry Hugg, and is the proud grandmother of a 6-year-old grandson who fortunately lives nearby.

Prior to Reunion, there will be opportunities to reconnect through activities in various cities around the country. Check the Class of 1980 website. Our class activities are supported by the class dues and you recently received our letter requesting that you help your class by paying dues for 2019-20. We look forward to hearing from you and reconnecting in preparation for our 40th Reunion. ♦ **Leona Barsky**, LLB39 @ cornell.edu; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25 @ cornell.edu; and **Dana Jerrard**, dej24 @ cornell.edu.

81 Hello from sunny South Florida and happy spring to all of you '81ers! For many of us, this will be the year we turn 60, a year of reflection and possibly some changes. It is for us, as **Mike Bell** will be retiring and I have recently embarked on an online degree for veterinary nursing. Our kids are fine and off on their own, so we've begun the shift to "me" and "us" time.

Laura Dake Roche and her husband, **John**, have enjoyed several hockey games with classmates. They traveled to "Lynah East" (Harvard) and sat with **Brad Crooke** and **Tony McManus '80**. They also traveled to Quinnipiac and Yale with **Mark '78**, MS '81, and **Joanne Kopsick Barmasse**. Laura says, "It's as much fun today as it was when we were there!" Laura's youngest, **Carolyn '20**, was a freshman in Balch (where Laura lived) and is enjoying ALL that Cornell has to offer, including the Lynah Faithful. She has become a rabid hockey fan! John and Laura are loving the quiet nest. "Trying to think about what we want to do in our next phase, including exit strategies from the work world. When? Who knows?"

Janice Kerzner Tillo writes, "After 29 years, my husband and I are finally (well, sort of) empty nesters! Our youngest, T.J., received an appointment to the US Naval Academy and, as I write this, he is in the spring term of his Plebe year. We are so incredibly proud of him for wanting to serve our great country! We are not quite empty nesters, however, as our middle daughter, Emily, works for the PGA Tour and commutes from home to

their headquarters in Ponte Vedra Beach. Our two other girls are in Boston. Carolyn works in alumni development at Boston College, and recent BU grad Lizzie has started an investment technology group. We took a family trip to Ithaca two summers ago, 40 years from the start of our class's Cornell journey. It was great being back to the world's most beautiful campus!"

Jenny Read Campbell's husband, Ron, shares that Jenny continues working as a high school career center specialist and loves the work, though not the north Virginia commute. She has been recognized for her contributions and remains involved with the College Partnership and AVID programs, which focus on working with first-generation college-bound students. Chaperoning college bus tours has become a regular practice for her; she has done local visits and day trips to the Richmond-area colleges, as well as a summer trip to several colleges in Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania. Jenny has also traveled to colleges and universities as a guest of their admissions departments, so she is building her resume of regional schools visited and has also joined PCACAC, a professional organization for career counselors. In her "free" time, she still heads up online challenges for a group and is continuing her involvement in the community action board that she was nominated to by the county supervisor. Jenny enjoyed catching up with **Jay, PhD '83**, and **Theresa Kronik Wrobel** at Jenny's son's wedding in June 2018. The four of them are planning a bike trip to Puglia, Italy, in June 2019. With four more weddings to plan for 2019, this year is going to fly by for Jenny and Ron!

Classmate author **Patricia Lafrate** Newman was featured in the most recent issue of *Human Ecology* magazine. She has a passion for conservation stories, fascinating aspects of the natural world, and writing books that lead children on adventures of self-discovery. "When I was an undergrad at Cornell, my classes reinforced that we are citizens of the world," she said. "Our actions don't simply impact people in our tiny spheres, but oftentimes ripple all over the world. Kids in schools are trying to figure out where they fit, who has similar problems, and who has the same questions. When kids read, they often find answers within the pages of a book—whether it's fiction or nonfiction. I'm trying to let kids in on the secret that they have a voice. What they think matters, because they will be the future change makers of the world." The education that Patricia received at Cornell gave her the wherewithal to understand the science, she said. "That understanding allows me to translate difficult concepts for fourth and fifth graders, while at the same time finding the hook that will interest kids—the leaders of tomorrow." Her books include *Sea Otter Heroes: The Predators That Saved an Ecosystem*, *Zoo Scientists to the Rescue*, and *Plastic, Ahoy!: Investigating the Great Pacific Garbage Patch*. She frequently speaks at schools, libraries, and conferences about writing and conservation. Learn more at: www.patricianewman.com.

Stay tuned for more information about the Class of 1981 60th birthday party at the Cornell Tech campus in NYC in mid-September! And remember, our 40th (!) Reunion is June 10-13, 2021. Send ideas, activities you would like to see, and/or offers to help to Laura Roche (Ldakeroch@aol.com) or **Cathy Cosentini** Bonczek (cathybonczek@mac.com). The Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston at the beginning of February was a success, with some great workshops and speakers. Mike and I, **Tanis MacKay-Bell**, were able to spend some time with **Lisa Kremer** Ullman, **Celia Rodee**, **Fred Cohen**, **Monique van Perlstein**, **Cathy Bonczek**, **Laura Roche**, and **Renee Miller-Mizia**.

You can submit news via <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>, or send your news to: ♦ **Tanis MacKay-Bell**, TanisMBell@gmail.com; **Steven Barre**, sbarre@aol.com; or **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net.

82 News is running low for this column. Drop us a line to let your classmates know about events and milestones in your life. We would love to hear from you!

Jill Schwartz Rowan (Tallahassee, FL) submitted an interesting and detailed contribution: "I traveled with my husband in late September to Cornell. While I have not been back to campus since the mid-1980s, I have stayed informed about the changes on campus via this magazine and therefore was not shocked by the alterations, although I did walk into Klarman Hall several times to see the startling sight of the exterior of Goldwin Smith Hall now inside a building. It is wonderful the way Cornell renovated by keeping the pretty stonework and then making the interior ecofriendly. I saw the campus differently than as an undergraduate; in those days, I think I was so focused on classes that I missed out on appreciating the natural beauty of the trails, gorges, and waterfalls. We walked everywhere.

"We visited the Botanic Gardens and walked to the Orchards, where they were having a cider and apple tasting. I had arranged with the new visitor center for a historic tour, and our guide was terrific. He knew interesting 'behind the scenes' details of how A.D. White and Ezra Cornell worked together to establish the university. During our tour, he showed us Wee Stinky Glen (sponsored by our class), which made me smile. I had made a list of not-to-be missed sites to show my husband, such as the A.D. White House and the view from the Johnson Museum, and we saw all of them.

"We spent time downtown on the Commons, where the Apple Harvest Festival was occurring. I had read about the delicious desserts there, and it was all true. The Cornell Orchards had a display there with experimental apples. We also ate both Purity and Cornell Dairy Bar ice cream, and since I am a former Cornell Dining employee, we ate at a few of the dining halls, which are now serving an incredible array of meals, including vegan. It was an incredible visit and vacation." So classmates, come on back to the Hill and reconnect with your memories of those college years!

Howard Lee, PhD '89, and **Suzanne Usiskin '84's** son Samuel was one of the many talented high school students who attended the Cornell Summer College Program last year. More details about all of their offerings can be found at: <http://www.summercollege.cornell.edu>. Cornell hockey also continues to be a draw. **Mark** and **Melissa Duncan Fernau '83** attended the usual madness that is the Cornell/Harvard game at Bright Arena in Cambridge, and **Terry Kilmer** Oosterom and **Juliet Kolm** Gibbs, BA '80, went to the RPI game in Troy. As I write this, the team is enjoying great success, but a series of injuries is making it challenging to stay at the top.

The Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) was in Boston this past February. Mark Fernau attended and was able to meet up with fellow class officers, including co-presidents **Charles Stuppard** and **Greg Busby**, fellow correspondent **Nina Kondo**, **Jonathan Poe**, **Jamie Hintlian**, ME '85, MBA '86, **Juliet Kolm Gibbs**, **Jennifer Gardiner**, and **Miriam Akabas**. Amid the ahi and red wine, we were able to sit down and discuss how the class is faring and to which areas we should be devoting energy. Like many Cornell classes, our dues-paying membership is decreasing, and we discussed ways to get you all

engaged and plugged in and get the word out about our activities so that we can continue to be a vital force on campus, holding successful Reunions and Homecomings and supporting the Cornell libraries, Wee Stinky Glen, and our undergrad scholarship fund. We talked about ways to get those of you who have already volunteered more involved. Please do not hesitate to pass on ideas about where we can do a better job or help to meet your needs. CALC is open to all as well, and we would love to have more classmates attend next year. **Adolph Vargas '20** of Northern New Jersey, our current scholarship recipient, sent us a thank-you letter and relayed some of his accomplishments. He is the son of Costa Rican immigrants and has worked his way up to Regent Lounge supervisor at the Statler on campus. He productively interned with Delta Airlines and is a member of Alpha Eta Rho, a professional collegiate aviation business fraternity that brings together interested students and members of the aviation industry.

Terry Oosterom was not able to join us at CALC because she and **John Hand '83** were busy crossing off bucket-list items in New Zealand. Over breakfast, Charles Stuppard told me that he has accepted a position as general manager at Canopy Defense, a company of Bambu Global. Bambu's various companies do very cool things with light and its properties. Some of them are keeping our armed forces safer, but the one that really piqued my interest was the INQUE division, which is using their light-based technologies (a "skin tissue imaging system") to give folks safer and better-looking tattoos (and they can painlessly be made invisible if you tire of them!) while they pamper them in their high-end salons. "Think Starbucks," says Charles. Send your news to: ♦ **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu; or **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@npmlaw.com.

83 Greetings, classmates! Lots to report from Class of '83 headquarters. Actually, we don't have a headquarters, just a manila file filled with printed e-mails from those of you who have been kind enough to share your current goings-on.

On Saturday, February 2, we had a well-attended class brunch at Agave in the West Village (Greenwich Village, that is), organized by our hard-working and suave class officer **Abbie Bookbinder** Meyer. Several other class officers were in attendance, including **Susan Guerin** (president and CEO of World Finer Foods), **Lynn Leopold** (a family court judge in NYC), **Lisa Esposito** Kok, **Tony Giobbi** (chief banking officer at Newtown Savings Bank in Newtown, CT), and **Mark** and **Kim Osborn Rhodes**. Delta Upsilon was represented by brothers **Dave Fetterolf**, **Dave Krinsky**, and **Chuck Ruebling**, the assistant headmaster at the Delbarton School in Morristown, NJ, where he has worked since graduation. Afterwards, the DU contingent spearheaded a post-brunch pub crawl accompanied by other brunch attendees **Michael Vernick**, ME '84 (who is very active in all things Sigma Pi), **Beth DiRusso**, BEE '85 (a commercial litigator in New Canaan, CT), and **Agnes Liptak** (who owns a very cool specialty finishing firm in NYC called Fresco Decorative Painting). **David Berger** attended the brunch as well. Thanks to Abbie for putting this together, and stay on the lookout for other class social events in the near future.

