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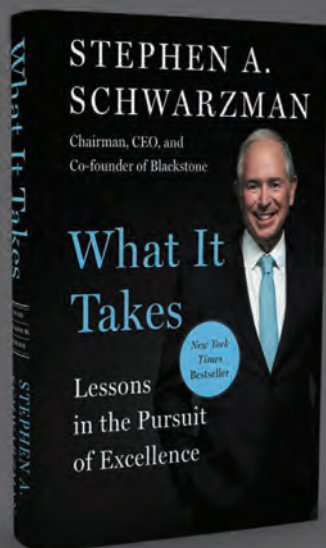
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The students—over 100 of them from across athletic programs and academic disciplines—are both the product of, and a reflection on, an athletic tradition that has enriched the Cornell community for over 150 years. In addition to its tremendously broad offerings in physical education and intramural sports, Cornell has well over 1,000 student-athletes competing in thirty-seven varsity sports, from fencing to field hockey, sailing to squash. Their dedication is astounding, as are the organizational skills they quickly develop—essential to balancing their rigorous academic course loads with the demands of competition and practice.

At Cornell, student-athletes are students first. Strict guidelines determine the timing and number of practices, help guard against injury, and ensure that students are never expected to sacrifice academic success for athletic victory. Yet somehow, despite—or perhaps because of—Cornell's high expectations, our student-athletes overwhelmingly succeed both in the classroom and on the playing field. Last academic year, Cornell's lightweight crew won a national championship after an undefeated season, four of our wrestlers won All-America honors, and our equestrian team took first place at the Ivy Show. Our women's squash, cross country, fencing, polo, and track and field teams were all invited to compete in national championships, and our women's sailing team won its conference championship. Both our men's and women's hockey and basketball teams,

along with our men's lacrosse team, finished their seasons highly ranked overall. And if you follow the Olympics this summer, pay close attention; you may just spot a few Cornellians.

The achievements of our student-athletes extend far beyond their game-day victories. Through sports, they learn motivation and determination, leadership and teamwork. They learn the satisfaction and the rewards of hard work and sustained effort. They become, as any of them will tell you, experts in setting their priorities and managing their time. They also learn one of life's most valuable skills: how to cope with, and grow from, adversity. These lessons are not only key to their athletic accomplishments; they are an enormously important part of their Cornell educations, preparing them to move forward with success and resilience throughout their lives and careers.

Our athletics programs inspire those who compete and those of us who cheer from the stands. In November 2018, I was invited to drop the ceremonial first puck at the Frozen Apple hockey game at Madison Square Garden. I was proud to achieve my own personal goal for the event: not falling on the ice! But I was even prouder to see the enormous number of Cornell alumni

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who had come together from across the East Coast to cheer on the Big Red.

Athletics programs at Cornell today are, as they should be, yet another path to excellence for our diverse and extraordinarily talented student body. They are a beloved tradition, which alumni continue to sustain and encourage through their generosity. And they are an institution that the University will continue to support, as an integral part of the many opportunities for excellence, well-being, and community that make up an education at Cornell. ■

— Martha E. Pollack  
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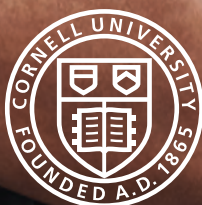
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# From the Hill

## Freshman's Death Prompts Greek Reforms



The University's Greek system is facing new scrutiny and increased regulation in the wake of the death of a freshman after a fraternity party that allegedly included heavy drinking. In late October, the body of Antonio Tsialas '23 (left), an eighteen-year-old Arts & Sciences student from the Miami area, was found in Fall Creek Gorge. He had been reported missing by his parents, who were visiting for First-Year Family Weekend. University Police have said that foul play is not suspected.

As President Martha Pollack said in a statement to the campus community in November, a CUPD investigation found that the night Tsialas died he attended an "unregistered and unsupervised" fraternity party where alcohol was served. That fraternity—Phi Kappa Psi, which had a judicial hearing for prior misconduct the day before the party—was immediately put on interim suspension. "While there are many important benefits to Greek life at Cornell, there is also a continuing and disturbing pattern of activity that violates our policies and threatens the health and safety of our students," Pollack said. "Indeed, in just the past eighteen months, six Cornell Greek organizations have had conduct violations severe enough to warrant suspensions."

In the weeks following Tsialas's death, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) banned most social events for fall semester and put in place measures aimed at preventing drinking during spring

rush. A majority of the Panhellenic Council, which represents sororities, voted in favor of a freeze on all mixers between its members and IFC fraternities through fall semester (though the proposal didn't receive the unanimous support required for passage). As Pollack noted, while she appreciates those efforts, they "do not negate my responsibility to do all I can to enact thoughtful and meaningful approaches to protecting the health and safety of our students," and she pledged additional reforms to Greek life on the Hill.

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Tsialas's parents have offered a \$10,000 reward for information on the circumstances surrounding their son's death, which has made headlines in the national media; they've also taken out several full-page ads in the *Daily Sun*, established a tip line, and hired a private investigator. An overflowing crowd attended a memorial service for Tsialas in the Anabel Taylor Hall chapel, and a GoFundMe campaign for scholarships in his memory had garnered nearly \$40,000 by mid-December. As his mother, Flavia Tomasello Tsialas, said in a public post on Facebook: "What started as a beautiful weekend with our son Antonio turned into our worst nightmare."



## Alum's Novel Wins Top Award

Susan Choi, MFA '95 (right), has won the National Book Award for fiction for *Trust Exercise*. Published in April by Henry Holt, the novel takes varying perspectives as it explores the relationships between students and teachers at an elite performing arts high school in the Eighties. "Given what we're all facing today, I find it an astonishing privilege what I get to do every day," Choi, who teaches creative writing at Yale, said in her acceptance speech. "I get to lead a life centered on books and bring other people into that world." Choi's previous novels include *American Woman*, a finalist for the 2004 Pulitzer Prize in fiction, and *A Person of Interest*, a finalist for the 2009 PEN/Faulkner Award. Her first children's book, *Camp Tiger*, was published in 2019.



## Global Development a Focus in CALS

CALS has launched a department devoted to the study of global development. Drawing faculty from across the college, it will address such issues as agricultural production, gender and wealth inequality, and climate change. "This new unit will be devoted to genuine, direct social impact by combining the theoretical with the practical and offering solutions to real-world problems," says Ronnie Coffman, PhD '71, the Tisch Distinguished University Professor, whose primary appointment is in the department.

## Food Pantry Opens on Campus

Last semester, the University established a new food pantry, located on McGraw Place across from Alice Cook House on West Campus. Aimed at addressing the increasing prevalence of food insecurity among college students, the pantry—open five days a week—offers free, confidential access to food and personal care items for undergrads, grad students, staff, and faculty. The facility succeeds a student-run pantry in Anabel Taylor that closed at the end of the 2018–19 academic year.



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**BRICK BY BRICK:** Using some 20,000 Lego pieces, fourth-year vet student Samuel Burkhardt has created a scale model of the veterinary campus that's currently on display in its library. The effort took Burkhardt—a Lego enthusiast who has helped fund his education by selling some of his creations—hundreds of hours over the course of six months.

## 'Memory is a fiction, but it's a fiction that's true to us.'

— English professor **James McConkey** (speaking in 2004), who taught on the Hill for more than half a century. He passed away last fall at age ninety-eight.

## Iraq War Casualties Remembered



On Veterans Day weekend, the names of two alumni who perished in the Iraq War were added to a memorial plaque (above) in the Anabel Taylor Hall rotunda. Richard Gannon II '95, a Marine Corps major, died in April 2004 while maneuvering through enemy fire to aid wounded comrades. George Wood '93, an Army captain, was killed by an improvised explosive device in November 2003. The memorial plaque now recognizes fifty-one Cornellians lost during the Korean and Vietnam wars and other post-World War II conflicts.

# R + D

**While doing archival research** at the Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh, music professor Judith Peraino found a dozen previously unreleased songs by musician Lou Reed (right) on a cassette tape from 1975.



**Weill Cornell Medicine** has been awarded a five-year, \$4.6 million grant from the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research to create a center aimed at developing technology to help older adults who have cognitive impairments such as memory loss.



**GeoStyle**, a new artificial intelligence tool developed by computer scientists on the Hill, can scan millions of publicly available Instagram and Flickr photos to identify global fashion trends.

**Studying the internal structure** of bone is helping engineering professor Christopher Hernandez and colleagues develop strong, lightweight materials that could inform the design of airplanes and more.

**City and regional planning professor** Suzanne Lanyi Charles reports that the post-recession trend of investors buying foreclosed single-family homes and converting them into rental properties can have numerous negative effects. They include raising rents and eviction rates, depressing real estate prices, and causing maintenance on the properties to be deferred.



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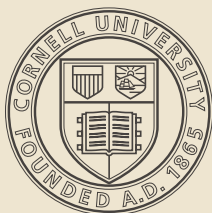


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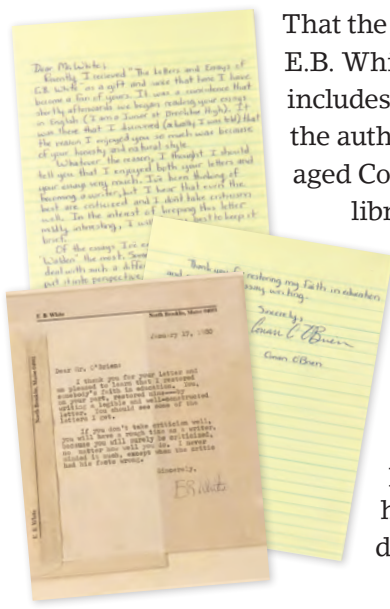






**HAT TRICK:** Two decades after a pumpkin mysteriously topped McGraw Tower, another seasonal symbol graced the East Hill landmark. On the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend, a red-and-white Santa hat appeared on the roof's peak. A string dangling from the jolly chapeau spurred speculation that it had been placed there via a technology not available to the still-anonymous 1997 pranksters: an aerial drone.

## Did You Know . . .



That the University Library's E.B. White 1921 archive includes a fan letter written to the author by a high-school-aged Conan O'Brien? The library sent the late night host a copy of his decades-old letter, handwritten on lined paper, after O'Brien mentioned the correspondence on his podcast. O'Brien still has White's typed reply, dated January 17, 1980.

## Strange Trip



A satirical article on the student humor site CU Nooz prompted what transit company to send it a cease-and-desist letter with threats of legal action?

a) Coach USA b) Uber c) Delta Air Lines d) Amtrak

(ANSWER: A)

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

**Nina Acharya '19** (right), winner of a Rhodes Scholarship. A native of Ottawa and a first-year medical student at McMaster University in Ontario, Acharya won through the scholarship's Canadian competition. She will attend the University of Oxford next fall for a master's degree in development studies before completing med school.



Five faculty members have been elected fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest general scientific society. They are: **Ronnie Coffman, PhD '71** (plant breeding, left), **Matthew DeLisa** (chemical and biomolecular engineering), **Cédric Feschotte** (molecular biology and genetics), **Catherine Kling** (economics), and **J. Ritchie Patterson '80, BA '81** (physics).

**H. Fisk Johnson III '79, MEng '80, MS '82, MBA '84, PhD '86** (right), appointed by Donald Trump to the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.

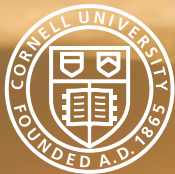


**Ryan Hudson '02** (left), co-founder of Honey Science (a company that helps shoppers find online coupon codes, among other services), which was bought by PayPal for \$4 billion, the biggest acquisition in the payment firm's history.

## 'Essentially, a woman on social media, especially one with a large following, can't win.'

— Communication professor **Brooke Erin Duffy**, on her research findings that female 'influencers' are often criticized for seeming both too honest and too artificial





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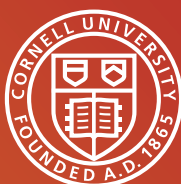
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## A REMARKABLE DEGREE

**At sixteen, Jeremy Shuler '20 is about to become the youngest person ever to graduate from Cornell**

**W**hen Jeremy Shuler '20 matriculated on the Hill in fall 2016, his mom escorted him around campus for the first week, making sure he knew how to get from one classroom to the next. A severe case of helicopter parenting? Hardly. At the time, Jeremy was just twelve years old—the youngest freshman in Cornell history. And what's more, it was Jeremy's first taste of conventional education, having been homeschooled his entire life. "He didn't even go to kindergarten," says his mother, Harrey Shuler, adding with a laugh: "It was like the first day your kid goes to school—but it was college. >





Three and a half years later, Jeremy is entering his senior spring, poised—at sixteen—to become the University's youngest graduate when he earns his bachelor's degree in applied and engineering physics in May. In contrast to the media frenzy that accompanied news of his admission—when his story trended on Twitter—his Cornell career has been a low-key experience. And since Jeremy's attendance required that the whole family relocate to Ithaca, it has also been something of a homecoming: Jeremy's dad, Andrew Shuler '97, is not only a mechanical engineering alum but a city native whose own father, Michael Shuler, is an emeritus professor on the Hill. "Cornell really took a chance taking him," Andrew says, as he and his wife and son chat with CAM in Goldwin Smith's Temple of Zeus café last fall, "and we're really appreciative and happy at how it turned out."

As Jeremy's parents and grandfather recall, it was clear early on that he was intellectually gifted—talking before age one, doing arithmetic by two or three. (Of toddlerhood, Jeremy says, "Most of my memories from that time are my mom teaching me basic math.") Harrey was born in Korea, and she remembers that Jeremy was around eighteen months old when he watched her type an e-mail in her native language; he asked what she was doing, and she wound up teaching him the Korean alphabet. By the next day, he could sound out the words. "A couple of days later," she says, "he could read English too."

Realizing that Jeremy didn't belong in a typical school, Harrey—who has a doctorate in aerospace engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, where the couple met as grad students—decided to put her career on hold and homeschool

him, while Andrew worked as a systems engineer at Lockheed Martin in Dallas. During those years, Jeremy's parents helped him make friends who had similar interests by taking him to a weekly Saturday "math circle" where college professors and PhD candidates mentored talented local youths. Asked if he felt like he missed out by not attending a regular school, Jeremy shakes his head. "I didn't really have any perspective on it—but even if I had, I don't think I would have wanted to," he says, noting that throughout his life he has never related particularly well to kids his own age. As his father recalls, when Jeremy was little, "we would take him to the playground, and while the other kids wanted to run around, he wanted to draw letters in the gravel."

After completing his high school coursework online, Jeremy

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earned a diploma at age twelve. When he was accepted into Cornell's Class of '20, Andrew transferred to Lockheed's site in nearby Owego and the family built a house on the outskirts of the Belle Sherman neighborhood in Upper Colletown; the fact that it's walking distance from campus, Andrew says, "was important, so he could be independent." As the Shulers note, all the media attention surrounding Jeremy's admission—including coverage in *Time*, the *Washington Post*, and many other outlets—had one distinct advantage. "Students recognized him, and they were all nice to him," says Harrey. "They were curious and talked to him, befriended him. It was a big help in



adjusting to this new environment. He wasn't lonely."

The most significant challenge: getting the hang of pedagogical dynamics. "Being in the classroom was different from what I expected at first," Jeremy says, "and it took a little time for me to get used to the protocol." As his mother elaborates: "When you're homeschooled or in a private setting, if you have a question you can just talk; in a big class, you have to raise your hand and wait until you're called. He didn't have that experience, so he made some mistakes; instead of waiting he would just talk. I think that was annoying to some students and instructors, but after the first semester he got the protocol down pretty well."

In addition to his degree in applied and engineering physics, Jeremy is minoring in math and has taken electives in such fields as linguistics, astronomy, and foreign languages (Polish and Old Norse); he satisfied his phys ed requirement with two swimming classes. Club-wise, he's a member of the Cornell chapters of the Society of Physics Students and of Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society. This semester he's conducting honors research, doing computer simulations of plasma lasers that could be used to develop smaller particle accelerators. "Engineering physics is very rigorous and requires a lot of self-discipline," says his academic adviser, Jeffrey Moses, MS '04, PhD '06, an assistant professor in the department. "When Jeremy began at twelve years old, it seemed quite remarkable. He's a great student and he has done very well."

Jeremy's next goal: to earn a doctorate in theoretical physics and have a career in academia. He's currently in the process of applying to graduate programs, and his parents plan to relocate along with him. "I think Cornell has been good for him," says his grandfather, who began teaching chemical engineering on the Hill in 1974 and helped establish the biomedical engineering department, becoming its founding chair in 2004. "He has matured quite a bit while he's been in Ithaca and learned a lot in terms of interacting with other people. I was never concerned that he wouldn't do well academically, but I've been pleased to see him grow as a person at Cornell. He has a real sense of humor—a little bit quirky and sometimes subtle. He's a nice young man, too."

The particulars of Jeremy's biography—a child prodigy from Texas who attends college and grad school years ahead of his peers and has a passion for theoretical physics—beg comparison to one of the most famous TV characters of the past decade: Sheldon Cooper of "The Big Bang Theory" (and its current prequel series, "Young Sheldon"). It's an observation that has been made more times than the Shulers can count, but they don't mind; not only do they enjoy watching "Big Bang," they've used the show to help Jeremy overcome some challenges with social cues. "When he was ten, he was like Sheldon," Harrey says. "He couldn't quite tell if someone was joking, sarcastic,

or actually mean."

Another similarity to Sheldon: a complete lack of interest in learning to drive, though his sixteenth birthday in December made him old enough for a learner's permit. As Jeremy and his parents laughingly observe, situational awareness has never been his strong suit; when it came to navigating campus, Harrey says, "the biggest concern was if he could go to school and not be hit by a bus." But on the Hill, he has gained those skills and many others. "He has learned quantum physics and general relativity, and how to cross the street and take the bus," his father says. "All the usual things." ■

—L.P. Drew



**MATURING MIND:** Jeremy (clockwise from top right) as a toddler with a writing toy bearing text in Korean and English; on campus during his first days as a twelve-year-old freshman; with his grandfather after his induction into the national engineering honor society; and with his parents at their home in Upper Collegetown last fall



# SEAL OF APPROVAL

A head of product testing at Good Housekeeping, Lexie Sonis Sachs '09 is a shopper's best friend



**SCIENTIFIC METHOD:** Sachs in her lab in Midtown Manhattan's Hearst Tower

It's early one morning late last summer, and Lexie Sonis Sachs '09 is tackling load after load of laundry. But she's not at home on Long Island doing chores; she's on the job in her high-tech workspace in Midtown Manhattan. Sachs directs the Textiles, Paper, and Plastics Lab at the Good Housekeeping Institute, the 119-year-old research facility that evaluates thousands of products every year. As the institute's top fiber scientist, Sachs is in charge of assessing everything from bedding, slippers, and luggage to rain gear, yoga mats, and sports bras. On this day, while giving CAM a tour of the lab at the organization's headquarters in Hearst Tower, she stops at a row of washers and dryers. Sachs is working with a colleague who is laundering a line of sheets that has applied for the iconic Good Housekeeping Seal, which was introduced in 1909. The institute puts its money where its mouth is: everything stamped with the seal is backed by Good Housekeeping's own two-year limited warranty. "We're not just putting our name on something," says

Sachs. "We really stand behind it."

So, unlike some rival product-review sites and publications, a recommendation from Good Housekeeping means an item has undergone rigorous examination by a team of chemists, engineers, or other experts. (The institute has five other state-of-the-art labs: Health, Beauty, and Environmental Sciences; Nutrition; Kitchen Appliances; Home and Cleaning; and Media and Technology.) The sheets that the Textiles Lab is appraising will be washed up to five times to help assess how easily they wrinkle and how much they shrink, in a nearby room that's humidity- and temperature-controlled, swatches of the same sheets are being run through a specially designed machine that rubs the material to measure pilling. Other equipment gauges fabric strength and how much the color fades. "It's not just one person giving an opinion—we extensively test these products and try to be as objective as possible," says Sachs. "People know they can trust us." >



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**CONSUMER FRIENDLY:** Sachs's research in print in *Good Housekeeping*

The institute uses federal and industry standards to determine a product's safety and effectiveness, but Sachs and her colleagues often come up with additional criteria. She recently asked employees from throughout the building to help give softness ratings for forty different towels; there's also a Good Housekeeping tester panel of more than 50,000 people from across the country that tries products at home and provides feedback. "Something can test really well in the lab, but if people don't like using it, that's a big deal," says Sachs. "We try to go above and beyond to give our readers as much information as possible."

The job seems tailor-made for Sachs, who grew up outside Philadelphia and was attracted to Cornell because of its fiber science program. She interned at Good Housekeeping the summer before her senior year, but worked in merchandising and product development in the fashion and home industries

for four years before joining the institute in 2013. Recently promoted to the Textiles Lab's top post, Sachs says it's her dream job. "I love being able to have an influence," she says. "It's very rewarding when people recognize how much work goes into what we do and how much expertise is behind it."

Sachs serves as an occasional expert in the national media, appearing in such venues as the *Washington Post* (where she has offered advice on finding the right pillows, sheets, and other items), "Good Morning America" (giving shopping tips on cashmere sweaters and hosiery), and "The Dr. Oz Show" (discussing concerns about formaldehyde in wrinkle-free clothing and how to find kids' pajamas that are

flame resistant but free of toxic chemicals). Like many of her co-workers, she sometimes home-tests items that come through the various labs, noting that she and her family have tried pillows, mattresses, toys, and more. Sometimes she finds a new favorite product—like a weighted blanket to promote restful sleep—but other times those trials don't go so well. Last year, she and husband Andrew Sachs '01, who have two young daughters, tested an array of diapers during a trip to Walt Disney World. "We had a few blowouts where it was pretty awful," she recalls with a laugh. "My husband jokes that our kids are not my science experiments."

For Sachs, one of the best parts of her job is uncovering great products at bargain prices. In 2019, for instance, her lab evaluated dozens of women's opaque tights, checking for stretch recovery, snag resistance, and washability; consumer testers then wore them to judge things like comfort and rolling waistbands. The results: some \$10 tights outperformed ones that cost \$40. Says Sachs: "We always say that saving people time, money, and

**Like many of her co-workers, Sachs sometimes home-tests items that come through the institute's various labs. 'My husband [Andrew Sachs '01] jokes that our kids are not my science experiments,' she says.**

hassle is our goal." The institute also has a long-standing reputation for consumer protection; *Good Housekeeping* magazine reported on the dangers of smoking in 1928, more than three decades before the U.S. Surgeon General issued a report linking cigarettes to health hazards. Over the years, the Textiles Lab has found crib sheets that pose suffocation risks and children's Halloween costumes that failed to meet federal flammability standards. Sachs has debunked marketing claims, too: a favorite example is when her lab proved a line of workout gear did not increase calorie burn during exercise. As she notes: "It's like the saying: 'If it seems too good to be true, it probably is.' " ■

— Heather Salerno

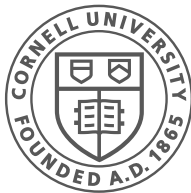


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# PAW PATROL

SUNY Cobleskill's Stephen Mackenzie, PhD '83, launches the nation's first bachelor's degree in dog training



**WHO'S A GOOD BOY?:** Mackenzie (second from right) teaches Cobleskill students how to work with Kimo, a retired drug-detection dog he adopted.

As teaching assistants go, Kimo Mackenzie is hard to beat. He may be a tough taskmaster—but when his students do well, he's positively panting with glee. A seven-year-old mix of German shepherd and Belgian Malinois, Kimo works alongside his owner, Stephen Mackenzie, PhD '83, a professor of animal science at the State University of New York (SUNY) Cobleskill. On this rural ag-and-tech campus about two hours east of Ithaca, Mackenzie has spearheaded an academic first: a comprehensive bachelor's degree program in dog training.

On a brisk day in October, Mackenzie—known as “Doc”—and Kimo put four students through their paces in Cobleskill's dog training facility. They're not just any students, and Kimo isn't just any dog: they've signed up for a special class focused on training intense, high-energy animals like him—those that are

temperamentally suited to work in law enforcement, pursuing suspects or sniffing out substances like narcotics or explosives. One by one, the students try to get Kimo to perform basic obedience behaviors such as sit, stay, and heel; they issue commands in Dutch, the language in which Kimo was originally trained. “Don't be a victim,” Mackenzie tells one young man who's struggling to get Kimo to comply. “Do whatever you need to do to get him back under control. If you have to put him on leash, put him on leash.”

Named the 2017 master trainer of the year by the North American Police Work Dog Association, Mackenzie is one of the nation's leading authorities on the training of working canines; he has authored several manuals on the subject, including two on canine aggression and one on conducting >

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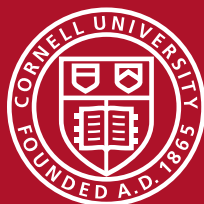
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**BY A NOSE:** Mackenzie (left) and a student work with a dog in Cobleskill's training facility, which features such equipment as a "scent wall" (right) used to teach detection of substances like explosives and a bank of lockers (left) for training animals to find drugs in schools.

searches. As he explains, Kimo was a drug-detection dog who retired after just two weeks on the job, when he was found to have a heart murmur. "Normal dogs have a normal energy level; they're excitable to a certain point," he says. "Other dogs never get calm; they say, 'What do we do now? What do we do now?' They're difficult to live with—but if you have to search thirty-five cars in a row in El Paso when it's 120 degrees, that's the dog you'd want." Since Kimo's demeanor made him unsuitable to be a typical family pet, he was facing euthanasia. Luckily, Mackenzie found him and took him on, realizing that he was headstrong enough to be a challenging teacher but gentle enough to be safe for students to learn from. "He's a schoolmaster dog," Mackenzie says fondly. "When these guys do it right, he does it right; when they don't, he just blows them off. He's so intense that I've had students leave here in tears after their first session. But he has a kind heart; these guys make mistakes, and he doesn't hurt them."

Kimo's salary (and primary motivator): the chance to spend quality time with his favorite toy, a foot-long length of white PVC pipe. "What are you going to do if he doesn't give back the stick?" Mackenzie asks the students, then answers himself. "Pull out another stick. That's why we have six of them. He can only fit about four in his mouth at once." Gamboling from person to person with his beloved toy, Kimo suddenly resembles an overgrown puppy. "After he gets the stick, he runs around and shows it to everybody," Mackenzie says, as the students lavish the dog with praise. "He gets to show the pack that he's the mighty hunter who got the rabbit."

Launched in fall 2019, the 120-credit major that Mackenzie designed—formally called Canine Training and

Management—comprises coursework in such areas as health, obedience, detection, and tracking. Students also have to take liberal arts and sciences classes including English, math, biology, and psychology. The major (the degree will be a bachelor of technology) sprang out of a concentration within animal science that Mackenzie had previously created; between that and the new major, he says, nearly 100 students are enrolled. Their career prospects include not only a range of training fields—from schooling family pets to guide dogs to canines in law enforcement—but other sectors like equipment makers, food companies, even firms that insure show dogs. "There's a multitude of supporting industries," he says. "For every dog in a kennel there's a feed company, and they need sales reps that understand dogs. You try to sell a dog person anything, and in fifteen seconds they can tell if you know dogs or not."

Most of the dogs that students train with are family pets drawn from the campus and community; there's currently a list of more than

sixty that come in on a rotating basis. Their owners include Lynn Dunn '75, PhD '89, chair of animal science at Cobleskill. All three of Dunn's dogs—two Brittany spaniels who are mother and daughter, and a young German longhaired pointer—have participated in the classes. "It's great for them," she says. "The two Brittany's are so well trained that students aren't allowed to use them for final exams." Dunn, who notes that the new

**'I owe my life to a dog,' says Mackenzie, whom a retriever rescued from drowning as a child. 'Now every time I teach someone to use more dog-friendly techniques, I feel like I'm partially paying him back.'**

major is already attracting students to Cobleskill, has a pair of crates in her office for when she brings the two younger dogs in for class. "I have a lot of people coming in and out all the time because I'm a department chair, and for the most part the dogs ignore them," she says. "But if a student that they work with comes in, they're immediately up and ready to go."

Mackenzie traces his passion for dogs to a dramatic episode from his youth: when he was a small boy, he fell off a dock into a lake while on a trip to Washington State. "I was drowning; the family dog was a trained retriever, and he hit the water and retrieved me," Mackenzie recalls. "I owe my life to a dog. Now every time I teach someone to use more dog-friendly techniques, I feel like I'm partially paying him back." After earning degrees in biology (a bachelor's from Union College and a master's from the University of Bridgeport) he became a farrier—a professional shoer of horses—and also took advanced courses in dog training. His clients included the Cobleskill campus, and ►



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when colleagues found out he had a master's degree, he was recruited to teach an animal science course whose professor dropped out at the last minute. Realizing that teaching college students was his vocation, he pursued a doctorate in animal breeding at Cornell, where he did his dissertation on the inheritance of behavioral traits in military dogs. During his time in Ithaca, several local law enforcement agencies tapped his training expertise. "He has tremendous perception of animal behavior—how their brains work and what makes them tick," Dunn says of Mackenzie, who in 2015 won the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service for his work with law enforcement agencies nationwide. "He's a master trainer, so he's not just working with dogs, he's working with their handlers. He can see the issues and he knows how to fix them."

When Mackenzie returned to Cobleskill after earning his doctorate, he created the school's first hands-on dog training class—and for decades, he says, "I flew under the radar." But the new major has made headlines in such media as the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Times of London*. As he notes, there's been a huge demand for law enforcement canines since the September 11 terrorist attacks, and a commensurate need for qualified humans to breed and train them. In the Cobleskill facility, the walls are lined with equipment: a long plastic tunnel in which people hide for search-and-rescue training; bite-proof padded coats that students wear to practice being decoys for police dogs; wheelchairs and crutches for schooling therapy dogs who visit healthcare facilities. Mackenzie himself uses a walking stick; as he explains, he has nerve damage in his back stemming from an injury incurred while working with a Belgian Malinois. "I thought he was going one way and he went the other way, and it just twisted badly," he says—stressing that when training goes awry, the fault lies with the biped. "We're trying to teach these habits to the students, that you don't put the responsibility on the dog," he says. "It's your responsibility to do things correctly, or there's a penalty to pay." ■

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**MUSIC MAN:** Matthews at EHX's headquarters in Long Island City

**W**ith an unruly mane of white hair, sporting an old T-shirt and shorts and chewing on an unlit cigar, Mike Matthews '62, BEE '65, MBA '66, doesn't look like your typical corporate CEO. Yet for half a century, he has run Electro-Harmonix—or EHX, as it's known—one of the most influential brands in the music industry. With \$32 million in annual sales, Matthews's company designs and manufactures effects pedals, amplifiers, and other electronic equipment that has literally shaped the sound of rock and roll.

EHX's famous fans include—to name just a few—Frank Zappa, Todd Rundgren, Jack White, Pink Floyd's David Gilmour, Aerosmith's Joe Perry, and the Police's Andy Summers. Its Deluxe Memory Man pedal is a favorite of U2's the Edge, while Nirvana's Kurt Cobain used the Small Clone pedal on many of

the band's hits. During CAM's visit last fall to the company's headquarters in an industrial area of Long Island City, Matthews pulls out a copy of a check for the Big Muff, one of its distortion pedals. "Here you can see the guy who bought one from me through mail order back in '91," he says, pointing to the name

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Santana—as in Carlos Santana—at the top.

Now seventy-eight, Matthews is still a hands-on boss; he even sleeps at the office on occasion. He founded EHX in 1968 with \$1,000 and built it from the ground up, experiencing highs (promoting Jimi Hendrix, who became an early customer), >



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lows (disputes with labor unions and Russian thugs), and everything in between. "Entrepreneurship is really a talent; you just have to have the natural groove," he says. "But there's also a lot of luck, a lot of hard work, and a lot of ups and downs—and you have to fight through the downs."

Matthews has always been business-minded: as a boy in the Bronx, he'd resell rubber balls he retrieved from sewers and golf balls fetched from ponds. He was skilled at piano, giving solo recitals by the fourth grade. On the Hill, where he majored in electrical engineering, Matthews played keyboard in his own group, dubbed the Dynamos. He also became a concert promoter, booking acts like Chuck Berry, the Drifters, the Byrds, and the Lovin' Spoonful into Ithaca nightspots, Cornell fraternity parties, and (during summer breaks) large clubs on Long Island. Many artists didn't travel with a full band, and Matthews would often fill in. He was so good, he says, the Isley Brothers begged him to leave school and go on the road. "They offered me \$500 a week," he recalls, "which was a lot of money at the time."

One day an agent asked Matthews to put a second act on a bill with Berry. He was blown away by the group's guitarist—a talented young man named Jimmy

James, whom Matthews befriended and later gave some key advice about going out on his own. "He said, 'My problem is, I can't sing,'" Matthews recalls. "I said, 'Well, look at Mick Jagger and Bob Dylan. They can't sing, but they phrase great.'" Not long afterward, he recalls, James "left for England, changed his style—and became Jimi Hendrix."

Matthews stumbled early in his academic career and was asked to leave Cornell due to bad grades; he eventually re-enrolled and earned an MBA on top

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of his bachelor's degree in engineering. After graduation, he took a sales position with IBM but was soon drawn back into music. At the time, "fuzz" pedals were hot because of the rough, distorted sound of the 1965 Rolling Stones hit "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction." While holding down his day job, Matthews collaborated with a technician who was making versions of these pedals; when his partner dropped out, Matthews had them manufactured at a facility in Queens and began selling hundreds to a major >



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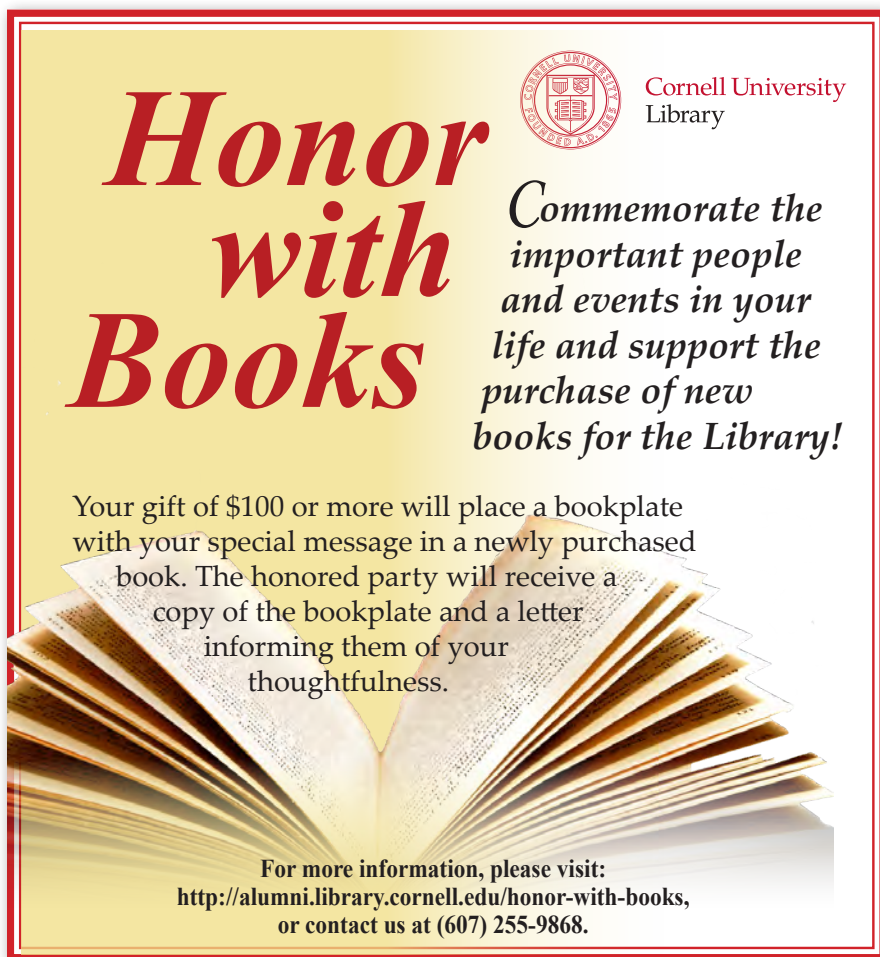
guitar company every few weeks. He next teamed up with a Bell Labs designer, who created a power booster that maximized the volume of guitar amplifiers. The success of that device—still sold today—helped Matthews launch EHX.

The company took off fast, hitting \$300,000 in annual revenue by 1970. Matthews was determined to double sales every year, pushing his design studio to invent more and more products. But by the early Eighties, EHX was having difficulties: it had expanded too quickly and was facing stiff competition from Japan. Matthews also ran into trouble with a New York City labor union that, in an effort to organize his workers, held tumultuous demonstrations outside the factory. “They were pelting our people with eggs and beating them up,” he says. The union backed off when a TV news station captured the beatings on camera, but the bad publicity took its toll, and Matthews was forced to shutter the firm in 1984.


A few years later, he started buying and reselling Russian-made vacuum tubes, a key component in achieving a certain tone in guitar amplifiers and hi-fi stereos. He eventually bought a factory in the southwestern city of Saratov—though he later had another battle on his hands when he refused to sell it to a Russian company. Vandals started breaking in and causing damage, and the factory’s power was cut off. Outlets like the *New York Times* covered the conflict, and Matthews fought back in court and won; he still owns the plant. “It’s a niche market,” he says, “but we sell probably about a million tubes a year.” That endeavor helped Matthews revive the company, and EHX is now thriving with a mix of classic products and newer ones like a recently launched line of earbuds and headphones.

Surprisingly, despite five decades in the business, Matthews isn’t nostalgic about his legacy. When asked to contemplate his company’s impact on rock music, he demurs. “People always ask, ‘What are your favorite products?’” he says by way of response. “My favorite products are what sells.” ■

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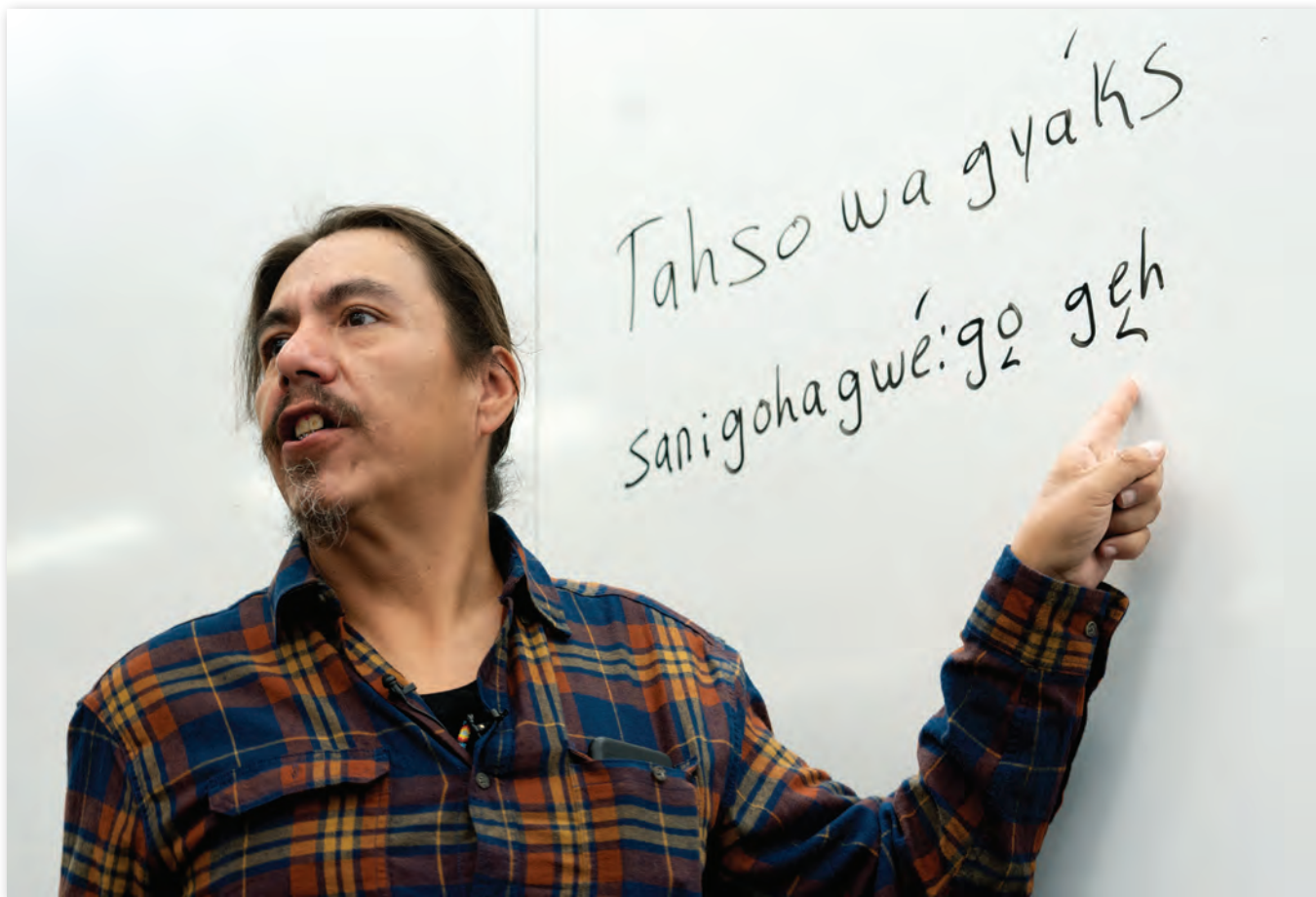
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# MOTHER TONGUE

A new course explores the language and culture of the Cayuga Nation, on whose homeland the University stands



**NATIVE SPEAKER:** Steve Henhawk, a member of the Cayuga Nation who is fluent in its language, co-teaches the class.

**L**ong before Ezra and Andrew received the land grant that would launch a university, a community thrived above Cayuga's waters. Now, for the first time in its 155-year history, Cornell is offering a course on the language and culture of that population—the Cayuga Nation—on its campus, which falls within the Native American group's traditional homeland. "It's been incredible to teach this language here in this place," says Jolene Rickard, director of the American Indian and Indigenous Studies Program (AIISP) and one of the course's co-instructors. "The language has a deep relationship with the region. It has a way of describing how the mist comes over the land at certain times of the day; it has a rich vocabulary for the different seasons and the fruits and animals here. It's in this richness of detail that

we really begin to understand the land as the people who lived here for thousands of years understood it."

