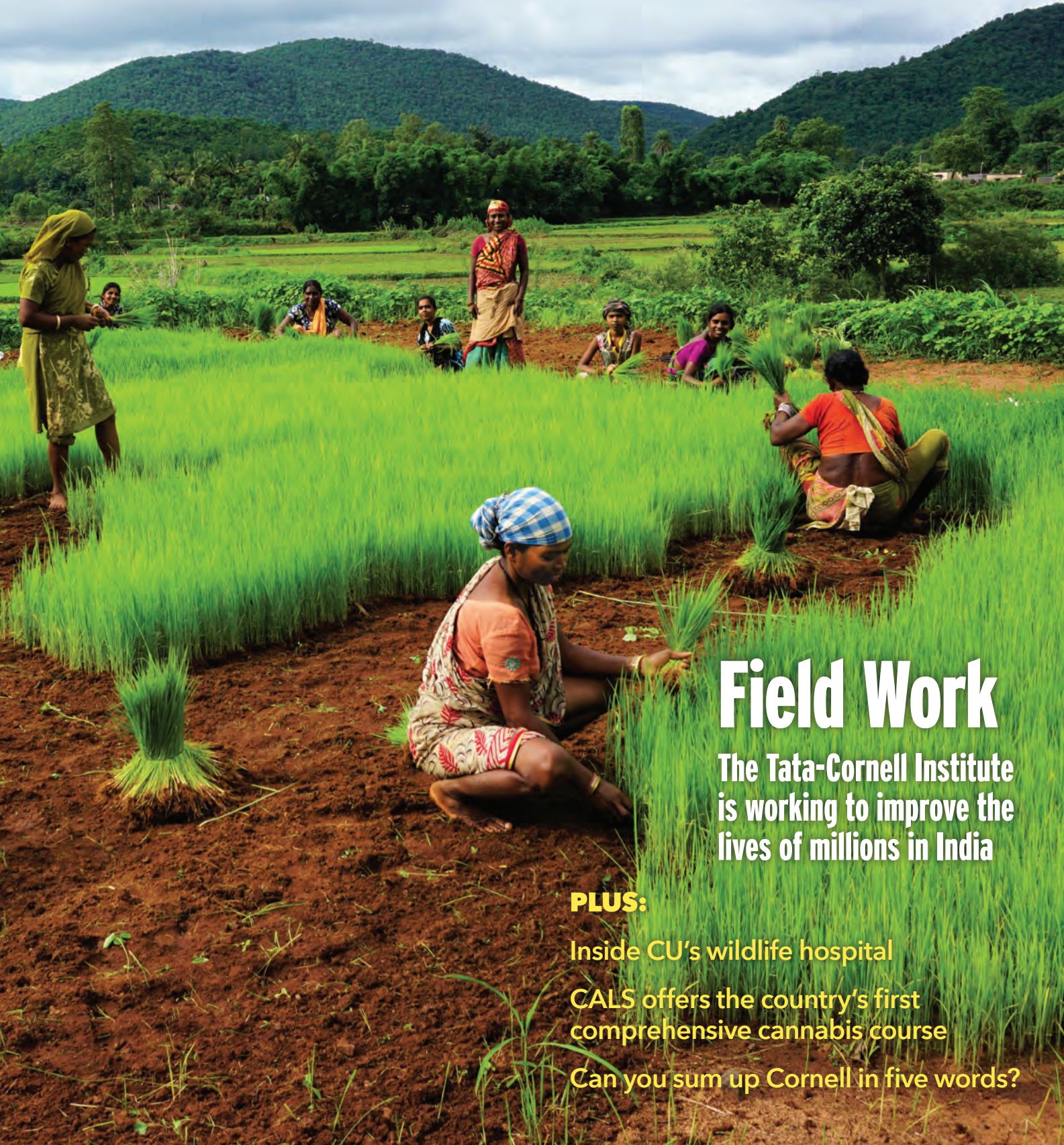


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The Vet college's Swanson Wildlife Health Center treats an array of creatures, from birds to rattlesnakes to bear cubs. "It's never dull here," says Sara Childs-Sanford, DVM '99, the center's chief of service. "Every day is different." CAM offers a photographic tour of some of the many critters the center has saved, from the tiny (a baby bunny) to the majestic (a bald eagle).

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Allan Metcalf '61 has devoted his career to exploring the origins of English terms—from "OK" to "hoagie" to "selfie" and beyond. In his latest book, he turns his attention to a word many of us use multiple times a day: "guy." As it turns out, that humble term has colorful, even violent origins in the form of one Guy Fawkes, who nearly blew up London's House of Lords in the Gunpowder Plot of 1605.

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Art Class

"State of the Art" in the September/October 2019 issue offered a tour of campus's outdoor sculptures. We asked which ones you remembered.

While taking an introductory art class we were instructed to write a paper on the Lipchitz sculpture *Song of the Vowels*. The statue intrigued me then, and it did so again recently when my wife and I and friends visited the campus.

DON HAY '66
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Of interest is the story of how sculpture professor Jack Squier got Lipchitz's *Song of the Vowels* and *Bather* sculptures here through the generosity of the Uris brothers. Jack tells it in our video "Simply Squier: Professor Jack Squier, MFA '52." He also relates how he got his students to create the Botanic Gardens sculptures, and sculptor Joel Perlman '65—who did *Dynamis* at the Friedman Wrestling Center—talks about how close he felt to Professor Squier. The link can be found at cornell.edu/video.

PHIL HANDLER '62, BARCH '64, MARCH '65
WEST HARTFORD, CT

I like them all, except *Song of the Vowels*. I think it is crude, plus I object to the fact that it isn't even unique, as other versions or castings of the same thing have been foisted on Princeton and elsewhere.

JASON GETTINGER '64
NEW YORK, NY

Looking through my old negatives, I found a photo I took around 1987 or 1988 that shows the *Herakles in Ithaka* statue inside the Johnson Museum of Art lobby [below].

KEN ZIRKEL '88
SEEKONK, MA



I've always liked *Herakles* by Jason Seley '40. On a recent visit to the Lab of Ornithology, I enjoyed the works there, especially the Goldworthy cairn. Having recently seen his work at Glenstone in Maryland, it was great to find out he had been an A.D. White Professor-at-Large.

NIELS NIELSEN '83
BETHSEDA, MD

My fondest memory is of the Stump. It changed often as students painted it in the dead of night.

ANDY HENDERSON '78, ME '79
CYPRESS, TX

I remember camping out under *Hyperbolic Paraboloid*. It is great that it is still there.

MIKLOS SALGO '68
HILLSBOROUGH, CA

The sculptures in the Botanic Gardens were always my muses when I first found them when it truly was a deserted and sparsely and scarcely known place. They still astound me today fifty years later. I visit once a year when I can.

MARC GRAPPEL '71
HIGHLAND PARK, NJ

More Buzz

"Hive Mind" (September/October 2019) reminded me of the summer of 1993, which I spent working with the apiculture books in Mann Library. I was fascinated by the old books on bees, with drawings and insight from authors long gone, so dedicated to these industrious creatures. I'd climb the stairs to the stacks with barcodes, thin metal strips, and thermometer in hand. The barcodes you know; the metal strips went into the book spines as a security device. The thermometer was there because if the temperature in the stacks exceeded 90 (or was it 95?) they sent us home—with pay! When that happened I'd buzz down the stairs and out into the fresh air, headed for Buttermilk Falls. I loved the crisp, cold water but also loved experiencing a tangible connection to history through those books.

CHRISTINE DEL FAVERO '96
BOSTON, MA

Bearing Fruit

Thanks to Alexandra Bond '12 for her appreciation of Liberty Hyde Bailey (September/October 2019). My cousins and I owe our very existence to him, because it was at an evening gathering for students at his home that our grandparents met: Mary Whitson 1905 and George F. Warren, PhD 1905

(professor 1906–38). I also appreciated the quote about Bailey's scorn for "grumbling at the weather" as I similarly say that "to a climatologist, all weather is good weather!"

STEPHEN WARREN '67
SEATTLE, WA

Welcome Back

Alumni also shared their memories of arriving on campus in response to "Big Red Welcome."



In our 1957 Mercury station wagon jammed to the top with all (well, most) of my worldly possessions and my four siblings, we had a flat tire on the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike—had to unload the car to change the tire, then load back up again. After that, lugging it all up to the top of the tower in Risley was a snap.

SUSAN SCHIFTER LABARTHE '64, BS '67
MONTPELIER, VT

What I remember most about moving-in day back in 1973 was that I somehow got into the "new" North Campus dorms. My roommate (Kenzo Koenig '77, ME '78) had already arrived and filled the room with all his high-tech music equipment (stereo, turntable, speakers, reel-to-reel tape deck), lots of neon bar signs, beer mugs and other paraphernalia, wall decorations, etc. I arrived with nothing but a green army-type duffel bag. We were a great fit. Somehow, the Cornell roommate matching algorithm of that time managed to put us together.

JOHN MOLINDA '77
PITTSBURGH, PA

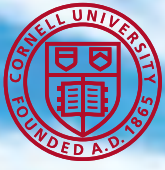
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The Cornell Ethos

New statement of core values distills what makes our University extraordinary



If you ask alumni what is so special about Cornell, the answers are as diverse as the individuals. Many refer to our founding principle of “any person, any study,” and talk about the academic, intellectual, and human diversity they discovered on campus. They speak of exploration and opportunity, of scholarship and curiosity, of the vast array of experiences that were open to them, and shaped them, as Cornellians. They describe an

education acquired in and beyond the classroom: through athletics and activities, sororities and fraternities, clubs, labs, and the Big Red Band. Yet at the heart of every narrative of what is special about our University lies the same core: the Cornell ethos that harks back to our founding. It is an ethos that our university was built on, that has evolved and been strengthened in the years since—formed and absorbed by generations over the course of their time at Cornell.

Last semester, at the recommendation of both the Presidential Task Force on Campus Climate and the Provost’s Task Force to Enhance Faculty Diversity, we undertook a community-wide process of discerning—through focus groups, listening sessions, and feedback—a description of that Cornell ethos, through creating a statement of Cornell’s Core Values. The statement, and the process by which it was created, were intended both to develop a shared sense of what it means to be a Cornellian, and as a way to share the University’s culture, standards, and expectations with those new to our community. I have found it a valuable benchmark against which to make the decisions that affect our community, as well as a welcome tool for describing to others what, indeed, is so special about Cornell.

At Cornell, we value:

Purposeful discovery: We value the process of discovery through learning, teaching, scholarship, and innovation to advance the University’s mission, in all cases striving with integrity for excellence and purpose. The search for and the dissemination of knowledge are tightly linked: as

A.D. White noted, “The power of discovering truth and the power of imparting it are almost invariably found together.”

Free and open inquiry and expression: We are a community whose very purpose is the pursuit of knowledge. We value free and open inquiry and expression—tenets that underlie academic freedom—even of ideas some may consider wrong or offensive. Inherent in this commitment is the corollary freedom to engage in reasoned opposition to messages to which one objects.

A community of belonging: As a university founded to be a place where “any person can find instruction,” we value diversity and inclusion, and we strive to be a welcoming, caring, and equitable community where students, faculty, and staff with different backgrounds, perspectives, abilities, and experiences can learn, innovate, and work in an environment of respect and feel empowered to engage in any community conversation.

Exploration across boundaries: Ezra Cornell embraced a vision that we would be a place to “find instruction in any study.” To that end, we value the importance of all academic disciplines and celebrate the power of connections among them.

Changing lives through public engagement: As the land-grant institution of New York, with our main campus within the ancestral homelands of the Cayuga

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Nation and a long history of national and international connections, we value engagement in our community, our state, and the broader world, learning about their needs and strengths, and applying the knowledge we create for the benefit of society.

Respect for the natural environment: We value our role in advancing solutions for a sustainable future and we recognize the close relationship between people and the Earth, acting in ways to live and work sustainably. ■

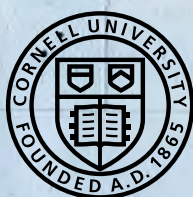
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From the Hill



Medical College Slashes Student Debt

Beginning this academic year, MD students at Weill Cornell Medicine who previously received need-based loans will now get scholarships instead—enabling many to graduate without med school debt. At an event in September, Dean Augustine Choi and President Martha Pollack announced the program to a celebratory crowd (above), complete with confetti. “This bold initiative to eliminate medical education student debt ensures that every student who wishes to become a doctor can do so—for their betterment and for the patients they serve,” Pollack said. “By investing in our medical students, we impart a lasting, positive effect on the healthcare landscape across the country.”

The program isn’t retroactive—so of the current student body, first-years will benefit the most. The new scholarships—which will go to students who have demonstrated financial need, historically more than half of each class—will cover not only tuition but also housing and other expenses, a boon to applicants considering a school located in Manhattan, where living costs are high. Given that students in the dual MD-PhD program already have their costs funded through WCM and the NIH, the move means that two-thirds of those graduating from Cornell with MDs will not incur debt from those studies. “Providing debt-free medical education isn’t just what’s right for our students,” said Sanford Weill ’55, chairman emeritus of WCM’s Board of Overseers. “It is critical to creating the best doctors for all generations to come.”

‘I don’t think any of these really major declines are hopeless at this point, but that may not be true ten years from now.’

— **Ken Rosenberg ’76**, an applied conservation scientist at the Lab of Ornithology, on his research team’s finding that more than a quarter of birds in the U.S. and Canada have disappeared since 1970

Collegetown Bagels, Ruloff’s Face Eviction

Two more iconic Collegetown eateries are likely departing at the end of this academic year—but they may be coming back. As the *Daily Sun* reported in late August, the century-old building on College Avenue, owned by Student Agencies, that houses both Ruloff’s restaurant and Collegetown Bagels is slated for demolition and redevelopment starting in June. As the site-plan review application filed with the city details, the new \$12 million building would have both apartments (fifty-six units, ranging from studios to three-bedrooms) and retail space—potentially allowing the restaurants to move back to their longtime locations once construction is completed in August 2021. While the existing building, known as the Chacona Block, is four stories tall, zoning changes would allow its replacement to rise to six stories.

Urban Tech Hub Launched in NYC

Cornell Tech’s Jacobs Technion-Cornell Institute has launched a new “hub,” or area of concentration: Urban Tech, which will include applied research, startups, and what the institute calls “a first-of-its-kind dual master’s degree focused on making cities more livable, adaptable, and connected.” The hub will comprise study on technology related to such issues as mobility and transportation, real estate, energy, and intelligent buildings. Applications are being accepted for the two-year master’s program, which starts in fall 2020. “Urban Tech exemplifies the core mission of our campus, equipping students to create solutions to complex, pressing, and real-world challenges through interdisciplinary research and experimentation,” says Cornell Tech Dean Greg Morrisett. “As our students and faculty experience every day in the heart of New York City, urban life is a melting pot of crucial twenty-first century issues such as adaptability, transportation, and safety.” The hub joins existing ones in media and health.

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Alums Win 'Genius' Grants

Three Cornellians have been awarded 2019 MacArthur Fellowships. Commonly known as "genius" grants, the honor comes with a no-strings-attached \$625,000 award. The winners are Lisa Daugaard, MA '87 (above left), a criminal justice reformer working to improve outcomes for those struggling with substance abuse; Zachary Lippman '00 (above center), a plant biologist investigating the genetic mechanisms behind flower production; and Emmanuel Pratt '00, BArch '02 (above right), an architect and urban planner working to revive neglected neighborhoods.



Uris 'Cocktail Lounge' Returns

After being closed for renovations since January, Uris Library's "Cocktail Lounge" (above) has reopened. The beloved twenty-four-hour study space, which has views of Libe Slope, now boasts updated furnishings, reservable rooms with multimedia connections, ADA compliant restrooms, a vending area with hot beverages, and more. And for the first time since 1982, the lounge can be accessed via Uris's south entrance (facing Willard Straight) using a Cornell ID.

Did You Know . . .



That Anil Nerode (left) holds the record—sixty years—for longest-serving active member of the Cornell faculty? The Goldwin Smith Professor of Mathematics, Nerode began teaching on the Hill in 1959.



Class of '23: The Numbers

Statistics on the first-year class, newly arrived on campus this semester:

- Total number of students: **3,218**
- Gender balance: **55 percent female**
- Identifying as students of color: **48.5 percent**
- First in their families to attend college: **13.4 percent**
- U.S. states represented: **49** (all but Montana), plus Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Countries represented: **39**
- Total applications received: **49,114**
- Offers made: **5,330**
(10.85 percent admission rate)
- Yield (accepted applicants who enroll): **60.4 percent**

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



Robert Smith '85, BS '86 (left), chairman and CEO of Vista Equity Partners, winner of the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy.

Murray's Stockinghall, a cloth-bound cheddar named for the CALS building and developed on the Hill in partnership with a local creamery, which won best in show at the American Cheese Society's annual competition.

Suzanne Walsh '93 (right), named president of Bennett College, a historically black women's school in Greensboro, North Carolina.



Ithaca, named the most underrated city in New York State by Microsoft News.



Stephanie (Ji-Yeon) Lim '21 (left), a double major in communication and information science in CALS, who was crowned Miss World Korea in September. She'll compete at the international event in London in December.



Memorial Honors Fire Victims

The University has dedicated a permanent memorial (above) to the victims of a residence hall fire that took the lives of eight students and a professor more than a half-century ago. Located between Sage Chapel and Day Hall, the memorial lists the names and ages of the victims, the youngest of whom was just seventeen. “No one can take away the pain of what you experienced,” President Martha Pollack told the attendees at the dedication ceremony, where friends and family of those who died placed roses on the memorial, which comprises natural stone, plantings, and a plaque. “But what we can do is hear your stories and become the custodian of your memories with this memorial, which will remain in the heart of campus for as long as the University stands.” The April 1967 blaze at the Cornell Heights Residential Club was widely suspected to be arson, but the cause was never definitively proven and no suspect was formally named. An extensive story in the *New York Times* in April 2018 revisited the tragedy and chronicled efforts by some of the survivors to seek justice in the case.

‘He brought Mars to campus and gave us all a chance to see another world close-up.’

— Arts and Sciences Dean **Ray Jayawardhana** on astronomy professor Steve Squyres ’78, PhD ’81, a leader in NASA’s Mars rover program, who recently retired from the faculty

Directory Available for Online Archive

The Cornell-based Internet-First University Press has released a complete directory of its materials. Conceived by the Office of the University Faculty in 2002, the press has made archival material available for free online and also produced new content—including more than two dozen books, video recordings of memorial events and symposia, public lectures, and oral histories by senior faculty. The press and its new directory can be found through the ecommons.cornell.edu portal.

New A.D. White Profs Named

Six people have been elected as A.D. White Professors-at-Large, serving six-year terms through June 2025. They are Argentinian author and investigative journalist Martín Caparrós; Jordan Ellenberg, a mathematician and novelist; Bram Govaerts, a specialist in bioscience engineering and soil sciences; bestselling novelist Tayari Jones; Lynn Meskell, an anthropology professor at Stanford; and physicist Carl Wieman, a 2001 Nobel laureate who also teaches at Stanford.

Act of Courage



What did aspiring Olympic marathoner Katie Kellner ’13 (above) do while on a training run in September?

- a) Rescue a child from a burning building
- b) Save her running partner’s life with CPR
- c) Carry an injured dog five miles to a vet
- d) Save a man from drowning

[ANSWER: D]

R + D

With nearly \$10 million in funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Cornell is teaming with Purdue University—its land-grant counterpart in Indiana—to establish the first Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Food Safety, which aims to solve some of the world’s greatest challenges in agriculture and food insecurity.

Medical College researchers have found that letting kids dress up in superhero costumes for their MRI scans and couching the procedure as an adventure reduces the need for sedation, particularly for those aged four to seven.

Researchers at the Cornell Wildlife Health Lab have created an interactive online tool that tells ecologists exactly how many plants or animals they need to introduce into a habitat to establish a stable population.

With a goal of improving drone flight, engineering professor Silvia Ferrari has received a \$400,000 grant from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research to study how moth brains work.

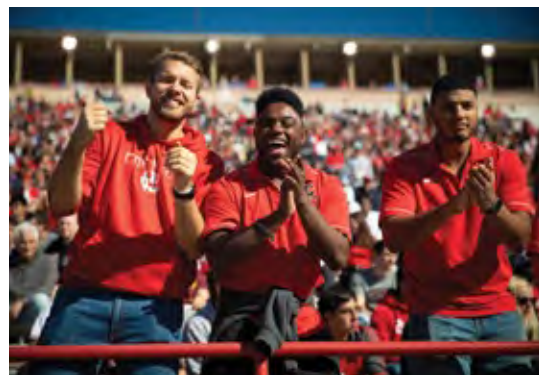


From a twelve-year study of goldenrod, ecology and evolutionary biology professor André Kessler and his team have found that when the plants are under stress they alert each other through airborne chemicals known as volatile organic compounds.



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Sunny Skies Welcome Alums at Homecoming



FALL FUN: Homecoming 2019 featured not only the traditional tailgate and football game (against Georgetown) but also fireworks, a 5K run, a campus art tour, a gala fan festival on Kite Hill, and more. Sadly, the Hoyas beat the Big Red 14-8.



Alumni Affairs Unveils Five-Year Plan

After extensive feedback from alumni—including current students and young alums—Cornell's Alumni Affairs and Development office has formulated a five-year strategic plan that was unanimously endorsed by the Board of Trustees' Committee on Alumni Affairs. The plan includes seven "engagement areas of focus": cultivating multi-generational dialogue and community; promoting lifelong learning; simplifying volunteer structures and experiences; providing scalable, relevant alumni career support; cultivating a diverse volunteer base; leveraging alumni affinity communities to increase engagement; and inspiring more alumni to choose to give to Cornell. Other elements include three "engagement imperatives": inspiring more students to embrace the alumni network; increasing young alumni engagement; and developing flexible, lifelong journeys for any alumnus. During the plan's development, some 1,000 alums provided input, including more than 600 alumni and 120 students who participated in small group discussions at the 2019 Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC).

Program Promotes Humanities Study

Arts and Sciences is offering a Humanities Scholars Program starting this academic year. Funded through a \$6 million anonymous alumni gift, the program will accept thirty students annually, chosen in the spring of their sophomore year. They'll receive mentorship from faculty and postdocs, research and internship grants, professional skills workshops, collaboration space in the A.D. White House, and more; they'll also take part in seminar courses, including one on research methods. The program culminates in a senior-level capstone project, for which students will conduct independent research and present it at a conference for humanities scholars. "We have always had amazing humanities faculty and graduate students who do groundbreaking research," says history professor Durba Ghosh, who helped spearhead the program. "The hope is to bring together undergraduates who are curious and inquisitive and support them as they pose big questions and find their way toward meaningful responses to the futures we face."



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The only one of its kind in the Ivy League, Cornell's cadre of marching musicians is a beloved Big Red tradition

For more than a century, the Big Red Marching Band has brought tuneful joy to East Hill and beyond. Students and alumni delight in singing along to "My Old Cornell," getting revved up by "Give My Regards to Davy," and locking arms and swaying to the Alma Mater. At home football games, fans in the Crescent eagerly await the half time show, when the band sweeps smartly across the field in synchronized patterns as it plays songs both time honored >

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and contemporary. “There is no more spirited group on campus than the members of the Marching Band,” says Scott Pesner ’87, who played clarinet all four years of undergrad. “They evoke pride and carry forward school traditions from one generation to the next.”

The only bona fide marching band in the Ivies—the others are technically “scatter bands,” which don’t march in formation—the group operates under the umbrella of the Big Red Bands, which also includes the smaller Pep Band (of Lynah Rink fame). It’s completely student-run—from the head manager who coordinates events and travel, to the drum major who runs rehearsals and leads the band (including its color guard, which performs routines with flags, mock rifles, and other equipment) during shows. The choreography, or “drill,” is designed by a small committee of members who also select the music. “The band is like a family,” says current head manager Jill Crosby ’21, a policy analysis and management major from Pennsylvania. “We have engineers, bio majors, Human Ecology students. We all support each other.”

The Marching Band’s schedule is rigorous, with the roughly 250 members asked to meet four or five times a week for music practices, field rehearsals—where they perfect walking with a smooth heel-to-toe step, taking small strides, and lifting their knees high—and performances, not to mention the individual instrumental practice that many put in. “It can be a lot,” says biology major Sabrina Giaimo ’22, who joined as a saxophonist but now plays trumpet. “You have to be reading the music, thinking about the next move, and trying to watch the drum major at the same time.” While formal auditions are held during Orientation each fall, nowadays no student is turned away, and musical experience isn’t required. “We teach newcomers the basics, and they learn as we go along,” says Crosby. “At the end of the day we just want everyone to have a great time.”

Most active during fall semester, the band plays at every home football game and a handful of away ones, as well as at festivals and concerts in Ithaca and on campus, occasional NFL halftime shows, and special events like weddings of band alumni. As the group notes on its website: “We are also known for our spirited parading through the Campus Store, Willard Straight Hall, and, when we’re feeling truly studious, the circulation room of Uris Library.” Every other year, the band leads a crowd down Manhattan’s Fifth Avenue for the Sy Katz ’31 Parade, which

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culminates in a concert outside the Cornell Club on East 44th Street. Pesner recalls that when he was a senior, construction blocked the typical route, so the band arranged to finish on the steps of the New York Public Library. “We were right between the lions,” he says. “You can’t beat those memories.”

The band’s roots go back almost as far as the University itself, to the formation of the ROTC Cadet Band in the early 1870s. As Morris Bishop 1914, PhD 1926, wryly observed in *A History of Cornell*: “Its marching evolutions were likely to be surprising. At a review of the troops the band was supposed to march, playing, before the battalion at attention, and then reverse direction and countermarch. The maneuver was too difficult; the band simply marched off home.” Likely due to its ROTC beginnings, for decades the band was only open to men—but by fall 1970, that restriction had put it in danger of losing its University funding. Sandra Sears ’74, the first of four women to join that year, recalls that when she showed up to the band room in Barton Hall, she was greeted with cheers. “By the time I actually auditioned,” she says, “I was pretty sure that if I knew which end of the clarinet to



MARCHING ON: The band (from left) in 1973; in formation in Schoellkopf in 1954; performing on the Ithaca Commons this year; and making music on Fifth Avenue at the 2018 Sy Katz ’31 Parade



put in my mouth, I was going to get in.” At Homecoming this fall, the band marked the fiftieth academic year of women’s inclusion with a special performance during halftime that included honoring some of the first female members; alumni joined in playing such songs as “Confident” by Demi Lovato and Aretha Franklin’s “(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman.”

Though the band receives some support from the Student Activities Funding Commission, the majority of its expenses are covered by the Big Red Bands Alumni Association, founded in the 1980s to ensure the organization’s financial stability. “Uniforms, instruments, travel—almost all of it is funded through alumni donations,” says association chair Brian Adelman ’09, a sousaphone player who met his wife, trumpeter Shayna Gerson Adelman ’10, in the band. In 2013, alumni spearheaded construction of the Fischell Band Center, a dedicated practice and storage facility that replaced the cramped space in Barton that had been the band’s home for more than a century. Located behind Schoellkopf, the 6,400-square-foot structure features slanted walls and ceilings for superior acoustics. Instruments, equipment, and hundreds of uniforms line the shelves around the center’s main room, a three-story open area used for rehearsals. Up among the rafters, a display of past

uniforms showcases the changing fashion trends throughout the Marching Band’s history, from an Army-style green jacket to a simple black coat to an assortment of red-and-white designs. “When I was there, the uniforms were very formal,” Pesner recalls. “Hotel Ezra Cornell used to borrow them for their bell-hops.” The current, decade-old model—black pants with a red stripe and a carnelian jacket with a white sash—is slated to be replaced next year. “We always keep the hats the same, though,” says Crosby. “They’re famous. When you see the hat, you know it’s the Big Red Marching Band.” ■

—Alexandra Bond ’12



JUSTICE FOR ALL

In addition to the typical duties of a city court judge, Buffalo's Amy Martoche '92 presides over a special court devoted to aiding victims of sex trafficking



The courtroom is packed—with defendants, family members, attorneys, uniformed officers, journalists, and others. It's a Wednesday morning in late July, and Buffalo City Court Judge Amy Martoche '92 is presiding, berobed and seated before the flags of the U.S. and New York State. Case after case, hour after hour, defendants come before her. Some, escorted by officers and entering through a side door, are shackled at the wrists and ankles and clad in the bright orange garb of jail inmates, shuffling in laceless shoes. Others hurry from their seats in the gallery to stand before her bench, as Martoche renders decisions or rules on procedural issues in a wide variety of cases.

There's a man who was cited for failing to have an air horn on his boat; he proffers a receipt from Walmart showing he's since purchased one, and Martoche dismisses the charge. Another man has allegedly violated an order of protection, while another is facing multiple vehicular infractions. "Do not drive," the judge tells him. "If I catch you driving, I will put bail on you. Do you

understand?" Yet another is being held on \$50,000 bail for the criminal possession of a weapon found during a traffic stop; Martoche finds reasonable cause to send his case to the grand jury.

One large group of defendants—which includes a former Cornell professor now at Ithaca College—clusters in front of the bench: the eight (plus a ninth who's not in court) were arrested during a headline-making protest in which they blocked traffic in downtown Buffalo to decry Immigration and Customs Enforcement's holding of refugees in detention camps. Martoche agrees with the defense that the charge of unlawful assembly should be dismissed, as the protestors' actions didn't constitute the "tumultuous and violent conduct" that the statute requires; the other charge, of disorderly conduct, will be dismissed in thirty days if the defendants stay out of trouble.

That case is the most high profile of the morning by far, and once it's concluded the reporters all depart. But it's a half-dozen other cases—interspersed with the

rest throughout the morning, and all involving young female defendants—that distinguish Martoche's work from that of most judges around the country.

In addition to her other many duties as an elected city judge, Martoche presides over the Buffalo area's Human Trafficking Intervention Court (HTIC). The first of its kind outside Metro New York City, the court deals with the cases of people facing criminal charges in Buffalo and surrounding counties who have been victims of sex trafficking. It puts those defendants, many of whom struggle with drug addiction, in touch with needed services including substance abuse and mental health treatment, trauma counseling, and help accessing housing, employment, and education. The defendants come before Martoche for frequent check-ins, sometimes even weekly; those who avoid further criminal activity and take positive steps such as getting a job or earning a GED can have their charges—which may range from prostitution to drug possession to theft—reduced or dismissed, or have past convictions vacated.



BALANCING THE SCALES: Martoche (left) in her chambers with human trafficking court staff member Alicia Tabliago. Opposite page: The judge on the bench.

While the stereotypical view of human trafficking involves a foreign-born woman or girl smuggled into the U.S., held in captivity, and forced to do sex work or domestic labor, Martoche's court generally deals with a much different situation: local women driven into prostitution, either by someone else or by their own addiction. "People have this idea that you have to be brought from a different country to be trafficked, but that's a very narrow definition," says Martoche, talking with CAM over lunch after her morning on the bench. "Whenever someone is being exploited—either through force, fraud, or coercion—to engage in commercial sex work, that's trafficking. We've seen some awful things, like a mother prostituting her daughter to pay off a drug debt; or a boyfriend prostituting his girlfriend to support his drug habit; or someone pretending to be interested in someone romantically, and it's all a ruse to get that person under their control."

Since its founding in 2013, Buffalo's HTIC has worked with some 300 defendants; the vast majority are cisgender women, with a small number of men and transwomen. Martoche and her staff have developed a screening tool to identify potential participants, who are often picked up on charges unrelated to prostitution, such as larceny or drug possession, and don't see themselves as being exploited. "Nobody says, 'I'm being trafficked,'" Martoche points out. "But they might say, 'I live with five other women.' 'What are their names?' 'I don't know.' 'Do you work?' 'Yes, I work.' 'How much money do you make?' 'I

don't know—I don't keep my money.' There are all these questions, the answers to which would shock you." The program's recidivism rate, about 50 percent, is significantly lower than that typically seen in prostitution cases, Martoche says. "We've had some great success stories," she says. "It's wonderful that we get to connect them with resources, but the credit really goes to the people who show the strength and resiliency to do what they need to do to overcome their circumstances."

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Among those successes is Stacy, a woman in her mid-twenties who first came before Martoche's court several years ago; her current and previous charges (in Buffalo and other jurisdictions) included petty larceny, prostitution, and possession of a controlled substance. "I was in my oranges from jail," Stacy (who asked that her real name be withheld to protect her privacy) recalls of first meeting the judge. "I looked like a complete train wreck." Stacy was a young teen when her mother died after a long battle with cancer; while she managed to graduate from high school, her family life unraveled, and she started using heroin after a boyfriend introduced her to it. She wound up addicted and living with a drug dealer who, she says, forced her into prostitution. "He kept saying I owed him money, when >



NATIVE (WESTERN) NEW YORKERS: Martoche, who grew up in Buffalo, says that she and her husband are committed to raising their daughter (seen here with her) in the city.

in reality I didn't," she says. "He would make up these insane amounts, which I guess is a thing of human trafficking." Another woman in the house showed Stacy how to book clients through Backpage.com, the notorious online marketplace for sex work that has since been shut down by the Department of Justice. "As soon as the date would leave," she says, "[the dealer] would expect me to give him all the money."

After Stacy's most recent arrest, her case was referred to HTIC, and the court's resource coordinator—Alicia Tabliago, who works closely with Martoche—visited her in jail and helped her get into residential drug treatment, where she stayed for a month and a half. "I didn't think I was a victim of human trafficking at all," Stacy says. "Alicia explained to me, 'You definitely were.'" She went on to testify against the dealer who'd trafficked her; he's currently serving a nineteen-year sentence in state prison. Now sober for more than two years, she holds down jobs at two restaurants and is aiming to apply to college. "The court helped me a lot," she says. "In the end, Alicia and Judge Martoche became like friends to me—very close friends who wanted to see me succeed. They gave me a lot of resources to help me along my journey."

Martoche, a Buffalo native and the daughter of two attorneys, was an ILR student on the Hill, where she helped put herself through school by working more than thirty hours per week waiting tables at the Statler Hotel. After graduation, she joined Teach For America and taught third and fourth graders in an under-resourced region of South Louisiana, an experience that left a strong impression and instilled a passion for social justice. "The lack of equal access to quality education was alarming," says Martoche. "The difference between the education that was being offered to the children I saw versus my own education—there was a fundamental unfairness that has shaped how I think about things. Every defendant who I see in my courtroom, I ask myself, What kind of educational opportunities were provided to that person? And 95 percent of the time, the people before

me did not have access to quality education."

After earning her JD from the University at Buffalo, Martoche clerked for a federal judge and worked at a boutique trial firm, handling both civil and criminal cases. She was appointed to the bench in 2012 to fill the vacancy of a judge who'd moved to a higher court, then won election to a ten-year term. "To me, it's important that no matter what someone is charged with, my courtroom is a place where everyone is respected—defendants, lawyers, witnesses who come to testify," says Martoche, whose chambers are decorated with her framed Cornell diploma and a figurine of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54. "Doing the specialty [HTIC] court has been an incredible opportunity. It's terrific to see when people are clean and sober and doing what they're supposed to be doing; it's a thrill, really. Some of those same

people have struggled, and what I try to let them know is, 'Come back to court; we'll get you back on the path.' I never want people to be fearful. Certainly, there are times in court when I have to be the tough guy. But in the specialty court, I usually don't have to—I just kind of push."

On that busy morning in July, of the half-dozen HTIC participants that come before Martoche to update her on their progress, some are demonstrably faring better than others. One—a young woman with stringy blonde hair who's clad in denim shorts,

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a baggy hoodie, and flip-flops—flouts the prominent signage against cell phones in the courtroom, and an officer politely instructs her to put it in her pocket. It soon emerges that she has missed an appointment with a counseling agency. "As much as I give people indulgences," Martoche laments, "she always has an excuse."

But then a woman in a floral dress comes before the judge, who notes that Tabliago has reported she's doing well; Martoche congratulates her, and the defendant wishes the judge a great day. The next HTIC case—a woman sporting dark blue medical scrubs and a lanyard with her employee ID—tells the judge that she's working hard. "How's your job going?" Martoche asks. "Beautiful," the woman responds, and the judge tells her to come back in two weeks. Another young woman, wearing denim capris with an aqua hoodie and cheery pink sneakers, comes before Martoche a while later, and is lauded for joining a therapy group at a behavioral health center.

"It looks like you're on track," Martoche says.

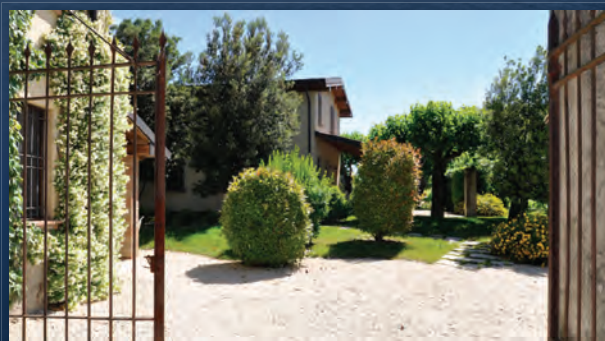
"Working on staying there," the woman answers.

Replies the judge: "Keep it up." ■

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HOT-FOOTING IT

Thanks in part to one very famous fan, an alum's company—maker of chic slippers—is a fashion phenomenon



STEPPING UP: Sharkey (top right) co-founded Birdies, a luxury shoe company whose offerings include the Ani (seen above in coral).

Marisa Sharkey '97 faced a sartorial dilemma after her family moved from New York City to California in 2014. The longtime retail executive was entertaining at home more often, and she couldn't find any cozy footwear that was chic enough to wear with her outfits. "It was like the only options were fuzzy slippers or heels, and you certainly don't want to wear stilettos when you're having friends over for a barbecue," she laughs. "There was really nothing that looked great and also felt great."



Unbeknownst to Sharkey, her friend Bianca Gates—then an executive at Facebook—was having the same problem. Out of the blue, Gates sent Sharkey a text message saying she had a terrific business idea: fashionable slippers. Sharkey immediately fired back an enthusiastic reply, and the two hit the ground running. Now they're co-founders of the San Francisco-based brand Birdies, having created a new type of shoe that the company describes as combining the support of a sneaker, the softness of a slipper, and the style of a designer flat.

Ranging in price from \$95 to \$140, each pair of Birdies is crafted with luxe materials like silk, satin, and velvet, with some styles embellished with pom-poms, crystals, and detailed embroidery. A quilted, memory-foam insole and padding at the heel makes them so comfortable that *Elle* described them as "clouds for your feet." That combination means they can be worn just about anywhere: at home, in the office, running errands—even to a wedding. "Our customer is a woman who is juggling many different things throughout the day," says Sharkey, "and she can keep her Birdies on because they're so versatile."

She and Gates were ahead of the curve when they launched the company in 2015: according to market research firm NPDI Group, sales of women's sneakers and leisure footwear soared 37 percent in 2017 to \$3.2 billion, while sales of high heels dipped 12 percent during the same period. Birdies relies on a direct-to-consumer approach; the company sells its shoes mainly through its website, though they're also available at its flagship brick-and-mortar store in San Francisco and through a limited >

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FOOT LOOSE: Former TV star Meghan Markle, an early Birdies fan, has often been photographed in her favorite style, the Starling (which she's wearing in the image at far left, accompanied by her husband, Prince Harry). Near left: A sketch of the custom slippers that the company gifted Markle in advance of her wedding. Below: The Phoebe, seen in floral jacquard.

partnership with Nordstrom. Sales of Birdies jumped by 400 percent in 2018 over the previous year, with an even bigger increase projected for 2019.

That boom is partly due to Meghan Markle—the former actress and activist who became the Duchess of Sussex when she married the U.K.'s Prince Harry in spring 2018—whose fashion influence has led to massive boosts for whatever brands she wears. She's been a Birdies fan for years, since she starred on the TV series “Suits”; impressed with Markle's style and humanitarian efforts, Gates and Sharkey sent her a free pair soon after establishing the business. Markle loved them and started tagging Birdies on Instagram and posting photos on her blog. The brand really took off, though, when Meghan and Harry announced their engagement in November 2017—on the same day as Cyber Monday in America—and media outlets started talking about the “slippers fit for a princess.” Markle has continued to wear Birdies: during a tour of New Zealand last fall, the pregnant



duchess was snapped in her favorites, the “Starling”—a black velvet smoking slipper—and subsequent demand led that style (and others) to sell out. The company ended last year with a waiting list of over 30,000. Says Sharkey: “There has definitely been a ‘Meghan effect.’”

A business management major in CALS, Sharkey began her career in investment banking and went on to earn an MBA at Penn's Wharton School. As a consultant at Bain & Co., she advised Fortune 500 retailers and leading private equity firms on how to improve performance in apparel, footwear, and personal care. She next led corporate strategy at Ross Stores, the discount clothing chain. Having relocated to the West Coast for her husband's job, she was looking for a new venture when Gates pitched the idea for Birdies. Since neither had a design back-

ground, the two bought slippers, sneakers, and flats at stores from Target to Barneys and ripped them apart to learn about the different components. “We were literally gluing fabrics together and watching YouTube videos to try to figure it out,” Sharkey recalls.

Once they had a prototype, they found a Chinese manufacturer willing to make the slippers—for a minimum order of 1,800 pairs. “We

‘There has definitely been a “Meghan effect,”’ Sharkey says of the duchess's fondness for Birdies.

had no idea if they were even going to show up,” says Sharkey. “Then one day a truck full of slippers pulled up in front of my house.” They sold Birdies to family, friends, and friends of friends, and word-of-mouth spread from there; soon fashion stylists and celebrities were reaching out. With the help of \$2 million raised in 2017 from private investors, the partners hired designers and a PR firm to support the company's sudden growth.

They landed another \$8 million in funding earlier this year, which they'll use to employ additional staff, build inventory, and create new lines. And last spring, around the time of Meghan and Harry's first anniversary, they launched a bridal collection—including a velvet mule, decorated with a silky pom-pom, that resembles a custom pair that Birdies gifted Markle in advance of the royal wedding. ■

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ON THE VINE

For a Cornellian clan that produces award-winning wines, viticulture is a family tradition



DEEP ROOTS: Jennifer and Fred Johnson (above) run his family's third-generation winery (left) near Buffalo. Below (from left): Fred's grandfather, father, and boyhood self in the vineyard.

Ask Fred Johnson Jr. '75, MBA '77, when his forebears started making wine on their land in Western New York, and he'll reply with a grin and a bit of family lore. "Fermentation began on the first day of Prohibition," he says, clearly relishing an oft-told tale. "My grandfather was an orphaned English immigrant. He didn't think much of this Prohibition business, so he started making wine in the basement. His wife, my grandmother, was a pillar of the Episcopal church and a devout Women's Christian Temperance Union person. I guess they agreed to disagree."

Back then, the land was mainly an apple farm, and his grandfather—Frederick Johnson 1901—would harvest grapes from the vines that had been growing on the property since the mid-1800s, crush them in his cider press, and make wine on the sly. Today, that antique press stands outside the tasting room and production facility of Johnson Estate Winery, a third-generation, 110-acre operation that sells a half-million bottles a year. Located in Westfield and now run by Fred and his wife (Jennifer Schroeder Johnson, MBA '79), it's New York's oldest continuously operating estate winery. That means that the winery grows its own grapes, which Fred says has inherent benefits for the ensuing libation. "If I own the grapes and sell them to the winery, my interest is in having as big a crop as I can get," Fred explains, giving CAM a tour of the vineyard on a picture-perfect August day. "But if I own the winery *and* the grapes, I know that if I can get one more dollar per bottle, I can afford

to double my costs in the vineyard. So now my bread is buttered on the quality side of the business model—whereas, when it's split, one guy's got a cost-quality tradeoff going the wrong way."

A member of Lake Erie Wine Country (formerly the Chautauqua-Lake Erie Wine Trail, of which Jennifer is a past president), Johnson Estate sells about a fifth of its bottles via the tasting room, housed in a former apple storage facility built in 1920; the rest is mainly sold in liquor stores in New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. (The winery can also ship to thirty-four U.S. states.) Its wines have garnered numerous awards, including a dozen double-gold medals at regional and international competitions. *Wine Enthusiast* called its 2013 Sparkling Traminette (whose currently available vintage costs \$19.49) "buoyantly aromatic," noting that it "stands out in a lineup of traditional Champagne-style sparklers." One of its top sellers—Founders' Red (\$15.49), whose Chancellor grapes are hot-pressed to mellow out the tannins—was named a "best buy" by tastings.com, which praised it as "an instantly appealing Chancellor that offers gobs of creamy oak flavor and luscious fruits." >



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BOTTLED UP: The winery's tasting room in a former apple storehouse is separated from the production facility by a glass wall. Below: A sampling of the many offerings from Johnson Estate includes (from left) a sparkling ice wine; a white dessert wine flavored with maple; and the 2016 Founders' Red, which comprises 90 percent Chancellor grapes and 10 percent Merlot.

While the winemaking tradition goes back to Fred's bootlegger grandpa—who bought the farmhouse and land in the early 1900s—the operation began in earnest in the early Sixties, when his father, Frederick Johnson '43, BS '46, replaced the apple trees with grape vines and turned the storehouse into a winery. "He was mostly making bulk wine for the two or three big wineries in the Finger Lakes," Fred says, "but slowly, he developed his own brand." Johnson Estate now sells some forty wines including reds, whites, blushes, sparkling wines, and some specialty items such as cherry and maple liqueurs, cream sherry, and ruby port. The winery is particularly known for making ice wine, which requires the grapes to be harvested in deep winter and processed while still frozen. "We are a fully integrated-production estate or chateau winery, which starts from growing high-quality grapes and then producing high-quality wines," says Jennifer. "We have a winemaker who is sensitive to that and is part of our planning team when we decide what to plant, because he's aware of the strengths of the region and its microclimate."

Fred's experience in grape-growing stretches back to childhood; as a middle schooler, he was expected to help with the harvest every day after school. "My job was picking up forty-pound crates of grapes and putting them on the wagon," he recalls, then adds with a laugh: "I say that I got into college because of the grapes. Even though I was a scrawny kid, I had muscles in the right place to be a rower." (He'd go on to row at Andover and become

laughingly say I'm chief of hospitality, chief gardener, and chief laundry lady," she says. "In some ways I look at myself as a curator. We want our tasting room and gardens to reflect that we're serious about making good quality wine—everything from what kind of napkins to use to how the displays are set up to keeping the gravel parking lot tidy."

'We want our tasting room and gardens to reflect that we're serious about making good quality wine,' says Jennifer.

After many years of following Fred's career around the globe, the couple settled into the property's restored 1820 farmhouse—which has sweeping views of the vineyard—full time in 2013. "We've now lived here longer than we've continuously lived anywhere," Fred observes. "We've been married thirty-seven years and moved fourteen times. Our son was born in Australia, our daughter was born in Canada, and they both learned Spanish on a banana plantation in Panama." And while their children would represent the winery's fourth generation, they're pursuing other careers—their daughter as a consultant and their son (Frederick Johnson III '10) as a special operations officer in the U.S. Navy. "The family rule," says Fred, "is you have to go out and make your own way for at least twenty years before you're qualified to make the decision as to whether you want to come back here." ■

—Kitty Kemp





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PLANT SCIENCE: A botanical illustration of *Cannabis sativa*

The lights come up in a CALS lecture hall, and plant science professor Carlyn Buckler opens up discussion about the video she has just screened—roughly forty minutes of a recent Netflix documentary. Entitled *Grass Is Greener*, the film explores the cultural and legal history of marijuana in the U.S., particularly the way in which twentieth-century interdiction policy was driven by animus against—and fear of—African Americans and Latinos. “Back in my day, it was so blatantly obvious that it was about racism,” Buckler tells her students. “Believe it or not, it’s gotten a lot better—but we aren’t there yet.”