Congratulations to **Marcus Cole**, BS '89, who was recently appointed Joseph A. Matson Dean of the Law School and professor of law at the U. of Notre Dame. A leading scholar of the empirical law and economics of commerce and finance, Marcus had previously taught at Stanford Law School, where he joined the faculty in 1997.

Audrey Stillerman checked in from Chicago, where she lives with husband David Freedman. Audrey is a physician and professor at the U. of Illinois, Chicago, with a focus on family medicine. In November 2018, she published an article entitled "Childhood adversity and lifelong health: from research to action" in the *Journal of Family Practice*. Older daughter Sophie is in the Peace Corps, and younger daughter Maxine is a sophomore at Macalester College. Audrey keeps in touch with **David Krieger**, who ran the Chicago Marathon in October 2018; **Bruce Herman**, the director of health and counseling at the U. of Maryland, Baltimore County; and **Peter Tipton**, a professor of biochemistry at the U. of Missouri.

Bryan Clark wrote from Richmond, VA, where he is an emergency physician. This is Bryan's second profession, after having spent the first part of his career as a civil engineer. Bryan and wife **Susan (Wyler) '82**, ME '83, just bought an apartment near Lincoln Center and hope to be visiting NYC more frequently. In the meantime, they are blessed to have two young grandchildren who live in Richmond and bring them a tremendous amount of joy.

Andrea Raisfeld and her husband, photographer William Abranowicz, live in Bedford, NY, and will be celebrating their 30th anniversary this year. Kudos! For several years, Andrea has been a location agent with her own company, Andrea Raisfeld Locations, providing locations for photo shoots for advertising, magazines, television shows (most prominently the HBO series "Succession"), and movies. I encourage those of you with an adventurous spirit and a limber physique to visit the Perivolas Hotel in Santorini (off the southeast Greek coast), where Andrea runs yoga retreats in October and May.

My Sigma Phi brother **John Gaines** lives in Mill Valley, CA, with his wife Bonnie Cohen, and works in the genetics testing industry with a company called Informed DNA. Son Ethan is a senior at Arizona State U., majoring in sports broadcast journalism. John secretly hopes Ethan will one day broadcast games for his beloved New York Mets (I guess it's no longer a secret). In the meantime, John spends his free time as the lead singer of Bay Area Talking Heads tribute band Burning Down the House. This August will mark John's 20th year as an attendee of the Burning Man festival, where in the past he has sung lead in a David Bowie tribute band called Ziggy Playadust.

Speaking of tribute bands, your correspondent **Tom Helf** regularly plays drums in the D.C.-area Allman Brothers tribute band the Allman Others Band, as well as in the original rock band Cravin' Dogs, who have been together for 33 years and have several CDs available for streaming on Spotify—and whose music one critic described as "sweet ol' roots rock with a healthy amount of restless big city experimentalism," whatever the heck that means. Wife Michelle Brafman is a published fiction author and writing professor in the Johns Hopkins U. master's program. Daughter Gabriela will be graduating from high school in Bethesda, MD, this spring, where she is a classmate of **Seth Harris's** son Daniel.

What's going on in your lives? Please send an e-mail to me or our other class correspondents so that we can include your news in future columns. You may also submit news at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>, or on our class Facebook page. Best wishes to all! ♦ **Tom Helf**, tomhelf@aol.com; **Stewart Glickman**, stewartglickman@gmail.com; **Kim Todt**, krt5@cornell.edu; **Jon Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com.

84 As I sit in Western New York admiring the beauty of a February snowstorm, I am looking forward to our upcoming Reunion back on the Hill in

June. Our Reunion chairs are working hard planning a fun-filled weekend that will truly offer something for everyone. Whether you are looking forward to receptions at headquarters, the class picnic by Beebe Lake, lectures on current hot topics, tents on the Arts Quad, or just strolling around campus to visit your old haunts, I guarantee you will not be bored! Think about coming back to Ithaca,

bottom of the river ten feet down). The area surrounding the river is rich with Native American history, filled with original home sites and petroglyphs. The wildlife—eagles, osprey, waterfowl, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, deer, and bobcats—is abundant. Regrettably, the western forest fires are not limited to California and have taken their toll on Idaho as well, impacting entire mountains composed

'My Cornell classes reinforced that we are citizens of the world.'

PATRICIA LAFRATE NEWMAN '81

even if you're not a party animal and you'd like to simply hang out and do nothing other than take in the beauty of campus, the Botanic Gardens (formerly the Plantations), or Libe Slope. By now you should have received a mailing and e-mail with details and registration information for Reunion. We hope you'll join us!

We didn't get much mail or news over the last couple of months. I suspect you're all saving your news for the cocktail parties in Ithaca in June, right? I've had a busy year between work and family. My large multi-specialty group was purchased by our local hospital system, Thompson Health. This has been quite a change, going from being a practice owner to an employee. As with many changes, it has had its advantages and challenges, but the advantages get larger than the challenges as time goes by. Our children continue to go off in cool and exciting directions. **Nicholas '13** remains in Atlanta working with the KIPP charter school district doing analytics. I'm sadly confident we have lost him to the warmth and sun of the South! Probably no return to the land of low vitamin D for him! Matthew (U. of Rochester '15) is in graduate school in Tübingen, Germany, working toward his master's in comparative and Middle East politics and society. He will spend one semester in Egypt as he works on mastering Arabic. Patrick (Geneseo '15) is starting his second year of a Fulbright Scholarship in Brazil. **Meg '16** is in Boston teaching as part of Teach For America. She teaches seventh grade English. She has a fun side gig as a spotter for NBC when they cover track events. **Kate '16** has relocated to Illinois to work at U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She is working as a lab manager and continues to add to her research portfolio. We couldn't be more proud and excited about all their pursuits. My husband, classmate **Kevin McCormick**, continues to work at the U. of Rochester School of Medicine with a private clinical practice out of Highland Hospital that serves as a training site for both internal medicine interns and geriatric fellows. He mentors medical students and has now accepted a position as a part-time medical director at a small hospital in the Southern Tier. He also serves as alumni president for the Seal and Serpent Society on campus.

Jahn Gazder writes, "I had the opportunity to whitewater raft the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon over eight days. Remarkable beauty, Native American history, wildlife, and exceptional hiking. In my opinion, everyone should do this trip at least once in their life—it is transformative. This year, I traveled into the mountains of Idaho and whitewater rafted the middle fork of the Salmon River for a week. The middle fork is fed by snow pack, so the water has exceptional clarity (you can clearly see the stony

of up to 300-year-old ponderosa pine forests. It is difficult to see. On the business side of the ledger, last year I received the designation of private wealth advisor, and this year I am pleased to report that I have received a promotion to managing director."

Please send us your news. You don't want us to resort to writing about our family vacations! We want to hear about yours! ♦ **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell**, catherinej.cantwell@gmail.com; and **Janet Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

85 Happy 2019, Cornellians! Sorry I've missed a couple of columns, but I've had little to no news. Please take some time to send me some info about what's going on in your life, your job, your family, whatever! Connecting to former classmates keeps the legacy of Cornell going.

Crain's New York Business published their 2019 Notable Women in Law list, which this year included classmate **Lori Bauer**, the managing principal of the NYC office of Jackson Lewis PC. She had been the litigation manager for nine years before being elevated to office managing principal in May 2018. *Crain's* list honors attorneys who have impacted NYC in major ways, celebrating the "achievements of the brightest and boldest legal minds, those with both distinguished careers and exceptional civic and philanthropic activities." Congratulations, Lori! **Gregory Reilly**, also of NYC, has joined the law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King. Gregory is a prominent management side labor and employment lawyer and former partner at Martin Clearwater & Bell.

In January, **Leslie Nydick**, **Maryellen Fisher** Magee, **Cindy Cowen** Bowman, **Jill Beckenstein** Lerner, and I, **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, had one of our biannual Cornell women mini-reunions in Nashville. Again, we HIGHLY recommend that all alumni take advantage of meeting up with your Cornell roommates, friends, sorority sisters, or fraternity brothers and revisit college memories and make new ones. It's good for the soul!

The following classmates have a talented child in high school who attended the 2018 Cornell Summer College Program: **Ann Cox** Clancy's daughter Caitlin; **Howard Gelb's** daughter Rachel; **Andrea Tessler's** daughter Sophia; **Laurie Strauch** Weiss's daughter Alexandra; and **Gary Weiss's** son Jaden.

Get ready for Reunion 2020! Start planning, take the time off, and revisit the beautiful Finger Lakes Region for our (OMG!) 35th Reunion. If you have any news or are looking for an old college friend, please send information to: ♦ **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@cornellcast.net.

86 By the time you read this column, it will be spring, so I'll keep it short and happy. **Joanna Morris** Brinker's daughter Nina was accepted into CALS in the Biometry and Statistics major! Joanna says Nina is thrilled because Cornell was always her dream school. She will start in the fall and will be a fourth-generation Cornellian. Joanna's mom, **Nancy Savage Petrie '55**, moved near Portland, ME, where Joanna is living, last spring and she is adjusting well; according to Joanna she didn't even mind her first Maine winter too much. Nancy writes the Class of '55 column and has been doing it for decades. Joanna started a new job this fall at

87 Hey there, Class of 1987. I'm writing in February while thinking of our May/June class column. I was unable to go to the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) this winter, but many of our class officers made it to Boston to begin the early stages of planning our next Reunion in 2022.

Rana Glasgal, ME '92, sent in the following news: **Vicki Davis** Spencer has recently started her own business, called the Bar Top Shop. She sells vintage barware, and her first pop-up in Wellesley, MA, before Christmas 2018 was a big success. Vicki has a great eye for special items! She has twin girls who are seniors in high school

diagnosed and treated for cancer and recently celebrated 20 years with his husband.

Want more news? Then send it in! Send us your news via a news form or by e-mailing any of us at the following: ♦ **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, wwg5@cornell.edu; **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu; and **Lisa Griffin**, LAG77@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

88 Greetings, classmates, and happy spring! **Alison Minton** may have a future in TV, she writes. "My cockatoo (parrot) and I are in an episode of season two of 'The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel.' It's just some background shots in episode nine. At the 41:28 mark there is a scene that lasts about 30 seconds, set in a control room of a telethon. The cockatoo and I are the act on stage while the control room scene is playing out and viewers can see us in eight to ten monitors several times. The cockatoo is an animal actor and model. I'm not an actor, but Maisel Production thought it would be best if I handled my own pet, so they dressed me up in 1950s clothing and a hairstyle and makeup and told me what to do! Good thing I took two semesters of acting at Cornell!"