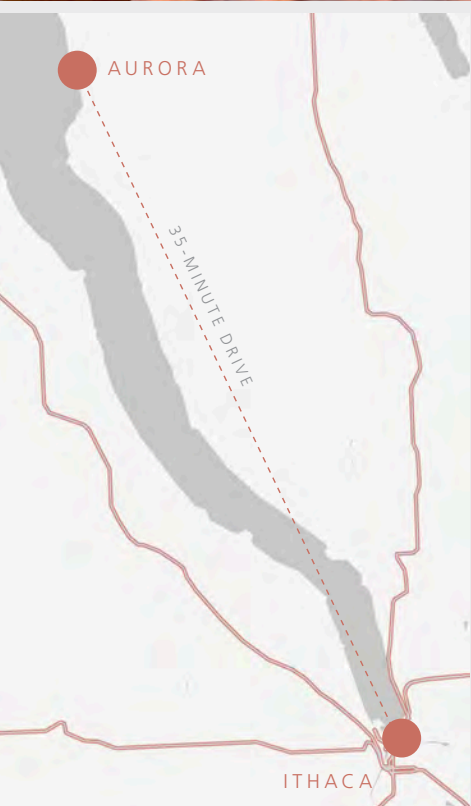
When the course was proposed, a major challenge was finding someone fluent in the language to co-teach it—a particularly tall

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order since Cayuga is considered critically endangered. Native speakers now number only in the teens, and most live on the Six Nations Reserve in Ontario, Canada, where the Cayuga people relocated after their land was seized following the American Revolution. For generations, the language was passed down >

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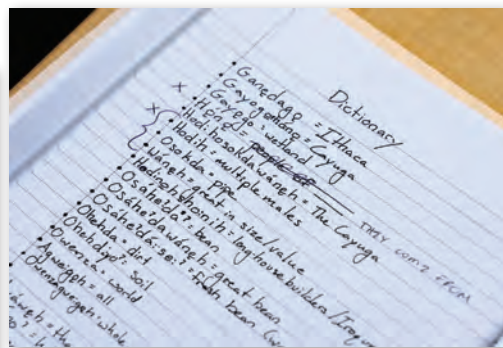


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orally—it has only been written down relatively recently—but for much of the twentieth century, many indigenous children were placed in boarding schools to force their assimilation into mainstream culture and were deprived of the chance to learn Cayuga.

As it happened, the ideal candidate to co-teach the course was just forty miles up the lake from Ithaca. Steve Henhawk moved to Seneca Falls from Ontario several years ago to teach at a center established to revitalize the language and share the Cayuga Nation's culture with fellow members who live in the area. A rare fluent Cayuga speaker, Henhawk was raised by his grandparents on the reserve in Canada and learned the language from the last generation to speak it habitually. Now he commutes to East Hill one day a week to teach the course. "Pronunciation is key; you've got to sound like my grandma sounded," he says, reviewing vocabulary with the class on a Friday last fall. "Our language needs to be spoken. It needs a place to live and grow. If it doesn't have that, this is going to be like a history lesson, and that's *not* what this is. Sure, this language is thousands and thousands of years old, but our people are here now. We're not history."

Cayuga is what linguists call polysynthetic: each word can contain an entire sentence including verb, subject, prefix, and tense. "You can say something like, 'I will go blueberry picking' and in Cayuga it will be one word," says John Whitman, chair of the linguistics department and the course's third co-instructor. "That actually makes it quite a challenging language to learn." Technically speaking, the languages of each of the six nations that make up the Haudenosaunee (commonly known as the Iroquois, they also include the Mohawk, Onondaga, Oneida, Seneca, and Tuscarora, of which Rickard is a member) are quite similar. "It's about the same level of closeness as French and Italian, maybe a little closer," Whitman explains. "In class, a student will sometimes ask Steve a question in Onondaga and he'll answer in Cayuga, and they'll understand each other."

Taught in both fall and spring semesters, the course explores the way of life of the Cayuga—or Gayogohó:no, which translates

to “People of the Great Swamp”—with a particular focus on their relationship with nature. Last fall, that included a field trip to an Onondaga Nation farm south of Syracuse; this spring, the instructors plan to incorporate tapping local maple trees into the curriculum. Jointly offered through the AIISP and the linguistics department, the three-credit course doesn’t satisfy any language requirements—though it does fulfill requirements for cultural analysis in CALS and for global learning in Arts and Sciences. The more than a dozen students enrolled last fall represented a variety of majors including economics, entomology, archaeology, and psychology. “What really struck me is how different

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the class feels from a traditional western-style academic setting,” says linguistics major Hannah Dahl ’20. “Sometimes we do things that I never thought I would do in a university setting, like pick beans as an exercise in understanding community. I’ll always remember that day.”

During that outing—to the Cornell Botanic Gardens, where Henhawk had planted some traditional crops—he explained the history of various foods and their relationship to the Cayuga Nation. The pigeon bean, he noted, acquired its name because of its resemblance to the egg of a passenger pigeon—which, though now extinct, was once a part of the Haudenosaunee diet. “To hear that story was really important to me,” says Charlotte Logan, a first-year PhD student in linguistics and a member of the Mohawk Nation. “That chain of information is unbroken. It went from generation to generation and made it to Steve and then to me. If it weren’t for this course being offered here, I would have never had that piece of history connected to my own culture—and now I’ll get to teach that to my own children someday.” ■

—Alexandra Bond '12





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# INFORMATION, PLEASE

Tips on recognizing 'fake news,' courtesy of Cornell librarians



**T**he University Library offers online guides on myriad topics, most geared toward scholarship—such as how to prepare an annotated bibliography, properly cite government documents, and visualize data using tools like charts and graphics. But following the 2016 presidential election—when disinformation was rife on social media and beyond—library staff saw a need to advise users on navigating rockier shoals: distinguishing bona fide journalism from “fake news,” propaganda, and other types of misinformation.

The library launched a website and a series of on-campus workshops with a variety of practical tips for telling the difference. As the guide notes on its homepage, “Fake news is not

news you disagree with.” Rather, it says (quoting a paper in *Science*), it is “fabricated information that mimics news media content in form, but not in organizational process or intent.”

The following is a condensed overview of the guide’s advice; the full resource can be found at [guides.library.cornell.edu/evaluate\\_news](http://guides.library.cornell.edu/evaluate_news). “Remember: even credible sources sometimes rely on clickbait-style headlines or occasionally make mistakes,” the site notes. “No news organization is perfect, which is why a healthy news diet consists of multiple sources of information.”

In the words of the late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, which the guide features prominently: “Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not his own facts.” >



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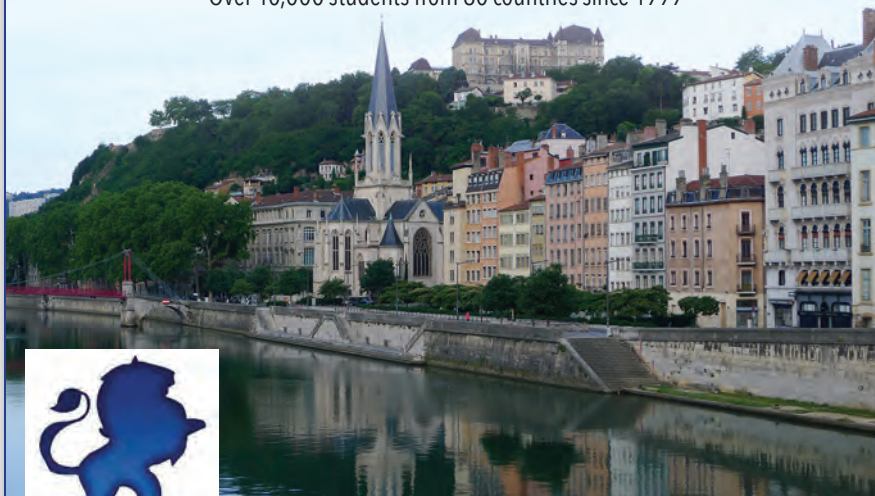
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## Follow Some Basic Rules

- ❑ Be curious and actively investigate news stories.
- ❑ Use news sources that are accountable for their content and that follow journalistic ethics and standards.
- ❑ Use care before sharing content with others on social media. Pause and reflect on sources that arouse strong emotions, positive or negative.
- ❑ Learn to recognize your own biases and compensate for them.

## Spot Fake Sites that Mimic Real Ones

- ❑ Perform an independent search for the news source. Compare and verify URLs. (For example, the fake site abcnews.com.co is not ABC News [abcnews.go.com], but the logo and URL are almost identical.)
- ❑ Look for contact info with a verifiable address and affiliation.
- ❑ Look for an "about" page; read it closely for evidence of bias or partisanship. If there's no "about" page and no "contact" page, be very skeptical.
- ❑ In staff listings, look critically at the list of executives. Are they real people or stock photos? Open a new tab and look for another profile of the individual (such as on LinkedIn).

## Understand Your Potential Biases

- ❑ Explicit bias: attitudes and beliefs (positive or negative) that we consciously or deliberately hold and express about a person or group.
- ❑ Implicit bias: attitudes and beliefs (positive or negative) about other people, ideas, issues, or institutions that occur outside of our conscious awareness and control, which affect our opinions and behavior.

- ❑ Confirmation bias: our subconscious tendency to seek and interpret information and other evidence in ways that affirm our existing beliefs, ideas, expectations, and/or hypotheses.

## Be Media Literate

- ❑ If you have an immediate emotional reaction to a news article or source: pause, reflect, investigate. Sparking emotion is a primary goal of fake news producers. Do not be part of a viral fake news spiral.
- ❑ Independently verify the source (by performing a separate search) and the information (through more mainstream news sources or fact-checking sites such as FactCheck.org, PolitiFact.com, or Snopes.com).
  - ❑ Select news sources known for high-quality, investigative reporting. Search them directly; don't settle for web search results or social media news feeds. Social media algorithms are designed to present the news that reinforces your current views, not a balanced view.
- ❑ Look for lengthy articles—long-form reporting—that begin to capture some of the complexity of topics and events. One or two paragraphs is not sufficient.

## Look for Qualified Authors

- ❑ Lack of a byline is a red flag indicating suspect content. Accountable sources sign their stories and take personal responsibility for the content.
- ❑ Click on the byline if it's linked. Where does it lead?
- ❑ Google the authors' names. Is there a LinkedIn profile or some other form of biographical information? What has the author done in the past? Does the author's background and experience qualify her or him to write on the topic?

## Info Sources: Some Definitions

### FAKE NEWS:

Sources that entirely fabricate information, disseminate deceptive content, or grossly distort actual news reports.

### SATIRE:

Sources that use humor, irony, exaggeration, ridicule, and false information to comment on current events.

### STATE-SPONSORED NEWS:

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### JUNK SCIENCE:

Sources that promote pseudoscience, naturalistic fallacies, and other scientifically dubious claims.

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# Big Red Highlights



**SAILING** The Big Red claimed its second straight conference title, topping a 12-team field at the Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (MAISA) championship in Maryland. **Gabby Rizika '20** and **Adeline Sutton '21** led all A-division sailors with 43 points after winning six of 12 races. **Daisy Holthus '21** skippered the B-division boat that also led the pack with 49 points and four wins. Earlier in the season, **Lillian Myers '23** (above) became the first Cornell sailor to claim the Faye Bennett MAISA Women's Singlehanded Championship, winning seven of the 14 races, including five of the last six. The win sent Myers to the national championships, where she finished fifth of 18 sailors and best among freshmen.

**FIELD HOCKEY** Cornell cracked the national rankings for the first time since 2014 and finished the season with a 10-7 record, tied for third in the Ivy League. After opening 2019 with five wins in seven games, The Big Red placed 24th in the National Coaches Poll for the week of October 8 before beating Yale and losing to the University of California, Berkeley, the following weekend to fall out of the rankings. **Maddy Conklin '20** was one of 38 players selected to the 2019 Division I Senior Game.

**WOMEN'S SQUASH** **Sivasangari Subramaniam '22** enjoyed success beyond the college level last fall, posting impressive outings in national and international competitions. Ranked 48th in the world by the Professional Squash Association going into the women's world championship in Egypt, Subramaniam reached the round of 16, thanks to a 3-2 win over America's top-ranked player in the opening round. A 3-1 win over a Dutch player in the second round sent Subramaniam to a showcase court facing the Great Pyramid of Giza, where she lost 3-1.

Earlier in October, she reached the round of 16 at the U.S. Open Squash Championship with a pair of wins against players ranked among the top 40 in the world.

**WRESTLING** Three Cornell wrestlers appeared at the U23 World Championship in Hungary in October. **Andrew Berreyesa '22** competed in the 82-kilogram Greco-Roman class, losing his first-round match. **Max Dean '21** and **Chas Tucker '20** both made their international debuts as they competed in the freestyle event. Dean lost his first match at 86 kg and Tucker lost his at 61 kg. Berreyesa and Dean are expected to miss the 2019-20 collegiate season due to their Olympic training schedule while Tucker will wrestle for the Big Red.

**FOOTBALL** **Jelani Taylor '20** was one of 12 finalists for the 2019 William V. Campbell Trophy, which is presented by the National Football Foundation and the College Hall of Fame to recognize academic success, athletic performance, and exemplary leadership. As a finalist, Taylor—who has been a three-year starter at safety and led the Big Red in tackles through most of the 2019 season—will receive an \$18,000 post-graduate scholarship. A Hotellie with a 3.94 GPA, Taylor also won Cornell's Richie Moran Award, given to a senior student-athlete who has distinguished himself or herself through academics, athletics, and ambassadorship.

**MEN'S TENNIS** In addition to his time at Number 1 doubles for the Big Red, **Eero Vasa '21** had strong showings at a pair of International Tennis Federation (ITF) professional events. First, he won three straight qualification matches to reach the main draw for the Norman (Oklahoma) Tennis Open, including upsets over two players above him in the Association of

Tennis Professionals rankings. He then won his first-round match before losing in the second round. A few weeks later at the ITF Naples (Florida) M25 event, Vasa posted three straight-set wins in qualifying to reach the main draw, where he again won his first-round match before losing in the second round.

## ALUMNI NEWS

**MEN'S SWIMMING** **Michael Fey, PhD '80**, returned to competition after a 46-year hiatus and quickly claimed a place among the top American swimmers in his age group. A collegiate swimmer at St. John's University, Fey joined U.S. Masters Swimming in 2018 as part of an effort to improve his health. Success at the state level earned him a shot at the 2019 National Senior Games in Albuquerque, where—despite being one of the oldest swimmers in his 65-to-69 age group—he took home three medals, placing second in the 50-yard butterfly and third in the 50-yard backstroke and 100-yard individual medley.



**FOOTBALL** As a three-time All-Ivy running back at Cornell, **Chad Levitt '97** (above) ran for 4,657 yards; last summer, he biked 3,366 miles from coast to coast. His goal: to raise awareness and research funding for chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a neurodegenerative disease caused by repeated head injuries that has become an increasing concern for athletes in contact sports like football and ice hockey. Levitt, who also played for the NFL's Oakland Raiders, left from Margate, New Jersey, in late August and completed his ride 58 days later in Santa Monica, California, raising more than \$21,000 for the Concussion Legacy Foundation.

**MEN'S HOCKEY** **Cole Bardreau '15** made his NHL debut on October 21, playing almost nine minutes to help the New York Islanders beat the Columbus Blue Jackets 3-2. He had little time for pregame nerves, however—arriving at the rink just 90 minutes before the start after receiving the call to head to Columbus following a morning skate with his AHL team in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Bardreau scored his first NHL goal less than two weeks later on a penalty shot against the Ottawa Senators.



# New Releases



## Return to the Reich

**ERIC LICHTBLAU '87**

Lichtblau is a two-time Pulitzer Prize winner who spent fifteen years as a *New York Times* reporter in Washington, D.C. In this work of nonfiction, he tells the harrowing story of Freddy Mayer, a Jew who escaped Nazi Germany with his family at age sixteen. While the U.S. Armed Forces rejected him as an “enemy alien” when he tried to enlist after Pearl Harbor, he later

joined the OSS (the precursor to the CIA) and went back to his native country on a spy mission, gathering invaluable intelligence but eventually being captured and tortured. In a starred review, *Kirkus* calls the book “an enthralling page-turner” in which Lichtblau “delivers the goods, shining a bright spotlight on a truly unique character: Mayer was aggressive [and] ingenious, and often disregarded the rules, to great effect.”



## The Near and Far

**JODY BOLZ '71, MFA '73**

A student of famed poet A.R. Ammons on the Hill, Bolz taught at George Washington University for more than two decades and was the longtime editor of *Poet Lore*, America's oldest poetry journal. Her latest collection (as its back cover notes) “reckons with love's central bewilderments: the distance within intimacy, the dangers of safety, the rupturing and renewing effects of time.” As Bolz writes in

a poem entitled “Driving Home in Two Cars,” in which the narrator follows a vehicle carrying her husband and children: “*I gun the engine, round three curves / and nearly rear-end them. / Out of breath, we start again. Not porch lights, not nightlights, / just taillights: still I train / my half-sad love on these red points.*”

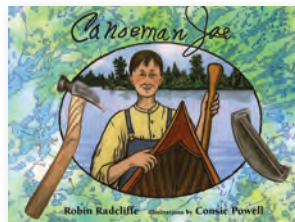


## The Speed of Falling Objects

**NANCY RICHARDSON FISCHER '88**

In what *School Library Journal* praises as “a shining star among young adult survivalist stories,” Fischer's latest YA novel follows a high school junior who has not only endured her parents' bitter split, but who lost an eye in a childhood accident and has long been bullied over it. When her absent father, a reality TV star, invites her to join him for an episode of his survivalist show—along with a handsome

teen movie idol—she's thrilled. But after their small plane crashes in the Amazon, the travelers truly struggle to stay alive. Says *Booklist*: “Fischer has created a sympathetic, believably flawed, and satisfyingly strong heroine whose emotional journey is as compelling as the physical hardships of the rain forest.”



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**ROBIN RADCLIFFE**

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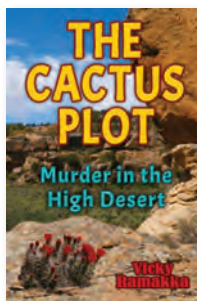


## Dare to See

**KATIE BROWN '85**

A lifestyle guru and DIY expert, the former art history major is known for offering affordable and practical approaches to cooking, decorating, and other domestic arts on Lifetime's “Next Door with Katie Brown” and PBS's “Katie Brown Workshop.” She has published several books on those topics, but her latest has a different focus: what its subtitle terms “Discovering God in the Everyday.” The book comprises some

thirty personal essays—each preceded by a Bible verse—in which Brown contemplates a divine presence in such varied experiences as swapping childhood Halloween costumes with her sister, attending Cornell, mourning a family member's death during the AIDS epidemic, buying a home for her aging parents, and being struck by a stray bullet during a drive-by shooting.



## The Cactus Plot

**VICKY BOVEE RAMAKKA '70**

Set in the Four Corners region of the Southwest—where Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah meet—this mystery novel is subtitled “Murder in the High Desert.” Its protagonist is a seasonal employee for the federal Bureau of Land Management, a young woman fresh out of grad school. She expects to spend the summer surveying the endangered San Juan cactus, a plant that (as Ramakka writes) is so popular among collectors,

it's “notorious for being loved almost to extinction.” Instead, she finds herself in mortal danger while investigating a series of seemingly unconnected deaths that all prove to be related to botany, her area of expertise. The book is the debut novel for Ramakka, a CALS alum and retired academic writer who grew up in Upstate New York but has spent much of her adult life in the West.

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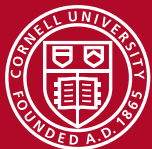
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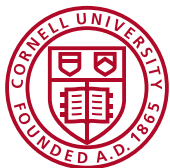




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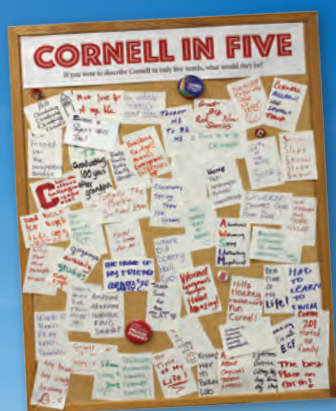


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# In So Many Words



## 'Cornell in Five,' redux

At Homecoming last fall, we invited alumni to sum up their Big Red experiences in five words. After running the results on the "Cornelliana" page in our November/December 2019 issue, we invited readers to submit their own "Cornell in Five" on our website and via social media—and we received so many great responses that we thought they deserved another four pages. Feel free to keep them coming!

Such diversity  
in one  
University.

SARA LEE ALLEN '07

Doorway to the  
wider world.

JODI SIELSCHOTT  
STECHSCHULTE '74

FAR ABOVE WHAT  
I EXPECTED!

BILL RUSSO '71, MENG '72

The start of  
something  
amazing.

DANIEL CHEUNG '79

Uphill both  
ways. Massive  
calves.

VENKY THATTAI '04

LIFE-LONG  
PASSION FOR  
LEARNING.

ANDIE NEWMAN '87, DVM '91

I'd love  
to do again!

RICHARD MACMILLAN '73,  
BS '75

Became  
who  
I am today.

JERI FRANK '76

Four of  
my best years.

SUSAN MALDON STREGACK '66

A place for  
personal growth.

BRUCE COHEN '65, BME '66,  
MENG '67

Legacy,  
life launch,  
encore career.

CAROLINE MISCIAGNA  
SUSSMAN '90

Work hard, play  
hard, cold!

HOWARD SEIBEL '80

PHOTOS (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP-LEFT): LINDSAY FRANCE,  
ROBERT BARKER, JASON KOSKI, BARKER, KOSKI, FRANCE/JUREL



BEST TIME  
OF MY LIFE.

CHRIS MATSKO '97

My foundation  
for continuous  
learning.

MICHAEL GEORGE '68, MENG '69

Rowing on the  
blue lake.

MARK HALLOCK '79

Where I could  
dream big.

DREW FILUS '95

Where  
I learned  
to think!

BOLIVAR  
ARBOLEDA '79

HILLS,  
BRIDGES,  
STUDY,  
BOOKS, LEARN.

BETH ANDERSON '80

Where the band  
always wins.

AMY QUAN '00

WHERE I MET MY  
HUSBAND!

KAREN THOMAS-  
DAVENPORT, MA '06

Found my  
passion at  
Cornell.

WENDI FRIEDMAN TUSH '79

Family  
tradition my  
parents started.

PAMELA MANDELL  
FREEDMAN '87

Inspiring,  
rigorous, diverse,  
beautiful,  
future!

CAMILLE LEPRE '85, BA '86

A forefather's  
foresight  
magnificently  
manifested.

CARLINE ROMAIN '83

CORNELL  
HARDWIRED  
ME FOR LIFE.

MITCH FRANK '75

Making a  
difference  
through  
research!

MARY EDSON '82, BS '83

Married at  
ten-year Reunion!

KRISTYN BENZINGER  
WHITNEY '90

Far above  
Cayuga's  
waters. Snowy.

EVE VARON RYAN '96, DVM '01

Broad tough  
thinking =  
future vision.

DAVE AHL '60, BEE '61

Gorgeous  
gorges  
create great  
memories.

SAMUEL HUNT '74

A marvelous  
lifetime  
enhancing  
experience.

GIDEON PANTER '56, MD '60

Excellence  
expected,  
and excellence  
learned.

DON SHARDLOW '58

GORGES, GROWTH,  
FRIENDSHIPS,  
CHALLENGES,  
POLITICS.

PHIL SCHWARTZ '70

Chinese  
studies  
changed  
my life.

STEPHANIE  
MITCHELL '78, JD '80

Amazing  
adventures  
in lifelong  
learning.

JUDI BINDERMAN '83

LOWEST RATED IVY  
SCHOOL? PLEASE.

LAURENCE COHEN '86







Soul-searching,  
mind-challenging  
adventure!

TINA PANTUSO '95

I still love  
reading...  
really!

DOLORES  
GEBHARDT '81

Growing,  
learning,  
hills,  
lifelong  
friends.

REBECCA MARON MAZIN  
'79, BS '80

PRELIMS: STILL  
CAUSE COLD  
SWEATS!

JAY TAYLOR '80

Met my  
wife in  
band!

KEVIN STARK '91

Music 101-102:  
life-changing.

BETTY SCHULTZ  
GOLDBERG '61

A cornerstone  
of my life.

BENJAMIN MILDE '96

SCENIC, SCIENCE,  
INTELLECTUAL,  
HILL, GORGES.

SHAUN D'SOUZA '03

Best challenge,  
biggest  
opportunity,  
period.

MICHAEL MCKEE '79, BS '81

Great education,  
even greater  
friends.

MARTY SLYE SHERMAN '73,  
MPS '75

Best calves  
of my life!

KAMILLAH KNIGHT '13, MPA '15

My lifetime  
best wonder  
years!

ANDREW  
DADAGIAN '55

Where  
I lost  
my heart.

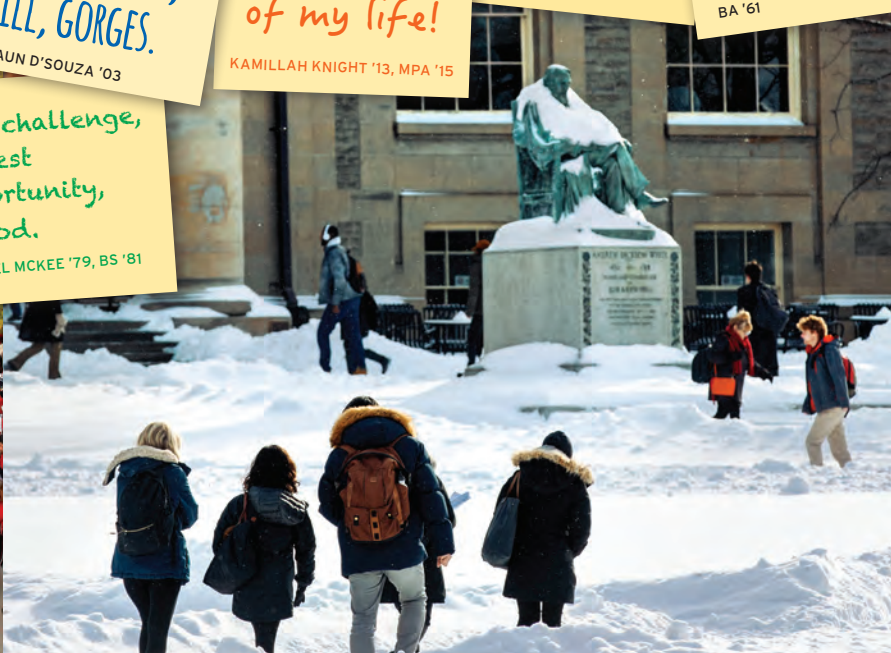
SUE MORRIS WILKEY '84

Cornell  
Lunatic  
kept me  
sane.

JOYCE HENDLEY '82

Beauty,  
rigorous  
learning,  
anguish, joy.

PAULA  
FRIEDMAN '60,  
BA '61





Learned,  
determined, hill,  
graduated, love.

KEN CANFIELD JR. '62,  
MBA '66

AMAZING, AWESOME,  
SCARY, OVERWHELMING,  
UNBELIEVABLE.

KENNETH GASSMAN '83

Pristine,  
prestigious,  
but not  
pretentious.

RONALD WHARTON '85

Worked hard,  
played hard.  
Hockey!

CHUCK ROBY '67, MENG '68

Springboard  
to my  
conservation  
career.

VASHTI "TICE" SUPLEE '73

Rain, cold, snow.  
Such friendships!

JAMES HOBER '82

HOCKEY, FOOTBALL,  
GORGES, LIFELONG  
FRIENDS.

PETE SAUNDERS '71, MENG '72

Cornell,  
paradise  
upon  
the Hill.

JUNE KAISER  
DUNNICK '65, PHD '69

Fun learning  
with lifelong  
friends.

ANGELA DESILVA '78

Opened me to  
thinking well.

CAROL FRITZ '71

Hockey, slopes,  
incubator, uplifting,  
invigorating.

BRIDGET SARACINO '11,  
DAVE SARACINO, JD '74,  
PETE SARACINO '74

Big, bold,  
beautiful,  
brilliant,  
bastion.

WILL STEPHENS JR. '77

Only need one  
word: awesome!

PERRY JACOBS '74

BSILR diploma  
opened the  
door.

DAVID FELDERSTEIN '73

Best years of  
my life.

STEVEN LUDSIN '70

Our  
time on  
the edge.

JAY WOJCIK '89

THE PLACE I  
FOUND MYSELF.

EVELYN ESKIN '62

Beautiful  
autumn  
colors amidst  
waterfalls.

JEANNE LENCE  
MARTIN '76

TURN ON,  
TUNE IN,  
CORNELL.

ROBERT  
KOSOBUCKI '73

Cornell is where  
learning's loved.

G. DEAN SMITH '62

Worthy of an  
unforgettable  
memoir!

GREGG MORRIS '68,  
MPA '73

PROUD TO BE A  
CORNELLIAN!

KATHERINE BENEKE LYLE '60

Cornell: place  
of endless  
opportunity.

PAUL ROSENBERG '59

A spirit of  
intellectual  
generosity.

MICHAEL STEINITZ '65

Taught me  
freedom with  
responsibility.

ROGER INGRAHAM '66

Double  
PMP.  
Sieve,  
sieve,  
sieve!

SCOTT  
IRGANG '82

UNIQUE  
OPPORTUNITY TO  
FIND MYSELF.

GEORGE KLEIN '79

PHOTOS (CLOCKWISE FROM OPPOSITE TOP LEFT):  
FRANCE, LUXE WALKER, KOSKI, FRANCE, KOSKI/JUREL







# Food for Thought

A Hotelierite rite of passage for decades,  
a required course puts students on  
the front lines of running a restaurant

By Beth Saulnier

PHOTOS BY ROBERT BARKER



**DINING OUT:** Ian Burke '20  
(standing) serves as host  
during "Truffle Trio" night at  
Establishment in late October.





**TEACHABLE MOMENTS** (from top): Samantha Fioto '20, a front-of-house TA, pitches in by filling water glasses; chef instructor Beth Wilcox '96 (right) works with kitchen TA David Barge '20 (left) and Truffle Trio manager Josh Gully '20; Brandon Salvatore '20 (left), another Truffle Trio manager, checks in with course instructor Douglass Miller before the restaurant opens. Opposite page (from top): Robert Dandliker '22 (left), a TA serving as an expeditor in the kitchen, hands off mac and cheese appetizers to server Sarah Baturka '20; assistant expeditor Yunting Gu '21 keeps track of the dishes that have been ordered.

One of Ithaca's most intriguing dining experiences is hiding in plain sight: an East Hill eatery that offers new menu items every night, has commanding campus views, and features some of the most attentive service that money can't buy. At this upscale establishment—called, in fact, Establishment—guests pay for their food and drink but aren't allowed to tip the wait staff, because they're not technically working; they're learning. The restaurant is the latest iteration of a longtime tradition for Hotelies: a required course in which small teams of upperclassmen design a custom menu and manage a student-run restaurant for a single evening.

Located for the past six years in a purpose-built space on the second floor of Statler Hall, Establishment (whose minimalist logo dubs it “estb.”) is open Monday through Friday most weeks of fall and spring semester. As Douglass Miller, one of its four current instructors, notes, given that each night's three-person management team has a built-in customer base, tables can be tough to come by. “We generally sell out weeks in advance, because all their friends come,” he says. “If they're on a sports team or in a sorority, fraternity, or club, it's like, ‘It's my management night; who's coming?’ It's hard for locals, because they think about making a reservation four or five days out.”

Once a week, the roughly 150 students who take the class (HADM 3350) all attend a lecture; they're divided into five

sections of thirty for the “lab” portion—prepping and running the restaurant from about 3 to 10 p.m. on their assigned night of the week. For the first part of the semester, half the students have “front of house” roles like wait staff, food runner, bartender, barista, and host or hostess, while the other half work in the kitchen preparing meals; midway through, they switch. One night each semester, three students—generally comprising representatives from the front and back of house—serve as the management team, designing a special three-course themed menu, plus a featured beverage. Establishment also offers a full menu developed by the Hotel school's professional chefs; last fall, entrées included lamb chops with parsnip purée and baby green beans, shrimp over squid ink fettuccini with arrabbiata sauce, salmon with *beurre blanc* and smashed purple potatoes, and tenderloin of beef with poblano and potato gratin. “What makes the class so great is that the guests are paying real money,” says Miller, who previously taught a similar course at the famed Culinary Institute of America in the Hudson Valley. “If everything was complimentary, expectations would be different—but our guests might spend \$30 or \$40 per person, and we want to provide them with a great experience.”

Longtime Hotel instructor Giuseppe Pezzotti '84, MMH '96, has been teaching various iterations of HADM 3350 for decades. He notes that in past years it had more of a luxe, fine-dining bent—so much so that in the mid-Eighties, he and colleagues were dispatched to tour top restaurants in France to garner menu ideas. “I enjoy teaching it, because it's a real-world experience,” he says. “It's very interactive with the guests. Sometimes the students are petrified to go and take an order, to go into the kitchen to cook. It's a capstone course—they have to apply what they've learned in their other courses.”

On a Wednesday in late October, the night's theme is “Truffle Trio,” with each course featuring the rarified fungus. There's a truffle mac and cheese appetizer; the entrée is an eight-ounce burger blended with truffle shavings, topped with fontina cheese, and served with truffle fries. For dessert, there's a warm waffle served with vanilla ice cream and







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drizzled with truffle honey. The featured cocktail: a truffle-infused vodka sour in a coupe glass. The theme—and a fair amount of the products incorporated that night including truffle salt, black truffle zest, white truffle oil, winter and summer truffle peelings, and a ten-pound wheel of truffle cheese—came courtesy of Dean Pappas ’20, a Long Islander whose family owns a high-end food importing business. Pappas and classmate Josh Gully ’20 are running things in the kitchen, under the watchful eye of chef instructor Beth Wilcox ’96; Brandon Salvatore ’20, the third member of the Truffle Trio team, is in charge of the front of house.

Given that everyone has just returned from fall break, Salvatore tries hard to psych up his staff—stressing that with ninety-two “covers” (industry jargon for customers) expected, they need to be a well-oiled machine. “We’re pretty far along in the semester and this is going to be our last week of rotations [before switching to the kitchen], so everyone should be ready to kill it tonight,” he says, after screening part of a “60 Minutes” segment on the truffle trade. “We have >





a ton of covers, so we need to focus on getting the orders in right the first time, and for the hosts, seating guests strategically. We have to work together and apply all the things we've learned this semester. I think we're set for a really good night, but we have to focus on coming back from break and performing strongly."

Meanwhile, in the kitchen, Pappas is heating up the cheese sauce he and Gully made the previous night, the intoxicating aroma of truffles wafting from the industrial-sized pan. The kitchen is a hive of activity: students are slicing a block of fontina to top the burgers, meticulously filling tiny cups of ketchup, chopping basil for garnishes, pre-baking the dessert waffles, checking the *mise en place* for their assigned dishes, and much more. In a far corner, another team is already thinking about tomorrow: they're prepping their own themed menu, "Elements: A Pan-Asian Culinary Journey," which will feature flank steak salad, catfish filet with green curry, and lemon cake with yuzu curd. "The students rotate through each task," explains Wilcox, as she orients a new crop of grill cooks. "I encourage them to plan ahead and see how the next station is set up, because we want to make sure there's not a sudden drop in quality of service."

### A Hotelier Tradition

A four-decade Statler veteran, Wilcox earned her BS through the employee degree program while working full time. She has vivid memories of her own management night; back then, the course occupied the dining room of the old Statler Inn, one of a few locations where it has been held over the decades. (Others include the Statler Hotel's Taverna Banfi and Mac's Café, as well as sites off campus; the restaurant has operated under various names, including two with the acronym TCAB, the Terrace Café and Bistro and Themes, Cuisines, and Beyond.) Wilcox's theme: "A Night at the Oscars," a fine dining experience that featured white glove service and prime rib carved tableside. "I think as an alumna you have a different buy-in to the course and how it is taught, because you've lived it," Wilcox observes. "You can see what benefit it brings to the rest of your life."

Those benefits, faculty and alumni say, are many. Bettina Walder Landt '94, who now runs a luxury hotel on Nantucket called the White Elephant, recalls doing about 100 covers for her team's Italian-themed night, which included veal saltimbocca and tiramisu. "I remember that some of our food didn't come in

**'Anytime you're put in charge—you have to create something and pull it off—that's a challenge,' says star restaurateur and course alum Drew Nieporent '77. 'It's a very important part of the whole education.'**



when it should have, so that was a little terrifying, but at the last minute we got it together,” she says. “We needed to tweak the menu a bit, but that’s just real life. The more hands-on experience you have under your belt, the more successful you’re going to be. You can’t teach that; you have to live it.” Drew Nieporent ’77, the star restaurateur behind Nobu and Tribeca Grill, calls the version of HADM 3350 he took “a very formative, very useful class, definitely.” His team did a fine French menu featuring dishes like duck à l’orange, serving their prix fixe meal to about sixty guests. “It was terrific—I really did enjoy it,” he says of the course. “Anytime you’re put in charge—you have to create something and pull it off—that’s a challenge. It’s a very important part of the whole education.”

A quarter century later, Jeff Wielgopolan ’01 also managed a night of French cuisine, with a menu that included a lamb entrée and licorice mousse for dessert. “All of my background is in food and beverage, so I really liked it—it was almost like you were the executive chef,” says Wielgopolan, now a senior vice president at Forbes Travel Guide. “One thing I loved is that it’s probably the only time you put together a plan and execute it with real people and real guests, and you buy real food and real flowers and you have a budget. Everything else you do in school is theoretical. This was the one opportunity where you put everything into place and now you have a guest in front of you. Does your concept work? Did you fill the dining room?”

Karim Abouelnaga ’13 has taken a different path from most Hotelies—earning a master’s in education policy from Columbia, founding a company that focuses on aiding low-income schools, and landing on *Forbes*’s “30 Under 30” list for education. But he still calls restaurant management one of his most memorable classes on the Hill. “I’m sure there were a lot of things we did wrong, but the big takeaway is that we survived and we pulled it off—I remember we booked all our seats and had a great event,” says Abouelnaga, whose menu included fish and chips. “There’s something special about having the experience of being responsible for a restaurant. I don’t know that many schools let you do something like that.” >



**PREP WORK** (from top): Gu portions out ketchup; April Song ’20 juices lemons for her team’s Asian-themed meal the following night; Jay Gryska ’22, a student in a lower-level course doing a required practicum, slices fontina to top the burgers. Opposite page: Gully (center) and fellow Truffle Trio manager Dean Pappas ’20 (right) work on the mac and cheese with Tara Abrams ’21.







**GOOD EATS** (this page, counterclockwise from top): Burgers on the grill; a duck wing appetizer served with kimchi aioli; and mac and cheese in the oven and on the plate. Opposite page, from top: Jake Stokes '20, the bartender on Truffle Trio night, serves up the signature cocktail, a truffle-infused vodka sour; Ally D'Agostino '20 pours wine for Hotel professor Alex Susskind.

## Broad Applications

At the Hotel school, students have the option (but not the requirement) to choose among three concentrations: finance, accounting, and real estate; hospitality leadership; or services marketing and operations management. The latter covers food and beverage operations—but as Miller and others stress, HADM 3350 offers valuable lessons that are applicable to any sector of the hospitality industry and beyond. “It teaches you teamwork, because you’re working with a team the entire semester,” says Salvatore. “Also leadership, because when it’s time for your night, you have to lead—in my case, the entire front-of-house staff. It works on a lot of things that you can use in whatever industry you go into.”

Samantha Fioto '20 took the class her junior spring—her team did a vegan menu comprising cauliflower “poppers,” asparagus and lemon risotto, and a brownie skillet with coconut ice cream—and went on to become a front-of-house TA her senior year. “You form close bonds with everybody in your section, because you’re cooking behind the line, you’re serving, you’re making sure that when things go up in flames you’re all working together to fix it,” she says. “I thought it was going to be challenging to manage them; these are my friends, I don’t want to boss them around. I learned how to properly delegate tasks to my peers. Even though it can be intimidating and scary, it’s a good skill to learn. Being in the class really helped me become more confident in myself.”

A New Jersey native who aims for a career in marketing, Fioto notes that cultivating such skills can be essential for young Hotelies coming out of college and transitioning into management roles, potentially supervising workers who are decades their senior. The class also forces students to think on their feet; during the Truffle Trio night, for instance, Gully and Pappas had to cope with a hiccup regarding the mac and cheese. During their weeks of testing and planning, they’d contemplated various ways to present it, such as forming it into balls that would be deep fried, or layering it atop bowls of French onion soup in place of the traditional bread and cheese. They finally landed on portioning it into individual Bundt-type molds, baking it, then topping





**‘We learned that you can never be too prepared,’ says Dean Pappas ’20.**



it with bread crumbs and a drizzle of truffle oil. “We understood how we wanted to plate it, but since we changed it the night before we really didn’t master the cook temperature,” Gully says, reflecting on the night a week later. “The first wave of service, it was falling apart sixty seconds after you took it out of the oven. We figured out it was better to do a much longer bake time and add more bread crumbs, and that held the dish together.”

Another minor snafu: Gully and Pappas thought they’d run out of the truffle burger, so they “eighty-sixed” it—took it off the menu and had waiters tell customers that the featured entrée was no longer available—only to realize twenty minutes later that ten more patties had been stored in another refrigerator. “We learned that you can never be too prepared,” says Pappas, who has a management trainee position with Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts lined up after graduation. “We worked in the Establishment kitchen eight hours the day of, and during service we were still prepping

patties and making mac and cheese. Even though we had prepared a ton, there’s still a lot more that happens when you get that rush of reservations.”

In addition to their management duties, each team has to design a pre-dinner training exercise for their fellow students; on the Truffle Trio night, the kitchen staff was quizzed on the correct storage locations of food in a cooler, while the students working the front of house had to open a bottle of wine tableside and present it to Miller. “I think what makes a good management night is the team being passionate about their idea, whatever it is,” he says, as one student after another opens a bottle (actually, an empty that has been filled with water and recorked) and pours him a glass. “People say it’s a class where you learn how to wait tables; no, not really. I look at each table as a piece of real estate. How do you maximize revenue per square foot? All of our students go into the business of selling, be it food, beverage, a hotel, land, whatever.” >



**‘I think there’s something to be said about the shared experience,’ Karim Abouelnaga ’13 says of the course. ‘It’s a tradition that keeps us all connected.’**

Indeed, another of Salvatore’s pre-service motivational tools is screening a scene from the movie *The Wolf of Wall Street*: Leonardo DiCaprio, as a canny stockbroker, demonstrates the importance of a good sales pitch by having some colleagues try to convince him to buy an ordinary pen. “Overall, what you can get out of that video is that you have to demonstrate why the customer needs to get that dish—why it’s worth spending money, because that’s really what it comes down to at the end of the day,” says Salvatore, who has landed a job in hospitality real estate. “Maybe you’ll say, ‘I had a great experience having the beef tenderloin and highly suggest that you get it as well.’” He gives the wait staff a scenario: a customer asks for advice in choosing between the salmon and the tenderloin. How should they respond? “Say both are really good options, because in the end the customer may choose the one that you did not suggest,” he says. “Ask, ‘What are you in the mood for, a heavier or lighter meal?’”

Reflecting Establishment’s pedagogical purpose, each table is given a tablet-based survey at the end of the meal so guests

can rate their experience; after the dining room has cleared out, faculty and TAs also provide feedback on how the evening went. But, as Miller explains, grades are based on performance throughout the semester, not just on a student’s management night. “We don’t assess on revenue, because the price points are different for each night,” he adds. “What we’re looking for is engagement, teamwork, their willingness to jump in.” As many students and alumni see it, completing the restaurant management course doesn’t just earn them a grade: it’s a rite of passage that confers a certain *esprit de corps*. “I think there’s something to be said about the shared experience,” says Abouelnaga. “It’s like the hotel operations class where you follow a housekeeper around the Statler for a day—it’s a tradition that keeps us all connected.” Fioto, who aims to continue as a TA this spring, wholeheartedly agrees. “It marks, ‘I am now a Hotelier,’” she says. “I had my Establishment night; *I am a Hotelier*. When alumni come back, they even like to talk about it. They’ll ask, ‘Do you still have that class where you run a restaurant?’” ■



**ROOM WITH A VIEW:** Cara Huang ’20 serves the special entrée, a cheeseburger with truffle fries. In the dining room, guests have a window into the kitchen and can watch the sun set over Sage Hall and the Engineering Quad.



