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A punter on the River Cam passes under the Bridge of Sighs at St. John's College, Cambridge University. The bridge, a popular tourist destination, was considered one of Queen Victoria's favorite parts of Cambridge and is often the subject of student pranks. Twice during the 1960s students managed to suspend cars from the bridge.

St. John's college was host to several events during September's Marshall Alumni Reunion and Symposium. The current Master of the college, Professor Richard Perham, is a Marshall Commissioner.

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<http://www.wolftechnology.net/marshall/bylaws.htm>.

The Other Marshalls

Not all Marshalls arrive in the UK fresh out of college. Since 1998, the Marshall Sherfield Fellowships have funded postdoctoral studies for up to two American scientists a year. Below, one Marshall Sherfield Fellow's story.



Like many people, my first view of Britain was of the white cliffs of Dover. I was 17 and had just spent three weeks in Russia and Eastern Europe. It was my first trip to Europe and I was a bit overwhelmed by the unfamiliar scenery, languages, and food, especially among the former Soviet states. Even my brief passage through Western Europe was strange and confusing. The British-run ferry from Calais, with its recognizable menu and announcements in English, was a welcome balm. I spent my short stay in London riding the Tube, shopping on Oxford Street, seeing a West End show. I loved Britain immediately and resolved to come back and see more.

I visited Britain several times throughout my undergraduate and graduate education, including two terms at the University of Edinburgh where I studied Scottish history and literature. As I neared the end of my doctoral program and began considering where to do a postdoctoral fellowship, living abroad seemed an attractive option. The opportunity to work in another country for two to three years is rare and one I didn't want to pass up. Many people discouraged me from this option with the argument that in science a foreign postdoc puts one at a disadvantage in the competitive search for a faculty position. Others subtly

discouraged me with comments like, "Is it safe to live there?" or "You're very brave to move abroad by yourself." The issue of safety I discarded as ridiculous; the difficulty of adapting to a foreign country on my own I underestimated; and the possible negative impact on my career I chalked up to the price I would pay for personal experience.

I applied for and received a position in the laboratory of Dr. David Baulcombe at the Sainsbury Laboratory in Norwich. David has published some of the seminal research in the field of small RNA biology and continues to win awards for his work.

Though David was happy to have me in the laboratory, it was understood that I should apply for funding of my own. In my fellowship search, I came across a program administered by the Marshall Commission. I was familiar with the Marshall Scholars, but didn't realize that there was also a program for postdoctoral researchers that had been established in 1998. The Marshall Sherfield Fellowships were created to recognize the life and work of Sir Roger Makins, Lord Sherfield, who had been Britain's Ambassador

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to the US from 1953-1956 and was instrumental in the creation of the Marshall Scholars program. Mr. Makins was also enthusiastic about science, advising the British Embassy in Washington on public policy for the nuclear weapons programs and later serving as Chairman of the UK Atomic Energy Commission. For his enthusiastic support of the advancement of science and technology, Lord Sherfield was made an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society in 1986. His son, Christopher Makins was also passionate about science and engineering and US-UK relations. After for more than a decade in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service working on transatlantic issues, he served as assistant Vice President of Science Applications International Corporation



Photos courtesy of: Dr Rebecca Mosher

Dr. David Balcombe's research group from the Sainsbury Laboratory



Cycling to a pub lunch

before establishing the Marshall Sherfield Foundation. Each year the foundation grants up to two fellowships to American scientists and engineers to enable one to two years of postdoctoral study at any UK institution.

Of the several fellowship applications I completed, the Marshall-Sherfield stood out as something different. Here was an application that consisted not only of a research proposal and academic references, but also required essays on international relations and a character reference. I have always felt strongly that scientists need to engage in communication and public policy, so I was pleased to find a fellowship that recognized these activities and promoted the continuation of them during a postdoc. Marshall Sherfield Fellows are also welcome at all Marshall Scholar events, including lectures and trips to different parts of the UK.

