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Global development and population growth
will place unprecedented stress on resources
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Alumni Newsletter

Marshall Alumni converge on Caltech
for climate change conversations

Editor's Letter

On the cover of this edition of the Marshall Alumni update is Steve Koonin, Undersecretary of Energy for Science at the US Department of Energy, speaking at the recent Marshall reunion event at the California Institute of Technology. He and others anchored a 2-day symposium focused on global development and energy consumption, among other topics. Our special feature this month by Andrew Klaber reports on this event in detail.

In looking through all the pictures of the event during the course of choosing the cover photo and other pictures to accompany the feature, I got to see first hand the camaraderie and warmth that was generated by the gathering of multiple generations of Marshalls. Happily, there are many mini-reunions planned for the coming months, as reported by Bryan Leach in the AMS News section. The expanded Class Notes section also serves to reconnect old friends-and show just how diverse a group we are. From writers and lawyers to soldiers and teachers, most everyone is doing something interesting. Including discovering new dinosaur species, as Steve Brusatte ('06 Bristol) has done - his path to paleontology is described in this issue's profile by Suzette Brooks.

We've also launched a new section: the Campus Column, to help those of us who have returned from Old Blighty to remember what it was like to be a Marshall. The inaugural column has been written by a current scholar studying at the University of Birmingham. While I never managed to visit the parts of the UK that Conor Clarke describes, his story makes me want to book a ticket and invest in some good hiking boots.

We hope you are enjoying the revived newsletter - early reports have shown that after publication of the December issue many more alumni have gotten back in touch via the AMS website (<http://www.marshallscholars.org/>) and more dues were collected than in previous years. As ever, please feel free to contact us at newsletter@marshallscholars.org if you wish to contribute, have an idea, or want to reconnect. We welcome your feedback.

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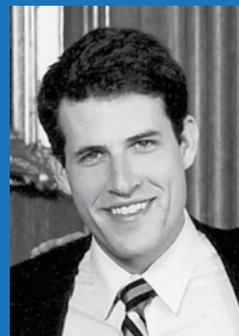
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News from the AMS

By Bryan Leach

The Association of Marshall Scholars has been busy in the New Year and we have much news to report.

First, the Board of AMS has completed a thorough strategic planning review under the leadership of Board Member Benjamin Spencer ('96 LSE), and with the help of Marshall alumnus Matthew Frazier ('02 LSE), who generously donated his time to the six-month long effort. The strategic review has given rise to several new initiatives, including the creation of AMS Consular Representatives who will partner with each of the British Consuls-General to build stronger ties with Marshall alumni at the regional level. As part of this initiative, British Consular Representatives in the eight consular regions will also reach out to the AMS Regional Coordinators, AMS Board members, and regional Marshall Scholar selection committee Chairs to form regional "steering committees."

Second, AMS continues to work closely with our British counterparts on efforts to improve the AMS website and broaden and deepen the quality of information contained in the alumni database. By taking these steps, the AMS will make it easier for Scholars to stay in touch with each other, identify others in their field who may serve as valuable professional contacts, and for leaders in Britain to more easily locate past Scholars and maintain transatlantic ties. To update your profile, log on to the website, or email admin@marshallscholars.org.

Third, AMS is very fortunate to have Lauren Baer ('02 Oxford) as our new national Director of Programs. Lauren will work with Marshall alumni across the country to plan events and gatherings for Marshall Scholars. If you would like to host an alumni event in your region, do not hesitate to

contact her (lauren.baer@gmail.com). The AMS already has several events planned between now and June 1, 2010, and is eager to support additional programs to bring together Marshall alumni.

In New York City, Lauren is coordinating a champagne and dessert reception at the Century Association (7 West 43rd St.) on Friday, April 16th at 8:30 pm.

In New Haven, AMS Board member Marisa Van Saanen ('02 Oxford) (marisavansaanen@gmail.com) has arranged a Marshall Scholars' tea with the new dean of the Yale Law School, Robert Post. The event will take place in the Law School building (127 Wall St.) on Tuesday, February 23rd at 4:00 pm.

In Chapel Hill, the AMS will host a meet-and-greet event with Sir Christopher Meyer, former British ambassador to the United States. The gathering will be scheduled for late March and is being coordinated by Ted Leinbaugh ('75 Oxford) (leinbaugh@unc.edu).

In Ann Arbor, a wine-and-cheese reception is in the works, with Reshma Jaggi ('97 Oxford) as the main contact person (rjaggi@med.umich.edu).

In Boston, the Consulate (One Broadway) will be hosting one or more events for area Marshall Scholars. The contact person for these events is Wei Lien Dang ('05 Imperial College) (weiliendang@gmail.com).

Finally, in Houston, Huy Quoc Tran ('90 Cambridge) (huyquoctran@gmail.com) is arranging a pub social, with the date, time, and location still TBD.

The Marshall Scholarships were established in Britain in 1953 for young American citizens as a national gesture of thanks to the United States for Marshall Aid.



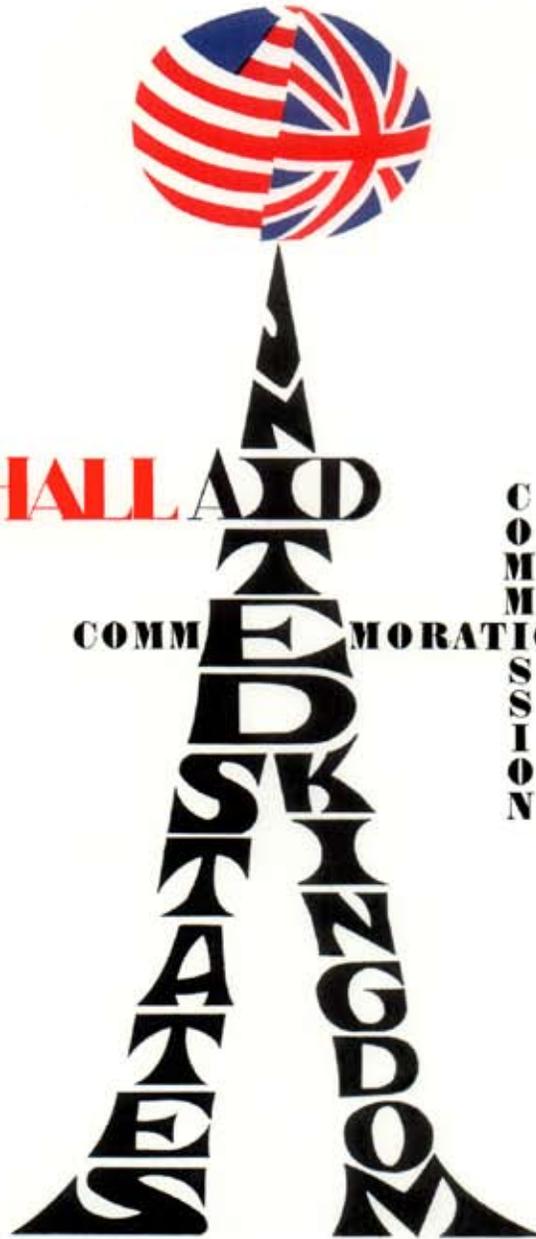
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**Scholarships In Britain
1973 - 75**

Twenty-four college graduates, men and women under 26, are selected annually to work as Marshall Scholars for two years for further degrees at British universities in a wide range of subjects (including the science and humanities). Emoluments comprise fares to and from Britain, a monthly living allowance, tuition fees and book and travel allowances totalling in any given case not less than £1250 per annum. Any Scholar-elect prevented by his draft board from taking up the Scholarship may have it held in abeyance until his release. Applications for Scholarships commencing in October 1973 must be received at the appropriate regional centre not later than 23 October 1972. A leaflet giving fuller information, including the addresses of the regional centres, may be obtained from the Scholarship Adviser on campus or the nearest British Consulate, or direct from the British Embassy (Information Department), 3100 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington DC 20008.

