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Jeffrey Gettleman
from Kenosha to Kenya

Editor's Letter

Welcome to volume 2 of the Marshall Alumni Newsletter: this issue represents the Newsletter's one-year anniversary. Since our inaugural issue we've steadily gained steam and are happy to bring you even more content this quarter.

As austerity measures are taking hold in the UK, it is more important than ever before to demonstrate the ongoing value of the Marshall Scholarship Program in strengthening ties between the US and UK and in building lasting relationships among Marshall alumni. This newsletter plays an important part in the AMS's efforts in that regard. We hope that the profiles and features in this publication can provide concrete examples that help inform ongoing efforts to preserve and enhance the scholarship.

We here on the publications committee are happily soldiering along with more ideas for profiles and features than we have time to publish. But we're always looking for more ideas and more contributors. As ever, if you would like to get involved, please feel free to contact us at newsletter@marshallscholars.org.

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News from the AMS

By Bryan Leach

It has been an active autumn for Marshall alumni across the US.

In keeping with tradition, the AMS took part in the annual sendoff and orientation for new Marshall Scholars in Washington D.C. On September 19, Ambassador Sheinwald hosted a tea at the British Embassy, where 150 Marshall Scholars and alumni and their guests heard remarks from the Ambassador, special guest Mark Whitaker (head of NBC's Washington Bureau) and AMS President Bill Coquillette. The energy and excitement of the new Scholars was contagious, and the event was a perfect start to the send-off program. After the tea, AMS members revived the tradition of hosting small groups of new Scholars at nearby restaurants. For the first time, the AMS members organized a presentation to the new Scholars about the community service projects that have been undertaken by previous Marshall classes.

On November 4, alumni in the Washington D.C. region were treated to cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at The Monocle Restaurant on Capitol Hill. The event also included an insiders' review of the mid-term election results from alumni working in politics.

AMS-sponsored events outside the beltway were an equally big hit. In the Atlanta Region, Consul-General Anabelle Malins welcomed Marshall alumni into her home for an October dinner and a November reception.

The Boston Consulate invited Marshall alumni to an October 4 celebration of the 350th anniversary of the Royal Society. The Boston region also held its annual fall potluck on November 14 at the home of recently married Marshall alumni Tarun Chabra and Aliza Watters (both '05).

On October 21, the Chicago region hosted alumni for a reunion dinner. The event was organized by AMS Board Member Joe Seliga ('95 Leicester) and brought together Marshalls involved in law, medicine, politics, opera, and physics. Caroline Cracraft, formerly of the Chicago British Consulate General, was also present.

The New York region hosted a November 2 Guy Fawkes Day Celebration. The AMS provided a cornucopia of festive



Guy Fawkes Day Celebration in NYC

hors d'oeuvres and jovial company, but, sadly, bonfires and fireworks could not be included.

As the year draws to a close, the Regional Event Coordinators are busy planning a full slate of events for 2011, to be described in future editions of the Newsletter. If you have any questions in the meantime, contact AMS Director of Programs, Lauren Baer (lauren.baer@gmail.com).

In recent months, the AMS has also been hard at work revising its organizational structure, as called for under its strategic plan. In addition to the AMS Board and national officers, AMS has now established regional steering committees — consisting of an AMS Board member, events coordinator, and consular liaison — in each consular region to help strengthen ties with the British Government and maintain a high profile for the scholarship during austere budgetary times.

Finally, I am pleased to report that as the AMS Newsletter enters its second year, the AMS Board has committed to print all future editions of the newsletter, which will continue to issue quarterly and be distributed to all Marshall alumni.

THE ACCIDENTAL AFRICAN

BY LANE GREENE



Everyone knows that Marshall Scholars are focused, dedicated, hard-working, discovering their interests early and turning their talent like a laser onto achieving their goals: undergraduate success, new academic heights in Britain, and then landing with a bang in the field they have chosen to dominate. Well, someone forgot to tell Jeff Gettleman.

Gettleman (Oxford '94) is a star journalist at one of the world's great newspapers, currently serving as East Africa bureau chief for the *New York Times*, based in Nairobi, Kenya. But unlike other Marshalls in journalism—Tom Friedman and Sewell Chan of the *Times* or Anne Applebaum of the *Washington Post*—Gettleman got to his dream job in a rather ... roundabout way. Before his career-making stints as an almost archetypal adventure correspondent in Afghanistan, Iraq and Africa, Gettleman's career took him to Kenosha, Wisconsin and Brooksville, Florida, writing about a woman who mowed the lawn topless, and getting pummeled boxing a 300-lb 18-year-old woman for another story in Los Angeles. He earned his dream job the slow way.

Gettleman grew up relatively sheltered, with little of the outside world intruding on a comfortable childhood in the Chicago suburbs. He went to Cornell as an undergraduate, "a big school in a beautiful place", for no burning reason. He majored in philosophy, one of the first things he took a real interest in. Studying the modern philosophy of justice (exemplified by John Rawls), Gettleman came to ask himself "what do we owe people in less privileged places and how much sacrifice are we obligated to make?"

But Gettleman, belying the bookish Marshall stereotype, has always learned more outside the classroom than in it. After his freshman year, he took a life-changing yearlong trip with a small group of friends through eastern Africa. After his summer job painting houses to earn money for the trip, "we showed up in Nairobi speckled in paint, this oil paint you can't get off your arms. People in Kenya thought I had this rare, exotic disease." He never got Africa out from under his skin after that year.

