

A portrait of Kathleen Sullivan, a woman with short reddish-brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a black blazer over a dark top, a pearl necklace, and a pearl earring. Her arms are crossed.

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Kathleen  
Sullivan,  
Legal Eagle

# Marshall Alumni Newsletter

# Editor's Letter

Every quarter when it is time to prepare the next Newsletter for distribution, my husband asks me why I ever agreed to do this, given the hours it takes, and given that I usually demur on my other duties around the house. It's never been a question for me: the desire to give back to an organization that gave me such a unique and enriching experience is overwhelming. Especially now that I have Ien Cheng, our new Deputy Editor to help share the responsibilities of putting these issues together. Ien comes to us with more publishing experience than anyone else on the team, having served as Publisher and Managing Editor of FT.com and now chief of staff of Bloomberg's global multimedia group.

Together, the contributors below and I bring you another spectacular issue featuring some extraordinary individuals. Bryan Leach profiles Kathleen Sullivan (Oxford '76), who has served as AMS President and Dean of Stanford Law School and was the first woman to become a named partner at one of America's 200 largest law firms. Nick Hartman got a chance to talk to 3 alumni who are launching their careers in diplomacy – in Sudan and in the Middle East. We also feature an update on the shenanigans of the class of 2010 from the class secretary Aroop Mukharji. We hope you enjoy the issue, and please contact us at [newsletter@marshallscholars.org](mailto:newsletter@marshallscholars.org).

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# News from the AMS

By Bryan Leach

The AMS board held its December meeting on the morning of the 4th in Washington, D.C. At the meeting, Frances Dow, Chair of the Marshall Aid Commemorative Commission, and Nic Hailey, head of the British Embassy's Political, Economic, and Public Affairs Department, briefed the board on the effect of the British government's spending review on the level of funding for Marshall Scholarships for the 2011-2012 academic year as well as expectations for future years. After extensive discussion, the board decided to study the feasibility of raising funds from Marshall alumni to support one or more additional scholarships each year.

Later that day, Nic Hailey invited D.C.-area Marshall alumni to his home for mulled wine, minced pies, and holiday nostalgia. A jovial time was had by all. As one

Marshall remarked, a few years ago a gathering of 80 Marshalls would have been the U.S.-wide gathering of alumni; now this many Marshalls come out just for D.C.-area events.

The Gates Scholars Alumni Association (GSAA) generously invited Marshall alumni to participate in a January 29 virtual seminar entitled "Career and Ethical Consideration." This program, which discussed the creation of socially conscious jobs in the public and private sectors, was the first of what will hopefully be much fruitful collaboration with the GSAA.

Sir Alan Collins, the British Consul-General for New York, continued the tradition of inviting area alumni to an afternoon tea in honor of the newly selected Marshall Scholars. The February 11 event was a wonderful opportunity for alumni to learn about the accomplishments of the 2011 scholars and to share reflections on their own times in the UK.

Boston alumni were treated to a February 15 talk by political strategist Michael Goldman. The discussion on "Politics and the Culture Wars: 2010, 2012, and Beyond" was thought-provoking and engaging.

On February 24, Columbia University graduate student Steve Brusatte (Bristol '06) gave New York-area alumni a behind-the-scenes tour of the paleontology department at the American Museum of Natural History. The tour included a glimpse of the enormous private collection of dinosaur bones that are not open to the public, as well as a tour of the "paleo lab" where fossil specimens are cleaned, prepared, and conserved.

The AMS board has accepted the invitation of the Boston-area Regional Steering Committee to hold this year's AMS Annual Meeting in Boston. Planning for the meeting is underway. The target date is June 10 and 11.

Bob Gray (Edinburgh '71) was recently awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) at a ceremony for the "Presentation of Insignia" at the British Ambassador's Residence. Bob's OBE was awarded by the Queen in recognition of his service to the Marshall Scholarship program in the United States.



Bob Gray receiving his OBE from the Ambassador, Sir Nigel Sheinwald.





**Blazing Legal Trails  
with Kathleen Sullivan**

By Bryan Leach





Most lawyers would consider it quite a career accomplishment to become a nationally recognized scholar of constitutional law, the dean of a major law school, a top appellate lawyer arguing cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, or a named partner at one of America's most dynamic law firms.

Kathleen Sullivan (Oxford '76) has achieved all of these things, and she's just entering the prime of her career.

Kathleen grew up in Queens and Long Island in New York. Her parents came from working-class immigrant backgrounds, and each was the first in their family to go to college. Their life-long love of ideas and education made a great impression on Kathleen, her two brothers, and her cousin, who was raised with Kathleen like a sister. Kathleen's father was a CPA and worked as a businessman after serving in Korea with the Air Force, and her mother was a teacher who later stayed at home to raise her children. The family had no lawyers in it, and Kathleen had little in the way of early exposure to the profession. She decided to apply to law school during the Watergate scandal, which broke during her sophomore year at Cornell. She recalls it as "a moment in our national history when lawyers were heroes in engineering



From top: Kathleen with her parents Bob and Joan Sullivan at the 1997 graduation when she went back some two decades

after her actual graduation in 1977 to march

through the Sheldonian and pick up

her B.A. and M.A. in PPE. / Wearing a

Wadham scarf outside the Sheldonian.

/ Kathleen with Harold Koh (Oxford

'75)—who was then dean of Yale Law

School and was a visitor at All Souls. They

were robed to march to Encaenia, the

Oxford honorary degree ceremony. / In a

group photo with a number of Americans

at Oxford—all were connected as Telluride

scholars but there are three other Marshalls

in the picture—Mark Campisano '75, Joseph

Schwartz '75 and Carol Lee '76. The man at

the left with the umbrella is David Goldey,

fellow at Lincoln College and one of Sullivan's

PPE tutors at Oxford. / Learning how to punt.

/ Kathleen with Barbara Eachus and her late husband Joe Eachus,

who as a labor of love revived the AMS and put together the first

comprehensive directory of Marshalls.





a peaceful transition and averting a constitutional crisis.”

Before she could attend law school, however, Kathleen won the Marshall Scholarship. When she left for Britain in 1976, she had never set foot outside the United States. She arrived at Oxford unprepared for the cold, wet autumn and unaccustomed to its peculiar intellectual rhythms. For example, she recalls being asked, during a Politics, Philosophy and Economics tutorial, to address the controversial topic of “whether prawns have feelings.”