The Class of '88 has its own Marvelous Mrs. Maisel. **Jackie Daniels** Saril has been doing standup comedy for two years. Earlier this winter, **Mindy Schechter** Tashlik '89, **Marcy Epstein**, **Jill Silverman** Greenspan, and I (**Andréa Meadow** Danziger) saw Jackie perform at a comedy club on the Upper West Side, where she had the crowd laughing at true stories, including the time her dad accidentally took her to a live sex show. That's the only part I can describe in a PG-rated class column. Let's see Mrs. Maisel do that! Jackie performs often in the NYC area; try to catch her show if you can. Another creative classmate is **Daren Wang**, who lives with his wife, Eva, in Atlanta, GA. Daren reports that St. Martin's Press published his first novel, *The Hidden Light of Northern Fires*, in 2017. He is working on his next book, "The Late Cain," which will center around Ithaca Edward Ruloff, whose notoriously large brain can be seen in Uris Hall.

Some updates from our next-generation Cornellians: **Wendy Greenwald** Halperin's daughter, **Emily '21**, transferred to Cornell as a sophomore and is thrilled to be there. **Pam Chertok** Caine's son **Ryan '20** is finishing his freshman year. They have loved visiting them at Cornell, even in the snow! Jill Silverman Greenspan's daughter **Claudia '19** is a senior graduating from ILR in May. Her son **Josh '21** is a sophomore in the Hotel school. **Nicole Kaiden '16**, daughter of **Jon** and **Helene Press Kaiden**, graduated from CALS and is studying at NYU to become a nurse practitioner. Kudos to all!

High school sophomores and juniors can also have an opportunity to experience Cornell through the Cornell Summer College Program, and it's not too late to sign up! Check out their website for more information: <http://www.summercollege.cornell.edu/>. Last summer's participants included: **Ivy Simms** Batos's son Alex; **Mark Elliott's** daughter Halley; **Jennifer Krasnoff's** son Joshua; **Eleonor Krieger's** daughter Isabella; **Marek Stycos's** son Niko; **Virginia Giddings**, ME '89's daughter Samantha; and **Rosalie DiSimone-Weiss** and **Gary Weiss '85's** son Jaden.

Please send us your news using the online form at <https://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. We look forward to hearing from you! Your class correspondents: ♦ **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, ALM46@cornell.edu; **Debbie Kaplan** Gershenson, dkgershe@gmail.com; and **Aliza Stein** Angelchik, aangelchik@sonorusbrand.com.

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ALISON MINTON '88

H.M. Payson, an investment advisory firm that has been in Portland since the mid-1800s. She also sold her house of 25 years and is loving the condo life in the winter—but she might need to find a new gardening outlet in the spring. Joanna occasionally gets together with **Leslie Stutzman**-Solitario when she visits her dad in Virginia. She also regularly sees her sisters, **Karen Morris** McQuiston '90, who is at BlackRock in NYC, where her oldest daughter is a high school junior, and **Sue Morris** Wilkey '84, who lives in Pennsylvania and does work facilitating clinical trials. Karen has one daughter graduating from Penn State this year and another daughter starting in the fall.

Mark Brandt is living in Rocky River, OH, and is in wealth management with Northern Trust. He and wife Kathryn have two grandchildren, 5 and 2, who live an hour away, which Mark says is a lot of fun. What's also really fun is that he recently competed in his 12th Ironman Triathlon, in addition to ten halves and two fulls. He is currently ranked number 235 in the world in his age group, out of 9,000 participants. He's heading to a race in South Africa, which will make the fourth country where he's competed. "I'm finding real joy in competing at a high level at an elevated age. I can still run a six-minute mile," says Mark. If he had a day in Ithaca, Mark says he'd walk the campus and go to Moosewood.

In November, **Laura Pitta** Peter was appointed Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Laura says the move from San Francisco to Washington, DC, was "quite a change!" She thinks Washington is beautiful, but she forgot how cold it gets. One warm spot: she's seeing Cornell friends in person for the first time in 20-plus years. **Christine O'Sullivan**, MBA '92 (mco5@cornell.edu) is living in Mill Valley, CA, and is in the middle of a transition from residential home building to multi-unit elder-housing. She describes her venture as aiming at having a multi-generational approach, with child care. She would love to get in touch with anyone who works for a real estate development company!

As always, please e-mail any of us at: ♦ **Nancy Keates**, nancy.keates@wsj.com; **Toby Goldsmith**, toby.goldsmith@gmail.com; or **Lori Spydell** Wagner, Lori.wagner86@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

and a boy who is a sophomore in high school. **Jennifer Stone Lesnick** continues her busy schedule of volunteer work with Tenacity here in Boston as well as running her own very successful meeting planning business. Her husband, **Josh**, is now president and CEO of Associated Luxury Hotels, a group of over 250 luxury hotels worldwide. Jen and Josh's older daughter, **Julia '18**, just graduated from Human Ecology and was named the Outstanding Senior in HumEc. Their younger daughter, Cece, plays varsity tennis as a sophomore at Lafayette. Rana reports that her cousin **Leslie Kalick** Wolfe's youngest, Josh, will be joining Cece at Lafayette this fall as a member of the men's tennis team.

Bob Forness reported that he will be assuming the chair of the Fraternity & Sorority Advisory Council (FSAC) this spring. FSAC reports to Ryan Lombardi, VP for Student and Campus Life, and advises Ryan, Kara Miller-McCarty (the director of Sorority & Fraternity Life), and their respective staffs on fraternity and sorority policies, planning, communication, and administration. FSAC members include students, alumni, faculty, and staff leaders involved in fraternity and sorority life at Cornell.

Dave Andrade reports that he convinced **Gabe Boyar** and **Dave Price** to join him on a 24-hour road trip to the Hill to cheer on Cornell hockey vs. Harvard. There they ran into **Scott Pesner**, where they toasted him at the Statler for his birthday. They also dropped off provisions for Gabe's freshman daughter, **Susannah '22**. Unlike his time at Cornell when Dave was a student, coach **Mike Schafer '86** did not break a stick over his head while passing the Harvard bench. Cornell prevailed 2-0. Dave Andrade also reports that his son Ryan is working in the aircraft industry in California after graduating Lehigh and that his son Scott has embraced the political world as a junior at GW. David's middle child, Zev, is enrolled in rabbinical school in NYC and will be ordained in 2020!

Victoria Lazar is executive counsel for mergers and acquisitions for General Electric and was recently featured in the *Houston Chronicle*. She was part of the team behind the GE Oil and Gas and Baker Hughes merger and led the task of integrating the legal operations of the two conglomerates. I got the chance to visit her in Houston in early December! **David Zaremsky** is a corporate safety officer at D&B Engineers and Architects. He was

89 I begin with a shameless plug for you to send us your news. That's right, you. Tell us about your most enduring memory from Cornell. What was your favorite food and where did you enjoy it? Reach back and recall a professor who inspired you or whose course content you remember; ideally, that is a bunch! Personally, I would love to hear from classmates who were engaged in making Dragon Day a reality each year.

This spring, our class Reunion reaches the big Three-Oh! Thirty. Years. Ago. We graduated. Amazing! Remember when we were Cornell undergraduates and the prospect of 30 candles on our birthday cake seemed far off? Perhaps we hoped to have secured some significant professional and perhaps personal goals before that milestone 30th birthday. Fast forward to 2019. At the time of this publication, we will be just days away from our 30th Reunion. Chances are if you read this column, you have attended Reunion a few times. We hope you will again this time, too. Our '89 class Reunion organizers dream that you marked your calendar as soon as you received their save-the-date postcard last year. Pre-registration is heartily appreciated; however, please know that those classmates who make a spontaneous, last-minute decision to attend are still welcomed and anticipated.

I was scraping for class news back in early February and my fellow class officers offered ideas to help me fill our allotted column space. Class correspondent **Kristina Borovicka** Gerig offered that she had just bought her Reunion weekend plane ticket, and former correspondent **Kimberly Levine** Graham encouraged me to get Reunion details from the committee chairs. Robert Purcell Community Center is our headquarters. As a former fifth floor Donlon Hall dweller, I am excited to be on North Campus again. When I returned to Donlon for our 20th Reunion, I did so with my husband and our three young children. I mentioned this at check-in, and they assigned me a room on the fifth floor. As always, I struggled to open my dorm room door. While I wiggled my key in the sticky door lock, I turned and scolded my impatient son. Time wrinkled. "How can I be speaking with my child," I reasoned, "if I am also a college student struggling to open my dorm room door?" Both roles fit. It gave me goosebumps! This June, our Reunion residence will be the High Rise dorms of North Campus. Hopefully your family will enjoy the suite format there, as ours enjoyed the nifty new buildings we called HQ during our 25th Reunion on the new and improved West Campus.

Victoria Margolis McGuinness lived on West Campus freshman year, and I met her through my boyfriend-now-husband, **Michael McGarry**. Through our Facebook connection, she warmly shared how she is anticipating time at Reunion with her Kappa Kappa Gamma sisters. She reminisced that a few years ago a handful of them, including **Allison Stang** Shaw and **Cathy Moss** Cabrey, rallied to meet up in Annapolis, because their sister **Christy Carlson** Fields was in town. Victoria says it was "a perfect night to walk around Annapolis and catch up, and we were lucky enough to spend the night with **Ruthellen Leventer** Sheldon." Victoria said that in addition to coming in for her father's funeral two years ago, Ruthellen and Allison also came up for the football game when Cornell played U. of Delaware. Joining them was Kappa Kappa Gamma sister **Molly Driver '87** and her husband, **Mike DeStefano '88**.

Julie Salles Schaffer majored in Design and Environmental Analysis while in the College of Human Ecology. Following Cornell graduation, she earned a master's degree in architecture from Columbia U.'s Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation in 1996. She

then went on to work for architect Bernard Tschumi. A recent issue of *Human Ecology's* magazine chose to highlight Julie's impressive architecture career. She "constructed a career in architecture on the foundation of creativity, flexibility, and hard work—skills she hopes to nurture in current Cornell undergraduates through generous donations to the College of Human Ecology." Julie and her team at Salles Schaffer Architecture have completed projects in Manhattan and beyond since 2001. They have had their work covered in *Architecture Magazine* and *Vogue* and received the Matthew Del Gaudio Award from the New York Society of Architects. Recently, her generosity to her former department fueled the participation of three students in a unique project under the direction of associate professor So-Yeon Yoon. Students created "Pulse," an eight-foot cubic space where visitors receive an "immersive, therapeutic musical experience and awareness of their heartbeat." Thank you, Julie, for giving back in such a creative way! Hope to see you at Reunion! Send news to: ♦ **Lauren Kidder** McGarry, laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com; ♦ **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; ♦ **Kristina Borovicka** Gerig, kgerig@columbus.rr.com; or ♦ **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

90 Calling all classmates! Reunion 2020 is just one year away! Whether you are among the 55 classmates who have attended all five Reunions like me, or a classmate who has not had the chance to get back to Ithaca since May 1990, we want to see you there! Make sure you block your calendars NOW for our 30th, which takes place June 4-7, 2020.

