

# Marshall Alumni Newsletter

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Anya Hurlbert's  
vision of England



# Editor's Letter

I can now say first hand that this newsletter has been successful at bringing the alumni network together. After sending out our last issue, I got an email from a professional colleague, Dan Barouch (Oxford '93). Dan and I had a drink together last April after his induction into the American Society for Clinical Investigation — the medical honor society that owns and runs the publication for which I am editor. We had a nice long chat, without knowing that we had this common thread. I have no doubt that the next time I have the chance to see Dan we'll be able to broaden our conversation beyond the intricacies of HIV vaccines to our shared experiences as Marshalls.

Being in this alumni network exposes us to some rather interesting people, some of whom we'll hear about in this issue. If you, as a reader, have ideas about who we could profile, let us know at newsletter@marshallscholars.org.

Ushma S. Neill, Managing Editor



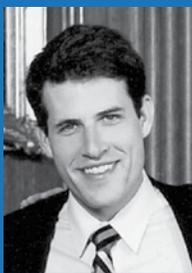
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# News from the AMS

By Bryan Leach

The Association of Marshall Scholars has hosted several events this Spring, which gave alumni a chance to reconnect.

On April 16<sup>th</sup>, the AMS held a champagne and dessert reception at the Century Club in New York City. The event was held in conjunction with the University of Oxford North American Reunion, which was taking place the same weekend. Ninety people assembled for the celebration, including representatives of the very first class of Marshall Scholars, the most recent class, and many classes in between. The reunion was a jovial affair, with alumni lingering long after the designated time for the reception's end.



April 16 NYC Reception

Lauren Baer, the AMS Director of Programs, told the attendees about our current efforts to expand the presence of AMS nationally and increase the number and diversity of alumni programs. She also conveyed greetings from Frances Dow, the chair of the Marshall Commission, who wrote, "Marshall Scholarships are flourishing, and the current group of Scholars are truly impressive—just as their predecessors were!" The AMS plans to make this New York reunion an annual event.



Ted Leinbaugh (Oxford '75) hosted three events at the University of North Carolina in March. Each event included a lecture and a reception with Sir Christopher Meyer, KCMG, who served as the British Ambassador to the United States from 1997-2003. Sir Christopher is currently teaching a course with Leinbaugh at UNC on Empire and Diplomacy. Over 300 attendees gathered for the March 23<sup>rd</sup> event, a standing-room-only panel discussion featuring Ambassador Meyer and Ambassador Richard Armitage, the former US Deputy Secretary of State, on the topic "Can Diplomats Justify Their Existence?"

Later in the spring, the AMS put on two events in Boston. On Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, Harvard Law School Professor Michael Klarman (Oxford '84) spoke on the topic of "Backlash and the Supreme Court." In May, the British Consulate formally welcomed the new Marshall Scholars from the Boston region. Both events took place at the British Consulate.

Finally, the AMS is currently seeking alumni to serve as Regional Event Coordinators. These Coordinators work with the AMS Director of Programs and regional consulates to plan events for Marshall alumni. Past events have ranged from formal receptions and academic talks to casual gatherings at local pubs. Vacancies exist in the following areas: Washington D.C., Houston, Atlanta, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Chicago. The AMS is committed to increasing the number and diversity of alumni events nationally, and is eager to fill these positions with enthusiastic volunteers. If you are interested in one of these posts, please contact [lauren.baer@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.baer@gmail.com).



Michael Klarman



# Texas Girl Goes Native in Newcastle

By Suzette Brooks Masters

**H**ow did a Marshall scholar from Houston become the newest trustee of the National Gallery in London? Anya Hurlbert's journey has been filled with unexpected twists, Atlantic crossings, and remarkable accomplishments.

**H**urlbert (Cambridge '80) is the daughter of two scientists who instilled in her a strong work ethic. This drive, combined with many talents and a keen competitiveness, led her to excel at many things in high school, from math, science and writing, to piano and swimming.

Hurlbert arrived at Princeton in 1976 as a University scholar in piano. In addition to practicing three hours a day and performing in concerts, she studied math and physics as the "proper foundation" for an eventual career in neuroscience. As an undergraduate she was drawn to the idea of studying in England, and at Cambridge in particular. She had been taught by British professors at Princeton and enjoyed their teaching style – the in-depth critiques of written work and intense discussion. The heady atmosphere of Princeton's Nobel-festooned physics department made her want more of the same, and where better than the "finest seat of learning in the world," home to eminent physicists such as Stephen Hawking.

Prior to learning of her Marshall scholarship, Hurlbert had been accepted into the Health Sciences and Technology MD program at Harvard Medical School as well as by MIT. She knew she wanted to combine physics, neuroscience, and medicine in some way. Not surprisingly, Hurlbert decided to study both physics and physiology at King's College, Cambridge. She earned a Part III Certificate in the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics in her first year, followed by a Part II Physiology course.

According to Hurlbert, the physiology course in her second year at Cambridge "absolutely changed my life." It provided unparalleled exposure to work on animals, including surgery and electrophysiological experiments that few undergraduates today would be able to experience. Most importantly, Hurlbert's



biophysics elective introduced her to the science of vision for the first time, and she found it riveting. She discovered the work of David Marr, formerly of Cambridge and a seminal theoretical neuroscientist who founded the field of computational vision. It was then she decided to pursue her doctoral research at MIT with Tomaso Poggio, a close colleague of Marr's, in computational vision and neuroscience.

**B**ut Hurlbert's time at King's College was not only spent in the lab. Cambridge had a great reputation for theater, and shortly after arriving in England Hurlbert auditioned for the role of Celia in T.S. Eliot's "The Cocktail Party." She put on what she thought was her best English accent for the audition, and secured the role. She told me with a chuckle that she later found out from the director that she was cast because of her "refreshing American drawl."

She recalls fondly some of her biggest culture shocks – inadequate plumbing (at that time, hot and cold water came out of separate taps), a cranky "bedder" named Dolly, endless tea drinking and socializing, and "glittering and stimulating" conversation and repartee. Hurlbert was infatuated with England and all things British, and did everything she could not to become "*that* American," to defy stereotypes and blend in. As a result, she spent almost all her time with British undergraduates, eschewing her fellow Americans.