Kathleen eventually found her bearings at Wadham College, one of just five formerly all-men’s colleges that had recently decided to admit women. The Warden of Wadham, Stuart Hampshire, was eager to provide reassurance. “British people were like a garden surrounded by hedgerows — they can seem closed off to outsiders, but once you are let inside, you are inside for life,” Kathleen remembers the Warden explaining to her. His advice proved sound, and Kathleen soon benefitted from British hospitality. She remembers being invited to Christmas dinner with her British friends, who convinced her to try goose and Christmas pudding for the first time.

While at Oxford, Kathleen signed up for as many extracurricular activities as she could. She rowed in the college crew, attended law lectures, sang in the Bach choir, and starred in Tennessee Williams’ play *The Glass Menagerie*. Unlike today’s Marshall Scholars, Kathleen stayed in Oxford year-round and had only infrequent contact with her friends and family back home. She formed strong bonds with her fellow Marshall Scholars, many of whom helped show her the ropes. She fondly recalls Harold Koh (Oxford ’75) helping her prepare for her economics tutorials and teaching her how to read a London tube map.

Kathleen returned home to attend Harvard Law School. Following her clerkship with a federal judge, a few summers of working at law firms in New York City, and two years of constitutional litigation with her constitutional law professor Laurence Tribe, she was invited back to Harvard to teach. She spent ten years on the law school faculty, during which time she remained active with the Marshall Scholarship. Kathleen conducted interviews for the regional selection committee in Boston and mentored many younger Scholars who passed through Harvard, including the editor of this article, Suzette Brooks Masters (Cambridge ’81). She also agreed to serve as President of the Association of Marshall Scholars, guiding the AMS towards producing its first printed directory and coordinating the Scholarship’s 35th-anniversary celebration, which featured His Royal Highness Prince Charles as the guest of honor.



Kathleen with HRH Prince Charles at the first major gathering of the AMS at the Embassy in D.C. in 1989. The Prince served as AMS Honorary Patron at the time and is pictured here being presented with memorabilia of Gen. Marshall. Shown on the next page are the invitation and menu from the event.

By 1993, Kathleen had switched coasts and joined the faculty of Stanford Law School, and once in California she helped conduct Marshall Scholar interviews for the regional selection committee in San Francisco. In 1999, she received a call from Condoleezza Rice, then still the Provost at Stanford, asking her to become Dean. Kathleen had not sought the deanship, and she recalls being “quite happy teaching and writing about constitutional law.” Still, she agreed. During her five-year tenure, Kathleen raised over one hundred million dollars for the law school, renovated its classrooms, created a new law student residence, hired fifteen faculty members, unveiled a new masters program, and created the law school’s clinical curriculum allowing students to gain practical skills by providing pro bono legal services.

Practicing what she preached, Kathleen briefed and argued a landmark case before the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of California wineries shortly after stepping down as Dean. Kathleen’s 5-4 victory ensured that states could not bar wineries from shipping to out-of-state consumers, a result that brought much merriment





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His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales  
The British Ambassador and Lady Acland  
request the pleasure of the company of  
**Professor Sullivan**  
at a Reception  
to launch the Association of Marshall Scholars  
on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1989  
from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.*

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*The Association of Marshall Scholars  
1954 - 1989*

to wine-loving Marshall Scholars — and others — across the country. In presenting another wine case before a California court for the Napa Valley Vintners Association, Kathleen teamed up with a fellow Marshall Scholar and friend from Oxford days, Richard Mendelson (Oxford '75), who is now a prominent lawyer and wine-maker in Napa Valley.

Shortly after stepping down as Dean in 2004, Kathleen got a call from her former mentor, Bill Urquhart, with whom she had worked during her short stint in private practice. Urquhart asked Kathleen to join his law firm, Quinn Emanuel, and become the head of its new appellate practice. Kathleen jumped at the chance. "The firm's unique zest and energy and creativity were irresistible," says Kathleen. Her new job also gave her the chance to return home to New York City.

Three years into the job, the firm asked Kathleen to become one of its named partners. According to the firm, now called Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, she is the first woman to become a named partner at one of America's 200 largest law firms.

Kathleen's practice is thriving, and she enjoys doing battle with other top appellate lawyers. *The New York Times* describes her most recent argument before the Supreme Court as "formidable" and "feisty." For Kathleen, presenting a case to the Supreme Court is "a uniquely exhilarating and exacting art form."

Looking back on how the law has changed since she graduated from Harvard Law School in 1981, Kathleen remarks that "the profession has become more of a busi-

#### *Program*

*February 17, 1989*

Toasts  
to  
The President of the United States  
and  
Her Majesty, the Queen

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Remarks  
History of the Marshall Plan  
and  
Reminiscences from Four Decades of  
Marshall Scholars

#### *Dinner*

*February 17, 1989*

Crab Bisque  
Watergate Salad  
Creamy Vinaigrette  
Breast of Chicken with Spinach, Pine Nuts,  
Ricotta Cheese and Prosciutto in  
Marzola Wine Sauce  
Melange of Garden Vegetables  
Saffron Rice Pilaf  
White Chocolate House Cake  
Wine: Chateau St. Jean Vin Blanc  
Coffee, Tea or Brewed Decaffeinated Coffee

ness and with that more of a meritocracy, open to a wider range of talents and backgrounds." In her field, she has seen "the rise of a specialized Supreme Court bar — with a small number of law firms and law school clinics (including Stanford's) that appear frequently before the Court."

Reflecting on her life since Oxford, and on her path from law professor to law school dean to named partner at a major law firm, Kathleen credits the Marshall Scholarship with "opening her eyes to the wide range of legal and governmental structures through which different societies seek to solve similar problems." She says the experience of "being among so many brilliant Marshall Scholars from such a wide range of fields taught me the value of being able to explain issues in one field to people in another." Kathleen's enjoyment of those interdisciplinary conversations has been a hallmark of her career ever since.





# FOLLOWING IN MARSHALL'S FOOTSTEPS

The Newsletter  
speaks with  
three young  
Marshall alumni  
as they launch their  
careers in international  
development and  
diplomacy.

BY NICHOLAS T. HARTMAN



## The (Post-) Peace Plan

Maher Bitar (Oxford '06) has always had a personal interest in refugees. His father's family, Palestinians from the northern city of Acre, fled their home in 1948. For his family, the ever evolving history of Middle East conflict was always far more than just headlines in the paper.

Bitar studied international politics and Arab studies at Georgetown before using his Marshall Scholarship to earn an M.Sc. in Forced Migration at the Refugee Studies Centre at Oxford. He focused his dissertation studies on a subset of Palestinian refugees that rarely receive mention in the mainstream press. These so-called "secondary refugees" have migrated from their initial places of refuge to yet other locations in pursuit of basic needs--despite the slim chance of a warm reception in those new lands.