Back at college, he started learning Swahili, though he was a "terrible" and unmotivated student of the language then. He also developed an interest in photography, and for some time, his only thoughts of journalism were of the photographic kind: "I thought, 'what could be more boring than writing for a newspaper?'" Between philosophy courses, he also studied Bahasa Indonesia (the official language of that country), sculpture, photography and whatever else took

his interest. Along the way he worked a second yearlong international trip from Russia, through the Middle East, to Africa again. Finally back at Cornell, an advisor convinced him to apply for the Marshall Scholarship, which, to his own surprise, he won.

With Africa still calling him, Gettelman thought he would become an aid worker, and spent the summer before Oxford with Save the Children in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital. The experience was harrowing. "Aid projects weren't working. There was a difficult dynamic between people getting aid and giving aid. There were dead animals in the street. On our first day, one kid smashed another with a rock, and we had to carry him to a clinic with blood on our hands." The aid worker dream was dead.

The academic experience of Oxford surprised him in a different way. Joining Balliol College, he still lacked focus, and eventually abandoned the M.Phil. in politics track he originally pursued. The manicured grass lawns with "keep off the grass" were as inaccessible as the august faculty seemed to be. He switched to the M.Phil. program in social anthropology instead, modestly saying it was good preparation for his later career: "journalists are kind of fifteen-minute anthropologists".

Gettleman's free time in Oxford was more fruitful. Britain's connections to its former empire piqued his interest as he browsed the famous shrunken heads in the Pitt Rivers Museum, and the global student body made him feel connected to the rest of the world. Most importantly, it was during those two fateful years that he began to realize he would be, and started preparing himself to become, a print journalist. He became the



Photographs that Gettleman has taken throughout Africa

first American editor of the *Cherwell*, Oxford's independent student newspaper, in 1995. He saw (as a student, professional media were banned) O.J. Simpson give his first public talk since his acquittal for murder, and made a packet freelancing a story about the event. He interned at the *Financial Times* during his second winter in Britain.

Despite that promising start, Gettleman faced the age-old Catch-22 in trying to become a full-time professional journalist: not many clips under his belt, and no way to get them without a job. Letters and CVs were sent to the nation's finest newspapers, and ignored. Only the *Kenosha News*, circulation 30,000, was willing to take on a young Marshall Scholar with a master's degree in anthropology and some Swahili. Gettleman moved to Wisconsin, learning journalism the very old-fashioned way, covering stories like the couple who met at an ani-

mal shelter and later married there, with a dog not as the groom's best friend, but his best "man".

The Kenosha job led to a full-time one at the *St. Petersburg Times*, one of America's stronger regional papers. Gettleman was sent to the small town of Brooksville, Florida, covering the likes of the topless lawn-mowing woman, or the father and son who went to jail after a fistfight over a meatball. A big murder story for the *St. Petersburg Times* led him to the *Los Angeles Times*. It was at this paper that Gettleman went two rounds with Cindy Zamudio, the "superheavyweight" 18-year-old boxer who told him afterwards "You punch pretty hard...but man, did you get tired quick."

Soon after September 11th, 2001, the old backpacker found himself in Afghanistan. He joined the *New York Times* in 2002, eventually becoming its East Africa bureau chief in 2006. For nearly ten years, Gettleman has been working at the intersection of poverty, eth-

nic rivalry and war, covering some of the most dangerously compelling stories from Asia, Africa and the Middle East. But he dislikes the phrase “war correspondent”: “There are very few of us who cover only war. We cover a lot of other stuff. It’s just that conflict sells.”

True, he has checked all the boxes. He has trekked across the desert with Ethiopian rebels, with his wife Courtenay (a lawyer and former videographer for the *New York Times*). He’s covered the epidemic of mass rape in the Congo. He has been given the standard journalist training for kidnapping—and found just how worthless it was when, in 2004, about fifty masked men pointed their guns at him on the road outside Fallujah and took him prisoner for a day. “In the end, whether you live or die isn’t so much up to you. It’s up to them.”

Gettleman’s greatest pride, however, doesn’t lie in battle stories but in “the stories that have had a measurable impact and changed lives.” A 2002 story about a Pakistani boy recruited by the Taliban and forced into sex slavery brought hundreds of e-mails from readers



Gettleman with son, Apollo, and wife, Courtenay, on Île Sainte-Marie near Madagascar

asking how they could help. The donations raised in response eventually made their way to the boy’s captors, who let him go. Gettleman also takes pride in putting lesser-known stories on the map: attacks on albinos in Tanzania (where it is believed that their skin, bones and hair have magical powers), or the little-known rebel movement in Ethiopia’s Ogaden region.

Having journeyed from Kenosha to his East African dream job, Gettleman recently began a new adventure, with the birth of his son Apollo last year (after a 20-minute hospital power outage during Courtenay’s labor). While Gettleman’s trajectory through career and life may not have been straight, any career that covers a New Year’s Eve “possum drop” in North Carolina as well as dining with Somali pirates for a recent long piece in the *New York Review of Books*, is richer than almost any career the most focused and disciplined Marshall Scholar could craft. If the saying goes that “life is what happens while you’re making other plans,” it seems Gettleman decided to skip the “plans” part, and dive straight into an extraordinary life.