Despite her fondness for Britain, she did return to the other Cambridge in 1982, where she spent the next seven years. Ironically, it was in the United States that she would meet her future husband, Matt Ridley, who is English. Hurlbert first met Ridley in 1984 when he was the science editor of *The Economist* and writing an article on visual perception. They would speak from time to time after that but did not begin to date until 1986. They married in 1989, and soon after moved to England. After her marriage, Hurlbert finished medical school in London. Faced with the decision to pursue medicine or research, she chose the latter.

Before marrying Ridley, Hurlbert had only visited his home near Newcastle twice, in July, when there was ample daylight. She didn't fully appreciate what it meant to marry into an aristocratic family or live in the North during the darker wintery months. She learned that Ridley, a best-selling science writer, would inherit the title of Viscount Ridley on his father's death, becoming the 5th Vis-

count and 9th Baronet, and that they would live at Blagdon Hall, a lovely manor built by his coal-mining entrepreneur ancestors between 1720 and 1752 in the Northumberland countryside. Blagdon Hall remains a central focus of their intellectual and social lives. At first Hurlbert worried that there would be a conflict between being a mother to the next generation of Ridleys on one hand, and pursuing her scientific career on the other. But over the years, she's learned to do both, raising two children, Matthew (16) and Iris (12).

In 1991, Hurlbert and Ridley moved from London to Blagdon and Hurlbert joined the Medical School faculty at the University of Newcastle. Ever since, she has pursued her work there in vision and neuroscience, lectured widely, and published articles in *Nature*, *Science*, *Current Biology*, and other journals. In 2002, after years of planning and advocacy and the first of several departmental restructurings, Hurlbert and Professor Colin Ingram co-founded the University's Institute of Neuroscience, which they continue to co-direct. The Institute brings to-

gether clinicians and scientists to understand the brain as it affects behavior, health, and disease. Hurlbert became professor of Visual Neuroscience at Newcastle University in 2005.

Hurlbert focuses on color vision because “With color, you can go all the way from genetics and neurophysiology to consciousness, cognition and emotion.” She is particularly interested in color constancy, the tendency of objects to appear the same color even under changing lighting conditions. For her it is the *sine qua non* of a “perceptual constancy,” the result of the visual system transforming a variable input into a stable perception, and it appears essential for object recognition. However, color constancy is imperfect and difficult to measure. Decoding how it works requires that its limits be tested. Hurlbert’s tack is to make predictions based on computational ideas, then test human performance against predictions in experiments that quantify behavioral responses to controlled physical changes in stimulus. She wants to determine whether color constancy really is vital for object recognition in everyday life, and how people with color-blindness learn to use and name colors.

On the scientific front, Hurlbert is active on the conference scene and collaborates currently with Professor David Brainard at the University of Pennsylvania and Professor Poggio at MIT. Her links to MIT have remained strong since her Ph.D. years, culminating in her service on the prestigious visiting committee for MIT’s Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences.

As a Marshall scholar who has chosen to remain in Britain, Hurlbert retains many links to the US and deliberately fosters understanding and collaboration between US and UK scholars and intellectuals. She uses both her academic connections and the allure of Blagdon’s eighteenth-century rooms and gardens to bring top American brains to give public lectures or collaborate with her in Newcastle and then relax on the estate: Steven Pinker, Jim Watson, Bill Bryson and others have all visited. She notes, “One privilege of living in a remote area with

lovely grounds is to be able to use the house for what are almost informal seminars and weekend gatherings. We packed it to the rafters to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the discovery of DNA with a big dinner and dance.”

Of course, Hurlbert also enjoys the more traditional activities of an English country estate: fighting infestations of carpet beetles, baking cakes for charity events, or watching the local cricket team. But Hurlbert has put her stamp on things -- she makes gooey chocolate chip cookies instead of Victorian sponge for the cake sales, and her interests in art and vision influenced her redecoration of Blagdon Hall, with some rooms themed in opponent colors. Hurlbert delights in the fact that her dinner-party menus feature ingredients that are Blagdon-grown or Blagdon-killed -- Ridley’s salmon or venison, artichokes from the garden, and ice cream made from Blagdon eggs and milk.

Hurlbert’s love of art, a passion keenly linked to her interest in visual perception, runs throughout her life. She has lectured on artists’ use of color, worked with contemporary artists on the use of shadow and the role of memory in painting interpretation, and curated several exhibits exploring the synergies between science and art. In March, Hurlbert became a Trustee of the National Gallery, a role she is thrilled to take on.

Whatever Hurlbert pursues next will undoubtedly marry her passions for art and science, feature Blagdon and her family, and involve trans-Atlantic travel.



# Discovering the British “Local” Culture

Two 2008 Scholars reflect on their favorite Oxford pub



The Royal Blenheim in Oxford

# Finding My Local

By Steve Danley

“Pints are precious in Oxford. We get London prices without the London stipend.”

It was that tension between a diminishing bank account and an increasing taste for “real ale” that led me to apply for a job as a barman at the Royal Blenheim.

**W**hen a Brit asks me how I like it here, it’s to this experience that I gravitate. I smile and tell them that Oxford is like a bubble, and that it wasn’t until I found “my local” that I began to engage with British culture. For most, that’s the end of the inquiry. We move on to talking about ale, or rugby, as if those words—“my local”—were the passwords into a long-standing British tradition, and now we could get back to complaining about the weather.

Of course, for an American, the words “my local” hold no such connotation. I always start by explaining that the Blenheim is like a coffee house in the states, but that’s not quite right. Yes, it’s a place where you can study and hole up with your laptop and a pint of Coke or ale. You’re paying for the space as much as for the drink.

But the coffee-house aspect is only one face of the pub. And if there’s one thing I’ve learned while working behind the bar, it’s that a “local” has many faces. On Tuesday nights it’s the Pembroke College rugby team—which the Blenheim sponsors with a team dinner weekly. The team responds by holding their “crew dates” at the pub. My favorite was a superhero night that featured costumes ranging from Spandex to trash-bag capes. Wednesday night is the quiz, which Ian (the pub manager) writes himself. Saturdays are dominated by rugby and never football (soccer). The Six Nations packs people into the pub like umbrellas into Leicester Square,

and means hours of constant serving while customers complain that I’m blocking the “telly.”