The conversation continues, numerous students raising their hands and contributing comments. “It’s ridiculous,” says one

young woman, “because you see people dying from DUIs all the time, but alcohol is an accepted part of college culture.” Buckler replies: “I agree with you totally, and that is a common argument. The rebuttal is that if alcohol came on the market today, it would never be legalized, because we know what the deleterious things are. But we still know next to nothing about THC [the chemical behind marijuana’s psychoactive properties]. We have no idea what the long-term effects are, especially to young folks whose brains are still developing.”

It’s a lively discussion that continues until time is up—but that’s typical for classes on the Hill. A visitor to this Riley-Robb lecture hall wouldn’t necessarily realize that this course—Plant Sciences 4190—is so unusual that it has made headlines nationwide. Granted, some of that virtual ink has tended toward the sensational: “An Ivy League Education in Weed,” said one news site; “Bachelors of Marijuana Science” declared another.

Formally called “Cannabis: Biology, Society, and Industry,” the course is believed to be the only one of its kind in the U.S. As Buckler notes, others cover some aspect of *Cannabis sativa*—the plant that produces not only marijuana but hemp (an industrial crop used to make textiles and many other products) and cannabidiol (CBD), a compound that has exploded in popularity in recent years as a treatment for anxiety, depression, pain, and more. But Buckler’s class aims to cover cannabis comprehensively, from biology and breeding to legislation and culture to the plant’s recreational, religious, medical, psychiatric, and veterinary uses. “It’s all encompassing,” says Conor Stephen, a first-year master’s student in horticultural biology who’s taking the course and ultimately plans to work in the cannabis industry in his native California. “I think a lot of ideas will come out of this class and get people motivated to look deeper at this plant, which has been so stigmatized.”

While marijuana remains illegal under U.S. law, more than thirty states have decriminalized it for medical and/or recreational use; federal legislation (including the 2018 Farm Bill)

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has loosened restrictions on hemp cultivation, provided that the plants contain no more than 0.3 percent of THC and therefore can’t cause a “high.” Those factors, along with the rise of CBD—which is generally legal, with some restrictions and jurisdictional issues—has the cannabis industry overall poised to ➤



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NATIONAL NEWS: Professor Carlyn Buckler discussed the Plant Sciences 4190 course on Bloomberg TV in late September.

see major growth. “If Cornell University, which has one of the top plant science research facilities in the world, is not doing something to educate the next generation of people going into this industry, who is?” asks Buckler, who estimates that 90 percent of the students in her class are contemplating cannabis-related professions of some kind. “It has to be us.”

A three-credit course, Plant Sciences 4190 is open to undergrads and grad students from throughout the University, with the prerequisite that they’ve taken college-level introductory biology. Its guest speakers include academics from the Hill and elsewhere—such as horticulture professor Larry Smart ’87, who heads the University’s hemp research program—as well as an attorney specializing in cannabis law; numerous industry entrepreneurs; and a Brookings Institution scholar who studies cannabis economics and policy. Buckler capped enrollment at seventy, aiming to encourage questions and foster open discourse. “In most college classes, extensive textbooks have been written on the subject you’re studying, and you’re given a world of information,” observes Josephine Davis ’20, an ILR student from Washington, DC. “But with this course, it feels like we’re all sort of learning as we go, because there’s so little research. Even though we have reputable information provided to us by speakers, there are so many things we don’t know. I love that the course is different in that way.”

The dearth of research on cannabis—owing to the fact that the plant has effectively been illegal in the U.S. for the better part of a century—is a point that Buckler constantly stresses. “It has been around for human consumption for at least 8,000 years,” she says, “but we know next to nothing about it.” By way of analogy, she cites a certain snack food. “If you want to go into the potato chip industry, you can, because we know the biology, the genetics, the soil science of potatoes,” she says. “There

are no legal or policy issues. We know what the consumer wants. You can go out tomorrow and get all the machinery to take it from the potato to a perfect chip. But none of that is true for the cannabis industry, because it’s so new.”

When second-year MBA student Diana Ciechorska started at the Johnson School, she made a list of major industries that were quickly evolving; it included artificial intelligence, cryptocurrency—and cannabis. “I did some research, and it was really fascinating,” she says. “I thought there was a compelling opportunity there.” Ciechorska went on to co-found a “cannabusiness” student group on the Hill, which is open to all

and has 150 people on its e-mail list; last summer, she interned at a cannabis-focused investment fund. When she heard about Buckler’s course, she jumped at it. “She has given a great overview of what’s happening in the industry,” Ciechorska says. “I also really appreciate that she’s serious about saying what has and hasn’t been proven. She pushes back when students are like, ‘Recreational marijuana is great.’ She says, ‘These are the facts; this is what we know.’ We’re talking about this academically, not just socially. That’s really important.”

The course’s guest lecturers include one who’ll be featured at two class sessions in mid-November: cannabis entrepreneur

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Adam Berk ’01. The Hotel alum is CEO of Stem Holdings, a vertically integrated (and publically traded) firm that sells both THC- and CBD-containing products. Berk, whose company is a collaborator on Smart’s hemp trials, notes that in addition to the dearth of research is an enormous need for expertise across the industry. “I love that Cornell is being a pioneer; as an alum, it makes me proud,” he says. “There’s so much to teach the students—but at the same time, this is a new industry, and we are at the forefront of shaping it. Bringing in great minds from Cornell is going to be very important. There’s a lack of good, qualified people—and as the industry continues to expand so rapidly, the barrier really is human capital. This course is a great start; there’s already so much buzz around it. But to use a baseball analogy, we’re still not even in the first inning—we’re in spring training. It’s such early days.” ■

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Big Red Highlights



FIELD HOCKEY The Big Red got the 2019 season off to a quick start, scoring just five minutes into its opener against 18th-ranked Syracuse en route to a 2-1 victory—and its first win over the Orange since 2007. **Claire Jones '22** (above) was named the Ivy League Offensive Player of the Week for scoring Cornell's first goal and collecting two the next day in a 3-2 win over Lock Haven, including the overtime game-winner. She's the first Big Red field hockey player since **Kelly Johnson '18** in 2017 to be so honored.

MEN'S GOLF Led by top-ten finishes from **Charlie Dubiel '21** and **Jack Casler '20**, the Big Red won the Alex Lagowitz Memorial Invitational at Colgate in September, topping the 16-team field with a

total score of 800. It's the first time Cornell has won a full-field tournament outside Ithaca since 2008.

WOMEN'S SOCCER The Big Red opened the season with four wins, including three shutouts—its best start since 2005, when the team won its first six. **Ashley Durik '23** scored twice in a 3-1 win over Iona to start the season before Cornell reeled off 1-0 wins over Siena, Bucknell, and St. Bonaventure on goals from **Naomi Jaffe '21**, **Jadyn Matthews '22**, and **Kaili Gregory '20**. Three goalkeepers shared time in the three shutouts, with **Nicole Shulman '23** stopping six of the seven shots she faced.

MEN'S LACROSSE **Jonathan Donville '21** (below) was named MVP of Canada's Junior A Lacrosse National Championship after leading the Orangeville Northmen to their seventh Minto Cup title in August. Donville collected 19 goals and 20 assists while Orangeville went 6-0 in the series. Donville joins **Dan Lintner '14**, **BS '15**, in 2013 and **Joe Nieuwendyk '88** in 1984 as the only Cornellians to win the cup's MVP award.

MEN'S SOCCER **Will Citron '23** made his first collegiate goal a memorable one, scoring an overtime game-winner to give the Big Red a 2-1 victory over 16th-ranked Michigan State. **Harry Fuller '21** gave Cornell a 1-0 lead with a goal early in the second half before the Spartans tied the score with 30 minutes to play. **Ryan Shellow '20** recorded three saves.



ALUMNI NEWS

MEN'S LACROSSE **Paul Schimoler '89** has been inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Schimoler, who died of cancer in 2013, was one of just four Big Red players to earn All-American honors in four seasons. He was the Ivy League Rookie of the Year in 1986 and Player of the Year in 1989, leaving with school records for saves in a game (34), season (241), and career (787). In other news, the newly formed Premier Lacrosse League has named two of its top awards after Big Red alumni. The Attackman of the Year Award honors **Eamon McEneaney '77**, a three-time All-American who helped Cornell to national titles in 1976 and 1977; he perished in the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The league's best short-stick defensive midfielder will receive the **George Boiardi '04** Hard Hat Award, named for a four-year starter for the Big Red who died after being struck in the chest with a ball during a 2004 game.

FOOTBALL Two former Big Red players are competing professionally this season. **JC Tretter '13** is in his seventh NFL season and third with the Cleveland Browns. He was the team's starting center in the season opener after taking every snap there in 2018. He previously spent four seasons with the Green Bay Packers. **Luke Tasker '13** is in his seventh season as wide receiver for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the Canadian Football League. A four-time Eastern Division All-Star, he moved into the third spot on the Tiger-Cats' all-time receptions list early in the 2019 season.

WRESTLING After finishing his Cornell career as an All-American, **Ben Honis '19** is trying his hand at another sport as a member of the Syracuse University football team. A grad student in public affairs, Honis last played football as a linebacker for Fayetteville-Manlius (NY) High School in 2014.

ROWING Three former Cornell rowers competed for the US at the 2019 World Rowing Championships in Austria and helped their boats earn spots in the 2020 Olympics. **Tracy Eisner '12** was part of the women's pair that finished fourth; **Alex Karwoski '12** rowed with the men's eight that finished fifth; and **Kate Roach '15** was part of the quadruple sculls crew that won the "B" final to finish seventh. The top eight boats in each event earned spots for the Tokyo Olympics, although the rowers selected to compete will be announced closer to the Games. Eisner and Karwoski both rowed at the 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro while Roach is looking for her first Olympics appearance.

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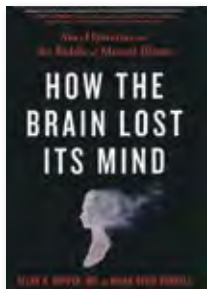


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As a reporter for the *Washington Post*, Ingraham wrote a 2015 story on a Minnesota county that—based on a lack of scenic attributes—the USDA had declared the nation's ugliest. But after residents of the 4,000-person community reached out to enumerate its many fine qualities, he and his family wound up moving there from the Maryland suburbs,

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CURSE OF THE EVIL LIBRARIAN

MICHELLE KNUDSEN '95

Kirkus praises the final entry in Knudsen's series for teen readers as a “fun closer to the best musical theatre demon trilogy around.” As in the first two *Evil Librarian* books, a high school student and avid set designer named Cyn battles the titular villain; he has escaped the demonic prison in which he was trapped in the previous entry, set at a summer camp for the performing arts. Just when Cyn wants to focus on designing

the barricades for her school's production of *Les Misérables*, she winds up in an epic struggle to save her newly possessed boyfriend from the demon realm. A prolific author of titles for kids and young adults, Knudsen has penned the *Trelian* fantasy trilogy for middle-grade readers, the bestselling picture book *Library Lion*, and many others.



THE HOTEL NEVERSINK

ADAM O'FALLON PRICE, MFA '14

“Price is a sharp writer,” says *Publishers Weekly*, “and his novel wonderfully critiques family obligation while simultaneously delivering a crafty, sinister whodunit.” Set at a grand resort in the Catskills that has been the site of repeated disappearances since a child vanished in the 1930s—and his remains were discovered there four decades later—Price's tale is part murder

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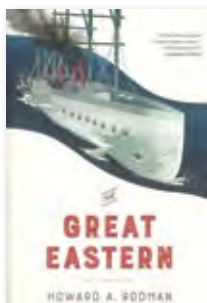


INLAND

TÉA OBREHT, MFA '08

Obreht's first novel—*The Tiger's Wife*, about a young doctor investigating her grandfather's death in the postwar Balkans—was a finalist for the National Book Award. Her second, this tale of magical realism set in and around the Arizona Territory in 1893, follows the narratives of two characters: a criminal on the run—both from the law and from the ghosts that haunt him—and a gutsy frontierswoman coping with a life-

threatening drought, as well as the absence of her newsman husband and their sons. “The unsettling haze between fact and fantasy in *Inland* is not just a literary effect of Obreht's gorgeous prose,” says the *Washington Post*. “It's an uncanny representation of the indeterminate nature of life in this place of brutal geography.” Former President Barack Obama included the novel on his 2019 summer reading list.



THE GREAT EASTERN

HOWARD RODMAN '71

A screenwriter whose credits include the 2007 Julianne Moore drama *Savage Grace*, Rodman populates his seafaring adventure with two mariners from classic fiction: Captain Ahab (of Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*) and Captain Nemo (of Jules Verne's *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*). His hero is a real-life figure, British engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel, builder of the massive ship of the book's

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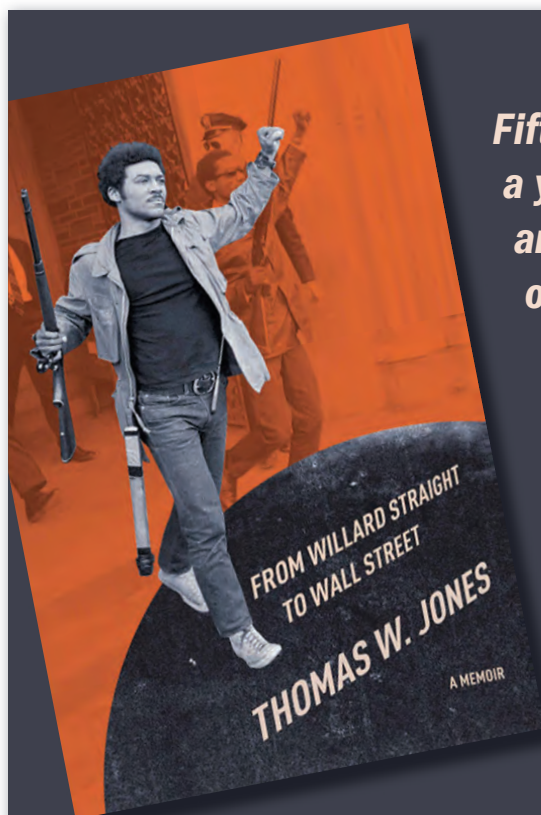
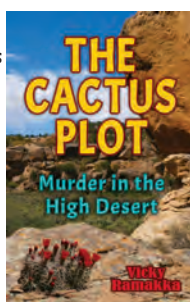
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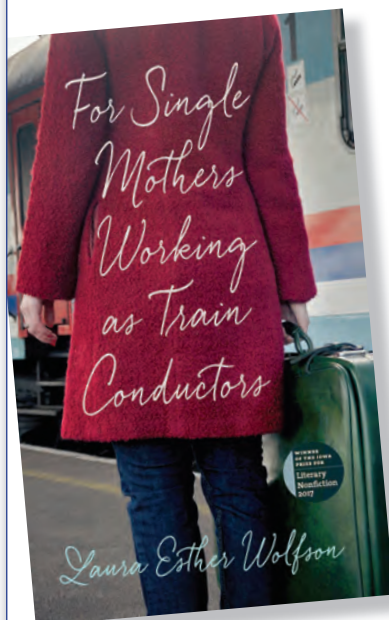
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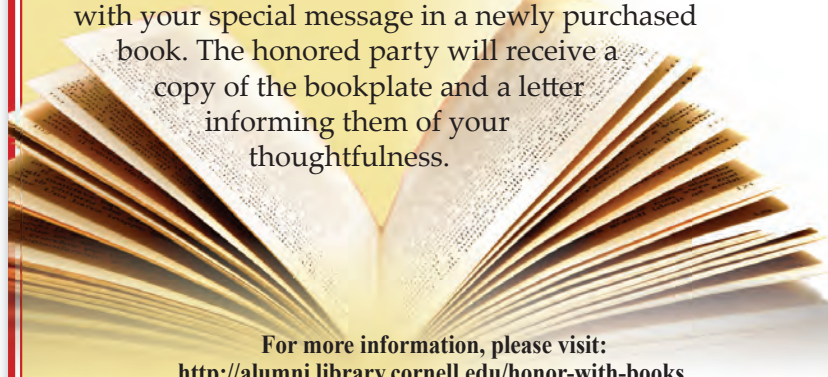
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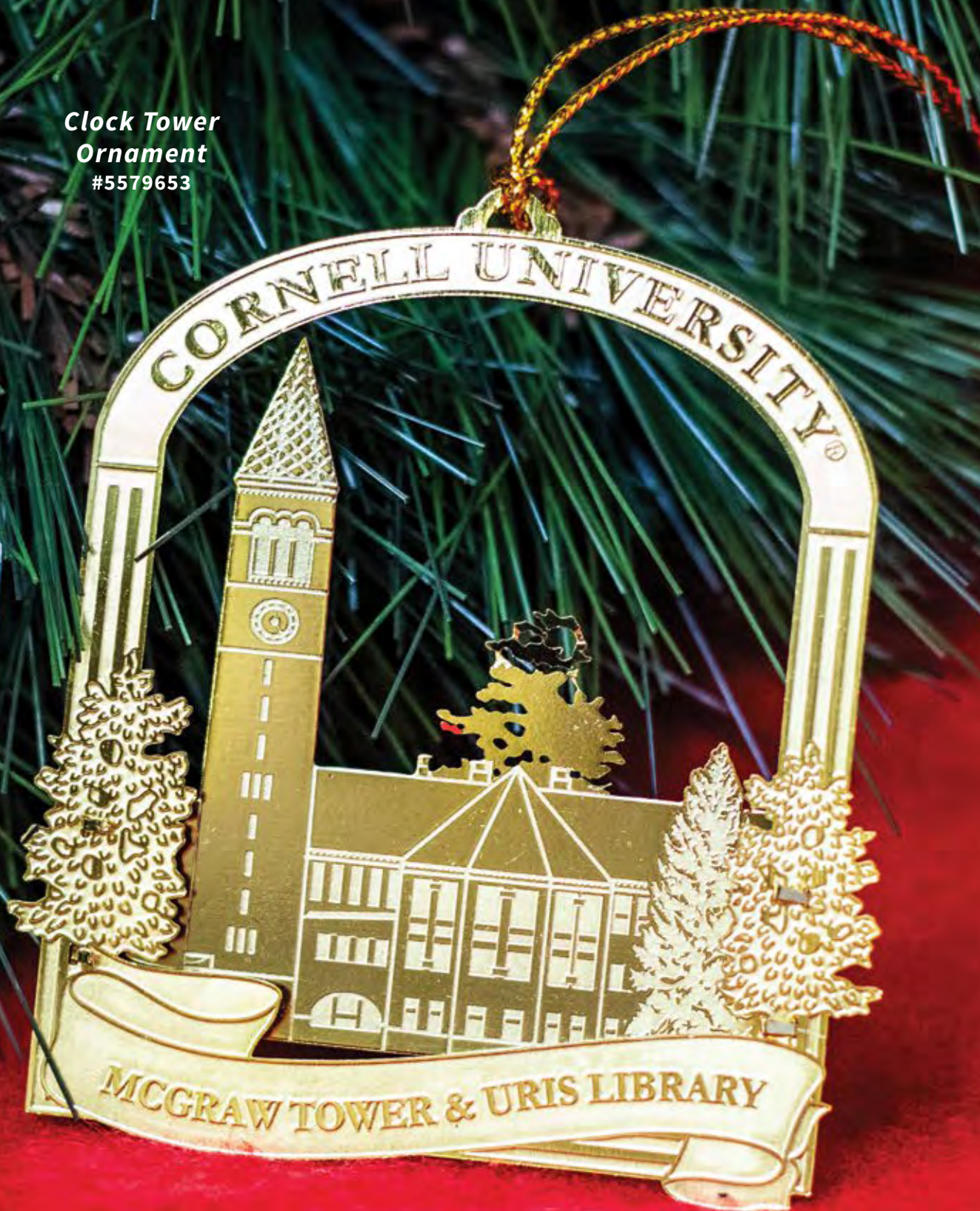
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IT TAKES A VILLAGE

BETTER FUTURES: The institute's work has included (clockwise from bottom right) studying vegetable supply chains; improving availability of clean water; and promoting the cultivation of nutritious foods like orange flesh sweet potatoes (seen in a dish on this page and being tasted in a cooking contest at top right).



Students and faculty at the Tata Cornell Institute are working to fight malnutrition, poor sanitation, stunted growth, and more and improve the lives of millions in India

BY BETH SAULNIER





When most people first see the tattoo on grad student Anthony Wenndt's right biceps, they take it to be a long, slender arrow. But upon closer inspection, it proves to be a stalk of wheat, positioned so its head faces toward the ground. "It's upside down," he explains, "to serve as a constant reminder of the imbalance of the global food system."

The ink embodies the fundamental challenge that Wenndt and his colleagues are working to overcome. A PhD candidate in plant pathology, Wenndt is a scholar at the Tata-Cornell Institute for Agriculture and Nutrition (TCI), an ambitious research and outreach effort that aims to improve the lives and health of millions of people in India. Part of the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, the institute—which has offices in Ithaca and in the Indian cities of New Delhi and Mumbai—draws in dozens of Cornell faculty, postdocs, grad students, and undergrads working in a wide variety of fields. It was founded in 2013 with a \$25 million endowment from Tata Education and Development Trust, an arm of the Tata Trusts, whose chairman is alumnus Ratan Tata '59, BArch '62, a legendary figure in India and one of the nation's most prominent industrialists. "It was an exciting opportunity to make a difference," says Prabhu Pingali, who was recruited from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to be the institute's founding director. "It's been a wonderful way to do work on the ground in India, but also bring Cornell knowledge and expertise to address some fundamental problems about

hunger, nutrition, and rural poverty in my country of birth." Born in a small, rice-growing village in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, where his father was a country doctor, a young Pingali observed how advances in agricultural research could have huge real-world effects. "It was a time when the Green Revolution was just starting in India," recalls Pingali, a professor in the Dyson School with an appointment in the Division of Nutritional Sciences. "In the late Sixties and early Seventies, we saw firsthand how these new rice varieties transformed people's lives. There was a dramatic reduction in hunger and improvement in incomes for very poor people in these villages."

Half a century later, major strides have been made in addressing hunger and poverty in India; at more than 1.3 billion people, it's the world's second most populous country after China. The nation now has a fast-growing economy, an expanding middle class, a vibrant tech sector, and the world's third-largest system of higher education. But, as Pingali and his colleagues explain, many challenges remain—not the least of them being the stark inequality in how the past decades' advances have been distributed nationwide. "India's growth is very uneven," says Mathew Abraham, the institute's assistant director, who notes that the development patterns of some regions mirror those of poverty-stricken nations in sub-Saharan Africa. "There is a huge difference in terms of economic development between the southern states, which are better off, and the poorer ones in the north

PHOTOS: PREVIOUS SPREAD, DISH AND COOKING CONTEST, KATHRYN MERCKEL; WATER, SHULI VANAJA; MARKET, JESSICA AMES; THIS PAGE, PROVIDED

and northeast.” Says TCI postdoc Anaka Aiyar, who co-authored a book on the nation’s food systems with Pingali, Abraham, and another colleague: “India is not a story of one country; it’s a story of its states. If you want to see India grow as a whole, you need to think about the states and their specific challenges.”

As Abraham and other TCI researchers stress, while the Green Revolution greatly reduced hunger in India, it didn’t fully address—and in some ways, may have exacerbated—what remains a pressing issue: malnutrition. National policies that prioritized growing crops like rice, wheat, and maize led to under-cultivation of such foods as millet, vegetables, and legumes. “We have less hunger, but malnutrition levels are still very high because of lack of access to micronutrients, vitamins, protein, et cetera; you can especially see that in terms of high levels of stunting in children and in underweight women,” Pingali says. “There is increased recognition of the need for diversifying the food basket, that we need to invest in crops that were forgotten during the Green Revolution—bring them back through better research, improved market systems, and promoting consumption. We have to focus much more on diversity of food, more healthy food, improving access to more nutrient-rich food. These are areas where the policy community in India has not been as active.” Bhaskar Mittra, TCI’s Mumbai-based associate director, cites a term of art to describe the dominance of crops like rice: “staple-grain fundamentalism.” “The government agrees that there is this fundamentalism,” he says, “but how do we move away from it?”

At TCI, faculty and students—many of whom are Indian citizens who have witnessed some of these challenges firsthand—don’t just conduct research for its own sake. They design and test specific interventions to address malnutrition and related issues—initiatives that could potentially be rolled out to under-resourced areas around the country. “As a leading university in agriculture, Cornell through TCI has the ability to inject different perspectives and new ideas,” says Harold van Es, a professor of soil science and a faculty fellow at TCI, where he and some of his grad students have been involved in analyzing and improving soil health in India. “In addition to the research and knowledge that’s being generated, TCI is training a new generation of scientists, some of whom will go back to India and become engaged in science and policy.”

Many at TCI cite its multidisciplinary nature as one of its greatest strengths. The institute includes students and faculty from a variety of fields including food science, nutrition, engineering, crop and soil science, development sociology, and more. “It’s a holistic approach to target the problems of malnutrition and rural development,” says TCI scholar Rohil Bhatnagar, MPS ’12. “It’s not just looking at it from one angle, because this is not a problem that one discipline can solve.” Dyson School professor Mark Constatas, PhD ’87, another faculty fellow, is an expert in measuring and evaluating the impacts of development programs, particularly in the areas of poverty and food security. He >



‘We have less hunger, but malnutrition levels are still very high,’ says Prabhu Pingali. ‘There is increased recognition of the need for diversifying the food basket.’



RESEARCH AND OUTREACH: PhD candidate Anthony Wenndt (opposite page) in the field and (top right) back in the lab in Ithaca, where he studies mycotoxins. Right and above: Prabhu Pingali, TCI’s director, on a return visit to his native India.



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MOTIVATED LEARNERS

(from top): Rohil Bhatnagar, MPS '12, is developing a supplement for iron deficiency; Kathryn Merckel, MPS '15, did extensive field work on orange-flesh sweet potatoes; Jocelyn Boiteau '12 studied tomato supply chains. Opposite page: TCI staff meet with members of a women's self-help group.

regularly attends TCI's weekly seminar, where institute members present their work in Warren Hall on Friday afternoons. "It's one of the most rigorous research seminars I've ever attended in my thirty-some years as an academic," says Conostas, who travels to India once a year as part of his work. "The array of topics that are discussed with a diverse group of constructive critics in that room is remarkable. It's one thing to speak to people who are in your community, but to have people who are outside it critique your work really stretches you in a positive way."

Kathryn Merckel, MPS '15, a PhD candidate in nutritional sciences, spent two summers abroad doing preliminary research followed by a full year in rural Uttar Pradesh, in an area close to the Nepali border that primarily grows cereal grains. Her goal: to develop ways to encourage cultivation and consumption of orange-flesh sweet potatoes, a form of the vegetable—familiar in America on Thanksgiving tables and beyond—that's rich in vitamin A but is not widely served in India. "We tested what types of interventions, messaging, and activities would be needed to get farmers and families interested in growing it and excited about eating it," says Merckel, who's now back in Ithaca analyzing the data and writing her thesis, "and what would make them incorporate it into their diet on a regular basis, and whether that would have any impact on their vitamin A status." She and her project team interviewed local families about their diets, trained farmers

in how to grow the crop, and even held contests where women competed to make the tastiest dishes using gentle cooking techniques that preserve the potato's nutritional value. "One of the major boons is that it's really tasty," says Merckel, who still enjoys cooking

sweet potatoes with Indian spices, "and people really did like it."

Fellow grad student Jocelyn Boiteau '12, who majored in nutritional sciences in CALS as an undergrad, has been studying a different link in the food chain: the waste and nutrient loss that can occur between field and marketplace. For a year that ended this October, she conducted an intense study of tomato supply chains while living in a part of Andhra Pradesh where the crop is heavily cultivated. "It's one of the most important vegetables in India's culture and economy," she explains. "And it's really perishable; there's no cold storage used for tomatoes in India." Boiteau's research—which was aided by an undergrad who spent the summer working with her through TCI's partnership with CALS' Global Fellows Program—involved carefully tracing the crop's journey from plant to retail sales and evaluating losses not only in the produce itself but in its perceived quality and nutritional value. Among the industry's challenges: transporting the tomatoes on poor roads that can be all but impassable during monsoon season, and ensuring that farmers get a fair price for their crops. "A lot of the prior research on food loss and waste has been on more durable crops like wheat, rice, and maize, whose shelf life is quite long," says Boiteau, whose findings could inform improvements to the distribution system for tomatoes as well as other perishable vegetables. "For tomatoes, from the time they're harvested on the farm until they get to the consumer is maybe three to four days. We want to understand losses both from the quantity and quality perspectives."

Merckel's and Boiteau's extensive research in India is typical



for TCI scholars; the institute not only requires most of its PhD candidates to spend significant time in the country, but—thanks to its Tata endowment—has the funding to support those long-term projects, which often involve the hiring of numerous local staff. Boiteau notes that it was initially hard to get busy farmers and distributors to participate in her surveys; forging a relationship with one particular wholesaler helped her break in. “I think people see that I’m not just some student coming in, putting a survey together, and leaving,” she says, speaking with CAM via Skype from India late last summer. “It’s really helpful to have that presence.” To enhance her ability to communicate, Merckel took two years of Hindi on the Hill; Wenndt, who double-majored in Russian and biology as an undergrad at Grinnell College, picked up conversational Hindi during his field work in India—which, he says, was invaluable to his research. “It enabled me to connect with communities in ways I wouldn’t otherwise be able to,” says Wenndt, who still practices the language daily. “You can only get so far with a translator. It really makes a difference when the person you’re communicating with gets to look you in the eyes and have a conversation with you.”

An Iowa native who grew up on a small farm, Wenndt is doing his doctoral work on mycotoxins—compounds, produced by fungi, that can be damaging to human health. He spent two years in Uttar Pradesh studying the prevalence of the toxins both in the field and in storage; he’s focused on crops like ground nuts and maize, where they tend to proliferate. As he explains, regulatory systems in the U.S. generally protect consumers from mycotoxin exposure. But India lacks that infrastructure, particularly

for its domestic market—putting consumers at risk for the long-term damage that mycotoxins can cause, which includes liver cancer and cirrhosis, immune deficiencies, and impaired growth. “It’s not like we’re going to see massive outbreaks erupt into a media frenzy with multiple casualties,” he says. “We’re seeing communities that are daily consuming low or moderate amounts of toxins that can build up and result in chronic outcomes in adulthood over years of unchecked exposure.” Now back in the lab at Cornell, Wenndt is studying the thousands of samples he collected in India, with the ultimate aim of informing better procedures for testing and crop storage in the context of constrained resources. “My goal, my mission,” he says, “is to do science that helps farmers secure a better life for themselves and their families.”

Bhatnagar, a New Delhi native who previously earned a master’s in food biochemistry on the Hill, is also focused on the lab. After stints as a food science researcher at UMass, Amherst, and an internship at a gluten-free bakery—where he developed a blueberry muffin that’s currently on the market—Bhatnagar enrolled in a PhD program at Penn State. But after two years he wasn’t excited about his research topic; he was so eager to do work that he felt passionate about, he opted to restart his doctoral program from scratch by returning to the Hill and joining TCI. Now he’s developing a supplement to aid the 600 million people in India who suffer from iron deficiency, using defatted microalgae, a byproduct of the biofuel industry. He hopes it can fortify wheat flour used to make the traditional Indian bread known as chapati or roti—but there’s a major hurdle. “The algae is >



BETTER SANITATION: Grad student Payal Seth (at left in above photo) studied ways to promote toilet use, a project that included the building of new facilities (top). Opposite page: PhD candidate Shiuli Vanaja (wearing glasses in top photo) examined the benefits of providing piped water to households using filtration systems (bottom) developed by a Cornell organization called AguaClara.

terribly green in color and it has a very strong, offensive fishy aroma," he says. "I can't put that directly into flour." His solution: to encapsulate the algae in food-grade materials that will mask both its color and odor. He's planning to conduct taste tests at Stocking Hall's Sensory Evaluation Center, with Indian-born students and faculty recruited as subjects. The supplement would ultimately be sold as a sachet to be mixed into flour—but as Bhatnagar stresses, whatever product he develops can't cost more than ten cents. "I'm using really cheap ingredients," he says, "because this is meant for people who do not have much financial access."

That reality underscores the fact that, as Aiyar puts it, "India is a story of contradictions." It's one of the globe's leading economies in terms of GDP, but it also has the world's highest number of people living on less than \$1.50 per day. Beyond initiatives focused on food and nutrition, TCI scholars have addressed basic resources such as sanitation and clean water. Payal Seth, a New Delhi native working on a doctorate in applied economics and management, spent a total of two years tackling a persistent problem in rural India: open defecation, which hundreds of millions of people—including 60 percent of village residents—practice daily, despite the fact the government has been promoting toilet use and underwriting the cost of construction. "We came to know that the problem is not that there's a lack of access to toilets," says Seth, who was based in Uttar Pradesh. "The problem is that people actually prefer to go outside to defecate, because it's a part of who they've been for a long time. They go with their friends for their morning walk to the fields; they felt that using a toilet was very restraining, and they didn't want that."

After spending months surveying villagers, she developed

behavioral interventions and educational programs to encourage toilet use, which is essential to improving sanitation and lowering rates of diarrheal diseases. They included a graphic demonstration—meant to illustrate how flies can transfer human feces to food—in which educators would dip a hair into human waste and then into a glass of water, which would be offered to the participants. “We need to change people’s mind-sets,” says Seth, whose work also involved tracking child health and doing predawn spot checks in areas where people traditionally relieve themselves, “to show them how bad open defecation is for them.” She ultimately found that in households that received both toilets and education, a whopping 98.6 percent of residents used them; in those that only got the facilities, the rate was 46 percent for women and just 20 percent for men. “Her results are striking,” says Pingali. “They show very clearly that toilets are necessary but not sufficient for people to use them, and that you need to have a construction program coupled with a behavior change program, or else it doesn’t work. That is a message we’re ready to carry back to the government.”

Meanwhile, grad student Shiuli Vanaja has been studying the benefits—in terms of time savings, health costs, and more—of increasing access to potable water. As she explains, most households in rural India don’t have water piped into their homes; residents often have to fetch it from far-flung communal sources like wells, hand pumps, rivers, and ponds, which may be contaminated with pathogens like *E. coli*. “I found that once households have access to piped water at home, they save a significant amount of time every day—on average, almost an hour of labor,” says Vanaja, who worked in the eastern state of Jharkhand in partnership with AguaClara, the Cornell-based group that develops sustainable filtration systems in under-resourced areas. “This time is used for other purposes, like taking care of children or working in agriculture. It’s especially important for women, because they’re the ones who are mostly involved in water collection.” The daughter of social activists, Vanaja grew up in a tribal village in the central state of Madhya Pradesh. “In my community, only two households had piped water, and one was our house,” she says. “I saw that it’s really difficult for women to travel long distances to collect water, especially when it’s raining so heavily during monsoon season, and then they will fall sick.”

Postdoc Sunaina Dhingra has focused her research on issues affecting women and children, including regional differences in rates of stunted growth and factors affecting prenatal nutrition. She marvels that joining the institute—headquartered on the other side of the globe—has immeasurably informed her understanding of her native country. “I had to leave India, travel this distance, and come to Ithaca to really know about India,” she says. “I was always an urban girl—born and brought up in Delhi—and now I’m surrounded by people from all around India. Most of my colleagues here are Indian, and we have such different experiences. This diversity and teamwork is so motivating and productive. Sitting in isolation, doing your own work, doesn’t give you that. TCI is working on real situations, real data, and real-life problems.” ■



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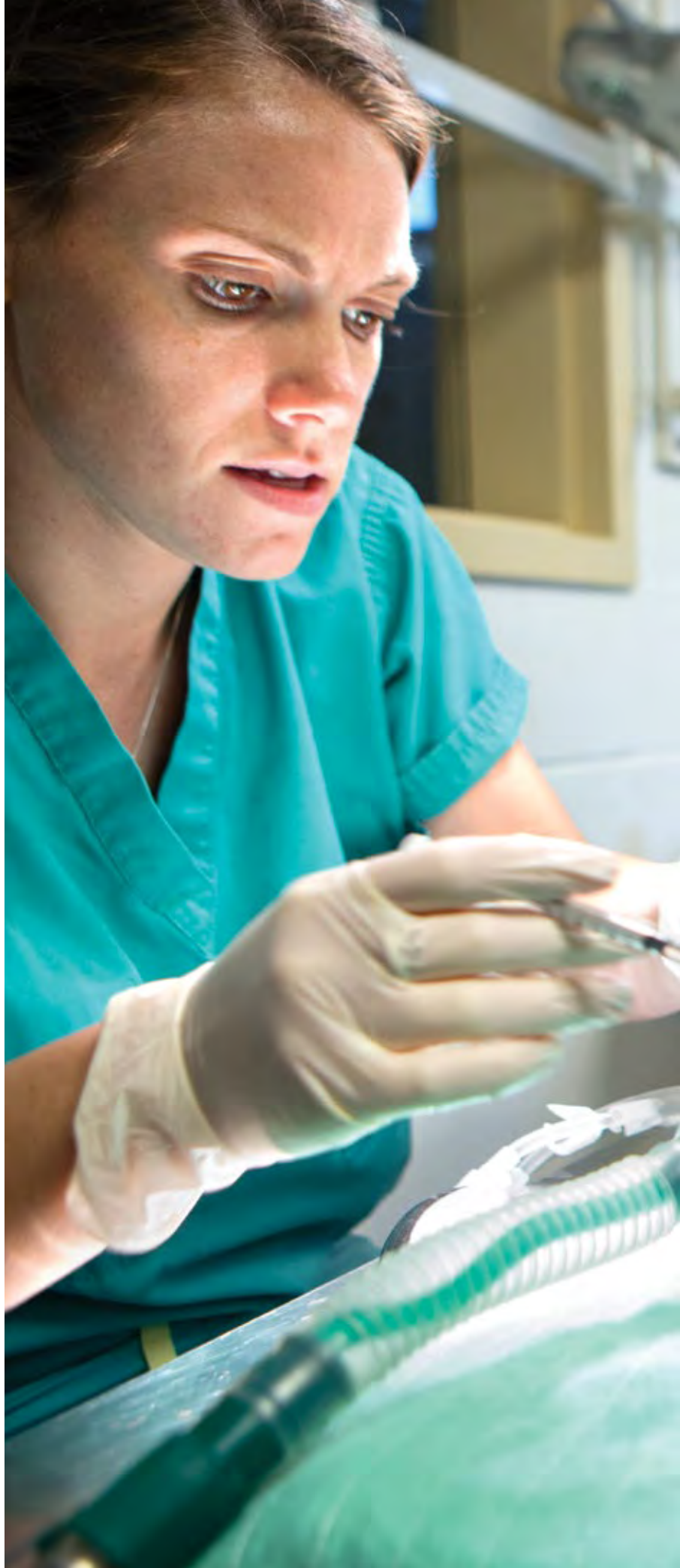
Wild Things

A specialized Vet college hospital treats sick or injured owls, squirrels, porcupines, turtles, and more

BY BETH SAULNIER

→ **BOBCAT** Sara Childs-Sanford, DVM '99 (right), and an intern prep a patient for surgery to repair fractures from being hit by a car.

PHOTO: ROBERT BARKER/UREL







↑ **BEAVER** After their mother was killed, a litter of kits was brought to the center to be hand-fed until they could be transferred to a wildlife rehabilitator.

→ **RED-TAILED HAWK** Wild birds often receive eye drops containing anti-inflammatory or antibiotic drugs to treat traumatic injuries or diseases such as West Nile virus.



↓ **PAINTED TURTLE** Multiple fractures from being hit by a car required extensive shell repair.



At a veterinary hospital near campus, the patients have suffered all manner of misadventure, from accidental poisonings to collisions with cars. But in many ways, these are the lucky ones—sick or injured wild animals who've been rescued by good Samaritans and brought to a specialized facility run by the College of Veterinary Medicine, where faculty, staff, and students work tirelessly to heal them.

Located on Hungerford Hill a few minutes' drive from the main Vet campus, the Janet L. Swanson Wildlife Health Center treats an array of creatures, from bald eagles to rattlesnakes to bear cubs. "It's never dull here," says Sara Childs-Sanford, DVM '99, an assistant professor of zoological medicine and the center's chief of service. "Every day is different. We see such a wide variety of species—

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About 65 percent of the center's caseload is avian, and on this afternoon in late September, most of the cages—covered by towels to keep the residents calm—are occupied by feathered patients. There's an ovenbird that struck a gym window; a house sparrow that got stuck in a backyard suet feeder; and several birds (barred

owl, red-tailed hawk, bald eagle) recovering from wing surgery. "I'm so happy to see you standing, buddy," Childs-Sanford whispers to the eagle, then explains: "He's waiting for his fish."

An opossum with a large wound on its back—a suspected chemical burn—has been here for months; a porcupine, rescued by a police officer after being hit by a car near Albany, has had a plate inserted to repair a broken foreleg. "Porcupines are very difficult patients," Childs-Sanford observes. "We usually end up with quills in various places in our clothes." In a nearby room, plastic bins contain dozens of tiny, days-old turtles, while other trays hold soon-to-hatch eggs that were extracted from the bodies of their mothers, who didn't survive being hit by cars. "Our lab has been turned into a turtle farm," Childs-Sanford says with a smile. "If they hatch too late in the season, we'll >



↑ **FOX** A juvenile is intubated for surgery.

→ **BALD EAGLE** Vet tech Tina Hlywa (right) holds a juvenile bird while Cindy Hopf, a current resident in zoological medicine, examines its wing.





↑ **WARBLER** A tiny bird receives oxygen after striking a window.

← **EASTERN COTTONTAIL** An orphaned baby bunny gets a feeding.

↓ **TIMBER RATTLESNAKE** The center routinely implants radio transmitters so the reptiles can be tracked by the New York Department of Environmental Conservation.



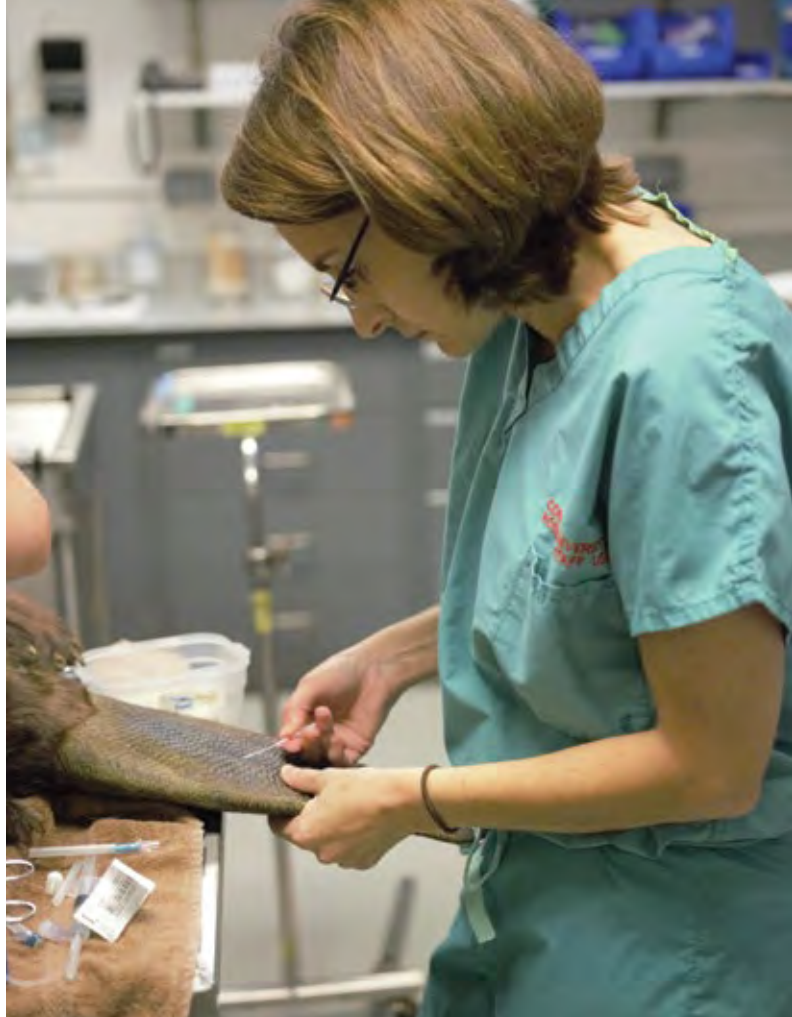
farm them out to vet students to overwinter and release them in the spring.”

Supported largely by donations from the public as well as a small endowment, the center sees some 1,500 patients annually—a number that Childs-Sanford notes has doubled in the past five years, partly due to social media, which has made this and similar facilities more visible. Drawing mainly from Tompkins and surrounding counties—but sometimes getting patients from as far away as the Adirondacks and the Buffalo area—the center treats all native wildlife species with the exception of raccoons, skunks, and bats (which, as official vectors for rabies, could pose too great a risk to students); though it sees the babies of large species like bear and deer, it doesn’t have facilities large enough to contain the adults.

Car strikes are a frequent method of injury—Childs-Sanford notes that “over 50 percent of what we see is due to some type of human activity”—with other common causes including entanglement in soccer nets or fishing line, being poisoned by lead or rodenticide, and getting attacked by housecats. Says Childs-Sanford: “Anytime we have a patient—like that eagle, a really difficult, big patient that has severe trauma—and we can pull that animal through, from coming in completely flat-out to getting it back out onto the lake and catching fish, that’s just amazing.” Center staff also conduct and publish research; their findings include the identification of two novel disease presentations, a parasite in sharp-shinned hawks and a virus in porcupines.

Given the severe injuries that many of its patients have suffered, the center often has to humanely euthanize animals that can’t be treated. But, Childs-Sanford notes, it has a relatively high success rate—and as a teaching hospital, it tackles complex cases that similar facilities don’t, since students can learn from them. Of the patients who do recover, the vast majority are transferred to wildlife rehabilitators who prepare them for release; a small number that can’t survive on their own are placed with zoos, wildlife educators, or groups such as the Cornell Raptor Program. Among its more high-profile >

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↑ **BEAVER** Childs-Sanford inserts a catheter in the animal’s tail.

↓ **BROADWING HAWK** After the bird suffered severe head trauma from being hit by a car, it received fluids via a catheter inserted into its bone.





↑ **SNOWY OWL** Childs-Sanford (left) and Alice Vandemark, the center's vet tech team leader, do a physical on a bird that has suffered trauma.

← **OPOSSUM** A six-week-old joey gets an eye exam.

→ **BEAR** A cub rescued in the Adirondacks is put under general anesthesia before surgery to fix a broken leg.