Shooting arrows with Ogiek people, hunter-gatherers from southern Kenya and northern Tanzania

Marshall Scholars' Public Service Projects

Scholars carry on the vision of George Marshall through service

As part of this year's send-off program, new scholars were formally introduced to the Marshall Scholars' Public Service Projects (MSPSPs) through a discussion panel, hosted by the Office of Congressman John Spratt (Oxford '64), and handbook compiled by Zachary D. Kaufman (Oxford '02) and Wayne Lau (Cambridge '79). What follows are abridged extracts from the handbook provided to new scholars. Look for additional updates on such service projects in future issues of the Marshall Newsletter.

Marshalling Service

Mary C. Denyer, Assistant Secretary and Head of Scholarship Administration, MACC

"A close accord between our two countries is essential to the good of mankind in this turbulent world of today, and that is not possible without an intimate understanding of each other."

— George C. Marshall

This quotation appears at the top of the Marshall Scholarship website and comes from a letter that General Marshall wrote to the first class of Marshall in 1954. He went on to say: "These Scholarships point the way to the continuation and growth of the understanding which found its necessity in the terrible struggle of war years."

His message continues to have relevance today and the current Marshalls continue to exemplify this continuation of understanding, not only through their interaction within the academic lives of the British universities they attend or through the social side of their experience but also through their actions and the extra mile they take to improve their communities both at home and abroad.

Marshall Scholars arrive in the UK with an impressive list of community service experiences. Some have worked in their home communities and others have spent summer vacations working in developing countries. One of the many challenges they face is to find opportunities to continue this work in a new country and expand their experience. In 2001, Ari Alexander (Oxford '01) set up the Marshall Scholars Volunteer Project (MSVP), which is a database of volunteering opportunities within the UK and is kept on the www.MarshallScholarship.org

website. In addition, since 2002, Marshall Scholars have worked on MSPSPs, which have fostered a further connection between class members as well as helping enormously in their chosen area.

Community service and volunteering among the recent Marshall classes has fallen roughly into three areas: local community service in all sectors, overseas development activity, and the development of groups for the service of greater understanding between the US and the UK and Europe.

Marshall Scholars, by their very nature, are people who wish to be engaged, whether locally or globally. This is just a snapshot of the sorts of things that they are involved in. These leaders demonstrate that the vision of General Marshall and the British Government is as relevant today as it was in 1953 when the Scholarships were set up.

Marshall Scholars for the Kigali Public Library

Zachary D. Kaufman (Oxford '02)

The class of 2002 decided to undertake a class project--the first I believe--and voted to support the Kigali Public Library (www.kigalilibrary.org) (KPL), Rwanda's first-ever public library as that project. We named ourselves "Marshall Scholars for the Kigali Public Library," or MSKPL. Joined by Rhodes Scholars and other non-Marshall Schol-





Scholars Benjamin Heineike (Cambridge and Oxford '02), Claudia Veritas (Oxford '02), Lauren Baer (Oxford '02) and Zachary D. Kaufman (Oxford '02) at the KPL site in 2004

ars, we fundraised for the KPL and took a trip to Rwanda in July 2004. During that trip, to aid the construction of the KPL and to learn about the 1994 genocide and developments since, we:

- delivered a check for the \$15,000 we had raised,
- worked on the physical construction of the KPL,
- met with Rwandan government officials and NGO representatives,
- traveled around the country and visited genocide memorial sites, and
- as a project for the United States Embassy in Kigali, visited several primary and secondary schools. At the schools, we were treated to singing and dancing, delivered school supplies we had collected, and promoted literacy and education, especially concerning women in the sciences.

In addition to various publications and presentations by MSKPL members, MSKPL inspired a spin-off organization founded by fellow Marshall Scholar, David McCrary (Cambridge/Leeds '02). David founded and led Tulsa Friends of the Kigali Public Library (TFKPL), which raised a further \$6,033.66 through a book fair held at the University of Tulsa's University United Methodist Church.

Millat Schools Development Fund

Sameer Ahmed (SOAS '04)

The Millat Schools Development Fund was a project to provide a library, computer lab, financial assistance and other need to the Millat Schools, located in the Shantinagar slum area of Nagpur, India. While the entire Marshall class helped in various ways, we had an executive committee of about 6 individuals, who helped with the organizing, fundraising, building a website, taking on-site research trips to India, creating 501(c)(3) non-profit status, and making a documentary film for the project.

Fundraisers included one during the annual Marshall Thanksgiving party at Goodenough College, where we screened the documentary film, and another at a Superbowl party in London. We also received a \$60,000 donation from an individual who had read a newspaper op-ed written by one of the participating scholars.

The project raised approximately \$70,000, the majority from the single donor mentioned above, and the rest from various smaller fund-

raisers and individual donations online. These funds were used first to establish the library and computer lab for the school, which were our primary goals. Since then, the project has sent approximately \$5,000-\$10,000 per year for operating costs of the school, and other projects agreed upon by the executive committee.