**I**t was the Sundays that got me my job as a barman. I’d first stepped into the Blenheim at fellow scholar Steve Silvius’ (’08 Oxford) suggestion to watch the NCAA basketball tournament. That was the start of an experiment in which the Blenheim invested in ESPN America and became Oxford’s best place to catch American sports. On Sunday, the American students would trickle in, with their laptops and books, to catch a little slice of the homeland: “American Football.” The regular bar staff hated Sunday night shifts—the customers only wanted to talk American Football and they ordered no beer. Ian, convinced that Americans “eat and don’t drink,” solved the second problem by extending the kitchen hours, but they still needed a barman who could chat American sports with ex-pats.

That barman was me. Every week I checked the “rota”—the proper English word for work schedule—and found out that I worked the 6-to-close shift on Sunday.



Closeup of the Royal Blenheim’s sign



Marshall Scholars Stephen Danley (left) and Stephen Silvius (center left) chat with patrons at the Royal Blenheim Pub in Oxford

But I don't want to give the impression that a local is about a bunch of activities. It's not. Sure, I came to look forward to the rugby boys, my fellow Americans, and especially the patrons of St. Ebbe's who consistently come over for a pint of ale after services. That is what a local does, but it's not what a local is.

## From Locked Out to Locked In

By Steve Silvius

**T**he Porters at New College have a harsh sense of humor, and, on my first night in Oxford, I found myself on its receiving end. Earlier that evening the second-year Marshall Scholars had brought us to the King's Arms for a pub dinner—a dinner that ended abruptly at 11:00 p.m. when it, and everything else, closed suddenly. Heading back to New College, I was horrified to find the gate closed and locked. I had been off the train for only a few hours,

**A** local is really about family. A strange kind of family, full of drunk uncles you're not sure you want to talk to, and siblings you see too often. But it's family. This past Christmas, when I had a late flight home and was lonely and missing my family, it was a Christmas dinner that Sarah (Ian's wife) cooked me at the pub that helped me get through. On Easter, when I didn't make it back to the states, I worked a 6-to-close shift so I didn't spend the holiday alone.

You know when something good happened and no one is around to tell it to? That's when I go to my local. Or when things just aren't going well and you want to talk to someone without talking about it? That's when I sit down next to the bar, order a pint, and talk rugby and ale with the bar staff.

Having a local is a glimpse into a way of life, one that if you stay around the bar long enough, you'll hear the regulars talking about. A time when everyone stopped by the pub after work. When pubs were more social spaces to talk than venues to party. A simpler time when every man had his local.

And now, when people ask me about my time at Oxford, I tell them about how I found mine.

had visited my new room once to drop my things off, had no key, no university card, no phone, and no UK bank card. I panicked.

My mind turned to the prospect of being unable to phone my parents, unable to get a hotel room, unable to do anything but spend the night wandering the streets. I banged on the gate over and over to no avail.

Next, I walked to the only other place I knew a

Marshall was living and attempted to wake her up by calling at the window. “Fair Emma, I am your Steve.” No luck.

I returned to New College, feeling all my fears about moving to England rising at once. This time, at the gate, I noticed a doorbell. I rang that bell, and immediately a porter’s voice came over the intercom—“Yes, may I help?”

Once inside the New College gates, I felt relieved. But then I noticed that there was a camera over that gate, and realized that the porter had been watching the whole time I was pounding—patiently waiting for me to ring the bell. This is exactly the sort of humor the porters are known for, but being “locked out” and laughed at on my first night was a rough introduction to the local culture in England.

Months later, I began to frequent Oxford’s Royal Blenheim Pub. Ian and Sarah, the Welsh/Cornish couple who run the Blenheim, are friendly people who quickly made me feel at home. We watched basketball games, learned about “real ale,” played darts, and talked about anything that came to mind. Quickly, we became friends, and shortly thereafter I was invited to stay for my first “lock-in.”

The tradition of a lock-in began in 1915 when new licensing laws were introduced in England and Wales. Fears that drunken factory workers would hamper the war effort led to the introduction of a nationwide pub closing time of 9:30 p.m. In response, the owners of the public houses began to invite their close friends to stay and finish their last drink long after most patrons were sent on their way. And so began the uniquely British tradition that I participated in that night at the Royal Blenheim.

I am very lucky. To this day, Marshall Scholar and Blenheim staff member Steve Danley (Oxford ‘08) and I are the only Americans I know in Oxford who can have a lock-in essentially whenever we like. Most of my British friends have rarely participated in one. But Ian and Sarah are always up for

good conversation as they close up and count the till, and sometimes for much longer. In these late night/early morning hours, I have learned much about British sport, culture, home-nation identity, politics, pub-quiz trivia, and much else.

At the pub, I have met and bonded with British people of all ages, persuasions, and backgrounds. On a trip through Sussex and Kent with my parents, I found myself easily able to strike up conversation with pensioners in Whitstable, pub workers in Rye, and London taxicab drivers in Battle, because at the Blenheim I had learned how to relax and enjoy myself in a local pub atmosphere.