↓ **PORCUPINE** Hopf does a physical on an orphan raised by a rehabilitator after its mother was hit by a car.





recent patients was a bear cub rescued by state Department of Environmental Conservation officers after being struck by a car in the Adirondacks and taking refuge in a tree. A veterinary orthopaedic surgeon fixed its fractured limb—and the creature was swiftly transported to a rehabilitator for eventual release at age two, when cubs normally leave their mothers. “Once its leg was repaired and it felt better, that was it,” Childs-Sanford recalls. “It was instantaneously aggressive and totally wild.”

Student volunteers cover the hospital’s 24/7 on-call service, and some future DVMs are employed as technicians. Other students spend time at the hospital as a curricular option; Childs-Sanford notes that although half of them don’t plan to specialize in wildlife medicine, it’s still a great learning opportunity. “It has a lot of value as far as teaching basic clinical skills as well as adaptability and flexibility,” she says. “They get to see cases all the way through from beginning to end and do a lot of hands-on things. Using your

knowledge of domestic animals and applying it to non-domesticated animals is a great skill for students to develop.”

Asked to name a particularly gratifying case, second-year student and center technician Helen Chen cites a tiny gosling, the sole survivor of a truck strike that killed its flock. After a boy and his mother brought the animal in from over an hour away, it received fluids and other care, but got worse overnight. For two days, Chen and a vet tried to get it to eat, checking on it every half-hour. “We were on pins and needles,” she recalls. “‘Is it going to make it?’” When she returned for her next shift and found the gosling was no longer in the ICU, she feared the worst—but happily, it had improved enough to be moved. “It was stumbling around, eating on its own,” Chen says. “That’s the kind of learning experience you remember for a long time.” ■

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In a Word

After a decades-long career exploring the roots of myriad English terms—from ‘OK’ to ‘hoagie’ to ‘selfie’ and beyond—linguist Allan Metcalf ’61 turns his attention to the humble ‘guy’

BY BRAD HERZOG ’90

November 5 marks the 414th anniversary of an event involving a historical villain about whom you may know nothing. Yet you reference him all the time—when you talk about regular guys and tough guys and fall guys and wiseguys; when you watch *The Cable Guy* or “Family Guy” or *Guys and Dolls*; when you sing a John Lennon lyric (“I’m just a jealous guy . . .”) or quote Leo Durocher (“Nice guys finish last . . .”) or channel Steve Martin and Dan Aykroyd (“We’re just two wild and crazy guys!”). Yes, it’s a guy thing—the strange and fascinating journey of a word that originated from a near-tragedy in seventeenth-century London and evolved into one of the English language’s most ubiquitous terms.

Veteran linguist Allan Metcalf ’61 was just the guy to chronicle that long, strange trip. In his newly released *The Life of Guy*, Metcalf takes a deep dive into the word, which has its origins in a foiled mass assassination plot involving a miscreant named Guy Fawkes. His explorations include parsing how the term “you guys” constitutes, as he writes, “the only instance in the English language where the name of a person—and an evil terrorist at that—is now used by most of us as our second-person plural pronoun.”

Recently retired after forty-six years as an English professor at tiny MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois, Metcalf is perhaps the ultimate word maven. The son of a linguist who taught Germanic philology at the University of Chicago, Metcalf was an English major on the Hill and editor-in-chief of the *Daily Sun* as a senior. He served as executive secretary of the American Dialect Society for thirty-seven years. In his seven books on language, he studies lexical units the way an archaeologist examines ancient relics: focus on a specific artifact, discover its origins, consider why it endured, and ponder

its significance then and now.

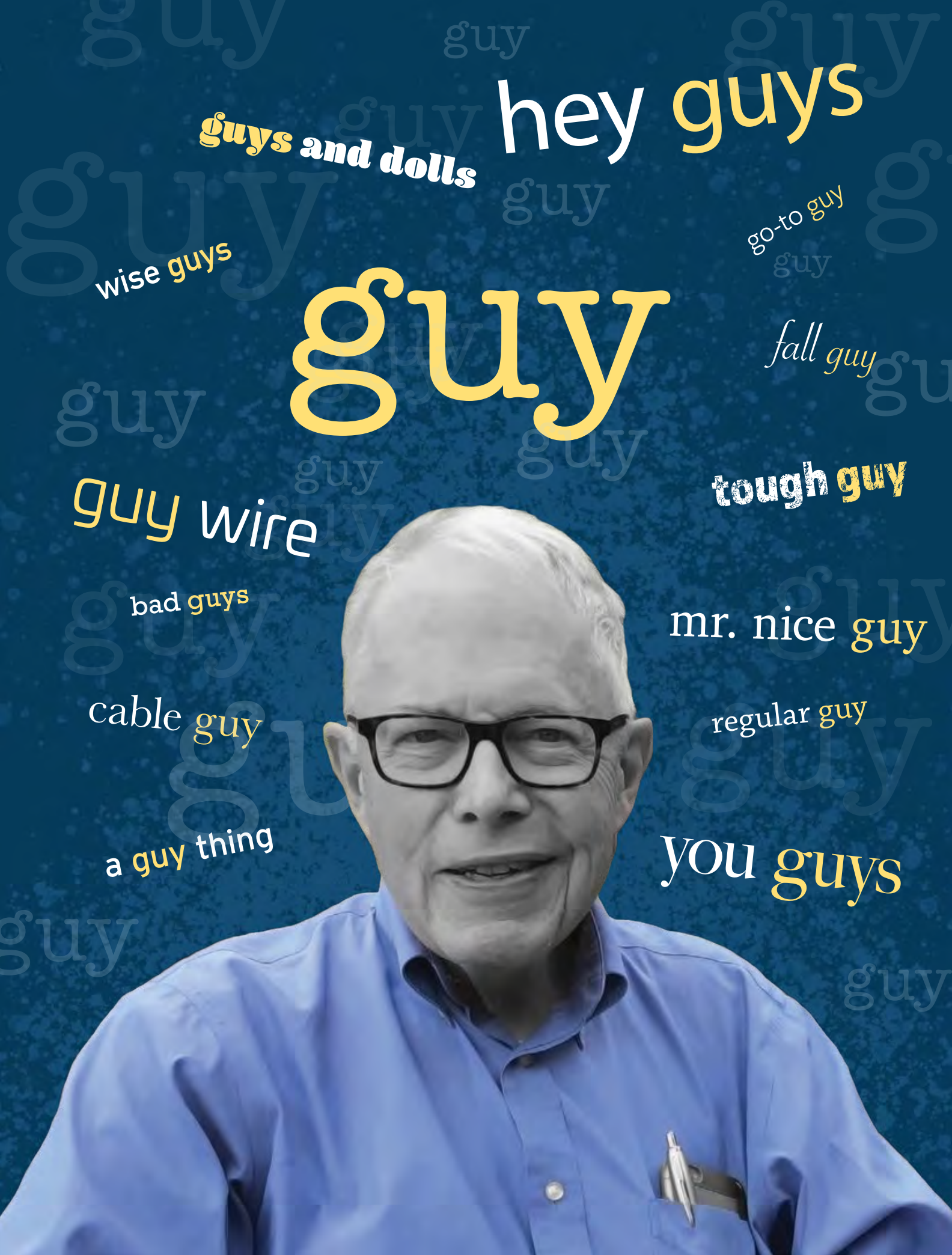
But Metcalf’s work goes beyond the historical; he has also applied his love of language and dialect to contemporary legal settings. As a consultant and expert witness for attorneys and law enforcement—a forensic linguist—Metcalf has weighed in on subjects ranging from contract language to plagiarism. He has consulted about cybersquatting (does “casares.com” infringe on Caesar’s Palace?) and trademark and copyright issues (can the American Security Council Foundation trademark the phrase “Peace through strength”?). He has even been asked to determine a caller’s specific dialect in a voice recording and identify the anonymous author of threatening notes.

The Life of Guy is the latest publication in which Metcalf studies not only the roots of our favorite expressions, but how their evolution into everyday usage reflects historical and cultural trends. “There are lots of books on language out there, and most of them are trivial, telling you how interesting it is that you can park in a driveway and drive on a parkway,” he says. “But I think language tells us a lot about ourselves. So my books use the words to connect to broader themes.” In *America in So Many Words* (1997),

Metcalf and co-author David Barnhart used archival research (newspapers, magazines, books, diaries, letters, legal documents) to retroactively choose Words of the Year, determining exactly when certain terms and expressions first gained prominence—from “cowboy” (1779) to “cafeteria” (1853) to “cool” (1949). In *The World in So Many Words* (1999), Metcalf explored English words adopted from other languages, like “algebra” (Arabic) and “penguin” (Welsh).

He also has chronicled regional, generational, and even individual differences in vocabulary. *How We Talk* (2000) examines >

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fall guy

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bad guys

mr. nice guy

cable guy

regular guy

a guy thing

you guys

how a “hoagie” in Philadelphia might be called a “hero” in New York City. For *Presidential Voices* (2004), he studied the linguistic practices of each POTUS, listening to voice recordings as far back as Grover Cleveland. And in *From Skedaddle to Selfie* (2016), Metcalf focused on specific words—like “groovy,” “swell,” “hippie,” and “yuppie”—that represent different generations.

Nearly two decades ago, Metcalf studied the factors that determine the success of newly coined words. Which—like “bunkum” or “bobbysoxer”—will fade over the generations, and which will stick? In his book *Predicting New Words* (2002), Metcalf introduced the FUDGE scale, an acronym for five determining factors.

Frequency of use: National attention, often in the context of current events, can elevate a word from the fringes of language. A recent example: “chad.” Until the November 2000 presidential election, it was somewhat obscure. Then the controversy over voting punch cards—hanging chads, dimpled chads, pregnant chads—catapulted the word to the front pages.

Unobtrusiveness: Some words created deliberately—like “motel” in 1925—achieve permanence. But Metcalf contends that an under-the-radar word can have long-term viability because it “camouflages itself to give the appearance of something we’ve known all along.” For instance, the word “moonlight,” long an accepted noun, gained traction as a verb in the twentieth century, originally describing the nighttime actions of burglars. But in 1957, *Time* magazine explained to its readers a newly accepted definition: “holding two jobs at once.” Its transformation was gradual and durable.

Diversity of users and situations: If a wide variety of people use a word in myriad contexts, it can become an entrenched part of the culture. Metcalf says that until the early 1900s the English language generally considered two stages of peoplehood—children and adults. But changes in society (including child labor laws and mandated education) essentially lengthened the pre-adult years. The word “adolescent” remained a largely technical term. But in the late 1930s, a new age-group phenomenon required new terminology, so “teenagers” arrived.

Generation of other forms and meanings: “A new word that generates others also generates a greater chance for its own success,” claims Metcalf. “Watergate,” for example, was merely

the name of a hotel in Washington, D.C., before generally encompassing Nixon Administration corruption. Nowadays, thanks to early promotion by *New York Times* columnist William Safire, its suffix is used to describe most any perceived scandal, from Bill Clinton and “Travelgate” to the debunked 2016 “Pizzagate” conspiracy.

Endurance of the concept: Metcalf claims it often takes about forty years to determine whether a word will achieve permanence. Some words, like “phonograph” and “jalopy,” fade when they become antiquated. Likewise, “typewriter” declined with the advent of the word processor. But the verb “to type” didn’t, because the concept—to write something by pressing keys—was durable enough to survive beyond the object.

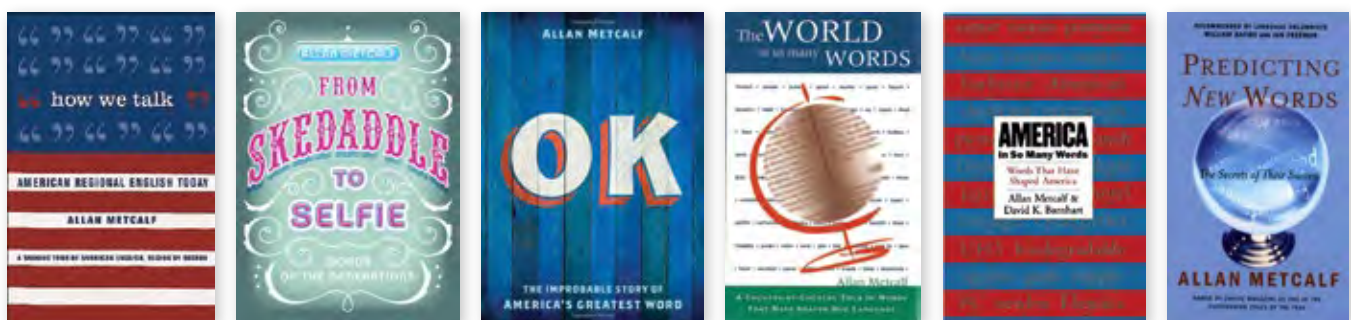
Metcalf’s first book devoted to a single word, published in 2010, was *OK: The Improbable Story of America’s Greatest Word*, which chronicled the emergence and endurance of what he calls “the most famous expression ever invented in America or perhaps the whole world.” Metcalf chronicles how OK began as a joking misspelling of the first letters of “all correct” by a Boston newspaper editor in 1839. Then it was adopted as a nickname for President Martin Van Buren (“Old Kinderhook”) during the 1840 presidential campaign.

Soon, it became the standard “transmission received” expression after the invention of the telegraph. Now it is a global export used countless times in myriad ways every day.

But why study “guy”? Because it has all the elements that fascinate a philologist—quirky origins, an unexpected evolution, and usage so broad that it is currently ubiquitous. The word’s journey required what Metcalf describes as “many accidents of history” that turned one man’s infamy into pervasive vocabulary. “Guy,” he says, “is a worthy sequel to OK.”

Published by Oxford University Press, *The Life of Guy* starts in London with the Gunpowder Plot of 1605. Guy Fawkes and a dozen co-conspirators plotted to restore Catholic rule in England by exploding thirty-six barrels of gunpowder beneath the House of Lords in an attempt to kill King James I and scores of government officials. Fawkes was caught red-handed—with a tinderbox in his pocket. Although he wasn’t the ringleader, he became the public face of the attempted act of terrorism.▶

Why study ‘guy’?
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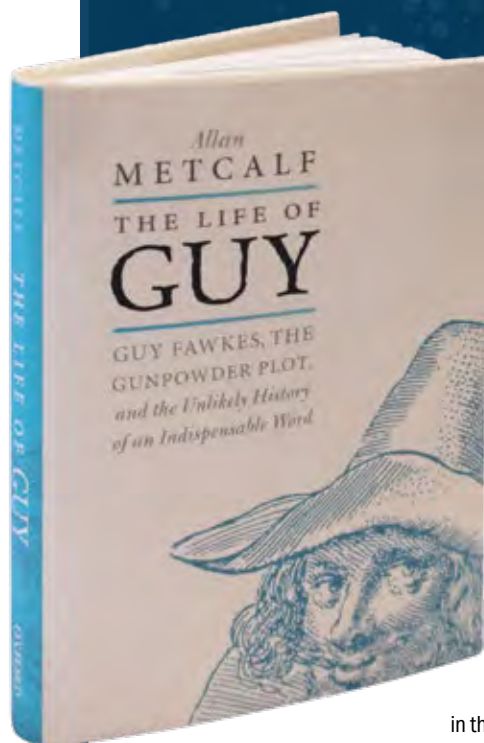


TITLE CASE: A sampling of Metcalf’s books exploring the origins of English words

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Address Changes

In an excerpt, Metcalf ponders 'thou,' the once-popular pronoun whose demise paved the way for 'you guys'



Losing pronouns seems careless. Pronouns are not like nouns and verbs, adjectives and adverbs, which our language is full of (half a million or more of them). But we have just a handful of pronouns, and they have the important job of connecting what we say to the people and things

in the world around us: We like it,

They admire her, I enjoy him, and so on.

We refer to ourselves with first-person pronouns: *I, me, my, mine*, in the singular; *we, us, our, ours* in the plural. Third-person pronouns refer to others who aren't directly involved in the conversation: *he, she, it, his, her, hers, its*, in the singular; *they, them, their, theirs*, in the plural. And then there is our particular concern, the second-person pronouns. That's someone I'm speaking to or directly addressing in writing.

With "thou" disappearing, "you" stretched from the plural to cover the singular too, with forms *you, your, yours*. The only problem is, under that arrangement you can't tell singular from plural, which personal pronouns need to do. As long as "thou" was available, English had no such problem. In Old English times, a thousand years ago, English had the ancestors of "thou" and "you" for second-person singular pronouns. "Art thou Beowulf?" they could ask, and "Where are ye from?" Simple and uncomplicated enough.

In what we call the Middle English period, from about 1100 to 1500 CE, the English language added a complication that would eventually lead to the eighteenth-century disappearance of "thou." In common with other major European languages, including French, Italian, and Spanish, English speakers began addressing their superiors and even their equals as "you," rather than "thou," or some other plural pronoun, even when they were speaking to only one person. In English, "thou" did continue for centuries to be used when talking with servants and others of lower class, as well as in intimate relations like those of families or lovers.

The older use of singular pronouns continued in the English Renaissance, and of course it shows up in Shakespeare. Legal documents from that time also show that people were putting "thee" and "thou" to use as insults. The attorney general at Sir Walter Raleigh's trial taunted Raleigh

by saying, "All that he did was at thy instigation, thou viper; for I thou thee, thou traitor." But by his time "thou" was fading. Why it did nobody knows for sure, but there is no question that already even in the sixteenth century more and more people avoided "thou."

In other European languages, the plain forms of address equivalent to "thou" remain to this day, along with the polite plural alternatives equivalent to "you" or "they." In English, the polite form totally vanquished the plain one, except in archaic remnants. Perhaps there was more of a democratic spirit among English speakers, thinking everyone deserves respect, even the lowliest of servants. Perhaps more likely, it was by no means easy to determine at once whether a stranger you met was of equal or higher or lower status. The safest choice, in that case, would be "you." That would always imply respect, rather than "thou," which could well have been an insult.

In any case, as "thou" receded, it rapidly became more and more of an insult to use "thou" instead of "you," because now instead of routinely saying "thou" to someone of lower class, there was always the polite alternative "you."

This doesn't mean "thou" was completely gone. "Thou" persisted in religious tradition that was loath to change familiar words. The King James Bible of the early seventeenth century followed the pronoun conventions of its predecessor, the Tyndale version, maintaining the older, simpler Old English distinction of "thou" addressing one person or divine figure, "you" for many. And since the King James Bible is so admired for its language, it has helped keep "thou" in print even to the present day.

Another exception is patriotic songs, at least those written in the United States in the nineteenth century, like Samuel Francis Smith's 1831 "America," which begins:

My country, 'tis of thee, / Sweet land of liberty, / Of thee I sing!

Likewise in "America the Beautiful," written in 1893 by Katharine Lee Bates, inspired by a view of Pikes Peak:

America! America! / God shed His grace on thee, / And crown thy good with brotherhood / From sea to shining sea!

Other songs, however, don't attempt old-fashioned "thou's." "The Star-Spangled Banner" (1814), for example, begins "O say, can 'you' see."

All this is to explain a very unusual situation: how it became possible for "guy," referring at first to a certain kind of man, then to any kind of man, and eventually even to include women, to become our present-day second-person plural pronoun. The space was vacant, and no word or phrase was successful at filling it in the eighteenth century or indeed the nineteenth. So the space remained open until "you guys" came along in the twentieth century.

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English Lessons

Test your linguistic know-how with trivia from Metcalf's oeuvre



1: The earliest usage of “alumnus” and “alma mater” was found in a diary from what year?

- A) 1596
- B) 1696
- C) 1796
- D) 1896

2: In a magazine at which college did the term “flunk out” debut?

- A) Harvard
- B) Yale
- C) Cornell
- D) Dartmouth



3: What American literary legend is credited with coining “bathtub”?

- A) Edgar Allan Poe
- B) Mark Twain
- C) Nathaniel Hawthorne
- D) Walt Whitman

4: Three of the following gained prominence in 1915. Which emerged later?

- A) Flapper
- B) Teammate
- C) Babysit
- D) Goof

5: Which of these did not arise during World War II?

- A) Jeep
- B) Snafu
- C) Gizmo
- D) D-Day

6: Three of the following were nineteenth-century terms. Which dates from the twentieth?

- A) Deadhead
- B) Dude
- C) Moxie
- D) Macho

7: Three of the following were early meanings of “skyscraper.” Which wasn’t?

- A) A large tree
- B) A tall hat
- C) A high-flying bird
- D) A high fly ball in baseball



8: The *New York Times Magazine* introduced “gridlock” to a general audience in what year?

- A) 1920
- B) 1940
- C) 1960
- D) 1980

9: What was an earlier term for what we now call a “brainstorm”?

- A) Brain wave
- B) Brain light
- C) Brain drain
- D) Brainism



10: Before it described a small-time hoodlum, a music genre, or a prank, “punk” meant what?

- A) Strange smells
- B) Slow-burning sticks
- C) Overcast skies
- D) Fast-moving boats



11: In what year was the acronym UFO first spotted?

- A) 1927
- B) 1940
- C) 1953
- D) 1966

12: What U.S. president coined “belittle”?

- A) James Madison
- B) Theodore Roosevelt
- C) Thomas Jefferson
- D) Andrew Jackson

13: Which of the following evolved from the Dutch word “base”?

- A) Booze
- B) Boss
- C) Bass
- D) Bus



14: What is believed to have made its earliest appearance in F. Scott Fitzgerald’s *This Side of Paradise*?

- A) Boondoggle
- B) Jalopy
- C) Highbrow
- D) T-shirt

15: Which of the following was used way back in 1813?

- A) Airline
- B) Hotline
- C) Streamline
- D) Bottom line

His first name was just distinctive enough to be memorable. Had he stuck with his original alias when caught—John Johnson—we likely wouldn’t be saying “you johns” today.

Fawkes was publically executed—hanged, drawn, and quartered, no less—but his name lived on. Parliament decreed that thereafter November 5 would celebrate a plot thwarted, including church services and bonfires. By the eighteenth century, children could be found begging for “pennies for the Guy” to pay for an effigy that would be paraded and burned on Guy Fawkes Night. Eventually, the proper name became generic, as slang for a man of low character or lousy fashion. “Nobody noticed its encroachment,” Metcalf writes. “It could develop meanings naturally as contexts changed.” In the twentieth century, it expanded to reference a man of any class. Strangely enough, its plural form began to include women, too.

But it took centuries for it to evolve into its current “you guys” usage, and for that we can largely thank the demise of another word—“thou” (see sidebar). Not only was it unusual for a fundamental pronoun to fade away, there was also no suitable replacement. “It’s remarkable,” says Metcalf. “Going back through the history of English, there had been no vacancies.” Stretching “you” to cover both the singular and the plural? That wasn’t ideal. So “you guys” filled the void. Will “you guys” fade as a result of the expanding inclusivity debate—which has already led some people to replace it with “you folks” or “y’all”? Maybe. Or maybe not. As Metcalf notes: “The future of language is not only unpredictable, but sometimes unimaginable.”

Of course, Guy Fawkes—who enjoyed a modern revival when a character in the 2005 film *V for Vendetta* wore a mask of his likeness, which was later adopted by members of the protest group Occupy Wall Street—isn’t the only person who has gained linguistic immortality. We pay homage to largely forgotten figures each time we act independent-minded (Samuel Maverick), fashion facial hair (Ambrose Burnside), redraw political district maps (Elbridge Gerry), eat s’mores (Sylvester Graham), and wear knee-length garments (Amelia Bloomer). But it is unprecedented for a man’s name to evolve into a basic feature of our lexicon. “He successfully infiltrated the English language,” Metcalf writes, “even as he didn’t manage to successfully command the cellar under the House of Lords.” ■

ANSWERS: 1) B, 2) B, 3) B, 4) C, 5) D, 6) D, 7) A, 8) D, 9) A, 10) B, 11) C, 12) C, 13) B, 14) D, 15) A

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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.

RESEARCHERS EXPLORE THE 'GIST' OF DOCTOR-PATIENT COMMUNICATION

Holly Prigerson, left, a sociologist, is the Irving Sherwood Wright Professor in Geriatrics and co-director of the Cornell Center for Research on End-of-Life Care at Weill Cornell Medicine. **Valerie Reyna** is the Lois and Melvin Tukman Professor of Human Development in the College of Human Ecology and is director of Cornell's Human Neuroscience Institute and co-director of the Center for Behavioral Economics and Decision Research.

Together, they have combined forces to study end-of-life communication between patients and their physicians and clinicians, with the goal of improved prognostic understanding and decision-making and, ultimately, better end-of-life decisions. They have received a Cornell intercampus seed grant that has sparked additional collaborations and applications for new NIH-funded studies.

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

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“IF YOU DON’T KNOW, BASED ON A NUMBER, WHETHER YOU SHOULD BE ECSTATIC OR FEARFUL – YOU HAVEN’T GOT THE GIST.”

– Valerie Reyna

How did you begin working together?

Prigerson: My husband, Paul Maciejewski, and I had moved from Boston to Weill Cornell Medicine to co-direct the new center for research on end-of-life care. Our results demonstrated that patients and family members had little understanding of their prognoses – the course of their illnesses, how sick they were and, bluntly, how close to death they were. It pointed to the need for a new approach to improve medical communication. We were searching for a theoretical basis for our empirical approach, and Paul found one of Valerie’s articles. We thought there might be insights from psychology for medical decision-making, so we sought Valerie out.

Reyna: And I’m so glad you did.

Valuable resources are expended for health care during the end of life, sometimes to achieve goals that patients would not want if they understood their options. And what we’re about, really, is not constraining those resources; what we’re taking is a decision-making approach, so that patients have the ability to make informed choices about their own lives. That’s why the decision-making component is so important, empowering people to have the information to make those informed decisions.

Prigerson: Applying what Valerie’s done in her work and her insights could transform medical communication. For example, in oncology programs we have been looking at ways for physicians to improve empathic communication.

Reyna: The key way to do that is to focus on “getting the gist,” and it’s not an accident that “gist” also works perfectly as an acronym for “get information strategically and transparently.”

Prigerson: It’s not just about using simple words [or] responding to emotion. For the patient, it’s “What is the meaning of this for me and for my values and preferences?” Everyone wants a cure, and we understand

that. But within the realm of real, pragmatic expectations, we want patients to be dealing with realities.

We’re not trying to disparage hope. But most patients we’ve studied want to know their prognosis, they want to hear it from their oncologists, and they want their oncologists to talk to them in ways that they understand.

How does your approach play out?

Reyna: So doctors are trying to give a lot of detail, and ... lost in the detail is that really important bottom line – for example, that your latest scans suggest that you have metastasized cancer, and your prognosis is months, not years.

“Months, not years” came out of a conversation we had about, say, a stage 4 diagnosis with scans that show metastasis. So, that’s the essence of it. It’s literally a phrase to capture where the patient is.

Often, people feel you need to give the numbers to the patient so that the patient can decide. I think that’s probably a good idea. But numbers, just like words, are not meaningful by themselves. Statistics about outcomes and probabilities are important, but they have to be interpreted, just like words have to be interpreted.

Say, for example, I said you had a 20% chance of prostate cancer. Do you feel informed? What does that 20% mean? Should you be relieved? Or, should you be really, really worried? If you don’t know, based on a number, whether you should be ecstatic or fearful – you haven’t got the gist.

Prigerson: We published some studies showing how well advanced cancer patients understood four basic facts: one, that they had incurable cancer; two, that they were terminally ill; three, that they were at a late-end stage of their illness; and four, that they had months, not years, to live. The studies showed that following a discussion of scan results with their oncologists, only 5% of the patients had an accurate understanding of their prognoses.



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We suggested that, rather than talk at length about tumor sizes and growth rates, oncologists should describe scan results as indicating whether their cancer is “better,” “worse” or “the same.” No numbers. They can add numbers later, and a lot of patients want detail and should get it. But we’re concerned that details can get in the way of comprehension and that the way these details are presented can be misleading. What patients really need to know is, is the cancer growing on treatment, remaining stable or shrinking (getting better)?

Reyna: Physicians don’t want to tell someone something that’s overly pessimistic, that removes hope, and then it later turns out that it was wrong. And that is an admirable motivation.

So the whole point of risk and uncertainty has to be taken into account. That’s one of the reasons why hyper precision about prognosis is not favored by physicians – they realize that treatment outcomes are uncertain. On the other hand, they do feel compelled to accurately inform patients so that they and their families can make plans about treatment and about the rest of their lives. So this “gist” approach allows you to do both of those things.

We just received funding from the National Institutes of Health to train oncologists in communicating the gist to advanced cancer patients. Our Oncolo-GIST study instructs oncologists to focus on basic bottom-line points related to the meaning of scan results for the patient (better, worse or stable), what those results mean for their prognosis based on data, and last, what this prognosis might mean for medical decision-making.

There have been many attempts to improve end-of-life communication with patients, but what makes this approach different is the grounding in evidence-based theory, which is about emphasizing meaning.

You’ve had several published studies already; what are some of the findings?

Prigerson: We found a few interesting things. One, which confirmed a vast literature on what is called depressive realism, was that depressed people can hear bad news pretty well. They’re almost anticipating it, and it’s almost validating and confirming. Depressed advanced cancer patients more accurately heard that their scan results were worse than the nondepressed. Those who were anxious heard it significantly less well, and they heard good news better than they heard bad news.

Strong religious beliefs can also influence information processing because the patient might say, “My doctors are great, I trust them. They’re very educated, they treat me well; I respect them. But it’s really not up to them. It’s



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up to God when I go.” We respect that, and our theoretical approach actually makes it easier for people to connect medical information to their values.

Reyna: We also have an additional part of our theory that has to do with moral and social values: What’s important to you? For example, if someone says, “The most important thing to me is to be able to take care of my family,” that would be a gist-based value. Or, “The most important thing for me is to be in this trial so that I can leave a legacy of hope, because I know that I’m going to die. But this is my contribution, and it matters to me to help others.”

What have you learned personally through this work together and from each other?

Reyna: Instead of doing more work on things that I’ve done in the past, it helps me really think in new ways and form new partnerships. Our work and this whole new crop of collaborations that are leading to new studies are connected to the seed funding we received from the Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Integration.

Holly is an inspiration, and I think we’re very complementary in our approaches. It is good to be reminded, in such an evidence-based way, and in such an empathetic way, of some of the downsides of being aggressive in treatment, and I think that’s important.

Prigerson: To the limited extent that medical researchers apply psychological science to clinical care, it is often without the direct involvement of the scholar who developed those ideas. But we have been able to work from the conception of our approach with Valerie from the outset; we have remained true to her conceptual framework, applied it, and now we are eager to see its impact.

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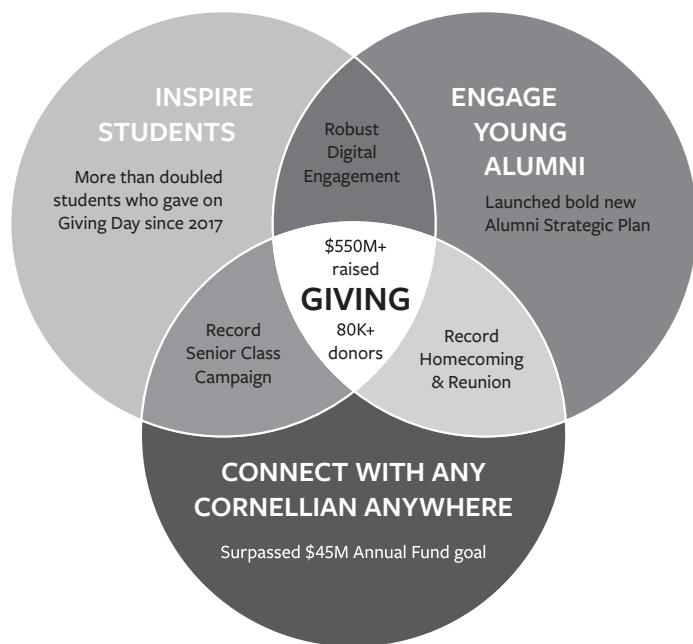
Professor Valerie Reyna works with a graduate student.

Above: Professor Holly Prigerson, left, with two members of her research team at Weill Cornell Medicine.

At the end of the year, every contribution counts

The university received just over \$550 million in new gifts and commitments in fiscal year 2019, including \$340 million raised for the Ithaca and Cornell Tech campuses and \$210 million for Weill Cornell Medicine. More than 80,000 donors contributed to these results.

“With incredible teamwork across our three main campuses, Cornell raised \$550 million in new gifts and commitments – an 8% increase over 2018,” said Fred Van Sickle, vice president for Alumni Affairs and Development, thanking the donors, volunteer leaders and staff who came together to make these results possible.



Gifts to Cornell Annual Funds totaled \$45.8 million – surpassing the FY18 record of \$44.4 million. “Of the last 17 years, 16 have been record-breaking,” said Tom LaFalce ’94, acting director of Annual Giving Programs. “We are fortunate to have such loyal support from our alumni, parents and friends.”

Over 60 percent of Cornell undergraduates receive financial aid, and all students benefit from gifts to the university’s Annual Funds.

Giving Day, March 14, 2019, recorded the highest number of gifts received on any day in Cornell history, with 13,803 donors contributing \$7,866,014 to Cornell.

The number of students who gave on Giving Day has more than doubled, from 933 in 2017 to 1,985 in 2019; and nearly one-third of all graduating seniors made a gift to the Senior Class Campaign in 2019, a significant increase in participation over the past few years.

Nearly 85,000 Cornellians engaged with the university in FY19, including a record number of alumni who returned with their friends and families to attend Homecoming and Reunion. Thousands of others participated in Cornell alumni events based in communities around the world, and more than 10,000 alumni engaged in online event experiences.

In May, the Board of Trustees Committee on Alumni Affairs endorsed a five-year Alumni Engagement Strategic Plan with three engagement imperatives: inspiring more students to embrace the alumni network, increasing young alumni engagement, and developing flexible, lifelong journeys for all alumni.

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CLASS NOTES

NEWS OF FELLOW CORNELLIANS

43 Vera Welker Kennard turned 99 in April and is living in her home in the Cleveland, OH, area with the help of family and caregivers. She enjoys watching birds, listening to audiobooks, and visits from family. Vera met her husband, **Jarman "Jerry" Kennard**, during her freshman year. She married in 1944 and went on to raise four children and pursue a career in nursing.

Vera's granddaughter Jasmin Kennard is in grad school at Cornell, studying Chemical Engineering. Jasmin is part of a long line of Cornelian Kennards, which began with Jerry's father, Dr. Earle Hesse Kennard, a professor of Physics on the Hill. Jerry studied Mechanical Engineering, as did Jerry and Vera's son **Douglas Kennard '74**. Vera recalls that Dr. Hagan, dean of the Veterinary college, was the first person she met at Cornell; she went on to work for him while she was a student on the Hill. Please send your news to: ♦ **Class of 1943**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

44 Maintaining the CY Farms homestead that he established in 1950 brings **Carl Yunker** great satisfaction. "I bought the farm in 1950 through **Harris Wilcox '43**, a Cornell classmate," Carl writes. "Bernice and I are slowing down but still get out and about each week. We had several grandchildren graduate from Cornell." His best day at Cornell: "When my son who was a trustee became affiliated with Alpha Zeta fraternity."

We received a lovely note from Deedy Appel Tohn, spouse of classmate **Jerry Tohn**. "Jerry had often shared with me his fond memories of his days at Cornell," she writes, "ending in January 1944, when he left (got his degree early) to serve in WWII in the US Army, stationed in France. Jerry died in November 2010 after a few years of poor health. Prior to that he was active, traveling, golfing, and visiting friends and family. His Cornell legacy lives on with his descendants: **Ellen Tohn '81**, **Margot Tohn '86**, **Seth Tohn Harper '14**, and **Jeremy Harper '19**." ♦ **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

45 Elizabeth "Betty" Stuart Wells '46, BS '45 (betty.stuart.wells@gmail.com) sends her greetings to classmates and says that she's pretty healthy for her age. She's living in a nice retirement community in Cincinnati near her daughter; her sons are in Florida and Cleveland. Sadly, Betty's husband, Howard (Princeton '45), died three years ago. When asked what her best day at Cornell was, she replied, "Arriving with **Dorothy Jean 'D.J.' Davis Echeverria '46**!"

N. Bruce Weir (nbweir@aol.com) writes, "My daughter, Alison, is running a 46-foot twin screw cruiser with 30-35 scuba divers aboard in the Florida Keys. My son, Rob, is teaching computer science to physicians at a Philadelphia hospital." Bruce had plans to see both last spring, and added, "I would like to see more old friends—living in Florida is lovely, but most close friends are 1,000 miles north!" These days Bruce gets great satisfaction from "a good, well-cooked dinner, preceded by a cup of French onion soup, at a local establishment." His best day at Cornell: "When I was told that my credits had been

miscalculated—and I was graduated. I had left Cornell three months before and was in Samar (Philippines). Celebration was limited!"

Mary Meter Carter is busy volunteering. She moved to assisted living in March 2019, and writes that, sadly, two of her children are now deceased. While Mary wishes she could be flying planes, she derives great satisfaction from seeing her children achieve. Her best day at Cornell: "Graduation!"

Louise Borntrager Weigel writes, "I enjoy an interesting and fun life with lots of physical and social activities in this great retirement community, which has been my comfortable home for almost five years. My family has been growing rapidly! My tenth great-grandchild is due in the fall and she will be the 35th member of our great family. I would like to be able to spend more time with my family, who live in ten states, but I'm grateful for good health at 94 years." Louise gets great satisfaction from communicating with family and old friends—and making new friends. "My best day at Cornell was the day in September 1941 when I met **Jim Weigel**, my future husband, the first week of our freshman year at a Newman Club mixer. In June 1945, Jim returned on leave as an Army private first class after fighting in the Battle of the Bulge in Germany. We were married on July 14, 1945 shortly after my graduation from Cornell." ♦ **Class of 1945**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

46 Here are some notes from my recent phone calls; I find this to be a good way to find news. **Ellen Vidal** Hollmeyer enjoys her retirement home so much because it has a beautiful backyard with trees and birds. Birds are fun to watch and listen to. She has nine grandchildren and ten greats. She had four children with her first husband, and her second husband brought four more into their family. Both spouses had died of cancer, sad to say. Ellen is still driving, mostly in downtown Chagrin Falls, a picturesque old mill town in the Cleveland, OH, area. One of her hobbies is making gift cards using her own photos. The best day she spent at Cornell was her wedding in fall 1946. Her husband was her Chemistry professor. He then accepted a job with Standard Oil in Cleveland.

Rayma Carter Wilson is mostly in a wheelchair now. She has aides during the day and also a driver to take her places. Her housekeeper does her shopping. Through all of her health problems, Rayma has not lost her sense of humor and she stays amazed every day because she never expected to live so long.

Would you like to chat? Let me know! ♦ **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave., #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; tel., (650) 342-1196; e-mail, dmprey@aol.com.

We were pleased to hear from two classmates who contribute news regularly, **Jim Beckett** and **Brendan O'Hara**. Jim (Flower Mound, TX; jamesbeckettjr@gmail.com) is thankful for wife Jane's good idea to downsize. They've reduced from a 4,500-sq.-ft. manse to about 2,200 sq. ft. with only one car in a 25-home community of wonderfully compatible souls. Jim and Jane are proud of their participation in a program where "we teach

ex-offenders at a Christian halfway house in South Dallas. Our text is Louis Sachar's 'ironic' novel *Holes*, in which one discovers that consistent fellowship works—going it alone doesn't." Both Jim and Jane proudly proclaim, "God got into our lives." They are contemplating returning to Cornell for the first time in many years for our 75th Reunion.

Brendan O'Hara (Glen Head, NY; brendanohara1926@gmail.com) reports, "Another grandson has been accepted at Cornell and will follow in my steps in Engineering studies. Three of my children graduated CU, as did two granddaughters." If Brendan had his druthers, he'd opt for sitting on a sailboat in the West Indies in perfect wind and weather. Bringing the most satisfaction to his life these days are his 17 very attentive grandchildren. Postcards do the job of keeping in touch with them. As for his best day at Cornell, Brendan won't settle for one day. He says, "They were all wonderful. I enjoyed learning and the beauty of Cornell from day one. Every visit is a treat—a 'going home trip.'" He promises, "If all is well, I'll be back in 2021 to Thrive for 75."

Remember, "Thrive for 75; make history on the Hill in 2021." Stay tuned to this column for Reunion news. Exercise moderately and, above all, avoid falls. See you on the Hill in June of 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.

47 B. Jane Ruggles Pinel (janepinel@hotmail.com) has been busy running the Gallery at Well Sweep with her husband, Bob. According to the website, "Bob and Jane purchased the property in October of 2002. The concept of a gallery evolved from the many fine paintings and etchings they had collected as well as their interest in art. Bob is a photographer and Jane a potter." Art and writing bring Jane great satisfaction in her life these days. She notes that her two daughters, Dr. Lesley Ericsson and Dr. Sandra Pinel, are her proudest accomplishment. When asked what her best day at Cornell was, she replied, "Every day."

Elaine Tompkins Merkel (etmerkel@outlook.com) has been doing some volunteer work, enjoying her great-grandchildren ("four and a half!"), and going to yoga, some social concerts, and plays. "After living in Lakeland, FL, for 54 years, we have moved to Columbus, IN, to be near our older son. I get great satisfaction from living closer to my son and being able to fly to Atlanta often to visit my other son and his family." Elaine wishes she could be moving around a little faster and participating in more activities. She recalls her best day at Cornell well: "January 17, 1948, when my husband and I were married at Sage Chapel. The chimes played for us and it snowed! (The bride wore stadium boots!)" ♦ **Class of 1947**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, abb83@cornell.edu.

48 When you peruse the latest Class Notes, are you hoping to find news of someone you knew at Cornell? I know that I am, though, sadly, I am

most likely to find those names in the Alumni Deaths column that follows. However, a recent issue had a very pleasant surprise when I glanced at the Class of 1945 column (my original year pre-WWII). There in bold letters was a very familiar and totally unexpected name of the co-ed I dated and obviously had a "crush" on to remember now 75 years later! Through the magazine staff I asked that she call me if she remembered me as well. She did and we have had a great telephone and letter exchange, marveling that we are both alive at age 96, and both married Cornellians who are now deceased. And we both recall that we met at the "tea dances" that were held at Willard Straight Hall in those days and dated after she pledged Delta Gamma and we both went to summer school in 1942.

Copenhagen is a wonderful city to visit with children. I had lived there formerly with my four children and loved it. It did not disappoint. There are parks and playgrounds everywhere and, of course, the famous Tivoli Gardens, with theatrical performances, restaurants, and rides.

After several days, we took the plane to Paris, where even I, who have lived in Florida several times, encountered a heat wave that I shall long remember, possibly because we walked everywhere! The Louvre closed very early because it had reached capacity the day we aimed to visit. My daughter Emily said, "Ah! Mais oui, everyone in Paris has come to visit because it is the only building in Paris with air conditioning!" The children in our party, fully clothed, joined Parisians in various stages of undress, immersing themselves in the many ornamental pools in

Paris. "Really neat," he said. He had stopped playing after high school but began playing again in the late '60s.

And how about **Dave Dingle**, our class pianist, who has entertained us at every one of our 14 Reunions? In spite of being on dialysis for six years, he stays active with friends and family and "keeping track of our nation on MSNBC—I pray for all concerned." Dave has two grandkids graduated from Cornell, another currently attending, and one just accepted. Dave's two comments: "Every day at Cornell was my best day ever"; and "Using one day at a time brings joy and peace!" **George and Beverley Collins Adams** now live in a continuing care community near Syracuse. Their five children and spouses, with grandchildren and great-grandchildren, sponsored Bev's 90th birthday. George was an engineer with Niagara Mohawk Power Co. Bev is retired from a career as a nutritionist, newspaper food columnist, and nutrition consultant.

Katherine "Kitty" Rusack Adams and husband **Jack '49** live in Fonda, NY, where Jack mows two acres of lawn while Kitty's activities include church, library, tending a garden, family doings, and travel. She taught Spanish at Gloversville High School. Their family: four children (two Cornellians), 12 grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. **Manley Thaler**, LLB '53 (Tallahassee, FL) loves to spend summers far above Cayuga's waters, and returns each year to an apartment near campus with a view of the lake. He invites all classmates "that might visit beautiful Ithaca and Cornell" to give him a call at (607) 339-0882.

Earl Mac Arthur, MEd '54 (Morristown, NY) is retired from SUNY Canton, of which he served as president for 20 years. He sent an entertaining campus story from when he was a part-time employee in the Ag college. "In the spring of 1947, the Brown Swiss Breeders were having their annual show and sale in the judging pavilion. While a cow was being unloaded, she slipped her halter and started to run. John Briggs, the show superintendent, and I and others began a chase. She headed East toward the dairy barn and on up Tower Road toward Vetsburg. Briggs jumped in his car and instructed me to grab a lasso and ride on the running board. (Remember those?) The cow ran through Vetsburg, terrorizing children and hysterical mothers, and even upended a young boy on his bicycle. From there, she ran down Forest Home Drive and into the Plantations. All the while I am riding precariously on the running board with no chance to lasso the wayward animal. Eventually, the cow made her way back to Tower Road and, surprisingly, ran right into the dairy barn and into the haymow, where she was cornered. Briggs slowly and cautiously placed a halter on her. The adventure ended as he led the cow docilely out of the barn and back to the show venue."

Barbara Britton Sedwick (Knightdale, NC) is busy and active on her LaHoya Farm with an antique business, gardening, raising Siamese cats, and traveling—most recently to the Grand Canyon and to Alaska with family. She would like to hear from her roommate, **Marjorie Crimmings McBride '51**. She says that Botany professor Lewis Knudson had the greatest Cornell impact on her.

Marjorie Leigh Hart (New York, NY) is still active in the environmental space as a board member of the New York League of Conservation Voters. At their annual spring gala last May, Marjorie was honored as their environmental champion in recognition of her leadership and dedication to the environmental community. In addition to long support of the NYLCV, she has spent decades defending open space, sustainable development, and clean energy. She serves on several nonprofit boards including Scenic Hudson and Park Avenue Armory

'Jim Brandt regularly plays trumpet in Chicago's Windy City Winds, a 60-piece concert band.'

PAUL JOSLIN '50

In other news, **Gerald Sallus** remains active in his board meeting attendance and also chairs a walking group. He has a grandson taking a semester abroad in Kathmandu. **Fred Hickling's** college sweetheart and wife of 70 years, **Barbara (Abt), MAT '66**, reports of his death this past July. He began Cornell in 1943, enlisted in the Navy in June 1944, and returned for his degree in 1948. He and Barbara are most fortunate to have three children, eight grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Living nearby, she and Fred supported Cornell athletics by regular attendance in the Crescent for 40 years!

Phyllis Flyer Kavett is a retired stay-at-home professor emerita after her 60 years of mathematics teaching in levels sixth grade through master's (mathematics education to teachers and prospective teachers). At home she enjoys her own library, art, TV, and backyard with seasonal plantings. In August she celebrated her 91st birthday with family and friends. Send your news to: ♦ **Ray Tuttle**, 65 Oyster Reef Dr., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926; e-mail, RayTutt@aol.com.