A classroom at the Millat Schools in Nagpur, India

Marshall Scholars' Darfur Initiative

Dan Weeks (Oxford '06)

Arriving in the United Kingdom in the midst of the protracted humanitarian crisis in Darfur, Sudan, the Marshall Scholars Class of 2006 designed and undertook a multi-part awareness-raising and fund-raising Darfur Initiative as their class project. The initiative incorporated direct fundraising to support a comprehensive humanitarian intervention in the Northern Darfur village of Kerkeria; a two-week awareness-raising bicycle tour by Scholars around the British Isles; public debates and speaker events featuring prominent scholars and advocates on Darfur; supporting university-level Sudan divestment efforts; and Darfur advocacy before British and American government officials.

The primary focus of the Darfur Initiative consisted of a partnership with the London-based NGO, Kids for Kids, to “adopt” the village of Kerkeria by raising both funds and public awareness for humanitarian intervention and political resolution of the conflict. Kids for Kids brought over five years' experience working in the villages of Darfur, with programs already underway in two dozen conflict-affected



Alex de Waal (at podium), the noted writer and researcher on Africa, and Patricia Parker (seated at table), founder of Kids for Kids, lead a panel discussion on Darfur at Merton College, Oxford in June 2008.

villages in northern Darfur and plans to expand to an additional ten villages in 2007.

The Marshall Scholars' partnership with Kerkeria helped to bring the first of those villages “online” to begin receiving support. Approximately \$10,000 was raised toward supporting this effort.

Marshall Scholars Climate Solutions Project

Betsy Scherzer (Leeds/Oxford '07)

Committed to do our part to galvanize climate change action in the UK, the 2007 Marshall Scholars participated in a series of local “Climate Solutions” service projects to further overall climate change awareness.



In February 2009, Oxford Marshalls hosted “The Real Deal: An Energy Security and Economic Argument for Climate and Environmental Policy.” The lecture and reception, led by Tom Burke, founding director of E3G, a London and Brussels-based environmental consultancy, educated over 50 Marshall Scholars, ex-pats and students about the need for US-EU climate policy collaboration.

In March 2009, the Cambridge Marshalls hosted a booth at the Cambridge Science Festival, which annually attracts 15,000 people from around the world. Visitors of all ages were encouraged to take personal and political action via such activities as carbon footprinting (courtesy of local NGO, Cambridge Carbon Footprint); playing climate change and energy games; taking complimentary CFL bulbs; purchasing renewable energy; and signing a petition for Ed Milliband, then the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, in favor of strong UK action on climate change.

In May 2009, the London Marshalls designed and distributed reusable organic cotton grocery bags to promote Marshall pride and environmental consciousness. As such, the bags trigger perpetual awareness of the small changes that can help us lead more sustainable lives.

Children visiting the Marshall Scholars Climate Solutions exhibit at the 2009 Cambridge Science Festival learned about the effects of excess carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and everyday ways to save energy.

FRIENDS IN WASHINGTON

BY ANDREW KLABER

The annual send-off reception at the British Embassy brought together alumni, friends and the Marshall Class of 2010.



HM Ambassador to the United States of America, Sir Nigel Sheinwald (center) and the Marshall Scholar Class of 2010 outside the Ambassador's residence in Washington D.C.



Top: Kannon Shanmugam (Oxford '93) and Jason Bordoff (Oxford '95). Middle: Bill Coquillette (Oxford '71) and David Chacko (Oxford '04). Bottom: New scholars Gabriel Amo (Oxford '10) and Andrew Ehrich (LSE '10).

The annual reception at the British Embassy has quickly become the marquee event for the DC based send-off ceremony for new scholars. In addition to serving as one of the largest alumni gatherings of the year, alumni and friends of the scholarship also arrive eager to meet the new Marshall class.

Such was the mood as HM Ambassador Sir Nigel Sheinwald welcomed the Class of 2010 Marshall Scholars, alumni and friends of the program to his official residence under sunny skies and warm temperatures on September 19th. After meeting the Ambassador, guests proceeded into the residence's main ballroom where they were met with friends old and new, a healthy supply of tea and canapés and Andy Warhol's famous portrait of the Queen.

Sir Nigel commenced the formal proceedings by welcoming the new class and offering a preview what their future life in Britain would bring. He remarked that the Britain experienced by the 2010 Marshalls would be one undergoing stark change.

Recent elections have brought a new government to power—the first coalition government since Winston Churchill's period as Prime Minister ended in 1945— and in the aftermath of the global downturn nearly all public spending and policies are undergoing significant scrutiny.

He also highlighted that the 2010 Marshalls would be present for the London 2012 Olympics—with all the excitement and international attention that comes with hosting the games—in addition to experiencing the magnificent history and university life that generations of Marshalls have come to know and look back upon with fond memories.

The ambassador reinforced the message that Marshall Scholars play a key role in maintaining the ever-evolving special US-UK relationship. “As Marshalls, you are amongst a highly esteemed group. Marshall alumni are found in all areas of American, and indeed international, life—in law, government, academia, business, science and technology, sport, and media”, he said.

Next, Mark Whitaker (Oxford '79), the Senior Vice President and Washington Bureau Chief for NBC News and formerly the Editor of *Newsweek*, took the podium gave the keynote address for the event.