## VICE PROVOST ILLUMINATES CORNELL'S GLOBAL ROLE AND IMPACT

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The full conversation is available at [news.cornell.edu/WolfordQA](https://news.cornell.edu/WolfordQA).

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## “SPENDING TIME DOING INTERNATIONAL WORK IS SO OFTEN A TRANSFORMATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN STUDENTS’ LIVES.”

– Wendy Wolford, vice provost for international affairs

### **Your background includes work on international development, social mobilization, land use and critical ethnography. How have these experiences shaped your worldview?**

**Wolford:** I always laugh because when people introduce me, they grab those terms off my website, but they’re obscure to most people! I work primarily in Latin America and Africa, asking a few key questions: How do people in rural areas make a living and carve out a life on the land; how does the distribution of land across social classes shape the formation of everything, from the economy to the nature of the national state; and how do people draw on social, institutional and political tools to mobilize for a different, better life.

Critical ethnography – its less technical name is “deep hanging out” – allows me to compile in-depth, close-up understandings of daily life in the communities and institutions where I work. I’m currently working on a book on the politics of agricultural research and rural development in Mozambique, drawing on the research I did while on a Fulbright a couple of years ago.

### **And your approach has always naturally been interdisciplinary?**

Yes, I’ve always been interdisciplinary. I was trained in doctoral “fields” rather than in disciplines at UC Berkeley, so Cornell is a natural fit for me.

It’s trite but true to say that you cannot grapple with the big problems in the world today from the lens of a particular discipline. Climate change, migration, inequality, geopolitical conflict – to understand and maybe even address these, we have to start from the problem, not the discipline.

### **What can Cornell do most effectively to address global issues?**

One of my main priorities as vice provost is to support faculty and students in their international work. I am closely involved with the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies. It’s the heart of area studies on campus, and every person in the center is passionate about international engagement. I have been a

card-carrying member of the Latin American Studies Association for almost 25 years and now also the African Studies Association; connections to the academic and on-the-ground communities in these regions are vitally important for our work.

I would like to see every student at Cornell have the opportunity to have an international experience, and have that experience fit with their curriculum and give them exposure to international realities. Spending time doing international work is so often a transformational experience in students’ lives.

The Einaudi Center, now under the direction of our brilliant new director, Rachel Riedl, gives out about \$1.3 million to students every year in travel funding. Many of the projects that students undertake are geared toward understanding those big, interdisciplinary challenges – helping small farmers grapple with the consequences of climate change, studying in China to build bridges between two cultures often presented as being direct opposites, or designing actual bridges for communities around the world.

Prospective students express their interest in these experiences, and we know, from surveys, that we don’t yet meet the demand. Increasing our ability to support, curate and expand high-quality international experiences is one of our main goals.

### **What is Cornell doing to help make that more possible?**

We are trying to map international experiences onto students’ curricula more purposefully so they know from day one at Cornell that they can be in Paris during the spring of their sophomore year, and they can take classes they know will fit into their major. This way they can experience something new without falling behind.

We are building up our exchange programs where students can swap places with students from dozens of other universities around the world. We’re also expanding our support for winter and summer term experiences, as this

# 5,741

Number of international students at Cornell

# 119

Number of countries those students are from



# 1,030

Number of Cornell undergraduates who completed for-credit experiences abroad (in 56 countries) in 2018-19



is where we are seeing the most demand for internships, short treks and engaged learning. We are offering language classes that are targeted to particular projects or disciplines, so that nutrition students who don't necessarily need to be fluent, for example, can work in Ecuador with the benefit of a one- or two-week course that provides basic Spanish along with nutrition-specific terms.

**Tell us a bit about the Global Grand Challenge initiative and its first theme, "Migrations."**

The Global Grand Challenge initiative launched last year with a two-day symposium on campus that brought together senior leaders, faculty and students to answer two questions: What are the biggest challenges facing humanity today, and what are the ones that Cornell can actually do something about?

After a lot of discussion, we chose the theme of migrations – the migration of people, plants and animals and the context in which they move. We're looking at the unprecedented pace, scale and complexity of migrations on our planet today, and realizing that we have to truly change the way we think and teach about everything from food to politics, disease, urban settlement, culture and so on – to take account of movement.

Migrations is a perfect theme for Cornell because nearly every college and unit at the university does work that touches on migration in some way, from animal and plant science, to law and labor, to history and the arts.

We have put out calls for proposals for different opportunities, from individual research teams to interdisciplinary projects and workshops to student engagement. We're working with the Office of Engagement Initiatives on getting students hands-on opportunities related to migrations. Already, a professor in policy analysis and management connected with a professor in physics about how to collaborate on big data visualization and modeling of migrations and movements.

**Talk a little bit about the university's connection to China.**

Cornell has been involved with and tightly linked to China for more than 100 years. We have a more in-depth presence in China than most of our peers in terms of the number of influential Cornell graduates who have led major transformations in modern China and the number of students, faculty, collaborations and projects we have today. We have had a strong presence in agriculture, engineering, law and the social sciences.

The idea of having a central office is something that this university has been working toward since the early 2000s.

We recently moved the Cornell China Center

into a new office and held an academic symposium there in November and a larger Cornell-China Forum in a nearby hotel.

The new space is very well located in Beijing, and we are excited that local alumni and faculty and others will be able to use it to hold workshops and have alumni events. People are always going through Beijing, and this gives them a Cornell "home" to work out of.

Ying Hua, the faculty director for the center, organized the Cornell-China Forum in part to highlight the research that we funded through last year's China Innovation Awards to interdisciplinary teams of Cornell faculty and collaborators in China.

**Finally, what is the role of the Institute of Politics and Global Affairs on campus?**

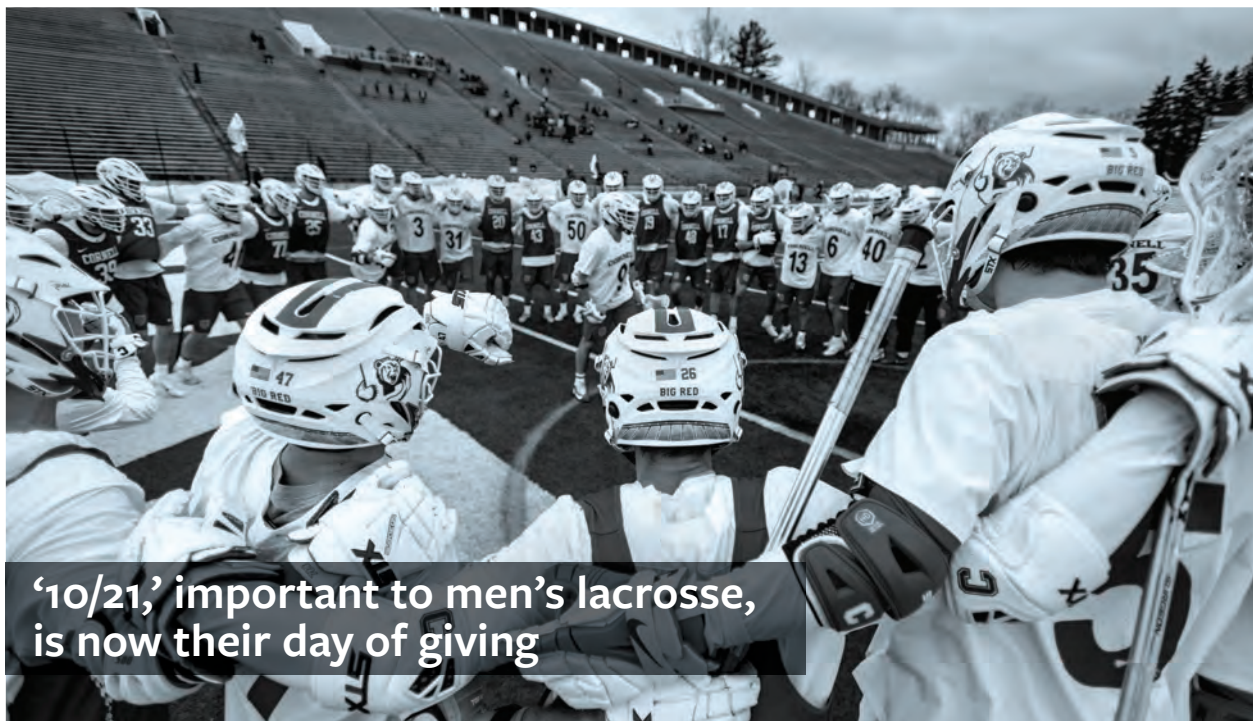
This new institute was created to enhance Cornell's voice in policymaking and politics at national and international levels. It is led in New York City by Steve Israel, former congressman and author. We just celebrated the Ithaca launch with a panel organized by the faculty director, Doug Kriner. There will be more events exploring policy and politics and building connections between stakeholders. The institute is bringing together an exciting and dynamic group of faculty, students, former and current politicians and pundits.



**Opposite page:** Wendy Wolford introduces the Global Grand Challenge initiative and its theme, "Migrations," in 2019.

**Above:** Wolford chats with Naglaa Abdallah, left, chief of party for the Center of Excellence for Agriculture in Egypt, in 2019.





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### **‘10/21,’ important to men’s lacrosse, is now their day of giving**

On Oct. 21, alumni, coaches and the team’s current players raised a full year of men’s lacrosse funding in a one-day fund-raising sprint. Together, men’s lacrosse raised \$334,964 from 464 donors, including 100% participation in giving among current team members.

The sprint was part of an effort to move all athletics team phone-a-thons – previously held in early winter – to the fall semester.

The chosen day, Oct. 21 – 10/21 – is a date already important to the lacrosse community. Eamon McEneaney ’77 and George Boiardi ’04, two members the community has lost, still inspire and unite the student-athletes and alumni of the program. Their jersey numbers, 10 and 21, are revered.

Cornell men’s lacrosse, like many athletic teams, cultivates a highly engaged, multigenerational community. In addition to sharing an inspiring legacy of winning, members of this community have fun together and support each other. Active alumni associations of one name or another have been important parts of establishing a culture of giving back for decades.

“We have a pretty passionate alumni base,” says Andy Phillips ’84, MBA ’86, president of the Cornell Lacrosse Association. “The alumni feel connected to the program. They’re connected to their classmates and teammates. They’re connected to the coach they had; they’re connected to the current coach and current players; they’re connected to different generations of alumni. It’s important to stay connected to your classmates and teammates, but what makes us special is our ability to connect the different generations.”

“In planning for the 2019 player donation drive, we decided that the players’ donations would be made on 10/21, a date that has significance to our team,” says Phillips. “Independently, we had been thinking about moving the phone-a-thon to the fall for a variety of reasons. It then occurred to us that it could be a powerful message to say: ‘Our players make their annual contributions on 10/21 in appreciation for all that Cornell lacrosse has given to them. We invite you to join them.’”

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# CLASS NOTES

NEWS OF FELLOW CORNELLIANS

**46** Last Wednesday, I celebrated my surprise 95th birthday with a party for 60 people. The surprise is I'm still here. None of my ancestors nor close relatives made it to 95. And I intend to last at least two more years. That would allow me to attend my 75th Cornell Reunion in June 2021 with my daughter, Betsy, who lives nearby in California.

In the six-plus years Lois and I have lived here at Stoneridge, a beautiful continuing care site with 800 residents, I've felt a duty to welcome newcomers and remind our longer-tenured residents what a wonderful life we have here. This happens after I've finished dinner and am tablehopping with my walking sticks, backpack, and a big smile.

At the party, five other residents performed with me in a musical skit I wrote mostly to show the origins of some of the material I said or sang during tablehopping. One of the numbers had a strong Cornell connection. "Goodnight Little Girl" was used at Cornellianna Night of 2011 to serenade two lovely ladies, Class of 1931 ("the Thirty-Wonders"), who were the first Cornellians ever to return for an 80th Reunion. (The material that I played on the Net, 15 to 20 times, to learn its words and music is still on the Net, 42 minutes into <https://www.cornell.edu/video/cornellianna-night-2011>.)

Happy New Year plus our annual reminder: If you have scrapbooks, diaries, letters, photographs, or mementos from the 1940s at Cornell, send them to Evan Earle, director and university archivist, Carl A. Kroch Library, Ithaca, NY 14853-5302; telephone, (607) 255-3530; fax, (607) 255-9524; e-mail, [EFE4@cornell.edu](mailto:EFE4@cornell.edu). Your survivors will probably toss out such materials, but the university might very well display them. It's better and more ecological to direct them to the university now. Evan advises they have lots of material from the really early days but very little from the 1940s.

Remember our 75th Reunion slogan: "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, [pblevine93@gmail.com](mailto:pblevine93@gmail.com). Class website, [www.classof46.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.classof46.alumni.cornell.edu).

**Joyce Manley** Forney says that she is back to being a reporter for their village newspaper. She spent five years as editor and has praises for anyone in that job now. She has recovered from a fractured shoulder and can now walk her dog four times a day. Her family has grown to 13 members and they still have a long-standing date to convene each Sunday. Ages spread from a great-granddaughter in college to the youngest, who is just 3. Joyce's greatest satisfaction these days comes from the pleasure of retirement in the 43-acre village where she lives independently in a duplex, and the fact that she came years ago before the pricing "got out of hand." Her freshman roommate, **Patty Murtaugh** Woodworth, was the first person she met at Cornell; **Priscilla Alden** Clement was the other new friend with whom she continues a

73-year correspondence. If Joyce had a day in Ithaca she would "try to retrace steps from Thurston Ave. up to Martha Van Rensselaer Hall. But not in zero-degree weather wearing a skirt with bare legs to make an eight o'clock class on a dark winter morning!"

I want to say hello to **Joan Waite** Martens, who is still living in her beautiful New York City apartment. She manages to frequently walk to a park close by, shop at the grocery store, and visit her butcher (they all deliver), as weather permits, of course. Her two boys call her daily to check in. She loves every day and wishes the same to all.

I am waiting for your news. Stay well, breathe deep, exercise, and practice good nutrition so that we will see you in 2021! ♦ **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave., #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; tel., (650) 342-1196; e-mail, [dmprey@aol.com](mailto:dmprey@aol.com). Class website, [www.classof46.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.classof46.alumni.cornell.edu).

**47** In the July/Aug column, we asked if you ever spent summer on the Hill. **Shirley Buck** Rabeler responded: "I entered in March of '44 and was at Cornell until Christmas of '44, when I made a quick (unauthorized) day trip home. Then I was there four terms until I went home in July 1945. I lived in Comstock during the summer term in 1944. There were group rooms with four students, but I had a single room. I played tennis for my gym class and worked in the Martha Van cafeteria, accepting dirty dishes—and then I was promoted, because I was so big and helpful, to the dish room. I loaded the trays into the dishwasher. I attended the Presbyterian Church downtown and I found out that walking the hill in high heels was not a good idea. They had services at Anabel Taylor sometimes during the week. My friends Laura and Mary lived in Balch for the summer and we often did things together. There were military personnel on campus, some Navy and Army. My friends went to dances that included these men."

Thank you for writing, Shirley! We hope you follow her lead and add "submit news" to your list of New Year's resolutions. How did you ring in the New Year? What are your plans for the spring? Let us know. ♦ **Class of 1947**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, [abb83@cornell.edu](mailto:abb83@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**48** **Joyce Van Denburgh Doty** sent a very thoughtful and informative submission for me to report on this issue! She is living in Orlando, FL. She married a fellow Cornellian, the late **Michael Doty, DVM '52**. Answering a question on the online news form, Joyce says that the first person she met at Cornell was a Naval student at the youth group of the local Baptist Church. She writes, "He invited me to go to the movies the following Saturday night. At the movies, he discovered that 16 and under were admitted half price. I guess my immaturity was showing since he asked me how old I was and only had to pay half price for me. So much for being on my own away from home!" (*Editor's note*: And something she remembered over 75 years later! Wow!) She has some other great memories of Cornell, some of which she would like to, and might be able to, repeat: Walking over the Suspension Bridge

("which probably no longer sways," she writes), going down into the gorges ("which I am certainly no longer able to do"), having lunch at the Straight, and going to the (tea) dances at the Straight that were discontinued after WWII ended and the fraternities reopened (to all of which your editor says, "Me too").

Hers is a Cornell family, with her brother, his son, and his granddaughter all graduating from Cornell. Her son did as well, but she steered her other three children to schools that did not have co-ed dorms, which she disapproves of. More currently, and most importantly, Joyce is newly a great-grandmother to a baby girl. On the home front, she watches lot of TV and, as a lifelong Democrat, watches a lot of the primary debates, town halls, and media conversations of the present season. She was regularly watching entertainment TV on COZI TV until it changed channels and dropped off her radar screen, consigning her to more political TV.

**Barbara Cole** Feiden (White Plains, NY) reports that long trips are "a thing of the past," but she did get to the Chevy Chase, MD, wedding of great-niece Rebecca Feiden. Rebecca is the daughter of **Peter Feiden '75** and the granddaughter of **Elliott '45** and **Elaine Smith Feiden '44**. More happy family news: granddaughter Lisa Feiden graduated from Smith College and is now working as an engineer for United Technology in Hartford, CT. Send your news to: ♦ **Ray Tuttle**, 65 Oyster Reef Dr., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926; e-mail, [RayTutt@aol.com](mailto:RayTutt@aol.com).

**49** Dr. **Arlyne Taub** Shockman has expressed what is possibly felt by many of our classmates: "Can't believe I reached 91! Many Americans today are over the age of 100, with even a few well into the teens, notably a wonderful spry Indian woman living on a North Dakota reservation who is still busy at age 113! Good luck to us all!"

Arlyne, living at the William Penn House in Philadelphia, remarks, "However, I am blind, don't hear well, and am a little lame. I spend most of my time playing bridge. I'm enjoying it. Yep! I loved my work and I did it, but I'm enjoying my retirement, too!" She keeps in touch with Dr. **Sylvia Weinstein** Sussman (Westborough, MA; [syl3045@rcn.com](mailto:syl3045@rcn.com)), who resides "in assisted living in Massachusetts, to be near one of her kids." Arlyne tells us that she runs a charity bridge game for the Lupus Foundation of America. She lost a daughter, 31 years old, and a 54-year-old son, both physicians, to lupus, an auto-immune disease. "Thank God I have one daughter left, Debbie, a wonderful girl." She adds, "I was in the hospital for ten days and now I'm back to my baseline."

Sadly, we mourn the passing of **Alan Jamison**, who died August 7 at a nursing home in Ithaca. He was 93 years old. "Alan loved his Cornell connection and was proud to have graduated from there in 1949, after serving in the Navy (in California)," we are told by Mary, his wife of more than 41 years. "He was born in Ithaca in 1927," she adds. "He is dearly missed."

Classmates, please share your news with us! We are eager to hear of your doings, as well as your opinions on any subject! Send your news to: ♦ **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 50 Grant Street, Wellsboro, PA 16901; e-mail, [winspeck@yahoo.com](mailto:winspeck@yahoo.com).



**50** When we arrived on the Hill in the fall of 1946, we each had 2,318 classmates. Of those, 1,871 received diplomas. The 448 non-graduates are designated as “non-degreed alumni” and are considered members of our class. As of last July, our class had 942 living alumni. It was a pleasant surprise to learn that half of our classmates, all nonagenarians, are still on this side of the grass. That longevity record seems to defy the odds. Of these alumni, 536 were reachable by postal mail and 91 were duespayers. It was nice to get a little news from this latter group.

**Arthur Buchholz Jr.** (Lancaster, PA) is still on the road, driving to visit friends and family from Lancaster to Indianapolis and down to Florida. As of September, Arthur was looking forward to his 95th birthday. **Dick Loynd** (North Palm Beach, FL) stays busy with his passion of investing. One of his companies, Smart Karton, has patents on products that contribute to the green economy by eliminating plastic in packaging. In a worldwide study by Dow Chemical, Smart Karton’s Paper Pack was named invention of the year. After 60 years as a director of various corporations, the last of Dick’s companies was sold, which, as Dick says, “left a hole in my schedule.”

**Peter Rowe** (Florence, MA) is retired from Smith College and says his life is enriched by living in his local five-college area. He attends performances at them and at Tanglewood. He traveled to Spain and Morocco in 2018 and to Norway last August. **Anita Ades** Goldin (Louisville, KY) and **Lawrence Greenapple**, JD ’52 (Lenox, MA) reported in but sent no news. Both mentioned classmates they would like to hear from, but they are not in our current class database.

**Eva Potter Lee** (Scarborough, ME) enjoys living in a retirement community on the Maine coast, volunteering at the Altar Guild at St. Albans, and playing a little golf and a lot of bridge. After 53 years, **William Atkinson** moved from Weston, MA, to Cambridge. Bill’s family is Big Red: father **Kerr Atkinson 1912** and mother **Elsie (Church) 1918**; paternal grandfather **George Atkinson 1885**, chair of the Botany Dept.; and maternal grandfather **Irving Porter Church 1873**, professor of Mechanics and Hydraulics, was behind the 12-inch refractor in Fuertes Observatory. His *Mechanics of Engineering* became a standard text worldwide.

In my July/Aug 2001 column I raised the general question of why Cornell continues to rank as a great American university. Is it low admission rates, high tuition, well-compensated faculty, impressive endowments, faculty research and publications, and high graduation rates for athletes? I then proposed an answer. Could it be that the best measure of a great university is the difference it makes in the lives of its students? And, ultimately, the differences they make for the better in the world? Which brings to mind two uncomfortable questions: How can highly rated colleges or universities claim excellence when their professors only work with the very best of students—unlike attorneys, physicians, architects, and engineers that stake their claim on excellence by taking on the most challenging cases? Shouldn’t a college or university claiming elite status be able to demonstrate and document the degree to which they have value-added to students and society? Your comments are solicited and shall be shared in future columns.

Related to these questions, I received an engaging reply from class co-president **Nancy Hubbard Brandt**: “For my senior year at Cornell, I asked friends which professors it was important to choose before time would run out. One recommendation was Prof. Vladimir Nabokov. It was a small class in quite early Russian literature, and

I do not remember a single author’s name. Surely I would have remembered Tolstoy, Dostoevsky, or even Pushkin. I therefore had concluded I had learned nothing about Russian literature at the time. Fast forward 70 years. I am taking a course at the U. of Chicago for which we are reading all of Nabokov. And I discovered that I did learn a great deal all those years ago about Nabokov the writer, because he treated his students the same way he communicates with his readers. I learned he likes to play tricks on his students and his readers, leading them to expect one conclusion but frequently giving them another. I learned the importance he attaches to detail and color, and that we students and readers should be aware of how language is used to describe nearly everything. The moral here: No course is ever a waste of time, even if one expected a certain outcome and received another, and even if it took 70 years for that to become apparent.”

Ye olde correspondent reports a somewhat parallel experience about lifetime learning. I cannot count my Cornell Ag program as a liberal education. However, it had two salubrious effects: 1) it opened doors that, after age 30, led to a master’s degree in science from Sewanee, and a master’s in education and doctorate in biology and science education from Rochester; and 2) it stimulated me to a lifetime of self-study and world travel from which, after an exemplary career as a university professor of science education, I now have evidence for a claim to be liberally educated. ♦ **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** **Mary Perrine Johnson** (Salt Lake City, UT) wrote, “The news is that we are here, mostly upright, and reading the magazine for news from or about our classmates. As we become nonagenarians, news tends to be more centered around home and family or familiar places long enjoyed. I am racking up miles visiting daughter Allegra in Beverly Hills, MI, or my home stomping grounds of Centralia, IL (and St. Louis), where I always see **Judy Diamant Joy**. In February, I spent a week in Cabo San Lucas, a place Bob and I loved and vacationed in for years. It was gorgeous, as always, but not the same going it alone. Looking forward, I have signed up to attend a short summer camp for grownups at Interlochen (MI) in early June. The subject is early music, a workshop for players and singers of music before 1750. I will be attending with friends from my musical life from Michigan (’64 to ’87). Looking forward to a lot of great music-making in a few days. Please, readers of CAM, give me an e-mail if you come through Salt Lake. There is no end of things to do and places to see. E-mail me at john97john@aol.com. Best to all.”

**Elliott Siff** e-mailed, “We just celebrated the graduation of our grandson **Jackson Siff ’19** (BS Chemical Engineering and expected master’s degree in Mechanical Engineering in December 2019). It was a three-generation Cornell Engineering event for our family at the fabulous graduation: Jackson’s father, **Brad Siff ’83**, ME ’84, MBA ’85, his uncle **Brian Siff ’87**, and myself. We have now become a Cornell Mechanical Engineering dynasty. I served on the Engineering Advisory Council for over ten years and was a faculty member as an undergraduate, teaching Descriptive Geometry and Dynamics of Machinery. The music and songs at graduation brought back 70-plus years of memories and nostalgia. My wife, Marlene, and I have even been on the Advisory Council of the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art for many years

and enjoy traveling up to the campus in early May for the meetings. Over the years we have taken many Cornell overseas trips. One extraordinary trip led by Prof. **Donald Rakow, PhD ’87** (former director of the Plantations) in the south of France inspired Marlene to create a series of works on paper, one of which (‘Pluie et Soleil’) was chosen by Don Rakow and hangs in the Brian C. Nevin Welcome Center conference room. Cornell has been a very special influence in our family’s life.”

**Robert Williams**, PhD ’62 (Goose Creek, SC) wrote: “I have been asked by one of the chapel staff at Charleston Air Force Base to give a presentation to the troops about investing. You are never too old to be of service. In August I turned 90 years old.” **Jack Vinson** (Haverford, PA) is “founding editor in chief of the *Journal of Sandwich Structures and Materials*, since 1999, Sage Publishers, London.” He is also an “H. Fletcher Brown Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Emeritus at the U. of Delaware.”

**Howard Feinstein**, MD ’55, PhD ’77 (Ithaca, NY) writes: “We continue to be grateful for our good health and continue to luxuriate in our Ithaca home and community. On August 30, friends and family will gather to celebrate my 90th birthday! Roz and I continue to summer on Martha’s Vineyard and enjoy two weeks of London theater with a group of friends.” **Betty Goldsmith** Stacey (Washington, DC) wrote: “Here is my latest. After publishing a three-generation genealogy of over 600 pages, it was time to move off my land and into the city. No more mowing grass, trimming trees, etc. As of March, I live in an apartment in Washington, DC. I sold the car and use the city’s good transport; Uber and Lyft are possibilities once I replace my old phone with a smart-phone, but what I really want is to use the rental scooters. I am not far from National Cathedral so have used my volunteer time there.” ♦ **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** Many of us try to get to Reunion every five years and there are a few who go back every year, but, occasionally, some of us go back for something special. A photo on page 40 of the July/Aug *Cornell Alumni Magazine* brought this from **Lewis Ward-Baker** (Rochester, NY): “I may have been the only alum on campus during the recent Reunion Weekend sporting an ‘antique’ class Reunion shirt: the one with red and white stripes and a large ’52 on the back. So when I saw the photo in the recent Cornell magazine of someone (seen from the back) wearing that shirt, I assumed it was me. All Glee Clubbers were invited to return to sing and celebrate 150 years of the club’s existence. A member of the Class of ’48 and I represented the earliest classes among the returning warblers. The thrill of singing again in Bailey Hall and Sage Chapel and the power of the numbers we sang, among them the Glee Club favorite ‘Ave Maria’ of Franz Biebl and the Cornell songs, will stay with me for the rest of my days. The TLC we received in Sheldon Court from the undergraduate concierges manning the desk deserves mention. It was notable and much appreciated.”

Who has written? **Paul Schlein**, MD ’56 (Bethesda, MD; palsai301@aol.com) writes, “Finally retired from active practice of internal medicine, with last segment at Mercy Health Clinic doing most rewarding work with indigent immigrants. I managed to attain the rank of clinical professor of medicine emeritus at George Washington U. medical school, which gave me a fine home throughout



my career. Sally and I have moved into Maplewood Park Place, a retirement community; for those apprehensive of such endings, we just love it here, especially since we have been joined by **George '55**, LLB '57, and **Phyllis Goody Cohen '57**. **George Kennedy**, MBA '56 (Edina, MN, and Green Valley, AZ; gmk31@cox.net) was planning to resume his life as a snowbird. "I was in New York City for a week in August. The primary reason was to see my grandniece in the Broadway production of *To Kill A Mockingbird*. She was terrific. The secondary reason was to tour the pre-Columbian exhibits at the Met and also the Museum of Natural History. Now I am off to Green Valley, AZ, for the winter."

**Alison Bliss Graham** (Wynnewood, PA; abcgraham@comcast.net) writes that she and **Chad** are "enjoying retirement 'in situ' in the suburban Philadelphia neighborhood where we have lived (in three houses) since Chad joined the Penn engineering faculty in 1970. We have been slowing down (!) but are still actively involved in local affairs from our 'accessible' house full of plants. We plan to keep moving—that's the trick!" **Ernest Mendel** (The Villages, FL; ccmendel88@gmail.com) is enjoying retirement in Florida. He plans to cruise and enjoy life.

**C.V. Noyes**, MBA '55 (Adamstown, MD; cvnoyes@gmail.com) was packing for a Road Scholar trip to Costa Rica. He had been to the Columbia and Snake rivers, à la Lewis and Clark, also with Road Scholars, and planned to visit Glacier Park with them. He noted that he had responded to Collin's request in the recent *Alumni News*. **Joan Aten Beach** (Lantana, FL; joanabeach@gmail.com) is "living year-round in Florida, as in past years. **Sandy '51** died three years ago. Same house—great house—and our oldest son, **Jeffrey '76**, is living with me. I still play golf (not nearly as well), play bridge, belong to a literary society and a golf club (Lost City), and go to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in West Palm." Joan plans to "keep on keeping on!" Other thoughts: "I find as I meet a new group of friends, they are all so impressed with Cornell. We are all so lucky!"

I promised some memories of working the kitchen of Clara Dickson Hall as waitresses, dishwashers, and steam table people, September 1948 to June 1949. My request for people's memories of that time was not published until the Sept/Oct issue of the magazine, which may explain why I have only two: **Ted Winsberg**, MS '53's and my own. His first. Ted was just 18 and had spent the year before working on a farm, earning enough to register as an "out of state" in the Ag school. He wound up, after three nights of sleeping on the floor at the Straight (male housing was a big problem), at the Cline Road dorms just up the hill from Dickson. He asked for a job and he, who had never had a date, wound up in the reverse ratio 15-male, 60-female kitchen of Dickson. He "went to Chapel" with a different girl every weekend freshman year, and "loved all of you." By the end of sophomore year, he and **Trudy Krueger** were "going steady" and married in May 1951. Ted, a glass washing specialist, was fired sophomore year for "participating in a wet towel fight," but he immediately lucked into a job as butler for President Day. He then learned about gracious living. Ted remembers fellow steam table men **Ed Hennelly '49**, **Frank Pegues, PhD '51**, and **Dick Call**. On the waitress side, the Winsbergs have been close friends over the years with **Dolores Sheptak Hart** and **Margie Bailey** Redmond. He also mentioned waitresses **Sue Youker** Schlaepfer, **Carol Harris** Wood, and **Trudy Serby** Gildea. He even went down the Libe Slope on a tray with **Peg Thompson Zimmerman '50**. Ted remembers the kitchen as hard work, but fun.

**I, Joan Boffa** Gaul, arrived at Cornell not knowing anything about waitressing and never having lifted anything much heavier than a book. The trays were heavy and the kitchen so noisy that you heard it in your head before you went to sleep. After a week, I was ready to go home and do anything else. It was only a distress call to, and visit from, my freshman camp counselor **True Woodruff Marlowe '51** that kept me in school. I will always be grateful to True. The trays remained heavy, the kitchen noisy, and the time demands inconvenient as to class, extracurricular, and social choices, but I learned

physics, UC Berkeley '59, has authored a book about the many decades of struggles with cancer experienced by the first-born of her identical twins. Titled *Defying Death: My Twin Son's Lengthy Battle with Cancer*, the book was published in 2018 and is available at Amazon and other outlets. In the book, Janice describes the medical choices made, and the impacts not only on son Charles and his twin brother, John, but also on their older sister, Christina. Although experienced as a university educator and researcher in physics and engineering, in the book she focuses on the human affairs and emotions

## 'No course is ever a waste of time, even if one expected a certain outcome and received another.'

NANCY HUBBARD BRANDT '50

lessons and made friends I won't forget. One quick story: A lunch I remember. We got to the kitchen and discovered we were serving what looked like split pea soup, but it wasn't soup. It was a lump of semi-solid split peas sitting in lonely splendor on a heavy plate. We each trooped eight plates out to the dining room. They were rejected, so we trooped them back to the kitchen. Then we trooped out eight dishes of cornflakes as replacements. I want to echo Ted's fond memories, particularly Shep and Trudy, and add C.V. Noyes, **Betty Jacques Brown**, **Marilyn Freeloove Stearns**, and the young woman from Gloversville, NY. Oddly, my then-considered very important choice of a sorority was heavily influenced by three upperclassmen who waited tables, **Peggy Thompson Zimmerman '50**, **Jane Miller Weber '50**, and **Jan Praeger Phillips '50**. Those 18 hours a week paid room and board and enabled us—those in state schools for very little money and we in private schools for \$400 a semester? a year?—to attend an extraordinary university. That's it. I have three news forms left in the folder. Barring a miracle, there will be a very short column in the next CAM. ♦ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com. Class website, classof52alumni.cornell.edu.

**53** I have been a bit foggy about communications for our class, so here are some facts. Number of classmates on the mailing list, 823; on the e-mail list, 440; who are CAM subscribers, 146. Our class e-mail address: 53news.cornell@gmail.com (share your news and activities anytime). Class website: classof53.alumni.cornell.edu. Class dues: Payments made now will be put toward the dues year that begins on July 1, 2020; \$55 includes a subscription to CAM, and you have the option of contributing to the Class of 1953 Library Endowment and/or the Class of 1953 Cornell Tradition Fellowship, which provides financial help to an incoming student. Pay by phone, (607) 255-3021, or send your check marked "Class of 1953 Dues" to Cornell University, Class of 1953, P.O. Box 37333, Boone, IA 50073-0333.

**Julian Max Aroesty** (jma38@cornell.edu) continues to consult, write for an electronic medical textbook, attend teaching conferences at the hospital, and cycle for three to four hours per day while listening to podcasts and recorded books (mostly nonfiction). In the past four and a half months he rode a total of 2,100 miles. **Janice Button** Shafer (jbuttonshafer@gmail.com), PhD nuclear

involving her entire family, her mathematician husband, and their three children in the battle to keep her son Charles alive.

We're very pleased to announce that **Jim Hanchett** (susie.hanchett@gmail.com), former president of our class as well as our class correspondent and a dedicated booster of Cornell, was inducted into the university's Athletics Hall of Fame ceremony held during 2019 Homecoming weekend at the Statler Hotel on campus. The citation reads: "A longtime volunteer for the Big Red, Hanchett was chosen in 2015 to receive the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award, Cornell's top award celebrating extraordinary service to the university through volunteer activities. The volunteer coordinator for the Continuous Reunion Club over more than 40 years, he served as historian of the Cornell Football Assn. for many years. Hanchett's work in 2004-05 researching and gathering memorabilia and artifacts led to the creation of the football program's Tradition Room. He contributed hundreds of articles to the CFA's seasonal newsletter and home game programs regarding the storied history of Cornell football. A longtime member of the Cornell University Council and the Student and Academic Services Advisory Council, he served as president of the Class of 1953. He spent a half-century as a writer and editor with the *New York Daily News*."

**Sylvia Hart** Wright (sylviah@efn.org) has had a republishing of her book *When Spirits Come Calling* by White Crow Books in the US and UK. Polls show that a majority of US women, especially widows and almost as large a percentage of widowers, sometimes sense the apparent presence of their lost mates. Nowadays, a majority of younger people, aged 18-49, also believe such contact experiences are possible. **Diane Johnston** Graziano (coelhen2@frontiernet.net) reports, "My all-consuming hobby is genealogy. Constant searching and compiling sharpens the aging brain. Researching early NYS ancestral families provides compelling history stories—windows into their harsh and often dangerous living circumstances. They endured and persevered, sometimes into old age. My discovered-again Revolutionary War Patriots are awaiting my more precise documentations of their services. When my DAR application is accepted, this allows these forgotten Patriots from the then-NYS (American) frontier to be placed directly into the Washington, DC, National Archives."



Our new '53 Memoir Ebook, sent by e-mail from Cornell in October, includes 89 pages of lively memoirs written by 36 classmate authors. If you did not receive it, let me know (johnbrophy@aol.com). If you have received it, you may be able to answer all the questions in this '53 Memoir Ebook quiz: What longtime Porsche lover flipped his car at Lime Rock in a race in 1968? Who lived and worked in Brazil for 51 years and where does he live now? What golf-loving classmate has played 60 of the top 100 courses in the world? What former co-ed has filled important roles in the cattle industry? What '53 couple has made a significant impact on a family from Tbilisi, Georgia?

the '54 beanie rebellion, the university finally did away with frosh caps altogether. Do send us your memories of the beanies.

While Clancy was at Reunion, his wife, **Barbara (Gavin) '55**, and their three adult children were in Normandy, France, for the 75th anniversary of D-Day. They honored the memory of Barbara's father, the legendary General James Gavin, who led the 82nd Airborne Division's parachute invasion into the village of Sainte-Mère-Église atop Utah Beach in the early morning of June 6, 1944. General Gavin, always the first out of the plane's door and the last in the division's chow line, was probably the first American on the ground on D-Day.

appreciative group, including classmates **Barbara Peltz**, **Barbara Burg Gilman**, **Dave Schmidt**, **Hal Fountain**, **Jean Weissman** Lesser, **Tara Prince** Goldman, **Gil Schlerf**, **Evan Janovic**, **Marlene Medjuck** Green, **William Osgood**, **Nancy Eisenberg** Grabow, **Fred Steinberg**, **Al Greisman**, and **Charlotte Bialo** Picot.

**Jim Van Buren**, MD '59, writes that he and **Mary (Martin) '56** still live in their house of 47 years—"and I remain the primary yard man." He still plays golf, and occasionally shoots his age, in spite of shoulder and knee replacement. "Anything requiring a ladder brings over our grandson Connor, son of **David '83**." The Van Burens are hoping to make our 65th Reunion in June, "but you never know what 12 more months will bring," he adds. Hope you can make it! Californian **Art Burns** is a hospital volunteer and is taking a film class at the local senior center. Art wishes he could do more traveling, "but dialysis limits that." **Hans "Wolff" Duerr** is playing water volleyball, and, coincidentally, so is **Bill Laube**. Hans keeps in touch with **Tad Cameron** and **Dick Schrader**, MBA '58, and took "a wonderful trip on the Danube" with a Cornell alumni group in 2017. There was just one alum, Class of '54, who knew the old Cornell songs. My daughters say no one sings those songs anymore. What a loss! The times they are a-changin', I guess. Hans volunteers at the local library and has taken several interesting courses with OLLI, from Mahler Symphonies to Tudor England to the Rise and Fall of Constantinople.

**Sylvia Verin** Mangalam, MA '57, stays busy with Quaker meetings and protesting against GMOs, low minimum wage, and bad forestry policies. A heart issue limits her travel; she can't get travel insurance. Sylvia's best day at Cornell: "As a first-term freshman I got an A+ on a logic assignment. To me, it meant I could do it." For **Emilyn Larkin Jakes**, her best day was when she met **Jerry '53**. This past August, they were looking forward to their 65th anniversary. They have moved into a new home—an "easy condo"—and their granddaughter bought their 100-year-old home. "She now takes care of the two and a half acres and the lovely old house. We get to visit!" Sounds like a win-win. For **Dick Jack**, who's been a hospital volunteer for the past 19 years, "all days at Cornell were pretty good!" He adds, "At 85, staying above ground is an accomplishment." Back when **Herb Roleke** applied to Cornell, his high school advisor told him that he wouldn't hear back for a while. "However, when I told Dean Meek I had just returned from touring Europe by myself at age 16—and the grand hotels I had stayed in—he told me then and there I was accepted!" Herb met **John Mulholland**, another freshman registering for the Hotel school, "and we have been friends to this day."

From **Roger Burggraf** in Fairbanks, AK: "I am 86 years old and working full time, active in the Alaska Miners Assn. and the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of the board of Greatland River Tours operating the dinner cruise boat *Tanana Chief Sternwheeler*." Roger also enjoys growing their own vegetables in a large garden and helping to encourage Alaska's economic development. He was a member of Kappa Delta Rho and owner of Tripod, everyone's favorite three-legged husky. **Marlene Crosier** Carpenter met her future husband on her "best day" at Cornell—and now they're expecting their first great-granddaughter in June. Marlene says she's enjoying each day, keeping up on genealogy, reading, and correspondence. **Jim** and **Sally Zautner Vanicek** have been traveling, gardening, and boating, but wish they could be still skiing! Their granddaughter **Rachel Vanicek '19**, daughter of **Bruce '88**, graduated in May. "That makes

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BILL HAZZARD '58

The Class of 1953 has received a letter from **Liren Zheng, PhD '97**, Wason curator of the Carl A. Kroch Library, thanking us for the ongoing support provided by our Library Endowment. "This fund is critical as it enables me to acquire materials that are important to the scholarship of students and faculty at Cornell," he writes. Using our funds, the library has recently acquired two volumes in Chinese: *Minguo Shi Ji Xuan Kan*, a volume of Chinese poetry from the 20th century; and *Zhongguo fo Jiao Yi Yao Quan Shu*, focused on Buddhist medicine and Zen Buddhism. Thanks to all those who have contributed to this endowment through the years. It is useful and appreciated. ♦ **Jack Brophy**, johnbrophy@aol.com; **Jack Allen**, jwallen@msu.edu; **Caroline Mulford** Owens, 53news.cornell@gmail.com.

**54** We start this column with a sad note. Our long-serving class historian, **Peg Bundy** Bramhall, died in September. With the support of her daughter, Laura, Peg made a massive effort to attend Reunion in June and see her friends. Peg kept saying the whole weekend was "magic." She even visited the Bundy Museum in Binghamton, NY, to read about her great-grandfather, who with his brother invented the time clock, which led to computers and IBM.

Also at Reunion was **Clancy Fauntleroy** (clancyf@att.net), who has never missed one. Clancy, a two-time lacrosse All-American and member of Cornell's Athletic Hall of Fame, is also secretly famous for an event that took place in 1950. In the fall of that year, the incoming frosh Class of '54 assembled in Bailey Hall for their first orientation session wearing the required—but hated—red beanie frosh caps. By chance, Clancy was seated next to the late **Frank Rigas**. They had not met before, but Frank greeted him by saying, "You sure look stupid in that silly cap." Clancy responded, "You don't look so red hot yourself!" Frank: "What are we going to do about it?" Clancy: "Let's get rid of the damn things." Whereupon they both threw their frosh caps toward the stage and were quickly followed by a flying cascade of them from a large number of classmates. Thus ended the mandatory wearing of red beanies by the Class of '54. No punishments were meted out. Clancy and Frank became fellow Sphinx Head officers their senior year. Eight years after

Most of us have retired. A hearty few are still working. **James Symons** (dr.water@alum.mit.edu) earned two advanced degrees in sanitary water engineering at MIT and enjoyed a strong career in the water hygiene space of civil engineering in both the public and academic sectors. At the U. of Houston, he became distinguished professor (now emeritus) of civil engineering. He now lives in retirement in Sarasota, FL. Jim and his wife, Joan, are prolific travelers. They have logged over 60 trips to "bucket list" locations worldwide, and they have a computerized photo library to prove it. Can anyone beat that? One of the few still working is **Bob Greenwald** (bobsellsflowers@gmail.com) of Monroe Township, NJ. Bob quit the corporate rat race many years ago and bought an artificial flower business, which thrives to this day. He still works 30 to 40 hours per week. Go for it, Bob.