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The past is
not dead



Steve Brusatte lives for creatures that lived millions of years ago

By Suzette Brooks Masters

I'm not sure how many Marshall scholars have published three books and two dozen peer-reviewed articles and discovered a new species of dinosaur in their lifetime. But I'm quite certain that only one can claim all of these accomplishments by the age of 25 — Steve Brusatte ('06 Bristol).

Brusatte knew early on that dinosaurs would feature prominently in his life. He recalls becoming suddenly interested in his younger brother's dinosaur models and toys. "My brother Chris was going through the dinosaur phase right around the time I was starting high school. Having all of his books and his knowledge at my disposal stoked the fire, and my interest just skyrocketed," Brusatte told me.

Although he grew up in rural central Illinois in the small town of Ottawa — far from any dinosaur digs or major science museums — he pursued his passion by reading voraciously and soon exhausted his local library's resources. He first began probing his interest in fossils and evolution by writing articles for amateur fossil magazines. A number of his articles became the basis for his first book, *Stately Fossils*, which was published while he was still in high school. He also wrote articles for his hometown Ottawa paper, *The Times*, where he was a reporter during summers and holidays. In all of his writings, he approaches evolution as a mystery to be solved, a puzzle to be assembled from fragments of information. He clearly relishes the role of dinosaur detective.

In 2002 Brusatte enrolled at the University of Chicago where he majored in geophysical sciences. He attended Chicago to work with a renowned paleontologist and dinosaur hunter there named Paul Sereno, who was to become his thesis advisor and mentor. As Brusatte puts it, "Sereno has a knack for finding dinosaurs and dinosaurs have



a knack for finding him." By the same token, Brusatte has a knack for finding great mentors: he traveled on numerous field trips with Sereno from Wyoming to China, and gained an unusual amount of first hand experience working with fossils in the lab and in the field for someone so young.

Brusatte decided to pursue further study in England, where paleontology was born and has a long and prestigious history. Unlike paleontology in the United States with its heavy focus on dinosaur discovery and fossil work in the field (since fossils are plentiful stateside), paleontology in Britain is more theoretical and grounded in evolutionary biology.

In 2006, Brusatte won a Marshall Scholarship to study at the University of Bristol. He chose Bristol because, according to Brusatte, "it has a highly respected paleontology master's program, and I had two professors at Chicago, both of whom were paleontologists born and educated in England, highly recommend the Bristol course."



shall Scholarship. It's at Bristol that he met Anne Curthoys, who was then a history student at the university and is now studying to become a teacher. "My friends and relatives kept joking that I would come back with a bunch of degrees and a British girl. I was just looking to continue building my career in paleontology, but I met Anne only about a month after I started in Bristol, and things moved fast from there," Brusatte says. When he returned to the United States in 2008, he was already engaged to Anne and they have since married. His connections to England are still so strong that Brusatte can easily imagine teaching there once he completes his doctorate.

At Bristol he studied palaeobiology in the Department of Earth Sciences. In his first year he focused on the genealogical relationships of the archosaurian reptiles, a large group that includes birds, dinosaurs, and crocodiles and, in the second, on statistical and quantitative aspects of the evolution of these creatures during the beginning stage of the Age of Dinosaurs (250–175 million years ago).

His time in England had a profound impact on Brusatte. From a professional perspective, he honed his quantitative skills and developed a bigger picture approach to evolutionary thinking. He also discovered a vibrant and welcoming community of paleontologists in Britain, led by his second great mentor, Michael Benton. He joined a number of professional organizations and found research collaborators easily. He still feels very much a part of the paleontology community in Britain and continues to pursue joint work with colleagues across the Atlantic. He completed his second book, *Dinosaurs*, in England, a book he describes as a "big, beautiful coffee table book filled with computer generated images of dinosaurs. It has been billed as the largest book on dinosaurs ever published, weighing in at nearly ten pounds."

But it is Brusatte's personal life that was most transformed by his stint abroad on a Mar-

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Now Brusatte lives in Manhattan and has an office at the American Museum of Natural History. He has finished his coursework at Columbia and is currently pursuing research on carnivorous dinosaurs for his PhD thesis jointly at Columbia and the museum.



When I met Brusatte at the museum, I followed him on a byzantine tour of rarely seen storage areas, laboratories and offices. Surrounded by the richest collection of dinosaur bones in the world, Brusatte impressed me with his encyclopedic knowledge of dinosaur anatomy. As we examined the contents of various drawers filled with fossils, Brusatte described the nature and function of all manner of bones, from the tiniest to the largest. These bones, kept in tightly guarded climate controlled storage areas, are the evidence he uses to construct an evolutionary narrative and better understand how newly discovered specimens fit into and transform that changing narrative. According to Brusatte, “I am first and foremost a storyteller.”

Brusatte’s research interests focus on the anatomy and evolution of carnivorous dinosaurs. And he has already made quite a splash. Just this past fall, he was interviewed by several publications, including Britain’s infamous *Daily Mirror*, about a new pygmy relative of *Tyrannosaurus rex* from China--coined *Raptorex*--which he analyzed with Paul Sereno and other colleagues. The *Daily Mirror* story, one of several printed in the British and American papers, followed the publication in September of 2009 of an article by the research team in *Science*.

One byproduct of spending time compiling data on dinosaurs, especially the earliest members of the group that lived about 225 million years ago, is increased attention to more general macroevolutionary questions. Brusatte wondered whether the explosion in size and geographic spread of dinosaurs in the late Triassic was sudden or gradual, whether dinosaurs out-competed other Triassic reptile groups—the dominant view – or simply took advantage of opportunities presented by the extinction of other species. After developing some new metrics to address these questions, Brusatte found that dinosaurs were evolving at the same rate as crocodile-line archosaurs and were therefore not out-competing them. If anything, the crocodile-line creatures were doing better than dinosaurs, since they were more abundant and enjoyed more varied ecological lifestyles. It was only after the extinction of most

crocodile-line reptiles about 175 million years ago that dinosaurs flourished during the Jurassic Period. This research was published in *Science* and *Biology Letters* in 2008.

Where does Brusatte see himself in ten years? Settled at a university or museum, either in England or the United States, teaching, doing research, writing, publishing and discovering new dinosaurs around the world. His ultimate goal is to become a leader in his field and to inspire and train others to piece together our planet’s evolutionary story. Brusatte remarked, “I’ve been very fortunate so far, not only for all of the educational and professional opportunities I have had, but because I have found a profession that truly inspires me.” His contagious enthusiasm and impressive productivity will surely help him achieve his goals.



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The Sustainable Reunion

Marshall Alumni gather at one of America's premier scientific institutions for a weekend filled with friends, spacecraft and environmental discussion

By Andrew Klaber



Panelists Paul Dimotakis, William Gross, Seema Jayachandran ('93), Mary Nichols, James Langer ('55)



Caltech Provost Edward Stolper ('79 Edinburgh) (left) and Caltech President Emeritus Tom Everhart ('55 Cambridge) (right) greet Stephen Quake ('91 Oxford)

As much of the country was heading toward winter, approximately 60 Marshall Scholar alumni and their guests gathered in sunny Pasadena for the AMS's Caltech Reunion and Symposium. The two-day event kicked off on Friday, November 13th with cocktails and dinner at the Athenaeum—a private club on the Caltech grounds that once served as a temporary home for Albert Einstein. Warm weather and the plentiful palm trees provided a welcoming setting as recently returned Marshalls mingled with more seasoned alumni, including a Marshall from the inaugural class of 1954.

Over the last 56 years the Marshall Scholarship has formed many connections with Caltech and thus the Institute, which can claim seventeen Nobel Prizes, was a fitting location for the AMS's premier West Coast event for 2009. In addition to the 12 Caltech undergraduates selected as Marshall Scholars over the years—a sizable number considering its total undergraduate population of under 1,000—several Marshalls have also served on the faculty, including Tom Everhart ('55 Cambridge), president from 1987–1997, and Ed Stolper ('74 Edinburgh), currently the William E. Leonard Professor of Geology.