Reunion planning officially began in April with the kickoff teleconference for Reunion chairs. **Elinor Langfelder** Schwind, **Alysia Sinrod** Reid, **Jeff Goldstein**, and **Dave Coyne** are moving ahead full steam to plan another great weekend with many opportunities to enjoy all we love about Cornell. For anyone who wishes to join the Reunion planning committee or class council, please drop us a line at cornellclass90@gmail.com.

Perhaps many of you are empty-nesters now and are looking for an exciting new and yet familiar project to put your energy into. We would love to have you serve as a class affinity group leader. Basically we're looking for classmates who will get in contact with their fraternity and sorority friends, sports teammates, dorm-mates, fellow Noyes dining co-workers (hi, **Trevor Steer '89**, BS '90, and **Terri Musso**!), and build up the excitement and get people to Ithaca next June.

The news in late winter that the Mars *Opportunity* mission was officially over brought back a fond Reunion memory from 2005. Sitting in Goldwin Smith Hall, after listening to **Steven Squyers '78**, PhD '81, of the Astronomy department, an alumnus asked why a mission designed to last only three months was still working (at that point into its third year). Dr. Squyers replied, "Because no one wanted to be the person who designed the part that failed. These rovers are over-engineered." Another favorite memory was Breakfast with (President Emeritus Frank H.T.) Rhodes, especially since I never went to one as an undergrad. And who can forget the amazing 25th dinner with David Skorton and Frank Rhodes and the gigantic 150th Cornell birthday cake?

In February, **Caroline Misciagna** Sussman, **Paul Tauber**, and **Kevin McManus** represented our class at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston. For the first time, the gathering was open to all alumni, and the university also welcomed a large contingent

of current students to participate in the weekend's activities. Alumni Affairs is developing a new strategic framework for 2020-24; their mission is to enhance the lives of Cornell alumni and future alumni through lifelong partnership in commitment to the university's founding principle of "any person, any study."

In line with that mission, as our class prepares for our 30th Reunion, we urge anyone interested in volunteering to help the Reunion chairs to contact us at cornellclass90@gmail.com! We are specifically in need of volunteers who are willing to call or use social media to contact and connect with classmates who have not attended previous Reunions or have fallen out of touch in recent years. Keep on the lookout for Reunion previews on our class Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Cornell90/>. We look forward to hearing from you with your ideas and suggestions for Reunion 2020, and class leadership in general. Happy summer! ♦ **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu; ♦ **Allan Rousselle**, agr2@cornell.edu.

91 We hope you responded to the annual News and Dues mailing from our class. Haven't paid class dues yet? Go to: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes/>. When you're done, head over to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/> to share your news or write to any of us at the addresses below. We'd love to hear from you! ♦ **J. Tim Vanini**, lavanooche@icloud.com; ♦ **Lori Woodring**, lori.woodring@yahoo.com; ♦ **Joe Marraccino**, Joe.Marraccino@wfaflinet.com; ♦ **Wendy Milks** Coburn, wmlkscoburn@me.com.

92 By the time you read this, snow days and two-hour delays will be long gone. Happy spring!

Congrats to **Terry Horner**, PhD '98, for being nominated as an alumni trustee. At the time I'm writing this, the voting has not finished, but by the time you read this, the voting will be closed. No matter the outcome, we are proud of Terry's involvement! **Anita Lee**, JD '98, is pictured and quoted on the back inside cover of the Cornell's Adult University catalog. Participating in a CAU program is on my bucket list! If you'd like to spend a week at Cornell in the summer, or even travel with Cornell, please check out their programming at: cau.cornell.edu.

Former class president **Allison Bergstrom** saw *Hamilton* in Puerto Rico with **Lisa Everts** in January. She reports it was amazing, with Lin-Manuel Miranda reprising his role. Hopefully the snow didn't delay her departure to the Cayman Islands (also with Lisa Everts—their original girls' trip before they got the idea to do the *Hamilton* thing). Then later last winter, Allison was heading to Memphis with **Sharon Kowar** deWaard and **Pamela Fabrizio**



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<http://classof89.alumni.cornell.edu>

Barry '93 for a girls' weekend—so bring on Elvis, the Blues, and BBQ!

I had three recent wonderful interactions with Cornellians not in our class: I had the pleasure of being hired by a fellow Cornell alum for a big job; I attended a local Cornell event via the Cornell Club of Greater Philadelphia at Workhorse Brewing Co. and then later met with the founder about collaborating for work; and I listened to local author and Cornell alum **Lisa Kohn '85** speak about her new book, *To the Moon and Back*. Cornell is everywhere! Please keep the news coming! E-mail us or use the online form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. Thanks! ♦ **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu; **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu.

93 Hey there, classmates! Happy spring! Hope you had an easy, peaceful, and fulfilling winter, and are looking forward to everything the new season brings. Many classmates have not been hibernating this winter when it comes to Cornell, as they have been busy with alumni endeavors. Recently, fellow classmate **KG Swan**, MD '00, and I did some undergrad applicant meet-ups. KG and I reminisced about our days on the Hill, and those rosy years when our weekends were ours and did not belong almost exclusively to the local soccer fields and swimming pools! If you are interested in conducting these informational (not evaluative) interviews, please visit the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) website at caaan.admissions.cornell.edu.

Several classmates were also busy representing '93 in Boston. **Mike McMahon**, reported: "Your Class of 1993 officer team recently attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston. Class president Mike McMahon was joined by VP and Cornell Fund representative **Loren Rosenzweig**-Feingold, 2023 Reunion chairs **Amy Miller** Moore and **Jessica Graus** Woo, and class council member and 2018 Reunion chair **Christine Watters** Stuhlmiller. A portion of the conference was spent on alumni leadership training, including focus on communication, social media, and strategic planning. The five of us also spent time discussing our 25th Reunion and beginning the plans for our 30th. We also welcomed classmate **Greg Thomas**, MBA '10, to the team. He will join Loren and past president **Earl Pinto** on our Cornell Fund team as a representative. We always learn a lot at CALC. It's important to implement the successful strategies of other classes." Mike also unveiled plans for a big '93 party, announcing: "Most of us were born in 1971, so we are planning a 50th birthday party at Homecoming 2021. Details and a save-the-date will be available well in advance so you can plan your trip. A spectacular 50th celebration at Cornell Homecoming 2021 is the right way to ring in the Class of '93's half-century mark!"

Our class council invites—needs—all 1993ers who would like to help to contact Mike at mike@mcmahonandhill.com or Amy Miller Moore at ALMS@cornell.edu. We definitely need volunteers from each club, major, residential unit, fraternity, sorority, and sport (etc.) to step forward and help us connect with our classmates in this affinity networking effort. Mike highlighted that "our 25th Reunion was bolstered by these efforts, and we think we can do an even better job for our 30th." Class but not least: our class council member **Todd Rethemeier**, ME '94, MBA '95, has been, let's say, occupied in a different way, as he and his wife welcomed baby Cole Austin in January! The proud papa shared: "So I'm going to be a little busy for the next couple of months (or 18 years!)"

Our talented classmate **Rebecca Rutstein** has also been very busy, embodying the unique combination of

award-winning artist and ocean explorer. Her work as an artist-in-residence has taken her to Iceland, Hawaii, the Canadian Rockies, Washington's San Juan Islands, California's Santa Cruz Mountains, and the Gihon River in Vermont. In fall 2018, the National Science Foundation awarded Rebecca with two artist-at-sea residences. As the Delta Visiting Chair for Global Understanding at the U. of Georgia, Rebecca collaborated with scientists on board research vessels, first off of the Pacific Coast of Costa Rica, and then off Mexico's Sea of Cortez to Guaymas Basin. About these adventures, Rebecca shared: "I am finally getting the chance to go down in ALVIN (!), the two-person deep-sea submersible, 7,200 feet to the ocean floor! This is such a rare opportunity, especially for an artist, and a dream come true for me." Rebecca has been featured in over 25 solo exhibitions, on NPR, and in several publications. To learn more about her art and the amazing work she is doing, visit www.rebeccarutstein.com.

We also heard from our creative classmate **Jackie Ling**, who is a writer when she is not busy with her three boys. You can learn about Jackie's work at www.jackieling.com. If Jackie had a day in Ithaca, she would tour the vineyards. Classmates, what would you do if you had a day in Ithaca? What do you miss most about our fair alma mater? Have you been on any adventures lately or met up with other alumni? Please e-mail us some news to help make our Class Notes better! Also, please "like" and visit our class Facebook page: "Cornell University - Class of 1993." Take care and please share.

♦ **Melissa Hart** Moss, JD '97, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com; **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

94 Hi, everyone! With all of the snow gone and the campus green and beautiful, it's a perfect time to come back to Cornell! And we have our 25th Reunion just moments away! The committee, chaired by **Rosie Ferraro**, MS '98, and **Mary Sue Page** Youn, has done an amazing job and there's still time to register to attend for all or part of the weekend (June 6-9).

As of the writing of this column in mid-February, over 40 alumni had gone onto our Facebook group page ("Cornell University Class of 1994") to confirm that they are attending or planning on attending. Go check out Facebook to see the list, and if you see someone you know on it, go online and register to join them.

In non-Reunion news, I recently heard from **Jeffrey Anbinder**, who reported that he joined the development staff of Food Bank for New York City as their director, individual and major giving. He writes, "Very excited to be working once again in NYC's Financial District, since it allows me to walk over the Brooklyn Bridge to work on nice days. (I suppose it allows me to also walk to work on the rainy or freezing days, too—I just don't plan on it!)"

Looking forward to the Reunion recap in the Sept/Oct issue! But if you can't make it, hit me or one of the other correspondents up via e-mail, or better yet, join our Facebook group page and share in real time. All the best for a safe and happy summer! ♦ **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com.

95 I'm looking out the window as I write this column, and it is snowing here on Cape Cod. But by the time you read it, the weather will be beautiful, both here and in Ithaca. Another year until our 25th. Crazy, huh?

We are doing weekly Still Red trivia contests on our Class of 1995 Facebook page to increase engagement

with you all on social media. Please check it out. **Stephen Friedfeld**, who is running it, is WAY funnier than Scott Rogowsky. **Nichole Yaroush** Bierut knew that the Black Crowes were snowed in after their concert at Barton. **Russ Levitan** remembered that a certain gentleman's magazine featured women of the Ivy League our senior year. **Lisa Brodbeck** was right in knowing that the *Sun's* motto when we were there was "Ithaca's Only Morning Newspaper." **Todd Greenberg**, who is living in Seattle and working for Microsoft now, won the week we asked how tall Taughannock Falls is (215 feet!), and **Megan Waterman Salgueiro '96** (who lives in Rhode Island with husband **Greg**) knew the name of the Cornell bear mascot (What do you expect? She studied Animal Science!). **Ambar Pansari** was correct in knowing that **Steve Conine** and **Niraj Shah** founded Wayfair (he got lucky; out of the 69 people who voted, all but two knew Wayfair).