In our last column, we posed the question of retirement lifestyle options and asked for your thoughts. To encourage your responses, we will outline our choices. **Ruth Carpenter** Bailey and her husband, Herm, lived in Des Moines, IA, until his retirement in 1987. They then lived beside lakes for 26 years—first in northern Minnesota, later in western North Carolina. When Herm was 91, they returned to Iowa, where two sons and their families live. They moved into a retirement community, where Ruth easily transitioned into living alone after Herm died in 2016. In another lifestyle, **Bill Waters**, MBA '55, and his wife, Jane, are empty nesters and live in the house in Darien, CT, in which they brought up five children, now scattered. This is their 42nd year in their home. They break up the year by spending most of the winter at their condo in Killington, VT, where they still ski, and the summer at their ocean front condo on Minot Beach in Scituate, MA. We look forward to receiving your thoughts and your news. ♦ **Bill Waters**, billwaters@optonline.net; **Ruth Carpenter** Bailey, rcbhtb@gmail.com. Class website, classof54.alumni.cornell.edu.

**55** **Barbara Loreto** Peltz reports that for the fourth time, **Joel** and **Sherry Vogel Mallin** have generously opened Buckhorn, their home, sculpture garden, and art barn, to classmates and friends. On a beautiful fall day in September, the Mallins held a pre-Reunion brunch and a guided tour of their property for an



fourth generation, including my dad, **Robert Zautner '27**," Sally writes.

A while ago, Beth Ward, daughter of the late **Dennis Murphy**, sent **Bill Doerler** a reminiscence of her father. "He met his great friend, **Bill 'Yo' Yoder** from Ohio. Both were farm boys, although Mr. Yoder's agricultural prowess was greater than my dad's. My father wore two hats: farmer 24/7 and schoolteacher 180 days a year. My parents were married for 25 years and produced nine children, several with severe intellectual handicaps. After they divorced with an epic Supreme Court decision predicated on property rights, my father joined the Peace Corps and resettled in Thailand, where he died in 2003. I saw the *RBG* documentary and realized that my father was on campus at the same time as Ruth and her husband."

What's your favorite memory? Hope you're all making plans to get back to campus in June, renew friendships, and walk your favorite paths once more. Watch for details!

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**56 Roberta Brown** Silliman, ME '57, recommends a book, *Lampedusa* by Steven Price, which she says is a good quiet read that "will calm you in these turbulent times." Roberta also wanted us to know that reading this story reminded her "of a professor of mine at Cornell whom I visited after I started writing short stories. The work will find its way, he told me." **Helene Reiback** Berger recently published a very touching book about her husband's battle with Alzheimer's and their fight for joy in the face of hardship, entitled *Choosing Joy*. Learn more at: [www.heleneberger.com](http://www.heleneberger.com).

**Barbara Travis** Osgood, PhD '80, writes, "At 84 I have published my first book, *84 Paws: A Life With Old Labs*, a memoir of my struggle with bi-polar disorder and the old Labs who made my life whole." For more information, go to: [84paws.com](http://84paws.com). A correction for **Gideon Panter**, MD '60, from my Sept/Oct column: Gideon lives in Palisades Park, NJ, and he asks the whereabouts of Carole Fine.

From **Barbara Allen Grambow**: "We are very proud to have 13 Cornell degrees in our family, among our three daughters, **Debbie Grambow** Kotecki '79, **Bonnie Grambow** Campbell '84, DVM '88, PhD '98, and **Nancy Grambow** Brown '85, PhD '94, our two sons-in-law, **John Kotecki** '79 and **Tim Brown** '84, MBA '92, our granddaughter **Libby Brown** '18, my husband, **Dick** '55, DVM '57, and myself, Class of '56. Go Big Red!" **Gary Kirby** and his wife, Carole, have a second home in Bonita Springs, FL. **Hank** and **Marianne Smith Hubbard** '59 are both retired and live at Tryon Estates in Columbus, NC.

While waiting for our Reunion chair, **Carole Rapp** Thompson, at the Cornell Club in NYC for our weekly bridge game, I saw our treasurer, **Burt Siegel**, who sends regards to all. ❖ **Phyllis Bosworth**, Phylboz@aol.com.

**57 Al Collard** retired from Collard & Roe eight years ago but reports that the law firm is in good hands with his son and daughter watching over its activities. Al spends the summers in Shelter Island, NY, and the winters in Jupiter, FL, playing golf and painting in acrylics, giving us another artist in the **Bill Schmidt** manner. Al has two grandchildren currently at Cornell, as their parents were years ago.

**Doug Currie** has had an interesting association with the Apollo moon missions, having led a team at the U. of Maryland that produced the retroreflectors placed

on the moon by Buzz Aldrin on Apollo 11. Observatories worldwide have made use of these instruments in a variety of projects. In spring 2019, NASA selected Doug's team once again to develop the Next Generation Lunar Retroreflectors (NGLR) that will dramatically extend this fascinating program.

**Emita Brady** Hill, chancellor emeritus, Indiana U., Kokomo, and former vice president and founder of the Bronx Inst., Lehman College, CUNY, reports that her next book, *Northern Harvest: Twenty Women in Food and Farming*, will be out in spring 2020. I'll bet few in our class can match her self-description as "author, editor, dix-huitiémist, dancer, grandmother, diver, and oral historian." **Marilyn De Vigneaud** Brown recently retired after 59 years being associated with the U. of Rochester Medical Center, 49 as a pediatric gastroenterologist—an "interesting and exciting career." On the other hand, **Peter Cortland** calls it "amazing" that he is still teaching at Quinnipiac U.

Sad to report that **Irwin Schlossberg** passed away. It is ironic that Irv was **Phil McIndoo**'s freshman roommate.

I recently had the pleasure of experiencing the hospitality of **Rod** and **Liz Beckwith** in Charlottesville, breaking up a drive from Baltimore and Louisville. Adult beverages mingled with wonderful stories, some of which brushed on the truth. One truthful ever-present reminder is that Rod achieved recognition as a Baker Scholar (top five percent) at Harvard Business School while your correspondent somehow managed to muddle through the program. ❖ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

**58 Bill Hazzard**, MD '62, drove up from Winston-Salem to attend the Reunion of the Class of 1959 with his new life partner, Frances Wilson. "Reunion coincided with the 150th anniversary celebration of the Cornell Glee Club," he writes, "and it has long been the annual tradition of the Sherwoods to sing with them as members of the original group that formed in 1955, for classes that remember us from the peak years of the reputation of the men in green. We all enjoyed a busy few days on the Hill—perhaps the most notable for the one-man concert by **Peter Yarrow** '59, who took us back to the formative years of Peter, Paul and Mary but was still ever the inspiring liberal who urged us all to take the high road in these turbulent days!"

**Stefan Belman**, DVM '61, is retired and keeps busy managing ranch timberland, hiking, biking, and traveling for pleasure. He and wife **Anita (Lesgold)** '60, MS '61, attended all four grandchildren's college graduations, two of whom graduated summa cum laude from Cornell Arts & Sciences. **Martin Steinberg**, a principal investigator of NIH grants, is still working on genomics and stem cells, focused on sickle cell disease. He lives in sunny Naples, FL, and works mainly remotely, traveling to Boston only occasionally; however, he's had a busy year traveling to Nigeria and Saudi Arabia for work and Ontario for long periods to be with grandkids!

**Stephan Wittkowsky**, MA '60, divides his time between his home in Guatemala and Chapel Hill, NC, and is active at various universities in both locales. He is also a mentor to small business enterprises that ask for assistance. He does volunteer work helping young people to succeed in life and connecting with Cornellians worldwide. **Bob Hoffman**—a three-year letter winner in lacrosse on the Hill—was recently inducted into the Cornell Athletics Hall of Fame. He made second team All-Ivy as a senior and scored 32 career goals. A loyal and generous supporter of Big Red lacrosse and the Cornell Outdoor Education program, he made the lead

gift to endow the lacrosse coach's position in honor of Richie Moran. Another of his gifts made possible the renovation of the lacrosse team's locker room and the improvement to the coach's office. He also funded the Hoffman Challenge Course, one of the largest collegiate ropes courses in the nation.

Triggered by an "Alumni News" squib in the latest CAM mentioning that **Joyce Banch Flynn** '68 won a pair of gold medals in the USA Track and Field Masters Indoor National Championships in the 70-74 age group, **Alan Goldman** sent us his own news. "My son and I also won two gold balls, in this case (although it took us two years and four tournaments) in the US Tennis Assn. (USTA) ultra senior father-son category. Very exciting to do that with my son, who was a college player. Ultra means, as you may have figured out, that the father must be 80 or older. My son did most of the work, but they tried to hit most of the balls to and at me! I am still working, advising privately owned businesses worth under \$50 million usually on their sale to larger companies. People often ask me why I'm still working, and I tell them my biggest fear is boredom, and I find the body complains too much if I play tennis or platform tennis more than four times a week!"

Alan adds, "My two sons, James and Drew, and their wives collectively have five children, one a senior at Brown who wants to make a career in the world of hockey (coaching, managing, analyzing, front office), one a sophomore at Princeton, one a junior in high school in Chicago, and the others identical twin almost-14-year-old boys who love tennis and will go off to boarding schools next year. Still hoping to get at least one of the younger three to choose Cornell, after son James was admitted but chose to go to Tufts; the two older grandchildren thought Cornell was too far from large cities. I'll keep gently trying." That's all the news I have for now, so I wish you all a very happy 2020. Send Dick and me some news!

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**59** The beginning of a New Year: At the end of September, **Jerry** and Joan **Schultz** were in Russia, where Jerry was lecturing at an ophthalmology conference. For Rosh Hashona, they attended the Chabad's Grand Choral Synagogue in St. Petersburg, Russia, where they unexpectedly met **Alfred** and Paula **Stillman**. "We didn't recognize each other," says Jerry. "Only after we introduced ourselves did we realize who we were, since we had not seen each other for almost 40 years. Al and I were high school classmates at Bronx Science, and we had medical practices in Worcester, MA, at the same time—plus Joan worked with Paula at the U. of Massachusetts Medical School. Amazing!"

Also in September, *JAMA Internal Medicine* published "The Public Health Urgency of a Temporary FDA Moratorium on New Opioid Approvals" by **Sidney Wolfe**, head of the Washington, DC-based Public Citizen's Health Research Group. Concurrently, Public Citizen sent out e-mails asking recipients to become citizen co-signers of its petition calling on the FDA to stop approving new opioid products until it has adopted the public health opioid regulatory framework recommended in 2017 by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. "The opioid addiction epidemic has taken the lives of more than 400,000 Americans," noted Sid. "Our petition pointed out several examples of FDA approval errors and related them to the deficient regulatory process. But the FDA continues to authorize the sale of still more opioid products, without adequately assessing their effectiveness or the possibility (near certainty) that



new products will be diverted into illegal trade and make the public health crisis still worse. We were pleased that more than 2,500 people signed our petition within the first 24 hours of its release."

**George Vernardakis** retired last June after 50 years as professor of political science at Middle Tennessee State U. in Murfreesboro. He and his wife, Roxane, enjoy sea cruises and continue to travel twice a year to Cyprus. **Fred Brustman** is happy with his recent move to Lasell Village on the campus of Lasell U. Lasell Village is an independent living community that expects residents to get in at least 450 hours of continuing education each year. "To that goal," notes Fred, "they offer lots of interesting lectures and courses, access to the university's courses, and frequent concerts. In addition, I continue to participate in the Harvard Inst. for Learning in Retirement; I signed up for four HILR courses for the fall term, on subjects from volcanoes to knighthood." Fred travels frequently—in 2019 he went to Cuba on a modern art tour, visited friends in Queretaro, Mexico, and vacationed on the shores of Cayuga with brother **Rich Brustman '63**, ME '66, and his wife, **Loretta (Demartini) '64**, along with their kids and grandkids. Fred also enjoys schooner cruises on which he can handle sails and occasionally take the helm. And he continues to volunteer at the local Small Appliance Repair Clinic. "We do almost anything, from extension cords to microwaves, for the cost of parts and a suggested donation to our sponsor. It keeps me entertained, I learn something new, and we have a good time over coffee after each session."

Come on down! **Carole Kenyon** is once again spending the first months of the year on Longboat Key in the Sarasota, FL, area and would love to hear from classmates who may also be in the neighborhood. She can be reached at cak37@cornell.edu. Carole notes that the Cornell Club of Sarasota-Manatee offers a wide variety of social, educational, and cultural events, including a monthly luncheon program that often features speakers from Cornell. The area is also the home of the second largest contingent of retired Foreign Service members in the country, making a local lecture group, the Sarasota Inst. of Lifelong Learning, of great interest to her. Up home in Scotch Plains, NJ, Carole works with a local refugee assistance group and a social justice group. She also remains active with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN), and recently led the Cornell table at college nights at nearby high schools. Her son, **Michael Friend '86**, spoke at an Engineering college colloquium in November about his patent-award-winning work on Arktek, a device that provides sub-zero temperatures for vaccines and other medicines in areas without electricity.

Keeping busy with the young'uns: A grandniece and grandnephew have joined the family of **Harriet Benjamin**, who continues to enjoy NYC's numerous cultural events. In addition to her watercolor painting, **Helen Sugarman** Presberg delights in visiting children and grandchildren. Grandchildren—12 of them, ages 16 to 26—fill the calendar of **Cynthia Cavanaugh** Jones Shoemaker, who spends these winter months at her townhouse in Naples, FL. **Wayne** and **Julie Scoville** also have a large family: "Seven kids, 19 grandkids, and one great between us." They enjoy traveling (Italy and the Baltic countries were recent trips) and continue to spend Augusts working on their "money pit" on Lake George. **Marsha O'Kane** Allen volunteers in science in local schools, but "witnessing grandchildren in their careers and sharing family vacation times" brings her the most satisfaction. Travel, mostly to off-beat destinations, seeing her children as often as

possible, and tutoring and mentoring new immigrants—plus lots of exercise—fill **Jean Finerty** Wandel's schedule. ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, jetesar@sbcglobal.net.

**60** A large group of our class officers gathered in Ithaca at the September kick-off meeting to firm up plans for our 60th Reunion, June 4-7, 2020—please save the dates on your calendar! President **Sue Phelps Day**, ME '62, reports, "**Bill Flanagan**, **Jack Keefe**, and **Jan Van Heiningen** are co-chairing our meals for Reunion, the same great team from our last one. Others there included **Linda Jarschauer** Johnson, MS '63, **Ginny Seipt**, **Carrie Warnow** Makover, **Phyllis Pugatch** Schecter, **Don Milsten**, **Jim Carter**, MST '65, and **Susan Cowan Jakubiak**." She adds the important news that **Gail Taylor** Hodges is preparing a new class directory and that all dues-paying members will receive a free copy in the summer. If you've made any changes to your home or e-mail addresses, or your phone number, please notify Gail at: hodesja@sbcglobal.net.

Sue says that the trip was tiring but quite productive, and that before returning to the San Francisco area to confront the dual threats of power outages and fire, she and **Bill '58** "detoured to the Hartford, CT, area to see old friends and neighbors from the many years we lived there, including **Bob '58** and **Kathy Beneke Lyle** and **Elisabeth 'Chickie' Praus** Prabulos."

**Beverly Foit** Albert-Cox reports from Orchard Park that she is rewarded these days by "love of children and grandchildren, traveling the world with my husband, Joe Cox, and enjoying diverse cultures." Now retired from a long career as an architect, in which she specialized in restoration and served on the faculty of the U. at Buffalo, Beverly recently enjoyed advising her son Jeffrey as he established his own architecture firm. Some years back, a magazine article noted that Beverly's firm, Foit Albert Assocs., was the largest woman-owned practice in Western New York, employing more than 80 staff members and making valuable contributions to the revival of downtown Buffalo by restoring old buildings, many of them of historic value. Beverly points out that Buffalo has "wonderful buildings and parks designed by great architects and landscape designers, such as Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Sullivan, H.H. Richardson, and Frederick Law Olmsted. Our architecture here astounds me. I am proud to have done historic restoration and adaptive use at many of the sites."

Classmates recently relocating include **Marcia Sweet**, who says, "I've moved from Burlington, Ontario, to the noisy, dirty, expensive (all true, but it also is vibrant and reasonably well run, and has a very low rate of crime) City of Toronto. I am very happy." When last heard from some time ago, Marcia was busy editing books and had given up running a bed and breakfast in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Also newly relocated is **Martin Schock**, who "moved from Bloomfield Hills, MI, to Silver Spring, MD, on September 1 to be near my daughter and two of my grandchildren, who live in Kensington, MD. I've retired from practicing as a medical oncologist and now live with my wife, Carole, in Riderwood, a senior community. We are doing some traveling and enjoying ourselves."

"After practicing internal medicine in Syracuse for 35 years," says **A. Albert Tripodi**, I retired to Longboat Key, FL, in 2001, where I volunteer in a medical clinic for underserved seniors. I am also on the faculty of the Lifelong Learning Academy of Ringling College in Sarasota and teach preventive medicine and the history of medicine." He has two grandchildren who recently graduated from Cornell: **Alex Tripodi '19**, now working

for Kraft Foods in Chicago, and his sister, **Emily '17**, who was a record-setter for Cornell women's lacrosse and is now in law school at UC Hastings in San Francisco.

**Raoul Drapeau** and his wife, **Connie (Fekete) '61**, are comfortably settled into their continuing-care facility outside Washington, DC, where, he says, "there is so much to do, we never wonder what we're going to do today." In addition, Raoul is writing for WWII history magazines, producing documentary films, lecturing on the history of technology locally and on cruise ships, and serving as a commercial arbitrator. He also volunteers for the local police department and hikes in the Shenandoah. **Evelyn Edwards Milman** (Darien, CT) continues her involvement in the New York Philharmonic Education Policy Committee and the Johnson Museum Advisory Council, and regularly attends the Metropolitan Opera and the American Ballet Theatre, as well as the Philharmonic. She and **Stephen '58**, MBA '59, also spend time with their four grandchildren and periodically enjoy Cornell's Adult University offerings such as Theater Weekend. **Rosalie Frankel** Wallach (Springfield, NJ) reports, "My daughter, **Lisa Wallach Mandelblatt '86**, is running for state assembly district #21 in New Jersey."

A note from **Connie Reed** Goldsmith brought the very sad news that we have lost class council member **Gale Sands** Jackson, who succumbed in late September to the cancer she had battled for almost two decades. Gale will be dearly missed, for she had been an active council member for at least 50 years, organizing class gatherings in New York and helping plan and oversee events at Reunion, which she attended faithfully. Our heartfelt condolences to Gale's many family members, who include her husband, Edward Butera, her three sons and their wives, 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. A memorial service was held in early October in Morristown, NJ, where she had lived for many years. Send your news to: ♦ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, jw275@cornell.edu.

**61** From my Facebook page, a note from **Bob Everson**: "The current issue of the alumni magazine has an article about orientation of the incoming freshman class. There is an indoor photo showing a sign that reads 'ID Card pickup' (pg. 18). I don't recall we had student ID cards—did we? How did we check books out of the library if we didn't? (I didn't even have a driver's license since I wasn't 18, a NYC requirement.) I do remember Freshman Camp as part of my orientation, where we learned Cornell songs and traditions. 'Oh, to be 20 . . .'"

This note triggered several other responses from classmates, as follows. **Bill Onorato**: "The honor system worked then. Alternatively, you could keep your registration stub in your wallet. I still have my last one: spring '61. Tuition was \$1,200/year back then!" **David Kessler**: "For the record, all those enrolled in the five-year Engineering program paid \$1,400 tuition in our fifth year, 1961-62." Bob Everson again: "Hello Bill Onorato, I was a '57 grad of Curtis High School on Staten Island, and **Barb Ballweg** Everson was a '57 grad of Jamaica High School in Queens." Bill again: "Fortunately, I had won a New York State Regents Scholarship, which paid half my tuition annually. It would have been hard otherwise for my dad, a NYC high school teacher, to have seen me through." Bob: "When I started graduate studies at Purdue in the fall of 1963, the starting salary you were hoping for with a PhD was \$10,000 a year." And, lastly, **Larry Wheeler** chimed in: "When I graduated in 1962, my starting salary with Shell Chemical was \$7,680 per year. Big bucks in those days and well on my way to my career goal of



\$10,000 per year, just like Bob." So, we have our 60-year class time capsule. I'm still shaking my head. \$10K a year was the big bucks and tuition of \$1,400 (or so) was a daunting commitment. Let's not forget.

A lengthy note from **Jeaniene Comfort Eisenberg**: "About the time of our last '61 Reunion, I learned that I had chronic lymphedema and started treatment—what little is available for it—continuing now to this time. Apparently, it is not taught in medical school. There are some therapists trained and certified in treatment, which mainly consists of wearing compression stockings, but this pretty much terminates when the hose becomes worn out in roughly six months and you are left to fend for yourself. In my case, I have some other issues with neuropathy in upper and lower parts of my body and also post-polio syndrome, which also does not have anyone treating the problems of fatigue and muscle weakness resulting from destruction of the myelin sheath on your nerves by the polio virus, which remains present and at work in your body without treatment possibility. I'm hopeful to be able to attend Reunion next time we convene. We plan to attend Bennett's class reunion at his college's 250th reunion this June. Give my regards to Davy and to T.F. Crane, who survived that first run down the Toboggan Lodge sled run all those years ago below Martha Van and Baker Hall; do I have my history correct? I have seen an account of the event in a recent clipping discovered in a box of nostalgia. Is my tobaggan still in our garage? All the best to everyone."

**Lola Cohen** Green writes that she and her husband, Walter, are building a college of hospitality and tourism in Kenya for young women who aspire to a college degree. Lola enjoys traveling the world with Walter and spending time with her twin sons and families. She is engaged in philanthropic works in San Diego and at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. Also writing in from Laguna Woods, CA, **May Lee Ling** has recently returned from Mongolia, Taiwan, and Singapore and comments on enjoying good health and the opportunity to serve others. "My best day at Cornell was the first day and the excitement of making new friends."

**Preston Shimer** is living in my old hometown of Mt. Lebanon, PA, outside of Pittsburgh, with wife **Annette (Gates) '62**. In addition to continuing his oboe playing in two groups, he is on the board of four different organizations. Preston describes this as full-time work as a volunteer in retirement. He and Annette are very active in the Episcopal Church and continue their foreign travel. He allows his best days at Cornell were as president of Acacia fraternity. **Joan Ware** Meade writes, "After retiring from my architectural career, I became serious about landscape painting. I have received national recognition for my paintings inspired by nature's wonders. I use sculptural acrylics to convey my passion for water, rocks, and trees in all their spectacular variety, and to evoke the third dimension. My works are in public and private collections throughout the US and abroad. Visit my website, [www.joanmeade.com](http://www.joanmeade.com). Meanwhile, my husband and I are about to move to a nearby retirement community, where I will continue to have a studio. Our two sons live in the vicinity."

That's a wrap for this column. Please remember to send your news to: ♦ **Doug Fuss**, [dougout@attglobal.net](mailto:dougout@attglobal.net); or **Susan Williams** Stevens, [sastevens61@gmail.com](mailto:sastevens61@gmail.com).

**62** Happy New Year! To your list of resolutions, please add sending a note about your activities to your humble correspondent; I'd love to share your news with our classmates.

Grafton, VT, is home to **William Walters** and his wife, Christine Tattersall. He enjoys writing, has published two books, and is working on a possible third. His best day at Cornell was the day he was picked for freshman crew. From Berkeley, CA, **E. Kay Trimberger** ([trimberg@sonoma.edu](mailto:trimberg@sonoma.edu)) writes that in March, the Louisiana State University Press will publish her memoir, entitled *Creole Son: An Adoptive Mother Untangles Nature and Nurture*. The book contains an afterword by Kay's son, Marc, and a foreword by New York writer Andrew Solomon.

From Ithaca, **Stanley Scharf**, PhD '79 ([Stanley.scharf@gmail.com](mailto:Stanley.scharf@gmail.com)) writes, "My early aspirations have been bountifully fulfilled. In 1972, I began work on plant-based meat analogues, alternative meat, along with a 1979 PhD thesis on 'vegetable milks.' As of today, success is in sight, albeit without my input: Impossible Foods (soy concentrate); Beyond Meat (isolated field pea protein); the Vegetarian Butcher (Unilever, Holland); Kroger's Simple Truth brand, which will launch a number of plant-based alternate meat (in-house) products this fall; Nestle,

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STANLEY SCHARF '62

The exhibition "Pastels," by **Alice Dalton** Brown, was shown at the Butler Inst. of American Art in Youngstown, OH, this fall, from September 22 to November 24. Paintings by Alice ([alicedaltonbrown@me.com](mailto:alicedaltonbrown@me.com)) have been featured in solo and group exhibitions by galleries in New York City and museums across the country, including the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art on campus. You can also find her work in public and corporate collections. Travelers **Neil**, MS '64, and **Ro Schilke** ([neroschilke@aol.com](mailto:neroschilke@aol.com)) were in the Northeast this year. "We went to a family reunion and enjoyed having lunch with **Tom '63**, MBA '64, and **Nancy Williams Clark**, MS '64, in their awesome country home in Old Chatham. Back home, **Alan Flaherty** and Patti Myers spent a night with us on their way to the Stratford Festival in Ontario. Then, in New York City, we had dinner and a nice evening with **Bruce '60** and **Judy Prenske Rich** in the Nolita section of Lower Manhattan. The following day, we had lunch with **Mike Eisgrau** and then toured Cornell Tech on Roosevelt Island. Fun time and great to see everyone."

From **Judith Shulman Weis** ([jweis@newark.rutgers.edu](mailto:jweis@newark.rutgers.edu)): "Though officially retired from Rutgers for almost a decade, I remain very active professionally in writing review articles, collaborating with others, and serving on several advisory committees. Without teaching responsibilities, we are flexible in when we travel. **Pete '60** and I went to Ireland for two weeks in June, renting a car and (Pete doing the) driving, going clockwise around the periphery of the country. I was in charge of the GPS, which seemed particularly fond of narrow one-lane roads that were actually two directions—but you seldom met someone going the other way. We loved the spectacular scenery on the west coast, the old castles, the music in the pubs and on the streets, and just listening to people talk—could listen to the accent all day! In August, I went to Harrogate, England, to participate in the 26th annual Gilbert and Sullivan Festival. I and an international group of G&S buffs rehearsed all day for a week to put on a production of *Princess Ida*. I played the role I have always played since the Cornell Savoyards days, 'Women's Chorus.' We spend the summer in Eastern Long Island, where among our friends are Cornellians **Barbara Byrd Wecker**, **Don Goldfarb**, **Danny Katz**, **Louise Star Bergerson '63**, **Lenore Weitzman '64**, and **Alice Schwartz** Chabora-Tobias '64, PhD '67. Louise has a granddaughter starting at Barnard this fall along with our granddaughter Jessica Miner. In the city, we see **Nancy Hutto Richardson**, **Pat Preller Trester**, **Susan Moss Daum '63**, MD '67, and **Rick Nadelman '58**."

Kellogg, and Hormel, who also announced new plant-based meat products; Elmhurst 1925: Plant Based Milks; Oatly oat milk; Silk soy milk; and JUST Egg (mung bean). So, in our current maelstrom, I have some solace." Hope to hear from you soon. ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, [jmc50@cornell.edu](mailto:jmc50@cornell.edu).

**63** **Warren Icke '62** and I just returned from our summer in Telluride, CO. It certainly is nice to beat the Tucson, AZ, heat in the summer. There was a French picnic held by friends in Telluride in September. Among those present were **Jack Wolinetz '62**, **Bill '68** and **Susan Julius Grun '70**, **George Vroom '65**, and us. It was fun to discover the Cornell connection with these people several years ago.

President's Corner: "There are two class leadership positions that are open and for which volunteers are being sought. The first is an Ithaca liaison, who would provide insider and updated information on Cornell and Ithaca. Preferably, they would reside in the Ithaca area or otherwise be very familiar with the local community. The duties for this position include: 1) being a connecting point for classmates who are visiting Ithaca to attend Cornell sporting, educational, lecture, or other events who might want to be in contact with other classmates planning to attend a given event; and 2) helping provide insider advice and answer questions on such topics as accommodations, restaurants, site-seeing, local transportation options, new town developments, etc. The liaison would be a connecting point, and a resource between Reunions, for informal guidance or information supplemental to that of mainstream sources. It is assumed that the liaison would be proactive in outreach to classmates in advance of Homecoming, or possibly to other popular campus events so that those planning to attend could connect. The role could also involve coordination of board-approved activities at non-Reunion-related Ithaca events.

"The second position is for the affinity group outreach manager (AGOM). The duties for this position include: 1) general coordination of outreach to classmates for attendance at our 60th Reunion; 2) organization of coordinators, or coordinator teams, within each major affinity group. Coordinator(s) are responsible for making contact with members of the campus groups to which they belonged to encourage Reunion attendance.

"The above two positions are made easier by the superb support provided by the university staff who assist the class outreach with guidance, mailings,



conference call services, and other backstopping. Both roles could be easily handled by one person but could be fulfilled by a team if there were interest by multiple classmates. If you have an interest in either of the above roles, or have questions, please contact me, **Dick Clark**, by e-mail (RWCclark@aol.com) or by phone: (703) 960-8689."

Chuck and **Marcy Bergren** Pine's grandson Carlo Pine graduated from high school in Telluride, CO. Marcy wrote, "The graduation in Telluride is definitely one of a kind. They close Main Street so the seniors can have a parade in caps and gowns—they ride in new and antique cars (of course—it's Telluride), then at the ceremony EACH

**64** Most of us are now retired, which means you're reading this in the cold depth of winter—or the warm embrace of somewhere sunny. As this column and others have shown and will show, we're scattered all over the globe and rarely sit tight.

**Brian Wruble**, ME '66, who lives in Key West, FL, writes that he's in the process of retiring from several boards. Brian recently was elected chairman emeritus of the New York board of the Oppenheimer Funds. The Wrubles visited Costa Rica and Panama last year, and last October did a barge trip in France. **Charles Oliver** writes, "I am semi-retired as I spend six months at my Florida home and six months at my Canaseraga (NY)

graduate and undergraduate levels, and I have published about 350 articles in academic journals and proceedings in the fields of entrepreneurship, small business, family business, and minority business. Recently the Small Business Inst., the oldest academic organization focusing on small business and entrepreneurship, honored me by establishing an annual monetary research award in my name. I am looking forward to retirement, with a sizable 'bucket list' of prospective non-academic activities."

**Alan Larris**, MBA '65, writes that he retired from his CFO position at a mid-sized chemical company but is "still doing some part-time teaching (accounting) at Cuyahoga Community College (near my home in Ohio). Wife Pennie and I spend most of the winter in Naples, FL. We have three children and four grandkids. Our son (who works for Ford) moved to Australia 12 years ago and we are planning our fifth visit there this coming April. Never did I dream I would travel to Australia this many times (long flight but a great country to visit)."

Retired orthodontist/geneticist **Alice Schwartz Tobias**, PhD '67, now lives in Scottsdale, AZ, but you may have trouble finding her at home. She writes, "I travel a lot with our kids and grandkids. Seeing them enjoying the world thrills me." Her recent sojourns have been to the Baltic states, Japan, Paris, Ireland (in July), plus "all over the US, Europe, and South America." Alice adds that her retired veterinarian husband, **Jerry '60, DVM '62**, "accompanies me everywhere. We never stop traveling and planning trips. And we take our kids and grands with us most of the time!"

Retiree Rev. **Douglas Garland** still lives in Chagrin Falls, OH, and says he is still learning new forms of art. He has lately been working in abstracts and helping with the arts and crafts program at Hamlet Village, the retirement community he lives in.

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](http://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](mailto:blamont64@comcast.net).

**65** **Myron Jacobson** (Boca Raton, FL; [mgjacobson@aol.com](mailto:mgjacobson@aol.com)) reports that he, **George Arangio**, MD '69, **Liz Gordon**, and **Bill Vanneman**, along with their spouses, attended the planning sessions in September of the Reunion Kick-Off. They secured the use of Klarman Hall (the new Humanities building on the Arts Quad) for our Friday night reception and dinner, and the Statler Ballroom for our Saturday reception and dinner. See our class website where **Steve Hand** has posted a photo of Klarman. The Reunion is to be held June 4-7, 2020. Please hold those dates and plan to come!

**Joan Hens** Johnson (Andover, MA; [joanipat@gmail.com](mailto:joanipat@gmail.com)) has met with classmates including **Jamil Sopher**, ME '66, and **Judy Kellner** Rushmore in places as diverse as Paris and Florida. She has been urging outreach on the part of class council members in different regions of the country to organize events to promote enthusiasm for the upcoming Reunion. She notes that Judy does a great job each year of getting together a group of Florida-based classmates.

**Brian Carney** (Germantown, TN; [bcarney@cooperhotels.com](mailto:bcarney@cooperhotels.com)) is vice president of operations for Cooper Hotels, Memphis, TN. He has been in this position for 11 years, after 22 years of serving as corporate food and beverage director. Before his tenure with Cooper, he was department manager of food and beverage for Opryland USA, with responsibility for its theme park, the

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JAMIL SOPHER '65

senior gets to speak for one minute. Some of the stories were heartrending. On June 3, Chuck and I attended a Celebration of Life for **Julie Milligan** Flik, where I was honored to participate in the eulogy as a friend from Julie's Cornell days. The final participant in the service was a bishop of the Catholic Church, the son of a childhood friend of Julie's. The celebration was held on a paddle boat tour of Long Island Bay. Also there were **Jules** and **Lynn Korda Kroll '65** and **Mark** and **Carolyn Press Landis '65**. From there, Chuck and I spent a week with all the members of our family (11 of us) in a wonderful home on Skaneateles Lake, complete with 380 feet of lakefront and five kayaks. We had gorgeous weather all week and even had time to play golf on the Robert Trent Jones golf course at Cornell—a real treat. Nothing much more: I'm still on the board of Planned Parenthood Los Angeles."

From **Jim "Josh" Billings**, MBA '64: "In late October, the Fiji gang was hosted by **Dave Costine** and his wife, Robin, in Newport Beach, CA. Attending were **John Kennedy**, MBA '65, and his wife, CeCe, **John "Whip" Gunn**, **Norman "Punch" Smith**, **Blair Crum**, **Charlie** and **Kelly DeRose**, plus me and my wife, Karin. In July, Karin and I enjoyed a golf trip to Ireland that included six rounds and a day at the British Open. Karin and I regularly visit my children and grandchildren. Son **Jay '98**, his wife, and four children live in Denver, while my daughter, Betsy (Dartmouth '95), her husband, and three children live in Park City, UT. When not traveling, we are loving our life here in Sarasota, FL. Fortunately we are both blessed with good health and a sense of humor."

Marty and **Vivian Grilli** De Santo were in Kansas in August for their granddaughter's ninth birthday. Following that they went to Ithaca to visit friends and sisters on the way to Herkimer, NY, for Vivian's 60th high school reunion. "Will write again as to how many classmates show up," she writes. "There were only 90 in my class, so we knew everyone. Had a mini-reunion with three of my four sisters in July in North Carolina. Other milestones: Marty's 80th birthday was in September, as well as first great-grandbaby Ruby's first birthday." That's all for now, but please send me e-mails about what you are doing. ♦ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, [icke63@gmail.com](mailto:icke63@gmail.com). Class website, [cornellclassof1963.alumni.cornell.edu](http://cornellclassof1963.alumni.cornell.edu).

home. Our agricultural and consumer products business is being bought out by my two sons. When north, I work with them and am still involved somewhat. We have had a very successful business over the years, but at 76 it is time for me to enjoy some retirement."

**Toby Kleban** Levine writes: "I have been fully retired for 13 years and am enjoying spending half the year in the Berkshires and the other half (when it is cold) in the Naples, FL, area. While there I engage in many activities I never had time to do while running a consulting company, like lectures and discussions on foreign affairs, watercolor painting, book groups, a memoir writing group, concerts, plays, hosting friends and family from up North, and especially spending time with friends, many from Cornell. In fact, I regularly schedule breakfasts with President's Council of Cornell Women (PCCW) members including **Debbie Smith '97**, **Marilyn McCullough Bartter '69**, **Wendy Miller Richman '66**, Prof. Emer. **Andrea Parrot, PhD '81**, and **Judy Kellner** Rushmore '65. Saw another whole bunch of Cornellians at Judy Rushmore's birthday party in March, and I regularly bump into Cornellians throughout the area. In addition to my time in Florida, I spent seven days in London in March on a trip with the Chester Theatre and saw seven plays in six days, including *Hamilton*. In September, I took a cruise to Cuba with my two daughters. Recently attended the annual PCCW symposium on campus, which was wonderful. My only sad news is that my husband, Andy, died suddenly in July 2017. We had been married for 53 years and I am having to learn to live a different life."

**Allan Lamport** writes, "I retired six years ago after spending 40 years as general counsel and part owner of two firms specializing in the design, construction, and development of complex projects in the US, Western Europe, and the Middle East. I now live in Orchid, FL, and spend summers in Newbury, MA."

Here's news from **Matthew Sonfi** Id and wife **Judith (Jayson) '66** from New York. He writes, "As of March 1, 2019 I retired as the Robert F. Dall Distinguished Professor in Business at the Zarb School of Business at Hofstra U., and I now have emeritus status. I had been at Hofstra since the mid-1970s. (Prior to that I was an owner/manager in a large privately held multinational musical instrument business.) At Hofstra, I taught primarily in the area of strategic management, at both the



Grand Old Opry, VIP events, and the *General Jackson* Showboat. Brian and his wife, Sue, enjoy exchanging visits with their son and daughter-in-law and two grandchildren. During Christmas season 2018 they vacationed together on a Disney cruise to the Bahamas. Brian is active in the community of Germantown, serving as chair of Leadership Germantown and a member of the Mayor's Financial Advisory Commission; he was also a finalist in 2019 for the Malcolm Baldrige Award.

We encourage you to write and tell us how you celebrated your 75th birthdays. Some of our classmates have already described how they did so. George Arangio, MD '65 (Bethlehem, PA; casarangio@aol.com) writes, "For my 75th in August 2018, Judy and I enjoyed a trip to 'Bella Italia.' We started in Puglia, and our base was in Bari; we visited cousins in Giovinazzo and enjoyed day trips. Then we traveled to Sicily, based in Taormina. We visited cousins in Motta D'Affermo on the north coast. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with our family at a lovely beach house in Corolla, NC." George adds that he, Judy, and friends plan to be cruising the Greek Isles in April 2020. He looks forward to further active involvement in preparation for our 55th Reunion.

Jamil Sopher (Washington, DC; jsopher@mac.com) writes: "My major concern in turning 75 was that I will have fewer opportunities to consume lobster, oysters, duck, mille-feuille, and other great foods. So, for my birthday itself, we had a wonderful dinner at Fiola Mare, my favorite Italian seafood restaurant in Washington, DC. The one other '65er among the guests was **Jeff Kass**, who also now lives in Washington, DC. For Chinese food, Jeff and I usually partner with **Dan Gezari '66**, who started Cornell in the Class of '65."

**Elizabeth Gordon** (Rye Brook, NY; ejgbook@aol.com) writes: "My 75th birthday was over a year ago in May 2018. The day itself was just a simple family get-together. But to celebrate that milestone birthday as well as my 40th anniversary, my husband, Neil, and I spent a month in Southeast Asia, visiting Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, and Cambodia. It was an extraordinary trip, shared with close friends—great food, exciting adventures, a deep dive into history." Liz enjoyed some great scenery, such as a spectacular waterfall near Luang Prabang, Laos, and got to mount an elephant in Thailand!

**Barbara Press Turner** (Hobe Sound, FL; barbara.pressturner@gmail.com) wrote: "Since 75 was such a biggie, my twin sister, **Carolyn Press Landis** (Washington's Crossing, PA), and I decided to have a big family party! This is not so easy since children and grandchildren are scattered across the country. We were able to gather a group of about 25, including sister **Ellen Press Murdoch '69**. Our husbands decided to gift us 'twin' dresses for the occasion." Barbara adds that Ellen's grandson Alistair, 3, "happened to wear a matching shirt!" Further, she notes: "Life after 75 continues to be great with semi-retirement, winters in Florida, summers in Wisconsin, international travel periodically, and domestic travel to see grandchildren as much as possible."

Lastly, we regret to report the passing of **George Douglas Greenberg**, who graduated magna cum laude in Government and with distinction in all subjects. He went on to receive a PhD from Harvard in 1972, served as an assistant professor of political science at the U. of Michigan, and then specialized in research and rendering advice on Medicare and other health programs for many years at the Dept. of HEW (later HSS). George was considered one of the leading national experts on Medicare regulations. He served on task forces dealing with national health insurance from the time of President

Carter to that of President Obama. He frequently published on subjects dealing with public health and health insurance systems. He was an active alumnus, interviewing prospective Cornellians for many years at his home base in Washington, DC. Send your news to: ♦ **Stephen Appell**, bigred1965@aol.com; **Joan Hens Johnson**, joanipat@gmail.com.

**66** Can you believe it's less than a year and a half to our 55th Reunion?!

**Peter Meyer**, ME '67 (callmepeter@hotmail.com) helps people transition out of their residences. He also buys, renovates, and sells homes. Peter is busy with many community activities. He is a trustee for the Land Conservancy of New Jersey; member of the Community Relations committee, MetroWest NJ United Jewish Community; and member of the Montclair YMCA Facilities Committee. Peter enjoys living on a lake in Kinnelon, NJ, and has joined two book groups. In 1966 he never imagined being a grandparent, being retired, and living this long! Recent travel included Israel and Amsterdam as well as Albuquerque and Santa Fe, NM, and Sarasota, FL.

**Jeffrey Collins** left part-time work at Pappas Capital in July 2018 and is enjoying full retirement. He is politically active and volunteers for many progressive causes, especially voter rights. Other organizations include Planned Parenthood, the ACLU, the Sierra Club, and Common Cause. He serves on the board of the Jewish Federation of Durham-Chapel Hill, NC. At Cornell he never thought he would end up living in North Carolina and be loving it. Jeff and his wife traveled to Iceland and Denmark and last May did a Cornell's Adult University river cruise from Basel to Amsterdam. They also explored Malta and Crete on their own. They continue to enjoy many cultural activities locally.

**Laura Bowman Gray**, MA '67 (laurabgray@aol.com) is still active as a professor and counselor, with an emphasis on developmental psychology. Last July she completed three years on the Cornell Council and found it a joy to be back on campus. Having worked college summers in the fashion industry, she continues to support Human Ecology's Dept. of Fiber Science & Apparel Design. She never imagined she would be bicoastal, living in California during college terms and Manhattan during summer recess. She has traveled to Italy and Portugal and loves New York City—especially now that her children live in the "Hamilton Heights" section of Manhattan.