Whitaker, who spent his Marshall reading international relations at Balliol College, Oxford, built on Sir Nigel's theme of change by noting how the Marshall experience has evolved over the past 30 years. He reminisced how timely access to one's daily hometown newspaper whilst abroad was once difficult if not impossible task, while today's digital newsfeeds provide, often free, access to the world's print media at the click of a mouse. Similarly he pointed out that whereas earlier Marshall generations considered brief and infrequent phone conversations with family and friends back home an expensive luxury, today's scholars can use a range of free services to keep in nearly

constant touch with contacts all around the world.

However, despite these rapid changes some of the best things about British life and the Marshall experience remain steadfast and provide for a collective experience shared across scholarship's many generations. Whitaker gave his own top 10 list of such experiences, including:

1. Go to Parliament's question time at least once to gain an appreciation for British government
2. Understand cricket—you'll make many new friends and have many more enriching experiences as a result
3. Go to your lectures—many of the best conversations and debates of your life will happen in tutorials with dons and classmates
4. Acquire a taste for bitter (warm beer)
5. Go to tea often and accept your invitations to tea—this is often where relationships are deepened and enriched in the UK
6. Read the British papers in print, particularly on Sundays
7. Travel
8. Study and get a degree
9. Write old fashioned letters—an incredibly valuable way to remember your time in the UK
10. Have fun—after all, you could be unemployed like all your college classmates

After a hearty round of applause, AMS President Bill Coquillet (Oxford '71) took the podium to thank Sir Nigel and Kathy Culpin of the British Council, who has organized the Marshall send-off weekend for many years.

In concluding the formal proceedings, Coquillet offered his own congratulations to the new class on behalf of all Marshall alumni. He also reminded them that “once a Marshall Scholar, always a Marshall Scholar” and in turn “Once a Marshall Scholar, always a member of the Association of Marshall Scholars”—both messages strongly reaffirmed by the large number of alumni present to see off the new scholars on their journey to the UK.

Finally, he urged all the new class to believe in the “magic” that exists in every Marshall Scholarship. To illustrate this last point, Coquillet referenced an e-mail he received from Roger Tsien (Cambridge '72) just hours after he had been awarded the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 2008. Tsien, remarking upon the cherished opportunity provided to him by the British government, noted that the Marshall started him on the intellectual path that led to his groundbreaking work on green fluorescent protein and eventually the Nobel.

With the impressive CVs and many smiling, brilliant, and eager faces among this year's class of 36 departing Marshalls, it would not be surprising to learn of similar achievements among this distinguished group in the not too distant future.



Top: from left, new Marshall Scholars Megan Beyer (Nottingham '10), Steven Robinette (Imperial '10), Kathryn Marklein (UCL '10), Erin Conrad (UCL '10) and James Luccarelli (Oxford '10). Middle: Zachary Kaufman (Oxford '02), Gabriel Brat (Oxford '01) and Jennifer Nou (Oxford '02). Bottom: Andrew Klaber (Oxford '04) and new scholar Carolyn Barnett (SOAS '10).

Letters from Britain

As the class of 2010 settles into Britain, the Marshall Newsletter asked them to share their first impressions of life in the UK. These are a selection of their dispatches:

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. After a mostly sleepless night aboard our Virgin Airlines flight we 2010 Marshalls were struggling through bleary eyes to take in the continuous stream of Central London landmarks flashing past our coach. Mary Denyer, certainly aware of our condition, cheerily announced the passage of Madame Tussauds, the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye. After 10 months of anticipation, we had reached the United Kingdom.

The next two days of health and safety briefings, sightseeing, and Foreign Office receptions were, I admit, as much of a happy blur as the view from the coach. Before we had even realized that Deputy Ambassador Dominick Chilcott's mention of damp weather was in fact an example of British ironic understatement, our just-formed fellowship was fragmented into smaller groups bound for York, Nottingham, Oxford and Cambridge and, like me, for Goodenough College a few short blocks from Tavistock Square.

While the majority of my London compatriots spent their first week getting to know the capital, I was committed to filial obligations. As I had just left the University of Florida for the UK, my parents found the time was right for them to return to Florida from Yokota Air Force Base in Japan. In something of an apology, my mother managed to book a flight to London and we were bound for the Cotswolds and South Wales.

Just four days after arriving in the UK, I was in the tiny village of Winchcombe, Gloucestershire. After two long days hiking the Cotswolds trail to the Tudor Sudeley Castle and the Stone Age Belas Knap barrow we discovered homemade sausage and bitters in the local pub.

Sheep having lost their novelty, we were ready to explore Rhossili beach on the Gower Peninsula in Wales. Named the UK's first Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in 1956, we found in the coastline of Gower a series of sheer cliffs, rolling hills, and long beaches anointed by the sun - along with still more sheep. One especially memorable moment for me was picking through the newly exposed causeway to the Worms Head, a long stretch of land only accessible at low tide.

Returning to London I found myself thrown back into the heady mix of city life, research demands, and nights out that will occupy the next two years, and I will not soon forget my first week in the United Kingdom with the 2010 class of Marshall Scholars.

Steven Robinette (Imperial '10)



Greetings from Oxford!

It's hard not to fall in love with such a picturesque city - and to refrain from references to Harry Potter even more difficult! It's just magical (that doesn't count as a reference).