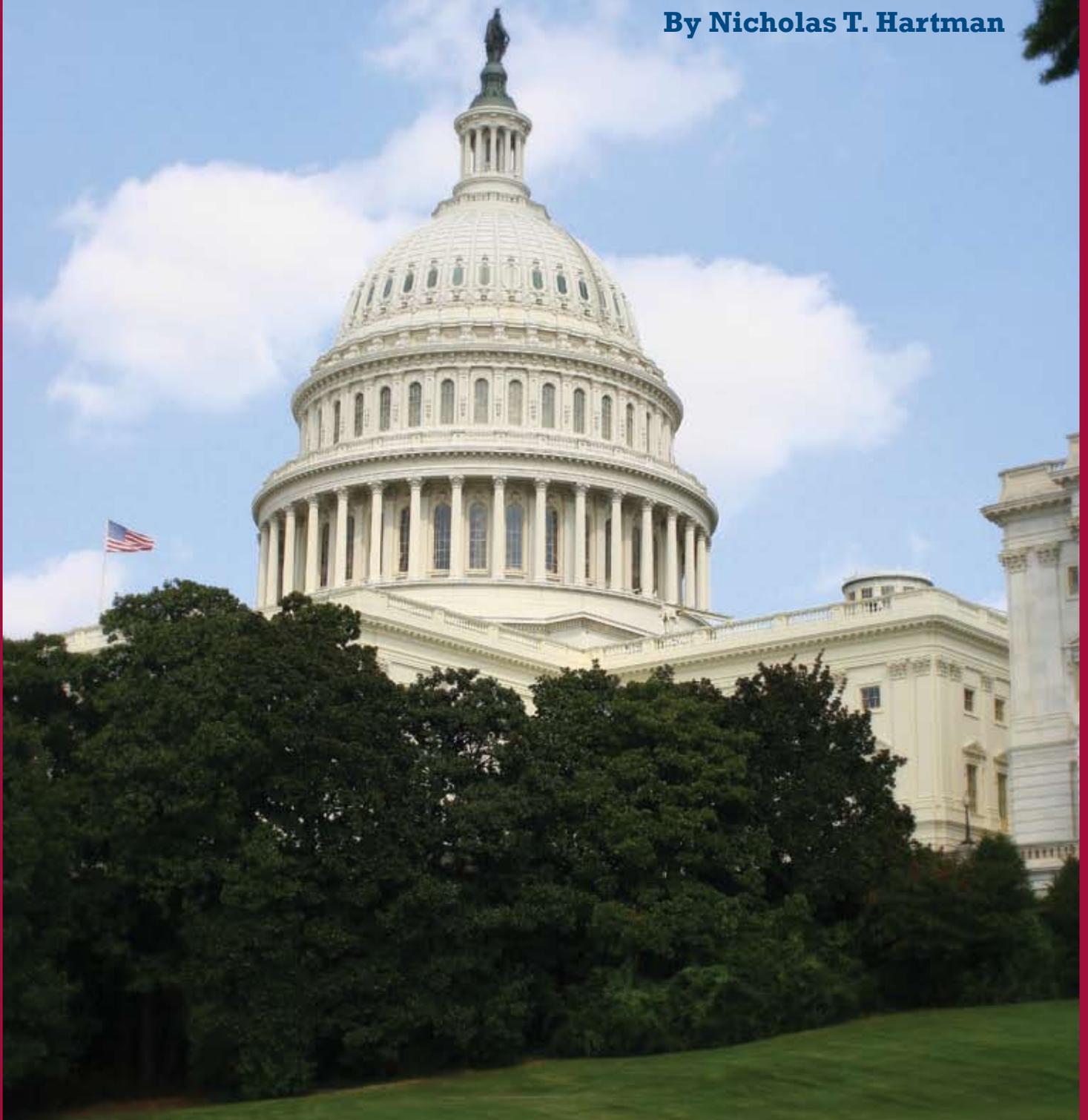
That first night nearly two years ago, I felt in several different ways what it meant to be a stranger, literally “locked out.” Those first few months I often felt acutely the subtle differences in culture and lifestyle. But now, I often have the exact opposite feeling. I am so very grateful to the people of the United Kingdom who have supported me with this scholarship, but especially to the varied people of the Royal Blenheim who have made me feel welcome. Living abroad can sometimes be lonely, intimidating, or just a little uncomfortable, but more often now, I am made to feel genuinely a part of things here, truly “locked in.”



Royal Blenheim Staffer and Marshall Scholar Stephen Danley pulls himself a pint of Real Ale

# **Good enough for government work**

**By Nicholas T. Hartman**



**Marshall Scholars fill a wide range of prominent positions within the government**

**I**n a letter to the first class of Marshall Scholars, George Marshall wrote, “A close accord between our two countries is essential to the good of mankind in this turbulent world of today, and that is not possible without an intimate understanding of each other.”

In no place is that “accord” more direct, more momentous and potentially more fragile than the relationship between the British and American governments. With Britain having just completed its brief, but intense, election process and America still in the early years of a new administration, the latest chapter in this relationship has yet to be written. However, administrations on both sides of the pond will have a bit of help maintaining that special relationship via the Marshall alumni currently serving in various posts across President Obama’s executive branch.

The roles played by Marshall Scholars in the federal government are of course not limited to just the White House and executive departments. Both the halls of Congress and the Supreme Court chamber list Marshall alumni among their ranks. However, it is the executive branch which consistently has the most direct contact with foreign nations.

**O**f course formal relationships with Britain are primarily the purview of the Department of State.

With George Marshall having served in the office of Secretary of State, it seems particularly fitting that no fewer than four of the State Department’s most senior posts are currently occupied by alumni of the scholarship bearing his name (see below).

William Burns (‘78), currently the Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, was just beginning his international adventure during his Marshall days at Oxford. When contacted for this article, Burns commented that he had just returned from President Obama’s trip to Prague, and was preparing for a six-nation tour of Africa the following week. He commented that the time he spent in Britain was a key foundation in his development into one of America’s top diplomats.

“My academic work [D.Phil. in International Relations] helped prepare me for a career which has focused mainly on the Middle East and Russia. But what I really treasure were the friendships I made in England, and the chance the Marshall program gave me to travel and stretch my horizons.”

**G**iven the events of the last decade our military is also a primary channel of contact with the British government. Over the last 20 years the US service academies have become regular contributors to each year’s incoming class of scholars.

## As of the Spring of 2010, Marshall Scholars serving in the executive branch include:

### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

#### **Peter Orszag (LSE ‘91)**

*Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)*

A cabinet-level post, the Director of the OMB leads the White House organization responsible for overseeing the preparation and execution of the c.\$3.8 trillion federal budget. Orszag was previously director of the Congressional Budget Office.

#### **Jason Bordoff (Oxford ‘95)**

*Associate Director for Energy and Climate Change,  
White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)*

The CEQ acts as the president’s eyes and ears in monitoring environmental issues and initiatives across federal agencies, and serves as a central point within the White House for the development of future environmental policies.



Peter Orszag

This in turn has provided for a consistent flow of Marshalls into our armed services and policy positions within the Pentagon.

Tim Strabbing (Oxford '01), a graduate of the US Naval Academy, now serves as a Special Assistant for an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and emphasized the influence that spending time in Britain has had on his career.

“I did not have a passport before I crossed the Atlantic as a Marshall Scholar. These travel experiences provided me with an opportunity to experience and appreciate cultures and peoples very different from my own experience growing up in the Midwest and attending the Naval Academy. This experience was invaluable when I was serving as a platoon commander in Iraq, working with Iraqis on a daily basis.”

Strabbing also commented on how the ever-present environment for debate and witty discussion found in Britain’s university towns proved to be an excellent skill-building experience for his current role in the Obama administration.

“The discourse and debate that I experienced at Oxford as a Marshall in both tutorials and the environs such as the Turf Tavern have provided me with an excellent foundation to navigate the policy debates that I now find myself engaged with on a daily basis.”