Though similar in many ways to the Marshall Scholars program, the experience of a Marshall Sherfield Fellow is quite different. Marshall Scholars are students at a university, and Marshall Sherfields are employees in a laboratory. Most universities are autonomous communities containing everything a student requires – accommodation, food, laundry, banks and drugstores, all within walking distance. The staff are accustomed to new arrivals and many logistics (utilities and internet for instance) are already taken care of. Outside of a university, a great deal more independence and initiative are needed to build a life, especially in a large city like Norwich. Small chores like finding a bank, drug store, and grocery within walking distance of my accommodation were difficult. There was no introductory guide to explain council tax, national insurance numbers, or how to obtain a British driving license. I have had to ask a lot of silly questions and to rely on the kindness and compassion of strangers.

But the greatest difference between Marshall Scholars and Marshall Sherfield Fellows is our social networks. At a university, you are surrounded by people of similar age and interests, many of whom are also newly arrived. Events are scheduled to build social interactions and membership in the numerous societies and clubs is free. In addition, the vast majority of Marshall Scholars end up at Oxford, Cambridge, or one of the London schools, where there are large numbers

of American students. Under these conditions, it is easy to build a social network, but perhaps difficult to integrate into the British life. Though my coworkers were very welcoming, I did not have a “Freshers Week” or a group of expatriates to join. I had to search out opportunities to meet English people and become part of the community in Norwich. Building a life here has been difficult, but very rewarding and I feel I have connected with a greater diversity of Britons.

Halfway through my tenure in Britain, I am very happy I made the decision to postdoc abroad and grateful that the Marshall Sherfield has funded part of my time here. David is also a terrific mentor, teaching me how to ask the important questions in biology. The Sainsbury Laboratory is housed at the John Innes Centre, a well-known institute of plant research, and is generously funded through the Gatsby Charitable Trust. In addition to outstanding facilities, the Sainsbury Laboratory has a strong support staff to take care of tedious chores and unexpected problems, which has allowed me to focus on science. I am also encouraged to use my vacation time and to have a life outside of the laboratory, a change from the U.S. Unlike many American labs, at TSL it is acknowledged that better science comes from happy scientists, not overworked ones. My research group regularly goes for a pub lunch or spends a Saturday sailing on Norfolk’s famed Broads. Those who discouraged me from a foreign postdoc on the grounds of inferior research or facilities were clearly unfamiliar with TSL.

I am at a world-class institution and receiving excellent training; I truly cannot imagine finding a better position in the US. While the challenge of adapting to life in England was greater than I expected, the rewards are immense. Unlike most Marshall Scholars, who spend their tenure at very international universities in the company of other Americans, I have experienced the life of an average, albeit frequently confused, Briton.

MU



Enjoying lunch at a local pub

Dr. Rebecca Mosher is a Marshall Sherfield Fellow at the Sainsbury Laboratory in Norwich, England where she works in the research group of David Baulcombe investigating the nature of gene silencing. She studied at the University of Arizona as an undergraduate and completed her graduate work in genetics at Duke University.



Cambridge Reunion and Symposium

On 23 September, Marshall alumni gathered in Cambridge for a reunion and a symposium on climate change.



HRH The Prince of Wales sent a recorded message

/// Climate Change Symposium

The reunion weekend began with a symposium on human-induced global climate change which featured some of the world's most reknown experts in the field.

A recorded video message from HRH the Prince of Wales introduced the afternoon's topic.

Next Lord Browne, the Chief Executive of BP Amoco, talked about the positive role that businesses can play by addressing climate change as part of their longer-term objectives. He discussed a range of different energy technologies that could fuel the economy of the future while helping to control the emission of greenhouse gasses and reliance on non-renewables.



Lord Browne

Professor Chris Rapley, Director of the British Antarctic Survey, provided a summary of the established scientific evidence for increased greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere and discussed the range of projected impacts on the Earth's climate. Finally, Dr. Craig Schiffries '80, the Director of Science Policy and Senior Scientist at the National Council for Science and the Environment, talked about the role of public policy and legislation in formulating national and international responses to the climate change dilemma.

Photos by: N.T. Hartman '03



The panel consisted of (from left) Dr. Craig Schiffries '80 the Director of Science Policy and Senior Scientist at the National Council for Science and the Environment, Lord Browne of Madingley, Group Chief Executive of BP, and Professor Chris Rapley, Director of the British Antarctic Survey.