Saturday's events kicked off with a much-anticipated visit to the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). Situated several miles north of the main campus, the JPL was established by Caltech

in the 1930s and has played a pivotal role in America's space program—from the first American satellite, Explorer 1, in 1958 to the highly successful Opportunity and Spirit Mars Rovers.

Paul Dimotakis, Chief Technologist at the JPL, and his colleagues began the tour of the facility with a trip to Mission Control—a 24/7 operation that serves as the central communications hub for all the laboratory's space missions. Here, alumni learned about the challenges associated with monitoring and controlling devices located worlds away. For example, even with signals travelling at the speed of light it still takes 15 minutes or more for Mission Control to communicate with one of its rovers on Mars.

Speaking of those rovers, they were only intended to operate for about 90 days on the Martian surface but their mission has just recently entered an amazing sixth year. However, during 2009 the Spirit rover suffered several setbacks including becoming stuck in the sandy terrain. Consequently, the alumni also toured the workshop of the team tasked with trying to figure out how to get the rover unstuck before it becomes entombed on the Red Planet. More recently, at the end of January, the JPL decided to call off any additional attempts to free Spirit and preserve precious power resources to run the rover as a stationary science platform.

The JPL tour concluded with a sneak peek at the next-generation Mars exploration rover named Curiosity. This new rover, part of the \$2.3 billion



Caltech Professor Paul Dimotakis and AMS Chairman Harrell Smith ('60 Oxford)



Vijayanthi Balaraman, Eric Tuttle ('01 UCL), Nicola Miller, and Thomas Miller ('00)

Mars Science Laboratory project, is scheduled to launch in autumn 2011, and will perform the first ever precision landing on Mars. Curiosity will assess whether Mars ever was, or is still today, an environment able to support microbial life, thereby helping scientists better determine the planet's habitability. To achieve that, the new craft will be over five times as heavy and carry over ten times the weight in scientific instruments as its predecessors, Opportunity and Spirit.

Following a break for lunch, the AMS reunion events continued with the headline symposium entitled "Energy and Other Sustainability Challenges." Steve Koonin, Undersecretary of Energy for Science at the US Department of Energy, kicked off the symposium with his keynote address to a filled-to-capacity Ramo Auditorium.

Koonin focused his talk on the complexities of addressing energy and climate change issues in light of the fact that "global development and population growth will place unprecedented stress on resources." He also addressed many of the technical challenges facing scientists and engineers tasked with developing realistic alternative energy sources, saying that solutions to energy problems can be "slow to develop and long to fix." However, Koonin also pointed out that the development of more efficient energy technologies should not take the place of meaningful efforts to reduce our overall consumption of energy—pointing out that "as we make things more efficient we tend to use more of it," which could counteract efforts to reduce emissions.

Koonin then joined a distinguished panel of energy and sustainability experts, moderated by James Langer ('55 Birmingham), who offered their own perspectives on the significant challenges facing the international community.

Dimotakis, from the JPL, discussed several situations where potential economic opportunities created by climate change can easily cause financial ruin elsewhere. One example cited was the recent opening of the Northwest Passage, which while creating a huge efficiency benefit for the shipping industry could equally destroy the economy of Central American regions that rely heavily on revenues from the Panama Canal. Dimotakis also emphasized the need to make new technologies financially attractive to the average consumer, saying "you're not going to persuade someone to pay ten times more per kilowatt-hour than they pay now no matter how much they like to hug trees."

Another panelist, William Gross, described his efforts to tackle that issue head-on with his company Idealab, which has created and operated more than 75 companies—many of them focused on advanced energy technologies. Gross said that his goal is to generate energy using new clean technologies at prices that are lower than traditional



Two recently returned Marshall Scholars pose next to a replica of the Phoenix Mars rover, which will launch in 2012.



Marshall Alumni at the Saturday reception

methods such as burning coal. One of the primary financial barriers to any new energy infrastructure technology is the sheer volume of physical capital investment required. Engineers are now developing techniques to use computers and software to accomplish what was once only possible with sizable machinery. As Gross put it “we use Moore’s law and not more steel.”

Seema Jayachandran (’93 Oxford) highlighted the fact that those who stand to suffer the most from the environmental effects of global resource consumption are those who have contributed the least to the problem. She offered her perspectives on the need for development of advanced technologies, such as drought-resistant crops, to help the world’s poorer countries mitigate the effects of climate change. Finally, Mary Nichols, of the California Air Resources Board, described California’s unique path towards effective environmental stewardship and offered some thoughts on lessons that could be applied nationwide as the US seeks to implement meaningful, but realistic, energy policies.

As the discussion drew to a close, there was a clear consensus among all the panelists that the world’s scientists, engineers, and politicians are

capable of solving future energy and sustainability challenges, but that perhaps the biggest hurdle of all is leaving the comfort zone of fossil fuels while they remain, for the moment, plentiful. One panelist summed these feelings up with a quotation common among green-technology optimists saying “The stone age didn’t end because we ran out of stones.”

At the closing cocktails and dinner reception, there was no shortage of topics for lively discussion. Harrell Smith (’60 Oxford), Chariman of the AMS board, commented that events like the AMS Caltech Reunion and Symposium are key to the Association’s mission of fostering a vibrant alumni community that brings together all generations of Marshall Scholars. He also highlighted the efforts of those involved in organizing the Caltech event, particularly Everhart and Stolper, who provided significant organizational and financial support. The AMS aims to hold similar events in the near future at venues around the country, so stay tuned for future announcements.

Editor’s Note: Video recordings of the symposium’s panel discussion and Dr. Koonin’s keynote speech are both available for streaming from the AMS website at www.marshallscholars.org.

A vintage Marshall Scholarship poster from 1961

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MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIPS

AT BRITISH UNIVERSITIES



THE JODRELL BANK RADIO TELESCOPE
(University of Manchester)

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ships with tenure commencing in October 1962 must be received not later than October 31, 1961.

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On top of England

Conor Clarke discovers mountaineering's vibrant British following and storied history

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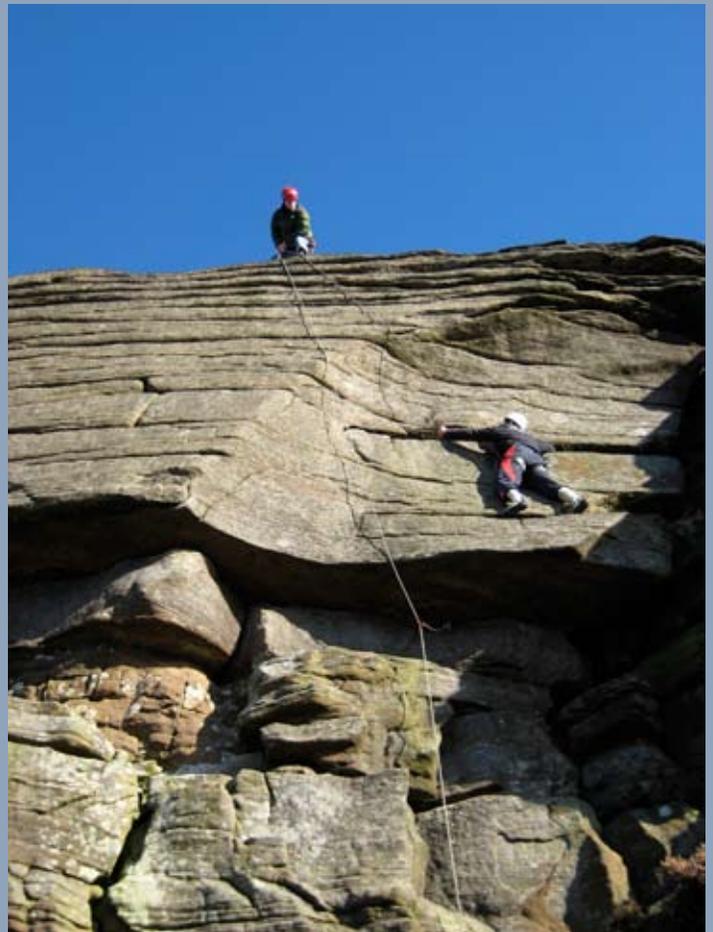
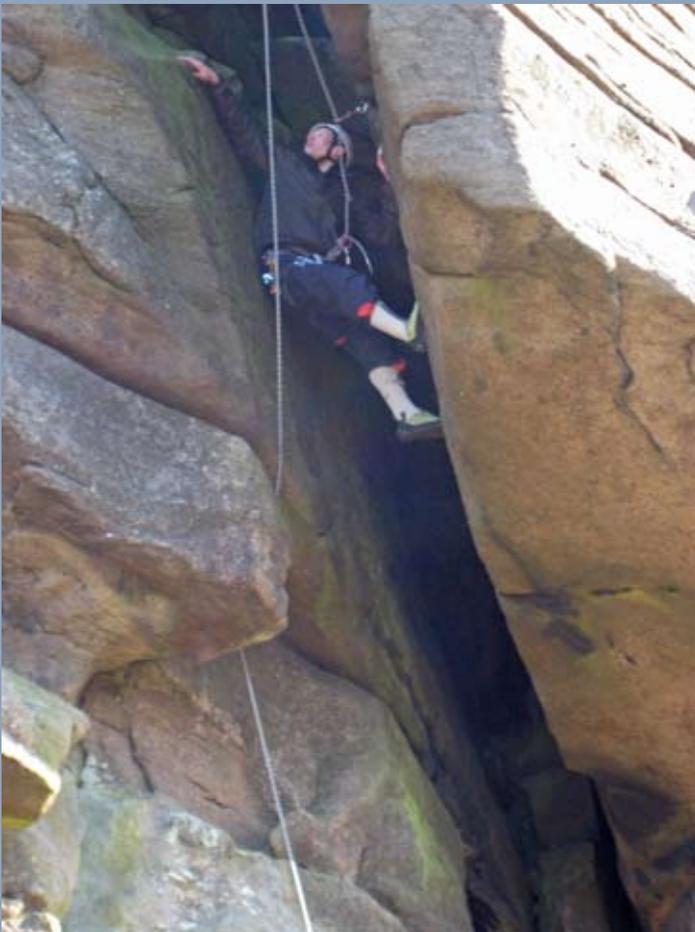