49 This past summer seemed very short! First, our great Reunion, followed by family events, then a two-week trip to Europe! What did you do this summer? We should all enjoy hearing about your news!

We drove to New York, visited my son and his family, then took a flight to London. It is always an overnight flight, which results in a somewhat fatiguing first day in London, but we are hardy, determined souls, so upon landing, off we went to see the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace. Perhaps you remember the A.A. Milne poem? The next day we took the train to Hamburg, where we spent the night, eager to board next morning the train that crosses the water on a ferry. The idea of a train riding on a ferry was an irresistible attraction for the younger members of our party, and so off we went in the early hours. The train lived up to expectations and deposited us on Danish soil in high spirits. We took the bus into Copenhagen and checked into our B&B apartment. Our terrace overlooked an interior courtyard, fully equipped with bicycles, scooters, balls, and a sand pit. All party members were happy. The reports are correct.

the city. The children's clothes were completely dry within minutes afterward. The Louvre is closed? If you enjoy the Impressionist Period, go right to the Musée d'Orsay. It is a great experience. We also enjoyed the view from the Eiffel Tower. Unfortunately, we had no time on this trip to go out into the countryside. Next time! For the casual visitor, Paris really has not changed; and for even a short trip, especially with children, it is a magical city. While we were gone, back in the States, my grandson and his wife had their first child. It has been a memorable summer for us all!

Please share your excitement about your holidays with your classmates! Send your news to: ♦ **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow; winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 At their annual meeting in April, our officers spent considerable time on next year's 70th Reunion. In June they held another meeting by phone to begin organizing how to encourage our classmates to return in June 2020.

In retirement, **Hazel "Holly" Hallock** Herr (Walnut Creek, CA) stays busy with two challenging activities: "Playing bridge and keeping up with what our president is doing." She adds, "I had to give up gardening. I enjoy hearing from my sons; they are a great bunch." Her best day at Cornell? "Passing the math exam with distinction."

Ames Filippone, MD '53 (Mantoloking, NJ) invests his time in reading, building architectural models, caring for a garden and fishpond, and attending a teenage granddaughter's activities. Ames has dined about every five years with **Dick Silver**, MD '53, and other survivors in New York City. Ames's best days at Cornell? "Arrival of graduation and summers on the Hill."

Our Sept/Oct column featured a story about our accomplished and still working classmate Dick Silver. We noted that as a nonagenarian he was still playing chamber music with the Diller Quayle School, the YMCA, and other groups in New York City, which reminded us that our co-president **Jim Brandt**, another nonagenarian, also held on to his horn and regularly plays trumpet in Chicago's Windy City Winds, a 60-piece concert band. A recent concert included a complete version of *An American in*

Conservancy and is a member of the National Council of the Land Trust Alliance. With a degree in Chemical Engineering, Marj was way ahead of the times starting a career with Exxon as a research chemical engineer. In her career she rose to become a senior adviser for energy policy and later for Eastern Hemisphere gas projects. Environmental activism has been her second career with emphasis on emission control technology and clean energy development. ♦ **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 Charlie Moore (Laporte, PA) writes, "My wife, Judith, and I have finally 'sort of' retired to the Endless Mountains in North Central Pennsylvania, to the smallest county seat in the Keystone State. The good news is we're only a two-hour drive from Ithaca, allowing Judith to volunteer as choral music organizer on a regular basis. I am leading a Cornell endowment campaign for the quadrennial track and field competition between Oxford and Cambridge and Cornell and Penn, which dates back to 1921. It all brings back lots of wonderful memories! Just recently, I attended a US Olympians reunion; it too shed some great memories. Much of my time is being devoted to writing my memoir, 'Leaps and Bounds: Staying Fearless on the Path to Big Change.' That notwithstanding, we really look forward to participating in our 70th Reunion!"

Julia Ann "Julie" Schaenzer Whelan (Hilton Head, SC) wrote, "I sadly report that **Tom '52** died in March 2018. We'd been married 65 years and had six children, 18 grandchildren, and eight greats. At the present time I am recovering from a broken leg, suffered from a fall. I have a lovely retirement complex here, where I enjoy an active social life and excellent services." **Anne Forde** Lamb (Palo Alto, CA) wrote, "We recently moved from our home in Palo Alto (been here 32 years) to a nice community called the Avant. We are 10-15 minutes away from our daughter and son-in-law's home (**David '78** and **Judy Lamb Noice '78**). Our grandchildren and one great-granddaughter are also here in Palo Alto."

Betty Goldsmith Stacey (Washington, DC) writes, "Having published the family genealogy (13 generations), I did as promised: sold the house and moved into the city to enjoy its public transportation and activities." **Joan Stern** Kiok (NYC) writes, "I can't believe we are almost 90! Paul, my older son, is married to Sheri. Paul works for HRA in NYC. Peter, the younger son, is now teaching at St. Bernard's in New York City. We four went on a wonderful trip around South America—cruised from Santiago to Buenos Aires—which included Patagonia, the Falkland Islands, and Cape Horn." Fellow classmates? "Only still good words with **Henrietta 'Honey' Moskowitz Kuhl '52**. I sometimes attend Cornell Berkshire functions."

Corinne Watkins Stork (Penn Yan, NY) wrote, "My children nominated me to the National Women's Hall of Fame and I received the designation in June 2018." **Shirley Flanders** (Phoenix, AZ) wrote, "My paintings did sell. I would like to leave what is remaining of my great works to Cornell. I was a Kappa Kappa Gamma and graduated from the Architecture school. It would please me if I could leave something creative to Cornell that I had done." **Calvin Gage** (Jake Bluff, IL) wrote, "Like all of my classmates, I'm now a nonagenarian. I don't feel old—well, except when I move!" **Patty Redman** Wetherbee (Chelsea, AZ) lists her six successful children, who live in

Galena, OH, Grand Rapids, MI, Boston, MA, Seattle, WA, Savannah, GA, and Annapolis, MD. Patty writes, "Moved to Galena, OH, in 1967; moved to Worthington, OH, in 1988." She also lists her activities: "BA in art education and BA in home economics design from Ohio State U., lifelong gardener, reader, sailor, birdwatcher, environmentalist, and oil painter."

Ernest Sofi (Winchester, MA) writes, "My new address is a senior center, and after 50 years at the same address in Hingham, this is difficult. But our daughter lives nearby and said, 'You're old and I have to watch you'—and she's right! Keep the classmate news coming. Best to all." **Keith Seegmiller** (Sacramento, CA) "moved to assisted living in November 2018, a mile from the former address. Just visited my sister **Elva Jean Seegmiller Storrs '65** and her husband, **K. Larry, PhD '73**, a rare treat." **David Rice**, MS '61 (Wysox, PA) wrote, "My granddaughter **Marissa '17** graduated last June and is now enrolled in medical school. I loved Cornell. Worked my way through. My son and daughter graduated from there, as well as my four brothers and myself. My education served me so well. I worked for years in education." David was at the Susquehanna County Career Tech Center.

Paul Jones (Atherton, CA) wrote, "In March, I braved the ice and snow of Upstate New York to meet my first great-grandchild, a boy appropriately named Ezra. My quest to stop the California High Speed Rail continues, with some success." **Robert Williams**, PhD '62 (Goose Creek, SC) e-mailed, "I'll be 90 in August 2019. As they say, I'm still alive and enjoy life." **Guy "Trev" Warfi Id** e-mailed, "My son and his wife, both Cornellians, will have their three sons at Cornell this year—one a fifth-year architect, another a junior in Arts & Sciences, and the youngest entering this fall. I was Class of '51 and my father was Class of 1925." ♦ **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 Consider: Class Council. On July 8, the Class of 1952's annual council meeting was held at the Nevin Welcome Center at the Cornell Botanic Gardens. Before the actual meeting, a participant reported: "A July visit to the Cornell campus revealed the DKE fraternity house, among others, boarded up and/or under repair. Astonishingly, there was a doe and her fawn placidly munching on the shrubbery while traffic zoomed by on Stewart Ave." So, relatively quiet on campus.

Those at the council meeting were co-presidents **Terry**, JD '56, and **Dori Crozier Warren**; co-vice presidents **Sue Youker** Schlaepfer and **Dick Dye**, MPA '56; secretary **Joy Rees** Hoffman; Reunion co-chairs **Thomas Cashel**, LLB '56, and **Carolyn "Cappy" Heyl** Innes; website community manager **Paul Blanchard**; class historian **Barbara "Bibbi" Antrim** Hartshorn; and Lauren Coffey, who represented the university. On the council, Dick Dye also serves as treasurer, Dori Warren also serves as membership chair, and Terry Warren also serves as the Cornell Annual Fund representative. Recording secretary **Jan Hofmann** McCulloch and I did not attend. At the meeting, **John Brennan**, DVM '52, was appointed to the council. As you can tell from the doubling of assignments above, the council could use a few more active members!

At the meeting, Cappy and Tom presented their early ideas for our 70th Reunion, June 9-12, 2022. They assumed that, despite the likelihood of decreased mobility, those who attend are interested in issues that affect the university and society at large and are looking at "a seminar-type program of one or two sessions interspersed

with the university-wide Reunion events." They feel it would be good to engage a faculty member or two to lead the seminar and bring their insights from their involvement and research. Lauren Coffey noted it was too early to make faculty requests. Other topics being considered are generational differences, diversity, admission practices, campus protests, academic freedom, and viewpoints set out in *The Coddling of the American Mind* (which, I believe, was covered in an early spring issue of the *Atlantic*). A pitch was made for more music. Cappy closed her notes with: "We have always been an enthusiastic class and we look forward to a great turnout. Tom (thomaswcashel@gmail.com) and I (cappynnes@gmail.com) welcome ideas to make it fun and informative. Let us know what you would like to do, see, learn, and enjoy. We like lots of music!" During the meeting, Sue Schlaepfer was asked to research our student gift project. She is doing that and will report when she has learned more about our class gift money and what we will do with the money in our account when we decide to close it out. The meeting included lunch at the Nevin Center.

After the meeting, Bibbi Hartshorn sent a report on her part of the meeting: "This is a good place, I think, to thank **Evan Earle '02**, MS '14, the university archivist, for his fine filmed presentation given at our '52 meeting. Evan stressed that scrapbooks are especially desired, welcomed, and valued gifts to be stored in our '52 archives collection, which just happens to be located 52 feet below ground. We are still looking for more written memorabilia and/or reports citing ten or more reasons or secrets that enabled one to have beaten the odds and survived to one's (almost) 90s. I can be reached at bibbi@atlanticbb.net." Bibbi closed her note with, "And let's try for a record attendance at our 70th. I bet we can do it and live long enough, once our secrets are revealed. Cappy and Tom have already begun planning a fun and interesting Reunion in 2022 for us."

I have covered the meeting at length as we really hope some of you will—now that you have some idea of what council does—consider joining the council. It has shrunk, and you are needed. Interested and need to know more? Contact Dori Warren (rivburch@alltel.net). Have ideas, suggestions, or thoughts on Reunion? Contact Cappy (cappynnes@gmail.com) or Tom (thomaswcashel@gmail.com). Memories you would like to share? E-mail Bibbi (bibbi@atlanticbb.net). Like to test the waters? Come to the meeting and lunch next July, probably at the Vet college. Got news? Send it to me (joangaul@mac.com). All requests and invitations are real. Respond if you can.

And so, at last, to the mailbag. **Pearl Schwartzberg** Hochstadt (Brooklyn, NY; phochstadt33@gmail.com) was coping with the challenges of aging. "I'm in pretty good shape physically and I continue to spend much of the warm weather months in my country home in Pennsylvania, but I've stopped gardening and don't know how long I'll still be driving." Pearl adds, "I've been focusing much of my energy on trying to promote a book I self-published in 2015, *The Fables of La Fontaine: Books I-VI*, newly translated by me. It's gotten praise from a few scholars and from the late poet/translator Richard Wilbur, but not much recognition otherwise." She plans to keep on giving readings wherever possible because her audiences and she enjoy it. Other thoughts: "I'm also happy to watch my two grandchildren (Nathaniel, 26, and Amalie, 24) become capable and good-hearted adults. I'd be happy to hear from my classmates."

Robert Ostrander (Romulus, NY; redmag@rochester.rr.com) is "retired and living large on the lake." Before he retired in 1994, he worked in 47 countries. He plans to

support the medical providers in three counties as long as possible. His other thoughts: "When is Cornell going to practice diversity? It seems to me that they support diversity as long as no one disagrees and dares to speak their mind!" **Nancy Harrington** Booth (Brooklyn, CT) was home in March, "slowly trying to get rid of a bronchitis-type cold." Her daughter Janet, who now lives with her, was taking wonderful care of her. Nancy thought Janet might have brought home the germ as they were both trying to get rid of it. Nancy writes, "I was in a great convalescent home for therapy to my knees after both joints were replaced. I was sent home March 6, 2017 and have been there ever since. I keep up with my art work and do drawings and coloring." She planned to give some of her drawings to friends in town. Other thoughts: "I was saddened to see the notice of the passing of **Helen Walker** Taylor in Denver, CO. She was my neighbor in Clara Dickson Hall freshman year. **Sally Bowker** Gibbs was my neighbor on the other side. I believe she has passed away also." Nancy added a nice PS: "I phoned Helen Taylor's daughter in Denver and had a wonderful conversation with her!"

I have heard recently from **Roger Glassey**, PhD '65, and now I have a note from his spouse, **Joan (Ganders)** (joanglassey@comcast.net). The Glasseys still live in Berkeley, CA. Joan writes, "We are still in the home we built 50 years ago, but as life becomes more complicated, we are considering a retirement 'home' with reluctance!" ❖ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, <http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu>.

53 Sheila Olsen Chidester, MS '54, studied French literature and earned her master's at Cornell. She leads an active life in Madison, NJ, where she applies her talents assisting the staff of Grace Church. She wishes she lived closer to her grandchild. Classmate **Margery Schmidt** Van Court is a friend and neighbor. **Joyce Wisbaum** Underberg, in a brief but enthusiastic style, reports, "No news is good news and all is well—but not at all boring. Happily, I roll along." Keep on rollin', says I.

Al Packer (packer1@windstream.net) has retired from three careers including the Air Force, corporate HR, and residential/commercial real estate. His current activities are equally challenging—parenting, mentoring international students at Denison U., and a health research project about aging disorders. Al's family numbers 15; his oldest child is a grandparent. Al was a Cayuga's Waiters member during his student days and joined the Cayuga's Waiters of the 1950s, performing for 15 class Reunions. We join Al in "mourning our 2018 swan song." Bucking the popular trend, **Dave Rossin** (ADRossin@msn.com) and San have moved from Florida (Sarasota) to Needham, MA—and are now "wishing for spring." Keep us posted.

Stuart Warshauer, MBA '54, reports no change from his last report. Stuart, keep us in the loop! **Claire Nagel** (shoredr101@comcast.net) is fully occupied with a variety of interesting projects as BOD president of Caring for Kids, a nonprofit dedicated to preventing child abuse and increasing literacy. She recommends readings on leadership such as *Dare to Lead* by Brené Brown. Claire also participates in local political organizations and stays in touch with her daughter living in the Netherlands and son studying for his MA in bio-mechanical engineering. At the end of the day she relaxes taking in the view of the beautiful Delaware Bay, NJ. **Helen Wallace** Miksch (ibuhelen@mailbox.com) reports the following good news: "I have just moved to a wonderful retirement community

in my hometown, Moravian Manor, and am enjoying many activities and friendships. Still in good health. I have three daughters: one in Australia and Bali, one in Birmingham, and one in Pennsylvania. Six grandchildren are scattered across the country." Classmates she's in touch with are **Roberta Friend** Downey, **Enid Spangenberg** Miles, and **Nancy Egan** Webster.

Jay Ostrow (jmostrow@aol.com) describes an exciting adventure he and his partner, **Edith Wilson** Kutscher, have in store. "I have taken many cruises throughout the world. Next on the travel agenda is a trip in December 2019, Singapore to Dubai, and a side-trip to the Taj Mahal." He enjoys holidays with family and participating in high school and college graduations. He devotes time, he says, "to friends who are becoming fewer as too many pass away." Jay also has interests in doubles tennis, duplicate bridge, reading, concerts, and the theatre. Jay is in contact with **Dave Harris**, **Ira Miller**, **Judy Winter** Burger '52, and **Myron Miller**, MS '55. **Eugenie Gilbert** Taub, MS '54 (taub.eugenie@yahoo.com) reports from Westfield, NJ, that she participates in Zumba five days a week, loves to read, and does the *New York Times* crossword puzzle—but she admits to not always completing them. Three grandchildren are in college.

Randy Barker (barker.randolph@gmail.com) recently moved from the Cornell campus to Pioneer Valley Lodge, UT, where his son lives. We have had interesting conversations during the past four winter seasons when he has visited family in Orlando. **Jack Brophy** urges Randy to submit a piece for the '53 memoir eBook; he would have space there to describe in greater detail the nature of his career dedicated to improving the diets of much of the world's population dependent on improvements in rice production and water management. Randy is professor emeritus at Cornell in the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management (formerly the Dept. of Agricultural Economics). He received the distinguished Clifton Wharton Jr. Emerging Markets Award. Half of Randy's career was devoted to conducting research and teaching in Asia at Los Banos, Philippines, and in Colombo, Sri Lanka. His widely cited publication is the award-winning *The Rice Economy of Asia*. A recent publication is *Water Productivity in Context: The Experience of Taiwan and Philippines Over the Past Half-Century*. I hope he writes about his military experience, where he took over 20 parachute jumps (apparently successfully!) and his experience on a farm as part of Cornell's admissions requirements.

Cattlewoman **Linda Mitchell** Davis (csranch@baca valley.com) from Cimarron, NM, received the respected Swan Family Leadership Award from the National Cattle-men's Beef Assn. for her decades of service to the cattle and beef industry. Recognized are those who have made a positive difference in the beef industry through a lifetime of dedication and leadership. Linda served on the boards of beef industry organizations. She married in 1953 and was widowed in 2001. She raised six children, all of whom work on the large ranch. Linda describes the gratification of attending the 65th Reunion with her daughter. My beef industry associate Graeme Goodsir, who is a close friend of Linda's, described the important role she has played as a volunteer ambulance driver—often driving under tough conditions. Graeme describes visiting Linda's ranch in the southern foothills of the Rocky Mountains: "She drove me all over this beautiful scenic landscape, where the deer and antelope were often leaping in cohabitation with high quality cattle and calves." ❖ **Jack Allen**, jwallen@msu.edu; **Jack Brophy**, johnbrophy@aol.com; **Carol Mulford** Owens,

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54 Your new class correspondents write you in mid-summer; you read this in late fall. I, **Ruth Carpenter** Bailey, am still enjoying the glow from a wonderful 65th Reunion. For many at Reunion, a powerful and very moving program was presented by **Peter Yarrow '59** (Peter, Paul and Mary). He is deeply concerned about the divisions among Americans and is committed to bringing us together. He is working hard to promote a movement called Better-Angels.org. The program convenes small groups of Republicans and Democrats and encourages them to communicate with respect and understanding. A lofty goal.

We want you to know a bit about our class officers. In the last column, **Lou Schaefer** Dailey (lsdailey99@gmail.com) wrote about our treasurer, **Jim Settel**. Another long-serving officer is **Jan Jakes** Kunz, our webmaster. Enjoy her efforts at: www.classof54.alumni.cornell.edu. (She performs similar duties for '53 and '55.) She still rescues nonprofits by providing organizational and marketing support. She has worked with small museums, a historical society, and a number of smaller groups. Jan writes from New Mexico that life in the Land of Enchantment is everything she hoped for. Learning about the area's history has been fascinating. Who knew a Civil War battle was fought there? Jan says much of the local history has not been covered by parking lots or obscured by buildings. Some folks whose families settled corrals still live there. Jan transitioned from Maryland to New Mexico in 2012 and invites visitors.

Robert F. Morrison (Camivora1@outlook.com) writes from Florida: "I have been reading, watching TV, and meeting with my friends and relatives. A few new babies have been born." He is pleased to have "survived these 86 years, especially the health challenges of these past four years." His best day at Cornell? "Beating Michigan 21-7 in 1951! I didn't play that day, but it was my best day at Cornell because they (Michigan) were the national champions at the Rose Bowl."

Here's another response to "What was your best day at Cornell?": "Hiking up and down hills to classes." We doubt that many of us would choose that as our best activity now! Though she has retired from tennis, **Jill Niederman** Edelson remains active with husband Bob and their children: a viola player, a bassoon musician (also a psychiatrist), an emergency nurse, and a son-in-law who's a firefighter. Jill taught education at SUNY College at Old Westbury. She is "involved with the Woman's Club of Massapequa and a child welfare organization." Jill and Bob enjoy flying to Martha's Vineyard or Nantucket for day trips.

Virginia Glade Poole reports that, since the death of her husband, **Lee '57**, "I am discovering that I can do new things—lead an exercise class, be a docent for visitors to a historic church, keep up on current events—as well as continue to sing, play the oboe and piano, and be active in church." Virginia has moved from Vermont to Peachtree City, GA, which has 100-plus miles of golf cart trails that are ideal for walking. "It became important to be close to my family," she notes. We identify with that choice.

When **Jane Gregory** Wilson (Jalyn54@juno.com) wrote in May, she wished she could be writing her message without a cast on her right hand. Then she had "just returned from an 80-day cruise to Antarctica and around South America, and also a day visit to South Georgia Island, a historic whaling station. On the way north in

Buenos Aires I fell and broke my hand. Great trip. Home in about one piece."

We thank Lou Schaefer Dailey, who was pressed into service to write three recent class columns. Now **Bill Waters**, MBA '55, and I, also pressed into service, attempt to keep you reading and, as importantly, sharing news and wisdom. Because we are older, we face (and often are forced to face) changes in lifestyle. We hope you will send your thoughts on what has worked well for you. Stay in your home. Downsize but remain independent. Move into a retirement community. Travel. (One couple reportedly decided a cruise ship was less expensive than assisted living and provided as much care!) We hope to hear from you on that topic and any other. Please contact us, via the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>) or directly at the following addresses. We look forward to your news. ❖ **Ruth Carpenter** Bailey, rcbhtb@gmail.com; **Bill Waters**, billwaters@optonline.net.

55 Notice: Our 65th Reunion is scheduled for June 4-7, 2020; not too far away! Please check the class website (<http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>) for current Reunion information. An update was added when **Michael Avery**, **Nils Nordberg**, and **Bill Doerler** attended the Reunion Kickoff meeting at Cornell recently. In the fall, you'll get a survey from the Reunion committee looking for feedback on what you'd like to see and do.

Elizabeth Rothermel Hopwood remembered her "big sister" in Delta Gamma, the late **Leslie Papenfus** Reed '54, noting that she was "loved by everyone, especially in her last endeavor, the Little Theatre of Alexandria." Leslie's family gave "the most meaningful memorial," she reported. Liz, who lives in Fort Lauderdale, is busy with the Florida Grand Opera and Symphony of the Americas and keeps up with her exercise regimen—a must since she was scheduled to get a new knee in March. Hope it went well, Liz. **Malcolm Whyte's** new book (with an intro and notes by R. Crumb) is *Maxon Crumb: Art Out of Chaos*. Now in the works is a new book about Edward Gorey entitled "Gorey Secrets." Malcolm continues to be active with the Cartoon Art Museum in San Francisco, and he's planning his fourth trip to Africa to visit Kenya, Zimbabwe, and Botswana.

For **Phil Alkon**, PhD '74, life is full. He enjoys occasional wildlife lecturing, golf, and trips via Road Scholar. Remembering someone's name is a minor victory, Phil admits, though he's still remembering most faces. He wishes he could get to Israel more often, and as for his "best day at Cornell," Phil says, "there were too many to pick one. The entire Cornell experience was transformational and one I appreciate more and more as time passes." **Robert Mules's** best day was "when I took Reserve Grand Champion in the Draft Horse Division of the Round-up Club's show at Farm and Home Week in 1952." This win was all the more meaningful, he said, "because my dad was in the stands watching."

Ithaca native **Frank Baldwin** chairs the Cornell Nuclear Disarmament Group and also works to reforest the pine tree nature preserve in Ithaca. Before Frank was coaching field hockey, he played with the Cornell club team. He wishes he could also be teaching orthopedic surgery in a medical facility in Afghanistan. Frank's best day was "when I won the interfraternity cross country race for Phi Psi." **Rishon Stember's** first career was full-time allergist; now he's a part-time psychiatrist and father of three children, all physicians, all living in the New York City area. If time and circumstances allowed, he'd love to be cruising on the *Queen Mary*. He remembers

the "best day" in October 1954, when he learned he was admitted to NYU medical school.

Ken Hunt says he's moved "for the 23rd time, from Boise to Seattle." Too bad we didn't get more details! He wishes he could resume traveling and still be living in England. And what gives him the most satisfaction these days? His response—"Breathing is up there"—is one that many of us can relate to. He adds that he remembers

Federation. Lenore is also on the board of the Jewish Book Festival of Naples, which she finds is another enriching experience. She was in the Berkshires last summer and let us know that **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** '54 rushed her into AEPHI sorority. **Dave Hugle** and his partner, Haggai, are happy in their new digs in the Tamalpais retirement complex in Marin, CA. Dave is head of dining services, echoes of his steward's job at SAE.

'The great thing about fruit growing is that you never have to retire!'

SUE HURD MACHAMER '55

Spring Weekend 1955 as a highlight of his Cornell years. **Renie Adler** Hirsch is still holding meetings with the Israel Cornell Club (ICC) that she founded many years ago. She and her husband, Henry, say they "enjoy taking trips, including cruises, to places we haven't been." And "being alive—both of us—being married for over 62 years and still hoping for many more in good health." Graduation day was a "best day" for Renie. "My mother, dad, and brother were alive and with me—and so proud!" A great memory.

Donald Robinson also regards graduation day as his best. Don and his wife have "a full schedule of activities, including concerts, lectures, and volunteer work. No spare time except rest!" **Norman Harvey** spends four or five months every summer at his home in Kennebunk Beach, ME, and rents in Naples, FL, in the winter. He'd like to be traveling more, he said, but is pleased that his five grandchildren are nearby. Norm has established a scholarship fund for undergraduate Economics majors in the College of Arts & Sciences. **Sue Hurd Machamer** and her husband, **Jeff**, traveled to London with their whole family last April. Sue and her daughter Amy are business partners in managing their large-acre fruit farm and lovely market in Holley, NY. Sue writes, "The great thing about fruit growing is that you never have to retire!" See more on Facebook @Hurd Orchards. Sue says, "I very much enjoy keeping in touch with Cornell friends of all classes. On my wish list is that one of our three 16- to 17-year-old granddaughters might be interested in Cornell."

Welcome news from **Bill Laube**, who writes, "We live in the Del Webb Sun City Lincoln Hills community of 7,200 homes, their largest. We're 30 miles northeast of Sacramento, sort of out in the country. Jan Scura (my sweetheart) and I just returned from a wonderful ten-day Grand Circle tour of the national parks in Arizona, Colorado, and Utah. This past Saturday, one of my daughters, Cindy, visited and took us to a fabulous Andrea Bocelli concert in Sacramento. What a Father's Day gift! An amazing performance. The arena of 19,000 was packed and wouldn't let him go. And we're looking forward to Reunion in June, less than a year away. All's well physically. We are blessed."

Let's all highlight the weekend of June 4-7 to be in Ithaca for our great 65th Reunion. Details are on the way!

❖ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancysavagepetrie@yahoo.com. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

56 **Lenore Brotman** Greenstein (Naples, FL) is still working as coordinator for the Women's Cultural Alliance of Greater Naples, the largest fundraising nonprofit organization under the auspices of the Jewish

Carol Solomon Levine (NYC) just finished a jigsaw puzzle of the Cornell campus, which brought out lots of happy memories. **Roberta Karpel** Silman is working on her late husband, Bob's, memoir, "Notes from the Scaffold." She writes, "Bob's amazing garden is now planted with both veggies and flowers and is being taken care of by a wonderful team whom he would have loved." **Theodora** "Teddy" **Litner** Weihe (Championsgate, FL) moved into a senior residence in December 2018. She would love to hear from other members of the Dance Club. "Can't seem to get teaching out of my system," she writes. "I'm reading with kindergarten students in a United Way program called Reading Pals." She recently took trips to see family in Boston, New York, Ohio, and St. Louis. "Weddings, graduations, and even funerals keep us on the move."

Bill Greenawalt (Hartsdale, NY) is a longtime elected state Democratic committeeman. He enjoys singing bass-baritone in the Scarsdale Congregational Church choir. "An arthritic-required left hip replacement in 2010 went badly, halting my Eastern Tennis Assn. play, and all other sports, but my strong sports fandom survives," Bill writes. His wife, Peggy, has retired, and they enjoy family, friends, puzzles, CSNBC, and music of all kinds. Their five children are employed in medicine, education, psychology, the arts, and data sciences, and they have six grandchildren. "I'm attending monthly Cornell luncheons at the Valhalla Station Restaurant. I recently visited national parks and monuments in Utah and took a trip to China (Shanghai, Beijing, Great Wall, Ancient Soldiers) a few years ago." When Bill wrote, he and Peggy were looking forward to their first river cruise, on the Danube starting in Prague and hitting Linz, Vienna, Bratislava, and Budapest, in November.

Pat Brodie and her partner, Ernie, live in Brookhaven, a senior residence in Lexington, MA. "It's a very pleasant community with lots to do, including befriending several Cornellians here—three (besides myself) from the Class of '56." **Joan Vrooman** Taylor (Weston, MA) and husband Peter take their RV to Gulf Waters in Port Aransas, TX, every year, where they meet their good friends. This year, however, they switched it up and went to Riverside Resort in Southern Florida. Joan adds, "We have one daughter who lives in Minneapolis and one granddaughter who will attend U. of Wisconsin in the fall." **Larry Brown** (Lake Forest, IL) says, "Life is good!" He moved to a retirement community one year ago. He's still active in sports—curling, golf, pickleball, ping-pong, and bocce. "After 50 years of marriage, my first wife, Ann, died in 2006. I remarried in 2007, to another Ann. Between the two of us we have six sons, 14 grandchildren,

and eight great-grandchildren, with another expected later this year."

Alan Pense (Bethlehem, PA), married to classmate **Muriel (Taylor)**, has been recognized by the Marquis Who's Who with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions in the field of metallurgical engineering. After graduating from Cornell, Alan went to Lehigh U., where he received an MS in 1959 and a PhD in 1962. He spent the remainder of his career

Ubogy and **Nat Donson.** **Barbara Shelley Cook** wishes she still could be producing academic materials from her home in Lawrence, KS (barbcook02@aol.com); instead, she's volunteering with election team, school, library, hospital, and church. Her oldest grandchild is "at KU, doing well." Barb concludes: "I had no best days at Cornell—all my days there were wonderful!"

Jack Kelly reports continued enjoyment in working with sons John and **Robert '90** "managing wealth for

country from home in Palos Verdes, CA. They are active in a "learning retirement group of about 300, choosing which classes to take and with each class member lecturing at one meeting." Dale and Dick enjoy their two grandsons who live in Orange County and are great fun; less often they visit their daughter, **KC '86**, in Virginia. **Art Shostak** also hails from California, in Alameda (arthur.shostak@gmail.com), and writes: "I have 'reinvented myself' as a Holocaust scholar. In 2017, my 34th book appeared, my first in my new role, entitled *Stealth Altruism*." Art gives invited talks about it around the world and all over the US and is still hoping to make progress on a memoir about "reflections of a roving social activist." When not traveling and giving talks about high-risk heroism of victims of the Third Reich, Art relishes the weather out West and having three of his four grandchildren there.

Sheila Siegel Friedman (sheilalf@sbcglobal.net) spends her time "worrying about the world, enjoying Cleveland, OH, traveling (less, lately), doing yoga, and reading *Finnegans Wake*." Her yoga really enhances her well-being, she feels. **Bob Mayer** (bobmay13@aol.com), retired in Linwood, NJ, puts time into golfing, gardening (especially herbs), working out, playing bridge, going to the theater, wine collecting, and traveling, along with some community charity work. Bob says, "Along with passing my annual physical, life is very good." With hopes that applies to all '58ers, we send you our annual holiday greetings and best wishes for the New Year. ♦ **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com; **Janet Arps Jarvie**, janjarvie@gmail.com.

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PEGGY MONKMEYER MASTROIANNI '61

at Lehigh in teaching, research, and administration, retiring in 1996 as university provost and vice president. Along the way, he received numerous teaching awards, wrote over 100 articles for technical journals, was involved in the forensic analysis of many of the bridge failures that made national headlines, and was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 1993. **Floyd Abrams** has been honored by the Hugh Hefner Foundation, which supports organizations that advocate for and defend civil rights and civil liberties. He was the honoree for Lifetime Achievement, recognized for his lifelong devotion to constitutional law.

Passing: **Vaughn Larrison** died on April 27, 2019. His major was Ag Economics and he retired from Conagra several years ago. **Carol Pearson Whalen** (Santa Fe, NM) passed away this past March. They are missed by us all. Send your news to: ♦ **Phyllis Bosworth**, phylboz@aol.com.

57 Eph McLean has celebrated his 50th year as a university professor, 18 at UCLA and 32 at Georgia State, with no retirement plans on the table. **Claire Sanford** Perrault will have a full plate for the next year. She enjoys the political scene, having participated in the Women's March in 2017. Travels with her sister were to Sicily last year and Berlin this year.

Mabel Klisch Deal has been attending her grandchildren's graduations from both high school and college, with a grandson's wedding thrown into the mix in August. **Bill Schmidt** continues to send along examples of his outstanding (my word) Impressionistic paintings. By the time you are reading this, his latest showings will have ended, but you can get information on the upcoming ones at: <https://billschmidt.net>. ♦ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

58 We hear from **Dan Martin** (drm1937@aol.com) after many years: "I've been very remiss in keeping in touch with classmates, especially considering my bonds with Cornell (met my wife, **Barbara (Cyrus) '60**, there, sent two sons, **Alex '90** and **Chris '91**, MD '99, there, and now have a granddaughter, **Heather '21**, there). We are still living in Westchester County, NY, these last 40 years, after stints in Lima, Bogota, and London; now we're spending February and March in Key Biscayne, FL, to miss the harshest part of winter. I'm on some small boats, one of which takes me to Singapore and Tokyo yearly, as well as doing some consulting work. Never learned golf but basically keep in shape walking, biking, and swimming. I keep in touch with classmates **George**

families at the Kelly Group JP Morgan in NYC—always loved the securities business and still do." Jack and Ingrid enjoy their six grandchildren and still live in Pottersville, NJ. Jack's best days at Cornell: "The 60th Reunion last year—looking forward to the 65th." **Brad** and **Nancy Horgen Corbitt '74** still hail from Trumansburg, NY, and enjoy local activities in and around Ithaca. Brad is on the mend, now driving, from a fractured hip. **Russ Taft** sends his greetings from home in Kula, HI, where he continues community theater and choral arts. He travels too: a year ago he took the river cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest and since then has gotten to central Oregon and taken another cruise, from NYC to Miami via Bermuda and the Caribbean. He is most satisfied these days with "being healthy."

Ann Steffen Bradley (bradleyann2012@gmail.com) moved to Wake Forest, NC, closer to her family, where her younger son races in the NASCAR SCR class for relaxation as he thrives with his business. Ann writes, "I do as much as I can with family and friends and feel that all my days at Cornell were good." **Beverly Amerman Lewin** (husband **Laurence, PhD '59**) writes from Israel (lewinb@hotmail.com) that her grandchildren, three of whom are professional musicians, bring her life great satisfaction these days. **Sonja Kischner Wilkin** (sonjawilkin@gmail.com) greatly enjoys her five grandchildren, ranging in age from 12 to 27, with a second great-grandchild on the way, all in Washington and California. She's involved with community activities in Clayton, CA, a small town near the San Francisco Bay Area, where she's a founding member and past board president of their Valley Village. She also hikes, goes to the gym, does some traveling, and plays bocce. She recalls her best day at Cornell was graduation and then marriage at 3:00 p.m. in Anabel Taylor Hall.

Sadly, we must report the passing of a classmate well known to many, **Lynn Clark** Gioiella. Her sister, **Catherine Clark Milnor '59**, wrote that "she went out at the top of her game" even with the need for the electric scooter to get around. Her great zest for life and sense of humor prevailed as she was enjoying her beloved Fire Island when a heart attack occurred. Lynn trained a lot of nurses over the years with her PhD in nursing from NYU and served as dean of the Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing for 15 years and continued her activity in nursing academia and consulting thereafter. We will miss her fine humor and great spirit.

Dick '57, BEE '59, and **Dale Reis Johnson** (dale.johnson@cox.net) planned to visit Cornell this fall to see some of their favorite professors and staff, crossing

59 It's well known and not surprising that '59ers attending our Reunions leave on a high. But so do many of the spouses, kids, and others who accompany them. Even sisters: **Pat Corwin** Kubicki '61, DVM '63, PhD '66, came with her sister **Phyllis Corwin** Rogers to our 60th, making this Pat's very first Cornell Reunion. Says Phyllis: "Pat was so surprised at how much she enjoyed the weekend. The activities carried it along, and the weather was just plain perfect! Pat was on campus through my four years—and beyond, as she pursued her advanced degrees—and joined my sorority (Chi Omega), so she has a lot of shared memories with us." **Dave** and **Peggy Flynn Dunlop**, MS '63's daughter **Lauren Dunlop Schler '00** held a special reception during Reunion to honor Dave and present him with a book of 85 letters she had collected from former colleagues and friends describing the impact his life and work have had on them. Four people spoke at the reception, including Andy Noel, Cornell's athletic director, and Fred Van Sickle, vice president for Alumni Affairs and Development, who presented Dave with a special citation from Cornell in appreciation of all that he had done during his 38-year career with his alma mater. Hard to believe that Dave retired from Cornell 22 years ago. (Of course, it's hard to believe it's been 60 years since we graduated!)

"This has been an eventful and nostalgic year for **Doug '57** and me," writes **Carole Sahn Sheft**. "Our granddaughter **Julia Cartwright '19** graduated from the Hotel school and we had a wonderful long weekend in Ithaca to celebrate. We visited favorite spots from our time there (Taughannock and Buttermilk Falls, in particular), and discovered the lovely Stewart Park at the south end of Cayuga, which we somehow missed all those years ago. The graduation took place in Schoellkopf and the weather was beautiful, as was the graduation itself. Schoellkopf was more crowded than I ever saw it during a football game! A couple of weeks later, three generations

of family members (14 of us) congregated in a large house near Bordeaux, France, for a delayed weeklong celebration of Doug's and my 60th wedding anniversary, which actually was last February. Everyone loved our ancient house with its charming garden and visiting the beautiful city of Bordeaux. In addition to our Cornell graduate, we had two grandsons graduate from high school this spring. Graham will be attending MIT and Alex will be in Arts & Sciences at Cornell. Of course, we are thrilled."

Arthur '57 and **Nancy Vogel Kelly** recently donated their 40-plus-year research business, Kinship, to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. The Kellys have produced over 300 books on topics of New York local history and genealogy, and much of their material is available online for researchers. The Kellys reside in Rhinebeck, where Nancy was a charter member of the Rhinebeck Historical Society and the Dutchess County Genealogical Society, and is the current Town Historian, working to preserve historical records, interpret history, and identify land, buildings, and objects of historical significance. The couple, who have four children, recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

John and **Nancy Collins Sterling** have moved from their 30-year residence on Warren Rd., Ithaca, to Longview Senior Center, across from Ithaca College. **Saul '58** and **Helen Sugarman Presberg** have moved to an independent senior living apartment in Rochester. **Carol Vieth** Mead has been taking Omniflore classes at the Osher Lifelong Learning Inst. at California State U. The program is centered on study/discussion groups that meet on a campus in Redondo Beach, CA. "I love stimulating my brain doing research and preparing a 45-minute presentation for each course," says Carol. "So far, I've studied salt mines, Queen Victoria, the history of music, the Romanovs, and the Broadway musicals of Rodgers & Hammerstein." To celebrate her 80th birthday, Carol took daughter **Betsy Mead Noel '86** on a trip to Eastern Europe, where a highlight was a cruise up the Danube from Budapest to Prague.

Another trip down memory lane—and there's photographic evidence: During our days on the Hill, **Janice Fixeler Snelbecker** was dating **Burt Butler '58**, who gave her a mechanical stuffed lion toy that wagged its tail. Janice liked the gift, so Burt thought it would be cool to get her a real lion. He bought the lion, Dexter, from an animal trainer, kept him in his apartment, and proceeded to walk him on a leash around campus. Janice never accepted this feline gift; Burt eventually decided it was a dumb thing to have a lion, returning Dexter to the animal trainer. Comments Janice's daughter, **Karen Snelbecker Stern '90**, "Mom and Burt eventually broke up, and she met my dad, the late **Glenn Snelbecker, PhD '61**."

Lastly, here's another story of romance: As his high school years neared their end back in the 1950s, **Jim Chamberlain** attended the high school prom with Diane Burrows. Thereafter the two went their separate ways, married, had kids, etc. Eventually their daughters became executives in the same company, became friends, and—yup—"introduced" their parents to one another. Diane is now Jim's domestic partner; they live in Suwanee, GA. ❖ **Jenny Tesar**, jtesar@sbcglobal.net.

60 Writing from her new digs, **Donna Williams** Beusch reports, "In 2018 John and I sold our home in Stow, MA, where we had lived for 45 years, and moved to an over-55 community in Pelham, NH. I keep busy now with reading groups, the League of Women Voters, and the process of settling into a new place. I also look forward to spending sunny summer days at our

vacation home and on the beach in Falmouth, Cape Cod, with our daughters and grandchildren. During winter I wish I could still be skating and cross-country skiing, but health issues have made it unwise." Asked about what gives her special satisfaction, Donna says, "I am happy to picture our granddaughter **Rory Washecka '22** as she faces the pleasures and challenges of her first years at Cornell."

Another dual-residence classmate is **Sandra Nasar Gross**. She and **Barry, MA '62**, spend seven months each year in Delray Beach, FL, and the other months in East Lansing, MI, where Barry was a professor of English at MSU for many years and Sandi worked as a writer-editor and librarian. In Florida they enjoy "seeing foreign films, entertaining out-of-town visitors and family members, exercising daily in the pool, and participating in book groups." Sandi likes "having time to do things in a leisurely way, spending plenty of time with friends and family, and reading Scandinavian murder mysteries." The Grosses' big family news: "Our oldest granddaughter, **Rachel '14**, married **David Chase '12** in October 2018. We also have a 1-1/2-year-old grandchild named Mercer and six others." Sandi notes that her best day at Cornell was meeting Barry in a graduate seminar on Eugene O'Neill.

Thomas Manley Jr. reports from Norwich, NY, that he and wife Donna are "at home on our retired heifer farm. I keep busy mowing fields and doing forest management." He notes that he is fortunate to have other family members nearby; his son and wife and granddaughters live in Ithaca. Although **Pete Rodgers** now lives in a South Carolina town called Travelers Rest, he seems inattentive to its suggestive name. Not only is he busy with golf and volunteering for local charitable organizations, his ardor for cycling recently led him to complete two long-distance events: the 2017 RAGBRAI, a ride across Iowa of 485 miles in seven days, and the 2018 Greenville-to-Charleston ride of 255 miles in three days. Pete even says he'd like to be doing "a bit more traveling, but our three dogs make it difficult."

Now long retired from his career as a business executive, **Jack Klinge** continues his strong community involvement in Westport, CT, having, he says, "served as an elected town official for the last 20 years, worked as a substitute teacher and coach in the local high school for about 100 days a year, and been a member of various local charity boards." He and his wife, Jeanne, also travel extensively, both to visit various corners of the world and to see their adult children and eight active grandchildren in New Jersey, Chicago, and San Francisco. Answering the question about who, at Cornell, had the greatest impact on him, Jack says, "Despite being a chemical engineer, my most memorable professor was Paul Gates, who taught History of the West."

In Portsmouth, RI, **Emil Cipolla**, MBA '63, is actively involved at both the local and state level, serving as a volunteer with the city's economic development committee and as an unpaid lobbyist at the state legislature, working on behalf of veterans benefits and affairs. Himself a veteran of the US Air Force, Emil says he "developed a study that showed Rhode Island would gain net revenue by exempting military pensions from Rhode Island income tax." He and Barbara have two children on the East Coast, **Jeffrey, PhD '92**, who is a principal in an applied science firm in Washington, and Kimberly, who also has a doctorate and holds a senior position at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport. Still busy with his mentoring of realtors in southern Arizona and his work with the National Assn.

of Realtors, **James "J.T." Tsighis** of Tucson says he also visits his grandson and daughter in Jupiter, FL, two or three times a year and spends time in New York City "taking in theatre on Broadway."

Sincere condolences to **Cynthia Golomb Dettelbach**, who writes from Ohio: "I'm trying to get used to life as a solo after 59 wonderful years of marriage. **John '58** passed away in October 2018. Helping me adjust are good friends and a return to my post-retirement endeavor: playwriting." Several of her previously written plays have been staged at a local theatre and elsewhere in the region, so we send good wishes for her to find solace in continued productivity. Keep the news coming to: ❖ **Judy Bryant Wittenberg**, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 Greetings from Nevada, classmates! I never would have imagined I would be a Nevadan, and actually say it. One never knows what life will bring. Thanks for your news and for telling what life has brought you.

Betty Schultz Goldberg (goldbergbet@gmail.com) says, "**Josh '63**, MS '65, and I are avid theater-goers; last year we saw over 160 plays in NYC, at Yale, and at other Connecticut locales. We just returned from a mini-trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake, where we saw three plays in one day at the Shaw Festival. We came home via Glimmerglass Opera in Cooperstown. We planned the operas around **Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54**'s presentation of *Opera and the Law*. She is marvelous. This year's opera highlight was a production of *La Traviata*, which we studied in Music 101-102. I contacted the professor who taught the course and got a lovely answer, but I can't remember his name. If anyone remembers, contact me. In other news, we recently had dinner with **Bobbi Lester** and **Arthur Margolin** before seeing *Because of Winn Dixie* at Goodspeed's Norma Terris Theatre. Looking forward to the 60th Reunion."

From **Robert Gambino**: "I run my 3,000-sq.-ft. greenhouse producing special ornamental plants. I am active politically and socially in our community. I have completed 50 years of marriage this year in Connecticut and hit 80—plenty of years to go. Best day at Cornell was watching Spring Weekend." **Lee Forker Jr.** (leeforker@aol.com) writes, "I work as a trustee for the U. of Virginia Alumni Assn. (MBA '63)." He plays golf at the Cohasset (MA) Golf Club and the Harbor Ridge Yacht and Country Club in Palm City, FL. He adds, "I'm delighted that our two children and their kids (five in all) are back in Massachusetts—one in Wellesley, the other in Belmont. My best day was when I left Chemical Engineering and entered Arts & Sciences."