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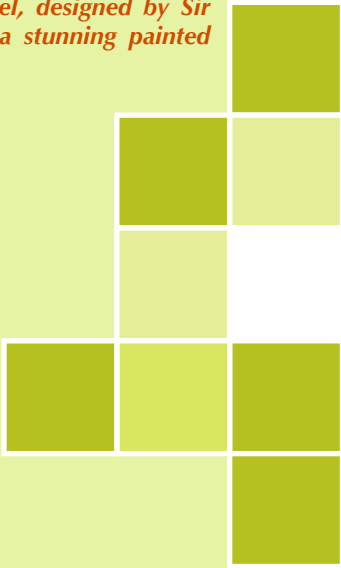
The Chapel of St. John's College Cambridge

/// Organ Recital at St. John's

Guests were treated to a private organ recital in the Chapel of St. John's College by Director of Music Dr. David Hill. Prior to the performance, Professor Richard Perham, Master of St. John's and Marshall Commissioner, provided guests with a brief history of the college and Victorian chapel. The chapel, designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott, features beautiful stained glass and a stunning painted wood ceiling.



Rochelle Rottenberg (left) and Joan Shapiro (right) catch up for the first time since meeting in Cambridge in the 1960s.



An evening reception was held on the lawn of the Master's lodge at St. John's, with punters passing nearby on the River Cam.

/// Evening Drinks Reception

Following the Climate symposium and organ recital, guests had the opportunity to reminisce on their Marshall years in the UK during a drinks reception on the lawn of the St. John's College Master's Lodge. After some welcoming words from the Master, Ted Leinbaugh, Acting President of the Association of Marshall Scholars, discussed the importance of Marshall Alumni in promoting the program and ensuring its secure future. In addition to providing a recap of some recent alumni activities in the United States, he also introduced some bold fundraising goals to help advance the Scholarships and further expand its offerings.

/// Dinner at King's College

To conclude the day, a formal dinner was held in the Great Hall of King's College. BBC Radio 4 Today Show presenter and Marshall Commissioner James Naughtie and James McAllister '79, London Bureau Chief Time Magazine, were the keynote speakers for the evening was the keynote speaker for the evening. A familiar voice to early morning radio listeners across the UK, Naughtie, together with McAllister, provided some interesting insight into current events and reminded the audience of the importance of the US-UK relationship.

What's Next?

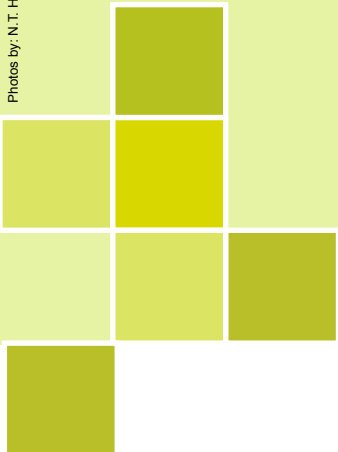
The Cambridge event was the first major UK reunion event for Marshall alumni and by all accounts it was a great success. The event provided an excellent opportunity for Scholars of many different generations to connect and reflect on their time in the UK. Additional events for Marshall Alumni are always in the works, so watch this space!

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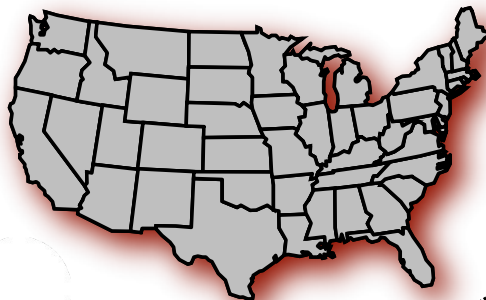


The BBC's James Naughtie addresses dinner guests at King's College Cambridge.

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Thanksgiving with the Dons



"Thanksgiving or bust!"

By Ross Perlin '05

Oxford University is not a place one usually thinks of digging into a turkey, discussing the finer points of cranberry sauce, and complaining the day after about a serotonin hangover. Yet this Thanksgiving, over 50 Marshall Scholars did just that—moving the traditional potluck get-together (and highlight of the Marshall social calendar, usually held on the weekend after the holiday) from London to Oxford for the first time.