England, as several Marshall Scholars who ski have noted, is a rather flat country. So it was with no small amount of irony that, on drizzly October morning, I approached the information table of the University of Birmingham's Mountaineering Club. It was a large table, set up in the corner of the university's annual extracurricular fair, and my motives for being there were not noble. Classes had started the week before, and of the 200-odd students in the graduate school of economics, there were, by my disappointed count, exactly three native-born subjects of the Queen. But the students staffing the booth looked indignant. They were, moreover, handing out quality freebies: not just stickers and chocolate that were the standard fare of the film club and the fetish

society, but tubes of chapstick attached with miniature karabiners to North Face lanyards.

I picked up a lanyard. My previous experience with mountains was limited to driving past Mount Rainier a couple of times, and cleaning out my room before moving to England. For no especially good reason, I signed up.

A couple of weeks later, I would be taping up blisters and filing down the calluses on my fingers in an effort to squeeze one last climb out of Friday night session in a chilly Birmingham warehouse that, 80 years ago, would have contained manufactured goods and not a climbing wall. I would be merrily procrastinating on essays and problem



Clarke climbing gritstone in the Peak District.



Members of the Birmingham Mountaineering Club pause on a gritstone cliff to enjoy the natural beauty of England's Peak District

sets to spend a weekend with the club in a poorly insulated Peak District Boy Scout lodge, packed like a powder keg with sagging mattresses and 19-year-old English hormones. And I would find the force of nascent addiction chipping apart my ability to concentrate on anything else. In the early '90s, someone came up with a lovely ersatz medical condition called "Tetris Syndrome": play the game enough, and you start sorting the real world into a series of stackable blocks and right-angle geometries. I could feel a second cousin of Tetris Syndrome falling over my eyes: Everything from doorframes to bookshelves to sturdy-looking fat kids seemed like a suitable target for a climb.

I took some comfort in the fact that the English climbers around me seemed to experience this as well. After all, the English, despite inhabiting one of the more topographically joyless countries in Western Europe, invented the sport. True to form, they did it on other people's property. The "Golden Age" of alpine climbing — when many of the big continental European peaks saw their first ascents, with techniques and tools designed specifically for the purpose — is generally considered to be book-ended by two events: the 1854 ascent of a Swiss mountain called the Wetterhorn by a Birmingham-

born judge named Alfred Willis, and the 1865 first ascent of the imposing Matterhorn, by the English climber Edward Whymper. Between those dates, the London-based Alpine Club was founded — probably the first and certainly the oldest club of its kind. It survives today.

*M*ountaineering became fashionable in a Victorian era that celebrated manly virtues of recklessness and masochism. And, as the sport grew, it divided into more distinct camps, some more suited to the local topography: England has no real mountains, but it does have some great cliffs, and sport climbing had its salad days on the lime- and limestone fells of the Lake District.

The ambitions of the new sports soon expanded with the empire. It can be tediously debated what anyone gained from a couple centuries of British rule on the subcontinent and over most of the Himalayan range, but it's fairly clear that more than a few colonialists ended up with a fever for the mountains. Once mapped and measured — much 19th-century blood and treasure was poured into the effort — it was a quick, half-logical jump to the inevitable conclusion that the world's biggest mountains needed to be climbed.

There was, and is, something wonderfully pointless about all of it. The most famous three words in climbing are the English mountain zealot George Mallory's (somewhat mythological) answer to a question about why he wanted to climb Everest: "Because it's there." This, plus the fact that fear makes the brain spray endorphins like a firehose into a five-alarm blaze, pretty much sums it up. That Mallory's frozen body wasn't discovered until 1999, 75 years after he disappeared 8,000 meters up the mountain, can almost be considered a romantic addition to the sport's history (did he make it to the top before perishing on the descent?), not a realistic indication of the sport's inherent risks. Almost.



About 20 members of the climbing club, before we wandered around in a miserable, wet cave in the Peak District.

But, after the Mallory disappearance, British climbers pretty much stuck with the romance. And when New Zealander Edmund Hillary succeeded in climbing Everest at the head of a 1953 British expedition — the ninth such attempt — the news happened to reach London on the day of Queen Elizabeth's coronation ceremony. For a nation that was eager to rebuild its bruised cities and ego after World War Two (with the help of a certain post-war American aid program that spawned a certain British scholarship), the metaphor was about as subtle as a sledgehammer.

*T*he connections between climbing and British history have kept the sport enormously popular with British students. This is helpful, because climbing, like glee club, is one of those activities that must snare its potential participants before graduation or not at all: A college club is required. For one, you can't climb by yourself. It is of fairly substantial importance that you are attached to a rope, that the rope

is attached to an anchor on the rock, and that someone else (hopefully heavier than you are) is attached to the other end. It is, moreover, a sport with sizeable fixed costs: It is of equally large importance that the rope not break, and the good ones start at about 100 pounds. The number of fancy accessories — spring-loaded cams, chalk bags, climbing shoes of varying rigidity — can then be ratcheted up infinitely.

For the past 78 years the University of Birmingham Mountaineering Club has swallowed some of the costs, and its members have swallowed the risk. It is a big club, with slightly more than 100 members (almost half of them women). And, compared to the rest of the British academy, it runs like a Swiss watch: The club organizes two nights of indoor climbing a week, and trips to Wales, Scotland, the Lake District or the Peak District most weekends. Most importantly, there are no other Americans in the club: Climbing is one of those sports that Americans haven't managed to render obsolete with superior numbers, checkbooks and overcompetitive attitudes. Yet.

*Are you married to a fellow
Marshall Scholar?*



We're looking to feature married Marshalls in an upcoming issue. Please let us know of any couples that formed during (or after) the Marshall experience.

Please let us know at newsletter@marshallscholars.org.