Bitar followed this academic exercise with a summer on the ground with the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) in Jerusalem, where he performed policy and legal research. This trip provided many poignant first hand experiences that further strengthened his passion for work in the region.

On one occasion, Bitar traveled into a Palestinian village to conduct field research. "As we entered the village a young man sped towards the UN jeep and started pounding on the hood and screaming in Arabic," he recalls. "A swarm of other men also approached the car and for a few moments it wasn't clear what was going on."

As an Arabic speaker, Bitar was able to communicate with the man and learned that he had a severely disabled young daughter and was in desperate need of medication. The research team was able to call on UN resources to dispatch a mobile clinic that provided the medication and additional care for the man's daughter. "That's when I saw firsthand that the UN could play a very vital role on the ground," Bitar says.

Following his summer with the UN, Bitar returned to Oxford to begin a D.Phil. in International Relations in the autumn of 2007. For most people, D.Phil. studies would be more than a full time job, but Maher Bitar is not most people.

In the summer of 2008, Bitar briefly volunteered with the Obama presidential campaign in Minnesota before taking up a previously secured position at the Georgetown University Law Center, all the while continuing his D.Phil. studies remotely. He then spent the 2009-2010 academic year back in Oxford fo-



Maher Bitar in his UNRWA office

cusing on the D.Phil., the summer of 2010 with the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees in Kuala Lumpur, and then in the autumn returned for his second year of J.D. studies at Georgetown. Most recently, he also began working with the State Department's Office of the Special Envoy for Middle East Peace, first as an extern from the law school and now as a part-time civil servant providing research and writing support to the Washington D.C.-based team.

Bitar describes the mission of the Office of the Special Envoy as the "interagency coordinator for U.S. government assistance efforts in the area" focused on a two-track approach consisting of "facilitating negotiations to narrow gaps between the parties" and "assisting the Palestinian Authority in its state-building efforts to strengthen government institutions and prepare them for the day after negotiations for a two-state solution are complete."

Although it's generally known that official U.S. foreign policy supports a two-state solution in the region, the internal preparations to support a new Palestinian state are not as frequently reported. "There is a vibrant effort to build up Palestinian institutions so that there will be a functioning and responsive government in waiting," Bitar says. "That's often not often in the public view, but there has been a lot of progress on that front."

A significant improvement in the security and stability of many Palestinian communities is another positive story that is often lost among sound bites on the conflict. "The private sector is growing, government institutions are reforming at a rapid pace, and life has become a lot more stable in certain cities that only a few years ago were considered a no-go for tourists. One example is Jenin in the Northern West Bank," Bitar says.

Bitar credits his experiences in the UK as core to his career so far. "None of this would have happened if it were not for the Marshall Scholarship," he notes. "The ability to do the first masters degree and those connections that I built in Oxford are what provided the opportunity to go to Jerusalem with the UN and the reason why I started the D.Phil."

Upon completion of his J.D. and D.Phil., Bitar would like to work in a foreign policy area "where international law and foreign policy intersect." If his track record is any indication, he won't have a hard time staying busy.



West Bank 2007



## “The most complicated country in the world”

We couldn't have picked a more appropriate day to discuss Sudan. It's Sunday, January 9, 2011 and headlines around the world are reporting the start of a week-long referendum vote for independence in southern Sudan.

An e-mail that morning asking to delay our call because “Peter has to get an update finished by 4 for the White House and is a little under the gun” highlights that among those behind the day's headlines are dedicated teams of analysts and field coordinators at many U.S. and international agencies. Two of those individuals are Karim Smither (Oxford '07) and Peter Quaranto (Bradford '06 and Oxford '07), who both recently joined the Washington D.C.-based team of the U.S. Special Envoy to Sudan.

Smither completed a double major in political science and Arabic literature and linguistics at Georgetown before heading to Oxford on his Marshall Scholarship. He subsequently took up an opportunity to work in Northern Sudan with The Carter Center, before joining the Special Envoy to Sudan as part of the Peace and Security Team.

Quaranto studied political science and international peace studies at Notre Dame before using his Marshall Scholarship to earn an M.A. in International Politics and Security Studies at the University of Bradford followed by an M.Sc. in Global Governance and Diplomacy at Oxford.

Quaranto traces his current interest in African issues to a study-abroad trip in Uganda as an undergraduate during which he became focused on the conflict in Northern Uganda and was inspired to found D.C.-based advocacy organization Uganda Conflict Action Network, since merged into a group called Resolve Uganda. After working as a senior researcher with Resolve Uganda and as a legislative assistant for Senator Russ Feingold, he recently joined the Special Envoy to Sudan as part of the North-South team that provides support for negotiations between the two regions.

When asked why he chose to focus on this part of the world, Smither cites his own family's history in the region. His mother is from Beirut, and as a Lebanese-American he has always closely followed issues in the Middle East and Northern Africa.

“I grew up in a family where my mother's side was very involved in Lebanese politics,” he explains. “When I got exposed to Sudan

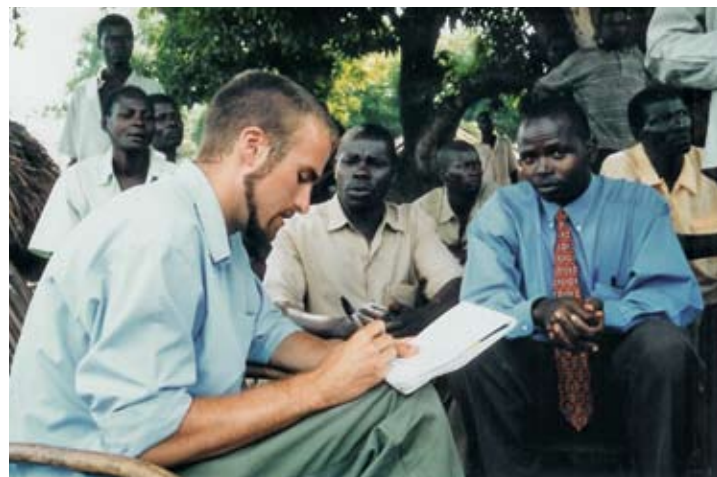


specifically, I saw what is maybe the most complicated country in the world. A country that is the size of Western Europe and is integral to regional stability and intimately involved in the Middle East and Sub-Saharan Africa.”

Quaranto cites the current unique moment in US-African relations. “Politically and economically there's a lot of change right now across Africa,” he says. “There's also a growing realization within the United States that Africa matters and that we have an important role to play in developing partnerships with Africa. To be part of the conversation of what US-Africa relations look like and in particular how the US engages with places that have been prone to conflict makes this a really interesting time to be involved in this type of work.”