The move was not a voluntary one, however, and not without what may be considered controversy in the quiet scholarly world of the Marshall Scholarship (ahem). Goodenough College, home to most of the London scholars and the go-to venue for Thanksgiving since the late 1990s, withdrew its hospitality this year. The Oxford gathering was a well-executed Plan B of the Oxford Marshalls, especially **Vince Evans '05** and **Dan Weeks '06**, who validated the faith of the electorates which had chosen them as class representatives.

Goodenough, as Assistant Secretary and Head of Scholarship Administration Mary Denyer reported to current scholars over the summer, had in fact “been turning a blind eye to the fact that the rules [state] that Goodenough residents cannot hold private parties.” The annual event, admittedly, had grown to rock-star proportions: 100-plus guests, extensive use of Goodenough cooking facilities, and even Marshall parents (can we call them that?) hopping flights to share in the magic. Goodenough resident Josh Geltzer '05 attended last year's dinner and speculated that “indulging and accommodating the annual celebration of this quintessentially American holiday simply could not be stomached a year longer by the powers-that-be at Goodenough College,” citing a possible swipe at “American exceptionalism” even in this unlikely context.

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By October, Evans and Weeks separately realized that no venue had been found to replace Goodenough and that the Thanksgiving tradition was in danger. From email canvassing, Evans found that “pretty much everyone agreed that potluck was better than catering, but that catering was better than nothing at all.” The search was on.

A number of scholars set to finding potential venues in London or Oxford, but it was **Rajaie Batniji '06** who finally saved the day. As a member of Oxford's St. John's College, he secured the college's Middle Combination Room free of charge. Unfortunately, Batniji couldn't make the gathering himself—in a regrettable but delectably ironic coincidence, he was in Turkey on the night of the event.

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Despite the venue change, the spirit of this year's dinner was very much the same as in previous years. A tremendous buffet stared down the scholars, including a range of pies that would have made the Pilgrims weep from temptation. Much of this was the work of **Adam Berry '06**, who apparently managed to transport home-baked banana bread, apple pie, pumpkin pie, and who knows what else from Cambridge without being arrested for trafficking in delicious substances. This effort was representative: potatoes, cakes, breads, and much more came in like tribute from every corner of the island kingdom.

The witty banter and pointed analysis of Marshall parlor talk were in evidence, of course. To one side of the author, a scholar dispensed tips on hitch-hiking in Morocco; to another, someone described the experience of being an American in Belfast; a third asked about the recent Oxford performance of a new composition by **Mena Hanna '06**.

The guests of honor, the turkeys themselves, had been looked after all day by Weeks and **Tarun Chhabra '05**. As Weeks said later, "I had little idea what I was getting into (and just how small English fridges and ovens are when you're dealing with 75 pounds of turkey)." The wine was sourced directly from the Denyer Estates in the south of France (i.e. generously provided by the Commission).

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"This could be the beginning of a new tradition- or not," Evans said to the assembled group before a Thanksgiving toast. Returning in the future to a London venue is likely—as Weeks said, it's a more surefire way "to bring the whole group together." Evans emphasized the need "to sort out a venue far enough in advance" now that the Goodenough era appears to be over.

Even after the dinner wound down in its fifth or sixth hour, and some of the selfless '06 Marshalls had finished cleaning up, more was still on tap. On the following afternoon, the traditional Marshall-Rhodes football match-up was held (actually featuring '05 scholars of both vintages

against '06ers)—but apparently most of the Rhodies had taken in too much serotonin to make it onto the field. Evans, according to himself, earned MVP, Heisman, and Rookie of the Year honors for his performance.

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- Dan Weeks '06

To round out the weekend, Weeks also organized a small project at the Gatehouse, a local "cafe for the homeless," where six scholars helped make sandwiches and set up dinner. Weeks said it was "a nice chance to see a rather different side of Oxford and express some small thanks to our hosts, the British people."