**Pete Salinger**, MBA '68 (PeteRsalinge95@gmail.com) is a board member of his local civic association and represents his community in a larger group of associations. Pete recently flew to Germany to visit with his former neighbors whose daughter he tutored in English vocabulary and pronunciation when she started first grade. He so enjoys having "grandchildren" as he and wife **Ruth (Dritch) '67** have no kids of their own. His "granddaughter" will visit them in December, flying on her own from Leipzig, Germany, to Bethesda, MD.

**Rich Ekstrom** (rdekstrom@verizon.net) has been living mostly in Pittsburgh, working initially with Westinghouse for 22 years in a variety of roles, followed by several biotech and pharmacy benefit management startup companies. In recent years he has served on several nonprofit boards. He published *The Backwards Dictionary: A Word Ending Dictionary*, which was well received by Scrabble aficionados. Rich's daughter is a literary agent. One of her authors wrote *Five Feet Apart*, a *New York Times* #1 YA bestseller. Rich recently reconnected with one of his roommates, **Maury Berman** (mauricio@morrisberman.com), meeting at a Vietnamese

restaurant in NYC. Maury has lived in Mexico for 13 years, after previous tours in Seattle and Washington, DC. He is a novelist, teacher, and cultural historian. He has written 15 books and 150-plus articles for which he has received numerous recognitions and TV appearances.

**Jeanne Mozier** (star@starvv.com) reports that after resurrecting a vintage mom-and-pop movie house in the historic art and spa town of Berkeley Springs, WV, in 1977—turning it into the now legendary Star Theatre—she and husband/partner Jack Soronen are retiring. Jeanne says it has been an incredible 42 years of smiling faces, serving the best popcorn in four states, and working every weekend. They have sold the theater to a couple who will continue the traditions much to the delight of the customers. Jeanne and Jack will stay in town but have bought a travel trailer so she can continue to work as a travel writer with longer trips.

**Thomas Cullen** (Tpcullen888@gmail.com) is retired but does much volunteer work. He and his dog, Roxie, help unstress stressed-out passengers at the L.A. airport. Thomas supports and raises funds for an orphanage in Luang Prabang, Laos. He also gets satisfaction from singing with the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles, especially in the AMP program, bringing a message of love, acceptance, and anti-bullying to high school and middle school students—over 60,000 so far.

**John Hoebel**, ME '67, continues to work full time for Westinghouse in Pittsburgh, negotiating major sales contracts. His Electrical Engineering degree rarely comes into play. John and wife Jennifer enjoy time with their six grandchildren. John loves sports, golf, the Steelers, and the Penguins. He also bird watches—something learned from an Ornithology-major classmate. If he were back in Ithaca, he would hit the parks, walk the bottom of the gorges, and eat at the Straight (or the pizza wagon behind the dorms!).

**Mary Gilbert Andrews**, ME '68, never imagined that she would spend her retirement as a dog sitter. That is what she does now on Maui, HI. Over the last two years she and her husband have gotten to enjoy many different and loving large dogs. Recent travel for them was a luxury Alaskan cruise. Send your news to: ♦ **Susan Rockford Bittker**, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Pete Salinger**, PeteRsalinge95@gmail.com; or **Deanne Gebel Gitner**, Deanne.Gitner@gmail.com.

**67** After 52 years, Cornell has recognized the nine members of the university community who died in the Cornell Heights Residential Club fire—eight students and one faculty member—with a well-designed memorial placed centrally on the campus, between Sage Chapel and Day Hall.

One member of our class, **Anne Catherine McCormic**, was among the deceased. **Sherry Carr**, MILR '70, delivered one of two reflections at the dedication ceremony at the memorial site on October 4, 2019. Both were senior women who resided on the second (which was the top) floor of the "Res Club."

Most people at Cornell then were only aware that 60 freshmen were living on the two lower floors: they had been recruited for the Ford Foundation-funded six-year PhD program. But women in our class who learned about the housing opportunity, at a time when living on campus was severely limited for undergraduate women, occupied the rooms on the top floor, along with several female graduate students.

Many on the top floor were rescued by first responders and other residents who used ladders to reach the windows after those trying to escape punched out the



screens. Those who escaped the lower floors either got out through a back door (on the lowest level) or through the windows on the first floor at street level.

The Tompkins County District Attorney's Office has never initiated criminal proceedings in the case. Until recently, Cornell University did not allow scrutiny of its archives and records relating to the fire. Our class's 50th Reunion Book, published in 2017, featured an article by one of the '67 survivors, **Judith Adler** Hellman, who recalled what happened that night. Subsequently, the *New York Times* ran a long piece examining what it could find out about the case.

Cornell President Martha Pollack delivered opening remarks at the dedication of the memorial, acknowledging that, "For too long, all of you have felt unheard and your memories unacknowledged. No one can take away the pain of what you experienced. But what we can do is hear your stories and become the custodians of your memories with this memorial, which will remain here in the heart of campus for as long as the University stands."

In her reflections, Sherry Carr described Anne McCormick, who was one of her roommates and was enrolled in what was then the School of Home Economics during her time at Cornell, as a "dynamo" and observed that "earlier administrations" had refused to recognize the need to honor those who were lost in the fire or resolve the issue of its origin.

The case was complicated by the university's failure to observe fire codes in the building, which lacked fire doors, sprinklers, and other standard protective requirements. Subsequent investigations by the New York State Police, fire marshals, and other authorities have reached inconsistent conclusions as to whether an accelerant, which is a fire-causing substance, was detected on the Res Club premises. Although the District Attorney's Office regards the fire as an open case, few people expect any legal action—civil or criminal—to be brought.

The memorial reads, "In memory of nine vibrant and brilliant young scholars who died in a tragic fire at the Cornell Heights Residential Club on April 5, 1967," then lists the names of the deceased and concludes: "Their families, friends, classmates, colleagues, and the entire Cornell community promise to never forget them." ♦ **Richard Hoffman**, 2925 28th St., NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

**68** Your responses for the column confirm that most of us are not "slowing down" after retirement. **Jim Michaels** (rabbijim1718@verizon.net) retired after 15 years as director of pastoral care at the Charles E. Smith Life Communities in his hometown of Rockville, MD, but is still active training chaplains. He continues his studies, which include three months a year in Israel. While in Israel with his wife, Karen, this year he saw **Mike** (and Kirstein) **Lahav, Steve Unger**, ME '70, and **Chet Stein** (who he often sees at home in Maryland).

**Steve Steinhart** (ssteinhart@nycap.rr.com) refuses to slow down, putting in enough time on the pickleball courts to win a silver medal in mixed doubles and a bronze medal in men's doubles at the 2019 New York State Senior Games in Cortland. Also competing at the games was our classmate **Neil Rivchin**. In the winter, Steve and a bunch of his jock friends take their pickleball and tennis game to Florida, where this year he spent an evening at his frat brother **Art Bernstein**'s home in Boca watching the 2019 Super Bowl.

**Herb Fuller** (hfuller01@comcast.net) and his wife, Martha, live in Somerville, MA. Retirement gives them enough time to take the train from Boston to Seattle,

WA, when visiting their son and his family. Retirement has also given Herb enough time to rise to the prestigious rank of "cook" on Prudence Island, RI, a place where men are serious about their cooking skills. This year, Herb grilled hundreds of burgers and Saugys (the local hot dog) for the local island-wide Fireman's Fair and Harvest Fair. Herb now has the time to reignite his passion for film making. Fifty years ago, he borrowed the film department's movie camera for a special train trip headed across New York State to the 100th anniversary of the Golden Spike, which completed America's first trans-continental railroad. This year he and Martha took Amtrak to Salt Lake City for the 150th anniversary of that same event. The trip included a visit to the freshly restored Big Boy, the world's largest steam locomotive, which had at one time been crewed by his uncle-in-law **Guy Boyce deChadenedes** '51.

**Jill Werdann** Bauer (jill.bauer87@gmail.com) retired about five years ago after practicing family law in her own practice for 30 years. She and husband Jimmy decided they would take time to enjoy their family and to see the world. In the last five years they have accomplished both. They have frequently visited the families of their daughter Kate, a professor at U. of Michigan, and their daughter Elizabeth, an executive with Cigna in Philadelphia. Their worldly travels have taken them to all the continents except Antarctica. On several trips they were joined by Jill's Cornell roommate, **Jeani Walton Haven**, and her husband, **Miles** '67. Jill also keeps in touch with **Janice Milkman** Berlin, the first person she met at Cornell excluding the students who were directing traffic at check-in. Great to hear from so many classmates. ♦ **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

**69** Greetings from the mid-coast of Maine! Hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season.

**Anne Simon** Moffat and husband Keith, a professor at the U. of Chicago, commissioned a beautiful sculpture at the Cornell Botanic Gardens, dedicated June 8 during Reunion weekend. The towering new sculpture, Double Allium, is crafted of metal and glass, stands 12 feet tall, and sits along the walkway to the Nevin Welcome Center. Log on to <https://news.cornell.edu/stories/2019/06/towering-double-allium-installed-botanic-gardens> to read more about the sculpture and artist and our generous classmates. Thank you, Moffats! **John Mitchell** made the long trip from Anchorage, AK, to attend Reunion. He was particularly impressed with the Rare and Manuscript Collections in Kroch Library, so much so that, at the invitation of university archivist **Evan Earle** '02, MS '14, he "contributed several items, including 'guns-on-campus' articles from *Newsweek*, *Life*, and the *New York Times Magazine*. I also saw a display of underground comics and later sent my collection to Katherine Reagan, assistant director for Collections and curator, who maintains that display." He also gave **Peter Yarrow** '59 (of Peter, Paul and Mary fame) a poster from their spring 1966 concert at Cornell.

**Donald To** as lives in Newport, RI, and still "lives to sail and race." Last August he "bought Sparkman & Stephens, the 90-year-old iconic naval architecture and yacht brokerage firm founded in 1929." **Andrew Goldstein** and wife **Jean (Love)** '70 live in Portland, OR, and enjoy indulging in hobbies, including amateur radio, guitar, and banjo, and of course family. A fourth grandchild recently arrived. Andrew is exploring physics, Buddhist philosophy, and mindfulness meditation. If he had a few days in Ithaca, he says, "I would put on my best walking shoes and walk around campus, downtown, and Sapsucker

Woods." **Barbara Fuchs Turell** and husband **Mike** '70, MS '72, took time to see "what's new and what's the same" on campus during Reunion, along with son **David** '94. They both speak with high school students in their area around Frederick, MD, who are interested in attending Cornell. "I'd like to thank all our present and past class officers, class correspondents, and Reunion chairpeople for their service to our class." Our pleasure, Barbara.

**Philip Muskin** is a professor of psychiatry at Columbia U. Medical Center and is in private practice. "We visit Ithaca regularly as that is where our granddaughter lives." After visiting with her and going up to the Botanic Gardens, a stop at the Dairy Bar would be high on his to-do list. **Barry Nocks** lives in Greenville, SC, where he continues to "teach as lecturer in the graduate program in city planning at Clemson U., where I officially retired in 2012 as professor emeritus, and remain active in local, state, and national planning organizations. Teaching remains an enjoyable vocation, particularly helping students prepare to become effective professionals. Fortunately, my wife and I remain healthy and active." His son also teaches, and they enjoy experiencing the growth and development of their three grandchildren.

**Ron Gidron** lives in Madrid, Spain, and celebrated his 50th anniversary with wife Lourdes last year. They traveled quite a lot both in Spain and abroad and are enjoying their six grandchildren. "I advise some firms on direct marketing, and I dedicate most of my energy to composing and promoting my music. I spend time teaching Hebrew and music (the latter to grandchildren)." He composes and arranges music for publication. **Marguerite Waller** writes to us from Santa Monica, CA: "I would like to announce to members of the classes of 1969, 1970, and 1967 that a memorial is being dedicated to those who died in the Cornell Heights Residential Club fire on April 5, 1967. (This project has been the focus of my retirement time recently.) My daughter is studying game design while I have been writing about Federico Fellini, the centenary of whose birth is 2020." That's it for this column. Send your news to ♦ **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com.

**70** In a short five months, many of us will gather in Ithaca to commemorate and celebrate our 50th Reunion at Cornell. It will be the culmination of untold hours over many months of very hard work and a great deal of creativity by our two amazing Reunion chairwomen, **Cathy Forster** Hogan, BS '00, and **Sally Anne Levine**, JD '73. The Class of '70 has a designated 50th Reunion e-mail address: [Cornell70Reunion50@gmail.com](mailto:Cornell70Reunion50@gmail.com). Please use it to connect directly with Sally Anne and Cathy and their Reunion committee to volunteer your help before, during, or after (or all of the above) our special weekend. They want to hear from you with questions, ideas, concerns, and suggestions regarding our Reunion. I am thinking that many of you have memorized the dates, but here they are again, just in case: Thursday, June 4, 2020 until Sunday, June 7, 2020!

**Tom Newman**, our co-chair of affinity groups along with **Toby Marion**, tells me that any Class of 1970 classmates who would like to contact members of their particular affinity group should please contact Tom at [tnewman1207@gmail.com](mailto:tnewman1207@gmail.com). More of our '70 classmates will attend our 50th Reunion when they know their friends, teammates, fraternity brothers, sorority sisters, fellow members of clubs and organizations, freshman dorm-mates, and more are planning to attend. This is a perfect time to start this important networking if you haven't already!



**Robert**, PhD '81, and **Fatimah Linda Collier Jackson** '72, PhD '81, continue to live in Adelphi, MD. After 30 years of service as a professor in the Dept. of Nutrition and Food Service at the U. of Maryland, College Park, including being chair of the department for the last seven years, Robert retired recently. He is traveling as much as possible, including recent trips to Berlin, Istanbul, and Cuba, and has been writing his memoirs and enjoying life with his darling wife and beautiful grandchildren, he says. Dr. **Gloria Joseph**, PhD '67, the first director of COSEP, was the first person he met at Cornell. With a day in Ithaca, Robert would tour the classrooms where his classes were held; he would top it off with getting a sub at Louie's food truck. Classmate **William Lee**, ME '71, now lives in Ingleside, IL.

In 2017, **Kenneth Levin** (levink@yahoo.com) retired as a construction litigation partner after 44 years at Pepper Hamilton in Philadelphia. He is now working as senior counsel for a former client, WSP USA Inc., an engineering firm, and is splitting his time between the New York and Philadelphia offices. Kenneth and wife Christine still live in Bryn Mawr, PA. Their son, who has been working in Phoenix for several years, has moved back to Philadelphia. Kenneth has recently taken up golf and enjoys his family, their old friends, his work, traveling, and their son's dog. Seems it is a toss-up as to whether **Terry Rogers** or **Peter Cooperman**, MAT '72, was the first person that Kenneth met at Cornell. Kenneth and Christine have traveled to Ithaca twice in the last several years; they visited the Johnson Museum of Art on campus, Purity Ice Cream, a few local Finger Lakes wineries, and a couple of enjoyable restaurants in Ithaca. **Mark Hoffman** (mark\_s\_hoffman@yahoo.com) writes, "I drove the 266 miles from Woburn, MA (near Boston) to Mount Desert Island, ME, in my electric-only Chevy Bolt without stopping to charge. I charged from an ordinary outlet at a friend's house for two and a half days and drove home after a week there, also without charging. The official range of the Chevy Bolt is 238 miles. I love driving electric."

**Philip** and Andrea Wagner **Schwartz** are living in Santa Monica, CA, when they are not traveling to such places as Ecuador (including the Upper Amazon, Highlands, and Galápagos) and New Zealand. Phil reports that after 40 years as a professional cinematographer, he is thoroughly enjoying his "second career" as an associate professor of cinematography in the USC School of Cinematic Arts, teaching at a graduate level. He recently self-published *Through a Cinematographer's Eye: 100 Images*, his first collection of his still photographs. Most of the sales have been through word-of-mouth, but he is developing a marketing plan. Phil says that inspiring young cinematographers is a very satisfying part of his life. He also enjoys visiting museums while traveling, learning new languages, and cooking. He reports that to prepare for an extended visit to Italy during summer 2020, he has been learning Italian. (I assume that their Italian adventure will be after they attend our 50th Reunion, where he will be taking photos for and of the Class of 1970.) Phil adds that he and Andrea are thrilled to announce the birth of their third grandchild, Shiloh Grace, in June 2018. If he had a day in Ithaca, Phil would start with a very early breakfast at the Straight, followed by extensively photographing the campus with his Nikon, and ending with dinner at the Inn at Taughannock. Send your news to: ♦ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu; tel., (610) 256-3088. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**71** **Joel Glasky** (jhgasky@gmail.com) and his wife, **Bonnie (Wolfman)** '73, sent a photo and report of an "amazing gathering": the wedding of their daughter, **Lauren** '13, MBA '19, to **Marc Silberman** '12, on July 4 in Westhampton, NY. "Cornell graduates dominated the celebration, with more than 45 guests with a Cornell degree joining us," writes Joel. "Every decade from the '70s to the present was represented. My Cornell roommate, **Ken Goldman**, his wife, Sue Valeriotte, their daughter, **Mattie Goldman** '10, and her husband, **Joe Magdovitz** '10, flew in from San Francisco. Bonnie was delighted that her roommate and sorority sister, **Lynn Edelstein Heymont** '73, and her husband, Bruce, flew in from L.A. to join the celebration, as well as SDT sorority sisters **Joan Tompkins Lifson** '73 and husband **Peter** '73 and **Paula Smith Avioli** '73 and husband **Peter**, MRP '76. **Fali Blatman Rubinstein** '72 and husband **Jack** '69 also joined one of the many Cornell tables. Go Big Red!"

Writing from Florida, **Marilyn Blumberg Cane** (marilyncane@yahoo.com) has this update: "I retired from full-time law teaching five years ago and became professor emerita. I was married three years ago to Peggy Kennedy, who has a doctorate in English and was a teacher and principal in New York City schools. She was a Carnegie Fellow in education. We have a home outside Fort Lauderdale and a summer place in Windham, NY. Having both places allows me to grow vegetables and fruits year-round, from mangoes to apples. We both love travel, great music, and gardens, and we attended the American Law Inst. to see Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** '54 receive the Judge Henry Friendly Award from Chief Justice John Roberts. Peggy and I enjoy Tanglewood and Shakespeare & Co. in the Berkshires,

which are close to our summer place. We have an adorable beagle, Stanwyck T. Beagle, N.Q.C. (not quite civilized). My son **Daniel** '98 lives nearby in Florida with his wife and three kids. If I could come back to Cornell, I would be happy to go to a lecture on almost any topic. And, weather permitting, I would go to Triphammer Falls and the Cornell Botanic Gardens."

**Marcia Wities** Orange (marcia.orange@gmail.com), who lives in Fort Lee, NJ, reports on the birth of two more grandchildren, making her the proud grandmother of five. She took part in three CAU activities in 2019, including a course on campus with Prof. **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76. **Katya Fairbanks** (katyafair@yahoo.com) writes: "I retired in 2015. This past summer, I had the opportunity to teach a summer program at Cornell to incoming Engineering grad students, almost all from China (Summer Program for English and Culture). It was fun to be back on campus after 48 years with such a great group of students!"

*The Near and Far*, a book of poetry by **Jody Bolz**, MFA '73 (jodybolz@aol.com), was published in October. It deals with "love's central bewilderments, the distance within intimacy, the dangers of safety, and the rupturing and renewing effects of time." Jody's previous books were *A Lesson in Narrative Time* (2004) and *Shadow Play* (2013). She served as co-executive editor of *Poet Lore* magazine for 17 years, stepping down in April 2019. Speaking of books... **Howard Rodman** (howardrodman@gmail.com) was busy promoting his novel *The Great Eastern* at numerous events during the past year. He returned to campus in October to talk about literature and technology for a Milstein Program special event and to read from the novel, which explores those issues in a 19th-century context.

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**72** Mark your calendars: Class president **Nancy Roistacher** is organizing a “class weekend” in Ithaca on July 24-26, 2020 for enjoying the campus, socializing with old friends, and planning our 50th Reunion—which is scheduled for June 9-12, 2022. “The weekend can be as simple as coming to Ithaca with a group of friends and getting together for some meals, academic programs, or a series of nature walks, wine, and cheese tours,” she says. Not to mention basking in old times and creating new experiences in a wonderful setting.

Having retired two years ago following a 36-year career as a psychiatrist, **Irwin Rosenfeld** (oneheadmd@cox.net) has been singing in a choir, playing competitive bridge, and acting. In March 2019 he had a lead role as the king in the musical *Esther, the Dancing Queen* (available on YouTube), and this year he was slated to appear in larger venues in *Nightwatch, A Murder Mystery* and *Our Miss Brooks*. In June he went on a phenomenal two-week tour of Israel, and enjoys visiting his three grandchildren (8, 9, and 10) in Washington State.

**Pat Gorman** Canute (pcanute@verizon.net) writes: “After 30-plus years living in Northern Virginia just outside D.C., we packed up and moved to Maryland’s Eastern Shore this summer. We’re busy getting settled in our new home in Easton and getting to know the community.” Pat’s favorite activities these days are physical exercise, volunteering in her community, gardening, and sewing for charity.

**Richard Girouard** (Kleinnewengland@aol.com) lives in Trumbull, CT, and is still designing and opening restaurants. He has been chairman of the local Inlands Wetlands Commission for 19 years and also serves as a justice of the peace. He is preparing to sell a 2,000-item country store collection and hopes to get an RV and travel across America. Send news to: ♦ **Gary Rubin**, glr34@cornell.edu; or **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu.

**73** Fifty years have passed since we all began our Cornell odysseys in the fall of 1969. I, Pam Meyers, arrived in Ithaca a shy teenager from a small town who had never lived away from home and family. That fall semester I was uncertain that I could keep up academically with my seemingly smarter and certainly more sophisticated classmates. By graduation in January 1973, I knew my career path (law) and had all the confidence in the world in my capabilities. Cornell succeeded in providing me with an intellectually stimulating liberal arts education, lifelong friendships, and self-confidence. And I certainly relied heavily on all three as I navigated through the unwelcoming, ultra-competitive, and male-dominated corridors of Harvard Law School, Wall Street corporate law practice, and corporate America. I sincerely hope your reflections on your Cornell years are positive as well.

Now on to your news. **Charlie Barnett** (charlesbarnett@mac.com) writes from Bethesda, MD, that he is a composer. “It is something of a calling,” he writes, “so it seems like there will be no retiring from it. This fall’s projects are as follows: 1) Writing a musical called “19,” the story of Alice Paul and the fight for women’s suffrage. We are premiering the full show at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC, on November 25, 26, and 27. 2) Scoring a documentary film featuring

Diane Rehm on the subject of medical aid in dying. It is called “When My Time Comes.” She is remarkable. 3) Scoring a film for the McCombs School of Business at the U. of Texas, Austin. It is being made for their ethics department and focuses on the #MeToo movement. 4) Premiering a choral commission for the Unitarian Universalist Church on November 3, a timely piece called “Sanctuary.” 5) Playing the Chaise Lounge (my band) annual Christmas show at Blues Alley in Washington, DC, on December 4. This band has been together for more than 20 years now. A little creaky but still swinging.” Wow, I am embarrassed by my sloth just typing this awesome list! Charlie adds that he gets the most satisfaction in his life these days taking a course through Coursera on Greek and Roman myth, trying to fill in some of the large gaps in his education. “You did your best, Cornell. But it was only four years—and so long ago that I can’t remember.”

**Bonnie Wolfman Glasky** (bonnie.glasky1@gmail.com) and spouse **Joel ‘71** “are delighted to report that daughter **Lauren ‘13**, MBA ‘19, married **Marc Silberman ‘12**, on July 4 in Westhampton Beach, NY. It turned out that Cornell graduates dominated the celebration with over 45 guests with a Cornell degree joining us—probably ten different areas of study and every decade from the ‘70s to the present was represented!” Classmates included Bonnie’s roommate and sorority sister, **Lynn Edelstein** Heymont, who flew in with her husband, Bruce, to join the celebration, as well as SDT sorority sisters **Joan Tompkins Lifson** and husband **Peter**, and **Paula Smith Aviola** and husband **Peter**, MRP ‘76.

**Richard Reinhold** (rlr63@cornell.edu) is back in Ithaca, teaching tax law at Cornell Law School as visiting professor of practice and enjoying living downtown. Richard reports that downtown Ithaca “is lively, with some good restaurants and shops, but retains the unmistakable funkiness that makes Ithaca a unique and special place.”

**Norm Solomon** (Shelton, CT; Cthorm7@gmail.com) is a professor of management at Fairfield U.’s Dolan School of Business. He teaches courses in negotiations as well as human resources. He also does volunteer work for the business school accrediting group: AACSB Int’l. Norm is a roadrunner, having done two half-marathons last year, with the same planned for this year. He and wife Kathy will soon be celebrating 35 years of marriage. Norm enjoys travel and photography and wishes he had the time to take a Cornell-sponsored trip!

My spouse, Gerry Greenberg (my military history guide), and I spent two and a half weeks in September touring WWI Argonne and Somme battlefields and museums in northeastern France plus WWII Battle of the Bulge sights. Our respite time in Trier and the Rhine Gorge area was delightful. Our fourth trip abroad in 2019 will be our very first Cornell-sponsored trip, three weeks in Egypt and Jordan. I love Egyptian art and hooked Gerry with a visit to Petra, long on his bucket list. I look forward to sharing this terrific itinerary with fellow Cornellians.

Your news submissions are our column’s lifeblood; please stay in touch. Note that the more news you supply, the less I will be filling this space with personal news and reflections. Send news to: ♦ **Pamela Meyers**, psmeyers73@gmail.com; **David Ross**, dave@daveross.com; or **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**74** It’s a new decade, which we approach with 2020 vision! **Lucy Babcox** Morris and I are delighted to welcome **Molly Miller** Ettenger, newly arrived in Tucson, AZ, to our class correspondent team. Look for her first column in the March/April issue.

And now, the news! **Sandra Whitney Curry**, MD ‘82, writes from Chappaqua, NY, that she’s still working (and will retire when she figures out what to do then). In the meantime, she loves “giving anesthesia and teaching residents and medical students.” She and husband **Donald ‘73**, ME ‘74, report that son Peter is living and working in Honolulu, HI, and getting married in February. **Linda Meyers** Geyer checks in from Austin, TX, but not for long. She says, “Following the sudden death of my husband, Gary, and the passing of my mom who lived with us, my family decided to move from Southern California to Austin. We built a beautiful home in the hill country, 20 miles from the city. After two and a half years here, we have decided to move again.” She confesses that the Austin heat is just too much. At the suggestion of **Carol McKenzie** Moore, she says they are planning to move to New Hampshire this spring.

**Steve Kubisen** (Annapolis, MD) reports that he is helping the George Washington U. in Washington, DC, commercialize inventions from their research, such as a life-saving drug for shock. He says his best time at Cornell was doing research during the summer between his junior and senior years. Steve indicates that spending time with family and friends brings him the most satisfaction in his life these days. **Mark Schwartz** has been busy “getting in contact with my Cornell classmates by phone, in person, or by letter.” He enjoys “reading enriching articles and supporting causes that I believe in.”

**Robert Hoff** (Grand Rapids, MI) says, “Elaine and I are very actively enjoying our retirements from GE and Farmers Insurance, respectively. We have an RV and travel around the US regularly. Next for us is a two-week Baltic cruise with Viking.” Further, “We are enjoying our three grandchildren, twin boys, 4, and a girl, 9 months. Our three sons and daughter are all doing very well and also enjoy traveling. All three boys earned engineering degrees, and our daughter graduated summa cum laude in accounting. We enjoyed our 45th Reunion and look forward to the 50th.” **Bill Van Sweringen**, ME ‘75, also enjoyed our 45th. “It was good to see friends, walk the campus, and attend events.” **Martin Siegel**, DVM ‘78, checks in from Annandale, NJ.

**Pam Otis** sends along this story: “While my husband, **Rick Curreri ‘73**, was attending a meeting of the Scheinman Inst. last spring, I went for a long walk around the Cornell campus. Being careful down and up hills due to an ailing hip, I had walked nearly five miles when I was by Mary Donlon Hall on a flat sidewalk, planning to stop for water at the North Campus Robert Purcell Community Center. Just then my ankle twisted, and I went splat. Luckily someone was nearby and helped me up. I hit my wrist, which had an abrasion, so, holding my hand up because for some reason it felt like it was coming off, I went to Purcell to clean it off. Then I saw the bone sticking out. I was in a good place because I just went to the desk and asked them to call EMS. The EMS squad was great and asked me all the questions they have to, to make sure I was lucid. They were pretty sure I had broken my wrist and offered to call an Uber to take me to the hospital. I asked if I could even pay for Uber with cash because I wasn’t carrying a bag! They thought not, so they called a cab, which was probably a unique experience for them.” Cayuga Medical Center was quiet that day and they treated me very well. I hadn’t called Rick because I figured we’d just be sitting around, so he was a bit shocked when he texted me and I told him where I was! Yes, it was broken, and I needed surgery after that, but the wrist is great now.”



We've learned that previously published classmate and Vietnam Veteran **Michael Ganas** recently completed his third novel, *Angels in the Balance*, a fictional action-adventure war tale. Having entered his work in the 2018 London Book Festival Competition, the story was voted the winner of the unpublished category. Interwoven into the plot are some of the events the author had experienced just prior to being drafted and during the Vietnam War. Michael, who served in Vietnam with the 17th Air Cavalry as a crew chief/door gunner on both Slicks (Hueys) and Scouts (Loaches) during 1969-70, has also received book awards for his first two novels, *The Girl Who Rode Dolphins* and its sequel, *Dolphin Riders*. In September, **Stefanie Sokol** Beck and husband Bob (USNA '66) flew to Dublin for a two-week Seabourn cruise to Scotland (Carnoustie, Royal Belfast, and the Island Club in Dublin), celebrating their 20th anniversary. "Bob surprised me with this cruise in June, so I surprised him right back with the five-day golf trip I had already planned for him and three friends to Scotland in October!"

Please let us know what you are doing in this New Year! ♦ **Jim Schoonmaker**, js378@cornell.edu; **Molly Miller** Ettenger, molly.ettenger@gmail.com; **Lucy Babcox** Morris, lucmor1433@gmail.com.

**75** I imagine the leaves are changing in Ithaca as I write this, from what is close to being accurately called "the land of the endless summer." And I miss those leaves. Of course, it will be winter by the time you read this.

Before the news, let me ask you to seriously consider attending our class's 45th (can you believe that?) Reunion this coming June 4-7. I am by far not alone in having made all eight to this point, and I am extremely glad I have. It is reconnecting with a place that many of us fell in love with circa 1971 . . . or, if not, it is reconnecting with people who were part of our journey . . . or, if not, it is making new friends. And these are not the only reasons to attend. Our class officers do an amazing job, with a great deal of work involved, of planning and executing these four-day celebrations, parties, and, yes, class reunions. They are warm, exciting, emotional, and a host of other descriptors. Time flies. When you miss one, you cannot get it back.

**Rob Weinberg** (rweinberg2001@gmail.com) reports his and wife **Kathy (Coleman) '74**'s previous retirement and move back to Ithaca after 30-plus years in Texas. And, more recently, they celebrated the arrival of "grand-baby #1" (in the Chicago area). **David Roth** (droth3@twc.ny.rr.com) is married to Elaine and lives in Groton, NY. David just retired from BorgWarner, which is what brought them from the Detroit area to Ithaca back in 2004. ("Most people don't realize that BorgWarner has a large engineering and research center in Ithaca.") He does consulting in the automotive field, and they "enjoy the Finger Lakes region and hosting friends who come up to join us for wine tasting around the lakes." They expect to see **Ken Hanson**, ME '76, and **Fred Fontana**, ME '76 (and wife Pat) very soon. Son Andy is just about to graduate from LeMoyne College. What gives David the most satisfaction in his life these days? "We regularly get together with my classmates from the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and their families."

**Bill Hopple** (billhopple@gmail.com) retired this past May after 23 years as executive director at the Cincinnati Nature Center. "**Mary (Benning) '76** and I plan to spend more time at our cottage on Chautauqua Lake in Western New York and travel the states—don't be surprised if

we stop by, Cornell classmates!" **Charlotte Russell** (ccr6273@verizon.net) has fond memories of singing in the Sage Chapel Choir and now sings professionally and teaches voice at St. Mark's School in Southborough, MA, at Indian Hill Music, and in her home studio. She also directs the Threshold Singers at Indian Hill, training trios to offer comforting music at the bedsides of those who are ill or dying. The group has been featured on public radio and in the *Boston Globe*, and is part of a national organization of Threshold Choirs. Charlotte frequently sees **Paul Harter**, another Sage Chapel alum who continues singing with excellent choral groups. Charlotte adds, "I had the pleasure of giving voice lessons to his daughter, **Anyah Harter '19**, before she attended Cornell and sang there." **Mike Tiffany** (mike.tiffany@lmco.com) and wife Nancy are planning to attend our 45th Reunion. They have a grandson, Patrick Mark, born December 6, 2017.

**Gail Henderson** (g\_e\_henderson@yahoo.com) is a grandmother for the first time, to Scout Josephine, born October 8, 2018. Gail lives on a 50-acre hobby farm in central Ontario adjoining her younger daughter and son-in-law's property ("and yup, the baby too!") after moving here last year with her partner of five years, Christopher—and originally her ex-husband as well, in his own unit. He passed away last summer unexpectedly, "so just me, Christopher (a sound engineer), two dogs, a cat, and some chickens—so far our only livestock, though we're working toward cattle and horses and probably goats," she writes. "I guess I returned to my Ag college roots!" Gale worked for many years in the corporate field as a senior analyst, then taught at junior college for a while and wrote part of a grammar textbook. More recently, she has turned her hobby (theater performance and directing, as well as teaching and vocal coaching, particularly musicals) into her "job"—Gale runs the Entertainment Network company with Christopher. She says she is "blissfully happy after many struggles with health and very much enjoying the peace and beauty of central Ontario and our farm."

**Patricia Abnett** Senker (pattysenker@gmail.com) retired in 2013 after 31 years as creative manager at Merck, and she and husband Richard (Colgate '75) moved to Park City, UT, to enjoy the athletics. "Richard taught me to play golf, so that's how I spend summers—but I also hike and ski the glorious mountains here, as well as hold a part-time job as ticket checker in the winters on the beginner lift at Deer Valley." Patty's final endeavor is giving back to the community by making memory bears for a Utah hospice—Teddy bears sewn for family members from clothing from the deceased to provide a long-term memory. **Bob Reich** (resdreich@comcast.net), ME '76, reports that son Steven "will be"—by the time you read this he "should have been"—on the October 9 episode of "Jeopardy!" Keeping secrets is important. Bob says, "The show has already taped, but Steven had to be silent as to whether he will also be on the October 10 episode." ♦ **Mitch Frank**, mifgator@gmail.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**76** In June, Susan and **Steve Karr**, BS '78, BArch '79, from Maryland, Susan and **Glenn Goldstein** from California, and **Neil** and **Carolyn Levine Coplan** from New York met in Telluride, CO, for an eight-day road trip through Colorado, Mesa Verde National Park, and Santa Fe, NM, to celebrate the three guys turning 65 and all of their wedding anniversaries. Steve, Neil, and Glenn all wore their "Legends Born in 1954" T-shirts designed by Susan Karr.

**Jody Jacobson** Wedret retired from full-time work as a pharmacy education specialist at UCI in Orange, CA, though she continues to lecture on pharmacy topics to healthcare professionals and lay public. When not lecturing, the Wedrets are busy traveling, visiting museums, and volunteering with the Pacific Symphony and art museums including the Getty and Bowers Museum of Culture. Jody and her husband, Loren, recently visited Birmingham, AL, and South Africa, with trips planned to Nebraska, Missouri, and Arkansas in the fall and New Zealand after Thanksgiving, and a cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg in the spring. **Betsy Landsman** recently retired from a career teaching English as a second language in Greece, Brazil, and New York. Now she has more time to devote to leisure activities. Betsy went on a wonderful Cornell tour to Israel and Jordan with 25 other Cornellians. Every summer she attends a Yankees game with the Cornell Club of Long Island. There are so many opportunities to catch up with old friends from Cornell! She hopes to see more Class of '76 members soon.

Eighteen months ago, **Bill Altmann** said "goodbye" to his last employee job and continues as a contractor, doing technical writing and a bit of engineering. His Cornell BSEE stands him in good stead, as does the cachet of a Cornell diploma! But he says the best job in the world is being Grandpa to four grandkids. He writes that, like most of our classmates, he has crossed over the 65-year barrier. If he had a day in Ithaca, he would walk the campus—"and walk, and walk, and walk." **Kate Bronfenbrenner**, PhD '93, has been on the faculty of ILR since 1993. She is looking forward to becoming a grandmother. Something else that gives her satisfaction is working with first-generation students of Cornell who have a passion for learning and giving back to their communities.

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Increasingly, **Eric Lee** is writing books—history books, to be specific. His next one, *Night of the Bayonets: The Texel Uprising and Hitler's Revenge April-May 1945*, describes a little-known final battle of the Second World War in Europe. It is being published in March 2020 in English, Dutch, Georgian, and Czech editions. Previous recent books include *The Experiment: Georgia's Forgotten Revolution 1918-1921* and *Operation Basalt: The British Raid on Sark and Hitler's Commando Order*. He also continues to work as the editor of the LabourStart, the news and campaigning website of the international trade union movement. As he did in 2016, Eric is working hard to ensure that Bernie Sanders is elected the next President of the United States. He writes, "Last time, we managed to win 70 percent of the votes for Sanders in the Global Presidential Primary. I was honored to serve as the official representative of the campaign to Democrats Abroad, and to be a member of the Democrats Abroad Delegation to the Democratic National Convention." His family, including his children and grandchildren—who were all born, raised, and still live in Israel—give him the most satisfaction in life. At Cornell, he first remembers meeting his high school friends **Michael Sharon** and **Roy Nitzberg** and his Low Rise 7 roommate, **Ira Golub**.

Retired a year ago, **Paula Grif n Davis** is happily creating landscape pastel paintings, some of which have won regional awards! She's also making pet portraits on commission and is happy to give a Big Red alumni discount. She recently visited national and state parks across southern Utah. Now Paula enjoys having the time to drink a cup of coffee and read the news on the back porch on a Monday morning while everyone else is heading off to work. **Allen Wolf '77**, BS '76, MBA '77, is enjoying retirement by volunteering, traveling, and spending time with family—particularly his twin 3-year-old grandchildren in Washington, DC. Since the election of 2016, he has become increasingly involved in politics, "to save our democracy and the rights and safety of minorities in the US," he writes.

My husband, **Morris Diamant '74**, and I returned to Ithaca for his 45th Reunion. It was great to spend time with **Bill '74** and **Janie Schwarzschild Hodgetts** and Faye and **John Gmeiner '74**. It seems to me that Libe Slope is getting steeper every time we come back to campus! ♦ **Lisa Diamant**, [Ljdiamant@verizon.net](mailto:Ljdiamant@verizon.net); **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, [Krinsk54@gmail.com](mailto:Krinsk54@gmail.com); **Pat Relf** Hanavan, [patrelf@gmail.com](mailto:patrelf@gmail.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**77** Happy New Year to the Class of '77! I hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season. Here is the latest news from several of our classmates who are as busy as ever with family, friends, work, and many interesting activities.

**Sharon Dolin**, PhD '90, lives in New York City and began working as an associate editor at Barrow Street Press, a poetry publisher, in spring 2019. She has added to her very full life as a writer and a poet by becoming a literary translator from Catalan to English. Sharon writes that, quite by accident, she stumbled upon a few prose poems by a contemporary Catalan poet while she was staying at an artists' residency in Barcelona, Spain. She was inspired to create a poetry workshop there called Writing About Art in Barcelona, which is given each June (see <http://www.sharondolin.com>). Sharon has also translated and published a bilingual edition of Gemma Gorga's *Book of Minutes* for which she received a PEN-Heim Translation Fund Grant as well as a grant from the Institut

Ramon Llull. She is now embarking on translating a *Selected Poems of Gemma Gorga*. Sharon also reported that her very first book of prose, *Hitchcock Blonde: A Cinematic Memoir*, will be published in late spring 2020 by Terra Nova Press.

**Jone Sampson** writes from Lake Oswego, OR, where she was promoted to professor in molecular and medical genetics at Oregon Health and Science U. She also works as director of clinical cancer genetics at the Knight Cancer Center. Jone and her husband, Sam Weinrich, have three daughters. Their oldest child will graduate from medical school in May 2020, while the youngest will graduate from the U. of Puget Sound with degrees in international politics and economics that same month. Their middle daughter is in the corps de ballet at the San Francisco Ballet Co. **Nora Burke** Klippstein, MBA '78, is pleased to report that more than 40 years after graduating she is retired. She has two sons, David and Killian, "who are employed, paying taxes, and repaying student loans." Nora also writes that in summer 2019, "at long last, one was married to the beautiful and brilliant Siqi Kong of Datong, China."

**Michael Brizel**, JD '80, was named executive vice president and chief administrative officer of Fresh Direct in September 2018. Fresh Direct is the leading e-commerce only grocer in the US. He joined Fresh Direct in 2014 as its general counsel, following gigs as general counsel at Saks Fifth Avenue and *Reader's Digest*. Mike lives in Manhattan with his wife, Judy Schwartz. They spend much of their free time in Snowmass, CO. **Margee "Margee" Rogers** is in her last year with the Montefiore School Health Program after 35 years as a nurse practitioner and clinical administrator in the Bronx. She writes, "We will be selling our home in Connecticut and moving to Cuernavaca, Mexico, and Southern Indiana" in summer 2020. Margee had the joy of being with fellow Cornellians **Eileen McManus Walker '76**, MBA '78, and **Maria Barlow '76** in Ithaca last summer. As she says, "It will always be home."

For **Karen Zelkind Buglass**, "Learning never stops in retirement!" She writes, "Music is a passion" and she enjoys jamming with like-minded music aficionados in local venues and in weeklong music camps. Karen teaches mountain dulcimer and is learning clawhammer banjo. She also is improving her Spanish with online courses and a trip to northern Spain. Karen's husband, **Ralph '75**, organized the annual conference of the Country School Assn. of America in 2019. About 100 attendees from across the country came to hear experts on topics including early childhood education and school restoration. This was followed by a full-day tour of restored schoolhouses in and around the Washington, DC, area. Karen is still in touch with **Marcy Cohen** Lidman and **Sandra Gong**, two classmates she met during her first days on campus. If she had the opportunity to spend a day in Ithaca, she would visit old haunts on campus, amble along the Commons, visit Buttermilk Falls, Cayuga Lake, and the wine trail, and have a nice dinner.

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

**78** Happy 2020 to all! **Alexandra Swiecicki** Fairfield, PhD '85, heeded the call of the West (actually, her children) and has moved to Los Osos, CA.

She's blogging and running workshops for biology teachers. Alex says, "Downsizing was difficult, but we're set for the next several decades. We hike, bike, kayak, explore tidal pools, and go wine tasting in our ample spare time." One of her former Montgomery College (MD) students transferred to Cornell and graduated in 2019 on the Dean's List.

**Karen Kuhn** (Lima, OH) is in cyber security. She's recently adopted a poodle to join her family of three other dogs and many cats. She'd like to get back to playing ice hockey, and she described her best day at Cornell as when the women's ice hockey team won the Ivy League championship. **Mark Pinnie** (Media, PA) had the chance to get together in September for a few beers with fellow Chi Psi lodgers **Steve Follett** and **Tom Groos** in suburban Philly. Mark reported, "Many stories of the good old days on the Hill were shared!"