**W**ith the economy and federal budget in the news virtually every day, Peter Orszag’s role as President Obama’s Director of the Office of Management and Budget likely makes him the most prominent Marshall serving in the present administration. Last September, while speaking to the newest class of Scholars and an extensive gathering of alumni at the British Ambassador’s Residence in Washington, Orszag pointed out how his own decision to break with the mold and pursue a path through Britain led to his own fascinating career journey—a journey that ended up crossing paths with the spirit of George Marshall himself.

“Who knows what would have happened if I had become an attorney? But I doubt I would now be sitting in George Marshall’s old office – room 208 in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. He was the last Secretary of State to use that office, and I am the first OMB Director to do so.”

During that same event, Orszag described being interviewed by a reporter about his career to date. He replied that his two proudest accomplishments were “being elected to the Institute of Medicine and winning a Marshall Scholarship.” He then pointed out a panicked press aide’s panicked whisper “Peter, what about being selected to the President’s cabinet?” to which Orszag replied “Oh, yeah, that too.”



Harold Hongju Koh

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### **Harold Hongju Koh (Oxford '75)**

*Legal Adviser of the Department of State*

The Legal Adviser serves as the chief legal officer for the State Department and oversees the office responsible for providing legal guidance for all the department’s activities. Koh previously served as the Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor during the Clinton administration and is a former dean of Yale Law School.

### **William Burns (Oxford '78)**

*Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs*

As the number three position in the State Department, the Political Affairs post is the top post held by career diplomats. Burns previously served as the United States Ambassador to Russia from 2005 to 2008.



William Burns

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### **Kurt M. Campbell (Oxford '80)**

*Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs*

Campbell is responsible for overseeing the State Department's operations in the Asia-Pacific arena. He also previously served as an officer in the Navy assigned to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### **Daniel Benjamin (LSE '99)**

*Coordinator for Counterterrorism*

The Coordinator for Counterterrorism leads the State Department office responsible for developing and overseeing US efforts to prevent terrorist activities outside the United States.



Daniel Benjamin

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### **Rosa Brooks (Oxford '91)**

*Senior Advisor to the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy*

The office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy is primarily responsible for overseeing the creation of national security policies for the Department of Defense. Brooks is also a Professor of Law at Georgetown University and director of the Georgetown's Human Rights Institute.

### **Tim Strabbing (Oxford '01)**

*Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations, Low-Intensity Conflict and Interdependent Capabilities*

Within the Assistant Secretary's organization, Strabbing focuses primarily on the Department of Defense's efforts towards developing, training and equipping foreign security forces—particularly in Iraq and Afghanistan.



Kurt M. Campbell

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### **Meena Seshamani ('99 Oxford)**

*Deputy Director, Office of Health Reform*

Seshamani, a trained physician and economist, coordinated policy analyses for the health reform legislation, and now oversees implementation of the law's various provisions through the Office of Health Reform.

Meena  
Seshamani



Tim  
Strabbing

## 1956

### Shirley Johnson-Lans

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I'm pleased to report I had a wonderful time at the NYC April reunion, and even more pleased to report that there was one member of each of the first four Marshall classes. Pictured below (l-r): **Charles Maxwell** (Oxford '54), **Anthony Quainton** (Oxford '55), **Shirley Johnson-Lans** (Edinburgh '56), **Susan Quainton** (Oxford '57)



## 1960

### Patrick Henry

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**Marty Budd** retired in 2007 from the practice of law. A major player in inter-religious dialogue and understanding, for 18 years he was on the board of Hartford Seminary, several as chair (the Seminary dedicated the Martin and Aviva Budd Interfaith Building last November), and chairs the Anti-Defamation League's national Interfaith Committee. He has had audiences with the Pope. Marty makes his home in Stamford, CT. He has children in Los Angeles, Nashville, and Melbourne.

## 1961

### Wallace Kaufman

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**Robert Hall** went from Oxford to a Harvard Ph.D. to a lectureship in History & Philosophy of Science at The Queen's University of Belfast. In 2000 he took what he calls an "early-ish retirement" to Kidlington outside of Oxford, where retirement means finishing his book on medieval Islamic science, to be published in Edinburgh this year or next. The book grows out of his abiding interest in the history of science, but it is not helped, he says, by the too-frequent rain.

After his Princeton Ph.D., **Rein Uri-tam** set aside his ambitions to be an opera singer and president of Princeton to teach physics at Boston College and pursue the meaning of quantum physics. He served as chair of the physics department for 13 years. In 2002, the Queen made him an honorary Member of the Order of the British Empire for his work with the Association of Marshall Scholars.

## 1962

### Pamela Perrott

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**Graham Allison** continues to teach at Harvard as the Douglas Dillon Professor of Government and serve as Director of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard's Kennedy School, of which he was the founding Dean. Graham splits his time between research and teaching at Harvard and advising in Washington. As one of his colleagues observed, a special attraction of teaching in Boston and advising in Washington means that one never has to step foot in the real world. Graham's latest book, *Nuclear Terrorism: The Ultimate Preventable Catastrophe* was selected by the *New York Times* as one of the "100 most notable books of 2004" and chosen by Warren Buffett for his annual capitalist jamboree as the book of the year. Graham and his "trophy wife" Elisabeth, of now some four decades, live in Belmont, a suburb of Boston.



GRAHAM ALLISON

## 1965

### Catherine Grant Weir

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I enjoyed a recursive career in academia until retiring in 2007. I taught psychology at UCL for 22 years, where I was a Marshall, and then at Colorado College, my alma mater, for 17 years. I teach still, often for the local lifelong learning institute. Infant perception, attention and learning are my research interests. Currently, I am coauthoring a book about Cognition and Visual Art with a professor at George Mason University. I returned to Colorado from London in 1990 after a divorce, remarried in 2001, and am living now in Northern Virginia.

## 1966

### Diana Coogle

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As Professor of Medicine and Director of the Program in Medicine at the University of California San Francisco, **Bernie Lo** has used his interest in medical ethics to study end-of-life decision-making, improvements in palliative care for dying patients, and issues concerning stem cell research and clinical trials of highly innovative interventions. He still practices internal medicine and follows a panel of patients from their healthy adulthood into frail old age. He and his wife are remodeling their house after a fire and encourage old friends to come by. Their son has graduated from college, but their 9<sup>th</sup>-grade daughter keeps them hopping.