Between congregating nightly at the King's Arms, score-eating to our hearts content and stomachs' displeasure, parading around in subfusc, trying to explain to non-Americans - in vain - the genealogy of the Tea Party, scheduling in lecture after fabulously riveting lecture, and marveling at the ability of Brits to create an orderly and neat line, intuitively, anywhere (... except for Primark), Oxford has kept us busy and in a constant state of wonderment about how we've gotten so lucky. We still can't figure out the two-tap basins though: how does one wash her hands without scalding skin? Any help with that would be greatly appreciated.

Nabiha Syed (Oxford '10)

Recently, one of my friends emailed me asking me how was my life in Oxford. As difficult a question it was, I decided to go Letterman-style and give him my Top 10:

1. Discussing internet law over banana bread beer at King's Arms Pub with Nabiha Syed (Oxford '10)
2. Visiting the bedroom where Churchill was born
3. Watching the sunrise while rowing early in the morning down the canal with Brian Pellet (Oxford '10)
4. Discussing the English legacy of colonialism in current litigation cases about one's 'right to education' in South Africa
5. Dressing up as Princess Fiona in a Viking Crown for Oxford's Halloween Queen BOP (Big 'ol Party)
6. Hopping the Oxford Tube (express bus) for a weekend
7. Reading the recent transcript of the House of Lords' debate about the Marshall Scholarship Program's future
8. Eating Indian food from truckstands on random evenings
9. Attending formal hall dinners in castles
10. Becoming a member of the most dynamic, inspiring group of American scholars I will ever know

Andrew Cunningham (Oxford '10)

1959

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David Robbins is leading a Middle East study group in Oakland, California. **Frank Trumbower** is vice chair of the Utah Capital Investment Corp., a State entity that supervises investment of \$300 million in venture capital and private equity funds.

1960

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A member of the George Washington University English Department since 1965, **Judith Abrams Plotz** retired this spring. She has enjoyed the freedom to teach and write in many different areas, most recently on colonial and postcolonial English in India, with current work on Kipling. Judith says she can't imagine a more satisfying daily pursuit than teaching literature or a more satisfying environment than a classroom, though there have been low points. "The careerism among students of the 1980s and early 1990s got me down," she writes. "It was disheartening to be more radical than one's students; but today's undergraduates and graduate students have much of the idealism and the community mindedness of my first students back in the late 60s." Judith and husband Paul Plotz (NIH Arthritis Institute) dote on their five grandchildren.



JUDITH ABRAMS PLOTZ

1961

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Stanley Bates may have become emeritus, at Middlebury College, Vermont in 2008, but he remains active in the college and community. He continues to teach one philosophy course a year and advise senior thesis writers. In April, Stanley was a reader for a poetry jam celebrating National Poetry Month. As a former director of Middlebury's famous Breadloaf Writer's Conference, Stanley has had an abiding interest in poetry. He has passed on that interest to his daughter Jennifer, events coordinator at the Vermont Book Shop and organizer of the jam.

John Cooper, another scholar of philosophy, continues to teach about Greek philosophy at Princeton University. Over the decades, he has held office in many professional organizations. Most recently, he has served on the Fellowship Selection Committee, American Council of Learned Societies, and chaired the Senate Committee to evaluate the Department of Classics and Philosophy at the University of Cyprus. He is writing chapters on Socrates, Aristotle, Stoicism, Epicurus and Sextus Empiricus for a book, *Ancient Ethical Theory: Philosophy as a Way of Life*.

1962

Pamela Perrott

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Bayla White has lived in the District of Columbia since early 1965. She retired from the Federal Civil Service about 10 years ago. Her working life was mostly spent working on Federal education policy. She worked longest at the Office of Management and Budget. She also worked at the US Civil Rights Commission, the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, and the Urban Institute. She retired as the head of the Office of Migrant Education in the US Dept of Education. Since retiring, she has become an active volunteer — leading tours at the Library of Congress, archivist at the National Theater, and mounting plants for the herbarium at the Smithsonian's Natural History Museum. She is on the board of a local transition housing proj-

ect for women in recovery from drug and/or alcohol addiction.

1965

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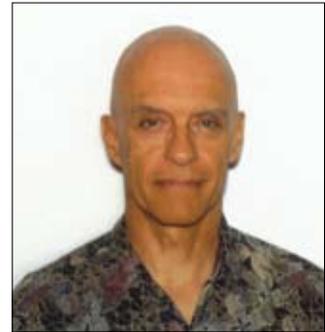
Dan Plaine practices law in Washington, D.C. focusing on international regulatory and transactional work. Of course, this makes him in the jet[lag] set. He returned to Cambridge a few years ago to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law. Having studied under Eli Lauterpacht, Dan was pleased to honor him academically and to renew his acquaintance. Dan lives in Bethesda, MD with his wife Susan and two daughters — one is at Vanderbilt and the other in high school. They enjoy spending time in the summers at Martha's Vineyard.

1966

Diana Coogle

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After his Marshall Scholar term, **Jim Tiles** took an MA in mathematical logic at Bristol, served 23 months in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, and began a doctorate in philosophy at Oxford, which he finished while teaching philosophy at University of Reading. After fifteen years there, he taught at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa for twenty years, until retirement last December. As his English-born wife was tired of sun and surf and longing for grey skies and bracing damp, they moved to Winchester, where they are working on their home (in a military hospital recently converted to flats) and hiking on the coast.