**Steve Kesselman**, JD '81, retired in August 2018, exactly 40 years after starting at Cornell Law. His son **Sam** is a member of the Cornell Class of 2023. While we're on the topic of legacies, the youngest child of **Christopher, JD '78**, and **Genevieve Chu Chang, Jared '19**, graduated from the Engineering college last May. He's staying an extra year to complete a one-year master's degree.

In the kudos department, **Mary Ho** was appointed to the Foreign Experts Commission of the joint collaboration established as the China Belt and Road Int'l Talent Fund (BRITF) and Union of Western and Eastern Education (UWEE) as the newest inductee and appointed visiting professor at the global campuses of UWEE, Beijing, China. **James Cohen** won a 2019 Construction and Engineering Award from *BUILD Magazine*. James's consulting firm specializes in building pathology, forensic engineering, emergency response, and expert testimony.

That's all the news in my inbox for this issue. Stay well, and keep the news coming. ♦ **Cindy Fuller**, [cindyjfuller.com](mailto:cindyjfuller.com); **Ilene Shub** Lefland, [ilene.lefland@gmail.com](mailto:ilene.lefland@gmail.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**79** **Liv Haselbach**, Lamar U.'s chair and professor of civil and environmental engineering, has been named "Engineer of the Year" by the Texas Society of Professional Engineers, Sabine Chapter. After graduating from Cornell, Liv got her MS in chemical engineering from UC Berkeley and her PhD in environmental engineering from UConn. After a variety of jobs in the public and private sectors, including serving as an associate director of the US Dept. of Transportation Tier 1 UTC Center for Environmentally Sustainable Transportation in Cold Climates and as a Fulbright-ALCOA Distinguished Chair in the Environmental Sciences and Engineering, Liv is enjoying her time at Lamar U. She notes, "This latter part of my career is focused on sustainable technologies and education, and increasing the pipeline to engineering, particularly to those typically underrepresented in engineering. This award shows how much Southeast Texas is also focusing on these important goals for our future."

**Bob**, MS '80, and **Stacy Buchler Holstein** write that they've bought a house on Cayuga Lake and are enjoying taking their boat to the Farmers Market and wineries. Their youngest daughter, **Rebecca '21**, is a sophomore in Cornell Engineering. Jina and **Mike Accardo** live in Scarsdale. Mike shared that their daughter, Katie, has "co-produced a feature-length documentary that follows three aspiring stand-up comics as they navigate the New York comedy scene. The film is called *Standing Up* and has been featured in over a dozen film festivals. It is available on Amazon Prime and iTunes."



**Bruce** and Linda **Burstein** have a daughter who graduated college in June and is now working as a civil engineer in Seattle. Bruce continues to work implementing HR/payroll systems for the software firm Infor. His favorite activities are traveling to new places and following favorite sports. If Bruce could spend a day on campus, he'd enjoy touring the campus, especially visiting Lynah Rink, Schoellkopf Field, and Collegetown. **David and Jody Weiner Kauffman '81** of Basking Ridge, NJ, have been following their passion and seeing the world in the past four years, since David retired as senior VP and associate general counsel of Verizon Communications. They have been on more than 65 out-of-town trips during that time, enjoying both domestic travel and travel abroad to Asia, Europe, Australia, and various Pacific Islands. Jody and David have also been spending a lot of time in Ithaca. Their oldest daughter graduated from the College of Engineering in 2014, their middle daughter graduated from Ithaca College in 2016, and their youngest daughter graduated from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in May 2019. In addition, they have been attending Reunions and greatly enjoying catching up with classmates.

**Charlie Howland** writes that on July 8, 2018 he "retired from the US EPA after 28-plus years working as an enforcement and compliance attorney. I left the same day as EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt—albeit with less of a splash." The next day, he became the partner in charge of the environmental law group at Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, an international law firm based in NYC. While he no longer teaches at Villanova Law School, Charlie continues to teach regulatory law, science, and policy at the U. of Pennsylvania Law School. In addition, Charlie recently spent two weeks at the U. of the Arctic in Tromsø, Norway, as a Fulbright Specialist Fellow, helping them start up a new Joint Nordic Master Programme in Environmental Law, which will focus on energy and climate change issues. Charlie's wife, Beth, works as a developmental psychologist at Cooper Hospital in Camden, NJ, specializing in autism. Their daughter, Carolina, works for IBM cybersecurity in NYC, and their son, **Baird '18, BA '17**, works for Harmony Labs, also in NYC, using machine learning to study the structures underlying mass media, politics, and public opinion.

Once again, **Susan Heller** of the law firm Greenberg Traurig has been selected by *Daily Journal* as one of the 2019 "Top Women Lawyers" and a 2019 "Top Intellectual Property" lawyer. **Terry Mady-Grove** of Port Washington, NY, writes that "after practicing law for many years, for the past seven years I have been running a college consulting firm guiding high school students from around the globe to the right fit college. I am honored to say that my business, Charted University Consultants, was voted the 'Best Women Owned Business in Long Island' by *Long Island Business News*." **Leslie Bulion** and her husband, **Rubin Hirsch**, live in Durham, CT. Leslie sent us the following note: "I write themed science poetry collections for readers ages 6-106. My newest volume, *Superlative Birds* (March 2019), was inspired by a CAU summer ornithology week held at the Lab of O and Ithaca environs!" In response to the question "What would you do if you had a day in Ithaca?" Leslie responded enthusiastically: "Go birding at the Lab of O!"

Please continue to send us your news! Your classmates want to hear from you. ♦ **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, [cynthia.shea@sothebyshomes.com](mailto:cynthia.shea@sothebyshomes.com); **Danna Levy**, [DannaGOA@gmail.com](mailto:DannaGOA@gmail.com); **Linda Moses**, [lindakmoses@gmail.com](mailto:lindakmoses@gmail.com). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**80** Reunion planning (June 4-7, 2020) is well under way. We're having a parade! With a band! Bring your comically oversized unicycles and red noses. Our accommodations in brand-new Keeton House on West Campus feature Lake Source Cooling, a revolution in green technology, whereby the coolness of the depths of Cayuga is used to cool the university. We'll learn things, have fun, and generally have the time of our lives. Reunion chairs **Mollie Pulver**, **Kathy Biondolillo** Valliere, and **Todd Wolleman** are working to keep the event affordable for all. You will receive mail explaining the arrangements.

**Victoria Conn** Halliday taught landscape architecture at Delaware Valley U. but has since moved on to start a firm that specializes in urban renewal, public parks, and equestrian design projects. She says, "I met my husband while playing polo 25 years ago, and we have been playing polo ever since. Our 16-year-old son, Owen, has joined us on the polo field, and his twin, Annie, also rides. We live on a horse farm in Bucks County, PA." The polo club the Hallidays founded has become the largest in the region and is viewed as a model club in the United States Polo

traveling and visiting the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He says, "I love my work and the thrill of being able to invent new things!" He responded to our question asking who he first met at Cornell by pointing out how very long ago it was—but it was either his roommate, **David Shay**, or his best friend from college days, **Susanne Poschmann**.

**Peter Cooper** and his wife, **Celia Rodée '81**, have both been awarded the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award for 2019. The award "recognizes alumni who have demonstrated extraordinary service to Cornell through long-term volunteer activity." A question on the "Share Your News" form we mail to classmates asks if there is "anything else you wish you could be doing." **Nayla Rizk** answered "No." This, folks, is the mark of a life being well-lived. She adds that she travels extensively around the world, serves on the board of an international nonprofit that trains young women and men in the Middle East on finding and keeping jobs, and, most notably, is the grandmother of "two lovely little girls—they are delightful and live close by." She and her spouse live in beautiful Northern California within a

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LESLIE BULION '79

Assn. Victoria's closing sentiment in her note to us is straight from the heart: her best time at Cornell was when she was returning from the studio "watching the moon over the clock tower from the Arts Quad and realizing that never a day went by that I did not realize that I was living in a magical place and at a magical time of my life."

This next part is a tough one for me (**Dik Saalfeld**), as well as for many of you. Class of '80 Reunion co-chair emeritus **Jodi Diehl Nestle** died over the summer of complications of Parkinson's. Jodi had a passion for Reunion and Cornell, and she put her heart and soul into planning and executing the event, which she did on our behalf for more than three decades. Her husband and my fraternity brother, **Mark '79**, ME '93, said her personal life goal was "to make the present more pleasant." Mark admits that he only adopted this worldview upon meeting and loving Jodi, but that it is now his life goal. Jodi was a dear friend to many of us—I knew her for 40 years—and her life taught us about kindness and joy and humor. Far from being a dreamer, though, Jodi was practical—she once helped Reunion co-chair **Nancy MacIntyre** Hollinshead raise money for the class by selling leftover Reunion giveaway items; she thrust a fleece vest at me and said, "I've been driving around with this [stuff] in my trunk for weeks. Buy one." In addition to Mark, Jodi is survived by children Carolyn, **Emily '09**, **Alex '13**, and Austin. She was a gardener, a singer, a beekeeper, and a school administrator, and dabbled at the ukulele, but mostly she smiled and made us happy.

**Dan Simpkins**, ME '81, writes that after he sold his last company, Hillcrest Labs, he couldn't handle telling folks he was retired, so after a brief sabbatical, he and partners started a new company called Domusys. The company is creating a new "Smart Home" technology. Dan and spouse Irene have a daughter, **Nina '19**, who just graduated from the College of Arts & Sciences and who is moving to New York City with her best friend from Cornell, **Jesse Mansoor '19**. Dan and his family spend time

half-hour drive of four of their combined five children. Life is good!

**Thomas Stopyra** is in Florida working to cure or mitigate a pernicious citrus disease called Huanglongbing, or Greening. The disease is spread by an insect that infects the trees with bacteria. He recently moved to a 55-plus community in Ft. Pierce. **Mark Steckel** picked up a recent issue of this magazine, looked at the cover, and was gobsmacked to see himself featured, albeit from the back. In amazement, he contacted the editor, who explained that they needed a "quintessential commencement photo" that represented a century and a half of Cornell graduations and decided that the shot of Mark holding a sign that read "Thanx Ezra," with thousands of folks packed into the Schoellkopf Crescent in the background, was it. Mark recently helped celebrate **Myra Shapiro** Connolly's 60th birthday with her husband, Mike, and their friends **Brian Levey** and **David Parkes**. Mark is an ophthalmologist in Fairfield, CT.

Back to the Reunion—did I mention the gorge walk and the event at the Lab of Ornithology? This isn't just about reminiscing. It's about the present and the future, as well as the past. We hope to see you there. ♦ **Dik Saalfeld**, [rfs25@cornell.edu](mailto:rfs25@cornell.edu); **Dana Jerrard**, [dej24@cornell.edu](mailto:dej24@cornell.edu); **Leona Barsky**, [LLB39@cornell.edu](mailto:LLB39@cornell.edu).

**81** **Anthony Muscente Jr.** ([amuscente@muscentelawoffice.com](mailto:amuscente@muscentelawoffice.com)) reports from Allentown, NJ, that his son, **Drew '12**, is now a professor at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, IA. Drew teaches sedimentary geology, focusing with his students on the fossil record to better understand ancient marine animal life. After receiving his BS in Biological Sciences from Cornell, Drew earned a PhD in geosciences at Virginia Tech and had postdoc positions at Harvard U. and U. of Texas, Austin.

**Jim Carmody** ([james.carmody@seaportboston.com](mailto:james.carmody@seaportboston.com)) was named chairman of the Greater Boston Convention

& Visitors Bureau in January 2019. The bureau is a not-for-profit organization of over 1,200 companies, dedicated to developing tourism-related business in the Boston area. Jim is also VP and general manager of Boston's Seaport Hotel & World Trade Center. At the bureau, he works with Cornelian **Aaron Jones '87**, the organization's COO. "We are now focused on developing a Tourism Improvement District (TID) to develop a reliable, sustainable funding stream that will support long-range strategic planning. We would love to hear from anybody who has had experience establishing or working within the construct of a TID."

**Marcia Hopson Earle** (marcia.earle@verizon.net) attended the Homecoming football game with her son **Michael '20**, mother-in-law **Marion Hanna Earle '46** ("who is 95 years young"), and a group of other extended family members and friends who live in Ithaca. Michael is studying Mechanical Engineering and plays clarinet in the Big Red Band. Marcia proudly notes, "The band always wins!" Another highlight was a pre-game visit to a showcase of the engineering project teams in Upson Hall—including Michael's Resistance Racing team, which designs and builds vehicles for energy efficiency competitions. Her older son, David, is an aerospace engineer in Connecticut working for Air-Lock Inc., which provides NASA with space suit helmets. "Go engineering!"

**Phebe Clark Ladd** Swope (pcswope@gmail.com) and her husband, Richard, live in Colorado Springs, CO, where Phebe is a computer systems administrator for the Missile Defense Agency. She is confident that the Dept. of Defense appreciates her degrees, despite "the funny looks when I tell them my master's is in Dairy Science. Seems a good education has helped me do well at other vocations." Her oldest son graduated this year from Mays Business School at Texas A&M, balancing out their family of two U. of Texas, San Antonio grads and two Texas A&M Aggies. The rivalries provide lots of fun when they get together, she writes. Her greatest satisfaction comes from the kids doing so well and having a job where she is making a difference. If she had a day in Ithaca, she would visit the Dairy Bar and the Orchards, then "walk down memory lane" through the Ag Quad and Vet college. She would also check upstairs in Mann Library for the portrait of her grandfather **Carl Edwin Ladd 1915**, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics, 1932-43. She hasn't been back to campus for several years and looks forward to the big reunion that she and her many Cornelian siblings, nieces, and nephews are planning for next summer.

Now for my news: our youngest, daughter Julia Brody-Barre, is now a freshman at Wesleyan U. in Middletown, CT. Stepson Andy Haas graduated Columbia U. in May and started grad school at UC Berkeley, working toward a PhD in English literature. Many thanks for your updates. Please keep sending us news! ♦ **Steven Barre**, sbarre@aol.com; **Betsy Silverf**, bsilverf@comcast.net; or **Tanis MacKay**-Bell, TanisMBell@gmail.com.

**82 Terry Kilmer** Oosterom sent her annual Homecoming update, reporting that the weather was perfect, and it was a great way to celebrate her birthday! **Teri Williams** Harvey, **Juliet Kolm** Gibbs, **Wit Derby**, **Greg Busby**, **Miriam Akabas**, and class correspondent **Mark Fernau** were among those attending our tailgate party with some folks from the classes of 1983 and 1985. Terry reports that she and **John Hand '83**, BS '84, had an epic three-week trip to New Zealand last

February and that her cut flower business is growing, having done three weddings this past year. She has over 500 dahlias in the fields in addition to dozens of other varieties. "Finally really using that floriculture degree!"

With thanks to **Lisa Mummery Crump**, **Carol Huntress Gilmour** wrote that she and Lisa met up during their "fantastic" CAU trip last May on the Rhine River. The trip started in Basel, where Lisa and **Steve** are based, so they were great hosts and showed them the sights including the Anatomical Museum of Basel and the Pharmacy Museum. Carol wrote, "These museums were fascinating—maybe more for the vet and a doc than the engineer," but husband **Jim '80** liked them too. "Seeing a mandrake in the Pharmacy Museum made Harry Potter seem real." Closer to home, Carol and Jim's last trip to Cornell was for their son's wedding. **Jeff Gilmour '11**, ME '12, married **Alexandra Gribizis '12**,

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TERRY KILMER OOSTEROM '82

on the patio of Willard Straight in 2017. With grandparents **Arnold '52** and **Betty Ann Brundage Huntress '54** and aunts and uncles **Tom '79** and **Cindy Campbell Gilmour '80** and **John '85** and **Sarah Mendell Gilmour '87** and cousin **Laura Gilmour '13**, the extended Huntress-Gilmour Cornellians enjoyed an unseasonably warm and dry beautiful October weekend. Alex's family comes from Greece/Albania, and for some their first (only) trip to the US was to Cornell! Sadly missing was Jim's dad, **George Gilmour '55**, PhD '63, who had passed several years earlier—he would have loved a wedding at Cornell.

Carol and Jim have lived in Pittsburgh since she started her pediatric residency at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh in 1986. She is a neonatologist with the U. of Pittsburgh Medical Center, providing clinical and leadership services in several western Pennsylvania hospitals. And once a Big Red Band member, Carol pulled out her clarinet after a 25-year hiatus and started playing with a community band and church orchestra. She adds, "With lessons and (shocker) practice, I'm now enjoying making music and meeting people in several venues. Soon we hope to add travel to kids' locations (now Colorado, NYC, and Florida). The word 'retirement' comes up more frequently now, but no plans yet." **Paul Catsos** wrote and sent photos of a wonderful gathering of three generations of Cornellians from five different classes, spanning more than 55 years at Cornell, for the wedding of son **Mike**, MRP '15, and Nichole Proctor English. **Isaac Robb**, MRP '16, officiated the ceremony in New Hope, PA. Mother of the groom **Patsy Danehy Catsos '83** and grandfather of the groom **Michael Danehy '59**, BS '60, along with guests **Annie Pease**, MRP '16, and **Brian Byrd**, MRP '15, were part of the celebration.

**Tilly Caldwell** Garnett wrote from Cornell, where she works in Alumni Affairs and Development. "When not spending time working, I spend time playing with cars. This summer my husband, Roger, and I took our 1911 REO on two week-long tours—the first in northern New Hampshire, the second in southern Ontario. All of

the cars in these tours were made before 1916 ('Brass Era'). We got into Brass car touring at the invitation of our friend (and classmate) **Randy Marcus**. **David Weis** is happy to report that he recently sold his first property as a real estate developer in Santa Monica. He is also very excited to sign a franchise agreement with Mayweather Boxing + Fitness to roll out a series of fitness facilities on Los Angeles's west side. His kids are 14, 10, and 8, and he and his wife took them to Cornell "camp" for a week last summer. "Ithaca is as beautiful as they say in the summertime."

**Miriam Akabas** was also on campus for commencement 2019, which added two more Cornell alumni to her family: daughter **Ariel Akabas** Kaminsky '19 and nephew **Lev Benjamin Akabas '19**. Miriam reports that her daughter and her mother, **Shelley Epstein Akabas '51**, were honored by organizations for their leadership last spring, so she traveled to Ithaca several times last year. But, she says, "Who can say no to two Cornell trips in one year?" **Henry Herz** is thrilled to announce his picture book, *2 Pirates + 1 Robot* (Kane Miller Books). From the author: "Space pirates Flotsam and Jetsam and their robot's rejoicing at their newfound plunder is cut short when they're attacked by other pirates. They evade by flying into an asteroid field, but their ship is damaged. Despite the robot's repair efforts, they don't have enough fuel to reach port. Will Flotsam and Jetsam accept the robot's valiant offer to be jettisoned in order to save them?" Check out [henryherz.com](http://henryherz.com).

Congratulations to **Alan Roth**, who has been named the Royal Society Entrepreneur in Residence at the U. of Oxford for the next two years. The role of the Entrepreneur in Residence will be to strengthen the links between the university's teaching and research and entrepreneurial culture. A director of Fitzroy Partners Ltd., Alan will be based in the mathematical, physical, and life sciences division offering his support across the university. Send news to: ♦ **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu; **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; or **Doug Skalka**, dskalka@npmlaw.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**83** Greetings, classmates! I hope this finds you all doing well, and that your days continue to be filled with those events that alter and illumine your lives.

I guess we're at that age where our kids are getting hitched! In this regard, let's offer congratulations to **Patsy Danehy Catsos** and her husband, **Paul '82**, whose son **Mike Catsos '15** got married this past August in New Hope, PA, in the company of a veritable plethora of fellow Cornell graduates, including Patsy's dad, **Michael Danehy '59**, BS '60. Similarly, **Penny Nemzer**, DVM '87, and her husband, **Dan Taitz**, JD '86, celebrated the August wedding of their oldest son on Martha's Vineyard; in attendance were fellow Cornellians **Eric '81** and **Elizabeth Meller Alderman**, **Angelo '80** and **Beverly Ditaranti Tramontelli '80**, **Karen Freedman**, DVM '87, and **Linda Fischbach Greene**, MS '85. Penny and Dan's daughter graduated from NYU Law School in May 2019 and is currently clerking for a federal court judge in Brooklyn.

**Michele Masiowski** Puiggari reports from Missoula, MT, that she is busier than ever doing independent employee investigations of workplace issues, and she and her veterinarian husband just bought a building to house his expanding veterinary practice. Michele's 12-year-old daughter, Emma, has been competing in freestyle skiing (following in her mom's footsteps), made it to Junior



Nationals at Snowbird Ski Resort in Utah last year, and wishes to attend Cornell, which gives Michele the chance to tell her daughter that grades are important and provides an incentive to do homework. Memories of Balch and her college friends bring a smile to Michele's face, and she hopes to see more Cornell alumni over the next year. Kudos to biochemical engineer **Michael Domach, PhD '83**, who was recently named to the board of directors of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority. Michael is the first chemical engineer to serve on the authority and will be helping the Steel City attain the goals of clean water initiative Pittsburgh H2O 2030. Among other things, Michael will be advising on lead abatement programs and analytics, as well as watershed and raw water surveillance for chemical and microbiological constituents. Michael is also a Maine forest owner and manager, and a life member of Trout Unlimited.

After a long hiatus from working "for money," **Carolyn Bristol Hintlian, MS '86**, is pleased to share that she is back to being a real food scientist with the company Teddie Peanut Butter, which is the family business of her husband, **Jamie '82**, ME '85, MBA '86. According to Carolyn, "It's no coincidence that I married into the family; Jamie and I met when his father made him take Food Science 220." Carolyn and Jamie reside in Winchester, MA, and are also the proud parents of two current Cornellians: **Katherine '20** and **William '21**. When **Barb Warner Deane** is not busy working in IT at a high school in Elmhurst, IL, she is a prolific author. Barb published her third novel, *And Then There Was You*, in May 2019, and her fourth, *The Whistle Stop Canteen*, in August 2019. Barb has also presented historical programs on the roles of American women in WWII at over 80 libraries, historical societies, and book clubs in six states, and was one of the presenters at the Historical Writers of America in Williamsburg, VA, in October 2019.

**Martha Leslie Galli** has transitioned from full-time work as a physician to teaching medical students part time, which gives her more time to play what she calls "Italian Mama"—cooking and sorting the closets after 20 busy years of the vital, hectic chaos of family life. **Bryan Mundell, PhD '94**, currently resides in Paradiso, Switzerland, where he owns and/or manages a half dozen companies on both sides of the Atlantic, promoting his environmental game product, Adventerra Games, and running a family office. His commute involves traveling by train through the longest tunnel in the world under the Swiss Alps. Lastly, **Lisa Sorensen** writes that she is enjoying retirement, which has given her the time to publish her grandfather's WWI diary entitled *Diary of a World War I Signalman*.

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

**84** With winter weather here, I am sure you are all remembering all that snow and wind that Cayuga Lake graced upon us for four years. Yet, while we hunker down to hibernate, our class has some exciting news that may warm your hearts!

**John Toohey**, our new class president—also known as meteorologist John Morales—is halfway through a master's degree in environmental science and policy at Johns Hopkins U. He is thoroughly enjoying attaining

new knowledge in fields from ecology and conservation to geology and sustainability. John continues on the air as the chief meteorologist for Miami's NBC 6. Meanwhile, John and wife Carmen's son **John Michael Toohey '18** is enrolled at the U. of Florida pursuing a graduate degree in wildlife ecology and conservation. **Jeffrey Berman** (division20@optonline.net) shares the news that daughter Merissa is a freshman at SUNY Oneonta. **Annette Standcliffe Kissinger** (annette\_k@pipeline.com) has had quite the adventure recently. She just finished a 75-mile bike ride up a canyon in Colorado with **Ellen Nordberg '86** to support Greenhouse Scholars. **Tim McGhee** (timmcghee@comcast.net) has recently relaunched his consultancy, MSP Sports & Entertainment, to work with marketers and sports properties on all areas of marketing, focusing on sponsorships and events. He has been fortunate to work with some of the biggest brands and names in sports around the world. He also shares that his twins are seniors in high school this year, and he and wife **Carolyn (White) '83** have enjoyed watching them go through the college selection process.

**Anne Gumkowski** Pierce (apierce@aspireconsulting.com) continues to do consulting work and has spent the last several months on an assignment in Europe. Her whole family had an opportunity to enjoy traveling this summer. Anne is excited to finish up just in time for Cornell Family Weekend! Over the last 10 years, she has re-connected with many of her Cornell gymnastics buddies and their families including **Kelley McGoldrick '85**, **Birgit Zeeb Stevenson '85**, **Jill Ryer-Powder '82**, **Mara Horwitz Smith '85**, **Beth Tremmer Herrick '82**, **MD '86**, **Ellen Mayer Sabik**, and their coach Betsy East. Whether it is at gymnastics meets, at galas, or on campus, it is always a great time! Anne and husband Glenn are thrilled that their son **Ben '23** is a Cornell Engineering student! Go Big Red!

We also heard exciting news from **Saul Gitlin**, who in October celebrated his second anniversary as the senior director for global business development in China for the Mount Sinai Health System in New York City! Mount Sinai is the largest not-for-profit health system in New York City and comprises eight hospitals and more than 400 ambulatory locations. Saul works on the Mount Sinai international team, which develops collaborative relationships with hospitals all over the world, with a heavy emphasis on developing countries. His specific role is to direct all of the existing hospital collaborations in Greater China and to expand the base of hospital partners there. Although he is based in New York City, he travels to China every four to six weeks. In 2018 alone, he made eight trips to China and was on track for six trips there by the end of 2019; however, Saul tells us that a silver lining to all this travel is the accumulation of frequent flyer miles, which makes vacations even more pleasant. He would have loved to be at our 35th Reunion, but he had to travel to China. Wife Aviva's private practice in psychology in Westchester, NY, continues to expand. Their 25-year-old son, Guy, is working on some online entrepreneurial projects, and their 21-year-old daughter, Cali, is a senior nutrition major in the College of Natural Sciences at the U. of Texas, Austin. I am sure that many Class of '84 alumni in NYC have a huge network of friends; I hope you run into Saul sometime!

I encourage all of you to send me your news! Our classmates love to hear from everyone. Remember that you can always reach me, your class correspondent, at the following address: ♦ **José Nieves**, jmn12@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**85** **Maria Gallo** Ashbrook wrote in that she and husband Brad were in Ithaca recently to move their younger son, **John '23**, into his freshman dorm. John joins older brother **Keenan '20** at Cornell. While on campus, she visited Sage Chapel to "reflect on my marriage there to Bradley, 25 years ago in October." In addition, Maria celebrated her father's 88th birthday at McCormick's at Moakley House. Her dad earned his PhD from Cornell in 1974, and sister **Margaret Gallo '81** also attended the celebration. Cornell Red seems to run through their veins.

**Alan Greenberg** is co-founding partner of Greenberg-Gross. Since the firm's inception in 2013, Alan has tried six cases to juries involving seven-, eight-, or nine-figure disputes, with one under way. In the last two years alone, he has conducted oral arguments in eight federal and state appeals. He has represented Fortune 500 leaders, celebrities, and other individuals in matters involving allegations of fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, civil RICO violations, and defamation.

We received information from Todd Williamson, VP of SKDKnickerbocker, that **Robert F. Smith** was named a 2019 Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy Recipient. This honor recognizes philanthropists who carry on Andrew Carnegie's legacy of using their wealth to make a significant societal impact. Robert is the founder, chairman, and CEO of Vista Equity Partners and has been recognized for his "tireless philanthropic impact."

The Class of 1985 is a diverse group. We all have made an impact in our own way in business, the arts, law, hospitality, education, politics, medicine, literature, and veterinary medicine, as well as being models for our children and caretakers of our families. We excel in various fields and in personal relationships. I am truly honored to be a part of this class.

**Sharon Tolpin** Topper (Reunion co-chair), **Michael Smith**, **Roxanne Nosal**, and I, **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, attended Reunion Kick-Off in September. **Jen Sidell** Cornelissen Ellis (Reunion co-chair) was unable to attend as she was busy rowing her way to a bronze medal in her new sport: crew. We are all very excited to be planning our 35th Reunion. Looking forward to seeing everyone in June. Make your plans, buy your plane tickets, and get yourself to campus!

The changes on campus and in Collegetown are staggering. Several years after we graduated, the U-Halls were upgraded. No more communal bathrooms, dining rooms, and elevators in every "house" on West Campus! New, modern buildings jut out in front of the brick and ivy. The campus store has everything, from textbooks to apparel, dish soap to toilet tissue, a café, room décor, and more. Collegetown Bagels is moving and Ruloff's will be gone when we get back for Reunion. The North Forty is now a wedding venue. Time has marched on. And so have we. But I feel that every time I come back to Cornell, I am coming home. Back to where I met the best friends I have ever had. Back to where I learned, truly learned, what I wanted to "be." Back to where I found my voice. So, though so much has changed on the outside, just like we have changed on the outside, Cornell is still Cornell at its core values. And we? We will always be Cornellians. ♦ **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**86** As I write this wintertime column, the leaves are starting to change and the temperature promises to drop enough so I can don a sweater. Autumn in Atlanta is so unlike that in Ithaca, and I

sorely miss the symphony of color and crispness of the air that began soon after we would arrive on the Hill for the start of another academic year. Working on a college campus, I often find myself reminiscing about Cornell. What makes you think back to your experiences on campus? I, and my fellow class correspondents, would love to hear what triggers your memories.

Our classmate **Elizabeth Woodward** has been continuing the life of a student as a graduate student in Miami U.'s Global Field Program. Elizabeth, who lives in Oakland, CA, also works as a science coach/engineering teacher at Int'l Community School. In summer 2019, she studied coral reef ecology and the conservation of marine systems along the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.

Author! Author! **Diana Skelton** co-authored a well-received book with Jean Stallings. *Until the Sky Turns Silver* received a Next Generation Indie Book Award in the category of Social Change. The novel includes a previously unpublished poem by our classmate **Karen Erdman**, who died in 2004. **Sheryl Haft** Flug is a children's book author. Her third picture book, *Goodnight Bubbala*, was published on October 15, 2019. A joyful parody of the classic *Goodnight Moon*, the story celebrates family, Jewish culture, and the Yiddish language. It sounds like a great gift for a little one! I saw great reviews of Sheryl's earlier books, *Baby-Boo*, *I Love You* and *I Love You, Blankie*, and I assume this next book will be delightful for the little ones as well.

**Katherine O'Neill's** daughter, Jennifer Katz, is likely a bit old for Sheryl's books. While visiting Jennifer, who was a sophomore at Syracuse U., Kathryn took a detour to Cornell. It was the first time that she visited campus in over 20 years. Of her day in Upstate New York, she said, "It was a beautiful fall day and the view from Libe Slope was just as I remember it. While some areas of campus had so many new buildings and I got a little disoriented, the Arts Quad was the same as always. It was lovely to walk around and listen to the bells chiming from the clock tower." I think all of us who have recently visited the campus know exactly what she was experiencing.

Kudos to **Nina Kleiman**, who was named to this year's list of Influential Women in Hospitality by *Hotel Management* magazine. Nina will celebrate her ninth year at hotelAVE, a hotel asset management firm that was founded by hotelier (and my sorority sister) **Michelle Russo '87**. Nina is currently planning the 11th Annual Cornell Hotel Society (CHS) NYC Big Apple Update, which educates those in the industry about operating statistics, transaction activity, the 2019 NYC tourism outlook, revenue management strategies, food and beverage trends, and more. **Cherie Mackierman** Bagwill, **MPS '80**, **Liz Schafer '84**, and Nina founded and co-organized the event more than ten years ago. And, in what sounds like her very little spare time, Nina is enjoying time with her two daughters, ages 15 and 17.

Despite having an empty nest, with youngest **Nina Suss '23** matriculating in the College of Arts & Sciences, **Eric Suss** is keeping busy. By day, Eric is a managing director for Morgan Stanley in New York, and by night, he serves his community as a member of the Metuchen Board of Education in New Jersey.

**Glen Doherty**, JD '89, recently joined the law firm of Hodgson Russ. Located in their Albany office, Glen represents both employers and management in all aspects of labor and employment law. He also represents his clients when dealing with the full spectrum of labor and employment law-related litigation matters, in state and federal courts, and in front of both arbitrators and state and federal administrative agencies.

While it is autumn as I write, I hope it is spring in your hearts as you read this month's column, and may it inspire you to write one of us with your news and updates. ♦ **Toby Goldsmith**, toby.goldsmith@gmail.com; **Lori Wagner**, loriwagner86@gmail.com; **Michael Wagner**, mwagner123@gmail.com; **Nancy Keates**, nancy.keates@wsj.com.

**87** Hello, fellow members of the Class of 1987. I hope you are reading this column in warm surroundings. I spent my summer vacation in the warm surroundings of Greece. My family and I stayed in Athens in an apartment that was directly across from the Acropolis. We also visited the lovely island of Skiathos. I highly recommend it if you are looking for a place that is off the beaten path but still has lots of amenities, including a plethora of restaurants. Contact me (Liz) at the e-mail address below if you'd like to hear more about it.

Speaking of last summer, **Elaine McLaughlin** Halliday wrote that she and her daughters Brigid, 15, and Colleen, 14, took classes at Cornell's Adult University. Elaine enjoyed learning a lot and being in Ithaca's gorgeous gorges, woods, and creeks while taking Prof. Cole Gilbert's Natural History of the Finger Lakes course. As part of the course, Elaine caught and released crawdaddies, found cool, colorful salamanders, and studied the geology and life in the Finger Lakes region. Brigid took a veterinary medicine course in which she conducted physical exams on beagles, held snakes, and visited cows and sheep to learn about caring for them. In her outdoor adventures course, Colleen spent her days rappelling and rock climbing. Both daughters enjoyed full nights that included teen dances, talent shows, and "silly, messy" indoor and outdoor games. Elaine said that she and her daughters "enjoyed sharing Cornell's delicious meals, together and apart, dorm life, and all things Ithaca."

Last spring was a "period of very high achievement" for the women in **David Tarr's** family. Wife **Jennifer (McEnroe)** was awarded her doctorate in education with a specialty in reading and language. Daughter Liza graduated magna cum laude in philosophy from Middlebury College after serving as captain of the women's softball team, and older daughter Ali is pursuing her master's degree in education.

On Saturday, September 7, over 50 of **Tim Mulligan's** classmates, family members, and friends returned to campus to dedicate a locker in the lacrosse locker room in his memory. Tim passed away last March after a courageous four-and-a-half-year battle with cancer. The ceremony was led by former lacrosse coach Richie Moran and classmates **Charlie Muller**, **Steve Long**, **Chris Modesti**, and **Marty McCormick**, who all spoke in Tim's memory. **Dave Moran** shared his remembrances of Tim, which started on move-in day in 1983 and continued for decades afterward. The dedication was attended by Class of 1987 members **Debbie Kranz Muller**, **Nicolle Clessuras McCormick**, **Paul Mularz**, **Mike Finn**, **Matt Moro**, **Tim Vivian**, and **Steve Paletta '86**, BS '87, as well as Cornell graduates from the classes of 1981, 1982, and 1985-90.

**Ingrid Hoffmann** Zabel was featured in an article on the Cornell alumni website. Ingrid is climate change manager for the Paleontological Research Institution in Ithaca. The organization provides education resources about the history of life on Earth. In 2017, Ingrid and her colleagues released *The Teacher-Friendly Guide (TM) to Climate Change*. In the past two years the book has been distributed to more than 50,000 teachers in 44 states.

Please be sure to send us your news via a news form or by e-mailing us at the following: ♦ **Liz Brown**,

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**88** Greetings and happy winter to all—brings back memories of sledding down Libe Slope on campus! We're reporting on exciting updates from the Class of '88.

**Victor Seidel** somehow found time to earn an additional degree! He reports that as he passed his 30th Reunion and saw his 35th not far away, he was asking some big philosophical questions—but had neglected electives in philosophy as an undergraduate engineer. So, after two years of part-time effort, in May 2019 he completed a graduate certificate in philosophy and ethics from the Harvard Extension School. He recommends fellow classmates also delve into philosophy and ethics if previously neglected. He also indicates that what he learned has been fascinating and relevant to his work as a professor of technology and innovation management and makes for great conversations with family around the dinner table! **Alex Counts** writes that he is finding a lot of satisfaction teaching at the U. of Maryland and writing. In fact, he has published his fourth (!) book, this one focusing on nonprofit leadership, called *Changing the World Without Losing Your Mind: Leadership Lessons from Three Decades of Social Entrepreneurship*. He says his best day at Cornell was meeting **Rohit Bakshi '86** during freshman orientation.

We recently heard that **Anne Chow**, ME '89, MBA '90, is the first female CEO for AT&T Business! She notes how exciting it is to be at AT&T right now, given that breakthrough technologies like 5G are being implemented. Anne was responsible for creating AT&T Women of Business, one of AT&T's fastest growing employee networks, with 4,800 members across 27 countries. Having been in the industry for nearly 30 years, she has held positions across a number of different functional areas, including engineering, sales, operations, marketing, customer care, and strategic planning. Congratulations, Anne—that's a big accomplishment! In her new role, she will be responsible for an organization serving millions of business customers around the globe.

And from the other side of the world, we hear from **Feleksan Firat** Onar, who started off in banking and is now a Turkish glass artist (talk about a career switch!) working in Istanbul, New York, Berlin, London, and Murano. Having trained with a renowned French glass artist, Feleksan then learned a variety of glass-making techniques and studied what Istanbul glass artists were doing in their work. Earlier this year, she had an exhibit at London's V&A Islamic Middle East Gallery featuring mold-blown glass swallows, representing her interpretation of the millions of displaced Syrians in Turkey. **David Tsui**, ME '89, e-mails that he became Boeing's regulatory affairs technical pilot earlier this year. He explains that means working with the FAA and international civil aviation regulatory agencies to determine what training is needed to safely fly Boeing airplanes. On a personal note, he says his son Isaac is turning 10 this year. Sounds like he's keeping busy!

For those '88ers currently volunteering or looking to volunteer to give back to Cornell, the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) 2020 will be held February 21-22, 2020 in Las Vegas (yeah, Vegas, baby)! Check out <https://alumni.cornell.edu/volunteer/leadership/calc/conferenceinformation/> to learn more and keep apprised of when to register for the conference. We'd love to see you there. As always, please send us your news using the online form at: <https://alumni.cornell.edu/>



class-notes/ or write to any of us at the addresses below. Without your news, we don't have a column (plus, we really want to hear what you're up to). We look forward to hearing from you! Your class correspondents: ♦ **Aliza Stein** Angelchik, aangelchik@sonorusbrand.com; **Debbie Kaplan** Gershenson, dkgershe@gmail.com; **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, ALM46@cornell.edu.

**89** Visiting with classmates at Reunion 2019 brought memories flooding back, as expected, but I also felt a new thread flowing through my conversations during the weekend, one of gratitude. Repeatedly, we reflected on how thankful we are for life or our health, even as changes come. Less often we talked of jobs, accomplishments, and education, and more often about friends and families, pets, and travel. Many of us are toting kids back and forth to college during this chapter of life. During one of those chats, we learned our friend **Suzanne Brebbia** Zuidema has two kids at school in Buffalo near us and we have one going to be in school near her! She offered hospitality to us as we moved our daughter, Jillian, into New York City this fall. They rolled out the red carpet to us and we again enjoyed great food and even more satisfying and stimulating conversation! We learned that Sue's nephew is the Major League Baseball pitcher John Brebbia! We plan to visit again. Do you have a family member on the Hill? Perhaps one newly graduated, like our classmate **Stephanie Gebel** Silverstein—how exciting! "Our (**Adam '88** and my) oldest child, **Sarah '19**, just graduated from the College of Arts & Sciences at Cornell this past May 2019 and is now an organizer in New Hampshire for Pete For America."

Do you serve your community in an elected office? My husband and fellow '89er, **Michael McGarry**, serves our village as a member of the local school board. He almost went into education as a vocation, so this outlet brings him a lot of joy. Have you received an honor in your professional or volunteer spheres of influence? We'd love to hear so we can share your good news. **Dina Wisch** Gold (dinamgold@gmail.com) wrote, "I was appointed circuit mediator for the federal courts of the D.C. Circuit in May 2019." Congratulations, Dina!

We look forward to receiving your updates via online links or our Facebook page. Thanks to those who shared!

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**90** Happy 2020, classmates! The countdown is officially on for our 30th Reunion. As we have learned over the years, June weekends can be quite busy, so keep June 4-7 open! Be sure to start contacting those friends you've been meaning to reconnect with and let them know you would love to see them at Reunion. If you are interested in becoming an official affinity group leader for your sports team, fraternity or sorority, club activity, or other Cornell special interest group, please drop us a line at [cornellclass90@gmail.com](mailto:cornellclass90@gmail.com).

Last September, **Caroline Misciagna** Sussman, **Jeff Goldstein**, and **Elinor Langfelder** Schwind were at the Statler Hotel for the 30th Reunion Kick-Off planning meeting. The committee was delighted that everyone had a great time and that nearly all classmates hoped to come back for this summer's Reunion. Carefully reviewing the feedback from the 25th Reunion, it was clear that everyone wants higher quality food. Planning efforts will be focused on hiring the best caterers for each meal to offer

an array of delicious choices that will work with varied dietary needs and lifestyles.

The class event program includes plenty of opportunities to wax nostalgic while also connecting with the Cornell of today. Highlights include: Thursday night's pre-Reunion dinner at the new Milstein Architectural Pavilion; the 30th Reunion kickoff event at the Botanic Gardens (formerly known as the Cornell Plantations); and lunch and "facetime" at Willard Straight Hall. In addition to the popular tent parties on the Arts Quad and family activities at Fun in the Sun, there will be educational talks, morning yoga, meditation, group running, and walking tours of campus, which has undergone amazing changes and growth since our last gathering in 2015. We hope you will come back to the Hill and see for yourself.

To support Cornell's sustainability goals and to focus the Reunion budget on what matters most—namely great food—our Reunion 2020 communications will be done through e-mail, the Class of 1990 website (<http://classof90.alumni.cornell.edu>), and the Class of 1990 Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Cornell90>). Please follow and like it and invite your '90 friends to do the same.

**Scott Beijer**, our first alumnus class president, recently got in touch. Having been on our lost classmates list, he only heard about Reunion 2020 when **Jeff Capra** passed along the save the date information. Don't miss out! Please make sure to update your contact information at: <https://app.aad.cornell.edu/update-info>.

Multiple congrats go out to **Marko Zaninovich**, whose Rutherford Ranch 2018 Sauvignon Blanc has been selected as one of three wines for the 2019 Cornell Alumni Wine Collection. The specially designed label features a drawing of the springtime Arts Quad done by **Natalie Kwee '13**. Rutherford Ranch was named the 2019 California Family Owned Winery of the Year by the New York Int'l Wine Competition, in addition to being certified as California Winery Sustainable (CCSW). Most happily of all, his son **Marko Zaninovich '23** is at Cornell studying Viticulture and Enology and looks to carry on the family business. Marko Sr. and his wife, Dominique, enjoyed visiting campus during Family Weekend in October.

Recreational winemaker **Kevin Kozak** made a trip to Ithaca last June when he dropped off his daughter Allie to attend a Cornell Summer College class in equine veterinary medicine. Kevin's 2017 Malbec Rose won a gold medal at the San Diego County Fair. Kevin is also an avid surfer and keeps in shape by running, even when he is on business trips in Germany, Switzerland, and Singapore or vacationing in Paris and London. He randomly bumps into **Steve Rueter** as they both run around the neighborhood.