Lee Ann Gjertsen Malone writes that her second novel for kids, *Camp Shady Crook*, comes out in May 2019 from Aladdin/Simon & Schuster, which also published her first, *The Last Boy at St. Edith's*. She lives in Cambridge, MA, with her husband, Scott, the Boston bureau chief for Reuters, and her 14-year-old daughter.

Got any freshman memories to share? Reach out to us. ♦ **Scott Lajoie**, scottlajoie@hotmail.com; or **Alison Torrillo** French, atorrillo@aol.com. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

96 Our class council member **Stephanie Cockerl** is now Cornell's newly elected New York City Alumnae Panhellenic president! She has held various roles for the Panhellenic board over the past three years and has also served as president of the Delta Phi Epsilon New York City chapter. We wish her success in this leadership role!

Mark Dubovy is the president and owner of Mountain Resort Concierge. Located in Vail, CO, it is a luxury lifestyle and destination management company offering one-stop shopping for vacation needs. Focused on the short-term rental market, they offer everything from groceries and ski/bike equipment to booking outdoor activities and setting up transportation and dinner reservations. Their slogan is: "It's YOUR job to have fun and relax. It's OUR job to manage the rest!" Mark is offering a 10 percent discount on rates for all Cornell alumni. For more information, please visit their website at: <http://www.mountainresortconcierge.com/>. Send your news to: ♦ **Lee Hendelman**, LeeH1818@hotmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

97 Greetings, '97ers! What have you been up to this spring? Let us know either by filling out the online news form (<http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>) or writing to either of us at the addresses below. If you haven't paid your dues for the 2019-20 year yet, you can do so at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes/>. We'd love to hear from you! ♦ **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu.

98 Thank you so much for sharing your latest and greatest news and happenings in your life with your Big Red family! Our class column is taking a quick break for this issue, but it'll be back soon with more stories and tidbits of information about the Class of 1998. If you'd like to write to us, you can access the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/> or you can e-mail: ♦ **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu.

99 Responses from the annual News and Dues mailing will be featured in our upcoming columns. If you haven't sent in your news recently, please take a moment to write to either of us or submit a form online. ♦ **Melanie West**, melaniegraycewest@gmail.com; or **Heather Madland**, hmadland@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

00 Hello, classmates! Thanks to everyone who took the time to reach out and share news. Remember, you can e-mail, Facebook message me through our Class of 2000 group, or submit a class news form. I love hearing updates, big or small!

In May 2018, **Matt Varble** was appointed by the Florida governor to the state licensing board for auctioneers as a consumer member. He also works as the director of labor relations for his employer, Chemtrade Logistics, and travels around North America negotiating labor agreements in the US and Canada on behalf of the company with the organized unions at their facilities. **Fabrice Erna Torchon** is the producer and director for her television show, "Love Inspires Phenomenal Dreams." She invites Cornellians to join her on her show—check out the website at www.fabricetorchon.com.

Beth Sullivan Walkenbach sent a great update, complete with some awesome Cornell memories. She shares that she is starting her second year working in advancement at Keck Graduate Inst. in Claremont, CA. Beth says, "In many ways, KGI is to the Claremont Colleges what Cornell is to the Ivy League—the youngest and the most innovative. It's exciting to work at an institution on the cutting edge of the life sciences, genomics, and pharmaceutical research." Husband **Bill '98** is starting his fourth season as the head coach for the Claremont Mudd Scripps baseball program. The Stags are looking to make waves in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and upset some of the perennial favorites. Daughters Julia and Charlotte are in fourth and second grade, respectively. Both enjoy Girl Scouts and music lessons. Reminiscing about her days on the Hill, Beth says, "The first person I met at Cornell was **Sarah Walton**. We were both at the West Campus Welcome BBQ in August 1996. It turns out we were both field hockey players and spent the next four years playing together and the next 23 years in close friendship." If given the opportunity to spend some time in Ithaca, Beth has the perfect day all planned out. "I'd start the day with a sunrise walk in the Botanic Gardens followed by the breakfast buffet at Banfi in the Statler. After a visit to the Sciencenter, I'd visit Wegmans for lunch. A hike to Taughannock Falls is next on the list as well as a late afternoon trip to Purity for refreshment. Dinner and games at Ithaca Beer Co. would round out the day." Sounds great, Beth! When are we doing this?

As we approach our 20th Reunion (!), please write and let me know where life has taken you over the last couple of decades. I think everyone has a story to tell, and I would love to share yours. ♦ **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu.

01 Ten years after moving our family from NYC to Seattle for his new job at Boeing, **Salil Gupta** has been named president of Boeing India—based in Delhi! The company's announcement states, "Salil will advance the development and execution of Boeing's strategy in India, integrate business activities across the company's commercial airplanes, Boeing defense, space and security, and its global services, and lead the growth and productivity initiatives in India. He will also manage

Boeing's partnerships with the government and business stakeholders, with a team of over 3,000 employees and joint venture personnel located across the country. His leadership will extend to cover Boeing's large supply chain presence in India, its engineering and technology center in Bengaluru, and Boeing joint venture with Tata in Hyderabad." The kids and I will be joining him next month and would love to connect with Cornellians in the Delhi area, so please let us know if you're around!

In other aerospace news, **Peggy Imboden Salsbury** has re-entered the workforce after 12 years off to raise her five children. She is part of the first class at Lockheed Martin to participate as a "Return to Work" intern, and will be continuing with Lockheed Martin at Sikorsky in Stratford, CT, as a should-cost and value engineer. Kudos to her husband, **Joe '99**, MBA '05, for stepping into the "work from home" dad role.

After nine years on Capitol Hill, most recently in Senator Claire McCaskill's office, **Elizabeth Herman** has gracefully transitioned to the private sector. You can find her working as an executive director on the federal government relations team at JPMorgan Chase, on top of her extracurricular activities as a Cornell Club of Washington board member participating in D.C.-area alumni events. In other political news, our class co-president and Cornell Club of the Berkshires board member **Claire Ackerman** now has a third Cornell title: director-at-large of the Cornell Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) board, a two-year term beginning this summer. In February, she joined classmates **Katrina Dryer** and **Liz Anker** at the Cornell vs. RPI men's hockey game, then attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston with **Nathan Connell**, **Troy Townsend**, and **Malinda Lovic**. "Overall, most of CALC was focused on Alumni Affairs' long-term alumni strategic plan. They provided an overview and then we had breakout sessions to provide feedback," she writes. "Nathan and I were also asked to participate as volunteer table hosts to share our CU journeys at a special CALC session just for students, called CALC 1100: Adjusting Accordingly as Alumni."

Up in Rochester, NY, **Melissa Hantman Pheterson** is celebrating her first anniversary as manager of marketing communications content for Harris Beach, a regional law firm with 12 tri-state-area offices, including Ithaca and New York City. Husband **Joshua** is general counsel for Flaum Management Co., supporting commercial real estate development and management throughout the Northeast; he also published his first science fiction story for the *Hardball Times* in December. Their kids—potentially fourth-generation Cornellians!—are no slouches either. "Sam is on track to receive his black belt in karate, starring in local kids' theatre, and assistant coaching in Little League this year," Melissa writes. "Abby is enjoying gymnastics, karate, and ice skating. She recently picked up skiing and is now easily the best out of the four of us." In my experience, those younger siblings do tend to shine athletically, as they scramble to keep up with the big kids!

Also in Rochester, **Jennifer Radi**, a pediatrician at Genesis Pediatrics, co-starred in a viral video created by area doctors to assure families that vaccines are safe and effective. (I've shared it with the "March for Science—Seattle" Facebook group, which has been quite concerned about the measles outbreak in our part of the country, in hopes that it would inspire our region's doctors to make one too.) In other medical news, **Michael Campbell** is putting his undergrad Biological and Biomedical Engineering degree to good use in his new role as an eye physician and surgeon at the Eye Care & Vision Assocs. Orchard Park and Williamsville, NY, offices. The announcement



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states that “Dr. Campbell, a board-certified ophthalmologist with more than nine years’ experience in comprehensive eye care in New York and Pennsylvania, specializes in wellness, cataract surgery, and laser treatments.”

Last but not least, **Brian Trumpatori** checks in from outside Raleigh, NC, where he lives with his wife, two kids, and two dogs. Having achieved his freshman-year dream of becoming a veterinarian, he is now chief of surgery at the Veterinary Specialty Hospital of the Carolinas—whose parent company, Pet Partners, happens to sponsor the Cornell Animal Health Hackathon. “I served as a mentor and judge for this year’s competition, which was unbelievably rewarding!” he writes. Who else has gone back to school to serve as a mentor, judge, recruiter, or similar “adult” role since graduating? Did it make you feel old and wise, like a wide-eyed college kid again, all of the above, or something else entirely?

Want to help keep our Class of 2001 spirits both wise and wide-eyed between Reunions? You can help by paying class dues and staying in touch! Send news about yourself and our classmates to me, visit our website (www.classof01.alumni.cornell.edu), like our Facebook page, and follow us on Twitter (@Cornell2001). Until we meet again: ♦ **Nicole Neroulis** Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com.

02 Classmate **Nava Siltan** recently won the Human Ecology Recent Alumni Award for her remarkable work teaching children emotional skills including how to have sensitivity to children with disabilities. An associate professor in the psychology department at Marymount Manhattan College, Nava has written dozens of peer-reviewed articles and book reviews, edited textbooks, authored encyclopedia entries, created a comic book series that’s used in classrooms around the world, and penned an Off-Broadway musical for families that promotes kindness, friendship, empathy, and gratitude. A recent article in *Human Ecology* magazine reported, “In an effort to expand beyond academics, Nava has brought her research interests and knowledge to other mediums. She has worked at Nickelodeon, Sesame Street Workshop, and Mediakidz and has consulted for Netflix and the Autism Seaver Center. She appears regularly on Fox 5 News as a psychological correspondent, as well as ‘Good Day New York’ and NBC.” Congratulations, Nava!

Haven’t paid class dues yet? Go to: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes/>. When you’re done, head over to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/> to share your news. ♦ **Carolyn Deckinger** Lang, cmd35@cornell.edu.

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04 Hello, Class of 2004! It’s nearly time for our 15th Reunion. We hope to see you on campus June 6-9, 2019. Some of the Reunion favorites and special class events include: class welcome receptions and dinner on North Campus; a campus walking tour of new buildings; the family-friendly Fun in the Sun Festival on the Arts Quad; a class BBQ on the shore of Beebe Lake; Cornelliana Night; the Olin Lecture; the Reunion 5K; A Conversation with President Martha E. Pollack; the tent parties; and much more! For questions about Reunion,

contact **Raymond Ortiz II**, MPA ’06 (ro23@cornell.edu) and/or **Scott Moffat**, MBA ’11 (scottkmoffat@gmail.com).

Continue to share your news and updates! **Colleen Reiss** Vermeulen was named interim director and director of mission of the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan. In this newly created role, she oversees outreach and strategic development to minister to local and online communities through seminary-level Bible study. If you have questions or would like to connect, you may reach Colleen via e-mail at colleen@cbsmich.org.