That same week, the dons of Oxford debated—and resisted—historic changes to the university's governance, changes that would essentially make Oxford more... American. As for our role in all this, we just ate turkey. MU



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Recent Alumni Events

Atlantic Relations Panel Discussion

Yale British Art Center
New Haven, CT
USA

1 December 2006

By Lisa Wang '04

On December 1, nearly 100 guests gathered for a Marshall event at the Yale British Art Center in New Haven that included a panel discussion on "Atlantic Relations" and a cocktail reception. Her Majesty's Ambassador Sir David Manning, Dean of the Yale Law School **Harold Koh '75**, and Yale history professor and Director of International Security Studies Paul Michael Kennedy spoke at the panel, which was moderated by acting President of the Association of Marshall Scholars, **Ted Leinbaugh '75**.

The event was host to Marshall Alumni and their guests across many classes, including **Susan Bianconi '78**, **Christopher Calhoun '87**, **Nicholas Miller '01** and **Betsy Scherzer '07**, who was selected as Yale's only Marshall Scholar this year. Marshall Scholars from both New York and Boston were also in attendance: **Frank Trumbower '59**, who currently serves on the AMS Board of Directors, **Sewell Chan '98**, **Morgan Carberry '04**, and **Howard Newman '69**, who serves on the AMS Fundraising Committee were among the traveled from New York; **Parker Shipton '76**, **Andrew Klaber '04**, **Eric Twerdal '04**, **Michael Aktipis '03**, and others came from Boston. Organizing the event were the co-chairs of the New Haven chapter of the AMS, **Laura Gardner '02**, **Tomas Carbonell '03**, and **Lisa Wang '04**, together with Ted Leinbaugh.

Dean Harold Koh opened the panel by sharing a few of his reminiscences about applying for the Marshall Scholarship, then went on to discuss the effects of the

events on 9/11 on the relationship between US and Great Britain. HMA Sir David Manning shifted the discussion to climate change and stressed that the two countries must work together to address the implications of climate change. Finally, Professor Paul Kennedy the development and implications of the military disparity between the United States and Great Britain.

During the reception that followed, Marshalls across years met and reconnected. **Zachary Kaufman '02** and **Sameer Ahmed '04** gave brief introductions and provided information about their class's respective Marshall Projects.

Finally, Mary Miller, Master of Saybrook College at Yale, hosted an intimate dinner for the Ambassador and his co-panelists. Yale professors, Marshalls, and representatives of the event's sponsoring organizations also attended.



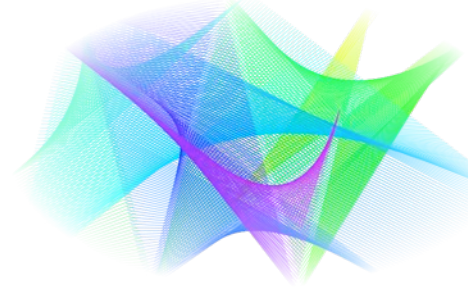
(from top) (1) Her Majesty's Ambassador Sir David Manning, Moderator Professor Ted Leinbaugh, and Dean Harold Koh of Yale Law School listen to Professor Paul Kennedy's presentation on US - UK relations. (2) Professor Paul Kennedy addresses the crowd as Dean Harold Koh looks on. (3) Sir David Manning and Moderator Professor Ted Leinbaugh. (below) Marshall Scholars and event participants enjoy refreshments in the Yale Center for British Art's Library Court.



Photos by Laura Gardner '02

Marshall Update Interviews

Lizzie Martin



Meet the newest member of the Marshall Commission team. Lizzie Martin started this fall as the Administrative Assistant for the Marshall program in London--a post that's integral to making sure the course of Scholars' stay in the U.K. runs smooth. Martin takes over from Natasha Bevan, a four-year Marshall veteran who now works at the U.K. National Commission for UNESCO in London.

Marshall Update: Can you tell us a bit about where you're from, your interests, and how you came to the Marshall Commission?

Lizzie Martin: I was born and raised in Kent, South England. I've had jobs in quite a wide variety of areas, from retail to collecting, washing, weighing and counting eggs on a poultry farm! Before coming to the Marshall Commission, I was working for the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC) which is also run through the Association of Commonwealth Universities. This means that I haven't had far to travel from my old to my new job—from one end of the corridor to the other.

MU: Have you had to work extensively with Americans before? Has it been terribly shocking and bizarre, or only mildly shocking and bizarre? And do you have a favorite baseball team?