Former class correspondent **Amy Wang** Manning celebrated her 22nd work anniversary with *The Oregonian* last autumn. Among one of her career highlights was interviewing Tom Hanks when he was at the Portland Book Festival to promote his book of short stories. According to Amy, "He was quite pleasant and just as eager to talk about books that he has read as about his own book. He is very well read! Tom says, 'Subscribe!' to newspapers. He reads three."

Drawing journalistic inspiration from Amy, last September I experienced the thrill of a lifetime as a volunteer 2019 Rugby World Cup flash quote reporter at the games held in Kobe and Toyota City. I interviewed players during the captain's run practice sessions and after games and then transcribed their quotes within 30 minutes so that the Rugby News Service could enter them into the database used by media outlets around the world. To be honest, at the start of the tournament when I watched England take on the US, I didn't know much about rugby terminology, rules, and strategy, but live commentary taught me the finer points of the game. My favorite memory was getting a hug from Schalk Brits, a 38-year-old South African rugby veteran and captain of the game he played against Namibia, after I wished him luck and told him that my 42-year-old sister is attempting to qualify for Tokyo 2020. Age is truly just a number! Don't forget to save June 4-7! We can't wait to celebrate with everyone in Ithaca. See you at the 30th! ♦ **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu; **Allan Rousselle**, agr2@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**91** It's been a wonderful fall here in Ithaca. Though you'll read this in January, the fall colors are starting to come alive just before the Trustee-Council Annual Meeting (TCAM) weekend as I write. Here are a few notes from our classmates.

**Shawn Reeves**, MAT '97 (Cambridge, MA) writes, "I and my nonprofit have opened a workshop space, in Cambridge, MA, for teachers interested in energy and electronics. With very few of us, I took windsurfing for PE credits at Cornell. I'm still surfing on some of the same equipment as the 1980s, but I haven't surfed Cayuga Lake since 1990—I'd like to experience those high winds and frigid waters again." **Herbert "Tripp" Burgunder** (Owings Mills, MD) is a real estate lawyer in Baltimore. "My oldest child is now a sophomore at Cornell. I have been back to campus several times since he started."

**Dan Harrison** (Los Angeles, CA) has met with fellow alums **Michael Karangelen '90** (Bedford Corners, NY) and **Jeff Bershad '90** (Armonk, NY) for the fifth year to go to the MLB All-Star Game. "We've done Cincinnati, San Diego, Miami, Washington, and now Cleveland. I'm



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looking forward to 2020 in Los Angeles (where I live), so my commute will be the shortest—although with L.A. traffic, it might be faster to fly to Cleveland than to drive to Dodger Stadium. Most important, it is great to share time, friendship, and baseball and catch up over a couple of days.” **Caryn Cooperman** Davis writes from London, UK: “Hi! I have recently moved to London after living in Atlanta, GA, for 26 years. I am still working at Coca-Cola; after working at the world headquarters, I have now moved to the Western Europe business. If there are any other Cornell alums in London, please reach out. I would love to connect.”

**Allison Lakin** (Waldoboro, ME) wrote, “After a career working in museums, I founded Lakin’s Gorges Cheese in 2011. In 2016, I expanded the business, relocating to our new farm and beginning to build a herd of dairy cows. In the meantime, I buy my milk from another Cornell alum, **Carrie Whitcomb ’07**. And if I had a day in Ithaca, I would

Arts Quad, the Cornell chimes and McGraw Tower Open House, an a cappella concert from the Touchtones (still awesome), and a Cornell men’s ice hockey game. What a joy to see your child making Cornell her own!

**Mark**, MBA ’93, and **Sarah Ballow Clauss** are in a similar boat. They dropped off their oldest, Alexa, at Vanderbilt (not quite Cornell, but still fantastic). Sarah was getting used to not having her daughter home every day but was happy that she was having a blast. She wrote, “Vandy was the right fit for her, although maybe son Jack will more strongly consider the Big Red.” They were looking forward to parents weekend in Nashville (music and hot chicken!) and a slightly larger football stadium for a home game vs. LSU. Another classmate with a freshman in college is **Doreen Robinson**. Her oldest son just started at St. Johns in NYC; meanwhile, Doreen joined the UN Environmental Program in Nairobi, Kenya, as global chief for wildlife. Talk about far from home!

Humor from Mark Twain to Jon Stewart), and **Anita Lee**, JD ’98 (Home Ground: A Residential Landscape Design Workshop). These non-credit courses, designed and led by some of Cornell’s most gifted faculty, allow alums to enjoy the educational life of our exceptional university in the company of other bright, curious, and warmly engaged adult learners. If you would like to study for a week on campus or travel with Cornellians, please visit: <http://www.cau.cornell.edu>.

Thank you for all of your submissions and please keep the news coming! E-mail us or use the online form at: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>. Thanks! ♦ **Jean Kintisch**, [jmk226@cornell.edu](mailto:jmk226@cornell.edu); **Lois Duffy** Castellano, [LKD2@cornell.edu](mailto:LKD2@cornell.edu).

## ‘Commencement was amazing! Such a different experience as a parent!’

KIMBERLY POWELL SENDELBACH ’93

take the time to leisurely explore the natural wonders around the campus. They provided such respite during times of stress as an undergraduate; I would like to see them through relaxed eyes.” **Zina Spezakis** (Tenafly, NJ) announces, “Having spent nearly two decades on Wall Street, I moved into clean energy a few years ago helping a Cornell startup, Ecoelectro, that develops technology that enables clean energy production from hydrogen gas. But the big news is that I’m running as a Democrat for Congress in New Jersey’s Ninth Congressional District next year. Having read the UN’s IPCC report last fall, I realize that I need to step up and run in order to bring the urgency, expertise, and relentless drive to address the climate emergency we are facing.” Good luck, Zina! We are rooting for you.

**Stacey Slater** Sacks (Summit, NJ) writes, “For the last 24 years, I have been an attorney at Nixon Peabody LLP, based in its NYC office. I was a litigation associate, litigation partner, and, for the last 14 years, firm-wide pro bono partner, helping to organize and manage its pro bono program. I recently left to start Pro Bono Strategies LLC, a pro bono consulting business, where I will use my experience and network to help mid-sized law firms in NYC and New Jersey to start and/or develop their pro bono programs in a cost-effective way, thereby increasing the pool of lawyers available to do pro bono work. See more at: [www.probonostrategies.com](http://www.probonostrategies.com). On a personal note, I live in Summit, NJ, with my husband, Jonathan, my son, 14, and my daughter, 12. I am in touch with many of my Cornell friends and hope to see many more of you at our next Reunion.” Send your news to: ♦ **J. Tim Vanini**, [lavanooche@icloud.com](mailto:lavanooche@icloud.com); **Wendy Milks** Coburn, [wmilks-coburn@me.com](mailto:wmilks-coburn@me.com); **Lori Woodring**, [lori.woodring@yahoo.com](mailto:lori.woodring@yahoo.com); or **Joe Marraccino**, [Joe.Marraccino@wfafinet.com](mailto:Joe.Marraccino@wfafinet.com).

**92** My husband, **Todd Kantorczyk**, and I (**Jean Kintisch**) just got back from First-Year Family Weekend at Cornell. (Remember when it was just called Parents Weekend?) We enjoyed events at our daughter’s undergraduate college and her dorm, Fall Fest on the

**Kelly O’Brien**-Fairley wrote that she recently finalized the adoption of a sibling group of three children. They had previously been her students at West Street School in Geneva, NY, where Kelly is the school librarian working with pre-K to first grade. She says, “It’s a great school with fantastic little people.” So this adoption brings her family’s total to 11 children (ranging in age from 8-27) with nine still at home. Wow! They had a busy summer visiting amusement parks, going to camp, and playing with friends. They continue to provide temporary foster care if students of Kelly’s need a short-term placement. They were able to be a bridge for a former student who came into care suddenly and needed a five-day placement before she could move to her permanent foster home. Kelly wrote, “It brought her a great deal of comfort to know me on that first, frightening day when she had been removed from her home.” Speaking of growing your family, **Stephen Mong**, ME ’93, MBA ’02, recently welcomed a daughter with his wife, Laura. Baby Sofia joins big brother Jonathan and big sister Catherine from Stephen’s first marriage. Sleepless nights all over again!

**Tanya Kachen** Bentley started a nonprofit research organization called the Health and Human Performance Foundation. They will study the effectiveness of breathing practices on stress and its related conditions. Tanya enjoys meditating, breathwork, surfing, and family dinners. If she had a day in Ithaca, Tanya would eat at Collegietown Bagels (CTB) and Ruloff’s; attend a psych class and a Spanish, French, or Italian class; and hike the gorges and/or go for a long bike ride in the outskirts of Ithaca. Better hurry up for CTB and Ruloff’s, Tanya, as their days are sadly numbered due to new development in Collegietown! **Lizzy Klein** started something else. She launched mazi + zo, a line of high quality, handcrafted jewelry for sorority women, in July 2019. They have styles appropriate for active collegiate members as well as subtler symbols for alums and the “uninitiated.”

Last July, the following classmates participated in Cornell’s Adult University’s summer program: **Philip Hsia**, MBA ’99 (Bike the Finger Lakes), **Seth Kaplan** (American

**93** Welcome all to a New Year. Happy 2020! Our classmate **Justin Schor** is the co-author of the Urban Land Inst.’s new book, *Building a Multimodal Future: Connecting Real Estate Development and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) to Ease Gridlock*. It’s a playbook for transportation professionals, developers, and public policy advocates who are looking to overcome NIMBY fear of and opposition to density, reduce parking supply and construction costs, and encourage non-auto-focused design. This book also explores the origin, implementation, best practices, and results of TDM policies from ten distinctive communities across the US. *Building* also features perspectives of those who implement these policies and those who are affected by them, including developers, property owners, and managers, as well as other professionals who work with TDM policies, real-world examples of urban, suburban, and small-town communities that have implemented TDM policies in unique contexts. Most recently Justin celebrated his 20th wedding anniversary with his wife, Julie. On weekends he and Julie live the soccer life with their 16-year-old daughter. Asked what he would do if he had a day to spend in Ithaca, he replied, “Visit all the gorges!”

**Kimberly Powell Sendelbach** and her husband, **Matthew ’92**, shared that their son, **Luke ’19**, graduated from Cornell last May. She writes, “Commencement was amazing! I found him on the Arts Quad before the parade into Schoellkopf began. Such a different experience as a parent!” Last fall, **Theresa Flores** was elected president of the State Government Affairs Council (SGAC) at the organization’s annual business meeting. As a recognized leader in public affairs and legislative advocacy, she is the senior manager of public affairs for Mary Kay Inc., where she develops and recommends policy positions that protect the company’s direct selling, product, and global trade interests, focusing on engagement with legislators, governments, and NGOs. SGAC is the premier national association for multi-state government affairs professionals of major US corporations, trade associations, and service providers.

Make 2020 a great year! ♦ **Theresa Flores**, [taf6@cornell.edu](mailto:taf6@cornell.edu); **Melissa Hart** Moss, JD ’97, [melimoss@yahoo.com](mailto:melimoss@yahoo.com); **Mia Blackler**, [miablackler@yahoo.com](mailto:miablackler@yahoo.com).

**94** Here’s hoping that if you had to miss our Reunion last summer, you found a way to make it up somehow. **Marcia Firestone** Paltenstein wrote: “Sorry I couldn’t make it to Ithaca, but I had a mini-reunion with roommate **Ellen Tessler** Scholnicoff, who lives in Pittsburgh, while looking at the U. of Pittsburgh with my daughter in May. Currently living in New Jersey with my husband and two kids. Going through the college process with my daughter is bringing back a lot of memories of my time at Cornell.”



Speaking of the college process, **Jarrod Whitney** sent us a career update from California: "Just before our Reunion weekend, I was promoted from executive director of admissions and financial aid to assistant vice president of student affairs for enrollment and career services at Caltech. Much of my new focus will be on student success by looking at input data (new students) through output data (graduation rates, career placement, and graduate school results). Don't fret, classmates with prospective college-age kids: you may still use me as a resource as you navigate the college admissions and financial aid process!" And while we're on the topic of future scholars, we are thrilled to announce a birth. In NYC last May, **Hemda Mizrahi** and Alan Bienstock welcomed their second child, Aria. She joins sister Josi, now 2. Congratulations to the family!

Another mini-reunion happened when **Jane Gorayeb** Kiernan hosted a girls' weekend at her beach house in Belmar, NJ, last September. **Kathy Burdette** Shields came from Boston, **Laurie Taylor** McKernan from Cincinnati, **Liza Brown** Somilleda from Los Angeles, **Carly Powell** Tarafdar from Virginia, and **Amy Moskowitz** Lahana and **Sylvia Ponce '95** from NYC. Said Liza, "It was a perfect weekend with wonderful friends and amazing weather." In Geneva, NY, not far from our old stomping grounds, **Leah Shafer**, PhD '08, is the chair of the media and society program at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, where she recently won the Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching. Congrats, Leah!

Another professional update, courtesy of **Lori DiLorenzo** Buszkiewicz (lori.dilorenzo@spectrumhealthsystems.org): "Hello all! I just wanted to update that in addition to being busy raising four girls, I have changed careers a bit and am now board-certified in addiction medicine as well as family medicine. I work for a non-profit, helping people battle the illness of addiction, both inpatient and outpatient. If anyone is ever in the North Central Massachusetts area, feel free to look me up!" **Paul Bamundo** also wants you to look him up: "After several years as the chief marketing officer of the Ivy League, I started a new job as senior vice president for Laurel Road. In my role as head of business development and marketing partnerships, I lead the company's efforts to help people refinance their student loans and pay off their financial debt. The student loan debt situation in our country is a serious issue, and I am proud to work for an organization that is making a real difference in people's lives. We are based in New York City, so please drop me a line if you are in the area."

In Virginia, **Tracy Brick** Rutherford now heads the Dept. of Agricultural, Leadership, and Community Education at Virginia Tech. Also in Virginia, **Monica Flores** wrote: "I've recently joined Lullabot, a strategy, design, and development agency, in the role of technical project manager. The company is known for its focus on the Drupal platform and works with organizations like Google, Tesla, SpaceX, IBM, Harvard U., and the State of Georgia. We have a 100 percent remote workforce, so I'm able to work from my home office or from the Wing women's networking space." As for family news, she added, "My oldest left for college! I'm remembering Orientation week when we all arrived on campus." You know how we secretly hope some of our college buddies will relocate to where we are? Well, in 2018, my U-Hall 4 pal **Larisa Alonso** moved to the Chicago area with her husband and son. Just last spring, classmate **Jason Saculles** also joined us in the Windy City, leaving L.A. and trading the Pacific for Lake Michigan! He has been working in marketing for the Disney Visa card for the past four years.

May there be plenty of mini-reunions in your future! ♦ **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**95** I write this column in the middle of what is called travel season. I am currently an admissions recruiter for Massachusetts Maritime Academy, a state college specializing in maritime studies—engineering, business, environmental protection, and emergency management—located just a few miles down the Cape Cod Canal from where I live. I still edit a couple of local magazines, *South Coast Almanac* and *At Home on Cape Cod*, but am trying to get back into higher education in some capacity. I had always enjoyed the work I did for the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN), so when this opportunity to do similar work for a local college became available, I jumped at the chance.

My travel schedule afforded me an opportunity to grab lunch with **Andy Ward**. Andy was a Landscape Architecture major who has since transitioned into commercial real estate in southern New Hampshire. He lives in a suburb of Portsmouth with his wife and two children. He shared with me that our mutual friend **Doug Duval '96** is living a very mobile lifestyle, homeschooling his children as he crisscrosses the country in a van ("This is not a camper," says Andy. "It's a van!") and spends time on the Baja Peninsula of Mexico in the winters. He also has visited some far-flung places such as Bali in the last year. Keeping up with Doug on Facebook is pretty wild.

Our Big Red Trivia contest is still going strong. In September and October, many classmates answered questions to win the chance for Cornell swag. **Rob Rossi**, MS '00, who lives in the Boston area, knew that there are six verses in the Cornell Alma Mater, "Far Above Cayuga's Waters." I don't know Rob personally, but I happened to work with his wife, Holly, who is a freelance writer, while I was at *Cape Cod Magazine*.

**Dave McKew** let us know that Cornell beat Princeton U. 33-27 in the 1996 Homecoming game, Big Red Bears vs. Tigers. **Leigh Ellen Alford** Baca correctly answered that Cornell's national university ranking was #9 in the 1991 edition of *US News & World Report* Best Colleges issue. Last September, the latest rankings came out and Cornell was #17, tied with Rice U. (\*sigh\*). **Sophia Lee**, a partner at Blank Rome LLP and recently appointed as the firm's chief diversity and inclusion officer, has been elected to the board of directors of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania (GSEP) for a two-year term.

Given my college recruiting work, I noticed that **Dana Raymond** Roth also works in the college counseling field, having earned her master's in social work from Columbia U. and certificate in college counseling from the U. of California, Los Angeles. She has lived in Newtown, CT, for almost 14 years ("which is a story in itself," she says, "but not one I want to revisit"), with two kids in high school: one freshman, one junior. "I did have the opportunity to make it up to Ithaca twice this summer, once with each kid, where I dragged them around to my favorite sites—the falls, the flat rocks, the Botanic Gardens, the Commons, Glenwood Pines, Shortstop, Ruloff's. They were far less enthusiastic about being there than I was about showing them, although my son did complete the Pinesburger Challenge and has the hat to prove it. I'm still in touch with a lot of Cornell friends, mostly the KKG girls from 118 Cook St., but others too."

Got some updates to share? Reach out to us. ♦ **Scott Lajoie**, scottlajoie@hotmail.com; **Alison Torrillo**

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**96** **Dan Chen** was on display! As part of the photo exhibition "Typecast: What Hollywood Gets Wrong About Race and Ethnicity," he was the first subject interviewed for the project. A traveling exhibition, it was featured in Brooklyn Bridge Park last September. You can learn more about Dan at DramaLaw.com.

Saxophone, clarinet, and flute player **Seth Kibel** had a busy fall and winter performance schedule lined up in the Baltimore/Washington region, including performances scheduled at Keystone Korner (Baltimore's posh new jazz club), the Edlavitch Jewish Community Center in D.C., and AMP by Strathmore in Bethesda. You can keep up with his schedule at: <http://www.sethkibel.com>.

**Ron Johnstone** and his wife, Amy, returned to Ithaca last summer to drop off their oldest child, **Jessica '23**, for her freshman year. They thought the campus and downtown Ithaca looked great, but Collegetown . . . not so much! They are looking forward to at least annual campus visits for the next few years. Send your news to: ♦ **Lee Hendelman**, LeeH1818@hotmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**97** **Kyle MacLea** writes, "After five years as an assistant professor of biological sciences and biotechnology at the U. of New Hampshire, I was awarded my college-level Faculty Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship in May 2019 and promoted to associate professor in August 2019." He adds, "My 6-year-old twins, Annabelle and Duncan, started kindergarten at the public school nearby, and their 22-month-old brother, Elliott, has entered his school's toddler room."

How did you ring in the New Year? Let us know. ♦ **Erica Broenne** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu; or **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**98** Last fall's Homecoming marked the 25th anniversary of our storming Schoellkopf Field as freshmen—can you believe it? Whether you've gone back to visit with family or friends, you know you can always go home! As always, we enjoy hearing from you about your latest and greatest adventures, so please contact us and share your news.

**Karen Dorman** Kipnes is proud to announce that her daughter Colby is the voice of the Bubble Guppies character Oona on the Nick Jr. channel. Congratulations! Karen is a New York-based attorney, specializing in collaborative law and mediation. After Cornell, Karen received her JD from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in 2002. **Molly Darnieder** Bracken and her husband, Bill, have launched Bracken's Kitchen, a 501(c)(3) organization based in Orange County, CA, that is committed to their mission: "Through food recovery, culinary training, and our community feeding program, we are committed to recovering, re-purposing, and restoring both food and lives." Entering into their seventh year, Bracken's Kitchen is dedicated to partnering with their community partners and volunteers, from all levels, to address the hunger problem. Molly is also a fitness coach inspiring both men and women to live healthier lives.

When **Ken Ho** isn't practicing medicine as a specialist in infectious diseases, he can be found on the ice, mastering his "wicked hydroblade" and perfecting his double jumps. This past April, Ken competed at the US

Adult Figure Skating Championships in Salt Lake City, UT, to win the silver medal in his division. **Cristina Martinez** and husband Edson are settling into their new home in Lyndhurst, NJ, just in time to celebrate their daughter's first birthday! A partner and multicultural director at MediaCom, Cristina oversees various accounts like Uber, Sony, PlayStation, and AARP.

**Jamella Lee** has always been passionate about education! After Cornell, she earned her master's in education at Harvard U. and her Doctor of Law at Ohio State U. Moritz College of Law. Jamella is the vice president of people and culture at Jumpstart, a national early education organization that provides language, literacy, and social-emotional programs in under-resourced communities. **Lisa Held** was recently named chief of anesthesiology at Bryn Mawr Hospital in Bryn Mawr, PA. In addition, she serves as system chief of pediatric anesthesiology for Main Line Health System and is on the board of directors of United Anesthesia Services. Her daughter, Sophia, is 7 years old and in second grade.

**Michelle Tuorto**-Collins shared this with her colleagues and students at Saint Benedict's Preparatory School, where she is the assistant headmaster for academics: "I had the opportunity to spend a week this summer at Cornell's Adult University taking a course in ornithology, the study of birds. The course combined some of my favorite things—being up in Ithaca, birds and nature, and learning—in a lovely package that included meeting interesting people from all over the country. Being at Cornell gives me peace, and it was like spending a week in my version of a perfect world."

What have you been up to? Let us know! You can access the online news form at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/> or you can e-mail: ♦ **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, [udj1@cornell.edu](mailto:udj1@cornell.edu).

**99** Family, work, and travel bring **Shannon Floyd** (spf7123@hotmail.com) great satisfaction these days. She is the owner of her own foot and ankle specialty practice in The Villages, FL. Shannon and her husband, Kevin, have a 6-year-old daughter named Eva. When asked what her best day at Cornell was, Shannon responded, "Spending time with my sister, fellow alum **Lisa Floyd '05**, MPA '08."

Two classmates sent their business cards along with their news forms. **Kelwin Harris** is the director of outreach and engagement at the Office of the Cook County Assessor in Illinois. And **Laca Wong**-Hammond co-leads business development in mergers and acquisitions at Orix Real Estate Capital. She has a 2-year-old son and says, "I can't wait to bring him to Ithaca!" ♦ **Class of 1999**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, [abb83@cornell.edu](mailto:abb83@cornell.edu).

**00** Happy New Year, Class of '00! Make sure to add "submit news" to your list of resolutions—and head on over to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/> or write to me directly at: ♦ **Christine Jensen** Weld, [ckj1@cornell.edu](mailto:ckj1@cornell.edu).

**01** Is it only natural that professional writers are the folks most likely to write in with news, or does our class have an unusually large number of published authors? Either way, it's great to see so many of our names in print!

**Joy Marshall** Eliot checks in from Haines City, FL, with the link to her article in *Education Technology Research and Development* titled "Emotion theory in

education research practice: an interdisciplinary critical literature review." Check it out at <http://bit.ly/33uR1fy>. A 2015 injury has sidelined her from work and regionally competitive ballroom dancing—which she first took up as a Cornell freshman in PE!—but she's otherwise busy celebrating her 15th wedding anniversary and keeping up with four cats.

A short story by **Alejandro Varela**, "Carlitos in Charge," was published in the October 2019 issue of *Harper's Magazine*. Check it out at <http://bit.ly/33DBvy3>. "Being a writer whose work appears in this prestigious journal is the culmination of many things, including my education at Cornell," he explains. Alejandro received his master's in public health and worked for ten years on various community health projects before making a career shift into creative writing. He lives in New York City with his husband and their two children. He enjoyed his time at Cornell and thinks of it fondly. He says he wishes he had taken a few computer science and Latinx studies courses, though, and that he'd learned Mandarin and been more adventurous in his PE choices. If you haven't run into him in New York lately, you can read more of his work at [alejandrovarela.org](http://alejandrovarela.org) and follow him on Twitter at @drovarela.

**Benjamin Francis-Fallon** is proud to announce that his first book, *The Rise of the Latino Vote: A History*, was published by Harvard University Press in September 2019. For his day job, Benjamin is an assistant professor of history and director of social science education at Western Carolina U. (I suspect we could also fill up several Class Notes columns with all the academics in our class! Who else is out there and hasn't shared news lately?)

After several cross-country relocations and last year's big expat shift to Delhi, India, with my husband, **Salil Gupte**, I've launched Trailing-Spouse.com, featuring adventures and advice for those of us who've moved due to our partners' careers—and have made the very most of those experiences. (Think Julia Child and **Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54**, among many inspiring examples.) E-mail [hello@trailing-spouse.com](mailto:hello@trailing-spouse.com) to offer feedback, feature ideas, or personal stories. We know there are lots of trailing spouses out there, just based on your Class Notes alone!

Speaking of Cornell couples and trailing spouses: Welcome home, **Michael**, MPA '02, and **Susan Mueller Hanson**, ME '02, plus kids! After two years in the UK (make your own Brexit joke here), they've settled back down in Chantilly, VA. We can't wait to hear more on their relieved readjustment to right-side driving and elementary schools without posh uniforms—though perhaps their Big Red Marching Band memories made those uniforms seem quite endearing?

If Virginia and England had a baby, it would be Boston, right? Which brings us up to Boston-area and fellow band alum **David Tisi**, MS '04. (Hey, even professional writers have to really reach for transitions sometimes!) As technical director at Senopsys, the pharmaceutical consulting company he joined as a founding member of its scientific team in 2006, he's now considered an international expert in the area of pediatric drug formulations. He adds, "Having two girls (ages 3 and 4) and running a small business are seriously cutting into my bacchanalian time." He did find time for a get-together with fellow bandmates **Praveen Anumolu**, **Malinda Lovic Lesko**, **Kelly O'Donnell** Parsons '03, **Joshua Sibble '03** (aka "Radarr"), and **Rich Hovorka** earlier this year. "Our kids played together. It was cute!"

Our next official Reunion isn't until June 2021—save the date!—but we're always welcome to attend off-cycle

Reunions, too. **Steve Engelbrecht** took a lovely photo of his kids, Alex and Nora (classes of 2037 and 2039, respectively?), at the Cornell Botanic Gardens last June. As a member of the men's Glee Club, he often returns for Reunions, he writes, noting that at the June 2019 festivities, "We had our 150th anniversary so there were more than 300 Glee Club alumni back!"

And, lastly, I caught up with **Deniz Birinci** again during my family's annual visit to Nicosia, Cyprus. She's been busy with medical appointments for her adorable toddler, Olivia, who was born with cataracts and has now developed glaucoma. If any of you also have personal or professional experience with pediatric eye conditions, she'd love to be in touch ([birincimail@gmail.com](mailto:birincimail@gmail.com)).

Remember, when it comes to Class Notes, you don't have to be a professional writer to see your name in print! Keep in touch by sending your news to me ([NicoleMN6@gmail.com](mailto:NicoleMN6@gmail.com)), visiting our website ([www.classof01.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.classof01.alumni.cornell.edu)), liking our Facebook page, and following us on Twitter (@Cornell2001). And don't forget to mark your calendars for our 20th Reunion in June 2021! If you're available to help our Reunion committee brainstorm for this major milestone, please email [classof2001\\_reunion@cornell.edu](mailto:classof2001_reunion@cornell.edu). ♦ **Nicole Neroulis** Gupte, [NicoleMN6@gmail.com](mailto:NicoleMN6@gmail.com).

**02** "Got married this past July!" writes **Dan Moren**. "I've published two sci-fi novels, *The Caledonian Gambit* and *The Bayern Agenda*, with a third—*The Aleph Extraction*—on the way next year."

**Thomas Corwin** ([thomas.corwin@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.corwin@gmail.com)) writes, "Collette and I moved from New York to Boston in late 2018 to pursue new work opportunities and return to New England roots. I am working in the wild world of cryptocurrency startups and running a global support and client services team, and Collette is leading marketing efforts for the new Seaport District. Over the past year, we have been exploring the area, taking weekend trips to beautiful Maine, Cape Cod, New Hampshire, and beyond, as well as reconnecting with many fellow Cornellians in the Boston area. I would love to see old friends for a Jets (not Patriots) or Yankees (not Red Sox) game or a cold beer."

How did you ring in the New Year? Let us know. ♦ **Carolyn Deckinger** Lang, [cmd35@cornell.edu](mailto:cmd35@cornell.edu). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**03** **Allison Goodman** and **Brett Owens** have two girls, 5 and 2, who are keeping them plenty busy. Brett published his first book, *How to Retire on Dividends*, which is climbing up Amazon's bestseller list. "It's a playbook for retirees and near-retirees that shows how they can turn their nest eggs into income streams that last them through their golden years." Congratulations, Brett! **Rivka Shoulson** and spouse Marc welcomed their fourth child, Lev, to the family. He joins siblings Neta, Zahava, and Dov, making them a family of six! If that's not enough to keep them busy, Rivka is also the associate director for Columbia U.'s Inst. of Comparative Medicine. Best wishes with your growing family!

**Lisa Royce** Steinberg is the head of business development at the Everset, which is "a furniture subscription business that rents affordable and beautiful designer-curated furniture packages." Lisa notes, "We recently launched in NYC. I know this service would greatly benefit recent graduates, alumni, and faculty of Cornell that are moving to NYC by allowing them to have a seamless move into their new apartments." **Meghan Nutting** wrote, "My company, Sunnova Energy Corp.,



went public in July under the ticker symbol NOVA. As a member of the executive team, I had the privilege of standing on the balcony while our CEO rang the opening bell for the NYSE." Meghan is the executive vice president, policy and communications, and has been in that role since April 2018.

We look forward to hearing about all the things our classmates are doing via news and notes submissions; until then, all the best. ♦ **Jon Schoenberg**, jrs55@cornell.edu; **Candace Lee** Chow, cjl24@cornell.edu.

**04 Alexis Cecil** was promoted to senior associate in the Ann Arbor office of Quinn Evans Architects. Alexis is a member of the American Inst. of Architects (AIA) and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

**Mitchell Shuster** launched a new business! Wondervent is an event crowdfunding platform. Interested parties post an event on the site (<https://www.wondervent.com>); if enough people sign up, the event is carried out. Mitchell enjoys spending time with his family. He has a new baby daughter and a 4-year-old son.

After being a stay-at-home mom for nine years, **Samantha Stevens** Toma returned to work. She is currently a therapist at a partial hospital psychiatric program. Group therapy is her passion. Samantha has four children and is involved with school and church activities. She feels tremendous satisfaction from watching her children grow into the unique people they are as well as running group therapy at work. Continue to share your news with the class. Thanks! ♦ **Jessi Petrosino**, jessi.petrosino@ey.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**05** We did not receive many updates for this column, but please join me in congratulating the following classmates. **Adam Sansiveri** has been appointed by the Tennessee Performing Arts Foundation to a three-year term for the board of directors of the Tennessee Performing Arts Center (TPAC). A nonprofit based in Nashville, TPAC's mission is to lead with excellence in the performing arts and arts education, creating meaningful and relevant experiences to enrich lives, strengthen communities, and support economic vitality. Adam has also been appointed the head of AllianceBernstein's private client group in Nashville, while leading the firm's national sports, media, and entertainment practice. He relocated to Nashville in January 2019 after 15 years in New York City. He was also recently appointed to serve on the interactive digital media advisory council for the State of Tennessee by Governor Bill Lee.

The *International Journal of Government Auditing's* board of editors awarded **Michelle Wong** the Elmer B. Staats Award for her article "Supreme Audit Institutions and Climate Change Adaptation," co-authored with Willemien Roenhorst from the Netherlands Court of Audit. The journal presents the Elmer B. Staats Award to the author of the best article published over the previous three years. Judges for the competition are the Supreme Audit Institutions serving as the journal's board of editors and associate editors. Judges considered the following criteria when scoring the articles: contribution to knowledge and originality; evidence of research; imaginative treatment; literary merit; and subject matter. Michelle is the first awardee from the Supreme Audit Institution of the United States, the US Government Accountability Office (GAO), since the award was established in 1982. The Comptroller General of the US, Gene Dodaro, accepted the award on Michelle's behalf in Moscow this past September. ♦ **Michelle**

**Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu; **Hilary Johnson** King, haj4@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu.

**06** Happy 2020 to the Class of 2006! As we enter a new decade, this is a good opportunity to reflect and celebrate the life events and achievements of our Cornell classmates.

**Anna Kavar** recently started a new job with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America as a director of organizational development. After four years in healthcare and five in education, Anna is looking forward to learning about youth development more generally and to supporting BGCA's mission to enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Her role will include traveling to clubs all over the country to support local CEOs and boards in fundraising, program quality, memberships, etc. Before starting her new job, Anna took a seven-month break from work to travel and reconnect with family overseas, including Europe and the Middle East.

**Anthony Merlocco** started a master's program in practical ethics at U. of Oxford in the fall and continues working in pediatric cardiology between graduate school modules. Anthony currently lives in Memphis, TN, discovering blues and ribs all over town. If he had one day in Ithaca, he would swim in the gorges, eat at the Ivy Room, and drink coffee on the Slope. **Samuel Flaks** and his wife, Lauren Schneider, recently celebrated the birth of their new daughter, Sarah Anne. **Ron Rohde** and **Bethany Marmillo** married in 2017 and have a young daughter, Violet. Ron is managing his own corporate and real estate practice in Texas and loves coming home to see his family. If he had a day in Ithaca, he would hike the gorges.

**Agnes Shea** and her husband, Fred Fung, live in Hong Kong with their two children, Nathan and Alayna. After four years with HSBC, Agnes joined Leonteq in October 2018, where her focus is providing trading strategies and structured products ideas to private banks. If Agnes had one day in Ithaca, she would have breakfast in one of the dining halls, then walk to the Farmers Market for apples, peaches, and live music. After a light lunch, she would hike back to the Dairy Bar to try new ice cream flavors and take a tour around the Cornell campus. **Michele Segalini Westfall** and her husband, **Dan '04**, live in King Ferry, NY. They welcomed new daughter Ashleigh Ruth on February 20, 2019. Ashleigh joins big brother Benjamin Daniel, 3. **Justin Barnett** is currently an artist, songwriter, music producer, and DJ. Justin, also known as TK MAC, is finishing his debut EP, "A Hollywood Love Story," and earlier in 2019 released his first single, "Work It More."

In 2019, **Jessica Elias** received a promotion at work and began serving in the role of instructional coach at PS 527 in Manhattan. She married husband Brennan Lodge in July 2018 at a ceremony in New York City's Battery Park. **Lily Bonga** works as an archaeological illustrator and lives in Pittsburgh, PA. She says there are always new artifacts to draw, so her work never ends, but it is fascinating and fun to handle all the artifacts ancient craftspeople and artists made thousands of years ago. Lily won an Onassis Foundation post-doc fellowship for 2017-18 and conducted primary research on early Neolithic pottery (c. 6400 BC) from northern Greece, lectured, and wrote an article on her work. Lily enjoys her work but wishes she had more time to make art "for fun."

What's new with you? New job? Wedding? Big move? Kids? Let us know. We love to hear from you. ♦ **Tory Lauterbach**, VML8@cornell.edu.

**07** Happy New Year, Class of 2007! Hope everyone is getting happily settled into 2020. What kinds of resolutions did you make? Planning any trips up to visit Ithaca this year? Spending time with old classmates? We'd love to hear about it! Don't forget to send in your updates—my contact info is at the bottom of this column.

Congrats to classmates **Daniel** and **Rebecca Cole Carroll** on their tenth anniversary back in September! What a fantastic milestone—here's looking to many more happy years together. Additional congrats to **Trevor** and **Patricia DeSantis Belton '06** on the birth of their daughter on August 11, 2019. Welcome to the world, Gianna Nicole, another great addition to the Big Red family!

I'm looking forward to sharing more of your stories with everyone. Have news to share? Please feel free to reach out to me or submit online! ♦ **Samantha Feibush Wolf**, srf29@cornell.edu. Online news form, <https://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**08 Renata Shraybman** Chalfin completed her neurology training last year, had her second son, and opened up her own neurology practice in her hometown of Boca Raton, FL, where she lives with her husband and two sons. **Craig** and **Amanda Stoller Jatlow** also recently welcomed their second son, Parker Miles, who was born on September 27.

We hope you add "submit news" to your list of New Year's resolutions. How did you ring in the New Year? What are your plans for the spring? Let us know. ♦ **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu; **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**09** Hello, Class of 2009! We hope everyone had a wonderful fall. We have a few updates from our classmates as we head into the winter.

**John Cordani**, JD '11, recently joined Robinson & Cole LLP as a partner in the firm's business litigation group, where he will focus his practice on intellectual property and information technology litigation. **Katie Post** Wagner is a financial advisor and partner at Diversified Portfolios Inc., where she helps families and individuals plan for retirement. Katie and her husband, Drew, recently welcomed son Andrew into the world. They gave him his first taste of Ithaca during our 10th Reunion this past summer!

**Meli Mathis** moved to San Diego last year to continue her nursing career in the Navy and just purchased a house in the area. Meli spends her time on Mission Bay rowing with San Diego Rowing Club and quilting with the San Diego Modern Quilt Guild. She is looking forward to cheering on the Cornell hockey team when they head west to Las Vegas in January for the Fortress Invitational.

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** Next summer, we'll all be gathering back on the Hill for our 10th Reunion, but this past summer saw many joyous and momentous occasions for our Cornell classmates. **Heather Reed**, PhD '14, and **Eddie Rooker** kicked off the summer with a Fourth of July wedding celebration in Trumansburg, NY. The weekend featured a wine tour, pool party cookout, and, of course, the main event, with over 40 Cornellians in attendance to toast the newlyweds.

In July, **Jamie Brooks** and Bobby Gray had an elegant wedding at the Bowery Hotel in New York City; the

couple met at Yale Law School, and Class of 2010 Cornell alumni were represented in the wedding parties for the bride and groom. In August, **Lauren Barbato** married Mike McGee under the redwood trees of Guerneville, CA. The scenery was majestic, and the bride and groom were stunning as they exchanged their own vows. A magical camp weekend in Lake Hughes, CA, was the setting for the September wedding of **Cara Sprunk** and **Ryan Winn**. With camp activities, bonfires, a champagne truck, plenty of Nike dunks, a sunset wedding, a party 'til you drop reception, and bunks full of Cornell friends to celebrate the newlyweds, an unforgettable weekend was had by all attendees. In October, **Tim Sommers** married his one love, **Amy Zalaznick '11**, at a fairytale wedding at Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc on the French Riviera. All in all, this was certainly a summer of love for our Cornell classmates, with many happy engagements taking place this summer as well, setting us up for even more Cornell wedding fun in the coming months and years.

Away from the altar, there was much afoot for our classmates as well. Former captain of the Big Red Hockey team **Colin Greening** started an MBA program at Harvard this fall, after eight years in the NHL with Ottawa and Toronto. **Heather Mackey** was a cast member of the documentary *The River and the Wall*. The film, which was screened at South by Southwest and was a *New York Times* Critics' Pick, followed Heather and four compatriots on an adventure from El Paso to the Gulf of Mexico, observing the Texan borderlands and potential impacts of a border wall on the environment, communities, and immigration policy. **Brittany Bettman Baker** has been working toward the opening of her bakery delivery service, FOMO Baking Co., launching in November, which features gluten-free, dairy-free, egg-free, nut-free, and soy-free cookie bites and cookie cakes. Send your news to: ♦ **Jeff Katz**, jeff.allan.katz@gmail.com; **Amar Kelkar**, amarkelkar@gmail.com; or **Michelle Sun**, michelle.jsun@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**11** Congratulations are in order for many members of the Class of 2011, in both their professional and personal lives!

**Mike Annunziata**, MBA '17, and **Samantha Lovering '13**, DVM '18, got married on campus last August, with a ceremony in Sage Chapel and a reception at Willard Straight Hall. While Mike and Sam were both undergrads at Cornell, they didn't meet or know each other at the time. They met later, when Sam was a veterinary student and Mike was working for the investment team for Cornell's endowment. Mike remains active in Sigma Chi's alumni organization and has been a volunteer for the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN). His company, Farther Farms (fartherfarms.com), has had five Cornell undergrad interns over the past two years, and all six of their employees are either alums or have worked at Cornell for a period of time.

**Jenna Kerner** is making moves in the clothing industry as the co-founder and co-CEO of Harper Wilde, an online retailer that aims to improve the bra shopping experience—and to empower women and girls—by providing ethically made bras at fair prices, with thoughtful designs and features to meet real women's needs. A portion of their proceeds are donated to their social impact partner, the Girl Project, which helps girls in over 120 countries gain access to the education they deserve. Jenna was named one of *Forbes* magazine's "30 Under 30" in retail and e-commerce earlier this year.

**Michelle Klawans** and **Simeon Vogiatzis** were married on July 27, 2019 in Milwaukee, WI. The couple currently resides in Houston, TX, where Michelle is a PhD candidate in epidemiology at the U. of Texas School of Public Health and Simeon is a controls engineer at Air Products and Chemicals Inc.

A photo of **Andrew Alston** in an undisclosed location in Afghanistan was shared with us by **Michael Bolling '08**, Andrew's former Cornell football teammate. When Michael wrote, Captain Alston had been deployed for approximately six months and had received a care package from Michael that contained a Cornell flag; the flag flew in Afghanistan sometime in July of last year. Thank you all for sharing news from near and far! ♦ **Dara Perl**, dmp229@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**12** **Jessica Frasure** and **Matthew Scott** were married on June 29, 2019 near Columbus, OH. Also recently married are **Lauren Glasky '13**, MBA '19, and **Marc Silberman**, on July 4 in Westhampton Beach, NY. They had a large Cornell contingent present to celebrate (over 50 fellow Cornellians!), including Lauren's parents, **Joel '71** and **Bonnie Wolfman Glasky '73**, and a number of Cornell undergrad and Tech MBA friends. **Lori Moshman** recently moved to Baldwin County, AL, to work for a nutrient recycling company that is converting chicken manure into organic fertilizer using black soldier fly larvae. She is most looking forward to buying her own land and starting a homestead.

**Erin Rose Briggs**, ME '13, was recently named a part of this year's Ford Motor Co. 30 Under 30 class. Ford 30 Under 30 is a unique philanthropic leadership course for ambitious Ford Motor Co. employees working to address challenging social issues. The 2019 class of 30 Under 30—selected from more than 300 applicants—will work on community development initiatives in southeast Michigan, Ontario, and Mexico City. Send news to: ♦ **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**13** Although most of us have probably adjusted to January marking a new year, I for one am still in denial. The start of the school year will always feel like the new year to me.

We have some exciting updates from our council. We are working to incorporate events centered around volunteering and services into our calendar, which we are hoping to bring to cities throughout the country. We are experimenting with ways to stay connected to our class through various forms of information sharing. Stay tuned.

We have a couple of pieces of news this month. **Jeff Stein**, an economic policy reporter for the *Washington Post*, went viral when he tweeted about being shocked by the fact that one of his couple friends did not have respective "sides of the bed" when they slept. His Tweet took the internet by storm with more than 2,600 replies and 61,000 likes quickly after he made the post. The Tweet spawned dozens of articles and internet chatter discussing the anarchical state in which couples do not have sides of the bed. While my perpetually single self cannot completely relate, I would have to agree with the Twittersphere.