Diana Frumkes Thompson is an advocate for seniors and the hard of hearing. She recently took a trip to Patagonia with Road Scholar. She and her husband are both healthy and are contributing to the community and state. She remembers especially playing the flute with the Cornell Orchestra and classes with Prof. Foote in Philosophy. **Joanne Schapiro** Koch (joannebarakoch@gmail.com) has had 18 plays and musicals produced, including: *Raunchy Little Musical*, about Belle Barth, and the musical *American Klezmer*, both of which were written in collaboration with Ilya Levinson (music) and Owen Kalt (lyrics); and a new production of *Safe Harbor* based on the story told to her by **Andy Algava '60**. "I love collaborating on musicals and helping other playwrights and emerging writers. I continue to direct the master's in written communication program at National Louis U. in Chicago."

Robert Stamper (Berkeley, CA) is "still working as a distinguished professor at UCSF School of Medicine. Research projects in San Francisco, India, and Nepal

keep me occupied—clinical work in San Francisco also. I love off time and enjoy skiing, fly fishing, and hiking in mountains. I'm a recent (2018) recipient of the Visionary Award from the Glaucoma Research Foundation." From **Mehdy Douraghy** (douraghy@yahoo.com): "I am still working three days a week. I am also curating an exhibition on prayer rugs in Evanston, IL, at Minasian Rug Gallery. For my 85th birthday, my wife, four children with wives and husbands, and eight grandchildren will be celebrating in Bali, Indonesia."

Diane Baillet Meakem (dbmeakem@aol.com) says, "My army of grandchildren has hit the colleges. Two frosh are at Cornell (yay), two are at Dartmouth (Tuck), one is at Brown, and one is at Tufts. Younger ones range in age from 3 to 17. There are 18 in all. I am blessed." From Woodstock, IL, **William Schmeelk** (abschmeelk@aol.com), married to **Alice (Bruno)**, writes, "My daughter, Julia, is publishing a series of novels—the "New Earth" series. Six novels have been in print, volume seven is ready, and volume eight will be ready soon. Her website: Juliaschmeelk.com."

Peggy Monkmeyer Mastroianni (Washington, DC) has "retired from being legal counsel of the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. I am now volunteering in a number of one-to-one positions. I seem to be in a new world—providing direct service—tutoring very young public school children in reading, helping visitors at the National Museum of African American History and Culture, and facilitating English conversation groups for foreigners. All incredibly interesting."

James Baden, MD '65 (Hilton Head, SC) is "a volunteer in a local clinic and Rotary Club and singing in a barbershop chorus." He enjoys time with grandchildren and time to read. His best day at Cornell? "Graduation—on to medical school!" **Gail Kweller** Ripans (ripans@mindspring.com) is still teaching at Senior U. of Atlanta on current events and world affairs. "We attend concerts and plays and entertain—we love being grandparents. We have been traveling—on a cruise from Amsterdam to Norway—and to our condo in St. Pete Beach, FL." **Douglas Dedrick** '59, DVM '61 (drdoug316@aol.com) lives in The Villages, FL, and says he "plays the ukulele with grandsons and enjoys bicycling. I maintain homes in Florida and New York."

Two quick notes: **Lawrence Abrams** (liabrams@verizon.net) is still working full time as a probate attorney in Bethesda, MD. And **Barbara Ela Randall** (fbr4@cornell.edu) and husband **Forrest** '60 checked in from Randolph Center, VT. Thanks to all for keeping in touch! Send news to: ♦ **Susan Williams** Stevens, sastevens61@gmail.com; or **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net.

62 Happy winter holidays to all! It's strange to think you'll be reading this column in November as I write it in August. If you send an annual letter, please share a copy with me to share with your classmates. The news drawer is empty.

Robert and **Marion Janel Zinman** (mjzinman@yahoo.com) are in Tarrytown, NY, where Marion reports that exercise classes are keeping her busy, as are wonderful grandchildren and travel. Robert has retired after his second career as a professor at St. John's law school. **Carol Buchholtz** Cynkin (bubbic3x@gmail.com) is in Glendora, CA, where she enjoys seeing her children, Lisa and David. The oldest of her three fantastic grandkids just finished college and is in the music business. Carol's husband, Gene, passed away in 1990 after they had been married for 29 years. A former elementary school teacher, Carol loves to travel with many trips to Europe,

Asia, and South America. **Dick and Neil Ann Stuckey Levine** '63 live in Princeton, NJ, where Dick is in his 54th year at Dow Jones & Co. They enjoy spending time with five grandchildren. Dick (levinerichardj@gmail.com) is president of Dow Jones News Fund, a nonprofit that trains college students and recent graduates for professional journalism careers. He also serves on the boards of the Dow Jones Foundation and Princeton Symphony. He cites the day he met his future wife while working on the staff of the *Cornell Daily Sun* as his best day on campus.

Tomas and Maritza Zeisel write from Johns Island, SC. Tomas (zeiselm@msn.com) continues to work for Habitat for Humanity, while also doing consulting work in the hospitality business in Latin America, the Caribbean, and the US. He also volunteers with Reading Partners in Charleston County, working with elementary school children. Tomas and Maritza look forward to celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2020. The memoir of **E. Kay Trimberger** (Berkeley, CA; trimberg@sonoma.edu) will be published by Louisiana State University Press in March 2020. Its title is *Native Son: An Adoptive Mother Untangles Nature and Nurture*, and it features an afterword by her son, Marc, and a foreword by New York author Andrew Solomon.

Randy Scott Little (Somerset, NJ; rsl@att.net) has spent much time in Ithaca over the past few years. Four years ago, Cornell swimming and diving started a mentoring program for freshman swimmers and divers. Randy signed on immediately and has enjoyed the extra "excuse" to attend as many meets as possible. Each year allowed several trips to cheer on the Big Red and to spend some good time with **Noah Burgett** '19, his mentee. "It was always nice to meet many of the parents who came to see their daughter or son in action. And to chat with the fine coaching staff—apropos of which, **Wes Newman** '09, the **Philip H. Bartels** '71 Head Coach of Men's Swimming, was inducted into the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming weekend, October 5. Way to go, Wes! Activities of the Cornell Council, the Cornell Engineering Alumni Assn., and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology give me additional 'excuses' to get back to Ithaca. This May we made it a family affair for Convocation and Commencement. My wife, JoAnn, hosted our daughters, **Diane Little** Sassano '88 and **Karen Little** '89, as well as Diane's husband, Frank, and our grandchildren, **Toni Sassano** '19 and Natalie Sassano. Toni was awarded his BS with dual majors in Chemical Engineering and Nutritional Science. Toni had lettered as a four-year member of the Cornell Color Guard. Way to go! Two weeks later we were back again for Reunion Weekend, welcoming all to the Cornell Engineering Alumni Assn. hospitality event and attending Engineering breakfasts and lunches. Then back again the very next week for the Lab of O's Sound Recording Workshop, to present a program on the history of bird sound recording at Cornell. All very enjoyable activities!" ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 2430 76th Ave. SE, #331, Mercer Island, WA 98040; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 As you read this, we are approaching holiday season. How fast time goes these days! I am in desperate need of news from classmates. When you write your holiday letter, why don't you copy me as well? I won't put in every word from those letters, but it will be a great way for you to communicate news to your class correspondent. Otherwise, just send an e-mail with your news! It doesn't have to be lengthy, but just fill me in on what you are doing to keep active and busy.

George, ME '66, and **Diane Ehemann** live in Lancaster, PA. George admits that he dabbles in architectural

software development and is currently bogged down in the graphics end of it. "I could use some expert advice on Visual Studio. With seven grandchildren, Diane and I are enjoying music, concerts, recitals, and high school robotics competitions. We are planning our next river cruise and enjoy singing at church and in a Liederkranz (cultural club) chorus."

Bob Myers writes from Woodbridge, CA: "I have always been in the sporting goods business in one way or another. Currently, I am involved in fly fishing manufacturing and selling. Patti and I have a new grandson, Nash, born in February but also have two other grandsons, Kameron, 8, and Josh, 18." Josh started college this fall. When asked if there was anything else he wishes he could be doing, Bob wrote, "Nah! I hunt, fish, water ski, and ride my bike—and I'm writing a book about my childhood experiences entitled 'Up on Kneeland Road.'" Bob is also "happy to be physically and mentally able to do the things I do. I hung up my skates two years ago, but I might pull them out of the bag and play senior hockey again." Bob's best day at Cornell: "The day we beat Harvard in hockey—first time ever. I played varsity hockey and I hope I helped us win that game."

Renda Lindley McCaughan, MS '66 (New Milford, CT) writes, "Pete and I celebrated our 50th anniversary in October 2018. During that year we traveled to England, exploring 1652 Quaker country. We also took our family (older son, his wife and daughter, and younger son) to Hawaii for Christmas as part of the celebration—a joyous time!" **Mary Lou Moore West**, MS '65, and husband **Roger** '60, PhD '65, have "three wonderful grandchildren: Aurora, 10, plays clarinet as we did in the Cornell Band; Selena, 7, plans to be a geologist; and Ezra, 26 months, has named his stuffed bunny Octagon." Mary Lou enjoys astronomy and quilting.

On August 4, **Edward Hoerning** attended the Cornell Alumni Assn. of Charlotte New Student Send-Off in Charlotte, NC. Six students were honored by alumni and parents as they prepared to join the freshman Class of 2023. Ed sent a photo as well, which was fun to see, and he commented, "It appears I was the oldest there."

That's all the news I have to report at this time. Please consider sending an e-mail with your news. Everyone's news is important and there is someone reading the magazine who will say "I remember you." ♦ **Nancy Biers** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Road, Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ickle63@gmail.com. Class website, <http://cornellclassof63.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

64 Lots of news this month and more to come in subsequent columns, so thanks to you all for taking my entreaties for column material to heart. With that said, let's get to it.

To begin, here's some new and added information about our 55th Reunion book, mentioned in the Sept/Oct column. **Cindy Wolloch** put together a very special Reunion panel on the JFK Memorial Award, about its impact on recipients' lives and plans for the award's future. Recent grantee speakers included panelists **Jared Genser** '95, **Katie Dealy** Polansky '00, and **Phil Caruso** '08, and two other grantees visiting alumni **Ilir Zherka** '89 and **Sam Ritholtz** '14. Cindy also published a wonderful book updating our 50th Reunion's JFK Award history, with bios of all our grantees from 1965 to 2019. Books were available at Reunion. If you'd like a copy, contact Cindy (cwolloch@yahoo.com) with your name and mailing address. To learn more about the JFK Award Fund, go to: <http://cornell1964.org/jfk/jfk-donate.html>.

Leslie Oppenheim Friedman, who last appeared here in 1990, lives in Mendham, NJ, and writes she's still selling residential real estate in northern New Jersey for Coldwell Banker. Leslie says, "Send referrals!" She recently visited Arizona, California, and Florida, plus Egypt and Istanbul. She's also busy with "four kids and four granddaughters in three states." Plus, she's a self-professed "NYC addict," finding time to go to Manhattan for theater, art, and music. **Nathan Isikoff**, last here in 1995, writes he's retired from Transwestern, a commercial real estate company, after 53 years' service, and now is an advisor and director of real estate issues for VR World, a NYC-based virtual reality entertainment center that is expanding nationwide. Nathan's also on the advisory board of Cornell's Baker Program in Real Estate. Nathan, who lives in New York, says he otherwise spends time "cruising the world." His first grandchild graduated from Cornell this year, where he was a Phi Beta Kappa. **Lois Gwinner** Dallow, in this column a dozen years ago, writes that she and husband Richard have "moved permanently to Naples, FL, and love living here full time after 40 years in the cold in Boston."

James Reyelt wrote from his summer home in Edenderry, Republic of Ireland, that he had open heart surgery back in his winter home in Florida last April, including a triple bypass! Jim noted, "This greatly dashed plans to return to Ireland from Palm Beach, FL, in mid-April. It took 25 days in four different hospitals and rehab centers to summon up energy and wits to recover from the silent heart attack!" Jim goes on to note that his heart attack came with "no warning" as he had been very active over the years playing tennis and golf plus swimming. Jim is retired from managing hotels and sports clubs and continues to play tennis, but otherwise focuses on his artistic side: "I paint scenes in optimistic, positive colors." He sells products of his paintings, note cards and the like, in Ireland and Palm Beach, with subjects ranging from abbeys and old castles to sunlit landscapes. He's a member of the Lake Worth Art League and was invited to join the Palm Beach Arts and Crafts Council. Jim returned to Ireland with his 17-year partner, Angela, in late April, but his heart issues voided any chance of attending our 55th Reunion, which he deeply regretted.

Alice Dannett Friedenson, MA '71, writes, "Pura Vida! Husband **Bob, PhD '69**, and I were in Costa Rica escaping another New England winter. We rented a small house in Playa Grande, which included a shared swimming pool and a ten-minute walk to the ocean. Last Christmas vacation, two of our Cornell sons (**Eric '90** and **Ted '01**) with their wives and three of our grandkids joined us there. We enjoy many Costa Rican, Canadian, and American friends in the community, spending our days snorkeling, swimming, or reading on the beach. Relaxing evenings sometimes include music or rodeos/fiestas. As a way of giving back to this wonderful country we've visited for 20 years, I volunteer teaching clay sculpture to young children in an impoverished community nearby. In July 2018, we proudly cheered our grandson (Eric's son) to a fourth-place finish on the USA National 18 and Under canoe/kayak team in Italy at the world championships. After the competition we toured Vienna and Prague. We also enjoy frequent trips to see our three sons, their wonderful wives, and seven grandchildren in Colorado, Washington State, and Maryland. We had a wonderful visitor from Israel in November, **Donna Gellis** Grushka. At home in Andover, MA, or in Costa Rica, we love having guests. Join us."

That's it for now. Send your news to me by e-mail, regular mail using the news form or a sheet of paper, our class website (www.cornell1964.org), or our class

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964>. ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net.

Music Workshop at Humboldt State U., in the redwoods in Northern California. Then, he went for a week of concerts in Ireland with the San Jose Wind Symphony. He was

'Meeting new folks is a true virtue of our Reunions.'

SCOT MACEWAN '65

65 Do you have June 4-7, 2020 marked with stars on your calendar? Say YES and we'll gather for our 55th Reunion with wonderful activities and the comradery of classmates who will come from all over the US and some international destinations. **Myron Jacobson** (mgjacobson@aol.com), our Reunion chair, and his committee are eager to hear your suggestions to augment the planned events that will highlight our days together.

Scot MacEwan (macewans@comcast.net) writes: "I read in the *Alumni Magazine* of the passing of **Dave Mellon**. Dave was one of my all-time favorite guys to meet and chat with at Reunion. Like so many people we enjoy at Reunions, he was not a guy I knew when we were on the Hill, and we only became acquainted when we all got together in years afterwards. Meeting new folks is a true virtue of our Reunions that doesn't get mentioned often but which I bet is true for all of us." Scot, for our upcoming Reunion, please bring the photo that you sent to me from our Reunion in 1995. Scot references the photo with this caption: "Here's a picture of Scot, Dave Mellon, and **George Arangio**, MD '69, taking applause after doing the waddle line dance in a tent on the Quad." He elaborates with the dance step directions: "You take three steps to the right and you waaaa-dle." Scot adds, "Thanks for the years of friendship and fun. Travel and the Fates be kind, see you all next year and looking forward to it!"

Travel is a passion for many of us, and I'm happy to suggest the Dordogne and Languedoc regions of France. This past July, I enjoyed a terrific three weeks of exploring prehistoric sites, driving along expansive scenic vistas, climbing a half-mile up to Chateau Queribus, shopping in village markets, tasting wines and cheeses, learning about the Templars and the Cathars, gliding down the Dordogne in a gabarre. Medieval Carcassonne and the Lascaux caves were super highlights!

Please send your news of retirement living, continued work commitments, and travel experiences to us; and please use my gmail address rather than my old comcast address. Happy Holidays ahead—and as you plan 2020, make coming to Reunion a priority, June 4-7! ♦ **Joan Hens** Johnson, joanipat@gmail.com; **Steve Appell**, bigred1965@aol.com.

66 Welcome to winter, as the days grow shorter and colder! Remember how hot the summer was in much of the US in July? Which season/temperature do you prefer?

E. Foster DeReitzes (fdereitzes@gmail.com) has a new address in Santa Fe, NM. **John Monroe**, PhD '70, co-president of the Class of '66, is now active on the Cornell Council, and as low brass coach at Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School. You may remember that John was a trombone player when we all started our freshman year. Last summer, he was in his annual brass Chamber

nearly able to talk **Ronni Barrett** Lacroute into attending the concert in Dublin but couldn't work it out. She had just arrived in Ireland to see some theater. John is also on the board of directors of Blue Diamond Growers. He wrote, "We own an almond orchard in the Sacramento Valley, CA." He also wrote that in 1966, he never thought he might own an almond orchard! He and **Meg (Warne), MS '68**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May 2018 in Oxfordshire, England, with his family, "including two very cute grandsons with 'posh' British accents."

Peter Freeman wrote that he got a card photo from **Roy** and **Michelle Grimm**, who "both look great and happy." **Sue Rockford** Bittker (ladyscienc@aol.com) wrote that she and husband Don "have an extensive outdoor sculpture collection, mainly from the Southwest and Northeast. We have met and gotten to know most of the people whose work we collect. Sculptures are primarily steel, either found objects, or cut and welded. We have five that were commissioned by us. Recently, we were written up in *Bedford Magazine*, a local publication that highlights local residents and projects. We also collect ceramic, glass, and artist blacksmith works."

Bruce Bergman continues to practice law at Berkman Henoch in Garden City, NY, and his now four-volume legal treatise, *Bergman on New York Mortgage Foreclosures* (LexisNexis Matthew Bender) published in 1990, is still very much in print with two supplements written for each of the last 30 years. While used by lawyers and judges in New York, and cited there by courts at all levels, it has also been cited as authority by the highest courts in California and Connecticut, most recently by the Virginia Supreme Court; no retirement in the offing for the writing efforts. **Carol Shuler** Rahn (revrahn@gmail.com) retired from active ministry for the second time in January. She is now living in San Antonio, TX. She has talked with her oldest granddaughter about which college to attend, but Cornell was never in the running because the granddaughter felt that it is "too cold" in Ithaca. Carol's favorite place to vacation is St. George Island, FL; she and her family have vacationed there for 23 years!

Lucy Mueller (Sunapee, NH; LucyAlisonMueller@gmail.com) is also retired and enjoys singing, creating art, practicing yoga, traveling, and delighting in family and friends. She is active in her local historical society's efforts to establish a permanent climate-controlled building for Sunapee's 250 years of history. She also has new interests, including the fact that she's writing her second book! "It's almost finished and ready to publish," she writes. What is she doing now that she never thought she'd be doing in 1966? Building sculptures from found objects, and enjoying small children for short times! Last winter, Lucy again visited the Southwest to see family and friends; she enjoyed the desert and cactus and got away from the snow and ice in Sunapee. **Marty Schwartz**, ME '67, recently took two wonderful trips. In October 2018, he toured the Dalmatian Coast. Then, in February of this year,

he toured Argentina, Chile, and Antarctica, about which he wrote, "It is unspoiled and 'otherworldly.' Anyone who can go, should go."

Stan Sterenberg (stan.sterenberg@gmail.com) has retired from teaching math (grades six and seven) at an independent girls' school in NYC. He now substitute teaches at a number of schools, also in NYC, and does

four decades. Over the next 41 years, he contributed widely to the development of high-resolution electron microscopy of biological macromolecules, now the most powerful way to understand the structures of the biochemical "machines" that carry out the diverse functions of living cells. By the 1980s, Ken was drawn into major international collaborations, resulting in paradigm-setting

Studies field trip, which left on a three-plus-week tour of the US on August 17, 1968. **Bernice Bradin** (bbradin@Comcast.net) finally retired as CFO at Lesley U. in Cambridge, MA, last December. Since then she's been consulting, working on the board of a nonprofit, renovating her kitchen and bathroom, and, of course, traveling. Bernice and her daughter Martha, who will attend Wells College beginning in fall 2019, recently took a fabulous trip to Tokyo, Kyoto, and Osaka, Japan. Retirement has given Bernice the much-needed sleep time she lacked for so many years, as well as deadline-free days to spend with friends.

Kathy Riggs Van Wie (weihome@aol.com) and her husband, Bill, live in Houston, TX. Kathy works with three nonprofits: Faith in Practice, where she's a translator for their medical mission in Guatemala; Amistad Mission's orphanage and programs for families at risk in Bolivia; and Freedom Place, a residential and therapeutic facility for under-18-year-old girls rescued from sex trafficking. Last summer, Kathy, her son's family, and her sister **Barbara Riggs '75** traveled to the Galápagos. Great to hear our classmates are still so active. ♦ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

'Patrick Kelly continues to offer mental health counseling support to Canadian first responders.'

CONNIE FERRIS MEYER '70

occasional tutoring. He wrote, "My wife and I play competitive bridge (that's how we met), and I play not-so-competitive golf." He wrote that he's been on a nostalgia tour—searching for old friends, then reconnecting by e-mail and sometimes in person. Another teacher, **Mel Lef er**, retired in May after 45 years of teaching at the U. of Virginia and Vanderbilt U.

I laughed when I read **Joel Edelstein's** note: "I'm still working more than full time as a psychiatrist/psychoanalyst, trying to help kids and grown-ups have more satisfying lives through understanding and chemistry." He wrote, "I never thought that in 2019 I'd still be sending my own kids through college; and I never thought that as a Brooklyn boy, I'd be living in the hometown (Elkins Park, PA) of my TEO big brother **Donnie Levenson '64**, BA '65." ♦ **Pete Salinger**, peteRsalinge95@gmail.com; **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, Deanne.Gitner@gmail.com.

67 Douglas Shore (Atlanta, GA; dlshore2660@gmail.com) writes: "Had a great couple of days on the Hill for the Entrepreneurship at Cornell Celebration in April. I stayed at the Statler, enjoyed excellent speakers and symposia, met many alumni (most younger than me), and had the honor of serving as a judge for the Big Idea Competition Finale at eHub CollegeTown. Cornell has an amazing collection of young student entrepreneurs, and an outstanding faculty, staff, and related network of organizations in the Entrepreneurship at Cornell ecosystem. The only downside: traveling from 80 degrees in Atlanta to low 30s in Ithaca. One of the companies pitching in the eLab Demo Day competition is headed by the nephew of Cornell (and high school) classmate **Barry Strauss**—I enjoyed catching up with his family, including Barry's brother **Marvin Strauss '63**, MBA '65, and a follow-up call with Barry."

Sara Ganeless Levine (Santa Rosa, CA; sarafran@sonic.net) is a retired primary care physician—internist and pediatrician. She writes, "Our house burned down in the 2017 Sonoma County wildfires. We rebuilt ourselves and it has been a rewarding adventure." She adds that she has gotten satisfaction from "building our house and planning gardens." If she had a free day in Ithaca, she'd walk around the lake.

Kenneth Downing, PhD '74, who died in August 2018, earned all his degrees through his PhD at Cornell. While a sophomore, he met his future wife, Linda, on a ride share. A senior scientist in the Molecular Biophysics and Integrated Bioimaging (MBIB) Division, he worked at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory for more than

papers on the atomic structures of two membrane proteins. His own research group determined the structure of tubulin in 1998, a protein that helps determine cell shape and motility, and which is essential for the separation of chromosomes during cell division. His revolutionary studies gave us the conceptual and structural framework to understand a unique self-assembly system and a major target of anticancer agents. With his microscopy and image analysis he described the binding site and mode of action of the most broadly used anticancer agent, Taxol, as well as new antimetabolic agents of great therapeutic potential, and defined the structure of the microtubule among other contributions. A choir singer, he also enjoyed gardening, model railroading, water skiing, hiking, and woodworking.

I made it to Ithaca in June for my wife's 50th Reunion. For me, this was a first in that the weather was absolutely perfect. I know what you're saying—it's Ithaca, get over it. But it was. Eileen's classmates organized a boat ride up Cayuga a good distance and then back. The whole afternoon was delightful, the sun was shining, and lunch was provided by Wegmans. ♦ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

68 Sally Best Bailey (supplylady@gmail.com) and her husband, Richard Allan, live in Elbert, CO, 8,000 ft. high, where they share the beauty of the woods and meadows with their four Great Pyrenees mountain dogs and a number of other critters. Closer to sea level, their oldest granddaughter will be starting her second year at UC Santa Barbara and their three other grandchildren are working their way through high school. While Sally wishes she could still be singing in a rock band, she's most content now being with her family and remembering weekends at Cornell with her band, The Hedge. **Richard Golding** (goldinrl@delhi.edu) and his wife, Evelyn, can practically see Cornell's campus from their home in Mechanicville, NY. Rich is retired from his full-time job teaching hospitality management at SUNY Delhi but still works there part time when he's not camping or attending professional hospitality events. These days, being with friends and family, being kind and helpful to others, and volunteering brings Rich the most satisfaction.

Timothy Albright lives in Athens, NY, where he keeps busy golfing, skiing, traveling, cruising, and still delivering new fire trucks around the country. Tim's also still active in the Athens Volunteer Fire Dept. His twin grandsons recently graduated from Siena College. Tim's best class memory was an Agronomy 461: Regional Agronomy

69 Hope you all enjoyed your summer—lots of news this time around.

Harvey Leibin retired from full-time architecture at the end of 2016 and is semi-retired, working as a consultant for a Connecticut firm that provides needed project design, management expertise, and design support to architectural teams. He and wife Flo enjoy their three children and five grandchildren and had a wonderful trip to southern France in May 2018. **Charles Antinori** is "still very busy doing general and chest surgery at Inspira Health System in New Jersey." His granddaughter Alessia is the apple of his eye. **Don Verdiani**, ME '71 (Westtown, PA) has been an EMT for the past five years. He is on the board of the Ambulance Corps and is a Red Cross disaster responder as well. Thank you for your service, Don.

Susan Wohryzek Mittler is a NYS Regent (Judicial District 6) and continues to participate in setting educational policy in New York State. Daughter **Jessica '94** is an associate professor at Virginia Commonwealth U. in Richmond, VA. Son **Craig '98** works at RBC Wealth Management in New Jersey and has two children. **David Mason** says he is "now doing all the things I wished I could be doing." He retired ten years ago as a professor of political science at Butler U., and since then is taking Spanish classes at Butler, is a docent at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, plays tennis, travels, and visits his five grandchildren. He and wife Sharon traveled to the Galápagos, Easter Island, and Spain and had plans to head to Zimbabwe this past summer. **William Shaw**, MPA/JD '73, "blessed with good health," is in the process of acquiring his family heritage land, Hogback Falls, adjacent to his home near Trumansburg and expanding his "hobby" tree farm. He is managing two commercial buildings in Ithaca and enjoys motorcycling throughout the Finger Lakes and the Northeast. **Roy Black** is director, real estate program, and professor in the practice of finance at Emory's Goizueta Business School in Atlanta. He plays the recorder, cornamuse, and lute guitar in Lauda Musicam, an early music ensemble.

George Remien is "lucky to have a tiny cottage" in Provincetown on Cape Cod, where in 2018 he and wife Delis celebrated 50 years of marriage with their children, grandchildren, and dear friends. He is enjoying his grandchildren, "chasing the biggest striped" (that's a fish) in the Northeast and "watching spectacular sunsets off Cape

Cod Bay." George wishes he could contribute more to his grandchildren's college funds—"Colleges are much too expensive." However, he adds, "while we can still walk and smile at the same time—we call that a great day!" **Ildiko Czomor Mitchell** is busier than ever taking care of her grandkids four days a week and, sadly, making more "visits to friends in nursing homes." She planned to tackle the Appalachian Trail again this past summer with a group of Cornellians to help "jockey my car" and attend one of the Woodstock concerts "since I missed the original." Ildiko adds, "I am saddened by the passing of my college roommate, **Peggy Greene Nicklin**." **Jan Turk Mills** celebrated 50 years of marriage to **Robin, MBA '69**, by taking a Viking Sun cruise around the world—"44,000 miles, 20-plus countries, and 40-plus ports. Great to be a traveler." They have eight grandchildren, three kids, and "a great family."

Enjoy the holidays—safe travels. A happy and healthy 2020 to you all. Please continue to send your news and notes to: ♦ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl078@gmail.com.

70 Happy Holidays to all my Cornell friends and classmates. These last 12 months have moved through my life so quickly once again (and perhaps through yours as well). I wish all of you good times, good health, and a very good 2020.

The celebration of our June 1970 graduation from our fair Cornell at our 50th Reunion is only seven short months away! You have read the dates for our 50th for the last five years, and here they are again: Thursday, June 4, 2020 until Sunday June 7, 2020! Please contact our two incredible 50th Reunion chairwomen, **Sally Anne Levine** and **Cathy Forster Hogan**, at this designated Class of 1970 50th Reunion e-mail address: Cornell70Reunion50@gmail.com. They are excited to hear from you with questions, ideas, concerns, suggestions, and, of course, offers to volunteer before, during, and after (or all of the above!) with any aspect of our 50th Reunion, large or small. And we are all looking forward to seeing you in June 2020 at our fun and event-filled party weekend at Cornell.

Beth Galston (bethg@bethgalston.com) has had a very busy 2019 and she is very pleased to tell us news of her commissions, exhibits, and press reviews. Her Floating Garden is a large-scale suspended luminous sculpture that is now permanently installed in the 32-ft.-tall atrium in the Pioneer, a 290-unit apartment building in Everett, MA. It is a glowing environment composed of six-foot translucent cast resin shapes that are styled after acorn caps, with amber-colored LEDs and a curving and twisting network of copper tubing and electrical wires. Beth's next commission is in progress at the MBTA Green Line Extension in Somerville, MA. She is working on an artwork for the Gilman Station in collaboration with Bartek Konieczny. Additionally, Beth has Luminous Garden (Wave), which is included in Avant Gardens at the Newport Art Museum in Rhode Island. That exhibit was through September 8, 2019. A review of Avant Gardens appeared in the July/Aug 2019 issue of *Art New England*. Beth's Luminous Garden (Aerial) was recently included in Horizons: As Above, So Below at the Portsmouth Arts and Cultural Center in Virginia. Out in the Open, at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, as well as a yearlong exhibit of public art in the Boston area, included photographs of Beth's Serpentine Fence project. Many of these artworks can be viewed on her website: <http://www.bethgalston.com/>.

Allen London (alondon@srgmgt.com) and his wife, Margot, have a new home in Miami Beach, FL. Allen is busy working on real estate investments and management

in Florida. They have two grandsons, ages 6 and 8. Being with the boys and all of his family brings much happiness to his life. Allen notes that the first person he met at Cornell was **Steve Mitchell**, and he says that if he had a day in Ithaca he would go to the Straight! **Patrick Kelly** (pkelly42@sympatico.ca) and his wife, Angela, continue to live in Ottawa, ON. After more than 18 years, and at the age of 76, Patrick continues to offer mental health counseling support to Canadian first responders on a pro bono basis and has been named an honorary member of the Ottawa Police Assn. Congratulations! He takes continuing education courses to maintain professional certification in MEd/CCC-trauma. He also really enjoys singing with the Ottawa Police Chorus at seniors and nursing homes. In September, Patrick and Angela celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary in "wonderful Copenhagen" while on a memorable Baltic cruise. Another special part of their anniversary trip was meeting the family of their current Rotary Int'l exchange student. The first person that Patrick met at Cornell was Larry Dega, then owner of the Elba Pizzeria in Collegetown, who gave him a part-time job that helped with tuition. Should he have a day in Ithaca, we'd find him kayaking on Cayuga Lake.

Time to connect with Class of '70 friends and make a date to meet on the Hill in June 2020! More classmate, friends, and guests equal MORE FUN! ♦ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088.

71 How are you planning to spend the holidays? Drop us a line to share an update with your classmates; or send your holiday letter to: ♦ **Gayle Yeomans**, gay2@cornell.edu; or **Jim Roberts**, jhr22@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

72 Happy Holidays to everyone! **Patrice Kasten Schwartz** (trices6@optionline.net) sent a note saying that after more than 30 years teaching, she has been retired for seven years. She says that the timing was great, since now her four grandchildren keep her very busy. Patrice also loves playing tennis, traveling, volunteering, being active on her synagogue committees, and having more time to read. She has been able to donate her time to keeping her body healthy by exercising and enhancing her love of the arts by visiting museums, theatre, and concerts. Patrice wishes she could be doing more traveling, since her husband, Elon, still works full time. She gets the most satisfaction being with her grandchildren and spending time with her parents after moving them back to New York from Florida.

Also enjoying her own four grandchildren is **Elizabeth Post Falconi** (betsyfalconi1@gmail.com). Betsy lives in Newtown, PA, where she is retired and doing lots of volunteer work in local organizations. She is also enjoying the creation of a native plant preserve on her property and trying to keep dogs from undoing her work. Betsy and husband **Joe '70** have been in the same house for 32 years, seeing patterns of nature and being actively involved in their community as it changes. Her best day at Cornell was any sunny spring or fall day. Betsy always loved being able to enjoy so much natural beauty between studying. **William "Wes" Schulz**, ME '73, and wife Debbie went on a cruise of the Mediterranean, visiting Greece and Italy. The couple posted dozens of photos on Facebook, 90 percent of which were of food and desserts. Made me hungry every time I viewed one of their posts.

Robert Efron, DVM '75 (bobyak2@aol.com) is a semi-retired veterinarian doing relief work for area clinics. Bob

finds it interesting to visit various hospitals. He is the grandfather of four, and he and his wife, Sharon, are very close to the grandkids. Bob humbly admits that he has had a great life, for which he is very grateful. He would like to hear from his dorm-mates from "old" Dorm 2, Floor 2, Phi Sigma Epsilon, and the Vet college Class of 1975.

Steven Bienstock (lawfirmone@aol.com) is senior partner at Bienstock Law LLC and president of the Montgomery County, MD, Bar Foundation. He is also the past president of the Bar Assn. of Montgomery County. Steve has been a general practice lawyer for 35 years, since starting his firm in 1984. Son **Josh Bienstock '10** joined him in the practice and is knocking it out of the park. Josh and his wife, Jennifer, live five minutes away with Steve's granddaughter Harper, 2. Steve and wife Heidi have been together for five years and were married last December. Heidi's daughter, who lives in Pennsylvania, gave birth last September to their granddaughter Tenley. Steve's daughter, Sarah, just graduated from U. of Buffalo with a psychology degree, and his younger son, **Eli Bienstock '16**, BS '17, is finishing up his last year at Cornell Law. Looks like he'll finally leave Ithaca after eight years. In his spare time, Steve acts and directs, teaches, writes columns on wellness, and is on the speaker's circuit. He says he loves going to Homecoming and, of course, our Reunions. He hopes to see all of us there soon. Send news to: ♦ **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; or **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu.

73 As you read this, Homecoming and October have passed. Alas, it's August as I write, so the news is as sparse as the green grass in our yard. Here's what we have.

Denise Meridith (dpm29@cornell.edu) submitted her news online from Phoenix, AZ, where she lives. Denise has launched a virtual community and think tank for C-suite executives after spending time as a private consultant. Her new venture, "The WBCs," is aimed at expanding into group education and activities (<http://www.thewbcs.com>). Of course, in the midst of this new focus, Denise is satisfied to be moving toward retirement, with less work and more fun. She'd like to spend a day in Ithaca photographing the gorges, lakes, and bridges. She still sees it as one of the most beautiful areas of the US. Lastly, Denise sends a hello to her roommate **Patsy Shipe Reardon**, the first person she met at Cornell. **Robert Shuman** sends greetings from Philadelphia, where he lives with spouse Joyce Lenhardt. He's just become a grandfather and finds that "she wonderfully imposed a whole new perspective on life." Although retired from his architecture firm, Robert continues to work full time, teaching in the Temple U. architecture department. He's an associate professor who very much enjoys teaching and still tolerates the world of academia.

Clark Lackert has joined Carlton Fields as a shareholder in New York. He is a member of the firm's intellectual property practice group. Congratulations, Clark! **Robert Platt**, JD '76, president of the Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE) alumni association, wrote of the loss of an historic tree at their house at 13 South Ave. In 1899, then Governor Theodore Roosevelt visited Cornell to plant two Norway spruces in honor of **Clifton Beckwith Brown 1900**. Brown was the first Cornellian to die in battle. He was killed on San Juan Hill during the Spanish-American War. Since both Roosevelt and Brown had been members of DKE, the trees were planted there. As the trees grew over the next 120 years, the southern tree could no longer be sustained. On June 27, 2019, the historic tree was felled. The logs from the tree have

been saved and will be turned into memorabilia. The fraternity hopes to plant a replacement tree next year.

News from my front includes the joy of having the entire family attend the doctoral graduation of Anna, one of our triplets (all of whom just turned 30—do I get 90 years of child credit?). She is off to Harvard for a postdoctoral fellowship and will finally be able to live with her husband, Hunt, who's doing a sabbatical at Microsoft Research in Cambridge. The triplets and their older sibling gathered in Portland, OR, for a celebration. Dave and I were enjoying the Bay of Islands in Canada. It's where Georgian Bay and Lake Huron meet to form a channel and it is indeed full of islands for picnicking, swimming, kayaking, boating, and, if you've a mind, excellent fishing. Earlier we spent three weeks RVing at a provincial campground on the eastern shore of Lake Superior. Our secondary vehicle hauled our kayaks to inland lakes and Superior on calm days. Even in retirement we cherish our vacations.

Your class officers have been working to improve our website so it's responsive to whatever device you're using. We'll let you know as soon as it's ready for a rollout. Meanwhile, be sure to send your news to: ♦ **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu; **Pamela Meyers**, psmeyers73@gmail.com; or **David Ross**, dlross6@msn.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

74 Thank you to all who wrote this time! **Bob Fagiola** recently retired from the practice of law after 42 years with the firm Shearman & Sterling LLP in Manhattan. He wrote, "I was only doing the lawyer thing while I figured out what I wanted to do when I grew up—I guess that time has come." Among other community services, he is currently mayor of the Village of Lattingtown on the North Shore of Long Island and will continue that role on a pro bono basis in retirement.

Paul Rubin is "staying active, physically and mentally." He continues to do business consulting for strategically implementing the QAD ERP software for manufacturing companies, and he recently received the Life Master in the duplicate bridge world, achieving it while playing with his twin sister. He and his wife are looking forward to a Paris river cruise and subsequent visit to Disney Paris. Paul recently visited classmate **Steve Wasser** at his Statensburg home overlooking the Hudson River. The two met in their freshman dorm and have remained friends ever since. If he had a day in Ithaca, Paul would visit the wrestling facility, dine at Moosewood, and do a puzzle in the Straight.

Steve Raye has published *How to Get US Market-Ready: Wines and Spirits*, "a primer on breaking into the US market for export wine and spirit producers," and he also lectures at the U. of Bologna Business School and at the Cornell Hotel school. He writes, "I'm still trying to figure out what I'm going to do when I grow up."

Ann Prezyna is counsel to the law firm of Lane Powell, where she co-founded an animal and earth advocacy practice group that files lawsuits on behalf of wildlife, environmental nonprofits, and individuals to protect the environment. She writes, "We own a 120-acre ranch in Arizona on the San Pedro River that we are restoring for wildlife habitat. Most of it is under a Nature Conservancy conservation easement. Western diamondbacks, coyotes, yellow-billed cuckoos, and other animals make their home here." The most satisfaction in her life comes from "continuing to act in ways that help save the planet and educating others about things they can do, too." If Ann had a day in Ithaca she would "go on long walks on campus and in neighboring parks."

Esteban Rosas and his wife, Rosa, "will have 44 years of happy marriage next June, three children, and three grandchildren, all rolling." Esteban heads an economic information forecast, variable analysis, and site selection consulting firm. He finds that the most satisfaction in his life comes from "playing my saxophone, teaching music to my 4-year-old, Gustavo, playing soccer with my 12- and 8-year-olds, Stevie and Ro, and loving my wife." What would Esteban do if he had a day in Ithaca? "We were in Ithaca for Homecoming 2017 and toured around and were dazzled with the changes. If we go again, I would love to have a day in Olin Hall, new labs, etc."

Please keep the news coming! It's so nice to hear what our classmates are doing these days, 45 years after graduation. ♦ **Lucy Babcox** Morris, lucmor1433@gmail.com; **Jim Schoonmaker**, js378@cornell.edu.

75 The mail bag (electronic or otherwise) came in with classmate updates. **Stef Feit Gould** and husband **Perry '74** celebrated the marriage of son Keith to Sophie Foster on June 8, 2019. Many Cornellians were in attendance, including Keith's brother **Andrew '05**, Steffi's brother and sister-in-law **Michael '82** and **Margie Bernstein Feit '82**, nephew **Steven Feit '12**, and niece **Rachel Feit '15**.

Karen Lauterbach and **Mark Powers** were in Philadelphia recently for the marriage of their son Kyle to Rim Halaby. Kyle is a fintech entrepreneur and Rim is a cardiology fellow at Penn. Karen and Mark traveled to Alaska earlier this summer and stopped in Pacifica, CA, on the way home to visit son Luke, daughter-in-law Ana Rosario, and grandson Marco. Luke works at Genentech and Ana recently joined YouTube.

The new dean of the ILR school, **Alexander Colvin, PhD '99**, is the **Martin F. Scheinman '75, MS '76**, Professor of Conflict Resolution, a gift made possible by our classmate Martin Scheinman. Both Marty and fellow ILRIE **Mark Brossman** attended the school's 2019 Groat and Alpern Awards gala. **Bill Martin** writes from Valatie, NY. He serves on the board of Camp Joy, a 501(c)(3) corporation for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities. He is also an officer for the Capital District Masonic Charities. He manages to find time to help his daughters restore and renovate farmsteads dating back to the 1840s as well as to restore vintage high-fidelity equipment and systems! His most recent travels were extended family vacations to London and Wales. His best day at Cornell? Bill says, "There are too many to narrow down to one." He treasures the times he met others who have become his lifelong friends.

Ann Welge Schleppl lives in Nevada. She was considering future retirement but says getting laid off put a wrinkle in those plans. She hopes to begin volunteer work with the Humane Society. Her best day at Cornell was as a freshman student, meeting her suitemates in North Campus Low Rise 9. **Aline Pixie** Ordman writes from Vermont, where she is not retired but is a working artist. She was just accepted as a signature member of the Oil Painters of America. Son Max Rosen is a lawyer in San Francisco. Aline's daughter, Samantha, follows in her mom's talented footsteps and is a high school art teacher in New Hampshire.

The Hon. **Bruce Trachtenberg** resides in Niskayuna, NY. He has served as a labor arbitrator for the American Arbitration Assn. and continues to represent children in family court; the latter work he finds especially rewarding, giving voice to children. He enjoys taking cruises and has two grandsons and one granddaughter. **Myra Young** Armstead also lives in New York, in Poughkeepsie. She is

a chaired professor at Bard College, in historical studies. She is also the VP for academic inclusive excellence. Another New York resident is **Julie Ann Racino**, who lives in Rome. She is president and principal of Community and Policy Studies. Go to her website for the firm to learn more. She has been on book tours for her publications, traveling to Seattle, Denver, and Atlanta, among other places. For her, Cornell best days continued after graduation, when she attended Cornell's Sesquicentennial and visited the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research.

Philip Lee sends dues but no news! He lives in California and can be reached at philwlee@yahoo.com. **Mike '70** and **Deb Whipple Degan** enjoy their grandchildren. Deb also travels, knits, and participates in church and other choirs. She and her sister have agreed to let a wind power company build a windmill on land they own. The permit process is under way and she hopes it moves forward. Like many of us, she cannot name "just one" best day at Cornell. "There are too many to count," she says. She looks forward to Reunion 2020; she and Mike will be attending, respectively, their 45th and 50th reunions.

My husband, Joel Boroff, and I recently vacationed at the Greenbrier in West Virginia. We attended a glass-blowing workshop and actually made something that was more than a lumpy blob of glass! Go Big Red! ♦ **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; **Mitch Frank**, mifgator@gmail.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com.

76 We have lots of news to share—thank you to all who sent in forms in the spring and summer! **Todd Hardie** writes from Greensboro Bend, VT, "We farm in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, growing winter rye for bakeries, stores, and Caledonia Spirits. I had founded this distillery, using New York and Vermont honey, and turned it over to the team three-and-a-half years ago, to grow organic grain and make Thornhill Farm rye whiskey with them. This season we are expanding our acreage of elderberries, also organic certified. Some of my favorite days at Cornell were the entomology lab field trips to the Finger Lakes farms and fields to learn about insects and make collections. These led to a life and career of farming and working with honey bees."

More beverage-related news comes from **Janis Versteeg** Halvorsen Olson, co-owner of FernCrest Winery in Andrews, NC. She has been working in the winery and winery tasting room, vegetable gardening, running, biking, and visiting grandchildren. "I finally retired from EduQuest as a consultant in May 2019," she writes, and adds that there's nothing else she wishes she could be doing—life is giving her a great deal of satisfaction right now. Janis's best memory of Cornell was "having my brother **Donald Versteeg '77** over for dinner routinely."

Wendy Alberg writes that she is busy "taking care of Mom as her Alzheimer's worsens. She moved to assisted living recently. I'm still orienteering with the Quantico Orienteering Club and taking a geographical information systems (GIS) class to get into map making. I'm getting back into conservation volunteer work with Maryland DNR Stream Waders, Maryland Master Naturalist program, and Watershed Stewards." Wendy is also a sustainability intern at Howard Community College. She says she gets the most satisfaction from getting outdoors and from doing water aerobics. If there's one thing she wishes she were doing, it's "field checking topo maps." Her best memories of Cornell are of "singing in Sage Chapel Choir Christmas concerts and listening to Don Paterson play the Sage

Chapel organ." From Scottsdale, AZ, **William Nassikas** writes that he is president of Boutique Resort Co., Westroc Hospitality. He and Sarah have a 4-year-old son, Jonathan James, and spending time with him brings William his greatest satisfaction these days. His best day at Cornell was winning NCAA lacrosse against Maryland in May 1976.

Richard and Debra Sabin Nemchek write, "In January 2019 we began volunteering at River House Adult Day Center in Cos Cob, CT. On Friday mornings we bring our rocking chairs, six picture books, and lyric sheets for the half-dozen thematically related songs we put on our iPad for our hour-long program that we call "Rockin' Reads with Debbie and Richard." Our themes have included winter, life (notes on living), wonder, love, and cats too cool to be forgotten. We take turns reading the books to those River House members who assemble and sit facing a beautiful and calming tropical fish tank flanked by our rocking chairs. We play a song after each book and Debbie's amplified, lilting voice encourages our participants to join the fun. Our ever-evolving program was welcomed with open arms by the River House executive director, its manager of therapeutic recreation, and all of its health aides. The members of River House who take part in our program always express their most genuine appreciation to us as we're packing up. One member recently relocated to Williamsburg and left River House inspired to start a Rockin' Reads program of his own in Virginia." Very inspiring!

Here in Cleveland Heights, OH, **Bill Hanavan** has been busy planting trees for anyone who will have them, and he's started the Heights Tree People group to spread the work. He's also been working with a refugee resettlement organization. As for me, **Pat Relf** Hanavan, the book I wrote with Doris A. Dirks, *To Offer Compassion: A History of the Clergy Consultation Service on Abortion*, has now been released in paperback. More importantly, our third grandchild, Beatrice Louise Leslie, was born here in July, so our lives are happy and busy! Please share your news of any variety with us—we all love to hear from you. ♦ **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com; **Lisa Diamant**, ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, krinsk54@gmail.com.