Smither also comments on the importance of previous trips to the area in understanding the depth and complexity of challenges facing the region. “Sudan is an immensely unique country. It's an Arab country and an African country. It has nine neighbors and very unique relationships with each. It's very hard to understand looking from an external perspective.”

Smither goes on to describe a particularly memorable experience in Sudan during his time with the Carter Center. His team had to drive for four hours across the desert to meet



Quaranto (left) takes notes during a visit to an “internally displaced persons” camp in northern Uganda.



During a journey between villages in Sudan, Smithers looks out across the desert — and suspected minefield — in search of any nearby settlements.



with a local village leader. “You’re driving on loose sand so it feels like you’re sliding the whole time,” he says. They had lunch with the man and then mentioned the name of another village they would like to visit. The man said it was only ten minutes away. The team loaded back up into their car and drove off into the desert again.

“When driving through the desert you don’t get off the track of previous vehicles since this is one of the most heavily mined areas of Sudan. We drove for 15 minutes. Nothing. 30 minutes. Nothing. An hour. Nothing. We quickly learn that these guys think camel time is three to four days so car time must be 15–30 minutes. Now we’re out in the middle of the desert but the driver is too scared to leave the tracks and turn the car around. I carefully got out of the car and stood on the roof to see if we could see any kind of civilization. Nothing.”

After they began walking on the tracks back to the previous village, their security officer became frustrated at the driver’s unwillingness to turn the vehicle around. The officer then began stomping around the car to “test” for land mines. “He would stomp, wait, and then say ‘Oh it’s OK,’” Smither recalls. After this the driver cautiously turned the car around and the team, still nervous but relieved to be on the road again, headed back home.

Given the challenges of simply trying to travel between villages, the challenges of staging a referendum for independence could easily seem insurmountable. However, the people of Sudan and the international support teams overcame those challenges, the referendum went ahead and is widely expected to pass (the official result is pending as of this writing).

On this Sunday, the first day of the elections, Quaranto relates what he’s hearing on the ground. “Reports we’re getting indicate that there’s a sense of celebration across the South today for having this opportunity which for many people is seen as their chance to take control of their own future and they have been waiting for this so it’s a pretty historic moment,” he says.

“But there is also a recognition that this is just the precursor to challenges that will be coming up in the very near future,” Smither adds.

The Special Envoy and other organizations have long been preparing for such challenges through projects aimed at developing Southern Sudan into a stable and self-sustaining nation.



Smither with the voting councils of Gedaref (top) and Gezira (bottom) in Sudan.

For example, Smither’s work has been focused on supporting efforts aimed at transforming the armed forces in Southern Sudan from a rebel faction into a professional military in advance of the region’s expected independence. Much of this work focuses on establishing command and control, communications infrastructure, medical assistance, and engineering training. “Ultimately everything that happens is up to them, but we’re working to help them achieve what’s best for them and best for US interests in the region,” says Smither.

Both Smither and Quaranto credit their time as Marshall Scholars as an important foundation in building their young careers.

“Given the strong historic and cultural ties between the UK and many parts of Africa, being in the UK for two years presented a great opportunity to foster my interest and knowledge of African issues,” Quaranto says. “In addition, I learned a great deal from my study with the Peace Studies Department at the University of Bradford, where I studied my first year. I got to study with peace-builders from the UK and around the world who I still stay in touch with today, and I learned from experts on issues of conflict resolution, negotiation, and disarmament.”

“Older men — political leadership in particular — in northern Sudan were all educated in the UK,” adds Smither. “On countless occasions I’ve sat down with a governor of one of the Sudanese states or the head of a state election commission and we’ve chatted about the weather in Cornwall or how impossible it is to understand the Nottingham accent. It’s been a wonderful way to connect with these individuals and an unlikely but invaluable ice breaker.”



Quaranto at the GuluWalk in London in 2007, an annual worldwide walk to raise awareness and money for the children of northern Uganda.



# ***Word from Albion***

The newly elected 2010 class secretary reflects on the new Scholars' UK journey thus far.



By Aroop Mukharji



## Orientation

For most of the 2010 class, our Marshall Scholarship began on a Sunday. It was a sunny morning in D.C. as a slow flow of thirty-something twenty-somethings descended upon swanky Hotel Palomar off Dupont Circle. I recall my first interaction with a fellow Marshall was the discovery of my roommate, Vinayak Muralidhar (Oxford '10), still asleep in our third-floor room. His 6'5"-frame was snuggling a bizarre leopard-print blanket, which, given the way he was smiling, I assumed he had brought from home for sentimental reasons. As I hung my suit in the closet, however, I noticed a matching leopard-print robe, and next to it, one in zebra. Vinayak was starting to worry me.

My unpacking roused him from his slumber, so we began chatting. Vinayak was from Arizona, and the jungle articles, he claimed, belonged to the hotel. I eyed him suspiciously; I saw how tenderly he was holding that blanket.

"Hey man, no jungles in Arizona," he waved.

I thought about his logic, and I liked his style, so left it at that. We exchanged a few Marshall interview stories, and then headed downstairs for our first orientation event.

Introductions to the rest of our class were expectedly awkward, but equally exciting. Though we all pretended not to know a thing about each other, many of us were already Facebook friends, and a few enthusiastic souls had memorized all of the bios on the Marshall website. I think I overheard the following:

"Hi, I'm Zak."

"Hi Zak. How was your experience working at Grassroots Soccer in South Africa last year?!"

"How do you even know—"

"No reason. Just guessing."

We each broke the ice in our own way, and around the second day, we began to gel as a group. Our schedule in D.C. was jam-packed with alumni dinners, Q&A sessions with recent and less-recent returnees, and visits to the embassy, the Ambassador's residence, the Pentagon, and the Supreme Court. Over the course of two or three days, we collectively met dozens of alumni who warmly welcomed us into the broader society of Marshall Scholars. Notably, we were fortunate enough to

lunch with Rep. Spratt (Oxford '64), who gave what was easily one of the most entertaining speeches all week.

Our time in D.C. drew to a close all too quickly. We bade farewell to our friends at the British Council and British Embassy (who organized this brilliant first leg of orientation), and bussed to the airport.

I am not sure how it was during Rep. Spratt's time when the Marshall Scholars went to the UK by boat, but this year we went by air, and were allowed two checked bags and one carry-on. Since most of us were planning on staying until 2012, this restriction demanded a creative response. For example, I had a guitar (in a case), a detachable backpack, a regular backpack, and a laptop bag, and my plan was to convince the air officials that these four items constituted a single piece of carry-on luggage.

I emerged victorious.