LM: This is my first experience of working with Americans, although my father has lived and worked in California for the last 11 years, so this means that I'm not altogether new to the American culture. As for baseball, I'm afraid that this is somewhat alien to me. But I am willing to learn! Last summer I played baseball for the first time ever. As for supporting a team, since my father lives just outside San Francisco, I will have to say the Giants.

MU: What has been your strangest Marshall experience yet?

LM: Though I know very little about it, I am slowly beginning to understand that Marshall Scholars have a tendency to date each other, which I think is cute, more than strange! I know that there have been a few weddings, and I'm waiting for an invitation to the next one.

MU: As a British taxpayer, are you disturbed that your taxes are funding the current scholars? Or does it seem like a worthy and well-considered investment in the future of the Anglo-American relations?

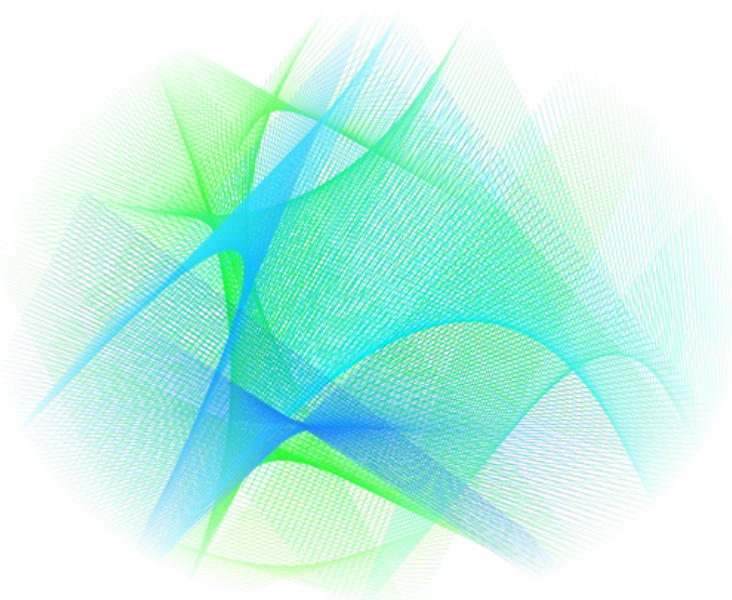
LM: This is something that has dawned on me and played on my mind for the last few weeks.... I do think it is a worthy and well considered investment for the future of Anglo-American relations. From what I have learnt about Marshall Scholars, they are clued up, intelligent and motivated to make a difference to the world and I will be pleased to see them reach their goals in the future.

MU: What do you like to do on weekends? Have you and Mary Denyer gone clubbing together yet?

LM: I'm really into live music, I love going to see bands whenever I can. Last weekend I saw Basement Jaxx at Wembley Arena which was fantastic. Mary and I are yet to go clubbing together, but she has taken me shopping which was fun—but I spent too much money and she spent none!

MU

– R.P.





The following Scholars, members of the Class of 2006, arrived in the UK in late September. Each scholar is listed with their undergraduate institution, UK institution, and course of study.

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Class Notes

1970

Nancy Cox, who is chief of the Influenza Division at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), was honored in September as Federal Employee of the Year by the Partnership for Public Service, a non-profit organization. As a Marshall Scholar, Dr. Cox earned a doctoral degree in virology from Cambridge.

1994

Binh G. Phan writes: I thoroughly enjoyed the Cambridge Symposium on Global Climate Change held in September 2006. It was great meeting the new and current Scholars as well as the alumni. Thanks, **Ted (Leinbaugh)**, for organizing the event! After the trip, I returned to Los Angeles to take up a position as Director of Operations at Cal State L.A. After a decade in the government sector, it's refreshing to return to a higher ed environment.

1996

Mark Hershman, who is assistant professor of materials science and engineering at the McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science at Northwestern University, received the 2005 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) this summer. He was honored for his research in applied science, silicon-based molecular electronics, nanoscale optoelectronics and atomic-resolution processing, and characterization of electronic, organic, and biological materials and molecules using scanning probe microscopy.

1997

Jeff King (R) was elected to the Kansas State Legislature from the 12th District in November's general election.