You may submit information for Class Notes at alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/, or directly to me via e-mail. We hope to hear from you soon! ♦ **Jessi Petrosino**, jessi.petrosino@ey.com.

05 Hello, classmates! Can you believe we are soon approaching our 15-year mark since graduation? We would love to hear what you’ve all been up to! Don’t forget to keep those updates coming. ♦ **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu; **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu; **Hilary Johnson**-King, haj4@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

06 Greetings, ’06ers! If you haven’t paid class dues yet, you can do so at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes/>. When you’re done, please take a moment to send us your news via e-mail to the address below, or through the online news form at <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. Whether it be a growing family, a change in your career, or a newfound passion, we want to hear about it! ♦ **Tory Lauterbach**, VML8@cornell.edu.

07 Happy spring, 2007! As the school year starts to wind down up on the Hill, it also means this fiscal year at Cornell is coming to an end. If you haven’t already, please make sure to send in those class dues so you can continue to keep up with our class and other Cornellian accomplishments in *Cornell Alumni Magazine*! Until then, here are some updates from across our class.

DJ and Kristen Reinken Nothorn welcomed beautiful baby Parker in August 2018! His parents report that he’s got a great smile. Congrats to the happy family! As seen in this past fall’s *Human Ecology* magazine, **Denise Green**—an assistant professor of Fiber Science & Apparel Design—has been recognized for her excellent teaching, research, scholarship, and outreach with the Int’l Textile and Apparel Assn.’s Rising Star Award. She led, with **Gizelle Sabreen Begler ’08**, one of her classes in a cross-cultural project with the Muslim Educational and Cultural Association (MECA) to create hijabs for Haute Hijab. What a great experience for all to learn more about inclusiveness across the diverse student body at Cornell!

We also heard from **Daniel Dauplaise**. He joined the international practice group at Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, where he advises US corporations on global labor, employment, and mobility matters, with a focus on Latin America. He also serves on the board of directors of Stamford Emergency Medical Services, and continues to be an active volunteer firefighter.

Thanks for the awesome updates, 2007! I look forward to sharing more stories with everyone. Have news to share? Please feel free to reach out to me or submit online! ♦ **Samantha Feibush** Wolf, srf29@cornell.edu. Online news form, <https://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

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take a moment to write to either of us at the addresses below or submit a form online. If you haven’t paid class dues yet, you can do so at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes/>. ♦ **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu; **Libby Boymel**, LKB24@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

09 I hope this finds you having braved another winter (but truly, what winter could compare to those in Ithaca?) and enjoying the transition to spring. Very soon our class council will be returning to campus for our 10th Reunion, and we hope that you will join us! Have you registered? The event is quickly approaching: June 6-9, 2019. Register today and sign up for housing so you do not miss out! Hope to see you on the Hill. Warmest regards: ♦ **Rebecca Robbins**, Robbins.Reb@gmail.com.

10 February marked the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston, MA, the first CALC that was open to all alumni. **Hannah Fehlner-Peach**, **Elizabeth Peters**, and I, **Michelle Sun**, attended as representatives of the Class of 2010.

Elizabeth Peters recently graduated as part of the inaugural cohort of UC Berkeley’s information and data science master’s program. She has since relocated from Chicago to D.C., and is now in Baltimore. She also recently completed the “W” trek in Patagonia with **Nanditha Ramachandran**. Hannah Fehlner-Peach and I both live in New York City, where Hannah is pursuing her PhD at NYU and I am a resident at Weill Cornell.

In January, **Grace Chung** branched out from her experience at BlackRock, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, and Capital One to start her own HR consulting practice, Grace HR Consulting LLC, to work with high-growth companies looking to achieve cohesive workplace culture, increased employee engagement, and improved performance. She finds joy in hanging out with close friends from church and having new families and friends over to their home. She and her husband have a daughter, Karis, who brings them lots of laughter too.

From the class council: We look forward to hearing your updates, particularly as our Reunion year approaches! Please send in your news and contact us if you are interested in helping to plan our 10th Reunion. ♦ **Michelle Sun**, michellejsun@gmail.com; **Jeff Katz**, jeff.allan.katz@gmail.com; **Amar Kelkar**, amarhkelkar@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

11 What have you been up to this spring? Let us know either by filling out the online news form (<http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>) or writing to either of us directly at the addresses below. And if you haven’t paid your dues for the 2019-20 year yet, you can do so at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes/>. ♦ **Dara Perl**, dmp229@cornell.edu; or **Siva Iyer**, si74@cornell.edu.

12 After **Kendra Bartell** Saldana completed her MFA in poetry at the U. of Washington in Seattle, Ithaca called her back. She has been living in Ithaca and working for Cornell’s Alumni Affairs and Development since 2014. For the past two years, she has been working on young alumni giving. She and her husband recently moved into their first home this past summer, so they’ve been busy setting it up and nesting. They adopted a dog in November and have loved every second with him.

Alexa Bishop is currently the assistant company manager on *The Book of Mormon* national tour! Send news to: ♦ **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu. On-line news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

13 In February, many of the alumni councilmembers for the Class of 2013 gathered in Boston for the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC). Our new co-presidents, **Dan Kuhr** and **Meghan Burns**, led us through an exceptional first meeting and made us all very excited for what the next five years will bring to our council. One of the main goals of the council is to create opportunities for members of the class to get involved that considers everyone's varied and busy schedules. We are also very excited to welcome some new members to the council.

Sage Hiller is a customer success manager at Quick Base in Boston, where he has lived since we graduated. QuickBase enables its clients to build web-based apps without knowing how to code. Some of the things Sage misses most about Cornell are the people and, of course, Ithaca's one-of-a-kind landscape! **Serene Liu** is a software engineer and has also lived in Boston since we graduated. She used to work in development and communications at Raising a Reader, a not-for-profit. Serene spends all of her free time traveling; in fact, she just returned from Japan. She also recently visited Spain, which was her favorite trip in the last year because of its delicious food. What she misses most about Cornell are the programs and different organizations to get involved with. Hopefully, Serene's involvement on our council will make her miss Cornell just a little bit less!

Madhvi Deol just started her residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Madhvi is really enjoying Boston so far, especially the seaport because of its great food and drinks. She misses hiking, the gorges, and Cornell Dairy ice cream! **Danya Contreras** lived in the Bronx, NY, and just began preparing for the MCAT after recently completing her master's in molecular biology at City College. Danya came to CALC because she is the social media chair for the Cornell Latino Alumni Assn., but we may just steal her for our own social media needs! In her free time, Danya likes to go to the movies, especially action films. She said that what she misses most about college is living with and near all of her friends. We also welcome **Ruben Ortega** to the council.

Our council is looking for another class correspondent who will work with me to collect information to share in this column and leverage it for our social media pages. We are also looking for a membership chair, which is an executive board position on the council. The membership chair primarily leads our class dues campaigns. Please reach out to Dan at dk453@cornell.edu if you are interested!

And as always, I want to hear what you've been up to since graduating so that YOU can be featured in our columns! E-mail me with news. ♦ **Rachael Schuman**, RASchuman@gmail.com.

14 Hello, Class of 2014! Times flies—and our 5th Reunion is in one month. Registration is live and we will be heading back to the Hill, June 6-9. We hope to see you all there! If you have any questions, you can e-mail cornellclassof2014@gmail.com.

In February, members of the Class of 2014 attended the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Boston with hundreds of other alumni. It was a fun weekend of networking, leadership sessions, and Big Red spirit! Alumni Affairs and the Cornell Alumni Advisory

Board (CAAB) worked on developing a long-term alumni strategic plan to shape the future of Alumni Affairs. The plan was revealed at the conference, and all CALC attendees were able to provide their input during focus groups. This feedback will help shape the final plan, which will be presented to the Board of Trustees in May. This year's CALC meeting was of particular importance to the Class of 2014 as Reunion chairs and council members met to plan for our 5th Reunion.

Please send us your news. We love sharing our classmates' stories, accomplishments, and milestones. ♦ **Samantha Lapohn**, SRL76@cornell.edu; and **Tejal Thakkar**, tj42@cornell.edu.

15 Class of 2015! We hope you're finally warming up from the winter and making great plans for this summer. It has been four years since graduation—how time flies!—and our classmates have been up to amazing things, from new jobs to pursuing academic degrees and so much more.

As far as jobs go, our class is all around the world, contributing to many fields. **David Harris** is working at Cornell in the entomology department for Dr. Ann Hajek as a lab technician. He recently returned to the position from a year off, during which he was in India volunteering for an agricultural NGO. **Cathline Dickens** has been working as a project manager in New York City at Reflexions.

Tabea Hoffstaetter is attending the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra U. **Sophie Trakht** is graduating from the U. of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine and passed her national veterinary licensing exam. She accepted a position as a shelter veterinarian at a private animal shelter in rural Ohio. **Alexandra Cesare**, a fourth-year medical student, and **Evan Yetter '16**, a software engineer, got engaged in May 2018. They met during her sophomore year as they were both singers in the Cornell Chorus and Glee Club.

Rob Araujo just returned from both a domestic and an international tour. He is setting the stage for a long career in music—an unexpected one for a Biology major, but it's a welcome destination. Rob was a featured artist on Soulection radio, was releasing his own genre-bending compositions under Rob Araujo and his beat-oriented project Shopan, and collaborated with artists like Masego, Anomalie, MonoNeon, and Tom Misch, whom he performed lead synth for on the breakout track "South of the River." **Mina Amick-Alexis** has been singing her way to greatness as well. In the fall, she received the 2018 Lauren Pickard Emerging Artist Award and returned to Cornell to perform.

Missing the Class of 2015? Want to start the summer off with some Big Red fun? Reconnect with your classmates by checking out the alumni events in your area at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/search>. cfm. If you have any ideas for regional events for the alumni council to organize, please let us know!

Have some news to share? Big or small, please send us your updates and we will include them in a future column! ♦ **Haley Velasco**, hav9@cornell.edu; **Ariel Cooper**, ALC258@cornell.edu.

16 We hope you responded to the annual News and Dues mailing from our class. Haven't paid class dues yet? Go to: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes/>. When you're done, head over to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/> to share your news or write me directly at the address below. Whether your news is ordinary or extraordinary, we want to hear about it! ♦ **Meghan McCormick**, mcm324@cornell.edu.