JIM TILES

1974

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Since 2003, I've been impressed with the anti-inflammatory power of a well-known class of blood pressure pills, the ACE inhibitors and their descendants, the ARBs (angiotensin II receptor block-

ers). They may be general viral antidotes; I've used them successfully for West Nile virus in humans, horses, and birds. They appear to work for the common cold. I'm confident they'll work against most viruses, except herpes. Although I've discussed with the White House and the Dept of Homeland Security, it remains a largely untested hypothesis.

Among autoimmune diseases, I've had success so far with psoriasis, rheumatoid arthritis, chronic fatigue/fibromyalgia, multiple sclerosis (MS), and, most recently, type 1 diabetes. A recently diagnosed 14 yr old girl no longer needs 27 units of long-acting insulin at night (Lantus), and is getting by with just a few units of short-acting insulin before meals. Such a "honeymoon" can happen, but usually after 2-4 months, not within a week of starting an ARB. My hope is that her pancreas will continue to recover and that she may not need any insulin at all. I'm slowly getting the patients to prove that these drugs are useful for most diseases, a hypothesis I published 8 years ago. Eventually, I hope to get some press; it's pointless finding cures if nobody hears about them!

1976

Carol Lee

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After his Marshall, **Mike Downer** earned a Ph.D. in Applied Physics at Harvard University in 1983, specializing in laser spectroscopy under the guidance of 1981 Nobel Laureate Nicolaas Bloembergen. Following postdoctoral work at AT&T Bell Laboratories, Mike joined the University of Texas at Austin in 1985, where he is now Distinguished Professor of Physics and a Fellow of the American Physical Society. He has authored over 120 scholarly articles, proudly supervised 28 Ph.D. students, and still pursues his passion as a Scottish Highland dancer. He lives and travels the world with his lovely wife Jane, who volunteers at LBJ's Presidential Library.



MIKE DOWNER

1981

Suzette Brooks Masters

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Brian Frykenberg completed an M. Litt in Medieval Celtic Studies at the University of Edinburgh, a Ph.D. in Celtic at Harvard, and a library degree at Simmons. He has worked as a special collections librarian at Boston University and engaged in other projects relating to cataloging and preservation. Frykenberg and his wife Sarah live in the Boston area and have three sons.

After Oxford, a short stint in consulting, a Ph.D. in political science, a teaching job at Columbia, a book and a fellowship, **Steven Solnick** eventually landed at the Ford Foundation in 2002. First he ran Ford's office in Moscow where he lived with his family for six years. In 2008, he became the director of Ford's office in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka and now calls New Delhi home. Steven is married and has three children.

1983

Bryan Schwartz

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Seth Lesser has his own litigation firm with offices just "12 minutes" from his



STEVE SOLNICK

house in Chappaqua, NY. Seth apparently is but the titular head of that house, control of which he's relinquished to his four girls (14, 12, 9 and 6) and the "pretty happy chaos" they create.

Kevin Bishop is a Professor of Environmental Assessment at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala, Sweden. Kevin writes that he "went to Sweden for a few weeks of doctoral field research in 1986 at the tail end of my Marshall. . . a few weeks turned into a few summers, followed by a few more years, and now half my life has been spent in Sweden. Fortunately I love the place, and my work. Even more fortunately there is a family (including two teenagers, dog, three cats and one horse, not to mention the woman who got me into this) to give life some balance." Kevin notes that he supervises graduate students from, and working in, Ethiopia and the Congo and that "the third world is where I thought I was heading when I started the Marshall, but it took me a while to get there."

1985

Song Tan

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Ted Abel worked at Cambridge with R. Timothy Hunt (Nobel Prize, 2001) cloning cell cycle regulatory proteins, followed by a Ph.D. at Harvard and a postdoctoral fellowship at Columbia University. Ted is now the Brush Family

Professor of Biology and Director of the Biological Basis of Behavior Program at the University of Pennsylvania where he studies the molecular basis of behavior. His investigations of the molecular impact of sleep deprivation on brain neural circuits were published last year in *Nature* and *Neuron*. Ted writes, "My experience in Cambridge taught me that the best approach to answer conceptual questions may lie in simple experiments." Ted's time singing in Christ's College Chapel instilled in him a love of English church music.

1986

Kevin Leitao

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Meg Wildrick is living in Connecticut with her husband, James Thomas, and sons Matthew (15) and Christopher (11). Meg works in NYC as head of a marketing/communications firm (www.blis-spr.com). Her clients are firms in financial services, healthcare, consulting and accounting – all dynamic, highly specialized sectors with lots to communicate. Now that her sons "are older (and fiercely independent!)" she is getting a chance to read more books, travel a bit and reunite with friends.

1988

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I had an opportunity to attend the Welcome Reception for new Marshall Scholars at the Foreign Office on 23 September. Were we that young? I guess we were, and certainly equally enthusiastic. What seems to have changed a bit for the better is that there is more interaction among the scholars from both years. Thanksgiving dinners, field trips, and road trips provide the current generation with opportunities to keep in touch and leverage each other's experiences as they explore the UK. Best wishes to the new class.