A Research Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Irvine, **Jim Danziger** has been faculty there since 1972, serving as Dean of Undergraduate Education, Chair of the Faculty Senate, and Department Chair. Last spring he received UCI's highest honor, the "Extraordinarius" Award. His teaching and research on information-technology impacts have also won awards. He is happily married to an Englishwoman he met while a Marshall, and proud of their two young adult offspring. Other pleasures have been sports and travel to more than 60 countries, twice as a faculty member on around-the-world voyages with Semester at Sea.

## 1968

### Len Srnka

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**Jim Cunningham** and his wife Jill have lived in Durham NC for the past twelve years, and recently celebrated their 29th anniversary. After retiring from his Wall Street career in 1992, Jim consulted and served on the board of four publicly traded companies. He reports "I still do some consulting. I'm a substitute teacher for junior and senior high schools, and I'm also on the Board of a small charitable foundation. College football has taken its toll: one knee has been replaced and



BERNIE LO

I recently had three torn shoulder tendons repaired. My major physical activities are racquetball, tennis, golf, biking; my greatest brain activity is competitive bridge. One of my sons works for a small bond trading firm nearby in Chapel Hill, and my other son is a sophomore at East Carolina University.

### 1969

#### Will Lee

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After 22 years with Warburg Pincus, where his spider solitaire had become worryingly good, **Howard Newman** decided that financing 35 start-ups had prepared him for opening his own business, Pine Brook Road Partners. An investment firm that makes “business building” and other growth equity investments in the energy and financial services industries, Pine Brook does not do LBO investing, a decision which made the company initially hard to understand but ultimately popular with institutional investors. So far the firm has raised \$1.4 billion and started ten businesses, including six energy companies and four specialized insurance companies, including one that provides mortgage insurance, principally to first time home buyers who can’t come up with a large down payment. He reports that he sees **Roland (“Happy”) Trope** often and would love to see other Marshall mates as well.

### 1970

#### Al Shoaf

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**Matthew Wikander** is Distinguished University Professor of English at the University of Toledo. His publications include *The Play of Truth and State: Historical Drama from Shakespeare to*

*Brecht* (Johns Hopkins, 1986); *Princes to Act: Royal Audience and Royal Performance, 1582-1792* (Johns Hopkins, 1993), *Fangs of Malice: Hypocrisy, Sincerity, and Acting* (University of Iowa Press, 2002) and essays in the Cambridge Companions to Shaw, O’Neill, and Strindberg. As a founding member of the North Coast Theatre, he frequently performs in innovative plays in unusual venues throughout Toledo, including the Toledo Museum of Art and many branches of the Toledo Public Library.

### 1972

#### Jon Erichsen

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**Bob Rizzi** lives in Washington, DC, working as a lawyer with a big firm. Although a tax lawyer by training, Bob does a lot of work for nominees to the executive branch (whose problems can often be tax related!). In this administration, he has represented various cabinet members and ambassadors. Bob also worked on the vetting team for the vice presidential selection for the McCain campaign (but has no comment on the result). Having practiced in various firms for many years, with a short stint at the CIA, Bob feels that he didn’t use his military history degree (modern history, actually) much, but still tries to keep up. Bob is married and has three children: Chris, Warren and Charlotte.

### 1974

#### David Moskowitz

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**Dr. Sandra E. Shumway**, Professor of Marine Sciences at the University of Connecticut in Groton, CT, will be lecturing and doing research in Spain and Portugal this spring and summer as an Erasmus Mundas Scholar.

**James K. Galbraith**, Professor of Government at University of Texas-Austin, will return to Kings College, Cambridge in April for the opening conference of the Institute for New Economic Thinking.

### 1975

#### John Head

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**Harold Hongju Koh** became the Legal Adviser at the U.S. Department of

State in June 2009. He had previously served during the Clinton Administration as an Assistant Secretary of State. In assuming his new government post, Harold stepped down as Dean of the Yale Law School, a position he had held since 2004, and took a leave of absence from his chair at Yale as Martin R. Flug ‘55 Professor of International Law. His wife Mary-Christy Fisher, a legal services attorney, moved to Washington where they first met and married nearly thirty years ago. Their daughter Emily is working at a charter School in Brooklyn, having graduating from Yale in 2008, and their son William is a sophomore at Yale. Harold reports that he is enjoying his new position enormously and had his first argument before the International Court of Justice in the Kosovo case in December 2009.

### 1976

#### Carol Lee

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**Rich Friedman**, a law professor at the University of Michigan, lives in Ann Arbor with wife Joanna, a clinical psychologist, and three children. Recently his research has focused on the right of a criminal defendant under the Sixth Amendment to be “confronted with the witnesses against him.” He has successfully argued two Confrontation Clause cases before the Supreme Court.

**Don Ringe** is Kahn Term Professor in the Department of Linguistics at the University of Pennsylvania, where he has taught since 1985. He is married to Beth Randall, an artist and computer programmer. They live with their two children, Emma and Lucy, in the Philadelphia suburbs.

### 1979

#### Tom Lupfer

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From 2004–2009, **John Hewko** was the Vice President for Operations at the Millennium Challenge Corporation. As the chief U.S. negotiator for foreign assistance, he negotiated and signed agreements with 18 countries totaling \$6.3 billion. John recently joined the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace as a Nonresident Senior Associate.

After serving as a policy and legal advisor to Virginia governors, **Alan D. Albert** is a commercial litigator and heads the national white-collar criminal defense practice for LeClairRyan. He reports that life is never boring while representing a broad range of clients that has included Muhammad Ali and the Reverend Pat Robertson.

## 1981

### Suzette Brooks

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**Paul Liu**, now at Boston University, writes that after attending Harvard Medical School, he “emerged 13 years later from a long tunnel trained in general surgery and plastic/reconstructive surgery.” He is interested in wound healing. He married Sally Anne Lund and has two children.

When **Alan Petersburg** left England, he got a job at IBM where he has been for 26 years working in a variety of industries and roles. He and wife Debbie just celebrated their 25th anniversary and have two children.

**Leyla Brinner-Sulema** met her future husband Jacob while studying Middle Eastern Studies at SOAS in London. They moved to Israel soon after and have four children. Leyla is now a parenting counselor.

**Greg Richardson** works in reinsurance for Harbor Point Re in Bermuda. He commutes from New Jersey where he lives with his wife Mary and their two children. His oldest daughter is at Bristol University studying neuroscience.