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ALUMNI DEATHS

1930s

'37, BA '39—**Dorothy Rines Dingfelder**, Chico, CA, September 14, 2018
'39 BS Ag, PhD '44—**James C. White**, Ithaca, NY, October 2, 2018

1940s

'41 BS HE—**Doris Strong Castor**, Vero Beach, FL, September 20, 2018
'41 BS Ag—**Raymond H. Ferrand Jr.**, Ithaca, NY, September 10, 2018
'41 BS HE—**Jane Baer Hadlow**, Lowville, NY, September 7, 2018
'42 BS Ag—**Margaret Daniels Hoffmann**, West Grove, PA, January 15, 2018
'42 PhD—**William M. Longhurst**, Sutherlin, OR, September 26, 2018
'44—**Richard J. Evans**, Gaithersburg, MD, May 2, 2018
'44 BME—**Robert S. Rochford**, Copley, OH, October 25, 2018
'45—**Ruth Bowman Hauser**, Carlsbad, NM, October 12, 2018
'45 BS Ag—**Muriel Wood Lawrence**, Roselle Park, NJ, October 11, 2018
'45 BA—**Marjorie Boas Levins**, Palm Beach, FL, August 24, 2018
'45, BCE '49, MBA '50—**John B. Rogers III**, Ithaca, NY, November 6, 2018
'45 BA—**Sarah Lampert Shepard**, Kennebunk, ME, March 7, 2018
'45, BA '47—**Helen Muenscher Tryon**, Bellingham, WA, May 1, 2018
'45—**Esther Forbes Twentyman**, Ithaca, NY, August 27, 2018
'46 BS HE—**Aleta Getman Huston**, Venice, FL, October 25, 2018
'47 BS Nurs—**Sally Ryan Beise**, Seaford, DE, October 8, 2018
'47, BME '46—**George A. Fearn Jr.**, Mystic, CT, January 19, 2018
'47 DVM—**Gilbert J. Feldman**, Mill Neck, NY, July 28, 2018
'47 BA, LLB '49—**M. William Krasilovsky**, Ashland, OR, October 7, 2018
'47 BA—**Joan Hagerty Krystow**, Bellingham, WA, October 30, 2018
'47, B Chem E '49—**Ernest K. Leins**, DeWitt, NY, October 20, 2018
'47 BME—**Wallace R. Mills**, Green Valley, AZ, September 15, 2018
'47 BA—**Richard N. Varley**, Miami, FL, September 14, 2018
'48 BS ORIE—**Robert C. Beach**, Camillus, NY, September 20, 2018
'48 BA—**Joan Jacobs Feldman**, Chevy Chase, MD, August 10, 2018
'48 PhD—**Joseph S. Levinger**, Slingerlands, NY, October 25, 2018
'48 BCE—**William L. North**, Morristown, TN, September 19, 2018
'48 BA—**Joan Sutton Siedenbarg**, Homer, NY, June 9, 2018
'48, BME '49—**John G. Woods**, Delray Beach, FL, June 2, 2018
'49 BME, MME '51—**Donald T. Beecher**, Holly Hill, FL, August 2, 2018
'49, BA '51—**William L. Berry**, Alexandria Bay, NY, September 10, 2018
'49 BS HE—**Phyllis Horton Borden**, Easton, NY, September 23, 2018

'49 MA—**Isabel Kellers Chiquoine**, Ayer, MA, September 2, 2018
'49 BS ILR—**Donald F. Davies**, San Bernardino, CA, September 9, 2018
'49 MD—**Harold W. Evans**, Grand Forks, ND, October 29, 2018
'49 BS HE—**Joan Ince Graves**, Bellport, NY, March 13, 2018
'49 BS HE—**Mary Finn Hauser**, Mt. Pleasant, PA, September 28, 2018
'49—**John B. Kittredge**, Kalamazoo, MI, August 28, 2018
'49—**Lucille Bast Koop**, Garden City, NY, January 11, 2018
'49 BS Ag—**Martha Bogan Smith**, Niskayuna, NY, August 11, 2018
'49 BS Ag—**William H. Weigle Jr.**, Great Barrington, MA, September 12, 2018

1950s

'50 BS ILR—**William S. Asher**, Lakeland, FL, October 14, 2018
'50—**Margaret M. Carey**, Ithaca, NY, October 3, 2018
'50 BS Ag—**Harold S. Gold**, Bayside, NY, August 29, 2018
'50 BS HE—**Muriel Randles Miller**, Schenectady, NY, October 7, 2018
'50, BA '51, JD '53—**Richard A. Mulligan**, Redlands, CA, October 29, 2017
'50, BS ILR '51—**Ursula Sennewald Myers**, Middleton, WI, October 19, 2018
'50 BA, JD '52—**Albert C. Neimeth**, Melbourne, FL, December 3, 2018
'50 B Chem E—**Robert F. Neu**, Stamford, CT, July 6, 2018
'50 BME—**Daniel K. Roberts**, Stamford, CT, September 19, 2018
'50 BS Ag—**Robert H. Stickles Sr.**, Hudson, NY, December 13, 2017
'50 BS Ag—**Louis J. Trunko**, Verona, NY, September 17, 2018
'50 BA, MBA '51—**Theodore H. Waddell**, Dallas, TX, August 16, 2018
'50 BA—**Edith Milligan Zuber**, Brick, NJ, September 1, 2018
'51 PhD—**Irving A. Berstein**, Indian River Shores, FL, October 26, 2018
'51 MA—**Daniel P. McGarity**, Peterborough, ON, September 23, 2018
'51, BEE '52—**John M. Pew**, Coral Gables, FL, August 17, 2018
'51 JD—**Arthur E. Piehler**, Seattle, WA, September 8, 2017
'51 BEP—**Herbert F. Spierer**, Stamford, CT, October 25, 2018
'51 BA—**Richard M. Victor**, Palm Springs, CA, September 15, 2018
'52—**Charles C. Bennett**, Ovid, NY, September 10, 2018
'52 BS Hotel—**John M. Cummings**, Kennebunk, ME, September 17, 2018
'52 BS Ag—**Lewis S. Daugherty**, Tucson, AZ, October 16, 2018
'52—**LucyAnne Willis Farmer**, Ventura, CA, August 30, 2018
'52, BCE '53—**L. Richard Gons Jr.**, South Brunswick, NJ, October 29, 2018
'52 JD—**Sheldon Gross**, New York City, October 27, 2018
'52 BA, MD '56—**David B. Hayt**, Lake Mary, FL, September 12, 2018
'52 BS Ag—**Walter K. Hildebrandt**, Winooski, VT, August 23, 2018
'52 BA—**Jeremy G. Judge**, Roxbury, CT, October 9, 2018
'52 MD—**Martin D. Keller**, Columbus, OH, September 27, 2018
'52 BFA—**Anne Delario Lowell**, Chestertown, MD, October 13, 2018
'52 MS Ag—**John F. Underwood**, Hilliard, OH, October 31, 2018
'53 BCE, MS Ag '55—**William C. Burnett**, Slingerlands, NY, October 26, 2018
'53 MS—**Jean Saunders Donnelly**, Clarendon Hills, IL, October 16, 2018
'53 BA—**David Hertzog**, Miami, FL, September 29, 2018
'53 BME—**John W. Klopp**, Harleysville, PA, September 22, 2018
'53, BME '54—**William J. Mann**, Palmerston, PA, October 5, 2018
'53 BS Nurs—**Ann McCabe Mosley**, Camarillo, CA, September 2, 2018
'53, BArch '54—**Raymond C. Phillips**, Farmington, CT, September 14, 2018
'53 DVM—**Franklin W. Rapp**, Saratoga Springs, NY, September 11, 2018
'53, BCE '54—**William M. Robey**, Rogers, AR, September 10, 2018
'53—**Paul E. Seidel**, Port Washington, NY, October 15, 2018
'53 BA—**Beatrice Furnas Thurston**, Durango, CO, August 30, 2018
'53 BS Ag—**Jahleel D. Woodbridge**, Hot Springs, SD, October 1, 2018
'54 BS ILR—**Paul M. Arca**, Halethorpe, MD, August 26, 2018
'54 MA, PhD '61—**Harold B. Barclay**, Edmonton, AB, December 20, 2017
'54 BA—**David S. Behrens**, New York City, March 24, 2018
'54—**Robert W. Dickinson**, Concord, NC, August 4, 2018
'54 BA—**Sandra Berkman Fromm**, Washington, DC, August 25, 2018
'54 JD—**Marvin A. Holland**, New York City, November 16, 2013
'54 BA—**Peter H. Neumann**, Allentown, PA, September 20, 2018
'54, BCE '55—**James M. Price**, The Woodlands, TX, September 29, 2018
'54 BS Ag—**Kay Shipman**, Ithaca, NY, October 24, 2018
'54 BA—**Edward L. Skolnik**, Bronxville, NY, October 8, 2018
'55 LLB—**Richard A. Barnstead**, Scarsdale, NY, July 15, 2018
'55 BS HE—**Joan Weisberg Belden**, Cary, NC, September 22, 2018
'55, BS ILR '56—**Jeanne M. Hoegger**, North Andover, MA, August 7, 2018
'55, BEP '56, PhD '60—**Marvin M. Litvak**, Palos Verdes Estates, CA, January 1, 2018
'55 MA—**Jane Brown Maas**, Mount Pleasant, SC, November 16, 2018
'55 BA—**Norman A. Nedde Jr.**, Indianapolis, IN, September 13, 2018
'55 BS Nurs—**Elizabeth Funk Pope**, Albany, NY, October 24, 2018

'56 DVM—Rudolf Dueland Jr.,
Black Earth, WI, September 20, 2018
'56 DVM—Edward H. Fallon,
Lexington, KY, October 12, 2018
'56 MEd—Jane Carpenter Patterson,
New Smyrna Beach, FL, October 2, 2018
'56 BS Hotel—Charles G. Rolles,
Aspen, CO, October 3, 2018
'57 BS Nurs—Leona Petroff Braue,
Grand Blanc, MI, September 23, 2018
'57 BS ILR—John R. Dempsey,
Ann Arbor, MI, July 18, 2018
'57, BEE '58—James H. Keene III,
Omaha, NE, October 17, 2018
'57 GR—Louis Richnak Jr.,
Squaw Valley, CA, September 15, 2018
'57 BS Ag, MEd '60—Ross A. Schillaci,
Silt, CO, September 14, 2018
'58 MBA—Lawrence E. Dwight,
Kennebunk, ME, October 20, 2018
'58 MBA—Richard Esten,
Mission Hills, KS, October 17, 2018
'59 JD—Harold Chetrick,
New York City, October 15, 2018
'59 LLB—Henry W. Cornell,
Buffalo, NY, September 24, 2018
'59 BA—Thomas G. Erickson,
Tullahoma, TN, June 8, 2017
'59 BS ILR—Richard S. Samuels,
New York City, November 2, 2018
'59, BS Ag/DVM '62—Peter H. Schaad,
Southern Pines, NC, October 18, 2018
'59—Robert E. Sullivan,
Gouverneur, NY, April 2, 2015
'59 PhD—Frank Turkot,
Tucson, AZ, October 27, 2018
'59 BA—John H. Wiley,
Prairie Village, KS, July 15, 2015