1956

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Bob Faulkner is still teaching the history of political philosophy at Boston College, living with wife Margaret in their home in Auburndale along the Charles River. They summer in upstate

New York. His most recent book is *The Case for Greatness* (2007). He has a son living in Manhattan, a daughter in Charlottesville, two grandsons and a new granddaughter. He recently saw **Don Small**, who is semi-retired from his distinguished career at BU Med. School. Bob shares the sad news that **Hugh Gallagher** died some years ago.



BOB FAULKNER

As most of you probably know, **Jay Iselin** died in May, 2008. I attended his memorial service at Cooper Union, a beautiful event with remembrances by a host of distinguished former colleagues and, of course, Leah and his children.

I still teach economics at Vassar, am finishing a term as department chair and overseeing a research project on education and health care in rural India. I'm waiting to revise "A Health Economics Primer" (2006) until U.S. health-care policy is less in flux. Life is divided between the Hudson Valley and Manhattan, where, happily, my children and grandchildren also live.

1958

Pete Gunter
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1959

Jim Bernhard
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Frank Trumbower is relocating to his hometown, San Francisco, and remodeling an apartment on Nob Hill. Except for the winter season, when he is in Park City, Utah, he would welcome class members passing through. **Harold Branam** had four articles in *Maggill's Literary Annual, 2009*, and one in the *Friends Journal*. His poetry has been published in magazines and read by Garrison Keillor on "Writer's Almanac." Wife Sandy illustrates children's books and exhibits her art in Savannah and Hilton Head. **Jim Bernhard's** new book on wordplay, *Words Gone Wild*, will be published this spring by Skyhorse Publishing.

1960

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Roger Louis, currently holding the Kluge Chair at the Library of Congress, is Director of British Studies at the University of Texas. Trinity Term each year he heads for Oxford, where he's an Honorary Fellow of St. Antony's. In 2001 he was President of the American Historical Association and since then director of the AHA's National History Center. He chaired the State Department's Historical Advisory Committee until last November.

1961

Wallace Kaufman
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Lois Potter finished her graduate work at Cambridge, and stayed in Britain for another twenty-seven years, teaching at the universities of Aberdeen and Leicester. In 1991, she was invited to apply for the Ned B. Allen Chair of English at the University of Delaware, from which she retired two years ago. She is still writing (currently, a biography of Shakespeare), and lives with her 99-year-old mother in California.

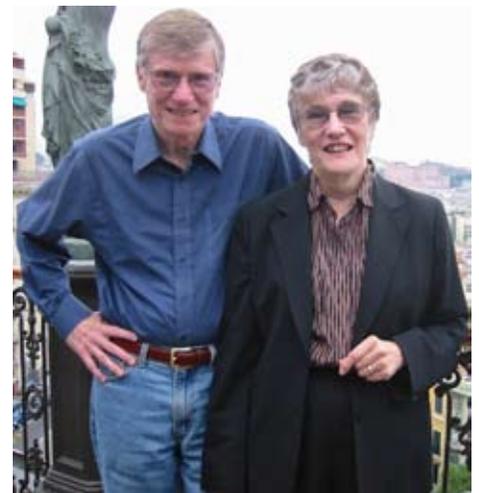
Lois writes, "Spending five years on the Marshall selection committee in DC was a fascinating experience. The candidates seem even better than in my day – but they are also much more professional and get much more guidance than we did."

Hugh Witemeyer joins the ranks of those who recast the notion of retirement. As soon as he left the University of New Mexico Department of English in 2004 he became both administrator and actor in Albuquerque's theatre community. He is president of the Albuquerque Theatre Guild, an umbrella organization for more than 30 live-theatre organizations and nearly 140 theatre practitioners (www.abqtheatre.org). Hugh writes, "In theatre, as opposed to teaching, one does one's thing in front of an immediately appreciative audience that wants to be there, and one doesn't have to mark their papers."

1962

Pamela Perrott
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Tom Gaisser writes that he and **Julia (Haig) Gaisser** were married at the end of 1964, a few months after the end of our Marshall years. They have lived in Swarthmore PA since 1970. Tom is on the faculty of the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Delaware, where his field of research



TOM & JULIA GAISSER

is particle astrophysics, and his principal research project is IceCube, a large neutrino detector at the South Pole. Tom says, “I have been going there in November and December for the past few years, but this year I am on leave in Germany with the support of an award from the Humboldt Foundation.”

Julia Gaisser finished a Ph.D. in Greek from the University of Edinburgh in 1967, before teaching in the Latin department at Bryn Mawr College from 1975 to 2006. Her principal area of research is the transmission and reception of Latin authors — a field that allows plenty of travel to study manuscripts and early printed books in interesting places. Since her retirement from Bryn Mawr, Julia has been able to devote herself full time to writing and research, as well as to accompanying Tom on his travels (but not to the South Pole!).

1965

Catherine Weir
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Rick & Emily Abel retired from UCLA in 2008 as professors of law and public health. They have lived part-time in New York since 2001 to enjoy their five grandchildren. They continue to write, Rick on the defense of legality after 9/11, and Emily on the medicalization of death after the Civil War.

Phil Straffin retired in 2007 after 37 years teaching mathematics at Beloit College. His books on game theory and topology are on the Mathematics’ Association bestseller list. Phil has now climbed 43 of the 54 14,000-ft mountains in Colorado, where he and his wife Judy retired.

Currently Dean of Undergraduate Studies at University of Texas at Austin, **Paul Woodruff** is also professor of philosophy



PAUL WOODRUFF

and classics there. Theater, democracy and reverence — quite a trio — are the subjects of his recent books.

1966

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Irv Epstein sends the following news: “My .edu email address really does mean that I’m a professor, having followed a pretty straight academic line since ‘dropping out’ of Oxford after a year and returning to Harvard to complete my Ph.D.” Following a postdoc in Cambridge (UK), Irv took a faculty position at Brandeis, where he’s been ever since, currently as chair of the Chemistry Department. His current academic and administrative passion is trying to increase diversity in the sciences. Irv recently received a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Professorship to do this, and has created a program called the Science Posse that actually seems to be working! Irv has been married for 38 years and has two boys.

Richard Tarrant writes, “1966 does sound like a long time ago, but my years at Oxford (1966-70) are still vivid in memory, because they were both so exciting and so formative.” In 1970, after a D.Phil. in Classics, Richard moved to the University of Toronto, and since 1982 has been at Harvard, teaching and writing on Latin literature (Virgil, Horace, Ovid and Seneca, among other authors). In 1968, Richard married Jacqueline Brown, a medievalist, which makes for lively dinner-table discussions of Latinity, paleography, and other shared interests.

1968

Len Srnka
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I am still at ExxonMobil after more than 30 years with the company, where I am now Chief Research Geoscientist. This past autumn, I had the privilege (and fun!) of serving on the Scholar selection committee that convened in Houston for the Southwestern Region’s annual

process. I travel regularly around “the global oil patch.” I was the recent fortunate recipient of the Virgil Kauffman Gold Medal from the Society of Exploration Geophysicists for contributions to electromagnetic geophysics.

1969

Will Lee
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Fred Whelan has been married to Margaret (Peggy) Fried, whom he was dating while a Marshall, since 1971, just after returning from England and just before starting graduate school. They have three grown children and two grandchildren, plus a foster son and three more grandchildren from him. Fred completed a Ph.D. at Harvard in 1976 and has been a faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh ever since, specializing in historical political theory and dividing time between teaching and research, most recently publishing *English Political Thought and Non-Western Societies: Sultans and Savages*. Fred writes, “For fun I play the guitar (not as well as **Joe Willing**) but more often the banjo, having developed an interest in old-time Appalachian (especially West Virginia) music. Nothing beats a good old-time string-band jam, especially when I can join one of my sons.”

1970

Al Shoaf
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M. Elizabeth (Betsy) Sargent, is Professor of English in the Department of English and Film Studies and Director of Writing Initiatives at the University of Alberta, in Edmonton, Canada. She also co-authored *Conversations About Writing: Eavesdropping, Inkshedding, and Joining In*. Recent things she’s proud of: co-chairing the Writing Task Force, the results of that work (new Writing Studies courses and colleagues), and the essay about her aged parents she submitted for the Mactaggart Writing Award. With her husband, Garry Watson, she also man-

aged a 5th annual pilgrimage to swim in Crater Lake, followed by a first-ever swim in Waterton Lake on their drive back to Canada.