Once we boarded the flight, a few of us fell asleep, many of us talked to our neighbors for six hours straight, and four of us played an epic game of battleship on Virgin Atlantic's seatback entertainment systems. Also, while we were in the air, somewhere over Ireland (we thought), our very own James Luccarelli (Oxford '10) celebrated his birthday. With the same irresistibly romantic charm and wit that allowed me four carry-ons, Michael Wilkerson (Oxford '10) and I managed to persuade an air attendant to not only announce James' birthday on the loudspeaker, but also gift us two bottles of champagne for the occasion. Things were getting real, and rowdy. We were landing in Heathrow in less than an hour. It was not clear whether Britain was ready for us.

We arrived at 7am, and Mary Denyer and Lizzie Martin graciously greeted us with bottles of water at our gate. We then boarded a bus that had a colorful horse and the word "Marshalls" decorating its side, and headed out to tour London.

Owing to academic obligations UK-side, a few 2010 Marshalls missed the D.C. segment of orientation. Over the course of visiting Parliament, a 4D experience at the London Eye, and a well-stocked reception at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, however, we quickly brought them into the fold. And just as in D.C., our London orientation ended before we knew it. Three 2010 Marshalls boarded trains to York, Coventry, and Nottingham, a handful bounced to Oxford and Cambridge, 21 out of our 35 remained in London, and we each began our own adventures as post-graduates in the UK.

Opposite page: top: Celebrating a Marshall birthday. L-R: Austin McKinney (ISA '10), Aroop Mukharji (LSE '10), 2 friends, Andrew Ehrich (crouched, with hat, LSE '10), Steve Robinette (Imperial '10), Matt Clawson (KCL '10), Rey Fuentes (LSE '10), London, October 2010. Bottom: The ceremonial breaking of the Marshall Thanksgiving giant chocolate bar. L-R: Austin McKinney (ISA '10), Aroop Mukharji (LSE '10), Matt Clawson (KCL '10), London, November 2010.



## Baby steps

During orientation, Mary Denyer mentioned, “Scholars, though we speak English here, you may find difficulty adjusting to the new environment. Remember, things aren’t worse, they are just different. Different.”

Whether they were different or worse, good or bad, some things were actually just hilarious, and I cannot resist detailing a small sample of our initial experiences in the UK.

(1) This vignette is about Andrew Ehrich (LSE ’10) and his six-week battle to gain credit approval for a phone.

(2) Nabihah Syed (Oxford ’10) went to the Bodleian Library in Oxford to study in October. She was repeatedly refused service because the library’s computer records claimed that she had not returned a book checked out in the 1970s, which was before she was born.

(3) On September 30, 2010, at 8:05pm, Michael Wilkerson (Oxford ’10) updated his Facebook status: “To do laundry at New College one must find a laundry card (which are usually out of stock), load money on a website, get a code, put the code and the card in a machine that credits the card, and then insert the card into the laundry machine with the clothes. This is actually one of the easier Oxford logistical tasks of the week.”

My own struggles were limited to feuding with my room, which smelled like the 1890s, searching for social establishments open later than 11pm, and the endless campaign to obtain lukewarm water out of my dual-faucet sink. These significant hurdles slowed me down, but with persistence and the heartfelt moral support of my fellow Marshalls, I made it through my first few weeks with only minor scratches.

Settling in, as predicted, took time. It took time to move in, it took time to figure out our universities, and it took time to get acquainted with our immediate surroundings. Despite this, however, many in our class flourished immediately. John Calhoun (York ’10), for



Marshalls reunite to celebrate Columbus Day.

example, unseated incumbent Ph.D. candidates at the University of York to become president of the student body within weeks of his arrival. Bill Dougherty (RCM ’10) organized a full program of musical performances at RCM (including a piece composed by him), and Mitesh Sridahar (Cambridge ’10), has reportedly been liquidating the chess competition in the UK like that Dilophosaurus did Wayne Knight in Jurassic Park.

Several of us also joined athletic teams. James Luccarelli (Oxford ’10), Brian Pellot (Oxford ’10), Andy Cunningham (Oxford ’10), Vinayak Muralidhar (Oxford ’10), Em Warren (LSE ’10), and Jess Lanney (LSE ’10) have all taken rowing to a new level, Zak Kaufman (LSHTM ’10) has torn up the Frisbee scene in London, and Andrew Ehrich (LSE ’10) managed to wangle a spot on his university’s selective swing-dance performance squadron.

I joined the LSE tennis team, but I can’t claim the same rigor as the others. The spirit of the LSE tennis team, to the contrary, is more socially oriented. For example, one of our first team events involved dressing up like Pamela Anderson for a school-wide Baywatch party, and then finishing the night at a club called Zoo. It feels good to be an adult.

## Reunions

Our individual journeys in our first few months did not come at the compromise of collective experiences. And the Marshall Scholarship, as many of us understand it today, is in large part about that broader notion. And so, over the weeks, we have found numerous excuses to get



Marshall football practice in preparation for the Marshall-Rhodes Bowl. L-R: Sam Bjork (Cambridge ’10), Erin Conrad (UCL ’10), Grace Eckhoff (LSHTM ’10), Kathryn Marklein (UCL ’10), Carrie Barnett (SOAS ’10), Andrew Ehrich (LSE ’10), Tanya Goldhaber (with football, Cambridge ’10), Zak Kaufman (LSHTM ’10), Amol Naik (LSE ’10), Jess Lanney (LSE ’10), Bill Dougherty (RCM ’10), John Calhoun (York ’10), Aroop Mukharji (LSE ’10), London, October 2010.



together informally, sometimes in groups of 10 or 20, and sometimes in groups of 3 or 4.

Our gatherings have included informal dinners, a 15-person Columbus Day reunion (believe it), a cottage rental in Northern Ireland, “Halloqueen” in Oxford, Christmas in an unpronounceable Welsh town spelled Pwllgwaelod, a New Years’ street party in Edinburgh, and a bros-only three-day Christmas market trip to London, Bath, Bristol, and Birmingham. In preparation for the now-annual Rhodes-Marshall football game, we also called a mid-day football practice in London, which was followed by a brilliant Southern-themed cookfest hosted by Anna Jo Smith (LSHTM ’10). Yeah. We’ve been busy.