2001

Jordan Wales writes: I will be completing a Master of Theological Studies degree at the University of Notre Dame in May of 2007, whereafter I will be married to the lovely Kathryn Easter in early June. In the fall of 2007 I intend to take up doctoral study in Theology; the location is at yet undetermined. I miss the architecture and atmosphere of Oxford; I do not miss the xyz-and-mayo sandwiches.

2002

Daniel Immerwahr writes: After completing my second BA at King's College, Cambridge, under the Marshall in 2004, I moved to



Peter R. Orszag '91

Alumnus to head up CBO

Peter R. Orszag, a 1991 Marshall, was selected as the new Director of the Congressional Budget Office. The appointment is subject to approval by the Speaker of the House and President Pro Temp of the Senate. Orszag is currently the Joseph A. Pechman Senior Fellow and Deputy Director of Economic Studies at the Brookings Institution and Director of The Hamilton Project, an economic policy center started by former Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin and other former policy makers and business leaders to promote more broad-based economic growth. During the Clinton administration, he served as the top economic advisor to the Director of the National Economic Council and as the senior economist on the Council of Economic Advisers. He is also an active Marshall alumnus, serving on the mid-Atlantic selection committee.

California to do a Ph.D. in U.S. History at Berkeley. I'm now in my third year and have been enjoying teaching, particularly at San Quentin, where I have been giving lecture courses on U.S. and South Asian history. I married a fellow King's student, Claire Ward, whom I met at the end of my time in Cambridge, and we live together near the university

Marisa Van Saanen writes: I am working as the Faith Liason--working with faith leaders and institutions on development issues--at the World Bank in Washington, D.C.

2003

Michael Spiros Aktipis and Stephanie Warner Huff were married August 3, 2006.

David Foxe writes: I graduated with a Master of Architecture degree from MIT in June 2006. After traveling to Fontainebleau (France) to compose and perform a chamber music festival and architecture program, I returned to Boston to work on the master plan for the Massachusetts State House and other projects while employed with EYP/Architecture and Engineering. I will join the faculty of the Boston Architectural College as an instructor and research advisor in Spring 2007, and I live in Harvard Square not far from other Marshalls of 2003 (**Parker van Valkenburgh, Michael Aktipis, Cynthia Kinnan, and Vikram Mittal**).

Jessica Kirkpatrick writes: I am in the second year a PhD program in Physics at UC Berkeley. My thesis project is on dark energy. I am also doing a lot of bike riding and salsa dancing. I live in Oakland with three other women from my program. I sometimes see **Lindsay and Collin O'Mara** who live in Berkeley.

2004

Adam Grogg writes: For the moment, I've left the "professional student" track and joined the ranks of the working: after spending my post-Oxford summer in London facilitating internal communications for Google (I'm happy to be one of the many Marshalls to have experienced Googleyness), I'm now in Chicago working for CEOs for Cities (www.ceosforcities.org), a national network of urban leaders committed to speeding innovation in cities. It's been a quick introduction to what is a fast-paced field: our work in connecting mayors, corporate CEOs, university presidents, foundation officials, and other business and civic leaders around strategies for urban success is urgent and exciting. The current plan, though, has me scurrying back to the ivory tower for law school next fall.

Joe Wells writes: After completing my dissertation on Provincial Reconstruction Teams, I attended Ranger School at Fort Benning, GA. After graduating in October, I moved to Vicenza, Italy where I am now an Infantry Platoon Leader with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. We are training hard in preparation for a probable deployment to Iraq in 2007.

Tracy Williams writes: I'm currently working with the Brookings Institution as part of The Hamilton Project in Washington D.C. (And I've found a regular place to go swing dancing in D.C., though I miss the London dance scene). MU

Send your class notes to:

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The Class of 2006 official class photo taken in front of Parliament shortly after their arrival in September.

A note from Mary Denyer

As you may be aware we have all of the class photos up on the alumni section of the Marshall website at <http://www.marshallscholarship.org/alumniphotos/>.

Sadly we are missing photographs from the following years:

1954, 1955, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971

If you have a copy of the class photos from any of these years it would be wonderful if you could scan a copy of it and email it to me at the Marshall Office.

With thanks,

Mary C Denyer (m.denyer@acu.ac.uk)
Assistant Secretary and Head of Scholarship Administration