Chris Saricks was from 1979 to 2003 an environmental scientist in the Center for Transportation Research at Argonne National Laboratory (now a Special Appointee there). Chris says, “My spouse of 38 years, Joyce, is a nationally-famous librarian (don’t laugh).” In 1987, he was National Public Radio’s “Chain Novel” contest winner. He is over halfway to his goal of biking at least one rail trail in each of the lower 48 states.

1972

Jon Erichsen

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After visiting professorships at Harvard and Notre Dame, and fellowships at Durham and the Australian National University, **James Moore** is finishing his career as professor of the history of science at the Open University in England. His and Adrian Desmond’s best-selling biography *Darwin* is now in ten languages, and their *Darwin’s Sacred Cause*, already in five languages, is widely regarded as the outstanding book of the Darwin bicentenary year.

During that year, 2009, James was constantly in demand in Europe and the Americas as a lecturer and interviewee; at present, he is recharging to work on unfinished business, including a biographical study of Darwin’s quirky colleague, Alfred Russel Wallace.

Jo Hatch writes that he went through a government phase, working as a speechwriter for the Federal Energy Administration, for the Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission, and spending close to eight years as assistant director at the Smithson-

ian’s National Museum of American History. Jo then became a securities and corporate lawyer, working for six to eight more years in Washington and then moving to Denver, where he’s continued to practice law. He’s been married for 34 years to his wife, Caroline, and has two sons, Nathaniel and Andrew, both around 30. Jo writes, “I am now thinking of doing something more productive of common good for a scene or two of the final act, but don’t know what yet!”

1973

Rafael Ramirez

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1974

David Moskowitz

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Linda Sperling sends news that she is still a biologist after her PhD at Cambridge. “I chose to work in France (I like wine, too!) and am employed by the CNRS public research agency,” she writes. Linda studies the genome and the biology of a unicellular organism, *Paramecium*.”

Congratulations to **Sandy Shumway** who has recently received several awards: the David H. Wallace Memorial Award “in recognition of her long and dedicated service in promoting research, understanding, and cooperation among shellfisheries scientists, culturists, managers, producers and regulators”; an Honorary Fellowship, from the University of Wales, and an appointment as an Erasmus Mundus Scholar at the University of Cadiz, Spain. Sandy was also recently appointed Editor-in-Chief of Reviews in Fisheries Science.

Jack Welch III is going on 30 years as a corporate lawyer. He says, “I’ve seen everything and worked for 10 firms - in New York, LA, Hong Kong, London and back to LA. I’m convinced everyone ends up here in the end. I also spend a lot of time in Berlin (where I lived and commuted to).” Jack reports that he and his



JACK WELCH III

husband Christian Welch are happily and legally married under German law.

And finally, my written testimony about Genomic Medicine (<http://www.parliament.uk/documents/upload/stGMGenomed.pdf>) was included in the July, 2009 report of the House of Lords to the NHS (http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/lords_s_t_select/evidence2.cfm).

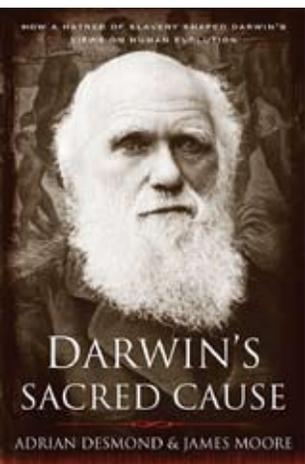
1975

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My wife, Lucia Orth, and I are still living in Lawrence, Kansas, where I teach international and comparative law subjects at the University of Kansas and Lucia teaches treaty and human rights law courses at Haskell Indian Nations University. My recent books include *China’s Legal Soul* (about rule of law in China) and *Losing the Global Development War* (about criticisms of the IMF, World Bank, and WTO). Lucia and I spent the spring 2009 semester in Italy for a Fulbright adventure at the University of Trento.

Carlos Loumiet is a partner at the Miami office of Hunton & Williams, where he works in mergers and acquisitions, project finance and capital markets, much of it relating to Latin America and the Caribbean. He lives in Coral Gables, Florida with his wife, Cristina, and his youngest daughter. Carlos and Cristina together have one boy and four girls. Currently, Carlos chairs the New America Alliance (NAA), a national association of Latino business leaders,



and he has spent a great deal of time this past year working with the Obama Administration and Congress on an assortment of issues important to the national Hispanic community.

1976

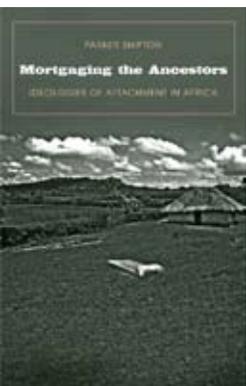
Carol Lee

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Jonathan Marshall is Chief of External Communications at Pacific Gas & Electric Corporation in San Francisco, and managing editor and frequent writer for the PG&E-sponsored blog Next 100, which discusses energy and the environment. He is the author of four books on covert operations and national security issues. Jonathan is married to Lorrie Goldin, a psychotherapist and blog writer, and has two daughters in college. He reports that he is a committed environmentalist and that he and Lorrie are avid hikers.

Parker Shipton continues to teach social and cultural anthropology and African studies at Boston University. Topics of his research, teaching and writing have included agriculture, food and hunger; credit and debt; land rights, attachment, and belonging; kinship and fictive kinship; ritual and sequencing; human rights; and the human classification and treatment of other animals.

He has conducted most of his field research in equatorial East Africa and in West Africa. His latest book, *Mortgaging the Ancestors: Ideologies of Attachment in Africa*, was published in 2009 by the Yale University Press. He, spouse Polly Steele, and daughter Susannah live in Cambridge, Massachusetts.



1979

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I live in San Diego with my wife, Margaret, and we have three children –

John (22), Erin (20), and Julie (17). I am the president of Clarity Design, an engineering design and manufacturing services company. I have been active on the board of management of our local YMCA, particularly with the annual fundraising campaigns.

Jeff Rosensweig is an associate professor of International Business and Finance at the Goizueta Business School of Emory University. Jeff has long been involved in the Marshall Scholar selection process and currently chairs the southeast region selection committee. Jeff finds it interesting to observe the successive surges of applicant interest, such as Arabic and Middle Eastern studies and sustainable development. Jeff and his wife, Rita, have a married daughter and a son at Georgia Tech. Echoing a sentiment that perhaps many of us feel, Jeff says he is not yet ready to be a grandfather.

Art Haywood reports from Cheltenham, PA, where he has a private law practice that concentrates on nonprofit real estate and community development. Art is married to Julie and they have three children – Arthur (19), Olivia (17), and Alexandra (16). Art was recently elected to local office as a Cheltenham Township Commissioner.

1980

Anya McGuirk

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1981

Suzette Brooks

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Jan Aart Scholte sends news from the UK where he is a Research Fellow at the University of Warwick and Centennial Professor at the London School of Economics focusing on global governance. Jan Aart is married to Maria Sikorsky and has a 13 year-old daughter, Polly.

Richard Cordray has had an interesting career as Supreme Court clerk, lawyer, law professor and elected official in Ohio. He has served in the Ohio legisla-



RICHARD CORDRAY

ture, as the first Ohio Solicitor General, as Franklin County Treasurer, Ohio Treasurer, and currently is the Ohio Attorney General. He is married to Peggy Cordray and has 11 year-old twins.

Robert Scherrer is now Chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Vanderbilt University where he focuses on cosmology. He also has been “sporadically publishing short stories in the science fiction magazine, Analog.

Eric Rakowski served as a Supreme Court clerk and corporate tax attorney before settling in as a law professor at Berkeley where he holds a chair in trust and estates law. Eric writes that, “in the real world, I serve as a director of several mutual fund groups.” Yen Trac and Eric have two young children.