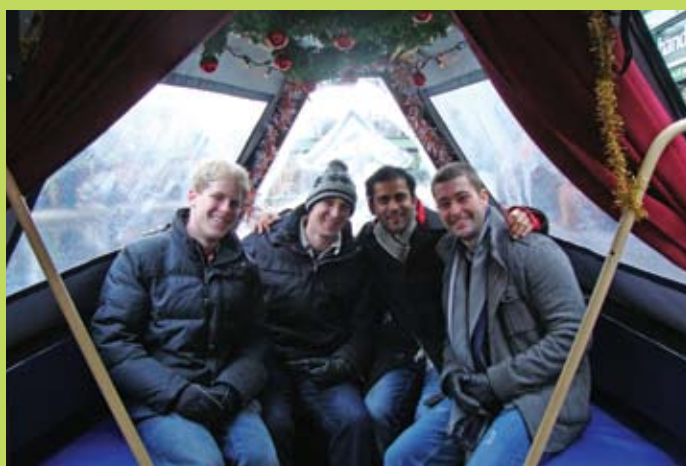
The biggest reunion of the season was the Marshall Thanksgiving, and I would like to publicly thank the AMS for its generosity in making it happen. As the newest class secretary, I was designated the chief organizer. In what would become a significant point of controversy, tension, and drama, I decided to switch the hosting venue from Oxford back to its original birthplace in London. The dinner was half catered, and half potluck. Marshall home-cooked dishes ranged from gluten-free stuffing to braised butternut squash and spotted dick. Notably, Wayne Lau (Cambridge ’79) hand-carried an enormous three-foot block of chocolate from Switzerland with the words “Marshall Thanksgiving 2010” decorating its façade in golden cursive. After a ceremonious breaking of the chocolate by Austin McKinney (ISA ’10) and Matt Clawson (KCL ’10), the night kicked off in full swing. Food was plentiful and the wine flowed generously.

During dessert, the still nameless Marshall band, composed of Bill Dougherty (RCM ’10), Zak Kaufman (LSHTM ’10), two Goodenough members, and me, played a few tunes in the Great Hall. Around 10pm, the dinner finished, and the bulk of us migrated to a local Marshall’s apartment for an afterparty to end all afterparties.

The informal gatherings of fellow Marshalls over the last few months have been great, but for me at least, the Thanksgiving dinner was a highlight. It was the first chance for us to interact with the 2009 class as a whole, as well as with the smattering of 2008’s and 2007’s still finishing up their PhDs. Furthermore, it was a night to celebrate Americana and the most missed meal from back home.

## Onward

As the Year of the Tiger blossomed into the Year of the Rabbit, signaling the beginning of a new academic term, the 2010 class of Marshalls are looking forward to visits to 10 Downing Street as well as the upcoming Rhodes-Marshall Bowl, slated for late February in Oxford. Personally, I am excited about the upcoming term as I have recently redecorated my room with a 3’ by 5’ flag of my home state of Kansas. I finally figured out how to neutralize that 1890s funk in my room, and I also made a New Year’s resolution to find the best bangers and mash



Top: The cottage trip in Northern Ireland. L-R: Grace Eckhoff (LSHTM ’10), Anna Jo Smith (LSHTM ’10), Carrie Barnett (SOAS ’10), Annie Kalt (LSHTM ’10), N. Ireland, November 2010. Center: Bros on a boat. L-R: Andrew Ehrich (LSE ’10), Matt Clawson (KCL ’10), Aroop Mukharji (LSE ’10), Austin McKinney (ISA ’10), Birmingham, December 2010. Bottom: Wales Christmas Trip. L-R: Ruthie Ezra (Cambridge ’10), Mitch Keller (Marshall-Sherfield LSE ’10), Tanya Goldhaber (Cambridge ’10), Sam Bjork (Cambridge ’10), Pwllgwaelod, Wales, December 2010.

in London by going to a new pub every week. Tomorrow I’m going to a place called Coal Hole on the Strand.

Game on, 2011.



1956

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**Richard Cooper** reports that he “still teaches economics at Harvard University, still writes on international economic issues (including climate change and, again after many years, on the international monetary system), and enjoys thoroughly his two young children, William (age 8) and Jennifer (age 6).”

**Bob Faulkner** and **Shirley Johnson-Lans** are both still teaching at Boston College and Vassar, political philosophy and economics, respectively. Bob will go onto a half-time teaching schedule next year, and Shirley is currently on sabbatical for the semester, writing full-time, and living in New York City.

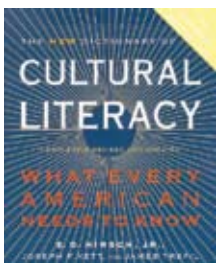
1959

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Congratulations to **Harold Branam**, who has four review articles the 2010 edition of *Magill's Literary Annual* and a poem, “The Care and Feeding of Grudges,” in the January 2011 edition of *Friends Journal*.

1960

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**Jim Trefil**, Robinson Professor of Physics at George Mason University, has made contributions to arcane regions of quark theory, but he is best known as a prolific and effective interpreter of science through more than thirty books and numerous public presentations, including the influential *Dictionary of Cultural Literacy* which he co-authored. Jim says of the future, “When people ask me about retirement, I say that as soon as I can figure out something I can do when I’m retired that I’m not already doing, I’ll think about it.”

1962

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**Phil Power** founded in 2006 and is president of The Center for Michigan, a nonpartisan think-and-do tank designed to cure Michigan’s unhealthy political culture and reinvigorate its broken policy apparatus. He started and ran HomeTown Communications Network, which published more than 60 newspapers as well as telephone directories in Michigan and the upper Midwest before selling the assets of his company in 2005. The Center has just finished its “Michigan’s Defining Moment” public engagement campaign which involved more than 10,000 people in community conversations throughout the state. The resulting bottom-up, common-ground citizens agenda for Michigan’s transformation is the impetus of a citizen-driven reform campaign. Phil was a founder of the Corporation for a Skilled Workforce, which specializes in helping communities and companies deploy workforce skills as elements of community development strategies. His wife Kathy works with The Center.

1966

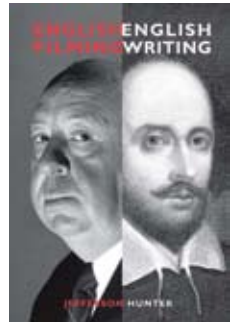
**Diana Coogle**  
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**Steve Goldmann** has had a 35-year career with Exxon, first in Linden, New Jersey (“I have worked hard since then to overcome my mumbling”), then as head of corporate planning in Dallas. He led Exxon China in Beijing (“my first foreign assignment except for Texas”). Steve now splits time between Estes Park, Colorado, and Dallas, and enjoys nonprofit work, including Habitat for Humanity, YMCA of the Rockies, and Lehigh University. His daughter, son-in-law, and “five lovely granddaughters” live in Dallas, with another son, daughter-in-law, and their two children in San Francisco. Steve and Joyce (“the class act of the Goldmanns”) have been married 43 years.