## 1982

### Anya McGuirk

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After his Marshall years at the LSE, **Eric Webber** worked as an economist at the U.S. Federal Reserve. He then went to the University of Chicago Law School, graduating in 1987. After clerking for a U.S. Court of Appeals Judge, Eric moved to Los Angeles in 1988 and has practiced law there ever since. He is a partner with



ROGER HOSKINS

Irell & Manella, and has received many professional honors including his recent nomination as President-Elect of the LA County Bar Association. If elected, he would be that organization’s first openly gay President. Eric resides in LA with Gerard Kraaijeveld, his spouse of 28 years.

## 1983

### Bryan Schwartz

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**Roberta Ewart** is the chief scientist for the US Air Force’s Space and Missile Systems Product Center in El Segundo, California. She “continues to motocross in lieu of rowing, and has ridden motorcycles throughout Europe, revisiting spots I first saw while a Marshall.”

**Susan Hough** is “loafing” (her word) by “teaching science to 4<sup>th</sup>- and 5<sup>th</sup>-graders part time, tutoring math and science, raising a pair of teenagers (one of whom is one check ride from getting his pilot’s license, perish the thought!) and cantoring on the weekends.”

**John Watkins** is a Professor of English at the University of Minnesota. He writes: “My partner Andy and I both brought out two new books last spring, his on the history of the language and mine on Shakespearean diplomacy. Our son Dima is now 12 and a red belt in karate.” John also chairs the university’s Rhodes/Marshall selection committee each year, adding that it “never fails to bring back terrific memories.”

## 1985

### Song Tan

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**Roger Hoskins** completed his PhD on the nematode worm at Cambridge in 1989 with Nobel Laureate John Sulston. After a postdoc at Stanford, he switched fields from worms to fruit flies and from genetics to the then-emerging field of genomics. Roger has been at LBNL in Berkeley ever since, studying the Drosophila genome and developing tools for manipulating it. Roger writes, “The US and UK cooperate in leading the world in genome science, and I’m privileged

to be a small part of that ongoing connection. My experience in Cambridge was formative, essential and great fun. Three cheers for the Marshall Scholarship program!”

## 1986

### Kevin Leitao

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**Paul Marks** reports that he retired in 2007 from the US Army after 21 years, including three years in Cambodia. He is now in a second career as a newly-qualified NY lawyer in Hong Kong with Allen & Overy. He has not worked so hard since his plebe year at West Point but loves the excitement of his new role.

**Lisa Jeffrey** writes that after completing a D.Phil. at Oxford, she returned to Canada in 1995. After three years in Montreal, she moved to Toronto where she is a Professor in the Mathematics Dept. at the University of Toronto. In 2004, she married Radford Neal, a professor in the Statistics and Computer Science departments. In October 2007, her daughter, Eleanor, was born.

## 1988

### Matthew Saal

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**Michael Millender** is an attorney with Tonkon Torp LLP in Portland Oregon, where he practices tax and employee benefits law. Michael is married to Ellen Greenstein (Corpus Christi, Oxford), an ancient historian who teaches at Reed College. After Oxford, Michael earned a Ph.D. in legal history at Princeton and held a joint appointment in the history department and law school at the University of Florida. However, he and Ellen tired of the dual-academic lifestyle (at one point, they commuted between Maine and Florida), and Michael left teaching to practice law. They moved to Portland eight years ago and have two children, Sarah (11) and Abby (8). Michael reports that he enjoys coaching Reedies who are applying for the Marshall.

## 1989

### Stacey Christian

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**Vipin Gupta** lives in Las Cruces, New

Mexico and is married with two children. Vipin is a Principal Member of Technical Staff at Sandia National Laboratories' solar energy technology group. His group provides solar technical assistance nationwide and is developing micro system-enabled photovoltaic technology.

**Melissa Lane** moved to Princeton in 2009 as full professor in the Department of Politics. Prior to 2009, Melissa spent twenty years in Cambridge where she was a Fellow of King's. Melissa is married to Andrew Lovett, a British composer.



LISA JEFFREY

**Jack Goodman** lives in Sydney with his wife and three children. He runs an organization that uses the Internet to deliver live, one-to-one tutoring in core curriculum subjects to public libraries and schools across Australia.

## 1990

**Heather Sharkey**  
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At the end of 2009 **Pepper Culpepper** was an Associate Professor of Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School. In January 2010 he moved to the European University Institute in Florence to become Professor of Political Science. "I work on the comparative politics of the advanced industrial countries," he writes. "My book is coming out next year with Cambridge University Press, entitled, *Quiet Politics: Business Power and Corporate Control*. My wife Mary Louise and I have four children (ages 10, 8, 5, and 2)."

## 1991

**Stanley Chang**  
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In 2001 **Tom Killian** joined the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Rice University, where he conducts experiments on ultracold atoms and plasmas. His recent work also includes developing techniques to manipulate and probe

biological structures with electromagnetic fields, and he has co-founded two bio-technology companies. And he just had a baby, so he is busier than ever!

## 1992

**Christy Cannon Lorgen**  
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**Neil Gorsuch** continues to work as a federal judge on the US Court of Appeals, in Boulder, Colorado. He and his wife Louise have two daughters, who are excellent skiers.

**Doug Spaniol** is Professor of Music at Butler University and currently serves as Assistant Chair of the School of Music. In the summers, he teaches bassoon at Interlochen Arts Camp. He lives in Indianapolis with his wife, Anne, and two children. Their family therapist says that they are all recovering well following the heartbreaking defeat of Butler's basketball team in the national championship game.

## 1993

**Kannon Shanmugam**  
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**Teresa (Cunningham) Lowen** is working for SAIC as a contractor with the FBI. Teresa recently married Tom Lowen; they live in Dayton, Ohio, with their two cats. They enjoy reading together and traveling.

**Dan Barouch** is Chief of the Division of Vaccine Research at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He spends most of his time running an HIV research lab that focuses on immunology and vaccine development. Dan lives in Boston with his wife, Fina; they recently celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary and are proud parents of a two-year-old daughter, Susanna.

## 1994

**Lisa Nellor Grove**  
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**Angela Lee Duckworth** is a tenure-track professor in Penn's psychology department. Her research focuses on traits other than IQ that determine academic and professional achievement.

**Jeff Gettleman** is the East Africa cor-

respondent for the *New York Times*. He lives in Nairobi with wife Courtenay and son Apollo. His writing has raised awareness of sexual violence in Congo, famine in Somalia and witchcraft-related murders of albinos.