1983

Bryan Schwartz

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David Von Drehle an editor-at-large for *Time* magazine, having spent his first 22 years post-Oxford working at the *Miami Herald* and the *Washington Post*. David’s wife, Karen Ball, is also a journalist, and they have four kids - the oldest is 12 and the youngest about to turn 7. David lives in Kansas City, which is Karen’s home town. He writes, “We spend most of our time at basketball games, choir concerts and PTA fundraisers. The more time I spend covering current events, the more I like to escape into history, so I moonlight as an author of historical non-fiction. Life

has been exceedingly generous with me; our Oxford experience still ranks high on the long list of blessings.”

Bernard Miller has been with Synopsys, Inc. for the last 15 years, where he has held many different positions, most recently as an Application Engineer. His wife, Janine is a Radio Announcer at the local Classical Music station (KBAQ, 98.5FM). Bernard’s oldest son Matt is a freshman at ASU and his younger son Ben is a sophomore in high school. Bernard writes, “I recently attended the Arizona Diamondbacks Fantasy Camp where I discovered I can still hit a fastball. I went 11 for 23, our team won the camp championship, I was awarded the team MVP award, and I got a hit off of Mike Fetters, the former Diamondbacks pitcher. It was a true fantasy all the way around.”

Robert Dudley currently holds the Gompertz Chair of Integrative Biology at UC-Berkeley, and is continuing research on the biomechanics of flight in insects and hummingbirds. The lab is lucky to supplement experimental work in Berkeley with fieldwork in Panama and the Peruvian Amazon. Roberts adds, “I have the distinct honor of having been arrested by campus police at demonstrations last fall in support of public education and the UC system. Go Bears!”

1985

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I completed a PhD with the Nobel Laureate John Sulston in 1989 at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology and King’s College, Cambridge on the cloning and sequencing of genes involved in the nematode worm nervous system. In 1995, I decided there were too many genes to study them one at a time. So I switched fields, from nematode worms to fruit flies and from molecular genetics to the emerging field of genomics. I’ve been in Berkeley for many years now, where I’ve done structural and functional genomics, and developed

resources and tools for understanding the fruit fly genome and the genes, transcripts and proteins that it encodes. I’m currently involved in collaborative projects to identify all promoters and transcripts in the genome using next-generation RNA sequencing, to make a collection of fruit fly strains carrying mutations in all genes, and to develop improved tools for precisely engineering genes and the genome.

1986

Kevin Leitao
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I’m still as happily married to Kathleen as I was during our newlywed year at Cambridge. Our older son, Dan, is a junior in college, and our younger son is a senior in high school. I am working at TIAA-CREF in Compliance - helping grow and protect the retirement savings of many Marshall Scholars. I enjoy reading articles by **Jeff Rosen** in the *New Republic* and various journalistic writing by **Anne Applebaum** from time to time.

Erica Whittaker sends news that last year she set up her own consulting firm in London after nearly ten years at Merrill Lynch leading a London-based team of biotech analysts. She is having a lot of fun working directly for the companies that she used to cover. She is very pleased to be able to spend more time with her two daughters, ages 2 and 5. Erica also reports that her daughters are already making fun of her accent.

1988

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Scott Lichtman has spent his career in consulting, information services, and finance. He’s become a specialist at building online communities and social networks for business, including networks for institutional investors, investment banks and

investment relations officers; community lenders; lawyers; software and phone application developers, each numbering in the tens of thousands of participants. In the last several years, he co-founded a network of industry executives advising hedge funds and corporations with over 30,000 members (www.circleofexperts.com) and has been working on a crowdsourcing venture that is intended to be covered on a business reality video show. Scott lives with his wife Tamra and pre-teen children Eli & Kayla in Stamford, CT, and enjoys playing jazz and rock in his basement band.

Bill Tompson is with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development OECD in Paris having transformed himself from an Oxford Politics D. Phil. to a senior economist covering the Czech Republic and Estonia. After his Marshall, Bill was with Oxford Analytica for a while and then taught at Birkbeck College in London before crossing the Chunnel in 2003 as an expert on Russia and CIS transition and faltering reform.

1989

Stacey Christian
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Todd Pierce is at UNC Asheville Working as a research scientist at NEMAC (the National Environmental Modeling and Analysis Center).

Eleanor Dickey is back in England, teaching Classics at the University of Exeter.

I (**Stacey Watts-Christian**) am the Lead Architect for Financial Risk Management R&D at SAS Institute in Cary, NC.

J.C. Rozendaal graduated from the University of Texas School of Law and is currently working at a small Washington DC



SCOTT LICHTMAN

litigation firm where he specializes in commercial litigation, patent litigation, and appellate work.

1990

Heather Sharkey

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Kraig Kinchen writes that, after the Marshall, “I completed medical school at Harvard and my internship and residency in internal medicine at Johns Hopkins. Later I began working in the health outcomes research group at Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis. Currently, I am the Director of the Electronic Exchange of Healthcare Information, where I focus on developments in health information technology. I am married to a radiologist, and we have two children.”

Jonathan Levitsky is a partner at Debevoise & Plimpton in New York, where he does mergers and acquisitions and other complex corporate transactions. He writes, “I married Sharon Herbstman, who was at Oxford at the same time though we didn’t know each other there. We met at an Oxford reunion! We have two daughters, Phoebe and Lily, who are 5 and 3 years old.”

Michael Thorson was a Lieutenant of Infantry for several years after Oxford, then moved to Wall Street in the mid-90s. He spent fifteen years at Bankers Trust, Soros Funds, and recently Bank of America, in New York, Tokyo, New Zealand, and now back in London for the third time. Michael writes, “I left Bank of America in 2009 after the merger with Merrill Lynch, and am taking some time off with my wife and two-year old daughter.”

1991

Stanley Chang

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Greg Mulhauser currently lives in Devon, England, where he is still dazed and amazed by the birth of his daughter Hannah Sophia on Christmas Day

2006. He and his wife are enjoying this latest phase of life with her before sending her off to pre-school.

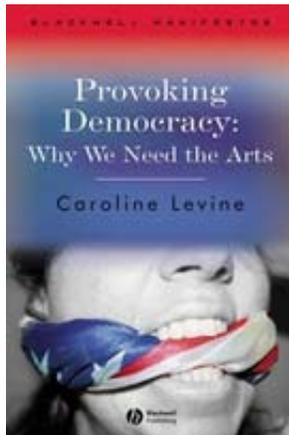
Catherine Raine is a resident of Toronto, Ontario, where she works at the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture. Recently she has started teaching collage workshops and also enjoys blogging. She offers her greetings to all the ‘91 alums out there!

1992

Christy Lorgen

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Congratulations to **Caroline Levine** who has recently published a book called *Provoking Democracy: Why We Need the Arts* Caroline is a professor of English at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Rebecca Walkowitz is a professor in the English Department at Rutgers University, where she teaches classes on the contemporary British novel and writes about cosmopolitanism, translation, and the transnational circulation of literature.

Elizabeth Harmer-Dionne started a Ph.D. program this fall in political science at Boston College, focusing on American politics. She writes “I am interested in the intersection between religious liberties and the preservation of religious and cultural subcultures”.

Melissa Melby is currently project leader at the National Institute of Health and Nutrition in Tokyo, Japan, and has recently welcomed her second son Kenji. With twice as many children on her hands, Melissa’s plea: “Administer wisdom!”

Prydwyn Piper is in Oxford, working as an assistant editor on the Dictionary of Medieval Latin from British Sources. He writes, “In the six years since I’ve started we’ve gotten from Pe- to Ste-, so can zed be that far away?”

1993

Kannon Shanmugam

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Maria (Sanchez) Weigel has been living in Zurich for the last four and a half years. After working for a year as a staff attorney at the Claims Resolution Tribunal for Holocaust Victims Asset Litigation, she now works at Citigroup Private Bank. She has a baby girl, Isabella, who is 18 months old, and is expecting a boy in January.

Eileen (Hunt) Botting is an associate professor of political science at Notre Dame; she has been there since 2001. With her husband, Victor, she spends her summers in Maine (near her hometown). They have a great black lab named Rex.