1968

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**Jefferson Hunter** continues to teach English literature and film at Smith College, and had a new book called *English Filming, English Writing* published in 2009 by Indiana University Press. Jeff also reports, “I have recently traveled in East Africa — an extraordinary experience; and — something that’s been the case since 1968 — I spend as much time as possible in the UK. I’ve been reviewing classical films on DVD regularly for the Hopkins Review. And on the family news front: our future travels are likely to include Albania, where our daughter and son-in-law have just taken up posts as Foreign Service officers.”

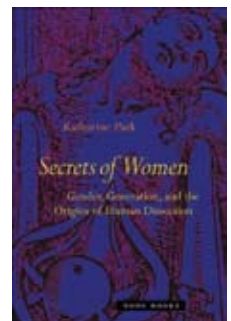


1972

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**Bruce Boisture** has three daughters and a son, who have all completed their schooling (“for now”) and launched into the world; two of the daughters are married. Bruce reports that he is very happily remarried, living in Connecticut, and traveling and cycling as much as time permits. After 20 years in the business world, he started a new law firm in New York City almost four years ago. Bruce reports that the firm has met with “fair success,” and he and his colleagues are enjoying themselves immensely.

After seventeen years teaching history at Wellesley College, **Katy Park** moved to the History of Science Department and the then-Women’s Studies Program in 1997. She is now full-





time in History of Science, where she has written several books on late medieval and early modern science, including *Wonders and the Order of Nature, 1150-1750* (with Lorraine Daston) and *Secrets of Women: Gender, Generation, and the Origins of Human Dissection*. Katy has spent a lot of time in Italy in the last decade both in connection with research on the latter and because her partner, Martin Brody, is in the process of finishing three years as Arts Director of the American Academy in Rome. After being on medical leave for two years, Katy is now back at work half-time and enjoying teaching and being (relatively) out and about in the world again.

## 1975

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**Jeff Waage** and his partner Shivaun McCullough live in Hampstead, London, but move about London a lot. Jeff reports, "I run the London International Development Centre (LIDC) at 36 Gordon Square in the very same [Association of Commonwealth Universities] building where we used to go see Geraldine [Cully]... Returning to England in 1978, I took up a staff position at Imperial College (where I studied) 'til 1986, then joined an inter-governmental Commonwealth organization, and developed and managed agricultural development research projects and labs in Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean. Returned to Imperial in 2000 as Head of Department of Agriculture, then of Centre for Environmental Policy... I became Director of LIDC in 2007." Jeff just co-authored *Science and Innovation for Development* and was awarded an OBE in 2006.

## 1976

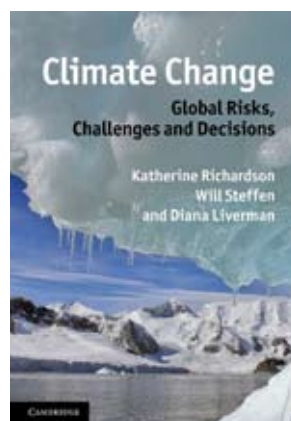
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**Katherine Richardson** has lived in Europe since her Marshall. She

is a professor and vice-dean at the University of Copenhagen. Her research focuses on the importance of plankton biodiversity for the ocean's ability to remove and store CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere (see [www.macroecology.ku.dk](http://www.macroecology.ku.dk)). She appears often in international media speaking about climate change issues and is lead author on a new book, *Climate Change: Global Risks, Challenges and Decisions*. She is married to Jens Bjerregaard Christensen and has two sons, aged 20 and 21.

**Mary E. Edgerton**, M.D., Ph.D., is currently an Associate Professor of Pathology at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. True to her Marshall objectives, she currently works on mathematical modeling of breast cancer. Her other interests are discovery of gene networks relevant to outcomes in cancer with a focus on breast cancer and the use of human tissues in research. She is currently working on bringing together hundreds of tissue repositories at M.D. Anderson into a federated structure under a single information management system. Mary is married to Mark S. Ross, a retired chemical engineer actively working as a videographer. They have two daughters, two horses, three dogs, three cats, and a salt-water tank with multiple fish and one well-fed snowflake eel. Mary continues a lifelong hobby of painting.



first called *Fielder's Choice* and the second *Chameleon Hours*." She notes how fortunate she is to have survived cancer. Her cancer experience inspired her to write some poems that were published in *The New Yorker*.

**Ann Thrupp** writes that she has had a varied career in ecological agriculture, natural resource management, and sustainable business over the past twenty years. Ann has

also worked at the World Resources Institute and the Environmental Protection Agency and as a consultant for Robert Mondavi Winery. She is currently manager of Sustainability and Organic Development at Fetzer Vineyards in California. Ann reports that she is still an avid runner and lover of the outdoors.

## 1983

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**Anne Manson** writes, "The Marshall completely changed my life. I started out as Music Director of the London chamber opera company Mecklenburgh Opera, and after four years as Music Director of the Kansas City Symphony, which brought me and my family back to the U.S. I am now leading the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra (in Canada) but living in Washington DC." Anne commutes frequently to New York to conduct opera and concerts. Anne is married with two boys and the family's "favorite vacations are still spent in London in a small flat next to Hampstead Heath."

**Bryan Schwartz** is happily ensconced in law practice in his hometown of Cleveland, having returned there in 2003 after long stints in Palo Alto, Tokyo, and Washington D.C. Bryan enjoys the panoramic Cleveland cityscape views from his office window, including the heavy industry surrounding the Burning



BRYAN  
SCHWARTZ

## 1981

**Suzette Brooks Masters**

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**Elise (Tompkins) Partridge** writes that she has been living in Vancouver, British Columbia with her husband, Steve Partridge, for many years. She adds, "I'm a writer, editor, and teacher. I've published two books of poetry, the





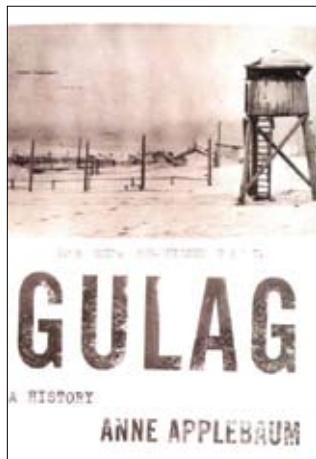
(Cuyahoga) River: a city of dreaming smokestacks that is heavenly in its own way. Bryan's son Ben (who was born in Oxford) is a graduate student at the University of Washington in Seattle. He is now 26!