Seana Shiffrin completed her D. Phil at Oxford in 1993, went on to Harvard Law School, and has been on the faculty at UCLA since 1992, where she is Professor of Philosophy and Pete Kammeron Professor of Law and Social Justice. Seana teaches moral, political and

legal philosophy, contracts, free speech theory, constitutional rights and individual autonomy, distributive justice, remedies, and feminism. Seana's research interests include contracts, freedom of speech, constitutional law, intellectual property, criminal law, torts and family law, and has published recently on distributive justice and employment incentives as well as on the function of law in stimulating moral deliberation. She is an associate editor of *Philosophy and Public Affairs* and was recently elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

1991

Stanley Chang

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After returning from England, **Rachel Harmon** attended law school at Yale. Having completed a couple of clerkships, she spent 8 years prosecuting civil rights crimes at the U.S. Justice Department. A few years ago, she switched gears to academia, currently an associate professor at the University of Virginia Law School. She teaches criminal law and procedure classes, conducting research on the legal regulation of the police. She married **Bob Newman**, who was a 1990 Marshall, and together they have three great kids, Stephen, 9, Jonah, almost 7, and Claire, almost 5. She says, "We love Charlottesville, and life couldn't be much better."

1992

Christy Cannon Lorgen

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Mike Tomz is a professor of political science at Stanford University, where he teaches and writes about international relations and political economy. He and his wife Julie have three children.

1993

Kannon Shanmugam

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Jane Bocklage is now living in Athens, where she is the proud mom of 10-month-old Edmond. Her husband, Mike, continues to work for the State Department; Jane has taken a leave of absence from State to be at home with Edmond.

Laura Lafave is back stateside and working in Chicago for TransUnion, where she is responsible for one of the company's business operations divisions. She is the proud mom of a son, Thomas.

1994

Lisa Grove

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After three years as Director of Extended Education at California State University, Los Angeles, **Binh Phan** is now an administrator of the Head Start program for the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

Paul Bollyky is an Asst. Prof in the Allergy and Infectious Disease department at the University of Washington Medical Center. He sends along a great photo with his kids Robby (5), Greta (4) and Allie (2). He reports that he recently attended **Niko Canner's** wedding so hopefully we'll hear more details and see photos of that event soon!



PAUL BOLLYKY

1995

Michael Kimmage

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Darrell Miller was promoted to Associate Professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Law in September 2010. His recent *Columbia Law Review* article on the scope of the Second Amendment was cited by Justice John Paul Stevens in his dissent in *McDonald v. City of Chicago*. Darrell writes, "My wife Karyn and I and our family are doing well. Karyn is getting more time for photography and pastry, now that our two girls Sophia (age seven) and Iris (age four) are in school. We would love to hear from Marshall colleagues. My e-mail is: damiller@post.harvard.edu."



HENRY HANDSFORTH JOHNSTON

1996

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My husband Alex (Lincoln College/Rhodes '94) and I are delighted to report the birth of our son Henry Handforth Johnston. While still learning the language of the little people, we are thoroughly enjoying getting to know him and look forward to introducing him to our Marshall friends. The attached photo is of Henry at 6 weeks and his big brother, Lord Nelson, at 6 years.

1999

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Meena Seshamani and Craig Mullaney welcomed Arjun Seshamani Mullaney



ARJUN SESHAMANI MULLANEY

laney on July 5, 2010 (Meena writes that “he missed a July 4th birthday by 38 minutes!”). Meena is the Deputy Director of the federal Office of Health Reform, helping to oversee implementation of the new health reform law.

Valencia Joyner, an assistant professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Tufts, recently won a prestigious National Science Foundation Early Career Development grant for her work on time-resolved near infrared spectroscopy (NIRS).

Jocelyn Benson was awarded tenure by Wayne State University Law School this past June, and her new book, *State Secretaries of State:*

Guardians of the Democratic Process, was recently published by Ashgate Publishing.

2002

Esther Freeman

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After his year in Norwich (John Innes Centre), **Ryan Oyama** moved to the Max-Planck Institute for Chemical Ecology in Jena, Germany where he spent three years and met and married his wife Julia. In 2006, they moved to Munich where he works at the Botanical Garden (officially, the Institute for Systematic Botany - Ludwig Maximilians University). In October 2008, their son Simon was born. Ryan says, “I took three months of paternity leave when Julia went back to work, which was one of the best decisions I’ve ever made. I was tempted to extend it – or even make it a full-time position – but returned to work and my plants last May.

2006

Dan Weeks

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Patrick Dixon is holding down the under-Marshall-populated Midwest,

designing slot machines for WMS Gaming while cracking away at the D.Phil in Mathematics at Oxford. He and his husband, Victor B D’Avella, were married in August 2009 and now live in Chicago. Likewise, **Dan Weeks** got married three times this summer – to the same woman no less! He and Sindiso, a South African Rhodie he met at Oxford, were accompanied by friends from six continents for celebrations in Johannesburg, Cape Town, and New Hampshire, including Marshall friends **Rajaie Batniji**, **Maher Bitar**, **Heidi Boutros**, **P.G. Sittenfeld**, **Yusufi Vali**, **Daniel Zoughbie**, and newleyweds **Aliza Watters** and **Tarun Chhabra**. Their word of advice to the not-yet-married out there: when the time comes, elope!



DAN WEEKS