77 To welcome the holiday season, here is news from your classmates from our days up on the Hill. **Dian Nafi** (Corvallis, OR) states, "We are not too busy!" Her husband, John, is semi-retired and works three-quarter time in their local Methodist church; Dian sings in their choir. This is a continuation of her singing at Sage Chapel, which she did three times per week for four years—one of her fondest memories from Cornell. Dian continues to have strong ties to Cornell and Ithaca. Daughter **Danielle Na s Reed '18** graduated from the Hotel school in 2018 and is about to start a new job at the St. Regis Hotel in San Francisco. Dian's father, **Robert Nafi '49**, just turned 91, and her mother, June, turned 91 on June 14. They live in Kendal at Ithaca, where they likely meet many retired Cornell faculty.

David Figura (Skaneateles, NY) is an outdoors writer for Advance Media New York (which includes the *Post-Standard*, *Syracuse.com*, and *NYup.com*). He's working on his second book, which is about "men in their later years," he notes. This is a follow-up to his first book, *So What are the Guys Doing*, about men in middle age. (I may have to pick up the first book and reserve the second.) David has two children, Katie, 31, and Alex, 28. He enjoys spending time with his wife, Laura Downs, and his outdoor writing adventures. **Christine Teel**

(Centreville, MA) enjoys Cape Cod in the summer and Sarasota in the winter, playing golf and tennis, and doing yoga. She is enjoying single life and is always near a beach. Daughter Greta and her daughter live in Norwell, MA, 45 minutes away. Daughter Jacqueline lives in Pacific Beach, CA. Christine most enjoys family and friends. Her best days at Cornell were the purple FJI parties and Hotel Ezra Cornell events.

Bruce Schafer, MBA '79 (Maplewood, NJ) was recently unemployed for six months, was then on sabbatical for 18 months, and is now retired. He has been traveling a

poverty. She also authored *Mary Wollstonecraft: Philosophical Mother of Coeducation* (Continuum, 2008 hardcover; Bloomsbury, 2014 paperback and eBook); became a grandmother; served as president of the Philosophy of Education Society, American Educational Studies Assn., and Society of Philosophy and History of Education; co-founded and advised the student-led Oklahoma Educational Studies Assn. and Society for Educating Women; studied ballet and clarinet; and became certified to teach hatha yoga, which she has practiced for almost 20 years. Currently, Susan is a

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little and volunteering a lot. He gets satisfaction from selling possessions and maintaining his home. His best day at Cornell was when he was chosen to be a night manager at Willard Straight Hall. "Many subsequent life events can be traced back to that." Sounds mysterious.

Jamie Lerner Gabriel lives with her husband, Chuck, in Raleigh, NC. She's an avid hiker, exploring the trails of North Carolina. She volunteers with Guardian ad Litem, working with kids in foster care, and rescuing dogs. She's also a traveler, but notes that she would like to travel more with "so many places left to see." Jamie's greatest satisfaction is with spending time with family, meeting new people, and discovering new trails. She had many best days at Cornell, but the very best was her first day, "a dream come true."

Diane Freedman, MAT '78 (Durham, NH) is still working and enjoying it, teaching literature and writing. She has been traveling extensively including Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Western Massachusetts, Germany, London, Sardinia, Northern California, and many visits to New York City. Her son, who was living in Europe for the past eight years, returned to the US this year. Unfortunately, Diane's beloved father passed away in 2017—please accept our condolences, Diane. Looking forward, she would like to travel more and reunite with her Cornell friends. She derives satisfaction from traveling, spending time in nature, skiing, snowshoeing, open water swimming, hiking, and urban exploring. She had many best days at Cornell including "holding hands on the Suspension Bridge with my boyfriend and reading my poems at the Eddygate bookstore with my friend and housemate, Martha."

Susan Laird, MAT '79, PhD '88, is a triple alumna; she received an MAT in English and a PhD in Education. While completing her PhD at Cornell, she taught English at Ithaca High School, then she went to U. of Maine as an assistant professor in educational foundations. In 1992 she went to U. of Oklahoma, where she moved up through the tenured ranks as a publishing philosopher of education and feminist theorist, and she retired in September 2018. She married John Green, who sounds like a bit of a polymath as he is an endurance athlete, medievalist, peace activist, English teacher, and certified organic gardener. Susan did a lot of biking over the years and founded and advised a campus Girl Scouts group and for six years led a troop for six teens in severe

professor emeritus and Value Theorist in Residence with the Oklahoma Center for Leadership Ethics and Change. She and John live simply near campus in a cottage with a garden and their second beloved Pembroke Welsh Corgi, in Norman, OK. Certainly a very active, diverse, and complete life.

Best wishes for Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to all. Please keep all of your news and views coming in via the online news form (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>) or by e-mailing either of us: ♦ **Howie Eisen**, heisen@pennstatehealth.psu.edu; **Mary Flynn**, maryflynn1@me.com.

78 No unifying themes, but various life ventures and adventures for our classmates to share in this column. After 36 years in dentistry, 31 in the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery, **Larry Skoczylas** retired at the end of 2018. He and his wife now split time between their home in Midland, MI, and their lake house near Traverse City. There he finds relaxation taking his teenage son and his friends wakeboarding or wake surfing. "No one skies anymore," he notes. While Larry would like to say retirement has left plenty of time to travel, his son's football and lacrosse schedules keep him busy. His other two children are out of college and on their own. His son Tom lives in Peabody, MA, which has provided the opportunity to see a couple of Harvard-Cornell football games over the years. Daughter Erin just moved to Berlin, Germany, to start a master's program in international relations. Larry recalls **Scy Young**, MBA '80, his freshman roommate and football teammate, as the first person he met at Cornell.

Beth Cooper Kubinec retired after 20 years at Mary Kay Cosmetics and after sending their youngest off to Cornell in August. (As a member of the Class of 2023, her son's Reunions will fall on the same years as ours and Beth's late father, **Peter Cooper '53**.) The empty nesters, meanwhile, moved to Louisville, KY, close to their middle son's family. "The two grandbabies are a BIG draw," says Beth. She is attending the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and living in married student housing until they are ready to sell their house in Lancaster, PA. Beth calls it "the best retirement housing ever—beautiful campus, free gym, coffee shops, huge library, interesting chapel speakers, and you can walk everywhere!" She has not found an active Cornell Club in the area,

so she encourages any local Cornellians to e-mail her at: bethkubinec@gmail.com. Beth's fond memories of Cornell include late nights studying in the DG chapter room and Prof. Walter LaFeber's lecture on Aaron Burr in the History of American Foreign Policy class.

Martha Rosett Lutz, a founding member of the Cornell women's track and field team, is still running strong! She was planning to be in Ithaca in December to run the alumnae event in the Greg Page Relays track meet. Greg was her coach during her years on the Hill. From Cornell, Martha took her running exploits to the U. of Iowa, where

Peggy Goldenhersh and **Deborah Klein** Goldberger. **Steve Rosenzweig** says, "Thank you, thank you, thank you! I so appreciate all the hard work that went into making this a tremendous weekend." Steve is living in the Bay Area—retired and working on his handicap.

Jordan Shell Lambert, MS '80, was so impressed that we had classmates return for their first-ever Reunion! He returned to his hometown of Lancaster, PA, where he is working from the home office (for now) and loving it. Jordan is a Master Gardener with the Penn State Cooperative Extension. They have six grandchildren

exercising, designing, and volunteering at her temple. She leads a book club and participates in another. Leslie said it's too bad she didn't read all of her textbooks when she was here back in the '70s! "Reunion was great! Well planned and fun—thank you!" **Resa Mestel** and **Alan Fox** said thank you for another magical Reunion back on the Hill. They are enjoying their new retirement time with travels and frolic. Much of their time has recently been spent with their first granddaughter. They visit Ithaca frequently as family has moved there, and they are looking forward to the next Reunion already.

Tom Gregor said, "Wow . . . still making marvelous new friends at Reunions. What am I doing, you ask? Brand new software startup! I am not yet done trying to make life bigger and better in terms of contribution. I hope I can make Cornell proud with this one. Thank you to the organizers; it was another extraordinary gathering. Until next time." **Francesco DeMayo** thinks the 40th Reunion was great, and also showed his gratitude to our classmates who organized it and made it a huge success.

Jeff Ford and **Jill Ferrari** said that during the final moments of "the best Reunion ever" their thoughts revolve around how we can maintain and leverage the momentum of what we've all just experienced. Jeff looks forward to connecting with classmates at local/regional/Ithaca events in the near future. Let the fun, joy, and love continue! We love sharing your news! Please send it to: ♦

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'Scott Irgang oversees labor relations for the Broadway League.'

MARK FERNAU '82

she earned her PhD in science education. She fondly recalls putting together a masters indoor 4 x 400 relay team that set a world record for women aged 40-49 in 2002. "Our record has been broken many times since then," she notes, "but we did officially get the record back then, and we had fun doing it." In addition to running, Martha has a passion for bugs, her family, and teaching. Currently, she is following her lifelong dream and is enrolled as a graduate student in entomology at the U. of Kentucky. She is also working as an adjunct professor in the biology department at Lexington Community College—"putting her education degree to good use"—teaching human ecology and a biology lab course. Martha's strength and endurance helps her keep up with five children (three of them married) and three grandchildren, with another on the way as of this writing. Her youngest son, a PhD student in math at Berkeley, has been traveling in Singapore and China. Her younger daughter is in Switzerland doing PhD research in physics on the big collider and competing in triathlons in the Alps. For her birthday, Martha sent her an L.L. Bean gift certificate via e-mail, which she plans to use to buy more biking gear.

Neal Saslow, DVM '82, and **Pepi Leids**, DVM '82, attended a three-day seminar on feline medicine at the Vet college in July. **Mark Rust** released a new CD called "Sea of Silver Sand." It's a collection of instrumental pieces for hammered dulcimer. You can buy it at markrust.com. Mark's wish is to spend more time on the sea, sailing. **Peter Chatel** and his wife, Sarah, have moved to Atlanta. If he were to spend a day in Ithaca, he'd like to walk the campus, see Sage Chapel, have lunch in Collegetown, and visit Treman State Park.

Please keep us abreast of whatever's new with you.

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79 Another beautiful autumn is upon Cornell, but the Class of '79 is still glowing about our totally awesome 40th Reunion. Since then, we have been inspired to do more for Cornell and our class, and to remain in touch with classmates while we await our next gathering. This column includes comments from Reunion attendees.

Ellin Kavanagh lives in Los Angeles and works in science and technology communications. This was her first Reunion! She wonders why she waited 40 years. She said it was a lot of fun reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones. Others attending from L.A. included

between him and Karen! **Julie Jones** says thanks to all who worked so hard to pull off a fabulous Reunion! "It was great to connect with **Karen Matrunich** and **Rebecca Maron** Mazin and to meet others who traveled to Cornell." Immediately following Reunion, Julie went hiking with **Dale Feuer**, **Maggie Chon**, Karen, and Rebecca. Julie also lives in Lancaster, PA, and recently retired from 32 years in family practice medicine.

Chip Hug lives in his hometown of West Chester, PA (Philadelphia). He is a project engineer for Boeing Helicopters, Chinook. "Had a great time at our 40th Reunion catching up with good friends **Jack Falvey** and **Brendan Casey** and others too numerous to list," he says. "Loved the lectures and events on campus, and especially the civility of discussions between the different ideologies." It was an added benefit to meet classmates who he had not known (to the best of his memory). Jack Falvey hails from Boston, MA, and said, "What a turnout and what a weekend! It was so great to be back on campus and reconnect with old (or is it longtime?) friends. The events and the weather couldn't have been better. Great job—and thank you."

Randall Beale said it was his first Reunion in many years and it was just wonderful. He was able to reconnect with some great people. He lives in Penfield, NY, a suburb of Rochester, and works as an energy broker. Randall has two grown daughters, Melissa and Katherine, one in Chicago and the other in Binghamton, NY. **Steve** and **Carol Lukitch Yahoodik** '80 are retired and living nearby in Webster, NY. They are enjoying some extended travels including visiting their son, daughter-in-law, and grandson in Boston and their daughter in Norfolk, VA. **Elizabeth "Betsy" Waller** Zerby lives with her husband, Chris, in Gaithersburg, MD. She is going on 40 years working at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in D.C. as an energy industry analyst. Betsy has been to most of the Reunions and loves seeing old friends and meeting new ones. She always enjoys seeing her ID 408 buddies! **Ronda Pearlstein** Fein lives in Saratoga Springs, NY. She is still using her Human Development and Family Studies degree while practicing as a clinical psychologist.

Tom Furlong keeps moving away and moving back to Atlanta. He leads the board search practice at Harvard Group Int'l. When he is not advancing gender diversity for corporate boards, he travels the world with his wife, Robin. This was Tom's third Reunion since graduation and he looks forward to more! **Leslie Lewit** Milner still lives in Roslyn Heights, NY—splitting the hours of the day

80 We have been confronting tumultuous economic, political, and social upheaval and a riveting presidential campaign battle as the remaining Democratic candidate hopefuls fight for the presidential nomination. For the first time, six women were running for the Democratic presidential nomination. One woman candidate, New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, recently decided to depart from the race, leaving five strong, competent, and respected women—three US Senators, one Congresswoman, and one self-help author and lecturer—competing to become the Democratic presidential nominee in 2020, our Reunion year.

This has been a historic time for the Class of 1980 to reflect on our progress since graduation and our future, and these themes will be explored in our 40th Reunion, June 4-7, 2020. On Friday morning, the class will host the first Reunion women's program starting with a panel of our women classmates sharing their perspectives on professional and personal experiences and challenges in the 40 years since graduation, the continuing social, cultural, and workplace changes for women, and the accomplishments and struggles for gender equality and equity. The class will continue the conversation during the informal lunch buffet with small group discussions facilitated by our classmates on diverse topics. You are encouraged to contact the chair for Reunion women's program, **Leona Barsky**, MS '81 (LLB39@cornell.edu), to volunteer and offer your input and assistance.

Reunion co-chairs **Todd Wolleman** (todd@leowolleman.com), **Mollie Pulver** (mpulver@nbtbank.com), and **Kathy Biondolillo** Valliere (kathannval@gmail.com) have been diligently planning unique programs for over one year and are very excited to invite you to volunteer with the class and join us at our 40th Reunion. Highlights include the Thursday private class event (including dinner and music) at the Ithaca Farmers Market, the boat ride on Cayuga Lake, the hike at Cascadilla Gorge, the bird walk at the Lab of Ornithology, the "secret garden" tour,

the exciting Grateful Dead theme on Saturday, our class ice cream flavor, and the class book reading and discussion groups related to the Reunion women's program. Our Reunion chairs welcome you to join their efforts.

Our classmates continue to experience new opportunities and challenges, demonstrating that we have substantial contributions and activities in our future. CALS Dean **Kathryn Boor** will serve on the team for the first Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Food Safety, funded by the US Agency for Int'l Development with a \$10 million award to Purdue U., in collaboration with Cornell. The new lab will focus efforts in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Senegal. Kathryn served as co-director for the Food Safety Lab at Cornell and she noted that Cornell "shares a commitment to developing life-changing science that changes the world."

Miriam Leeser serves as a professor of electrical and computer engineering at Northeastern U. and previously served on the faculty in Cornell's Dept. of Electrical Engineering. Miriam spent the 2018-19 academic year on a Fulbright at Maynooth U. in Ireland researching her project entitled "Enabling the future internet of things through adaptable, reconfigurable, physical layer networking technology." She was recently awarded a \$1.2 million grant from the National Science Foundation for developing "a unified software/hardware framework of DNN computation and storage reduction using ADMM" in collaboration with Northeastern Prof. Xue Lina and USC Prof. Massoud Pedram.

Celeste Sant'Angelo lives in Manhattan and reported that her son, **Luca '22**, started his sophomore year in the Engineering college, majoring in Computer Science. He joined the CUAir project team and competed against international teams at the Patuxent Naval Air Station in Maryland this summer. The CUAir team placed seventh out of 50 teams. He also spent his summer interning with a bond rating agency using his computer skills. Celeste volunteered to facilitate an informal small group lunch discussion on philanthropy for the Reunion women's program.

Classmate **Stephen Pirozzi** shared that **Jarett Wait** was recognized as the 13th Annual CityLax Benefit honoree for his strategic role assisting the organization and longtime board membership. CityLax announced, "Simply put, Jarett's passion, dedication, and service have been instrumental in developing our lacrosse programs and educational opportunities for hundreds of student-athletes in NYC's public schools. We salute Jarett's outstanding leadership and generosity that have perpetuated our 13-year mission." Jarett has been a longtime fan and supporter of lacrosse, and his two children played youth lacrosse with Docs NYC and continued to play in high school. Jarett is also actively involved with the Cornell Lacrosse Assn., mentoring student-athletes. Congratulations can be sent to: jwait@jfwaitadv.com.

Risa Rosenberg reported that she recently retired from practicing financial restructuring law after a career spanning more than 30 years and has started a new career, working as part-time administrator for Si-Yo Music Society Foundation Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to classical music. Risa celebrated the marriage of her daughter to a wonderful young man that she met during her undergraduate years at Brandeis. Cornellians joined the wedding celebration including her older son, **Alex Lazar '11**, who majored in math and is pursuing his PhD at U. of Miami. Her husband, **Jerry Lazar '81**, who she met at Cornell, sadly passed away in 2012.

Hillary Abbey, vice president of class membership, rowed the 38th Rallye Canal du Midi in the south of

France with the seven-woman team from her rowing club, Gentle Giant Rowing located in Somerville, MA. The team rowed 203 km over five days. Each day the team rowed in the Canal du Midi, portaging the shell around 48 locks and providing team support via bicycle on the tow path. The team was the first all-female team to complete this event in its 38-year history and the only American team to compete in 2019.

We invite you to continue sharing your news and to volunteer to assist with our exciting 40th Reunion planning. ♦ **Leona Barsky**, LLB39 @cornell.edu; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25 @cornell.edu; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24 @cornell.edu.

81 Hello from way down South in Fort Lauderdale! August, September, and October were big months for Mike and me (**Tanis MacKay-Bell**), with both of us celebrating our 60th birthdays, the celebration of our 38th wedding anniversary, and Mike making the big leap to retirement. He enjoyed spending his birthday in Ithaca at Homecoming this year; he greatly appreciated the fireworks display that Cornell put on for his 60th. To celebrate all those milestones, we rented a beach house on the Gulf Coast of Florida and spent a week there with all four of our kids and their significant others. And now let the road trips of our dreams begin!

Bob Zeidman and his wife, Carrie, live in Cupertino, CA. Bob shares that he has been playing poker in professional tournaments. In December, he played in the World Poker Tour Bellagio Five Diamond Tournament, where he not only cashed but knocked out some of the top players and destroyed Phil Helmut, the winningest player in poker history. See: <https://pokerdb.thehendonsmob.com/event.php?a=r&n=498461>. Bob is still running Zeidman Consulting, which provides engineering consulting and expert witnesses for intellectual property litigation. Recently he was the subject of an Indian Supreme Court decision that allowed foreigners to be appointed as neutral experts in a case. The first person that Bob met at Cornell was **Alison "Sunny" Feist Steiner**. If he had a day at Cornell, he would hang out in the Zeidman Code Suite, the conference room in Gates Hall.

Marianne Van Sicklin Knight received an MS in information and knowledge strategy from Columbia in June 2017. She then received a provincial appointment to one of 14 Local Health Integration Networks in November 2017 (they were disbanded this past June). Marianne shares, "On a family level, we are now the proud grandparents of three—two granddaughters in Virginia and a grandson in the Canadian Rockies. We just hosted the wedding of our youngest daughter in mid-July here at our home on Lake Erie. On a clear day, we can see New York from our home in Ontario." Marianne and her husband celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary in September. She adds that she was thrilled to have a visit with classmate **Beth Didinsky Grossman**. "We FaceTimed with her husband, **Robert**. I'm hoping to get to Ithaca at the end of September for a rowing reunion. We had one five years ago in October 2014 for women who rowed in the '70s organized by **Ellen McHugh '79**. This one is intended for the classes of '76-83. At the last Cornell rowing reunion, we learned a fair bit about the disparities that existed in women's sports vs. men's sports while we were at Cornell!"

On May 14, the National Science Board announced the presentation of the NSB Public Service Award to our classmate **Tyrone Taborn** and Eugene DeLoatch at the National Science Foundation Annual Awards Ceremony held in Washington, DC. This award honors exemplary

service in promoting public understanding of science and engineering. Together, they were recognized for founding the Black Engineer of the Year Awards (BEYA) conference and for their dedication to enhancing scientific and engineering literacy in minority communities. Their annual BEYA event has increased the enrollment of minorities in engineering programs across the country, enhanced scientific and engineering literacy in minority communities, and opened the doors to discovery and innovation among broad segments of our nation's minority populations. Tyrone is publisher and chief executive officer of Career Communications Group Inc., which he founded in 1980 to highlight the technical achievements of underrepresented minorities. He developed and published *US Black Engineer Magazine*, now known as *US Black Engineer & Information Technology Magazine*, which has been the main vehicle to showcase the accomplishments of underrepresented groups in STEM.

Keep sending us your news; we really do love to hear from you! ♦ **Tanis MacKay-Bell**, TanisMBell@gmail.com; **Steven Barre**, sbarre@aol.com; **Betsy Silver ne**, bsilverfine@comcast.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

82 It's time for yet another Ithaca winter, and as usual our class is doing interesting and fun things at work and for pleasure. It is comforting to know that some in our cohort are retiring (or contemplating it in the near future) but also that some of us still have our necks in the yoke, as it were.

Mary Ellen "Mel" Plubell Miller (maryellen@marketimgmel.com) shared a recent achievement: "The Tri-Cities Chapter presented its highest service award, the Rod Irvin Excellence in Public Relations Award, to Mary Ellen Miller, an accomplished communications professional who has earned the Accreditation in Public Relations, commonly known as the APR, and one of the highest credentials in the business, at the Tri-Cities Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America's (PRSA) annual awards celebration." From beautiful Pleasantville, NY, **Scott Irgang** (sirgang@aol.com) reported about his latest position. He now oversees labor relations for the Broadway League and represents producers, theater owners, and general managers that bring incredible experiences to the world via their Broadway shows. It is truly Scott's dream job.

Donna DeSilva (rjodmd@comcast.net) checked in with lots of news. She says, "2018 was a busy year for my family. My daughter Maria started a new position on Capitol Hill. She is now the legislative assistant for Congressman Joseph D. Morelle, who represents the New York 25th Congressional District, which is in Monroe County, centered on the City of Rochester. Maria's key issue areas include healthcare and the judiciary. My daughter Kimberly finished her veterinary emergency and critical care training, passed her certification examination in September, and started her first job as an emergency and critical care veterinarian in California in October 2018. In September 2018, Kim also got engaged to be married. I helped Kim move across the country with her two dogs, Molly and Obi. We took four days to cross the US, from Grafton, MA, to San Diego, CA. The trip included sight-seeing stops and visits with friends in Chicago, Appleton, WI, Denver, and Zion National Park in Utah. In February 2019, I traveled to Florida with my sister **Archangela DeSilva '78** to visit friends including **John Bradley**, MBA '83's wife, Kristine. Angela and I also took in a New York Mets spring training game. We saw an inside-the-park home run for the first time in our lives. It was a blast.

Between life-changing events, I fill my days with subscriptions to ballet at the John F. Kennedy Center, the Shakespeare Theatre, and the Signature Theatre here in the Washington, DC, area. Plus, I take regular trips to New York City for such plays as *Network* with Bryan Cranston and *To Kill a Mockingbird* with Jeff Daniels."

Bruce Cohen (bruco7777@aol.com) writes us from Woodbury, NY, where he lives with spouse Jodie. He says, "After 37 years of human resources work in the financial services industry at three very interesting companies, I have just retired! I am looking forward to traveling, spending time with my family, and continuing as a member of three boards." In fact, he reports, "I was recently very fortunate to be selected to join the Cornell ILR Alumni Assn. Board. I am looking forward to working with such a talented group of ILR alums!" And, of course, "I am very proud of my three kids who have recently had milestones: Jamie graduated from Upstate Medical U.; Allie continues her HR career at Morgan Stanley and turned 25; and **Jason '22** completed his first year at Cornell's Engineering college."

Randolph Hunt (New York, NY; BaruchMBA2001@aol.com) is "currently studying to pass the project management certification examination. I am looking for another career as I prepare to leave my job next year." He also is learning Spanish, when he is not reading history books and listening to light music. In fact, he says that a favorite Cornell memory is sitting in the music library listening to 1970s music. Alexa, play Linda Ronstadt! **Charles Stuppard** (cls27@cornell.edu), our class co-president, has recently relocated to Boston as general manager of Canopy Defense. He said, "It was awesome to be with our class officers once again during CALC, which was in Boston this year. Thanks to **Jamie Hintlian**, ME '85, MBA '86, for a fantastic tour of his Teddie Natural Peanut Butter plant, north of Boston. I wish you all the best." If you're ever in Boston, drop him a line.

From her porch on the shores of Cayuga Lake, **Juliet Kolm** Gibbs is enjoying life in the Ithaca area, having relocated from Massachusetts. She creates beautiful weavings on her full-size loom and periodically travels the country and world in the company of her best Tri-Delt bud **Terry Kilmer** Oosterom. She recently saw her son off to Copenhagen for a two-year master's degree program. We also heard from **Ed Underwood** (EdUnderwood99@gmail.com), who is married to **Mary Valentino '81** and living in Mansfield, MA.

Your correspondent **Mark Fernau** and his wife, **Melissa (Duncan) '83**, recently sold our big Victorian house after living in Clinton, MA, for 25-plus years, and when you read this we will be settled in a 1,000-sq.-ft. condo (only renting) in Cambridge. We both commute to Boston several times per week for work at the American Meteorological Society, and we are so looking forward to having a 20-minute T ride instead of one and a half hours on the train or in the car. ♡ **Mark Fernau**, mcf29@cornell.edu; **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu; **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@nplaw.com.

83 I am writing this column in early August, in the midst of a very hot and humid summer in the NYC metropolitan area. Thinking ahead to a cooler time of year, please save the date in your calendar for Saturday, November 30, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. for the "Red Hot Hockey" game at Madison Square Garden. Cornell men's hockey will play its longtime rival Boston U.! That happens to be Thanksgiving weekend, which is a great time to be in New York City. You can contact **Lynn Leopold** (Lynnleopold@gmail.com) for tickets to the game. As

always, we will also have a pre-game warm-up party for our class. Last year, the coach of the men's hockey team came to our pre-game event! (Maybe that had something to do with them losing to Harvard . . .) Additionally, as a brief reminder, please continue to send your news to any of your correspondents at the e-mail addresses at the end of this column. You can also submit your news using the online news form at: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

Marti Reisman Sheldon (sheldonmr@verizon.net) is married to **Mark, MS '85**. Marti still works for Boeing; with their purchase of Hughes Aircraft Co., where she started as an engineer co-op from Cornell, that makes her a 37-plus-year employee! That is impressive. Marti wishes she could go back to Cornell for more Reunions—let's get her back to Ithaca for the next one! Marti is enjoying Orange County, CA, and its Congressional delegation transition from deep red to mostly blue, and the clear number of political activists keyed up by today's political environment. Marti's response to the question "What was your best day at Cornell?" speaks volumes: "Too many to count." How true that is for so many of us. Staying connected with Cornell allows for a lifetime of great memories for alumni, as well as their families and friends.

John Salatti (lawriters@hotmail.com) wrote in from Germany, where he continues to run his business, LAWriters. He specializes in teaching lawyers and judges how to write more effectively. Geez, maybe I should get in touch with him and ask for some tips! John recently married and moved to northwest Germany. He also studies spiritual healing from the tradition of Swami Sri Kaleshwar. According to John, his best day at Cornell was the day **Kelly Powell '82** and he waltzed on the Quad to the Alma Mater. It was rarely played in three-quarter time, so they took advantage in front of Sibley Hall. So that is who I saw dancing that day—finally, we all know who it was!

Joan Aguado '82 wrote in about her best friend, **Helen Schulman**, who she met at Cornell. Helen was just awarded a 2019 Guggenheim Fellowship. More information can be found at: <https://www.gf.org/fellows/all-fellows/helen-schulman/>. Helen's latest novel, *Come with Me*, received raves from the *New York Times* (two reviews) and was the Book Review's Editors' Choice and the *San Francisco Chronicle* Best Book of the Year, to name a couple. She is a proud Cornell alum, just like Joan. Thank you, Joan, for sharing this wonderful information with us. We really appreciate it! **Susan Elliot Jones** (sjones.bkbp@juno.com) has a new address in Williamsburg, VA. Any classmates in that area should get in touch and show her and spouse **Robert '81** around Virginia. They previously lived in Summit, NJ, so I am pretty sure they are new to the Williamsburg area.

Well, that's all that we have this month, as it does get a bit slow in the summer when so many of us vacation. Please keep sending in your news! The Class of '83 would love to hear from you. ♡ **Jon Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com; **Tom Helf**, tomhelf@aol.com; **Stewart Glickman**, stewartglickman@gmail.com; **Kim Todt**, krt5@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

84 Hello, this is **José Nieves** (BSME), and I am your new class correspondent! On behalf of the Class of '84, I wish to thank **Janet Insardi** and **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell** for their dedication and efforts as our now previous class correspondents. I hope that notes from all classmates will continue to flow like the beautiful waters of the gorges in Ithaca while I am correspondent.

By the time you read these notes, leaves will be falling in Ithaca and our 35th Reunion will be a happy memory. Reunion Weekend 2019 (June 6-9) was a great opportunity to share friendship, food, and fun as we reminisced together with classmates and their families "far above Cayuga's waters." It was fantastic to see so many from the Class of '84 make it back to the Hill. The weather was perfect all weekend and the various activities were awesome and extremely well-planned, with something for everyone to enjoy. Of course, the highlight of the weekend was Cornelliana Night on Saturday evening, where we enjoyed singing along with current Cornellians and alumni from the Glee Club to the Alma Mater and other favorite Cornell songs. Many thanks to all of our Reunion coordinators and outgoing class officers who helped plan the weekend and to everyone whose efforts made the event a great success.

My first official news as your class correspondent begins with reporting that **Terri Port** (tp1984@gmail.com) works with Cornell's Office of Academic Initiatives to help first-generation Cornellians succeed. "I quickly came to realize that these students face unique challenges—be they financial, networking, or lack of practice with competitive interviewing," she says. "My own son has access to my and my husband's networks, but these students don't have that available to them." Over the course of their first year, Terri has helped them refine their resumes to work in the technology field, prepare for job interviews, and narrow their job selection. Find out more about her work in the recent online article on Cornell's website: "Terri Port '84 helps first-generation students succeed."

Marty Stevens-Heebner (marty@clearhomesolutions.com) is very busy with her business, Clear Home Solutions, but she makes time to attend L.A. Kings games, for which she has season tickets. She treated **Kathy "Kitty" McCullough** to a game a few months ago, spurring very happy flashbacks of attending Big Red hockey games. Speaking of Kitty, she shares the news that her book *Jasmine's Quest for the Stardust Sapphire* was published in February 2019 (under the name Kathy McCullough) and is an original middle-grade adventure story about Jasmine from the movie Aladdin. She also wrote a middle-grade novelization of *Mary Poppins Returns* and is currently writing a Christmas movie for Hallmark. Check her website for updates on the final title and air date: kathymcculloughbooks.com. Kitty now lives down the street from **Mark Schwartz '85**, who is busy writing film scripts as well, and they often get together to watch movies.

Jahn Gazder (jdg45@cornell.edu) recently studied for and received the APMA (Accredited Portfolio Management Advisor) designation from the College for Financial Planning, which is composed of individuals who have completed a rigorous course of study encompassing a myriad of management topics. He was recently promoted to managing director with Ameriprise. We also have heard from **Ted Kalinka** (kalinks@aol.com), who writes, "Still rebuilding the Jersey Shore! Over six years since Hurricane Sandy hit and there are still damaged homes remaining. Although the storm was a boon for contracting, I pray we never see such a disaster again." **David Fonte** (Provincetown, MA; djf27@cornell.edu) is enjoying retirement. **Scott Diehl** (scottmichaeldiehl@gmail.com) is now living in San Carlos, CA.

Lisa Starsky Bronstein (Atlanta, GA; lisadbronstein@gmail.com) writes that she is the director of human resources at Jewish Family and Career Services and her husband, **David**, ME '85, MBA '86, is director of global sales operations for AVAYA. They share that they're the proud grandparents of their first grandchild, Micah, born

in December 2018. They enjoy traveling together, with their latest adventure being in South Asia. This past summer, **Blaise Vitale** (Grantsburg, WI) backpacked the entire 2,200-mile-long Appalachian Trail! He shared his adventures almost daily through social media. Follow his journey at: <https://www.trailjournals.com/journal/20961>.

If you would all indulge me a moment, I would like to share some news about myself. Unfortunately, life happened in March when I suffered an acute stroke. While at the hospital, classmate **John Hunsinger** and **Ed Seydel '83** visited me, which truly lifted my spirits. A great thanks to **Stephanie Cohn Robinson '86** for spreading the news far and wide among friends. Further, I recently shared a great time with Ed Seydel and **Dolores "Hi-Dee" Roeder, DVM '87**. We had a wonderful dinner in Fairfax, VA. Hi-Dee was driving through the area while on vacation, and Ed and I are local Washingtonians now. Our spouses were troopers throughout the meal as we shared memories of Cornell and Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. We had fun catching up on everyone's comings and goings. It was truly an evening to remember! I am looking forward to a major milestone in my recovery, as I plan to return to teach after a five-month hiatus for my 18th year as professor of information technology at Lord Fairfax Community College in Warrenton, VA.

Please begin planning to join us for our 40th Reunion in June 2024. Watch for our class website, which will be available soon! ♦ **José Nieves**, jmn12@cornell.edu.

85 Hello, 1985ers! By the time you see this, we will have started the planning for our 35th—yes 35th—Reunion! Put it on your calendar, June 4-7, 2020! In the blink of an eye we are, um, 35 years out of college. I spent all my summers working at Cornell. In 1982, I was an employee of Cornell Catering and we provided happy hour and dinner for the Class of 1947 at their 35th Reunion. All I could think was, "These people are old." But I look at all that our class has accomplished, the goals we continue to reach, the families we have created, and the legacy we are leaving, and I think, "We are just getting started!" Share your lives; we are interested, we share a common bond, and we always will be connected.

Liz Dolinar sent me a sweet personal story. Her mother saved all the letters she wrote home from Cornell. After her mom passed, Liz re-read them all. In order. Many contained requests for basic needs (remember we didn't call because long distance was expensive) and travel plans for breaks. There were also some exciting forgotten news items. There had been a cheating scandal on the first Organic Chemistry prelim sophomore year. Some students had grad students take the test for them. Liz told her mom that they cracked down by checking IDs on the second prelim and the test was incredibly difficult in order to bring down the curve. Also, there was a referendum on whether Gannett (our clinic) should stock cyanide pills in case of a nuclear attack! Apparently it was "trendy" in the Ivy League at the time! What a treasure to have those letters!

Brian Mangines wrote in from Boca Raton, FL, where he lives and works as an estate planning and probate lawyer. In addition, he recently published a book, *Faith with Focus: How to Live with Passion and Rule your Life with Reason*. This is available on Amazon and Kindle. Brian is married to Mimi and they have three children. In June, **Leslie Nydick**, **Sharon Tolpin** Topper, **Michael Smith '84**, **Adriane Simmons**, **Cathy Brucia** Dettmer, **Jen Sidell** Cornelissen Ellis, and **Tracey Nichol** Austin descended upon Ithaca to crash the Class of '84's Reunion. Also there were **Sue Fiero** Colbert, **Brigitte**

Siefringer Gouchoe, **John Gabel**, **Jeff Palazzese**, **Scott Sidman**, **John Frontero '84**, **Mark Miller '84**, **Mike Scully '84**, **Dave Devereaux**, **Tim Donahoe '84** and a bunch of other '84ers.

In mid-August, my husband and I dropped our son off at college. I could feel his excitement, his nervousness, his bursting at the seams. Or maybe those were my feelings. Anyway, I don't know how our parents left us on that huge campus 38 years ago—no cell phones, no computers, no clue. But we did the same thing our parents did. We got him in his dorm, helped him get unpacked, hugged him tight, and went back home. And

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him? He did just what I did: ran off to find his roommate and hallmates, get dinner, and start his adult life.

Remember to mark your calendars for Reunion! See you there! Please send your news to me: ♦ **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

86 Thanks for sharing your news so we have something to write about in our class column! **Mark Rosenberg** is living in Chappaqua, NY, and is a partner at Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP in the intellectual property practice group, where he has developed a specialty in representing clients in cases involving trade dress rights relating to the interior designs of retail stores and restaurants. Mark is proud to report his daughters, Hannah and Madeline, are members of Cornell's Class of 2023. Hannah will be in CALS and Madeline will be in Arts & Sciences.

Amy Kates, MRP '87, was named one of the Alpha Chi Omega 2019 "Real. Strong. Women. of Distinction." That award recognizes women who are achieving their dreams and making a direct, positive impact on their professions, their communities, and their world. Amy was a founding member of the organization's Zeta Phi chapter at Cornell, where she received a BS in Urban and Regional Studies (AAP) in 1986 and a master's in City and Regional Planning (AAP) in 1987. Amy's design firm, Kates Kesler Organization Consulting, continues to grow and has been named as one of the best consulting firms in the US by *Forbes* for the past four years. In addition to consulting and teaching in Cornell's ILR executive education program, Amy is a visiting fellow to the government of Singapore. On the home front, she is happy to have her older son, **Malik Saric '17**, back in New York City after two years of Teach For America in the Bay Area.

Janet Gossman Providakes is a communications specialist for the town of Ayer, MA. "Each call keeps me busy," she writes. As she describes on her LinkedIn profile, "I am an energetic, customer-savvy professional who found a career in a new trade. I am making a difference in my community. I have experience in providing qualitative and quantitative support for confidential and efficient business development as well as a strong sense of teamwork." She writes that what brings her the most satisfaction in her life these days is "making a difference"

and that what she would like to do more is travel. Her son is a lieutenant (junior grade) in the US Navy.

Keep sharing your news and we will include it in our column! You can provide updates about work, travels, family, or other things happening in your life—both the successes and the challenges. Or write us about anything Cornell-related—visits to campus, classmates you've seen or contacted, favorite memories, etc. As always, please e-mail any of us at: ♦ **Nancy Keates**, nancy.keates@wsj.com; **Lori Wagner**, Loriwagner86@gmail.com; **Toby Goldsmith**, toby.goldsmith@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

87 Hello, classmates! As I write this, 3,500 Cornell families are two weeks away from opening weekend. It's hard to believe that was us 36 years ago! For me it's even more overwhelming as we are sending off our twins to college for their freshman year! My daughter, Julia, is heading to Franklin & Marshall College, while my son, Jordan, will be at Ithaca College. I'm excited to have another reason to visit Cornell and enjoy Ithaca. I'm in good company as I connected with **Susan Guarnaschelli Collins '89** at IC accepted students day. Her daughter, Julia, will be a freshman as well.

In other college send-off news, **Debra Howard Stern** is sending her middle daughter off to George Washington U. Her oldest is a junior at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. She spent a great week at CAU with her youngest. There is still hope that she can convince one Stern child to attend the old alma mater. Debra just became part of the CAU administrative board. She is looking forward to seeing folks at TCAM this year. **Lauren Spergel Blumenfeld, MS '92**, is very excited that her older son will be starting Cornell this fall in Engineering along with **Kerrin Moriarty** Antonsson's daughter, who will be a Hotelier. Lauren lives in Hoboken, NJ, and is a realtor in the number one Coldwell Banker team in New Jersey and is consistently in the top one percent of Coldwell Banker sales teams nationwide. Also sending children to Cornell this fall are **Shelby Tedesco Spak, MRP '89**, **Bob Maxon**, and **Albert Chu**.

Gary and Laurie Teller Markin '89 report that their son, **Jacob '19**, graduated from HumEc this spring and will be attending law school at the College of William & Mary. Their daughter, **Jennifer '15**, got her DPT, is licensed in Virginia and New York, and is practicing out on Long Island. Just weeks later, Jennifer got married on June 23 to US Air Force second lieutenant Zevi Lowenberg. In addition to the four Markins, at least 15 other Cornellians were at the wedding! Less than two weeks after the wedding, Laurie and Gary celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. **Caroline Wellens Silver** and her husband, **Jeff '86**, have a recent Cornell graduate in the family. **Lucas '19** graduated this past spring and will be going to Penn for his PhD. Their older son, **Jordan '16**, also went to Cornell.

Jennifer Maisel's play *Eight Nights*, about a German-Jewish refugee who comes to America in the 1940s, is

now being read in eight cities across the country—"Eight Nights of *Eight Nights*"—to raise funds for HIAS. **Rachel Leventhal**, **Will Pomerantz '84**, **David Winitzky '93**, and **Cara Greene Epstein '00** are among the other Cornellians supporting the event. In June, at the D.C. reading, **Eric Lichtblau** moderated a panel discussion. Eric's new book, *Return to the Reich: A Holocaust Refugee's Secret Mission to Defeat the Nazis*, is expected to be released in October. **Nanci Swartz** O'Connell was in

Summer was a dry period for classmate news, so I thank you for reading my story in this column. We would like to hear from you and share your stories! Please submit news using the online form (<https://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>) or write to one of us. Warm regards from your class correspondents: ♦ **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, ALM46@cornell.edu; **Debbie Kaplan** Gershenson, dkgershe@gmail.com; and **Aliza Stein** Angelchik, aangelchik@sonorusbrand.com.

by Bucks County Council, AFL-CIO, PA NOW, Sierra Club, Conservation Voters of PA, PennEnvironment, Food & Water Watch, and Clean Water Action. He says, "I'm enjoying knocking on doors and meeting voters all around our large, diverse community." His campaign website is: <https://yeagerforjudge.com/>.

Reunion chair extraordinaire **Debbie Schaffel** e-mailed: "On August 2, I attended the Navy Retirement Ceremony for Captain **Matt Berta** at the Naval Museum in Washington, DC. Matt was lauded for his 30 years of service. Also attending were **Mark Nassi**, MBA '91, **Ed Clary**, ME '90, the Hon. **Alan Paez '88**, and 'General' **Bill Davidson '90**, ME '92. It was an honor and a privilege to be able to join Matt and his family for this monumental occasion." **Mark Schlageter** sent a big update: "I retired from Thomson Reuters after a 20-year fun and exciting public company career. I switched to private equity and joined Blackstone and Gryphon Investors, and I now serve on four boards and am executive chairman of RegEd, the leading SaaS platform for FINRA Compliance." Mark and his wife, Katherine, just celebrated their 19th anniversary. And they're now Vermonters: "After returning from living in London, we moved to Stratton, VT, from Connecticut for a better lifestyle and higher quality of life. Our son Noel, 15, and daughter Hope, 13, ski for Stratton, and our corgis love snow." Mark went to Cleveland to see the US Men's National Soccer team defeat Trinidad & Tobago in the Gold Cup, with Cornellians **Adam Coonin**, **Ted Cox '88**, **Jose Davila '87**, **Jim Cox '78**, and **Zach Shulman '87**, JD '90.

Chris Weeks sent in the briefest of messages: his business card. He's the director of college academics at KIPP Through College, supporting students and alumni of the Knowledge is Power Program, a nonprofit network of 242 public charter schools. **Lee Morand** filled up her form a little more: she loves her work as a psychologist in private practice in Mechanicsburg, PA, with her office in an 1890s Victorian that she recently restored. She and her partner of 14 years, Jerry Tarud, have four grandchildren and enjoy spending time at their log cabin on Lake Ontario in Cape Vincent, NY. Lee reminisced about her best day at Cornell: "I remember an afternoon at **Luis 'Pijuan' Ramos**, MS '94's townhouse. **Lyn Schwartz**, **Rick Del Sesto**, MS '91, Pijuan, and I were all intertwined (just four close friends) on the sofa, talking about life and our hopes and dreams." Thanks for sharing that, Lee. If you're reading this and are inspired to share, please just fill in the news form you get in the mail, e-mail one of us, or visit www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/. ♦ **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Kidder** McGarry, laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Kris Borovicka** Gerig, kgerig@columbus.rr.com.

90 As we transition from fall to winter, the Class of 1990's mailbox highlights thoughts of warmer climes. In the case of **Chris Arends**, this is simply the result of him and wife Bridget enjoying the San Diego lifestyle. Chris currently works as the meteorology program manager for San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), one of Sempra Energy's regulated California utilities. "We have one of the largest privately owned weather networks," Chris writes, "and we perform our own super-computer modeling." Asked what gives him the most satisfaction these days, he says, "Accomplishing complex projects with an amazing team." When prompted to suggest what he would do if he had a day in Ithaca, he says he would go to Ruloff's. Alas, that's not going to be possible, Chris. More on that later.

'I'm enjoying meeting voters all around our large, diverse community.'

JORDAN YEAGER '89

New Hampshire last month and saw **Andrea Wolga** in Vermont while she was there. Nanci says it was great to see her and catch up a little bit. **Amy Janower** Weinstein wrote that she was going to a "Cornell in Nashville" event on Thursday evening with **Donna Krochak** and will send pics and updates!

Audrey Mann Cronin's daughter, **Amanda '21**, who is a news editor at the *Cornell Daily Sun*, spent the summer interning at the *Martha's Vineyard Times*, where she has covered everything from a shark sighting to island environmental policy to the Obama family vacation to a climate change talk with John Kerry. **Keith Jacoby** wrote to let us know that his daughters, Shea and Kaitlyn, both graduated from Brandeis U. in May. His family resides in Los Angeles. **Rob Hescok** lives in Victoria, Australia, and reports that he is working harder than ever but is "ever so happy!"

One parting thought: If you need the morning's headlines from CNBC, just ask Alexa and you'll hear **Jessica Ettinger**'s voice! Please be sure to send us your news via a news form or by e-mailing any of us at the following: ♦ **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman, ww5@cornell.edu; **Liz Brown**, etb29@cornell.edu; **Lisa Griffi**, lag77@cornell.edu.

88 Greetings, classmates! I am actually writing this column in the final days of summer, having just returned from move-in with my daughter, **Sophia Danziger '21**, for her junior year. I had the pleasure of experiencing present-day Collegetown through her eyes—quite a bit different from the late '80s! She compares it to "North Campus for upperclassmen" (for those who don't know, all freshmen live on North Campus, which cultivates a strong community atmosphere)—a reunion of sorts, as friends who were dispersed among various sorority/fraternity houses or other accommodations reunited in Collegetown for junior and senior year.

While my senior-year house on Linden Ave. with its wooden front porch and peeling yellow paint is still standing, the landscape today is dominated by brick apartment buildings built very close together, with even tighter parking spaces dotted throughout. After a requisite run to Wegmans, Target, and Bed Bath & Beyond, her apartment was set up and felt warm and welcoming. Before hitting the road, we had lunch at Souvlaki House, just steps away from her place. I left feeling proud of her independence and achievements and comforted knowing that she is experiencing the very best that Cornell has to offer in academics, friendship, and communal life—the very experiences that keep us all connected some 31 years later!