1994

Lisa Grove

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I am the Deputy Director at the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis where I oversee fundraising, marketing, and pretty much everything else. I moved to St. Louis from Boston six years ago, and enjoy being back in the Midwest with my husband James and three kids: Parker, Jay and Victoria.

Paul Bollyky is an Infectious Disease doctor and researcher at the University of Washington, focusing on patients with impaired immune systems. He and wife Jenna live in Seattle with their three kids: Robbie, Greta and Allie.

Drew Daniel is living in Baltimore, Maryland, where he is an assistant professor in the Department of English at Johns Hopkins University. He reports that he is “still making records and touring as one half of the band Matmos, with my partner Martin Schmidt.” Drew published a book on the English industrial band *Throbbing Gristle* and is currently at work on a book manuscript about melancholy in sixteenth century English painting, drama and prose.

Arvind Manocha has been living in LA since 1997, and is the Chief Operat-

ing Officer of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association. He lives with partner Gideon Malone and also spends time chairing the Southwest region Marshall Committee.

1995

Michael Kimmage
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Vikram Jaswal reported the birth of his daughter, Indira Szymanski Jaswal, in December 2008. A professor of developmental psychology at the University of Virginia, Vikram can relate to his daughter as both “muse and subject — I’m sure she will be thrilled.” Vikram is on leave this year, serving as program director with the National Science Foundation’s Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship program in Arlington, VA.

Tavia Nyong’o has recently been awarded tenure at New York University in the Department of Performance Studies. His first book, *The Amalgamation Waltz*, appeared with University of Minnesota Press in 2009. Tavia is on sabbatical this year and living in Berlin.

Deborah Wexler is living in Brookline, MA. She is married to David Friedman, has two kids and is an Assistant Professor at the Harvard Medical School, doing health services research in diabetes. Deborah regularly sees fellow class of 1995 Marshall Scholars, **Jeannie Suk** and **Amy Finkelstein**.

For the past eight years, **Julia Novy-Hildesley** has served as Executive Director of the Lemelson Foundation, a philanthropy dedicated to improving lives through invention. Julia lives in Portland, Oregon with her British husband Will, whom she met at the Sussex University Institute for International

Development Studies, during her tenure as a Marshall Scholar. Julia has two children, Eva, age four, and Miles, age two.

1996

Caroline Lombardo
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Derek and Jennifer (Saunders) Kilmer recently welcomed baby #2, Tess Antonia, who joins three year-old Sophie. The Kilmers write that, “Tess is wonderful. Nocturnal... but wonderful.” Derek serves in the Washington State Senate and is Chair of the Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee. He also works as Vice President of the Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County. Jennifer serves as Executive Director of the Harbor History Museum in Gig Harbor.

Ciamac Moallemi lives in New York City, where he is a professor at Columbia University, focusing on mathematical analysis of problems in information technology, operations and finance. Ciamac enjoys being back on the East Coast, but after having gone soft living for a few years in San Francisco, he dreads winter.

1997

Jessica Sebeok
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Jason Ackelson, Associate Professor of Government at New Mexico State University, is taking a sabbatical year in Washington, D.C., where he is serving as a legislative fellow with Senator Jeff Bingaman.

Lane Greene is a correspondent for *The Economist*. His book on the politics of language, *You Are What You Speak*, will be published by Bantam (Random House) in Spring 2011. Lane is married to Eva Høier Greene, and has one son, Jack.

Mark Greif, an assistant professor of Literary Studies at the New School, is a founding editor of *n+1*, a print and web-based journal of politics, literature, and culture.

Reshma Jagsi is an assistant professor in the Dept. of Radiation Oncology at the University of Michigan. She and her husband, John Pottow, a professor in the UofM Law School, have two children, Sarina and Jack.

Jeff King, an attorney with his own civil and appellate litigation practice, is currently finishing his second term in the Kansas House. Jeff and his wife, Kimberly, live in Independence, Kansas with their children, Amelie and Alec.

1998

Sewell Chan
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1999

Tad Heuer
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Broderick Baggert has returned to his New Orleans roots to open a new community elementary school (www.morrisjeffschool.org), while **Jocelyn Benson** has announced her candidacy for Michigan Secretary of State (www.votebenson.com).



JOCELYN BENSON

2000

Nisha Agarwal
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After finishing medical school and business school **Jacob Chacko** moved to the bay area last August and started working at a private equity firm called TPG Capital.

Sujit Raman lives in Washington, DC these days, and works as a federal prosecutor in Baltimore. He was married in May 2009.

Bryan Leach lives in Denver, CO with his wife Jen and two daughters, Sydney (4) and Skye (1). He practices law at Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott, which is a boutique firm specializing in trial practice. In addition to serving on the AMS board, Bryan serves on the board of the KIPP Colorado Schools, which oversees several charter schools in Denver.

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Adam Cohen has been an assistant professor in the chemistry and physics departments at Harvard for the past two years. His lab shines lasers on things, ranging from mucus to DNA molecules. Adam traveled to Liberia last summer to help set up science programs and demonstrate student labs with readily available materials, and plans to go back next summer.

Cinnamon Carlane (nee Gilbreath) married John Carlane in Oxford back in 2003. After three years in the U.S., Cinnamon returned to Oxford in 2006 as the Harold Woods Research Fellow in Environmental Law at Wadham College & the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies. During their two years at Oxford, Cinnamon and John welcomed Matilda Grace (now two). In 2008, Cinnamon returned to the U.S. to become an Assistant Professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law, with a joint appointment in the School of the Environment.

2002

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Andy Ozment married Ragnhild Handagard – an LSE grad herself – in September. The ceremony was performed by none other than **Daniel Immer-**

whar, who impressed assembled guests (including myself and **Lionel Foster**) with his mastery of challenging Norwegian family names.

Jennifer Kasten married Newman Nahas in May, whom she met at Oxford while he was studying on the *other* scholarship. She will graduate from Columbia Medical school this spring, and is applying to surgical residencies. **Jacob Jost** became Jacob Sider Jost when he married Laura Sider in June. He's currently working on his PhD at Harvard on immortality and the afterlife in eighteenth-century British literature.

As for myself, Adam and I are happily ensconced in Boston with our labradoodle – after graduating from Harvard Medical School I'm in my residency and writing this update between call nights.

2003

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Mark D'Agostino resides in the DC area with his wife, Lara, and 2 year-old son, Tyler. He completed his M.D. at Brown in 2009 and is now a Dermatology Resident at Walter Reed and the National Naval Medical Center.

David Foxe lives with his fiancée, Nicole Lieberman, and her daughter in Newton Centre, MA. He works as an architectural designer and preservationist at EYP, and teaches at the Boston Architectural College.

Seth Johnston just finished a four-year Army tour in Europe in December. He is currently attending the U.S. Army's Military Intelligence Captains Career Course in Arizona.

Chris Laumann is about to finish his Ph.D. in Theoretical Physics at Princeton and will begin a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard in the fall.

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2006

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Adam Morgan has his head in the skies at UC Berkeley, where he's working toward his PhD in Astronomy with a focus on gamma-ray bursts and planning a July wedding to his fiancée, Mariana.

And in a slightly less romantic setting, Captain **Ken DeBenedictis** had an easy jaunt through the killing fields of Ranger School, only to turn around and sign up for a couple more years of Special Forces training before getting dropped into some God-forsaken land with orders to take it over.

2007

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Congratulations to **Marc Gustafson** and his wife, Heather, on the August arrival of their son William Wright Gustafson. Witnesses have observed that Baby Will has both his parents' height and charm....speculation of a 2052 Presidential run has already begun!



MARC GUSTAFSON

John Kennedy sends word from Florida that he has graduated from dive school and has begun bomb disposal training in Destin. He writes, "The days are super long - I'm awake at about 4:15 every morning and don't get home until 5:30 PM - a little bit different from the laid-back lifestyle of Oxford! John is determined to take advantage of the nearby Gulf of Mexico once the weather gets warm.