1960s

'60 BS Ag, MS Ag '63—Robert T. Benson,
Lexington, SC, September 26, 2018
'60 MS, PhD '64—Hannah Oppenheimer Green,
Chapel Hill, NC, October 22, 2018
'60, B Chem E '61—Wayne C. Jaeschke,
West Chester, PA, October 11, 2018
'60 PhD—U. Duane Jennings,
Black Mountain, NC, September 29, 2018
'60 LLB—Roger M. Nelson,
Verona, NY, April 18, 2018
'60, BME 61, MME '62—Ronald W. Obermeyer,
Ashburn, VA, September 27, 2018
'60—Dorothy Yeager Ringer,
Paso Robles, CA, October 17, 2018
'60 BA, MD '64—Peter D. Tyler,
Kalispell, MT, October 23, 2018
'61 BS HE—Nancy Gray Allen,
Barboursville, WV, October 20, 2018
'61 BA—David P. Haworth,
Freeland, WA, October 9, 2018
'61 BS Ag, MS Ag '62—John F. Shear,
Warnerville, NY, October 3, 2018
'62 MEd, PhD '72—James W. Caslick,
Powell, WY, October 14, 2018
'62 BS Ag—Fred W. Kackmann,
New York City, August 11, 2018
'62—Frederick D. Kessler,
Northumberland, PA, October 25, 2018
'64 BS HE—Ann Dubiel Gemmill,
Marietta, GA, October 11, 2018
'64 BA—Adadot Hayes,
Whitehaven, PA, October 28, 2018
'64 MEd—Kenneth P. Miner Jr.,
Old Greenwich, CT, October 18, 2018
'64 BA—Jerome L. Rubin,
Carmel Valley, CA, October 8, 2018

'65 MD—Joseph A. Boccia,
Auburn Township, OH, October 1, 2018
'65 BS Ag—Sogba K. Bosu,
Anaheim, CA, July 30, 2018
'65 LLB—John V. Moore,
Elmira, NY, September 25, 2018
'66, BS Ag '67—Ronald J. Cima,
McLean, VA, September 25, 2018
'66 BEE—John C. Thacker,
Los Altos, CA, September 17, 2018
'66, BA '67—Douglas A. Wise,
Danbury, CT, September 23, 2018
'67 MD—William R. Hunt,
Orange, CT, October 17, 2018
'67, BS ORIE '68—Michael N. Riff,
Athens, GA, September 5, 2018
'68 PhD—Chester T. Dickerson Jr.,
Dover, DE, October 20, 2018
'68 MA—Mary Enstrom Ruhl,
Scottsdale, AZ, October 18, 2018
'68 BEP—Arnold J. Sierk,
Los Alamos, NM, October 12, 2018
'69 MS, PhD '78—Leif A. Ahrens,
Wading River, NY, April 19, 2018
'69 BS Ag—James L. Maller,
Golden, CO, January 18, 2018
'69 BA—Henry S. Miller,
Los Gatos, CA, April 4, 2018
'69 PhD—Harry E. Peirce Jr.,
Minneapolis, MN, August 24, 2018
'69 MA—Mary Crane Rossiter,
Ithaca, NY, October 11, 2018

1970s

'70 MPA—Kenneth V. Schreiner,
Oak Brook, IL, September 11, 2018
'71 DVM—W. J. Kelly,
El Cajon, CA, August 22, 2018
'71 BS Hotel—Thomas F. Wisniewski,
Makati City, Philippines, September 25, 2018
'71 BS HE—Christine M. Yackel,
Syracuse, NY, September 24, 2018
'71 BS ORIE, ME '72—Richard F. Yates,
New London, NH, July 15, 2017
'72 BS HE—Mary Cooper Hoettels,
Wauwatosa, WI, October 10, 2018
'72 MSE—Roger C. Rowlands,
Ithaca, NY, September 2018
'73 JD—John E. Dombroski,
Tallahassee, FL, July 1, 2018
'73 BS Hotel—Robert A. Donnelly,
Dennisport, MA, October 7, 2018
'73 PhD—George W. Traub,
Clarkston, MI, October 27, 2018
'74 BS ILR, JD '79—Harold O. Levy,
New York City, November 27, 2018
'74 BArch—Peter A. Nelson,
New York City, September 12, 2018
'74 BA, MBA '78—John A. Park III,
Scarsdale, NY, October 3, 2015
'74 BEE—Gerald R. Werth,
Minneapolis, MN, October 31, 2016
'75 PhD—Alvar W. Gustafson,
Quincy, MA, October 13, 2018
'75, BS Ag '76—John M. Halloran,
Orono, ME, September 27, 2018
'75 BS Ag—Patrick J. Phillips,
Wilton, NY, October 8, 2018
'76 JD—Allen D. Webster,
South Burlington, VT, May 5, 2018
'77 BArch—Robert M. Barnes Jr.,
East Hampton, NY, September 30, 2018

'78 BA—Sheila L. Ronkin,
Philadelphia, PA, September 25, 2018
'78 BS HE—Janet Hogarty Sweitzer,
Milford, NY, August 28, 2018
'79 BA—Vanessa Sampson-Stroman,
Washington, DC, October 13, 2018

1980s

'80 BS Ag—James E. Aesch,
Cambridge, NY, October 9, 2018
'80 MPS—Judith A. Lychak-Sweet,
Phoenixville, PA, September 28, 2018
'80 BA—Susan K. Meadows,
Alameda, CA, May 25, 2018
'80 BS Ag—Carlo D. Montemagno,
Carbondale, IL, October 11, 2018
'81 BS Ag—Catherine Barto Meyer,
Easton, CT, October 21, 2018
'81, BA/BEE '82, MEE '83—Jack J. Vivona,
Endicott, NY, October 28, 2018
'82 MD—Jae K. Baxter,
Springville, UT, January 15, 2015
'82 JD—Nancy R. Greenberg,
New York City, September 21, 2018
'82 BS Ag—Susan M. Naughton,
Yardley, PA, September 22, 2018
'82 PhD—David Zola,
Champaign, IL, September 28, 2018
'83 JD—Stuart J. Hendel,
Scarsdale, NY, October 19, 2018
'85 BS ORIE, MBA '92—Per M. Stahlkrantz,
Stamford, CT, September 23, 2018
'86 BEE—Jeffrey P. Annunziato,
Taunton, MA, October 26, 2018
'86 MBA—Alan Bates,
Shelburne, VT, October 2, 2018
'86 JD—Daryl A. Libow,
Washington, DC, November 7, 2018
'88 PhD—Carol D. Saunders,
Marlborough, NH, October 27, 2018

1990s

'90 MS—Richard E. Rainville,
Rochester, NH, November 9, 2018
'91 BA—Laura L. Williams,
Bryansk, Russia, October 28, 2018
'93 MBA—Stephen M. Lynch,
Scarsdale, NY, July 10, 2018
'95—Robert G. Sims,
Richmond, TX, October 18, 2018

2000s

'00 JD—David Ziskind,
Beachwood, OH, November 1, 2018
'03 BS ORIE—Jeffrey N. Trovato,
Denville, NJ, October 6, 2018
'05 BS HE, PhD '13—Jeffrey M. Valla,
Johnsonville, NY, September 7, 2018
'05—Jay R. Vixama,
Uniondale, NY, August 29, 2018

2010s

'14, BS ILR '13—Christopher C. Holmes,
Norwalk, CT, September 17, 2018
'16 BA—Jason S. Radin,
New York City, October 31, 2018
'17 MBA—Rebecca Blanco,
Vacaville, CA, October 14, 2018

2020s

'21—Iris Zhu,
Potomac, MD, September 2, 2018

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Fun with Fungus

A quintessentially Cornellian course has taught thousands of students about the wonders of 'Magical Mushrooms'



UP TO THE GILLS (clockwise from above): Hodge (at right) with students; a hallucinogenic mushroom, *Amanita muscaria*, found near campus; a "flowerpot dapperling" growing in CALS' Bailey Conservatory

On Tuesdays and Thursdays in the spring, hundreds of undergrads flock to Kennedy Hall's Call Auditorium to learn fascinating facts about fungi—from their use as tasty ingredients to the deadly diseases they can cause to the hallucinogenic trips they enable. And along the way, says CALS professor Kathie Hodge, PhD '98, students pick up key scientific concepts. "It's kind of like a stealth biology class," she says. "You learn important ideas in biology through this whimsical lens of fungi."

The wildly popular course—entitled *Magical Mushrooms, Mischievous Molds*—has helped Cornellians satisfy their science requirement for more than a generation. Offered since 1991, the class has entered the pantheon of quintessentially Cornellian courses, along with *Intro to Wines* and *Psych 101*. In fact, on the *Daily Sun's* list of the 161 things that every Cornellian should do before graduation, *Magical Mushrooms* is one of just four classes deemed essential (along with the aforementioned two, plus *Intro to Tree Climbing*). Few college courses, after all, culminate in an end-of-semester feast—and Hodge's students are treated to a dizzying menu of fungi-derived dishes, from mushroom soup to blue cheese and more.

Magical Mushrooms was the brainchild of Hodge's former colleague George Hudler, now a professor emeritus of mycology. As Hodge—who took over teaching it in 2015—describes it, what was originally envisioned as a small class comprising a few plant science students snowballed into a Cornell phenomenon

whose enrollment has approached 500 in some years. And its popularity stretches beyond the Hill: since Hudler made his course notes freely available, versions of *Magical Mushrooms* have sprouted up as far away as Hawaii.

Each lecture focuses on some aspect of fungi, including plant and animal diseases, household molds, and medicines. Striving to avoid scientific jargon, Hodge aims not only to connect the topic to everyday life, but to present the information in an entertaining and accessible way. A lesson on fungal diseases, for example, includes information on the potentially deadly mycotoxins that can grow on peanuts. But she introduces it in absurdist fashion: by displaying an Internet meme of a dog wearing a business suit, comically scooping peanut butter from a jar with human hands.

Students can take *Magical Mushrooms* as a lecture for three credits or add a weekly lab for an additional credit. Some lab activities aren't for the squeamish; early on, students take a microscopic look at fungi growing on horse dung collected from the Big Red polo stables. (Says current student Nathan Laurenz '22: "It was actually kind of beautiful.") Other labs have students identify lichens from the Ag Quad's Minns Garden, make slime mold "pets" to take

The class's labs include having students identify lichens from Minns Garden, make slime mold 'pets,' and learn methods of killing mold—which, Hodge admits, 'is very sad for me.'

home, and learn methods of killing mold—which, Hodge admits, "is very sad for me."

Magical Mushrooms boasts a dozen teaching assistants; dubbed the 'Shroom Squad, they sport matching polo shirts bearing a logo of cartoon mushrooms sprouting from a patch of grass. "The course teaches you about something that you thought you were familiar with, but you really are not," says Zeran Rico Lin '18, a former plant sciences major who loved the course, went on to join the 'Shroom Squad, and is now earning a PhD in bioscience at Rockefeller University. "You don't realize how close these creatures are to our lives."

Asked to account for the course's enduring popularity, Hodge cites, among other things, a bit of creative marketing. "I think we trick people into taking the course because of the title," she says. "But then they get hooked anyway." ■

— Mónica Bandi '19

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