**Chidinma Sandra Okafor** works in health administration at NYU Langone. She was recently offered a trustee seat on the board of education for the school district where she and her siblings, including **Vincent Okafor '15**, attended elementary school. By the time you all read this, Chidinma will have been appointed. In her free time, she enjoys reading and weekend road trips.

She is also pursuing a master's in health administration at NYU Wagner. If she had one day to visit Cornell, she would go to the Cornell Dairy, climb to the top of the clock tower (again!), and visit various other spots like the A.D. White Library and Cornell Admissions, where she spent much of her time as co-chair of CU IMAGE.

**Lauren Glasky**, MBA '15, and **Marc Silberman '12** were married on July 4 in Westhampton Beach, NY. They had over 50 Cornellians in attendance, not to mention Lauren's parents, who are both alumni (**Joel '71** and **Bonnie Wolfman Glasky '73**)!

We are looking for an additional volunteer to assist me in writing these bi-monthly columns. If you are interested, please e-mail me at the address below. We are also always looking for more news to share, so please do not hesitate to send me an e-mail about what you're up to! ♦ **Rachael Schuman**, RASchuman@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**14** Happy New Year, Class of 2014! **Philip Coriveau** married his high school sweetheart, Caitlin Demars, on September 7, 2019 in Newport, RI. Philip is currently working as a software engineering manager for Intrepid Pursuits in Cambridge, MA. **Sarah Daly**, MS '16, is working on her PhD in agricultural and biological engineering at Purdue U. Last year she won a Henry Ford II fellowship as well as a poster competition and presentation award for her research. If Sarah had a day to spend in Ithaca, she would enjoy visiting the Johnson Art Museum and the Botanic Gardens.

We would love to share any life updates you have with our 2014 classmates. Please reach out to me with any stories! ♦ **Samantha Lapehn**, SRL76@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/>.

**15** Happy winter, Class of 2015! Our 5th Reunion is fast approaching, and our classmates have been very busy earning graduate degrees, accelerating their careers, and traveling the world. **Keiran Cantilina** came in fourth place in the Int'l Queen Fabiola Carillon Competition in Belgium after studying the carillon for one year at the Royal Carillon School in Mechelen, Belgium. He was first introduced to the bells as a chimesmaster at Cornell.

Three generations of Cornelians gathered in New Hope, PA, for the wedding of **Mike Catsos**, MRP '15 and **Nichole Proctor English**, officiated by **Isaac Robb**, MRP '16. Plenty of Cornelians attended their nuptials including **Annie Pease**, MRP '16, **Brian Byrd**, MRP '16, **Paul '82** and **Patsy Danehy Catsos '83**, and **Michael Danehy '59**, BS '60.

In addition to getting married in October 2018, **Jonathan Schmidt-Swartz** has been working toward his PhD at New York U. in Hebrew and Judaic studies. **Sarah Hefner** has also been pursuing a higher degree as she works toward getting her master's as a pediatric nurse practitioner while working in the neonatal intensive care unit at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Have some news to share? Have you gotten a new job? Started a graduate program? Taken an amazing trip? Please send us those updates, and more, and we will include them in a future column! ♦ **Haley Velasco**, hav9@cornell.edu; **Ariel Cooper**, ALC258@cornell.edu.

**16** How did you ring in the New Year? Make sure to add "submit news" to your list of resolutions—and head on over to <http://alumni.cornell.edu/class-notes/> or write to me directly at: ♦ **Meghan McCormick**, mcm324@cornell.edu.



## Agriculture & Life Sciences

**Michael Fey, PhD '80**, a competitive swimmer during his time as an undergraduate at St. John's U., writes, "When I swam my last race in college, I vowed never to swim again as the workouts—about 6,000 yards, six days a week—were extremely demanding. Approximately 11 years ago, at age 58, I was 50 pounds overweight and diagnosed with a pituitary adenoma (tumor). I had it excised at Brigham and Women's hospital in Boston and I then decided to live a healthier lifestyle. As a carrot to improving my health, I convinced my wife and son to trek up Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa. I joined the local YMCA and started on the road to good health. Although it was a near-death experience, I made it to the summit. I have since trekked up Machu Picchu in Peru and to Mt. Everest Base Camp in Nepal. I'm not sure what motivated me to get back to competitive swimming last August, after

our advisors and mentors, we leave Cornell with the skills and determination to do good in the world. I am very grateful." When asked what the most rewarding part of her career is, she responded, "Changing lives makes the hard work worthwhile."

**Karla Peña, MS '18**, is a recipient of the American Fellowship, which is given out by the American Assn. of University Women (AAUW) with an aim to tackle barriers women face in education. Karla is currently pursuing her PhD in Development Sociology, Rural and Environmental Sociology, and Latin American Studies at Cornell."

## Arts & Sciences

**Jessica Waldo, MS '90, MA '92, PhD '95**, has been promoted to the rank of full professor in the music department of the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. She is the author of *Recognition in Mozart's Operas*

## Human Ecology

**Joseph Cappelleri, PhD '91**, is a statistical scientist, a medical researcher, and an executive director of biostatistics at Pfizer Inc., where he has been for the past 22 years. Joseph is considered one of the most prolific researchers in the pharmaceutical industry; he has co-authored approximately 450 publications and 900 external presentations. He is lead author on a book on patient-reported outcomes, co-authored another book on phase 2 clinical trials, and co-edited a monograph on health economics and outcomes research. As an adjunct professor, he has served on the faculties at Brown U. (biostatistics), Tufts Medical Center (medicine), and the U. of Connecticut (statistics), where he has taught a semester-long course on epidemiology."

## Law School

**Christopher Massaroni, JD '82**, recently joined Hodgson Russ, in their Albany office. Christopher represents individuals and public and private entities on complex commercial litigation matters, product liability lawsuits, employment matters, corporate disputes, and construction claims and lawsuits. He also represents numerous national corporations on self-insured personal injury disputes.

**Scott Paton, JD '94**, also recently joined the Albany office of Hodgson Russ—representing clients in all aspects of business litigation including labor and employment law disputes focusing on the enforcement of non-compete agreements, the pursuit of claims sounding in trade-secret misappropriation, unfair business practices, and shareholder disputes."

## Weill Cornell Medicine

**Karl Verebey, PhD '57**, received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award in February 2018. This award is given by Marquis Who's Who, a publisher of biographical profiles that chronicles the lives of the most accomplished individuals and innovators from such fields as politics, business, medicine, law, education, art, religion, and entertainment. In his 55 years of scientific experience, Karl has been the director of toxicology for Ammon Analytical Laboratory, the president and director for LeadTech Corp., senior legal consultant in forensic toxicology, pharmacology, and behavior for the Biobehavioral Research Foundation Inc., director of toxicology for the Inst. for Basic Research, chief toxicologist for the Dept. of Health with NYC, and clinical laboratory director for the Psychiatric Diagnostic Laboratory of America. Additionally, he has held a number of other positions including associate professor of psychiatry for SUNY Downstate Medical Center and research professor of psychiatry for New York Medical College.

## 'It was only fitting that I would retire from competitive swimming after receiving two gold medals on my 69th birthday at the New Jersey Senior Olympics.'

MICHAEL FEY, PHD '80

a 46-year layoff, but I decided to see what I could do. I joined US Masters Swimming and signed up for my first four events at the New Jersey Senior Olympics in Woodbridge, NJ, just a few weeks later. I swam the 50-yard backstroke, freestyle, butterfly, and the 100-yard individual medley on my 68th birthday, September 7. To my complete surprise, I won four gold medals and qualified for the National Senior Games (Olympics)." Over the next year, Michael placed at many national and international swim meets. "It was only fitting that I would retire from competitive swimming after receiving two gold medals on my 69th birthday at the New Jersey Senior Olympics on September 7, 2019. This was only one year after my brief comeback to the sport. For any of my fellow Cornellians reading this, I just want to encourage you to pursue your dreams and aspirations. It's never too late. Sometimes dreams do come true!"

**Brooke Zanetell, MS '00, PhD '03**, is an assistant professor in the natural resources program at the U. of New Mexico, Taos. Brooke recalls, "I quit a job as a science advisor in the US Dept. of State in Washington, DC, to move back to the Rocky Mountains. I wanted to work with real rivers and real fish. It was a very irrational decision. I 'landed in Taos, NM,' as they say, and rebuilt a life with my new husband. Soon, I got the itch to use my experience and knowledge and began teaching at UNM. I realized there was an opportunity to create a program in natural resources management, applied for the USDA grant, and the rest—or the last five years—is history.

"My Cornell training is fundamental to all my current and future successes. My passions and capacity were groomed and molded into the habits, skills, and judgment of a highly effective person. This does not make me unique. It is something we Cornellians have in common. Starting with Ezra Cornell's vision, the morally grounded ambitions of our predecessors, and the dedication of

(Oxford University Press, 2006, 2011) and many scholarly articles written for books, journals, and European opera houses. Her research interests include opera studies, reception history, and the representation of gender in music. She has been a member of the Holy Cross faculty since 1995. "Nothing gives me a greater sense of accomplishment than seeing my students succeed!"

**Aaron Peltari, PhD '12**, is a lecturer in classics at the U. of Edinburgh. He has a new book out, *The Psychomachia of Prudentius: Text, Commentary, and Glossary*, which delves into the allegorical masterpiece of one of the greatest Latin poets of late antiquity. Prudentius's poem "Psychomachia"—despite being one of the most popular and influential poems of the Middle Ages—is unfamiliar to most contemporary students of Latin. Aaron's book features the first full-length English commentary on the poem, making it accessible to modern learners.

**Magdala Jeudy, MA '17**, is currently pursuing her PhD at Cornell, focusing on the intersection of medicine and nineteenth-century French literature. She was recently awarded the American Fellowship by the American Assn. of University Women (AAUW) so that she can pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls.

## Engineering

**Shravya Markandeya, ME '08**, writes, "I was selected as one of the *Engineering News-Record* (ENR) New York's Top Young Professionals for 2019. This competition is an annual regional program honoring outstanding young construction and design professionals. Each region highlights a group of individuals under the age of 40 who represent the industry's top rising leaders by giving back to their industry and communities. I was also selected as the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) New York Young Professional of the Year 2019."

## Share Your News!

We would love to hear from you! To be included in a future Grad Notes section, please send your news to [abb83@cornell.edu](mailto:abb83@cornell.edu), or fill out a news form at: [cornellalumnimagazine.com/grad-news/](http://cornellalumnimagazine.com/grad-news/).

# ALUMNI DEATHS

## 1930s

'36—Reginald Werrenrath Jr.,  
Evanston, IL, August 8, 2019  
'37 BS Ag—John D. Henderson,  
Vero Beach, FL, September 8, 2019  
'39 BA—Edward J. Moore,  
Woodbury, NJ, July 3, 2019

## 1940s

'40 BME—Paul W. Koenig,  
Auburn, NY, August 29, 2019  
'41-42 SP Ag—John K. Hall,  
Lockport, NY, May 18, 2019  
'42—Emilio F. DePetris,  
Southampton, NY, October 30, 2018  
'42 BA—Elizabeth Schlamm Eddy,  
New York City, May 14, 2019  
'42 BA—Marion Rosenfeld Friedman,  
Rockville Centre, NY, November 1, 2018  
'42—Bernard A. Sachs,  
Los Angeles, CA, June 28, 2019  
'42—William H. Webster,  
Little Rock, AR, June 26, 2019  
'43, BS Ag '44—Eleanor Gillmor Amos,  
Columbus, OH, July 14, 2019  
'43, BS HE '44—Betty O. Bowman,  
Denver, CO, February 21, 2019  
'43 BME—S. Jackson Hunt,  
Richmond, IN, January 5, 2019  
'43 BME—Theodore K. Morse,  
White Plains, NY, July 24, 2019  
'43 BS HE—Gracia Byrne Ostrander,  
Ithaca, NY, August 17, 2019  
'44—Charles T. Derry,  
Paoli, PA, November 5, 2018  
'44—William V. Gaffney,  
Rush, NY, January 16, 2019  
'44 BA, JD '48—George H. Getman,  
Sun City Center, FL, February 20, 2019  
'44 BME—Robert R. Leech,  
Wilmington, NC, August 17, 2019  
'44, BA '43—Nancy Smith Lesure,  
Phoenix, AZ, May 26, 2019  
'44 BS HE—Nanette Zorn Schneiderman,  
Tiburon, CA, April 29, 2019  
'44 BA—Madeleine King Short,  
Marina Del Rey, CA, January 22, 2019  
'45, BA '44—Reta Keenan Davidson,  
Hillburn, NY, February 23, 2019  
'45, BS HE '44—Margaret Eldredge Hummel,  
Bethel, CT, January 18, 2019  
'45—Spear P. Johnson,  
Palm Harbor, FL, June 17, 2019  
'46, BME '49—Martin H. Buehler III,  
Waynesboro, VA, August 14, 2019  
'46—Mary Catherine Butler,  
Worcester, MA, May 29, 2019  
'46-48 SP Ag—Jean Moore Carson,  
West Lafayette, IN, August 3, 2019  
'46—Nancy Holcomb MacKay,  
Scituate, MA, November 17, 2018  
'46 BA—Kathleen Smith Mancini,  
Palm Coast, FL, February 12, 2019  
'46 BME—Robert J. Nist,  
Trinity, FL, January 31, 2019  
'46 BS Ag—Janet Bassette Summerville,  
Sackets Harbor, NY, July 24, 2019  
'46 MS HE—Sadye Appleby Young,  
Atlanta, GA, February 15, 2019  
'47—Harley B. Arnold,  
Mattituck, NY, June 18, 2019

'47, BA '48—Roger Brach,  
New York City, July 16, 2019  
'47 BA—Herbert R. Brinberg,  
New York City, April 10, 2019  
'47 BME—Roger J. Broeker,  
Naples, FL, September 6, 2019  
'47-49 GR—Juanita Hill Gammel,  
Los Alamos, NM, June 17, 2019  
'47—Jean A. Hopkins,  
Albany, NY, June 18, 2019  
'47 BCE—Richard E. Stouffer,  
Tempe, AZ, August 24, 2019  
'47 BA—Christopher C. Street,  
Morris Plains, NJ, August 4, 2019  
'48 BS Ag, MFS '49—Bernard Ackerman,  
Metuchen, NJ, June 18, 2019  
'48-49 SP Ag—Thomas I. Anderson,  
Colorado Springs, CO, October 25, 2018  
'48—Richard I. Brooker,  
Concord, MA, May 29, 2019  
'48 BCE—Robert F. Harsch,  
West Chester, PA, January 27, 2019  
'48 BEE—W. Frederick Hickling,  
Endicott, NY, July 17, 2019  
'48 BS Nurs—Lois Boyd Longendorfer,  
North Attleboro, MA, July 18, 2019  
'48 BS Ag—Warren D. McPherson,  
Fredonia, NY, August 10, 2019  
'48, MD '51—Edwin P. Russell Jr.,  
Rome, NY, September 18, 2019  
'48 BA—Richard S. Vlock,  
Northborough, MA, August 17, 2019  
'49 BME—Edward S. Ballian,  
Syracuse, NY, August 19, 2019  
'49—Raleigh Brent,  
Towson, MD, May 21, 2019  
'49 BA—Joseph B. Feinstein,  
Mashpee, MA, July 25, 2019  
'49 B Chem E—Neil S. James,  
Mechanicsburg, PA, July 31, 2019  
'49 BS HE—Sally Richards Miller,  
San Jose, CA, September 7, 2019  
'49 BEE—Gilbert E. Pinkham,  
Sykesville, MD, March 1, 2016  
'49 BS Ag—Louise Baumeister Rowland,  
Woodbridge, CT, March 22, 2019  
'49 BA, LLB '51—Robert I. Williamson,  
Stone Mountain, GA, November 15, 2018

## 1950s

'50 BS Ag—Edgar E. Backlund,  
Seneca Falls, NY, April 4, 2019  
'50 BS Ag—Daniel C. Chabot,  
Stuart, FL, July 20, 2019  
'50 BEE—Eugene S. Cooper,  
Basking Ridge, NJ, March 7, 2019  
'50, BME '51—Walter S. Crone,  
Longmont, CO, July 24, 2019  
'50 BS HE—Betty Hollenbeck Davidson,  
Waverly, NY, August 10, 2019  
'50 BA—David Dingle,  
New Suffolk, NY, August 18, 2019  
'50 BCE—Robert W. Gilfillan,  
Cape Elizabeth, ME, March 25, 2019  
'50, B Chem E '51—Thomas F. Kerwick,  
Rochester, NY, May 18, 2019  
'50 BS Ag, PhD '52—Charles K. Laurent,  
Bartow, FL, July 27, 2019  
'50 B Chem E—Harold F. Mason,  
Walnut Creek, CA, December 16, 2018

'50 BS Ag, EdD '68—James Preston,  
Hector, NY, September 2, 2019  
'50 BA—Gerald K. Schoenfeld,  
Baltimore, MD, March 5, 2019  
'50 BS Ag—Joseph F. Slisz Jr.,  
Fairport, NY, August 2, 2019  
'50, BA '51—Stanley A. Solow,  
Baldwinsville, NY, May 18, 2019  
'51 MD—E. William Davis Jr.,  
New York City, May 1, 2019  
'51 DVM—Robert E. Decher,  
Hendersonville, NC, May 23, 2019  
'51, BEP '52—L. Philip Howland,  
Walla Walla, WA, July 10, 2019  
'51—Morton Spector,  
Harrisburg, PA, May 26, 2019  
'51 BS Ag—Joanne Walldorff Vineyard,  
Perry, NY, August 8, 2019  
'52 MS, PhD '55—Kyle R. Barbehenn,  
Bowie, MD, May 27, 2019  
'52 BCE—Edward R. Bergun,  
Houston, TX, August 31, 2019  
'52 BA—John R. Carpenter,  
Ithaca, NY, August 13, 2019  
'52 BA—Walter I. Goldberg,  
Montclair, NJ, November 18, 2018  
'52 MS, PhD '53—William J. Goodwin,  
Portland, OR, March 10, 2019  
'52 BS HE—Carol Whitney Harrington,  
Manchester, VT, September 18, 2019  
'52 BME—John E. Nickles,  
Lexington, MA, December 15, 2018  
'52 MS HE—Sheila O'Friel,  
Emmitsburg, MD, April 28, 2019  
'52 MD—Walter L. Peretz,  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL, September 16, 2019  
'52-54 SP Ag—George L. Pittroff,  
Martville, NY, May 27, 2019  
'52 BS ILR—Donald F. Rodgers,  
Silver Spring, MD, April 21, 2019  
'52, BS ILR '53—Richard C. Smith,  
Gibsonia, PA, May 12, 2019  
'52 BS Hotel—James H. Ward,  
Silver Spring, MD, July 31, 2019  
'53-55 SP Ag—Raymond W. Boice,  
Spring Valley, CA, May 8, 2019  
'53 BA, JD '55—Richard J. Cummins,  
Saratoga Springs, NY, September 19, 2019  
'53 MS—Ragip M. Damar,  
Allen, TX, August 25, 2019  
'53 BS Ag—Robert M. Dilatash III,  
Plainsboro, NJ, August 4, 2019  
'53 BS Ag, PhD '60—James S. Dolliver,  
Kent, WA, August 8, 2019  
'53 BME—William B. Heinsohn,  
Bryn Mawr, PA, July 27, 2019  
'53 PhD—George H. Lauff,  
Chelsea, MI, August 7, 2019  
'53 BEP—Murray E. Miles,  
Rockville, MD, May 11, 2019  
'53 BA, LLB '58—Donald J. O'Connor,  
Denver, CO, June 3, 2019  
'53 BA—Henry J. Rubens,  
Boca Raton, FL, September 22, 2019  
'53—Siegfried von Schweinitz,  
Augusta, GA, June 13, 2019  
'53, BEP '54—Paul P. Whalen,  
Los Alamos, NM, April 30, 2019  
'54 BA—Dorothy Bieler Barker,  
Haverford, PA, September 2, 2019



'54 BA—Edward W. Castner, Wallingford, CT, March 20, 2019  
 '54—Andrew B. Craig III, St. Louis, MO, May 24, 2019  
 '54, BEP '55—Harold H. Edwards, Westminster, CO, November 9, 2018  
 '54 PhD—Lee R. Harper, Edgmont, PA, June 2, 2019  
 '54 MA, PhD '59—Richard M. Loomis, Goshen, NY, August 2, 2019  
 '54 BA, MEd '55—Patricia Milligan Pierson, Jupiter, FL, May 13, 2019  
 '54, BME '55—Frederick N. Reidenbach, Kinnelon, NJ, February 20, 2019  
 '54 BA—Frank E. Sommerfield, Canaan, CT, February 27, 2019  
 '54, BS ILR '55—Morris D. Storck, Tarrytown, NY, January 18, 2019  
 '55 BS ILR—Charles S. Adoff, San Luis Obispo, CA, July 7, 2019  
 '55 BA—Richard H. Fahnlne, New Wilmington, PA, September 15, 2019  
 '55—Howard M. Golob, Piscataway, NJ, November 9, 2018  
 '55, BArch '57—Ralph W. Greenlee Jr., Livermore, CA, February 28, 2019  
 '55 DVM—Patrick E. Kelley, Elmira, NY, September 3, 2019  
 '55 BS Hotel—Richard C. Kosse, Indian Land, SC, February 15, 2019  
 '55 MD—Cedric J. Priebe Jr., South Setauket, NY, January 19, 2019  
 '55 JD—Richard M. Rosenbaum, Rochester, NY, July 28, 2019  
 '55 BA—Eleanor Rutstein Sussman, New Rochelle, NY, March 11, 2019  
 '56 BA—Muriel Hopkins Beahm, Peterborough, NH, July 26, 2019  
 '56-58 SP Ag—John W. Burket, Sinking Valley, PA, December 20, 2018  
 '56 BS Nurs—Rae Lord Crowe, Melville, NY, August 4, 2019  
 '56 BS Hotel—William H. Fischer, Victor, ID, September 8, 2019  
 '56 BA—Dorothy S. Guild, Bronx, NY, June 23, 2019  
 '56 BA—Alice L. Maloney, New York City, June 21, 2019  
 '56 BA—John L. Mayer, New York City, August 3, 2019  
 '56—Charles W. Rissinger, Castile, NY, August 18, 2019  
 '56 MA, PhD '63—Hilary D. Thimmes, Collegeville, MN, August 11, 2019  
 '56 BA—Marjorie Green Winkler, Wellfleet, MA, June 23, 2019  
 '57—Noel Armstrong Jr., Chesterfield, VA, May 31, 2019  
 '57—John J. Bowman, Esopus, NY, June 18, 2019  
 '57 PhD—Henn Kilkson, Wilmington, DE, June 9, 2019  
 '57 MA—Amelia Botsaris Nychis, Providence, RI, January 23, 2018  
 '57 BA—Irwin Schlossberg, Chappaqua, NY, 2019  
 '58—John W. Bailey, Penn Yan, NY, August 2, 2019  
 '58-59 GR—Robert W. De Coste, Dover, MA, January 10, 2019  
 '58 DVM—John F. Ferrell, Leesburg, VA, June 9, 2019  
 '58-60 GR—Charlotte Finkelstein Fogel, Ann Arbor, MI, August 17, 2019  
 '58, BS Nurs '59—Evelynn Clark Gioiella, New York City, June 3, 2019

'58, BS Ag '59—Bruce I. Keeney, Fort Plain, NY, December 9, 2018  
 '58 BA—Arlene Pezzulo Laude, Seneca Falls, NY, May 28, 2019  
 '58 BS Ag—Herman M. Meisner, Northport, ME, January 20, 2019  
 '58—Clyde Winne Jr., Feura Bush, NY, August 15, 2019  
 '59, BME '60—Charles A. Brown, Dallas, PA, August 18, 2019  
 '59, B Chem E '60—James W. Bryce, Jacksonville, FL, July 22, 2019  
 '59 BA—Ernest C. Humbert, Lyons, NY, January 23, 2019  
 '59 BA—Philip M. Kraft, Los Angeles, CA, March 10, 2018  
 '59 PhD—Edward C. McIrvine, Asheville, NC, August 19, 2019  
 '59 BS Ag, PhD '63—Ralph D. Peterson, Crossville, TN, June 13, 2019  
 '59 MA, PhD '64—Noel D. Robertson, Victoria, BC, September 12, 2019  
 '59 BS Ag—James N. Seely, Newark, NY, January 21, 2019  
 '59, B Chem E '60—David M. Switzer, Rochester, NY, February 12, 2019

## 1960s

'60 BS HE—Diane Cestari Andrewes, Halifax, NS, January 20, 2019  
 '60 MD—Elizabeth L. Barrett-Connor, La Jolla, CA, June 9, 2019  
 '60 BA—Maryann Butler Bode, Brunswick, GA, October 3, 2015  
 '60 MS—Robert L. Cowan, Gonzales, TX, March 2, 2019  
 '60, BA '61—Robert C. Hazlett Jr., Triadelphia, WV, January 25, 2019  
 '60 BS Nurs—Mary Ann Koshatzky Keirans, Mountain Top, PA, August 2, 2019  
 '60 PhD—Roland M. Leach Jr., Howard, PA, July 29, 2019  
 '60 MS Ag—Wanda R. Lunsford, Wright, KY, February 22, 2019  
 '60 BA—Elliot J. Seley, New York City, August 4, 2019  
 '61 MNS—Joan Blondin, Austin, TX, March 7, 2019  
 '61, BME '64—Douglas P. Brandon, West Chester, PA, December 8, 2017  
 '61 LLB—William R. DeLaney, Elmira, NY, October 18, 2018  
 '61 BFA—Amy Chasnoff Finkston, Great Neck, NY, January 31, 2019  
 '61-63 GR—Francis P. Hodge, Albany, NY, November 5, 2018  
 '61, BEE '63—Ronald W. Moyer, Lititz, PA, January 25, 2019  
 '61 PhD—Daniel W. Odell Jr., Loudonville, NY, September 21, 2019  
 '61—David W. C. Putnam, Newton Centre, MA, November 1, 2018  
 '61 MA—Robert A. Renk, Rockford, IL, August 26, 2019  
 '61 BS Ag—Gordon L. Seward, Bergen, NY, August 13, 2019  
 '61—John E. Trimpey, Chattanooga, TN, November 1, 2018  
 '61 MEd—David J. Yarrington, Farmington, CT, August 3, 2019  
 '62 BS Ag—Everett T. Dimock Jr., Madison, ME, February 17, 2019  
 '62 MPS—James T. Doherty, Virginia Beach, VA, July 15, 2019  
 '62—Morton A. Langsfeld III, Philadelphia, PA, August 19, 2019



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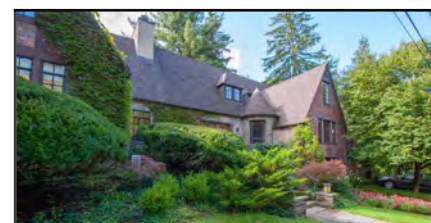
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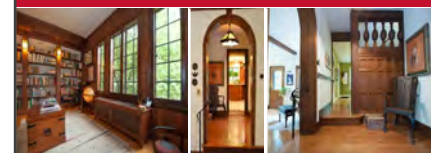
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'62 MS Ag, PhD '71—**Tunnie Martin Jr.**, Columbus, OH, April 9, 2019  
 '62 MS, PhD '64—**Christopher E. Nugent**, Newton, MA, August 15, 2019  
 '62 MD—**Carl B. Weiss**, Cresco, PA, August 3, 2019  
 '63, BA '64—**Richard M. Altman**, Westport, CT, May 18, 2019  
 '63 EdD—**Robert J. Babcock**, Ithaca, NY, July 11, 2019  
 '63 BS Ag—**L. Franklin Cooper**, Salisbury, MD, July 21, 2019  
 '63 BA—**David H. Davis**, Toledo, OH, May 1, 2019  
 '63 LLB—**Samuel C. FitzPatrick**, Montpelier, VT, April 22, 2019  
 '63 MS ILR—**Michael R. Rochester**, Philadelphia, PA, May 5, 2019  
 '63 PhD—**James D. Wallace**, Tempe, AZ, July 7, 2019  
 '64 BS Ag—**Charles A. Baker Jr.**, Estero, FL, January 17, 2019  
 '64, B Chem E '65, ME '66—**Warren Bowman**, Wilmington, DE, February 18, 2019  
 '64, BEE '65—**Gerald E. Brockhurst**, Annapolis, MD, July 24, 2019  
 '64, BA '65, PhD '74—**Sarah Elbert**, Ithaca, NY, August 3, 2019  
 '64 BS ILR—**Lloyd S. Gastwirth**, Dallas, TX, July 24, 2019  
 '64—**John P. Moe**, Eden Prairie, MN, June 10, 2019  
 '64 BS HE—**Judith Schneider Stern**, Davis, CA, May 8, 2019  
 '64 BA—**Gilbert T. Venable**, Phoenix, AZ, February 17, 2019  
 '65 PhD—**Bruce T. Allen**, East Lansing, MI, March 5, 2019  
 '65 BS Hotel—**J. Murfree Butler**, Key Biscayne, FL, November 23, 2018  
 '65 BA—**Ann B. Snitow**, New York City, August 10, 2019  
 '66—**Jefferson S. Brummer**, Boston, MA, April 7, 2019  
 '66 MST—**Rodney L. Doran**, Snyder, NY, July 24, 2019  
 '66, BA '67—**Thomas S. Engeman**, Thornville, OH, March 11, 2019  
 '66 PhD—**Harlan H. Holladay**, Cape Girardeau, MO, June 23, 2019  
 '66 DVM—**Paul D. Kennett**, Middlebury, CT, August 17, 2019  
 '66 PhD—**Charles D. Neel**, Morgantown, WV, January 14, 2019  
 '66 PhD—**Bruce W. Ristow**, Durango, CO, July 27, 2019  
 '67 BEE, MEE '68—**Kenneth J. Bickford Jr.**, Edgewood, NM, June 20, 2019  
 '67 PhD—**Robert E. Davis**, Summerville, OR, July 18, 2019  
 '67 PhD—**Ghaleb A. Hamadeh**, Alameda, CA, November 26, 2018  
 '67 B Chem E—**Jim Lopata**, Chicago, IL, August 6, 2019  
 '67 BS Ag—**Henry A. "Harry" Orr**, Port Sydney, ON, July 27, 2019  
 '67 BS Ag—**Thomas G. Przysiecki**, Wright, NY, May 12, 2019  
 '67 JD—**Judith A. Yannello**, Charlottesville, VA, July 20, 2019  
 '68 BS HE—**Lynne Holliday Beller**, Orchard Park, NY, May 27, 2019  
 '68 DVM, MS '72—**Charles R. Conrad**, Cleveland, TN, April 2, 2019  
 '68 BS Ag—**Bruce L. George**, Grasonville, MD, July 22, 2019

'68 BS Ag, DVM '76—**Kenneth I. Gumaer Jr.**, Middleport, NY, August 2, 2019  
 '68, BS Ag '69—**Meredith J. "Mac" McNeil**, Cobleskill, NY, September 15, 2019  
 '68 BS Ag—**Gerald K. Power**, Virgil, NY, September 15, 2019  
 '68 MRP—**Sterling E. Zimmerman Jr.**, Grand Rapids, MI, September 8, 2019  
 '69 BS Ag, PhD '76—**Carol S. Aneshensel**, Sunnyvale, CA, June 14, 2019  
 '69 BEE—**Denny J. Hubel**, Wilsonville, OR, September 16, 2019  
 '69 PhD—**Helga E. Jacobson**, Nelson, BC, March 19, 2019  
 '69 BS Ag—**Arthur McCullen**, Chicago, IL, May 2, 2019  
 '69 BS Ag—**Lloyd R. Tuttle Jr.**, Cranberry Township, PA, August 7, 2019

## 1970s

'70 BA—**Loyd R. Brinkman Jr.**, St. Louis, MO, September 10, 2019  
 '70 JD—**Kenneth L. Foran**, Alexandria, VA, September 20, 2015  
 '70 JD—**Rigdon L. Reese**, Portsmouth, RI, March 29, 2016  
 '70 PhD—**James B. Robertson**, Watkins Glen, NY, August 14, 2019  
 '70 MCE—**Donald W. Roeseke**, Bel Air, MD, June 1, 2019  
 '70 BA—**Richard H. Wholey**, Rockford, IL, February 11, 2019  
 '71 BS Hotel—**Laurie W. Labarthe**, East Montpelier, VT, August 17, 2019  
 '71 MRP—**Sterling M. Lloyd Jr.**, Silver Spring, MD, May 20, 2019  
 '71 BS Ag—**Nicholas J. Mariani**, Endicott, NY, July 18, 2019  
 '71 PhD—**Richard W. Presnell**, Fish Creek, WI, March 7, 2019  
 '71 BS ILR—**David M. Stollow**, Millburn, NJ, August 6, 2019  
 '71 PhD—**Bruce N. Wilkie**, Puslinch, ON, February 25, 2019  
 '72 BS Ag, MBA '74—**Alan B. Cohen**, Wilmington, DE, September 11, 2019  
 '72 BArch—**Richard P. Curtis**, Portland, ME, February 13, 2019  
 '73 PhD—**Patrick A. Cabe**, Pittsboro, NC, August 13, 2019  
 '73 BA—**Matthew J. Olenski**, Strafford, OH, August 29, 2019  
 '74 BA—**Barbara Alston Brown**, Cincinnati, OH, March 22, 2019  
 '74 MPS—**Hector G. Coward**, Snellville, GA, February 27, 2019  
 '74 JD—**Raymond J. Minella**, New Canaan, CT, August 7, 2019  
 '74—**Edward R. Mott**, Sherborn, MA, May 17, 2019  
 '74—**Charles E. Oliver**, Nineveh, NY, June 8, 2019  
 '74 MPA—**Nelson H. Rose**, Wilbraham, MA, March 1, 2019  
 '76 PhD—**John D. Connelly**, Laguna Woods, CA, June 20, 2019  
 '76 BS Ag—**Timothy K. Jordan**, Laconia, NH, March 16, 2019  
 '77 BS Ag—**Thomas J. Dankert**, Otto, NY, July 27, 2019

'77 BS Nurs—**Susan T. Stern**, Salt Lake City, UT, April 16, 2019  
 '79, BA '83—**Philip J. Romero**, Beaverton, OR, August 24, 2019  
 '79 BS Eng—**Jeffrey A. Stokoe**, Scottsville, NY, September 20, 2019  
 '79—**Ronald J. Svarney**, Chicago, IL, November 13, 2017

## 1980s

'80 JD—**John P. Mulhern**, Annapolis, MD, August 25, 2019  
 '80 BS Ag—**Sharyn Niederman**, Bedford, MA, September 9, 2019  
 '82 BS ILR—**Michael S. Kuritzkes**, Penn Valley, PA, August 8, 2019  
 '82—**Joseph G. Marini**, Wilmington, DE, August 11, 2019  
 '83 BS Hotel—**Philippus Miller III**, Ithaca, NY, August 10, 2019  
 '84 BA—**Lee S. Bender**, Ardmore, PA, September 10, 2019  
 '84 MS HE—**Randall P. Kirk**, Vero Beach, FL, 2019  
 '86 BS HE—**Gary M. Cutick**, Durham, NC, August 16, 2019  
 '86 MBA—**Lee R. Hudgens**, Winston-Salem, NC, May 12, 2019  
 '87 JD—**Timothy M. Hall**, Rochester, NY, September 20, 2019  
 '88—**Ray J. Cook**, Hogsburg, NY, July 14, 2019  
 '88 MS—**Laurie Jane Hendren**, Montreal, QC, May 27, 2019  
 '88 BS Ag, DVM '93—**Dwight J. Hoffman**, Spencer, NY, September 13, 2019

## 1990s

'90 BCE—**James L. O'Daniel**, Clinton, MS, August 3, 2019  
 '90 PhD—**Kathy L. Radimer**, Berwyn Heights, MD, September 5, 2019  
 '90 BS HE—**Christina R. Smith**, Asheville, NC, August 31, 2019  
 '90 PhD—**Leonard W. Snearowski**, Bedminster, NJ, March 13, 2019  
 '92 MS—**Kush Tandon**, White Rock, NM, January 31, 2019  
 '93 PhD—**Jane D. McGuire**, Binghamton, NY, August 28, 2019  
 '94 BS Hotel—**Benjamin G. Hammerschlag**, Bellingham, WA, November 1, 2017  
 '96 BS Ag—**Michael H. Perlman**, West Orange, NJ, August 1, 2019  
 '97 BS Ag—**Daniel S. Freyman**, Summit, NJ, September 18, 2019  
 '97 B Chem E—**Sargis A. Khoobiar**, Madison, NJ, February 8, 2019  
 '97 BS Ag—**Erin S. Lindquist**, Raleigh, NC, August 2, 2019  
 '99 DVM—**Anne K. Del Borgo**, Orr's Island, ME, August 19, 2019

## 2010s

'10—**Rebecca S. Wasserstrum**, Brooklyn, NY, June 20, 2016  
 '13 DVM—**Steven J. Godbey**, Tallahassee, FL, June 15, 2019  
 '15 PhD—**Sarah V. Luna**, Anchorage, AK, May 20, 2019  
 '16 MBA—**Marja I. Hillis**, Ayton, ON, March 11, 2018

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**George Douglas Greenberg**

August 12, 1943 – July 14, 2018

**Obituary**

George Douglas Greenberg, Cornell Class of 1965, died on July 14, 2018, after a two-month battle with melanoma. George was a devoted Cornell alumnus, encouraging his son, Joshua S. Greenberg (Class of 1995), to attend the University, attending Reunions on campus, and, for many years, interviewing prospective students in the Washington, D.C., area, where he lived for most of his adult life. He was born in Arverne, NY, and attended Sanford Calhoun High School in Merrick, NY.

After graduating from Cornell as magna cum laude in Government and with distinction in all subjects, Greenberg entered the doctorate program in Political Science at Harvard University, receiving his Ph.D. in 1972. From 1968-1970, he was a research fellow at The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C., where he conducted original research on the organizational issues and the problems of management and control in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) for his doctoral dissertation. He served as an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, from 1970-1976, during which he conducted research on implementation of federal health programs in three states, focusing on block grants and state discretion. Comparative research was a major focus of his policy interests, after he joined the HEW (later Department of Health and Human Services [HHS]) Office of Health Policy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (OASPE) in 1976. OASPE remained his home base for the rest of his career. Greenberg reviewed and developed comments for the Office of the Secretary on all Medicare regulations proposed and published over a 36-year

period and was considered one of the leading experts in the country on Medicare regulations. During his career, Dr. Greenberg received multiple departmental awards, including the Secretary's Distinguished Service Award in 1998 and 2005.

Dr. Greenberg served on every task force to develop a National Health Insurance System, beginning with the administration of President Jimmy Carter, continuing with President Bill Clinton's Health Care Reform Working Groups, and culminating with the passage and implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) under President Barack Obama. From 2010-2011, he served on detail to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to assist in implementing consumer information and insurance oversight provisions of the ACA. Greenberg also took two Congressional details in the 1990s on both sides of the aisle to work on proposed healthcare reform legislation, the first to the Senate Finance Committee (Office of Senator Dave Durenberger [R-MN]) and the second to the Office of Senator Jay Rockefeller (D-WV). After retiring from the Federal Government in 2013, Greenberg served as a private consultant to the Office of Civil Rights, HHS, contributing to the regulatory impact analysis for a section of the ACA.

From 1992-1996, Dr. Greenberg was Director of the Division of Health Care Financing Policy, (OASPE) and he also served in the Division of Long Term Care Policy and as Special Assistant to the Principal Deputy, ASPE. A highlight of his career was a seven-month detail to the Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport in The Hague during 2007. Dr. Greenberg published many articles in peer-reviewed journals.

Dr. Greenberg is survived by his wife, Marjorie Siegel Greenberg, Washington, D.C., BA Wellesley College 1966 and MA Harvard University 1968; his son, Joshua Greenberg (Mindy Cohen Greenberg), of Brooklyn, New York; his daughter, Deborah Ruth Greenberg, Ithaca College 2000 (Ruben Seenivasa Pillai) of Hollywood, FL; and three grandchildren, Noah William and Jordan Rose Greenberg and Aliza Seenivasa Pillai.

# Shop 'Til You Drop

From daily necessities to Big Red swag, the Cornell Store has been provisioning Cornellians for 125 years



**WHAT'S IN STORE:** The campus co-op in the basement of Barnes Hall in the Forties

**W**hat do textbooks, C-shaped dog treats, Big Red Bear onesies, and carnelian-and-white blankets have in common? They're just some of the wares available at the Cornell Store, which has been serving East Hill for more than a century. Nestled into the hillside at the top of Libe Slope, the store carries more than 25,000 products—from backpacks to pajamas, laptops to cosmetics, notebooks to winter coats. Offerings include thousands of items adorned with the University's name, emblem, and mascot: mugs, sweatshirts, watches, umbrellas, wallets, jewelry, wine glasses, neckties, golf balls, stuffed animals, and much more. As store director Fred Piccirilli notes, shoppers can choose from a staggering variety of headgear—including some 120 variations on the baseball cap. The most popular products, like the reusable Big Red shopping bag and the classic red Cornell T-shirt, sell by the tens of thousands each year.

While textbooks comprise about 20 percent of the store's sales—compared with 40 to 60 percent in decades past—these days its top-selling category is technology, including computers, tablets, and headphones. Over the years, its services have expanded to include a tech-support desk, an express shipping counter, two banks, and Café Jennie, which is run by Cornell Dining and sells coffee, sandwiches, and baked goods. "Cornell is somewhat isolated, and it can be difficult for students and staff to get off campus," says Shannon Austic, the store's

marketing and communications manager. "We provide the products and services that people need for daily life, all in one location."

The store traces its roots to a basement room in Morrill Hall, where the Cornell Society co-op operated for thirty years—initially selling from a counter made of wood planks laid across a pair of barrels. Founded in 1895 by students unhappy with the limited selection and high prices of local vendors, the co-op eventually moved into a larger space in the basement of Barnes Hall. By the Sixties, the shop—now owned by the University and called the Cornell Campus Store—had expanded onto Barnes's first floor, prompting plans for a dedicated facility. "The obvious location was across from Willard Straight in the heart of campus," reads the official design pamphlet, which goes on to explain that a conventional building in that spot would have "destroyed one of the most pleasant open spaces on the campus and

restricted access to one of the finest views of the lake." So—in a move that seems only natural for a store that had occupied basements for almost seventy years—the University decided to build it underground. The design earned an accolade for progressive architecture in 1969—though escalating costs prevented it from being fully executed, and the finished building (which opened in April 1970) protrudes some twenty feet higher than planned.

Nowadays, the Cornell Store comprises eight shops across campus and beyond, including satellite locations in Sage Hall and the

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Statler Hotel, at the Ithaca Mall, on the Commons, and at Weill Cornell Medicine in Manhattan. (While the store has organized several pop-up sales at Cornell Tech, a permanent site on the University's newest campus hasn't yet been established.) The store also runs the gift shops at the Botanic Gardens—which sells specialty merchandise like gardening books and acorn-shaped pencil erasers—and the Orchards, whose wares include locally sourced apples, cheese, and maple syrup. "I think it's interesting that even in the beginning we were never referred to as just 'the bookstore,'" Piccirilli observes. "When you look at the number of places we touch within the Cornell community, you realize that we've always been much more than that." ■

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