**Brian Pavlakovic** lives in London and works for the small company that he helped start following his PhD (and based on his PhD work). He and wife Louisa have a 4 year old son, Adam.

## 1995

**Michael Kimmage**  
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**Prabal Chakrabarti** is married to Vanessa Ruget. Their daughter, Sajni Juliette, is now twenty months old; they live in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Prabal is an officer and Director of Community Development at the Boston Fed (as in "Feds nab....").

**Joe Seliga** is a partner in the Chicago office of the law firm Mayer Brown LLP. Joe and his wife Vanessa Vergara and their two and a half year old daughter, Evelyn Maria ("Emmy"), live in Chicago.

**Rajesh Vedanthan** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine (Cardiology) at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. In 2008, he married Sujatha Srinivasan, and they live on the Upper West Side.

## 1997

**Jessica Sebeok**  
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**Heather Stoll** is an assistant professor of Political Science at UC Santa Barbara. She is married to a fellow Wolfson grad, Wim, who is an assistant professor of Physics & Computer Science at UC SB.

**Rachel (Greenstein) Savage** lives in London with her husband and works as an analyst for the Bank of England. Rachel jokes that she's in charge of £20 notes, but she's also working on a project to "raise the quantity and...quality of £5s in circulation because the ones out there...are pretty grubby." Rachel is also training to become a barrister and will be called to the bar in 2011.

**Debra (Shulman) Shushan** is an assistant professor of Government at the College of William & Mary. Her married

name is the result of an “unorthodox merger.” For an explanation, check out her blog at: [wmpeople.wm.edu/site/post/dlshushan](http://wmpeople.wm.edu/site/post/dlshushan).

## 1999

### Tad Heuer

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**Patrick Keefe** and **Justyna Gud-zowska** welcomed their new baby boy Lucian on March 10, 2010; the family lives in Washington, DC.

**Tad Heuer** married Shannon Monaghan on October 11, 2009 in Cambridge, Mass., where he is currently an attorney for Foley Hoag LLP and a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Eric Nelson** has been awarded tenure by the Department of Government at Harvard University, where he has taught since 2005. Eric’s new book *The Hebrew Republic: Jewish Sources and the Transformation of European Political Thought* has recently been published by the Belknap Press of Harvard University Press.

## 2001

### Megan Ceronsky

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**Celina Young** will complete her residency in Internal Medicine at UCSF this June and begin a cardiology fellowship at Stanford in July. In May of 2007, Celina married Freddy Abnoui (whom she met in England!). Celina and Freddy have founded a medical device company called Sense Therapeutics, with the goal of creating cost-effective devices for critical medical needs.

**Rob Johnson** received a PhD in Economics from UC Berkeley in 2008, and then spent a year as a post-doc fellow with the International Economics Section at Princeton. He is now an Assistant Professor of Economics at Dartmouth.

## 2002

### Esther Freeman

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Marshall’s our year have been moving all around the country: **Kathy King** and husband Jeff have just moved to Boulder, Colorado, with their baby girl Annika, born in January. They share a

neighbourhood with **Abbie Liel**, who is a professor at UC Boulder. **Mindy Baccus** works for the State of Kansas, coordinating policy statewide for offenders with mental illness, and teaches part-time for Baker University. **Anne McClain** recently moved back from Hawaii to Ft. Rucker, AL, where she just finished the instructor pilot course for the Army’s scout/attack helicopter, and will be teaching at the flight school for a couple of years. She finished her 15 month tour in Iraq last year, and is happy to stay Stateside. She recently interviewed with NASA – fingers crossed!

## 2003

### Michael Aktipis

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**Vikram Mittal** completed his Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering at MIT in June 2009 and recently became a U.S. Army officer (reserves). He is engaged to be married in March.

**Eric Tucker** lives in Chicago and serves as the Interim Executive Director of the National Association for Urban Debate Leagues.

**Kristina Weaver** completed her Ph.D. in Human Geography and English Literature at the University of Glasgow. She resides in Charlottesville, Virginia with her husband, Eze Amos, and works as an editor and community organizer.

## 2005

### Vince Evans

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**James Powers** was promoted to the rank of Captain in the U.S. Army. Currently he is stationed in Ft. Wainwright, Alaska, where he is the Executive Officer of a Blackhawk helicopter assault company. James and his wife, Chizuru, are expecting their first child.

**Brian Mazzeo** is an Assistant Professor in Electrical Engineering at Brigham Young University. Brian and Maren had their third child, Leander, last year. Leander joined the other two Mazzeo children, Phineas and Abra, who were born in England.

## 2006

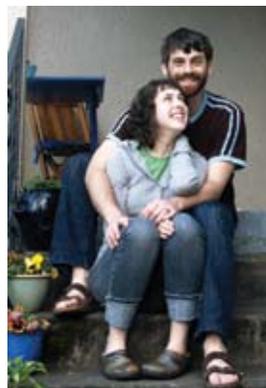
### Daniel Weeks

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The ‘06 Marshalls continue their sweep of the Middle East, where **Shadi Hamid** now serves as deputy director of the Brookings Doha Center in Qatar (as well as fellow at Brookings’ Saban Center for Middle East Policy) and **Tom Isherwood** is working with McKinsey in Dubai to strengthen public education on the peninsula and help regional banks navigate the global financial crisis.

Meanwhile on the West Coast, **Rachel Denison** is pressing ahead on her

PhD in Neuroscience at UC Berkeley and enjoying her nearby “thrilling produce market”; **Alletta Brenner** is running marathons in Portland and publishing on such topics as “The Good and Bad of that Sexe’: Monstrosity and Womanhood in Early Modern England”; and **Rajaie Batniji** is taking the plunge into medical residency at Stanford as he wraps up his public health DPhil at Oxford.



ALLETTA BRENNER

## 2007

### P.G. Sittenfeld

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**Betsy Scherzer** is living in New York City, aiding business development at two renewable energy start-ups: Urban Green Energy (which manufactures sleek vertical axis small wind turbines) and Rentricity (which niftily transforms excess pressure in water distribution system pipes into clean electricity). Betsy reports, “It’s been very exciting helping both early stage companies grow, especially as I’ve realized just how truly difficult it is to develop renewable power throughout the US!” Outside of work, Betsy loves exploring NYC’s diverse neighborhoods, catching up with old friends, and being serenaded on the subway. She looks forward to planning New York area Marshall events this year as the New York Event Coordinator and welcomes ideas and suggestions.