89 Who else is still buzzing a little bit from Reunion? Or still trying to figure out how that could possibly have been our 30th? Thanks to **Kris Borovicka** Gerig for her great Reunion Report in the last issue. A few updates trickled in after that went to press, including this note from **Marianne Wait**: "**Ted Shafer** is enjoying life in La Jolla with his wife, Rita, and their three little surfers and future Cornell Class of 2027 graduates, triplets Katherine, Zander, and Zachary. Ted is currently having a blast running business development at ASML, a Dutch equipment manufacturer where he has spent most of his post-Cornell career. Ted was last seen having an amazing time at our beautiful alma mater with dear friends and fellow Class of '89ers **Joe Forkey**, **Cam** and **Peggy Curan Haugen**, **Judy Blumenberg**, **Stuart Piltch**, **Mary Riordan**, **Josh** and **Tanya Egan Gibson**, and **Mike** and **Christy Clark Pambianchi '90**.

Classmates from all over the world attended Reunion; others couldn't make it this time but like to keep in touch. **Shadi Feiz**-Fahid wrote from London, where she works as co-founder of Mrs. Wordsmith, whose website describes, "Both on paper and in digital, our team of award-winning Hollywood artists transport . . . words into the progressive, culturally diverse, and technologically advanced world children now live in." Shadi would love to return to Ithaca to explore the Finger Lakes Region some more.

Other classmates have been traveling the world. Last spring, **Rick Lipsey** and two of his sons (Ricky, 15, and Timmy, 10) went to Nairobi to participate in the Last Game festivities and play with the Kenya Lions ice hockey program. Rick explained, "The Last Game is a project to promote climate change awareness through a series of ice hockey (Go Big Red!) games around the world. The project involves a documentary film being made in conjunction with the United Nations, *National Geographic*, Slava Fetisov (the legendary Russian hockey player), and Jon Alpert, an Emmy Award-winning and Academy Award-nominated producer. The project will culminate with a game at the North Pole in April 2020." Rick also added the fun fact that he began playing cello two years ago. Inspiring to those of us who are feeling the weight of middle age since having celebrated that three-decade milestone: it's never too late to pick up something new!

Jordan Yeager wrote in to let us know that he prevailed in the Democratic primary for judge in the Court of Common Pleas in Bucks County, PA. Cornell friends came to help with the primary campaign, including **John Zimmer**, BArch '91, **Shane Methal '90**, and **Mike '88** and **Michelle Chidester Cecchi '88**. Jordan won the first case in history to recognize Pennsylvanians' constitutional right to a healthy environment. He's been endorsed

Kim Sumner-Mayer writes to us from the greater New York City area that after 15 years with Phoenix House, she recently joined the Educational Alliance, a Lower East Side-based agency, at their Center for Recovery and Wellness. Kim is serving as their first-ever family services coordinator, where she develops programming to involve family members in addiction treatment to more effectively address family issues in addiction recovery. "It's tremendously gratifying work with fantastic coworkers," she writes. Kim has also been keeping busy in her personal life, converting to Judaism in 2016 and, along with eight other women at her temple (from ages 35 to 74), becoming a bat mitzvah. "It's been a really fulfilling journey," she writes. Her husband, **Larry Mayer '89**, has been preparing to sell his business and transition to staying at home full time. Sons Eli, 13, and Avery, 11, are fanatic about pro scooter riding (which Kim insists is a thing), and they're looking forward to hitting up spots all over campus at Reunion in June. "Eli is about to become a bar mitzvah as well. I was planning a 50th birthday trip to Costa Rica to do yoga and learn to surf, but a broken foot put that on hold for a while—hoping I'll at least be able to dance at Reunion."

Kim is enjoying the road she and her family have been on. "Having been with Larry for over 30 years and knowing each other's stories from their origins is a steady awesome; the spiritual life we've built for us and our kids has provided a lot of healing and satisfaction for both of us." Kim gives a shout-out to **Jennifer Kowalski**, the first person she met at Cornell, and says that if she had a day in Ithaca, she would walk the campus and visit Uris Library and the Straight. "If it's sunny," she says, "I'd lay on the warm rock slabs that make up the stone stairway opposite Uris Hall, walk through Collegetown, and feel sad that the Nines (the site of Larry's and my first date and post-wedding rehearsal dinner hangout) is gone." She'd also walk through Cascadilla Gorge and make her way to Ithaca Falls to marvel at them, smell the air, and maybe swim, then take in a movie at Cinemapolis, eat at Viva Taqueria, and hit up wineries on the east shore of Seneca Lake, where awesome reds are made. She'd also visit Wegmans and lament the fact that they still don't have one near where she lives and works.

That's quite a vivid description of an imaginary visit, and I can only guess that Kim is eagerly looking forward to bringing the family to Reunion this coming summer. While I strive to make it to Ithaca for our official class Reunions, I usually make the trip alone. However, this past summer I was able to visit the campus with the entire Rousselle clan in tow, including sons Alex, 17, Nolan, 14, and Andrew, 11, and their mom, **Paulette Dwen Rousselle '89**, MS '96. After visiting with fellow Big Red Band alums **Steve** and **Pam Schoman Colwell '84** in Boston, we headed to Ithaca and showed the boys our old haunts, including kid-favorites the Dairy Bar and Trillium Dining (which I had never visited as an undergrad, believe it or not). It was fun to explore the new (to us) venues for the Big Red Marching Band and WVBR, both of which have found new homes since our time at Cornell.

While in town, we enjoyed meeting up with **Scott Pesner '87** and **Mark Anbinder '89**, both of whom work nearby, and I enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**, who remains one of my favorite professors of all time. While he continues to work as dean of Continuing Education, he is scaling back on his professorial duties. If there's any chance to catch him lecturing during Reunion, I definitely plan to attend.

And while Collegetown has changed a great deal, it's going to change even more by the time we converge on

the campus again for Reunion in June 2020. As visitors to the Class of '90 Facebook page already know, the *Cornell Daily Sun* reports that Student Agencies Inc. is planning to redevelop the building that currently serves as home to Collegetown Bagels and Ruloff's, with demolition slated to begin on June 1. The fate, and possible relocation, of these two institutions is still being determined.

Do you have any news about a classmate or yourself that you'd like to share? Please feel free to drop either of us a line with your news for the class column. ♦ **Allan Rousselle**, agr2@cornell.edu; **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu. Class of 1990 Facebook page, <http://facebook.com/Cornell90/>.

91 Classmate **Joe Marraccino** here. Ithaca is top of mind these days. First, I celebrated the half-century mark on Cayuga Lake with a long weekend with fellow old-timers **Chris Dugan**, **Jim Hamilton**, and **Greg Meier**. Happy to have **Dale Galvin '92** and **Glenn Haber '92** join us as well. I can't remember the weather ever being so nice in Ithaca! It was also nice to feel 20 again, if only for a short while (and with more aches and pains!). From our dock we could see Cornell and Ithaca College, both standing tall on opposite hills. What a view! And fitting, as my daughter begins her freshman year at Ithaca College. I'm happy that we'll share an amazing college hometown.

It's been a big year for birthday celebrations for Jim's wife, **Rebecca Warne Hamilton** (Bethesda, MD), too. "I'm making the most of a milestone year, recently celebrating at **Kate Snow's** birthday bash with fellow grads **Monica Ruehli** and **Andrea Retzky**." Rebecca, a Policy Analysis major in Human Ecology on the Hill, is at the McDonough School of Business, Georgetown U., as the Michael G. and Robin Psaros Chair in Business Administration, professor of marketing, and marketing area coordinator. As a marketing professor, Rebecca studies consumer decision making. "I recently visited Cornell to present a research paper to the faculty at the Johnson Graduate School of Management. I often collaborate with faculty in the Johnson School as well as the School of Hotel Administration." On a personal note, Rebecca loves getting together for a monthly book club with other Cornell grads **Mindy Schrader** Kim, **Lori Giuffre**, **Christina Guerola** Sarchio, **Anjali Chaturvedi '90**, **Debbie Goldstock** Ringel '90, and **Melissa Fast '88**. Ask Rebecca about her latest research or book selection: rebecca_w_hamilton@hotmail.com.

Dorothy Patton is an Arts & Sciences Government major who actually works for the government. Go figure. Dorothy, an international lawyer at the Dept. of State, is also a first-time published author! She just published *From Suffragists to Senators: A Century of Laws by Women Since 1920*. Her inspiration? The 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, her exposure to other countries' struggle with democracy, and thinking lately about our own democracy. In her booklet, Dorothy "remembers the sacrifices, celebrates the successes, and recommitments to exercising the precious right to vote." Dorothy and her husband live in Arlington, VA, and have raised two boys, one a senior at the U. of Virginia and the other a freshman at Temple U. Dorothy is enthusiastic for what she calls "Act III" as a blossoming empty nester. "I had to write this book about my passion. It took me nine months to write and deliver it—my new baby! I'm looking forward to my nest remaining full and exciting in different ways." Dorothy would love to hear from you at jdplustwo@msn.com.

Morgan Rider, an environmental engineer while on the Hill, is the new business development director for the

social impact branding agency Oliver Russell. Morgan will oversee its expansion into Portland, OR (her hometown). "Oliver Russell's values align perfectly with mine and what I care about most—social enterprises, nonprofits, and doing good in the world." Morgan is a stalwart conservationist, serving as board chair for the Climate Trust, as a board member for the Wetlands Conservancy, and as the community chair for the Portland Advertising Federation. Oliver Russell is a Certified B Corp., part of a growing movement of companies that use the power of business to solve social and environmental issues. "My focus will be on cultivating new opportunities with businesses and nonprofits that share our vision for positive world change." Wish Morgan well in her mission at mrider@oliverussell.com.

Thank you for sharing your motivating stories, a timely gift for my daughter's send-off! Now it's your turn. What's your "Mecca"? A career change, a child off to college, a gathering of classmates, moving to a new location? Text me, subject line "Mecca," at (845) 548-2564 and I'll contact you a.s.a.p. to hear your story! Send your info via the online news form (<http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>) or contact one of us directly at: ♦ **Joe Marraccino**, Joe.Marraccino@wfa.net; **Wendy Milks** Coburn, wmilkscoburn@me.com; **J. Tim Vanini**, lavanooche@icloud.com; **Lori Woodring**, lori.woodring@yahoo.com.

92 Hello, Class of '92ers! As 2019 rolls to a close, read on to enjoy recent news from our classmates. **David Chang** recently became CEO of Gradifi, with a focus on tackling the huge problem of student debt in the US. Congrats and good luck, David!

Doreen Robinson writes that she has recently moved to Kenya and has joined the UN Environment Programme, which is based in Nairobi, as Global Chief for Wildlife. She is very happy to report that her oldest son has graduated high school and is off to university in the US! Doreen adds that if she were able to spend a day in Ithaca, it would be to "walk around campus and visit the falls and check out how campus has changed!"

Eileen Rappaport writes that she is busy running her real estate business with Douglas Elliman Real Estate in New York City, Brooklyn, and the surrounding areas. Eileen says that she is fortunate to meet "incredible people" every day, as she notes that "buying and selling homes is such a meaningful transaction." When not working, Eileen is enjoying life with her 9-year-old daughter, Lily Kate. She says their favorite summer trips are going to the beach, and they are planning for a trip to South Africa in early 2020! Eileen also notes that, in her spare time, she paints, makes greeting cards, and runs networking groups for moms and women entrepreneurs in NYC. That's all the news for now, folks! Keep the good news coming. ♦ **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu; **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu.

93 Hey, classmates! Here's to feeling happy, healthy, and hopeful about the New Year ahead. Let's add grateful to these optimisms; ok, we'll start: We are grateful to all of you that sent us news for this column!

Class Council member **Kim Powell** Sendelbach celebrated the graduation of her son **Luke '19** from CALS with a degree in Bioengineering. Luke, a third-generation Cornellian, will stay on campus one more year to finish his master's in Engineering. Kim shared, "It was an amazing experience to photograph him on the Arts Quad as the graduates prepared to parade into

Schoellkopf. Also, it was fantastic to sit in the stands for his Commencement exercises. Much reminiscing about our own graduation weekend." Many congratulations to the Sendelbachs and also to our class secretary, **Earl Pinto**, who married Kerri Whelan Palmer last spring surrounded by their beautiful family and friends.

Congrats also to **Josh Peirez**, who has been promoted to CEO of Sterling (www.sterlingcheck.com), global provider of background and identity services. **Jennifer Graham** has returned to her social work-related career "for a brief but highly challenging and enlightening period" working in child welfare, where she will determine eligibility for social services programs. Jennifer explained, "I'm enjoying the opportunity to be of service ('walking my talk') while also challenging myself, and the new relationships are nice, too." Jennifer also finds happiness surrounded by, she says, "good friends, good times, good books, good shows, good films, good meals, good hikes, good service, and good loves."

Speaking of good films, our classmate **Steven Chun** is the founder of Room 305, an organization that supports South Florida filmmakers navigating the business of independent film and television distribution. Steven is a Renaissance man and wrote about his artistic hobby: "I started doing beach art, where I paint and draw literally on the beach and meet interesting people from all of the world." Steven added that he has found happiness "watching the beautiful pink and blue sky, calm ocean, and beachgoers during the sunset hours." Anyone else finding a piece of peace just reading about this?

If you are making a connection between all of this wellness and your enthusiasm for our fair Cornell, please consider joining in and/or helping out. You can find a lot of ways to connect and volunteer by visiting www.alumni.cornell.edu/caco, which is the Cornell Assn. of Class Officers page, though all are welcome. For example, you will find a link to CUVolunteer, Cornell's volunteer portal, where you can explore diverse opportunities, and CUeLinks, a university-wide knowledge sharing platform, connecting students with alumni to get the most out of our powerful Cornell community. You can share your experience with students across a range of topics from career advice to navigating life post-graduation, and you can explore the Cornell Alumni Directory, where you can update your contact information and search for other Cornellians. In addition to social networking, you can also join for some in-person '93 social events: Red Hot Hockey vs. Boston U. at Madison Square Garden is in New York City on November 30, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. Class of '93 has purchased a block of tickets, so if you are interested, please contact **Amy Miller Moore** (ALM5@cornell.edu) with questions or seating requests.

Amy is our class Reunion chair . . . and speaking of Reunions, Amy and our class president, **Mike McMahon** (mike@mcmahonandhill.com), would like all members of our class interested in helping with our 30th Reunion to contact him or Amy. Our class needs volunteers from each club, major, residential unit, fraternity and sorority, sport, and other activities to step up and help us contact our classmates. Our 25th Reunion was bolstered by these efforts and we think we can do an even better job for our 30th. Please get in touch with Mike or Amy if you can join this affinity networking effort.

And lastly, please save the date for our '93 big birthday party: 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 our half-century mark! Please e-mail us some news to help make our column even better! Also, please join our class Facebook page: Cornell University—Class of 1993. Take care and please share. ♦ **Melissa Hart Moss**, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com; **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu.

94 Greetings and Happy Holidays from New Jersey! Michael and I, **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, had such an amazing time at our 25th Reunion earlier this year. It was the first time in almost 20 years that my roommates, their husbands, Michael, and I were back on campus all at the same time. Besides seeing **Amy Unckless**, **Marc Gallagher**, **Sunil Srivastava**, and **Rachel Gurshman**, we loved seeing old Donlon hallmates **Eileen Drabik** Hans and **Jason Abrams** as well! I was also thrilled to bump into my sorority sisters **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, **Jennifer Parsons** Nussbaum, **Allison Hertel**, and **Jeanne Ramage** Rentezelas; and though we didn't know them while at Cornell, we loved bumping into our Penn Law friends **Ted Lynch** and **Rich Wyman** while taking the class picture in the Crescent! While there were many highlights, Mike and I will not miss sleeping in Balch—yikes, that was rough! If you haven't been to a Reunion, there's always our 30th in 2024!

That's all the news I can share personally, so let's share the info that you sent in via mail or e-mail! First up, we received word that **Gregory Gerstenzang** has been elected partner of Cambridge, MA, intellectual property law firm Lando & Anastasi LLP. **Sean Alexander**, MBA '01, is now working with Arete Research, specializing in global TMT companies. He writes, "I recently hosted the FABBAs (www.fabbas.com) evening in Hong Kong, where over \$250,000 was raised for local and regional charities. **Susan Laufer** Krauss lives in Weston, CT, with her husband, her two sons, and two dogs. She runs a counseling center for families and enjoys "watching my kids play sports, playing with my dogs, and traveling with my family." **Jason Livingston** maintains an active life as a filmmaker. He currently serves on the board of trustees with the Flaherty Seminar. He will soon begin a practice-based PhD with the Dept. of Media Study at the U. at Buffalo. **Nilay Shah** used snail mail to write in from Brooklyn, where he lives with wife Marjorie. Nilay runs a startup (www.preminder.md) and is a practicing neurologist.

We have reached the season of life where we can proudly share news about our children's matriculation at the old alma mater! First, Ethan and **Arielle Hecht** Schiffman's son Lucas will be attending the College of Arts & Sciences in the fall as part of the Class of 2023. "Lucas will be a third-generation Cornellian and the seventh family member to attend the Big Red." Joining Lucas as a freshman is Sarah Berntson, daughter of **Ross '93**, MAT '94, MBA '02, and **Julie Ferguson Berntson**, DVM '98. Ross is now president and COO of Indium Corp. and Julie is a veterinarian in Upstate New York. Already enjoying Cornell is **Lucy Merrill '22**, daughter of **Grant Merrill**. Grant writes, "Lucy is fully engaged with the Best Buddies program and the Triathlon Club and is studying Biology and Society." Grant is busy too, "Leading our firm, AES Clean Technology, in the design and construction of cleanroom facilities for the world's most innovative pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies." Congratulations to all the families!

We would love to share more news from the Class of 1994! Please send news to any of us via e-mail, or go onto Cornell's website to submit via the alumni pages (<http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>). Best wishes for

a safe, happy, and healthy New Year! ♦ **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com.

95 As I am writing this, it is just under 300 days until our 25th Reunion—and as you are reading this, it is closer to 200! If you haven't marked your calendar yet, now is the time. Festivities will commence June 4, 2020 and last until June 7, 2020. I know many folks who are making their plans right now, and at least one West Coaster who's already bought his plane ticket to Ithaca (looking at you, **Dave McKew!**). Don't be left out—this will be our biggest and best Reunion yet!

Two more West Coast-based classmates who are excited about Reunion (and both of whom I promised I'd mention in the column—and who, in return, I hope are able to make it next June!) are **Patrice Winter** Rousell and **Jennifer Anderson**, MBA '06. I was out in Seattle recently for work, where I had the chance to catch up with both. Jennifer is a principal solution specialist for the Internet of Things (IoT) at Microsoft and has three beautiful children, while Patrice is a senior consultant at Unify Consulting and also has three children. We reminisced about our Cornell days and others we'd like to see at Reunion. Jen's list included our former co-orientation counselor **Alan Liu** and others from her freshman floor in U-Hall 2, while Patrice's included many from her own freshman floor (U-Hall 3), our sorority (TriDelta), and "The Brick," where she lived in Collegietown. One classmate that fits in two of Patrice's groups (bet you can guess which!) is **David Podwall**, who, in June, was selected as one of Castle Connolly's Top Doctors in Neurology.

Not long ago, I also received an e-mail from **Jeff Diener**, who writes, "Thought I'd send an update after many, many years. First, our oldest just passed his road test and makes an awesome designated driver. Second, after 14-plus years (and four cities and three continents), I resigned from the Paul Hastings partnership and joined the DLA Piper partnership. Fortunately, I've only moved about two blocks so still working in San Francisco and commuting from home by ferry across the San Francisco Bay."

I also received happy news about the wedding of **Jared Genser** and Elaine Smith on July 5 in Washington, DC. Jared is the managing director of Perseus Strategies, a law firm, human rights advocacy organization, and government affairs concern, and is also an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown U. Law Center. In 2001, he founded Freedom Now, an organization in Washington that works internationally for the release of political prisoners.

And now, for the latest on the winners of our "Still Red" trivia content. If you're not playing—why not?! There are still plenty of chances to win everything from bragging rights to free Reunion registration. And it's fun, too. Check out our Facebook page (link below) to see the latest questions and responses—meanwhile, check out these updates:

Leah Berkery, MD '99, knew it was 161 steps to get to the top of the Jennie McGraw Clock Tower—which then prompted some friendly banter from our social media chair, **Stephen Friedfeld**, who (perhaps foolishly) shared that he had never actually done this while at Cornell, and subsequently accepted the challenge of racing my 7-year-old son to the top during Reunion weekend—winner gets Dairy Bar ice cream! (I have a sneaking suspicion I know how this one might end. . .)

Speaking of ice cream, **Kevin Martone** knew that the sundae was first created in Ithaca in 1892 and

Jessica Homa Greenwood knew that the Cornell Dairy created the flavor Rocky Rhodes to celebrate CU President Frank Rhodes's retirement in 1995. When not enjoying frozen desserts, both Kevin and Jessica spend their time making an impact on the world from their respective homes in Massachusetts. Kevin provides technology analysis, assessment, and support to help more than 75 nonprofit camps and other organizations reach fundraising and outreach goals in his role as technology program manager, alumni and donor outreach initiative, for JCamp 180. Jessica is an independent nonprofit organization management professional and the founder of the Natural Child Collaborative, a partnership with local parenting organizations that helps families create connections with others through shared values around the environment, health, and creating community.

In the category of "Cornell alumni," **Rob Rossi**, ME '96, knew that **Allison Halpern** Solomon was a class marshal for Human Ecology. Rob is the director of construction at Bright Horizons Family Solutions in Arlington, MA, while Allison is a client services director for health interactions in San Francisco. **Anna Dalvi** knew that Carl Sagan was not, in fact, a Cornell alum. And **Alison DePiero** Butler racked up her second win knowing that **Jeffrey Lehman '77** is the only Cornell alumnus to serve as Cornell University President (albeit a rather short term). Not to be outdone, **Mary Travaglini** celebrated her THIRD (!) "Still Red" trivia victory by knowing that **Paul Johnson** was the editor-in-chief of the *Cornell Daily Sun* our senior year (although Paul may have revealed the correct answer a bit prematurely by voting for it himself in the poll!). A self-proclaimed "recovered journalist," Paul now serves as senior counsel for the New York City Law Dept.

Got any fun alumni stories to share? Reach out to us. ♦ **Alison Torrillo** French, atorrillo@aol.com; ♦ **Scott Lajoie**, scottlajoie@hotmail.com. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>. Class Facebook page, <http://bit.ly/CU95FB>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-news/>.

96 Andrea Foster (Milwaukee, WI) is the SVP development for Marcus Hotels & Resorts and has been spending some personal time enjoying philanthropic adventure. She completed the Scenic Shore 150 cycling event along Lake Michigan in Wisconsin (150 miles over two days) for the second consecutive year in support of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Just a couple of weeks later, she was on the cover of the *Milwaukee Business Journal* holding a bull python at the Discovery World annual fundraising gala. If you are interested in following her adventures, she is @andrea kmfoster on Instagram.

Did you ever see something on TV and think "Hey, that looks like fun; I want to do it!" Well, ESPN has gotten me (**Lee Hendelman**, MBA '03) into the great American sport of . . . cornhole! (Otherwise known in select cities as baggo, bags, and bean bag toss.) Inspired by a broadcast of the American Cornhole League, I am now the proud owner of ACL-approved bags and boards, which I am using to practice for my first tournament. But I don't know where or when that will be since this is apparently not a thing where I live in Queens! So I am happily accepting information on places to play and people to enjoy this great game with! Please send your suggestions to me at LeeH1818@hotmail.com and let me know if they are "corn-fidential"! Send your news to: ♦ **Lee Hendelman**, LeeH1818@hotmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

97 Firoza Hodiwalla Zononi is the environment, safety, and health manager at Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, NY. Her children are now 12 and 14 years old. What would she do if she had a day in Ithaca? "I'd go back to the Haunt, tour the Cornell campus, and visit the Ithaca Commons."

What would you do with a day in Ithaca? How are you planning to spend the holidays? Drop us a line to share an update with your classmates, or send your holiday letter to: ♦ **Erica Broennele** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu; or **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

'Our oldest just passed his road test and makes an awesome designated driver.'

JEFF DIENER '95

98 Climbing atop McGraw Tower while enjoying the chimes play a familiar tune, heading to the top floors of the Johnson Museum of Art to savor the majestic views of Cayuga Lake, or listening to an a cappella performance under the arch—these are all fond memories I hold dear in addition to all the Big Red friendships that may have started on campus but exist beyond. I had the opportunity to share my Cornell world and make new memories with my husband and two boys when we visited my nieces in April 2019. We walked across the suspension bridge, grabbed breakfast at Collegetown Bagels, viewed the brain collection at Uris, and relaxed at the new Tang Welcome Center by Beebe Lake. Our trip wouldn't be complete without a jaunt to the Dairy Bar! Big Red Bear Tracks is my favorite. We also ventured to the Commons and walked the scale model of the solar system, the Sagan Planet Walk. Have you been back to campus lately? What recent travels would you like to share with your classmates?

Matthew DiPaola shares, "I just took the family on a trip to Sicily and visited the town where my grandfather was born. Food, landscapes, history, people—what a beautiful place!" When he isn't traveling with his family, Matthew is an orthopedic surgeon with the U. at Buffalo Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, fixing people's shoulder and arm problems. When asked what his best day at Cornell was, he recalls beating Princeton in football in two overtimes in September 1996. "That was a memorable one!"

Cristina Martinez just returned from a girls' weekend trip to New Orleans to celebrate a friend's upcoming nuptials. Cristina, husband Edson, and baby girl Reyli have had a busy summer, but they are enjoying their new home in Lyndhurst, NJ. Speaking of new homes, congratulations to **Stephen and Shazeeda Bacchus Yerrakadu**! Together with their two sons, they have relocated to Las Vegas, NV, from sunny Florida. Also settling into a new home, **Syeda Ali**, husband Yousuf, and their two children had the opportunity to enjoy their first summer in Cortlandt Manor, NY. Remember, you can always return home—you can always return to Cornell.

Have exciting news to share or memorable moments to reminisce about? We would like to hear from you! You can access the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>, or you can e-mail me: ♦ **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu.

99 Andrew Hayward lives in Cedar Rapids, IA, where he is a HiSET instructor for a high school completion program at Kirkwood Community College. **Mike Macrie** is the new chief information officer of Subway. Previously, Mike led transformational and digital efforts that modernized Land O'Lakes Inc., incorporating cutting-edge technologies including analytics, artificial intelligence (AI), and more.

Still busy in his tenth year running real estate company Blackline Retail Group, **Daniel Dori** and wife Rachel are about to embark on a new adventure—being the parents of three children, as their 3-year-old and

18-month-old daughters were joined by a baby brother in July. Dentist **Jeffrey Goldberg** has recently become the treasurer for Hillel of Buffalo. A specialist in TMJ disorders, orofacial pain, and sleep apnea appliance therapy, Jeffrey practices in both Amherst and Rochester. He is also a clinical assistant professor at the U. at Buffalo's School of Dental Medicine.

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00 I recently moved from Virginia to New York and, in going through all of our stuff, came across our freshman year facebook. You know, that actual book that we got as freshmen to help put faces to names that preceded the electronic Facebook that we all spend way too much time on now. It was fun to flip through it and see all of our 18-year-old faces and read what plans we had for our college selves. If you're wondering, the book survived my Kondo-inspired purging (it definitely sparked some joy) and has a place in our new home in West Point, NY, where my husband, **Christopher Weld**, is now a senior rotator in the math department at the US Military Academy. He received his PhD in May from the College of William and Mary and recently marked 19 years of service in the Army. Our two girls, Claire, 12, and Abby, 9, enjoy exploring our historic home on the grounds of the academy and rooting for the Army team (when Army is not playing Cornell, of course).

Marianna Gialalone received an MA in teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) from the New School in New York City. She is currently looking for work and hoping to put that degree to good use! She says, "These days two things give me the most satisfaction: eating good food and meeting (online) with my significant other who is based in South Korea. FYI, he is also a Cornell alum!" **Jonathan Adler** is proud to announce that he recently launched his own boutique law firm, Stein Adler Dabah & Zolkowitz LLP (steinadlerlaw.com), in New York City specializing in real estate, employment, and commercial litigation. Also in the legal arena, **Sarah Paul** joined the litigation practice group of Eversheds

Sutherland as a partner. She was most recently an Assistant US Attorney for the Southern District of New York in the criminal division.

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. Please send updates, big or small, to me anytime. I love hearing from you! ♦ **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

Kate McMahon Galvin lives in Lexington, KY, with her husband and four amazing kids and is the assistant stallion sales manager at Godolphin. **Catherine Kelly** Mulgrew and her family have been living in Glasgow, Scotland, for the last five years. Catherine works at the U. of Glasgow (her kids think it looks a lot like Hogwarts) as the international development manager traveling the globe to meet Glasgow alumni to build engagement, fundraise, and strengthen their ties to the university. **Christina Peruto** Post lives with her family in the Phila-

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'Sara Diedrich Brohl thinks about and eats lots of pizza in her day job.'

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01 Greetings from monsoon-y Delhi! By the time you read this, **Salil Gupte** and I will hopefully have dried off and made lots of Cornell-in-India friends, especially given our auspicious first week of dining with expat power couple **Jeffrey Gettleman '94**, South Asia bureau chief for the *New York Times*, and **Courtenay Morris '94**, head of the American Embassy School's board of governors. Isn't it wonderful being part of such a global alumni network?

If you're in the Northeast, you probably connect with Cornellians constantly—but I'll give you bonus points for sharing news about: 1) yourself and/or someone else from our class; 2) someone whose time at Cornell overlapped with ours; or 3) someone who shares our Reunion cycle. Our class co-president **Claire Ackerman** managed the hat trick thanks to her July 27 Cornell Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) board retreat at the Botanic Gardens with **A'ndrea Van Schoick '96**, **Lisa Bushlow '91**, **Vanessa Matsis-McCready '04**, **Jason Beekman '08**, **JD '11**, **Julie Vultaggio '02**, and **Rachel Herman Krug '04**. "It was great being back on campus," she writes. "While some areas look the same, most of campus looks very different from when we were on the Hill." A few weeks later, she also attended the Cornell Club of the Berkshires annual meeting and brunch, was elected the club's communications chair, and learned all about "Cornell's Legacy of Innovators and Thought Leaders" from keynote speaker **Corey Ryan Earle '07**.

Checking in from White Plains, NY, **Milke Kalogiannis** is now field medical director for rare disease at Pfizer and a new homeowner. "I am quickly learning all the basics in electrical, plumbing, and carpentry," he writes. "I spend my spare time with my wife, Maria, traveling (recently took a road trip to Montreal and planning one for Ithaca)." One of our class couples, **Philip Fibiger** and **Emily Russell**, has also had a busy year of work and play. After Phil's company, Voalte, was acquired by Hill-Rom, he "took on the role of executive director of R&D, care communication for the combined organization" while Emily, associate dean for academics at Rollins College, released her second book, *Transplant Fictions: A Cultural Study of Organ Exchange*. Along the way, they enjoyed hosting **Deb Agrin** and her family at their home in Winter Park, visiting Phil's sister **Dorothy Fibiger '03** in Sacramento, and traveling with his mother, **Nancy Fenster '66**, in Montana.

Continuing this spirit of between-Reunion reunions, the Cornell field hockey girls of '01 got together in Maryland earlier this year and collected the following updates:

delphia area, where she coaches for a few youth field hockey programs and is the head field hockey coach at her alma mater, Gwynedd Mercy Academy. **Amy Galebach Crone** is the founder and executive director of the Maryland Farmers Market Assn., which helps provide low-income participants access to fresh local healthy food. She and her husband, **Tom** (a project manager/associate vice president at Arcadis), are working on starting HopScratch Farm & Brewery on their farm just south of Annapolis, MD. **Sara Diedrich Brohl** just survived her tenth winter in Minneapolis, MN, where she lives with her husband and two boys. She thinks about and eats lots of pizza in her day job as a marketing director over frozen pizza brands Red Baron, Freschetta, and Tony's at the Schwan's Food Company. **Ali Diesel** is about to start her ninth year at Texas A&M U., where she is an associate professor in veterinary dermatology. She and husband Mike are in the process of building a new home for their fur family including a dog named Potato and a kitten named Crouton. Triathlon training keeps them otherwise busy. **Maureen Sullivan** Mauk won this year's Society of Media and Cultural Studies Student Writing Award for her paper, "Politics is Everybody's Business: Resurrecting Faye Emerson, America's Forgotten First Lady of Television." When she's not busy studying children's TV regulations and parental controls as part of her PhD studies at U. of Wisconsin, Madison, she and husband Hayden are zooming and raising a ruckus between L.A. and Madison with their two kids and three-legged dog.

We can't get enough of all these between-Reunion reunions—but make sure to save room on your busy calendars for our 20th Reunion in June 2021, too! If you're available to help our Reunion committee brainstorm for this major milestone, just e-mail classof2001_reunion@cornell.edu. And, as always, stay in touch by sending your news to me, visiting our website (www.classof01.alumni.cornell.edu), liking our Facebook page, and following us on Twitter (@Cornell2001). ♦ **Nicole Neroulis Gupte**, NicoleMN6@gmail.com.

02 Happy Holidays! Send news of your winter activities to: ♦ **Carolyn Deckinger** Lang, cmd35@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

03 Hello, Class of '03! How are you planning to spend the holidays? If you responded to the request for news that was e-mailed to you in September,

04 Hello from the Class of 2004. Our classmates have been busy! **Alexis Bell** was elected the global chair for the board of regents of the Assn. of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE). She is the founder and managing partner of Fraud Doctor, a professional services firm located in Tampa, FL, specializing in fraud management. **Betsy Cooper** recently founded the Aspen Tech Policy Hub, an incubator training engineers, startup founders, and other technology experts on how to engage in public policy. Betsy would love to see Cornell alumni in a future cohort.

In December 2018, **Jessica Garay** Redmond received her PhD in science education from Syracuse U., where she is currently an assistant professor in the Dept. of Nutrition and Food Studies. **Jon Goldberg** joined 17Capital as an investment director in New York. In July 2018, Jon and his wife, Jillian, welcomed their third daughter, Jane, who joins big sisters Juliet, 4, and Josephine, 2. **Drew** and **Leslie Flanagan Greenwood** are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Gavin, born in November 2018. They currently reside in Darien, CT.

Continue to share your news. We enjoy reading all the updates! ♦ **Jessi Petrosino**, jessi.petrosino@ey.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

05 How are you planning to spend the holidays? Drop us a line to share an update with your classmates, or send your holiday letter to: ♦ **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu; **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu; or **Hilary Johnson** King, haj4@cornell.edu.

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07 Happy Holidays, 2007! We've made it through another year! I've been keeping busy in 2019 with family and travel, seeing Cornellians in Vermont, North Carolina, and California. Who has exciting holiday plans? Going anywhere amazing? Seeing any fellow Cornellians? Your class would love to hear about it—don't forget to send updates, and you can see what everyone else is up to right here in our upcoming issues!

Attorney **Kyle Dudek** was named to the Rising Star 2019 Florida Super Lawyers list for his work in civil rights. While only five percent of lawyers in the entire state are named to Florida Super Lawyers, no more than two and a half percent are named to the Rising Stars list. Congratulations on this amazing honor, Kyle!

Looking 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: <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

08 Hello, Class of '08! Send news of your winter activities to: ♦ **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu; or **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

09 I hope that everyone had a wonderful time on the Hill for our 10th Reunion! Those who couldn't make it to Ithaca were sorely missed. We have a handful of great updates from our classmates.

Alexander Callen and **Rachel Tamaroff** welcomed a daughter, Liorah Tamar, in June 2019. Congrats on your growing family! **Doug Beck** and **Heather Hunter** have been enjoying life in Princeton, NJ, with their two children, Luke, 3, and Eric, 1. Doug has been working at SES S.A. as an engineer supporting satellite operations. Heather is wrapping up her PhD in environmental engineering at Princeton.

Samantha Palladino has been appointed to the board of directors of Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK), a nonprofit organization that develops young leaders through science education and outdoor experiences for underserved urban youth. Samantha got involved because the organization's mission aligns with her love of the outdoors. "ELK provides kids access to the amazing natural resources surrounding the Denver metro area and beyond who may be unable to get there on their own," she said. "At the same time, it combines recreation with academic and career-driven programming, fostering well-rounded young adults." In her role, Samantha will participate in ELK's planning and positioning for the future, evaluate leadership, approve the organization's budget, help organize fundraising events and opportunities, and participate in student programs and events.

David Wittenberg and his wife, Zoe, were married last year in the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and honeymooned throughout Africa. David recently started a new job as an assistant attorney general with the Environmental Crimes Strike Force at the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, prosecuting polluters and protecting people and ecosystems. David and Zoe recently bought their first home in Newton, MA, and spend their time enjoying the New England outdoors. **Alex Berg** was recently named a new co-host of the BuzzFeed News show AM2DM. Make sure to catch her live every morning during the week!

Eli Klein joined the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office as an assistant district attorney. **Vana Koutsomitis** recently founded an online dating platform called Deep, which is focused on making the dating experience positive, supportive, and—most importantly—personal. Congrats to Vana on the new venture!

Thanks for the updates! Have news to share? Please feel free to reach out to me or submit online! ♦ **Jason Georges**, JAG243@cornell.edu. Online news form, <https://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

10 We're less than a year away from our 10th Reunion, and it's never too late for new beginnings. After graduating from Cornell, **Colin Greening** played in the American Hockey League and the National Hockey League, but this fall, he will be returning to school, pursuing his MBA at Harvard Business School. His wife and 2-year-old daughter, Bowen, will be joining him in this new adventure.

Jeffrey Weiss '11, BS '10, is teaming up with chef Paras Shah to open a new Spanish fast-casual concept restaurant in Las Vegas, Valencian Gold. They describe it as "Paella for the people," akin to Chipotle, but with paellas as the base. Since graduating Cornell, Jeffrey has also authored *Charcutería: The Soul of Spain* and initially met Shah when they were both awarded an Inst. of Culinary Education scholarship to train in Spain.

Keep us updated with your news. ♦ **Michelle Sun**, michellejsun@gmail.com; **Jeff Katz**, jeff.allan.katz@gmail.com;

Amar Kelkar, amarakelkar@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

11 How are you planning to spend the holidays? Drop us a line to share an update with your classmates, or send your holiday letter to: ♦ **Dara Perl**, dmp229@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

12 **Hudson Bova** has remained in New York City, hopping around various neighborhoods and finally settling down in Lower Manhattan. He recently finished his MBA from Columbia Business School and now works at a small investment bank, called Greenhill, in their M&A advisory practice. Hudson has been trying to travel more, especially to areas with great hiking, and remains active in some near-and-dear nonprofits, one of which is the New York Society for the Prevention of Child Cruelty, which helps rescue children from abusive families.

Emily Acton has been granted a predoctoral fellowship by the American Epilepsy Society. Emily is currently at U. of Pennsylvania and was one of 25 early career epilepsy scientists awarded a fellowship or grant from one of the largest non-governmental funders for those starting their epilepsy research. Send news to: ♦ **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

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14 Hello, Class of 2014! We hope you are all enjoying time with friends and family during these holiday months. **Ruth-Anne Langan** married Norman Pai on June 27, 2019 at Philadelphia City Hall. The two met three years ago while graduate students at U. of Pennsylvania. Ruth-Anne plans to defend her PhD in immunology in 2021.

Gregory Braciak celebrated his marriage to Jennifer Prostoff on May 11, 2019 in New York's Hudson Valley with several Cornell friends in attendance. Gregory recently completed his Master of Professional Studies in real estate from Georgetown U. and Jennifer received her MBA from UNC, Chapel Hill. Gregory and Jennifer currently reside in Norwalk, CT, and work in New York City. **Dana Lerner** recently founded Red Pelican Creative, a social media consulting and management company based in New York City. As always, thank you for sharing your news! Please reach out to me if you or a 2014 classmate have something to share. ♦ **Samantha Lapahn**, SRL76@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

15 Happy Holidays, Class of 2015! We hope that everyone is enjoying their time with family and friends and staying out of the cold. Our 5th Reunion is fast approaching, and our classmates have been very busy earning graduate degrees, accelerating their careers, and traveling the world.

Katie Morin graduated summa cum laude with her JD from Roger Williams U. This fall, she joined the Providence office of Locke Lord as an associate attorney in the firm's corporate practice group. **Arielle Koppell**

also got her JD from NYU School of Law and started work as an associate at boutique antitrust law firm Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider LLP.

Corinne Weyrauch spent some time traveling to Iceland, Hawaii, and the Pacific Northwest before accepting a job at Boston Scientific as an R&D engineer. She misses being in beautiful Ithaca, the wonderful friends she made, and all the hard work that went into earning a degree from the best school in the world. **Julia Roestenberg** moved from Sydney, Australia, to London, where she is now an interior designer at Winch Design, working on superyachts and aircraft projects. **Danielle Copeland** is on an international adventure of her own in London, where she has lived for three years. Danielle received a master's degree from the U. of Manchester and recently started a new job.

Back on the other side of the pond, **Ariel Cooper** graduated with her MBA from the Ohio State U. Fisher College of Business and returned to her native New York, where she is now an e-mail marketing manager at Insider Inc. Meanwhile, class president **Morgan Miller** just started her MBA program at NYU Stern. Also continuing her education is **Olivia Vaz**, who is halfway through her PhD in infectious disease epidemiology at UNC.

Have some big news to share? Please send us your updates and we will include them in an upcoming column! ♦ **Ariel Cooper**, alc258@cornell.edu; **Haley Velasco**, hav9@cornell.edu.

16 Hello, classmates! As we begin our fourth year away from Ithaca, our classmates continue to do great things, both in the country and around the world. **Sam Baxter** recently made a big move to Ireland, where he will be studying physical therapy. To begin his adventure in the Emerald Isle, Sam enjoyed some traveling with family. Before starting classes, he hiked from Doolin to the highest point on the Cliffs of Moher, biked around the Dingle Peninsula, and went sightseeing in Dublin. Good luck to Sam as he begins his new adventure.

Caroline Kellner writes with news from her role as the site supervisor at a Superfund site in New Jersey. Caroline enjoys the intellectual rigor and physical demands of her job as she spends her time split between the office and the work site. In her free time, Caroline continues to visit national parks with her family; this year, she added Theodore Roosevelt and Voyageurs national parks to her list. In addition to her hiking adventures, she plans to take a carpentry class this fall.

Mariana Pinos, our class treasurer, wrote with some professional news of her own. After graduating with her master's in strategic communication from Columbia in 2018, she began working for JetBlue in the Emerging Talent Program. In May, Mariana transitioned within JetBlue to work as an analyst for their customer experience team. As an analyst, she does internal consulting work, data analytics, and testing. Outside of her work, Mariana made time to see the Big Red hockey team in action at last year's Frozen Apple. She stays in touch with dance teammates from Sabor Latino and her sorority sisters of Sigma Lambda Upsilon. You can catch Mariana back in Ithaca for Homecoming and on-campus recruitment events for JetBlue!

If you want your news featured, please write or fill out an online news form! We'd love to hear from you and share your latest exploits with the Big Red community. ♦ **Meghan McCormick**, mcm324@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

Agriculture & Life Sciences

Arthur Shapiro, PhD '70, writes: "As distinguished professor of evolution and ecology, I am in my 48th year on the faculty of the U. of California, Davis. My wife, Adrienne, and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on August 3. We were married in the Cornell nature preserve in Slaterville Springs, by Tompkins County Justice of the Peace Harold Harrington. It was that rarity—a perfect summer day. Our grown children, Austin and Alexa, live in Oakland and Sacramento, CA, respectively."

Dwight Roseler, MS '90, PhD '94, leads the development of dairy feeds for 9 million dairy cows in Kenya, the location of a new state-of-the-art feed mill built by Land O'Lakes Inc. USA and Bidco Africa. An Ohio resident, he travels to Kenya, where he provides nutritional expertise and education in forages, management, and nutrition. Dwight is dairy technical field leader with Purina Animal Nutrition (Great Lakes) and is an adjunct faculty member at the Ohio State U. Dairy farms in Kenya remind him of what the US farm was like 50 years ago, with numerous

Michel Del Buono, PhD '75, writes: "I just got back from a business trip to Kenya (actually two trips in one because I had to go back to Kenya before I managed to return home) with stops in Rome and Geneva (CH not NY) to see relatives and friends. I am working with IHSMarkit, a conglomerate in the consulting and information field and we are assisting the National Oil Corp. of Kenya (NOCK) to adapt itself to becoming a modern state oil corporation in a soon-to-be oil-producing country. We analyzed the impact of various potential NOCK strategies on GDP, employment, and government revenue. One of the strategies we proposed was approved by the board of NOCK and its parent, the Ministry of Petroleum and Mines, and we will soon help implement it. I joined the World Bank immediately after leaving Cornell, spending 25 years there. After retiring from the bank, I lived in Kenya for some years, then in Rome and in Amman, working as a consultant mainly for UN agencies and IFIs. I have recently returned to Washington but am continuing to work as an economist/consultant."

Sheila Jeyifous Walker, PhD '86, has written a new book, *African American Girls and the Construction of Identity: Class, Race, and Gender*, published last fall by Rowman & Littlefield/Lexington Books.

Caryl Clark, MA '84, PhD '91, professor of music history and culture at the U. of Toronto, has recently been elected a senior fellow of Massey College, the graduate college at U. of Toronto. Together with **Sarah Day-O'Connell, MA '98, PhD '04**, she co-edited *The Cambridge Haydn Encyclopedia*, published in June 2019. For more information see: <https://carylclarkmusicologist.com>.

Suyapa Portillo, MA '05, PhD '10, writes: "I am an associate professor of Chicano/a Latino/a transnational studies at Pitzer College in Claremont, CA. I just came back from a Fulbright Scholar Award to Honduras in 2017-18."

Computing & Information Science

N. Sadat Shami, PhD '08 (sadat.shami@gmail.com) has accepted a position at Facebook in Manhattan as a people analytics leader, after over 11 years at IBM. He has been given a mission to grow the team in NYC and is looking to hire data scientists with an interest in organizational science and behavior.

Engineering

Sanjeev Sanghi, MS '88, has now been dean, alumni affairs and international programmes at Indian Inst. of Technology Delhi for the past three years. During his tenure, the alumni contributions to IIT Delhi have grown by more than a factor of 30. He is now starting a global alumni endowment fund for IIT Delhi, a first of its type for Indian universities. Sanjeev won the award for the most distinguished TA in the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering department at Cornell in 1988 and followed it up with the Distinguished Teachers Award in 2003 at IIT Delhi.

Czeslaw Golkowski, PhD '91, is the vice president of research at Sterifre Medical Inc., which was started in Ithaca within Cornell's incubator program. Now, the company is announcing that it has successfully raised another \$8 million in equity financing. The Seattle area company is commercializing a suite of products based on an innovative disinfection and sterilization technology to address the acute need for rapid, point-of-care device disinfection in healthcare facilities. Sterifre leadership believes it will be the first technology of its kind to achieve full EPA approval on its patented product.

Scott Dawson, ME '96, writes: "I'm a Cornell graduate and I recently published *The Art of Working Remotely*. I started working remotely 21 years ago. I've been working the same way since—from Waltham, MA, Fairport, NY, and Trumansburg, NY—all for NYC-based companies. It's been a wonderful journey for me professionally and personally. More details about the book are at: <https://artofworkingremotely.com/book>."

Yongmei "Cindy" Wang, PhD '97, is the creator of Mamapod, the first ergonomic baby carrier to keep a child close and comfortable while preserving the parent's comfort. She got the idea after spending an exhausting day holding her infant daughter at Disneyland, while

Sandy Argabrite, MBA '85, was the winning contestant on "Best Ever Trivia Show."

ten-cow farms and subsistence income. Dwight notes, "Improving the nutrition of Kenya dairy cows will provide much needed dairy products to the growing Kenya populace and improve dairy farm livelihood."

Peter Malvicini, MS '95, PhD '98, writes: "After spending 18 years teaching and consulting in international development in Manila, Philippines, we have moved. I have accepted the role of director of the Center for Policy Research and Outreach at Westminster Int'l U. in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Meanwhile, my spouse, **Cindy Mauren Malvicini, MPS '00**, has been named the Asian Development Bank's country director for Uzbekistan. Cornell has had a tremendous effect on our prior work and this new stage of challenges in our lives!"

Peter Marchetto, PhD '15, writes: "I'm coming back to Cornell from a faculty position at the U. of Minnesota to teach in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Dept. I'll be starting in fall 2020."

Arts & Sciences

Robert Brooks, MA '61, PhD '65 (rd72@cornell.edu) writes: "After three careers (professorial, international admin, and Middle East research/writing), including 16 years abroad, I have retired to Tampa, FL, and Connettee Falls, NC. I'm married to Kathleen, and we have five children, 15 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, with another in the oven. I cried when, after four years, I left campus in 1963 and have been back only twice in the interim. The place still has a grip on me. I would love to hear from speech and drama grads from the '59-63 era."

Robert Hampel, PhD '80, writes: "I'm proud to report that I dedicated my recent book, *Fast and Curious: A History of Shortcuts in American Education* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2018), to Prof. Joel Silbey, my Cornell dissertation adviser. He was an inspiration to his students in the History department, and I'm glad he got my book before he died last year."

Judith Paul Starkston, MA '81, writes novels that bring to life women from the ancient world of the Greeks and Hittites. Her first novel, *Hand of Fire*, gives voice to Briseis and is set during the Trojan War. She also writes a Bronze Age historical fantasy series (*Priestess of Ishana*, *Sorcery in Alpara*) based on Hittite Queen Puduhepa, who ruled for decades over the most powerful empire in the world at that time, but had been lost to history until recent archaeological discoveries.

James Coyle, MA '83, writes: "I retired on July 31, 2019, after 33 years as a Vietnam analyst with the Dept. of Defense. I was hired by the Joint Casualty Resolution Center in June 1986, where I was a Vietnamese-language interviewer and later one of the first two field investigation team leaders to work in Vietnam. I continued to work in these and other capacities with Joint Task Force - Full Accounting, the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, and the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency until I retired. My wife, Ngoc-Anh, and I will continue to live in Hawaii. **Giok Po Oey, MA '53**, the curator of the Echols Collection on Southeast Asia, and **Stanley O'Connor '51, PhD '65**, professor of Asian Art History, first informed me, on the same day, of the job opening that eventually became my career."

copied with the ensuing backache. Cindy evaluated common baby carrier complaints—lack of back and shoulder support, breathability, or comfort and safety for your baby—and created solutions through the carrier's unique features including shoulder and waist straps, patent pending detachable support pole, adjustable leg openings, foldable hip seat, and breathable inner mesh layer. Mamapod was recently chosen as a top five baby carrier by *Motherly* and a best gift for new dads by *Fatherly*.

Graduate School

Darryl Ponicsan, MA '65, writes: "Eternal Sojourners is my 14th novel, published in November 2019 by Skyhorse Publishing, NY. My first novel, *The Last Detail*, was published five years after my MA at Cornell. It was adapted to the now-classic film starring Jack Nicholson. Two of my other novels were also adapted to film: *Cinderella Liberty* and 2017's *Last Flag Flying*, currently streaming on Amazon."

Julie Stone, MPA '00, writes: "I just started a new job at a national nonprofit, OCHIN, as the director of strategic development and proposals. OCHIN is building and continually expanding an electronic health record for community health clinics nationwide. It also has a large and growing research arm that conducts objective and robust research on health delivery to support evidence-based systems improvement. Further, OCHIN provides technical assistance and drives quality improvement for community health centers and their partners. I am excited about this new opportunity."

Hotel Administration

Kenneth Sull, MPS '79, writes: "I'm enjoying being a grandfather of three, Naomi, Sophia, and Emma Marie, who live in El Paso, TX, with our youngest son, Jordan, who serves in the US Army, and with our daughter-in-law Ruth, Copper, Sonny, and Smoke (the dog, cat, and cat). Our middle son, Brandon, serves in the Florida National Guard and law enforcement with his wife, our daughter-in-law Danielle. They are building a home in Tampa, FL, and are expecting their first child in October and have two cats, Jack and Colby. Our oldest son, Erik, is autistic and is with me in Buffalo, NY. We love Cornell."

Johnson School

Sanford "Sandy" Argabrite, MBA '85 (sandyarga.brite@gmail.com) is now the CFO at Evolve Biosystems, a biotech startup that has the "first and only clinically proven probiotic for babies." Last August, Sandy was the winning contestant on a new show on Game Show Network, "Best Ever Trivia Show." Three contestants go head-to-head through three rounds of questions, competing alongside famous trivia experts such as Ken Jennings, who holds the record for highest winnings (\$2,520,700) and longest winning streak (74) on "Jeopardy!" In the opening round, Sandy went toe-to-toe with Ken and was the only contestant to get all correct answers, matching Ken. "I had to answer questions ranging from the periodic table of elements to which birds are the fastest and have the longest wing span in the world," says Sandy, "and because I watch nature TV shows with my kids, I was able to correctly answer several."

Law School

Martin Dolp, LL.M. '74, writes: "I am in contact with my roommate from 1973-74 in Hughes Hall, **Peter Hicks, JD '76, MILR '77**, and with my girlfriend of these times, **Lena Chung Mei '78**. This I do cherish very

much! Looking back on my 72 years, these friendships are cornerstones of my private life."

David Stafford, JD '87, is general counsel of McGraw-Hill Education, where he's worked since 1992 in a variety of roles, both legal and non-legal. He lives in Scarsdale, NY, with his wife, Caryn, a senior attorney at the Weil Gotshal law firm. They have three children, Daniel, 25, **Andrew '19**, 22, and Allison, 18. Andrew just received his BA from Cornell's College of Arts & Sciences, with a major in Economics and minors in World History, Spanish, and Business. Daniel lives in Rockland County and works at a not-for-profit company, and Allison will be entering Amherst College this fall, where she was recruited to play on the women's varsity soccer team.

Christopher Garcia, JD '93, published an article in the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* called "Trump and the Sacred: The (re)Naming of America," on July 29, 2019.

Juscelino Colares, JD '03, the Schott-van den Eynden Professor of Business Law at the Case Western Reserve U. School of Law, was appointed associate dean for global legal studies last May. In his new role, he will oversee the school's visiting scholar and exchange programs, among others. He recently published a featured trade article in the *Journal of Int'l Economic Law*, titled "TURK-SWITCH," laying the economic and legal case for Turkey to pull out of the asymmetrical EU-Turkey Customs Union. He was also reappointed by the Office of the US Trade Representative to serve in the US roster of NAFTA Chapter 19 panelists.

Veterinary Medicine

Frank Martorana, DVM '76, writes: "I sold my animal hospitals and retired in July 2019. It was a great run! My 'new profession' is as an author. I have two mystery/thriller novels published and one on the way. Check out my website: <https://frankmartorana.com>."

Steve Purdy, DVM '81, is the president of Nuñoa Project (<https://www.nunoaproject.org>), a US nonprofit that conducts educational and service programs in the US and the Peruvian Andes. Nuñoa Project veterinary teams have been working with camelid (alpaca and llama) farmers in Peru since July 2006. Steve is an adjunct professor in the veterinary and animal science department at the U. of Massachusetts, Amherst after having spent seven years as a full-time teaching faculty member.

Richard Orzeck, DVM '91, a practicing veterinarian in Trumansburg, NY, recently published *The Twelve Apostles of Jesus: Their Forgotten History*, which details the lives of twelve Jewish men who walked the earth with the Son of God and who changed the course of world history. Using scholarly sources, modern translations of the ancient texts, and local tradition, he follows each of them—fishermen, farmers, and even a tax collector—from their calling by the Lord, to the most likely geographical locations of their evangelical missions, and on.

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1930s

'35 BA—Elsie Kinde Green,
Canandaigua, NY, April 18, 2019
'38 BA—Eileen Mandl Goodwin,
Laguna Hills, CA, April 22, 2019

1940s

'40-42 SP Ag—Kenneth W. Chase,
Surprise, AZ, April 1, 2019
'40—Charlotte F. Safir,
New York City, April 4, 2019
'41 BS HE—Elizabeth Howe Hyde,
Vancouver, WA, June 8, 2019
'41 BA—H. Jerome Noel,
Carmel, IN, November 20, 2018
'42 BS Ag—Rose Head Bliss,
Middlebury, VT, June 4, 2019
'42 BA—George T. Bogert,
Bridgman, MI, May 13, 2019
'43 BS Ag—Donald Barnes,
Dewitt, NY, March 27, 2019
'43—John C. Bulkley,
Spring Hill, FL, March 10, 2019
'43—John E. Hinrichs,
Thomasville, GA, May 21, 2018
'43 BA—Beatrice Swick Ornitz,
Palm Beach Gardens, FL, July 14, 2018
'43 PhD—George W. Woodbury,
Fort Collins, CO, June 27, 2019
'44, BCE '48—John W. Bishop,
Vero Beach, FL, June 8, 2019
'44 BS HE—Maryellen Severinghaus Bowers,
Chapel Hill, NC, May 13, 2019
'44, BS Ag/DVM '45—Myron L. Dimon,
Oswego, NY, July 5, 2019
'44—Irene Sutphen Elkins,
Burdett, NY, February 22, 2019
'44—Robert L. Kortright,
Sun City, AZ, August 25, 2018
'44—Alfred C. Metz Jr.,
Chester Springs, PA, April 11, 2019
'44, BA '47—Robert S. Miller,
Ithaca, NY, April 4, 2019
'44 BA—Karl Schmiedler,
Warrenton, VA, December 23, 2018
'45 BEE—John A. Casazza,
Springfield, VA, January 9, 2019
'45, BA '48—Harold M. Hargrave,
Chico, CA, June 8, 2019
'45, BEE '48—Dan R. Hartmann,
Rocky Hill, NJ, April 16, 2019
'45, B Chem E '49, MBA '50—David C. Kay,
Martinsville, NJ, February 26, 2019
'45—Richard M. Lasday,
Maplewood, NJ, February 24, 2019
'45 BS HE—Lina Colacicco Nelson,
Clinton, NY, July 15, 2019
'45, BA '47, MS '48—Roger D. Norton,
Houston, TX, March 25, 2019
'46, BA '48—Gordon E. Baylis,
Greenport, NY, April 13, 2019
'46 BA—Ruth Critchlow Blackman,
Newtown, PA, February 17, 2019
'46 BA—Hazel Brill Brampton,
Ithaca, NY, February 23, 2019
'46—John C. Burns,
Canton, OH, April 19, 2019
'46 BA—Madge Spurny Cole,
Greensboro, NC, June 15, 2019

'46, BA '45—Ruth Rothschild Mayleas,
New York City, November 19, 2018
'46, BA '45—Polly Ryder Mendlin,
Kirkland, WA, March 23, 2019
'46—Elizabeth Lainhart Nelson,
Gainesville, GA, April 25, 2019
'46 BME—Anthony S. Rugare,
Cleveland, OH, February 16, 2019
'46 MD—Alexander R. Stevens Jr.,
Seattle, WA, April 25, 2019
'46 BA—Ann McGloin Stevens,
Ambler, PA, May 4, 2018
'47, BA '46—Seymour R. Askin Jr.,
Greenwich, CT, April 7, 2019
'47, BS HE '46—Helen Allmuth Ayer,
Ithaca, NY, May 4, 2019
'47 BS Ag—Guita Drimer Blau,
South Wellfleet, MA, March 31, 2019
'47 B Chem E—Anthony C. Casciato,
Marion, IA, February 19, 2019
'47 BME—Charles R. Cox,
Vero Beach, FL, March 18, 2019
'47 BA, JD '49—Jean R. Goldman,
Lauderhill, FL, July 6, 2019
'47 BS Ag, PhD '51—Heinz K. Meng,
New Paltz, NY, August 13, 2016
'47 BS HE—Georgia Franklin Olsson,
Seneca, SC, May 14, 2019
'47 BME—Charles A. Palmer,
Rossmoor, NJ, January 22, 2019
'47 BA—Silence Turnbull Roth,
Nashville, TN, April 17, 2019
'47 BA—Lois Stamey Spear,
Indianapolis, IN, April 5, 2019
'48 JD—John H. Barber,
Bradenton, FL, July 15, 2018
'48—Helen Buschmann Belvin,
Redmond, WA, February 14, 2019
'48 BS HE—Jane Bowers Bliss,
Warner, NH, February 13, 2019
'48 BA—Myron Fink,
Bellingham, WA, March 28, 2019
'48—Irwin L. Gold,
Brentwood, MD, April 17, 2019
'48 BCE—Raymond F. Green,
Maitland, FL, December 8, 2018
'48 BA, MD '51—William H. Jeffreys,
Danville, PA, July 20, 2019
'48-49 GR—Jean Erath Krebs,
Trumansburg, NY, March 15, 2019
'48 B Chem E—Robert E. Mersfelder,
Columbus, OH, March 2, 2019
'48 BME—Shirley Ogren Pabo,
Fort Collins, CO, June 16, 2019
'48 BA—Oriole Hoffman Peterfreund,
New York City, March 24, 2018
'48 BEE—William H. Robbins,
West Winfield, NY, December 26, 2018
'48—Robert E. Sanson,
Naples, FL, March 13, 2018
'48 BEE—William F. Santelmann Jr.,
Peabody, MA, February 20, 2019
'48, BA '49, MD '52—Herbert A. Zacheo,
Ulster Park, NY, June 20, 2019
'49 BA, MNS '51—George L. Campbell Jr.,
Cowansville, QC, October 29, 2018
'49—Jean Budd Falconi,
Newtown, PA, May 1, 2019
'49 BS HE—Ruth Cornwell Hack,
Lutherville-Timonium, MD, January 1, 2015

'49, BS ORIE '50—Herbert S. Hartley,
Greenwich, CT, January 23, 2017
'49 BS ORIE—Milton W. Herzog,
Ypsilanti, MI, December 19, 2018
'49, BArch '50—Shirley Kerr Kennard,
Bethesda, MD, September 1, 2016
'49 BA—Robert H. Koch,
Fairfield, CT, April 28, 2019
'49 MME—Robert N. Rasmus,
Evanston, IL, November 30, 2018
'49 MS—Walter A. Sauter,
Malibu, CA, March 28, 2019
'49 BME—Bill A. Selling,
Arcadia, CA, July 3, 2019
'49—James M. Simmen,
Lake Forest, IL, May 4, 2019
'49 MA, PhD '50—Paul E. Sultan,
Edwardsville, IL, June 25, 2019

1950s

'50 BA, MD '54—James H. Arthur,
Centennial, CO, January 30, 2019
'50 BS HE—Mary Baxter Barger,
Winchester, MA, March 27, 2019
'50 BA—Donald P. Darnell,
Annandale, VA, December 25, 2018
'50 BS HE—Lori Heyman Gordon,
Bethesda, MD, March 21, 2019
'50, BEE '51—Richard N. Houston,
Williamsburg, VA, October 2, 2018
'50 BA, PhD '58—G. Richard Jansen,
Fort Collins, CO, December 23, 2018
'50 B Chem E—Harold F. Mason,
Walnut Creek, CA, December 16, 2018
'50, BME '51, MME '54—William S. Neef Jr.,
Livermore, CA, October 15, 2018
'50 MED, EdD '58—William F. O'Connor Jr.,
Greenville, SC, November 1, 2018
'50 BA—T. Francis Ogilvie,
Ann Arbor, MI, March 30, 2019
'50 BEE—Richard M. Rabkin,
Ashburn, VA, November 11, 2018
'50 BS Ag—Edward E. Williams,
Exeter, NH, June 29, 2019
'51 BS Ag—Charles W. Ahrend,
Harrisonburg, VA, June 24, 2019
'51-53 GR—Landis L. Boyd,
Minnetonka, MN, April 28, 2018
'51 MA—Doret Meeker Burnett,
Thief River Falls, MN, April 18, 2019
'51 BA—Gloria Brooks Degling,
Keene Valley, NY, May 14, 2019
'51 BA, PhD '55—Rolf B. Dyce,
Aguadilla, PR, March 11, 2019
'51 BS Ag—Jesse B. Hannan Jr.,
Sarasota, FL, June 23, 2019
'51 BS HE—Nancy Hinner Heller,
Charlotte, NC, September 27, 2017
'51—Barbara Miller Henley,
Houston, TX, February 16, 2019
'51 BS Ag—John C. Huttar Jr.,
Ithaca, NY, June 5, 2019
'51—Margaret Landon Koplinka,
White Plains, NY, April 3, 2019
'51 BS ILR—William J. Kovack,
Danbury, CT, March 3, 2019
'51, BEP '52—James D. Livingston,
Sarasota, FL, May 10, 2019
'51-53 GR—Ann Huston Ray,
Hingham, MA, March 11, 2019

'51 PhD—Edwin L. Resler Jr., Ithaca, NY, July 21, 2019
'52 BS HE—Marjorie North Backus, Wallingford, PA, October 17, 2018
'52, BArch '53—William J. Bain Jr., Seattle, WA, June 8, 2019
'52 BA, MBA '53—David W. Buckley, Little Silver, NJ, July 17, 2019
'52 BEE—A. Roderick Carlson, Palo Alto, CA, March 25, 2019
'52 LLB—Jack G. Clarke, Naples, FL, April 26, 2019
'52 BS Ag—John H. Crager, Hudson, NY, June 21, 2019
'52 BA—Leonard D. Dank, Cutchogue, NY, January 25, 2019
'52 BME—Padma M. Dixit, Kathmandu, Nepal, November 1, 2018
'52 BFA, MEd '53—Margaret O'Connor Downing, Hackettstown, NJ, March 6, 2019
'52 BA—John R. Evanco, Buffalo, NY, June 28, 2019
'52 BA—Philip A. Fleming, Washington, DC, May 21, 2019
'52 BA—Suresha Holtzman Forbes, Rochester, NY, April 7, 2019
'52, BME '53—John S. Hoppie, Cincinnati, OH, November 22, 2018
'52 BS Ag—Gordon H. Huckle, Ithaca, NY, July 1, 2019
'52 BA—Gayle Raymond Kennedy, Minneapolis, MN, March 27, 2019
'52 BA—Lyman L. Leathers, Columbus, OH, June 20, 2019
'52 BS Hotel—Richard D. Levy, Boca Raton, FL, April 24, 2019
'52 BS Ag, MEd '65—John E. Price, Wayland, NY, July 22, 2019
'52 BS Ag—Jack A. Randorf, Marilla, NY, December 2, 2015
'52, BEE '53, JD '55, MEE '64—Donald P. Reynolds, Aurora, IL, April 20, 2019
'52 MBA—David Schaeenen, Scottsdale, AZ, February 3, 2019
'52 MD—Robert M. Wagner, Minneapolis, MN, June 1, 2019
'52, BME '53—Robert B. Walter, Dalton, MA, March 29, 2019
'52 MS HE—Barbara Snowman White, Cape Elizabeth, ME, February 26, 2019
'52 BA—Will W. White III, Arcadia, FL, May 16, 2019
'53 MS Ag, PhD '61—Heman P. Adams, Fort Collins, CO, December 7, 2018
'53 BA—Samuel A. Cassell, Wyckoff, NJ, January 7, 2019
'53 MS—Dorothy Tappe Grotos, Great Falls, VA, April 25, 2019
'53 BS HE, MPS '73—Ann Wheeler Kassel, Baltimore, MD, May 1, 2019
'53, B Chem E '54—Richard J. Kelly, Yardley, PA, April 4, 2019
'53 BFA—Sandra Bangilsdorf Klein, Westport, CT, March 16, 2019
'53 BA—Elaine Stern Koretsky, Brookline, MA, November 11, 2018
'53 BS Ag—George M. Lewis, Lititz, PA, March 25, 2019
'53, B Chem E '54—Paul W. Makosky, Easton, MD, March 25, 2019
'53 BS ILR—Frank A. Mason Jr., Pennington, NJ, February 22, 2019
'53 BEP—Murray E. Miles, Rockville, MD, May 11, 2019
'53, BS Ag '57—Harold S. Porter, Interlaken, NY, May 19, 2019

'53, BME '54—Richard L. Townsend, Gardner, MA, April 14, 2019
'53 BA—John D. Twiname, Scottsdale, AZ, March 12, 2019
'53 BS Ag—Kenneth E. Van Liew, Columbus, IN, April 24, 2019
'53 PhD—Roger D. Way, State College, PA, June 2, 2019
'53 BS Ag—Raymond S. Wilkes, Ottumwa, IA, May 8, 2019
'54, BS Ag '53—Herbert P. Barber Jr., Westfield, NY, June 14, 2019
'54 BS Ag—Arthur P. Braaten, Scotland, MD, December 31, 2018
'54 BA, MS '57—Marjorie Hall Davis, Granby, CT, February 24, 2019
'54 MS—Charles R. Downing, Hackettstown, NJ, May 18, 2019
'54 BS HE—Ellen Barber Fonda, West Chester, PA, July 18, 2019
'54 MD—Walter L. Freedman, Tucson, AZ, November 29, 2018
'54, BME '55—Rodney C. Glover Jr., St. Petersburg, FL, June 14, 2019
'54 BS Ag—Richard G. Harley, Harmony, FL, December 12, 2018
'54 MS Ag, PhD '57—Charles E. Hess, Davis, CA, April 13, 2019
'54—Charles M. Huck, Somerville, NJ, April 25, 2019
'54 MS, PhD '56—Donald J. Lisk, Freeville, NY, April 27, 2019
'54 BA—Douglas F. Miller, Birmingham, AL, April 19, 2019
'54 BS ILR—Rosanne Rogan Roach, Watervliet, NY, July 19, 2019
'54 BA—Nancy Carter Russell, Hilton Head Island, SC, May 21, 2019
'54 BS HE—Shirley House Spencer, Chapel Hill, NC, March 30, 2019
'54 DVM—Edward W. Stewart, Manchester, CT, April 6, 2019
'54 MS, PhD '57—Jonathan S. Tobey, Brattleboro, VT, June 22, 2019
'54, BArch '55—Teodoro C. Valentiner, Bad Vilbel, Germany, May 28, 2019
'54 BA—Sandra Ingalls Van Heerden, Salisbury Mills, NY, May 17, 2019
'54 BA—Sally Guthrie Whitman, Manasquan, NJ, January 6, 2019
'55, BCE '56—Robert P. Ackert, Fort Myers Beach, FL, October 1, 2018
'55 BS Hotel—Robert W. Alstrin, Portland, OR, May 23, 2017
'55 PhD—William E. Beckel, West Vancouver, BC, October 15, 2018
'55 BS Ag, DVM '57—Gerald A. Bezner, Henderson Harbor, NY, July 12, 2019
'55, BS ILR '59—Richard G. DoBell, Endwell, NY, May 16, 2019
'55 BA—Roberta Pierson Fernow, Seattle, WA, December 2, 2017
'55—Richard J. Frank, Elmira, NY, February 12, 2019
'55 PhD—Robert G. Howe, Midland, MI, December 14, 2018
'55, BME '56—Robert D. Jones, Daniel Island, SC, May 1, 2019
'55 BA, MD '59—Edward L. Krawitt, Shelburne, VT, July 18, 2019
'55 BA—Barbara Hoffheins Lavin, Easton, MD, July 11, 2019
'55 MS, PhD '59—Arthur D. Leach, Kennebunkport, ME, March 12, 2019
'55 BA—Nancy Allen Logan, Portsmouth, RI, March 8, 2019

'55 BS Hotel—James R. Metz, Phoenix, AZ, October 13, 2016
'55 MA—Toni Wofford Morrison, Grand View-on-Hudson, NY, August 5, 2019
'55 MEd—Edward M. Moy, Ithaca, NY, March 9, 2019
'55 MA, PhD '60—Roger J. Panciera, Stillwater, OK, March 22, 2019
'55 BA—Daniel G. Partan, Boston, MA, March 29, 2019
'55 BS Ag—John T. Romans, Gainesville, FL, February 28, 2019
'55 MD—John Ross Jr., La Jolla, CA, April 11, 2019
'55, BEE '57—John H. Sachleben, Charleston, SC, April 21, 2019
'56, BEP '57, MS '58—John F. Ahearne, Chapel Hill, NC, March 12, 2019
'56, BS Ag '57—Noé Diaz, West Palm Beach, FL, September 28, 2018
'56 BA—Stephanie Wilson Douglass, Ridgewood, NJ, January 6, 2019
'56 MS—Thomas H. Haliburton, Avonport, NS, January 1, 2016
'56 BS Ag—Vaughn Larrison, Nashville, TN, April 27, 2019
'56, BCE '58—Walter W. Lathrop, Perrysburg, OH, April 15, 2019
'56 BS Ag—Norman L. Merritt, Fort Collins, CO, April 14, 2019
'56 MBA—Richard A. Peshkin, Florence, AL, July 16, 2019
'56 LLB—J. William Reeves, Rochester, NY, May 27, 2019
'56 BS Ag—Stewart L. Sherman, Manlius, NY, June 26, 2019
'56 PhD—Glen A. Slack, Schenectady, NY, June 27, 2019
'56 BEE—Robert N. Van Delft, Wayne, NJ, May 28, 2019
'56 BA—Carol Pearson Whalen, Santa Fe, NM, March 16, 2019
'57 MBA—Wilbur L. Appel Jr., Indianapolis, IN, February 11, 2019
'57 MS HE—Gene Stimart Beardsley, Gainesville, FL, April 8, 2019
'57 BS Hotel—Robert H. Bennett, Englewood, CO, July 1, 2018
'57 MA—Joyce Long Ferris, Exeter, NH, December 30, 2018
'57 BS Hotel—William J. Galvin Sr., Queensbury, NY, March 22, 2019
'57 MS ILR—Antonia H. Nell, Rockville, MD, March 24, 2019
'57—Albert J. Phillips, Sarasota, FL, April 15, 2019
'57 BCE—Donald J. Redlich, Elizabethtown, PA, May 25, 2019
'57, BCE '58—Alan H. Schultz, Tucson, AZ, July 12, 2019
'57, '58 BS Nurs—Nora Daldy Schumacher, Wayne, PA, July 23, 2019
'58, BME '59—Bruce Augustus, Hailey, ID, June 29, 2019
'58 MEd—Elizabeth Gali Biesiot, Kenai, AK, December 28, 2018
'58 BA—Floyd L. Downs, Wooster, OH, June 19, 2019
'58 BA—Roberta Arvine Fishman, Brookhaven, NY, June 2, 2019
'58 BS Ag—Ronald D. Forness, Allegany, NY, November 1, 2018
'58 BA—Harry W. Gorgas, Charleston, SC, June 21, 2019
'58 BS Ag, DVM '62—William H. Herbold III, West Islip, NY, May 9, 2019

'58 BA—John A. Herman,
Los Gatos, CA, January 14, 2019

'58 BS HE—Sandra Ellis Lomker,
Rochester, NY, June 12, 2016

'58 BS Ag—William H. Longstreet,
Webster Groves, MO, July 13, 2019

'58, BEP '59—James H. McNally,
Scottsdale, AZ, February 26, 2019

'58, B Chem E '59—John W. Nestor Jr.,
Concord, MA, June 4, 2019

'58 MILR—Melvin L. Roberts,
Palm Beach Gardens, FL, November 9, 2018

'58 LLB—Perry Satz,
Poughkeepsie, NY, March 30, 2019

'58 PhD—David J. Thouless,
Cambridge, UK, April 6, 2019

'58 PhD—Harry C. Triandis,
Carlsbad, CA, June 1, 2019

'59 BA—Lester S. Adelman,
Cambridge, MA, December 18, 2018

'59, B Chem E '60—Stuart D. Alexander,
Sarasota, FL, April 29, 2019

'59 BS HE—Barbara S. Beaman,
Shelburne, VT, June 9, 2019

'59 BS Hotel—John T. Chirgwin,
Edgartown, MA, May 25, 2019

'59 MS—Wilfred F. Declercq,
Tucson, AZ, June 6, 2019

'59 BA—Robert J. Dunne Jr.,
Ashland, WI, May 7, 2019

'59, BS Ag '60—Charles H. Field Jr.,
Saint George, UT, June 18, 2019

'59 BS ILR—John E. Gibbons,
Antioch, CA, May 3, 2019

'59 MFA—Charles A. Ginnever Jr.,
Putney, VT, June 16, 2019

'59 BS ILR—Evelyn Schulman Hammerman,
Jaffrey, NH, July 1, 2019

'59-61 SP Ag—Frank A. Healy,
Orono, ME, March 31, 2019

'59, DVM '61—Eugene L. Johannes,
Hornell, NY, August 4, 2018

'59, BS ILR '60, JD '65—Philip E. McCarthy,
Vero Beach, FL, May 22, 2019

'59 BS Ag, MBA '60—David W. Menard,
Villanova, PA, May 13, 2019

'59 BA—Jonathan B. Pasternack,
Tucson, AZ, March 27, 2019

'59 BS Ag, MS Ag '71—Gary A. Randorf,
Pittsboro, NC, June 18, 2019

'59 BS Ag—Donald M. Smith,
Franklin, NY, May 5, 2019

'59 PhD—John O. Sutter,
Mill Valley, CA, March 16, 2019

'59, BArch '60—C. J. Way Jr.,
Glen Ridge, NJ, February 9, 2019

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'60 PhD—Richard P. Abernathy,
Greensboro, GA, June 15, 2019

'60, BCE '62—James E. Anderson,
Westmont, IL, December 30, 2018

'60 BA—Margaret Hospital Bramble,
Austin, TX, March 28, 2019

'60 BA—Linda Kitay Censor,
New York City, June 18, 2019

'60 BA—Donald A. Christensen,
Berwyn, PA, May 13, 2019

'60, B Chem E '61—Walter C. Gates Jr.,
Ithaca, NY, December 2, 2018

'60, BEE '61—Maurice G. Gilliland,
Holly Hill, FL, March 13, 2019

'60 PhD—Andreas A. Holmsen,
Kingston, RI, June 15, 2019

'60 BA—Stephen J. Kornreich,
New York City, May 8, 2019

'60 BS Ag—John W. Lincoln,
Bloomfield, NY, July 3, 2019

'60—William H. Maxwell,
Massena, NY, March 31, 2019

'60—Ray S. Messenger,
Camillus, NY, April 16, 2019

'60—Friedrich B. Miller,
Pendleton, OR, February 14, 2019

'60, BME '61—George R. Simpson,
Hampton Bays, NY, April 2, 2019

'60, BA '61—Guerry L. Suggs,
Springfield, IL, April 9, 2019

'60 MS Ag, PhD '63—David B. Van Vleck,
Middlebury, VT, April 22, 2019

'61 BS ILR—Robert W. Allison Jr.,
Pittsburgh, PA, July 19, 2019

'61 BS ILR—Charles P. Arthur,
Voorheesville, NY, May 10, 2019

'61 DVM—Frank L. Boudinot,
Berea, KY, February 24, 2019

'61 BS Ag, DVM '65—R. Kenneth Braun,
Gainesville, FL, May 17, 2019

'61 BS Ag, PhD '75—Frank E. Brockman,
Trumansburg, NY, July 10, 2019

'61 DVM—Walter E. Collins,
Grand Ledge, MI, January 19, 2019

'61 BA—Kathryn Hansbury Dawson,
Morris Plains, NJ, December 9, 2018

'61 MRP—David K. Dodes,
Hamden, CT, March 23, 2019

'61 MA, PhD '64—Stephen L. Harris,
Sacramento, CA, April 14, 2019

'61 MA—Akimi Yamakawa Hio,
Norfolk, VA, November 13, 2018

'61 BS Nurs—Patricia Million Loizou,
La Verne, CA, April 18, 2018

'61 BS Ag—Carolyn J. Male,
Salem, NY, June 14, 2019

'61 MS ORIE—Stewart F. Paterson,
Pittsburgh, PA, June 25, 2019

'61 MD—James W. Ryan,
Augusta, GA, May 4, 2019

'61 JD—Raymond L. Sciarrino,
Mount Morris, NY, May 25, 2019

'61 MD—James E. Standefer,
Woodridge, IL, December 28, 2018

'61 BS Ag—Lee O. Van Arsdale,
Ballston Spa, NY, December 13, 2018

'61 BA, MBA '63—Richard L. Weyand,
Bloomfield Hills, MI, May 26, 2019

'62 MD—Donald W. Abel,
Naples, FL, July 6, 2019

'62 BA—Priscilla Snow Algava,
Princeton, NJ, April 23, 2019

'62 DVM—David F. Anderson,
Chester, CT, April 28, 2019

'62, BA '63—Donald F. Behan,
The Villages, FL, June 3, 2019

'62 MS—Janet Pancoast Cassidy,
St. Augustine, FL, July 7, 2019

'62 BS Ag—Nancy L. Couse,
Golden, CO, June 10, 2019

'62, BEE '63, MEE '68—James H. Elgin,
Tewksbury, MA, December 2, 2018

'62, B Chem E '63—Samuel C. Fleming,
New London, NH, May 2, 2019

'62, BCE '63—James M. Greenberg,
Uniontown, PA, August 3, 2018

'62 BA—Susan Boesel King,
San Rafael, CA, January 17, 2019

'62—Paul F. Raymond,
Oswego, NY, March 28, 2019

'62 MBA—Peter W. Rector,
Portsmouth, RI, March 11, 2019

'62 BA—Charlotte White Spencer,
Walnut Creek, CA, September 8, 2018

'62 LLB—Douglas S. Stuart,
Tijeras, NM, April 30, 2019

'62 BA—Richard D. Thurston,
Spanaway, WA, February 28, 2019

'63, BCE '65, MCE '66—Arthur H. Adams,
Alpharetta, GA, April 30, 2019

'63 DVM—W. Robert Bastian,
Friedens, PA, July 13, 2019

'63 BA—Nancy J. Blanford,
Bronx, NY, March 8, 2019

'63 BS Ag—Evelyn S. Chadwick,
Livingston, NJ, November 23, 2018

'63 DVM—Edward F. Christensen,
Fayetteville, NY, May 30, 2019

'63 MS—John A. Ferwerda,
Bangor, ME, May 21, 2019

'63 BS Hotel—Julie Milligan Flik,
Key Biscayne, FL, April 27, 2019

'63 BS Ag—William P. Kroll,
Pasadena, CA, May 7, 2019

'63, BS Ag '64—James I. McNitt,
Slaughter, LA, May 22, 2019

'63 MS—Evangelos D. Paneras,
Thessaloniki, Greece, August 20, 2018

'63 DVM—E. Raymond Penhollow,
Clarence Center, NY, February 7, 2019

'63 DVM—William A. Reynolds,
Flemington, NJ, May 2, 2019

'63 BS Hotel—Nan Rick,
Boise, ID, March 17, 2019

'64 BS Ag—Neal H. D'Agostino,
Corona, CA, December 8, 2018

'64, BEE '65—Edward G. Fisher,
Bristol, ME, November 6, 2018

'64 BA—Karen Graning Gardner,
Tigard, OR, July 6, 2019

'64, BS Ag '66—David E. Hospodor,
Bozeman, MT, February 2, 2019

'64 DVM—Arthur J. Nestved,
Shelby, NC, July 7, 2019

'64 LLB—Brian M. Olmstead,
Beverly, MA, May 10, 2018

'64—Paul D. Radway,
Pompey, NY, April 17, 2019

'64, BEE '65, MEE '66—Frederick W. Wendland Jr.,
Del Mar, CA, June 7, 2019

'65 BS Hotel—Peter A. Cheney,
Pompano Beach, FL, March 25, 2019

'65, BS Ag '66—John C. Hough Jr.,
Urbana, IL, June 1, 2019

'65 BS Ag—Rolf Jesinger,
Wilmington, NC, May 18, 2019

'65—William F. Klick,
Kendall, NY, September 3, 2018

'65 BS HE—Marilyn Barnes Miller,
Springfield, VA, May 7, 2019

'65 BS Ag—Dennis P. Norfleet,
Oswego, NY, March 26, 2019

'65 LLB—Alfred T. Ogden II,
New York City, March 28, 2019

'65 BS HE—Sharon Edelman Shelman,
Yardley, PA, June 30, 2019

'65—Robert A. Spaulding,
Ithaca, NY, June 9, 2019

'65 BA—Margaret Hodges Wexelblat,
Concord, MA, March 18, 2019

'65, DVM '68, PhD '79—James F. Zimmer,
Loudon, TN, March 18, 2019

'66—Alexander S. Gibson III,
Peru, NY, April 14, 2019

'66 MBA—Terry S. Mercer,
Seal Beach, CA, April 25, 2019

'66 BA—Martin Y. Sponaugle,
Rye Beach, NH, March 24, 2019

'67 BS Ag—Steven L. Auerbach,
Franklin, MA, April 7, 2017

'67 MST—Ralph F. Brown Jr., West Hartford, CT, January 9, 2019
'67 MA—Ramon B. Cardenas, Manila, Philippines, June 15, 2019
'67 JD—Barton D. Graham, Pine City, NY, October 12, 2018
'67 PhD—Ronald E. Hess, Collegeville, PA, July 1, 2019
'67 BS—James R. Lopata, Chicago, IL, August 6, 2019
'67 PhD—James H. Lovering, Charlottetown, PE, May 3, 2019
'67 DVM—Leslie J. Mathews, Conway, SC, June 12, 2019
'67 BS MSE—Roy J. Nilsen, Upper St. Clair, PA, July 2, 2019
'67 BA—George A. Schieren III, Boone, NC, May 21, 2019
'67 BS Hotel—Philip J. Sorota, Louisville, KY, October 30, 2018
'67 MST—Edward V. Tschappat Jr., Toledo, OH, February 19, 2019
'67, BME '68—William H. Weitzenkorn, The Hills, TX, July 19, 2019
'67 JD—Jonathan M. Weld, Brooklyn, NY, May 10, 2019
'68 BS HE—Jennifer Sohn Appleby, Chipman, NY, July 23, 2019
'68 BA—M. Douglass Bellis, Washington, DC, October 15, 2018
'68—John M. Finley, New Orleans, LA, May 4, 2019
'68 PhD—Robert Folkenflik, Laguna Beach, CA, July 20, 2019
'68 MS Ag—Joseph S. Laposata, Melbourne, FL, December 3, 2018
'68 BS Ag, MS Ag '71—Leslie E. Maust, Plain City, OH, November 30, 2018
'68 PhD—James J. Skelsey, Austin, TX, April 6, 2019
'68 BA—Thomas K. Weiss, Waltham, MA, April 20, 2019
'68, BS Ag '69—Roger D. Williams, Hector, NY, June 27, 2019
'69 BS Hotel—Fred F. Loewenthal, Miami, FL, March 22, 2019
'69 BA—Ronald E. Nehring, Salt Lake City, UT, May 24, 2019
'69 BS HE—Margaret Greene Nicklin, Romulus, NY, March 6, 2019
'69 BS Ag—George R. Swan, Oakville, ON, April 23, 2019
'69—Mark A. Thomas, Canandaigua, NY, May 1, 2017

1970s

'70, BS Eng '71—Edward F. Harrigan, Hartford, CT, March 8, 2019
'70 BS Ag—Daniel S. Lodboa, Thorold, ON, May 11, 2019
'70 DMA—Dexter G. Morrill, Ithaca, NY, July 2, 2019
'70 BA—Janet Humm Pierce, King Ferry, NY, February 23, 2019
'70 BS HE—K. Brendi Poppel, Santa Barbara, CA, May 5, 2019
'70 BA—Rani Loftsgaarden Season, Unionville, CT, April 7, 2019
'70 PhD—Brice S. Sumner, Kilmarnock, VA, May 6, 2019
'71 BS Ag—D. Wayne Brewer, Seneca Falls, NY, February 12, 2019
'71 DMA—Jerome T. Coller, Collegeville, MN, June 22, 2019
'71 BS Ag—George E. Hagerty, Baldwin, NY, April 22, 2019
'71, BEE '72—Stephen A. Harris, Satellite Beach, FL, July 16, 2019

'71-72 GR—Ronald McKnight, Baltimore, MD, June 19, 2017
'71 BS HE—Deborah Dowling Paul, Pinehurst, NC, March 11, 2019
'71 JD—Barry M. Portnoy, Eaton Center, NH, February 25, 2018
'71 PhD—Robert J. Taylor, Great Falls, VA, March 9, 2019
'72 MS MSE—Yun-Hoo Chen, São Paulo, Brazil, December 16, 2017
'72 BS HE—Joan I. Korins, Setauket, NY, December 31, 2015
'72, BS Eng '73—Steven J. Lerner, Monticello, NY, June 26, 2019
'73 BS Ag—Timothy J. Cahill, Trenton, NJ, September 25, 2018
'73 BS Ag—Steven Easterbrook, Forest, VA, April 17, 2019
'73 BS Ag—Kevin R. Finn, Stephentown, NY, July 5, 2019
'73 PhD—Garland Grammer Jr., Jackson, NJ, January 30, 2019
'73 MS ILR—Robert E. Hayes, Roswell, GA, November 24, 2018
'73 MS, PhD '76—Iraj Kalantari, Macomb, IL, June 2, 2019
'73, BS Ag '74—Mary Fraser Sit, San Leandro, CA, December 8, 2018
'73, BS HE '74—Millicent Minor Williams, Silver Spring, MD, April 27, 2016
'74, BS Ag '75—Joseph H. Boardman, Rome, NY, March 7, 2019
'74 BA—Ridgely W. Harrison III, Saranac Lake, NY, April 22, 2019
'74 MBA—Kenneth A. Jones, Mashpee, MA, July 14, 2019
'74 BS Ag—Steven C. Lahr, Geneva, NY, July 15, 2019
'74 JD—Raymond Minella, New Canaan, CT, August 7, 2019
'74 BEE—Lawrence R. Mintz, Coudersport, PA, May 21, 2019
'74 BA—Olga E. Mohan, Manhattan Beach, CA, January 15, 2019
'75 PhD—Charles C. Grace Jr., Trumansburg, NY, May 29, 2019
'75 MBA/JD—J. Edward Penick Jr., West Chester, PA, May 11, 2019
'75-77 GR—Barbara Campbell Thomas, Raleigh, NC, March 9, 2019
'76 PhD—Alice Riccadonna Dunkle, Great Falls, VA, January 14, 2019
'76-78 GR—John Kaminsky, State College, PA, April 14, 2019
'76 BA—Jeffrey T. Letzler, Manhasset, NY, June 5, 2019
'77 BEE—Robert M. Green, Shaker Heights, OH, May 13, 2019
'77 BS Ag—Irene L. Klugman, Fresh Meadows, NY, March 24, 2019
'78 BS Hotel—Mary J. Brierley-Peterman, Scottsdale, AZ, April 30, 2019
'78 DVM—George B. Nashe, Harwinton, CT, June 4, 2019
'78 MS—Kevin J. Weiler, Paso Robles, CA, November 25, 2018
'78 DVM—Jo-Anne Backstrom Wisniewski, Sherwood, OR, December 29, 2018
'79 BS Hotel—Lee A. Heinsius, Rumson, NJ, November 30, 2018

'79 MA, PhD '81—Norma C. Prendergast, Ithaca, NY, June 24, 2019
'79 JD—Carolyn J. Swift, Washington, DC, July 7, 2019
'79 MBA—Thomas N. Tracy, Portland, ME, April 3, 2019

1980s

'80 BEE—Walker Anderson, Holliston, MA, May 11, 2019
'80 MBA—Gary R. Kozik, Seattle, WA, June 1, 2019
'80, BS Ag '81—Beth A. Leder-Pack, Santa Monica, CA, March 30, 2019
'80 MPS—Patricia Hand McDonald, Aventura, FL, May 3, 2019
'80 BS Ag—Jodi Diehl Nestle, Gainesville, GA, June 16, 2019
'80 BS Hotel—Daniel E. O'Byrne, Jacksonville, FL, May 3, 2019
'80 BS Ag—Teresa V. Passaretti, Baton Rouge, LA, July 8, 2019
'80 BS HE—Anita B. Schonberger, Pensacola, FL, May 1, 2019
'80 BS Ag—Karen Schupak, Bedminster, NJ, January 16, 2019
'81, BS HE '84—Margaret A. McGuire, Albany, NY, May 14, 2019
'81 BS ORIE—Marc W. Myers, Brookline, MA, November 15, 2018
'82, BS HE '87—Marjorie Lail Kearnl, Freeville, NY, May 19, 2019
'82 BS ILR—Kevin P. Lawler, Wrentham, MA, December 28, 2018
'82 BA—Alan B. Pollack, Chappaqua, NY, March 7, 2019
'83 BS Ag—Petra B. Moessner, Ann Arbor, MI, April 22, 2019
'83 MFA—Susan E. Shockley, Nashville, TN, July 19, 2019
'84 BS ILR—Edward L. Friedman, Houston, TX, July 19, 2019
'85 MS ORIE—Anthony B. Di Battista, New Hyde Park, NY, December 7, 2018
'85 BA—Lenora M. Lapidus, Brooklyn, NY, May 5, 2019
'86 BS Ag—John P. Conti, Sebastopol, CA, March 21, 2019
'87 BS HE—Heidi Glaesel, Burlington, NC, February 26, 2016
'87 BEE—Robert J. Ludwig, Oakdale, NY, November 25, 2018
'87 BS HE—Dana Rudy Nottingham, Westerville, OH, May 1, 2019

1990s

'92 MS—Paul G. Wilson, Solon, OH, June 25, 2019
'94 BME—Christina Martinez-Serrano, Davie, FL, September 1, 2017
'98 MPS, PhD '01—Rosern K. Rwampororo, Kampala, Uganda, October 1, 2018

2000s

'00, BS Hotel '01—Jeffrey N. Jacobsen, Manhattan Beach, CA, March 3, 2019
'01 DVM—Jamie Kibel, Rhinebeck, NY, June 3, 2019
'07 BS Ag—Jack E. Young, Washington, DC, July 19, 2019

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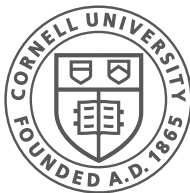
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