## 1985

### Song Tan

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**Cindy Sughrue** earned her Ph.D. in Dance at the University of Sheffield before moving to Scotland in 1990. Since 2004, Cindy has been Chief Executive and Executive Producer of Scottish Ballet where she manages the production, presentation, and touring process, and develops opportunities for Scottish Ballet to exploit its work in the UK and internationally. Cindy's previous posts include: Director of the Collective Gallery in Edinburgh, General Manager of Dance Base (Scotland's "National Center for Dance"), and Head of Dance at the Scottish Arts Council. Cindy writes, "When I came to the UK in 1985, I would never have imagined being where I am today, running Scotland's award-winning national ballet company. But looking back on it now, it is abundantly clear that the Marshall Scholarship set me off on a truly wonderful career path."



## 1986

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**Clark Freshman** is teaching lie detection and negotiation around the world — at least when he's not tending to teaching negotiation, arbitration, and civil procedure as a tenured professor at University of California, Hastings College of Law. This year, he's taught the conference of federal administrative judges at their yearly meeting in Ocean City, Maryland, business executives for the Italian version of the Renaissance

weekend in Rome, and lawyers in San Diego. He's slated to teach the International Academy of Distinguished Mediators in May in Napa and the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Service shortly thereafter. He also taught to a sell-out crowd of 60 at his first open-enrollment class in San Francisco in January. In his spare time, he keeps up with yoga, swimming, meditation, and his Tibetan terrier Tara.

**Anne Applebaum** lives in Warsaw, Poland, with her husband Radek Sikorski, the Polish foreign minister. Anne is a weekly columnist for *The Washington Post*. She is also at work on her third book, *Iron Curtain*, a history of the imposition of communism in central Europe; her second book, *Gulag: A History*, won the 2004 Pulitzer Prize. She has two children, both of whom are in British schools.

## 1988

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Those who watch movie credits will have seen **George Nolfi's** name as screenwriter for *Ocean's*

*Twelve*, *Bourne Ultimatum*, and other films. After studying Philosophy at Oxford, George took up Political Science at UCLA, focusing on the study of mass attitudes. He sold an original script to Paramount in 1995 and, after receiving his M.A. from UCLA in 1996, began a career in Hollywood. George's latest project is his directing debut, *The Adjustment Bureau*, which he also wrote and produced. The film stars Matt Damon and will be in theaters March 4, 2011. George maintains



GEORGE NOLFI

a strong interest in government and politics and consults on political strategy and communications.

## 1991

### Stanley Chang

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**Stuart Rachels** is an Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Alabama. Currently he is working on new editions of his father's introductory textbooks in philosophy, *Problems from Philosophy* and *The Truth about the World*. His father, James Rachels, died in 2003. Stuart got married on October 24, 2009, to Heather Elliott, a professor at the Alabama School of Law. She is from Atlanta, specializes in environmental law, and clerked for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg during the 2001-2002 Supreme Court session. Their Atlanta wedding was attended by fellow 1991 Marshall Scholars **Carlo Maley**, **Tim Snyder**, **Daniel Markovits**, **Laura Belin** and **Alexandra Robert**.

## 1992

### Christy Cannon Lorgen

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**Elizabeth Pardoe** is now a regular contributor to the University of Venus blog at the *Inside Higher Ed* website ([www.insidehighered.com/blogs/](http://www.insidehighered.com/blogs/)



university\_of\_venus). She reports, "As with most really fulfilling things, there is no pay involved!"

## 1998

### Sewell Chan

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**Van (Huynh) Ginger** writes, "I'm married to **David Ginger** (1997 Marshall Scholar) and we are happily settled in Seattle. This has been an exciting year for us as we are new parents. Our son James was born in April 2010. I am currently finishing my urology residency this year and am in the process of job hunting. David is now a full professor in chemistry at the University of Washington. Both David and I have such great memories of our Marshall Scholarship experience. I think that is one of the reasons we ended up in Seattle. It's about as close to Cambridge weather as you can get without leaving the States!"

**Alison Post** is an assistant professor of political science and global metropolitan studies at the University of California, Berkeley. Her research focuses primarily on urban infrastructure and utilities regulation in developing countries. She lives in San Francisco with her husband.

**Annmarie Drury** is an assistant pro-

fessor of English at Queens College, CUNY, after recently spending two years as a lecturer in the Princeton Writing Program. She writes, "I live with my husband and five-year-old son in eastern Pennsylvania; we like being relatively near to New York City while enjoying the outdoor world of the Poconos and Delaware River Valley. I still write (and publish) my own poetry and translations of Swahili poetry, besides doing scholarly work on Victorian British literature."

## 2003

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**Eric Tucker** is the President and Managing Director of The Catalyst Group, a New York-based applied research, policy analysis, and strategy firm focused on eliminating the achievement gap, with a growing number of projects focused on sustainable building and green enterprise development.

After a postdoc at Cambridge University, **Anna Vaninskaya** moved to the University of Edinburgh to take up a lectureship in Victorian Literature. 2010 was quite a year: she also gave birth to

her daughter Ellen and published her first book, *William Morris and the Idea of Community* (Edinburgh University Press).

**Mark D'Agostino** is working as the Brigade Surgeon and Medical Advisor to the Commander of the 1st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Fort Polk, Louisiana.

**Cynthia Kinnan** finished her Ph.D. in economics at MIT in June, with a thesis

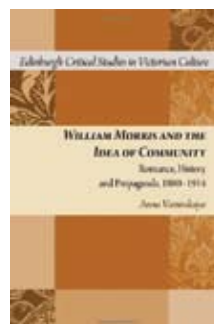
on risk-coping and financial access in developing countries. She is currently an assistant professor in the Economics Department at Northwestern.

**Michael Hoffman** finished his Ph.D. in biology at Trinity College, Cambridge in 2008, and since then has been working as a Senior Fellow at the University of Washington in Seattle. He was named as one of "Tomorrow's Principal Investigators" by *Genome Technology* magazine in December 2010.

## 2004

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After the Marshall, **Scott Grinsell** went to Yale Law School along with a number of other Marshalls from our time in the UK. More recently, he moved to New York to clerk on the Second Circuit and started working at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz in the fall. In between jobs, Scott seems to have transitioned back to the lifestyle of a Marshall Scholar

with travel to Europe, Argentina, and back to the UK.

## 2006

### Daniel Weeks

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Last we heard from **Yusufi Vali**, he had taken a "temporary" reprieve from academia to join other Marshalls in helping make history in the 2008 Presidential election. Turns out his temporary foray into politics has become permanent. Like the guy he helped elect, Yusufi is now a full-time community organizer. He works with African-American, Cape Verdean, and faith communities in Boston on education and civil rights issues through the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization. His latest project was to mobilize the community to pressure the bigwigs to support a state-of-the-art science, technology, engineering, and math school in Boston's low-income Roxbury neighborhood.

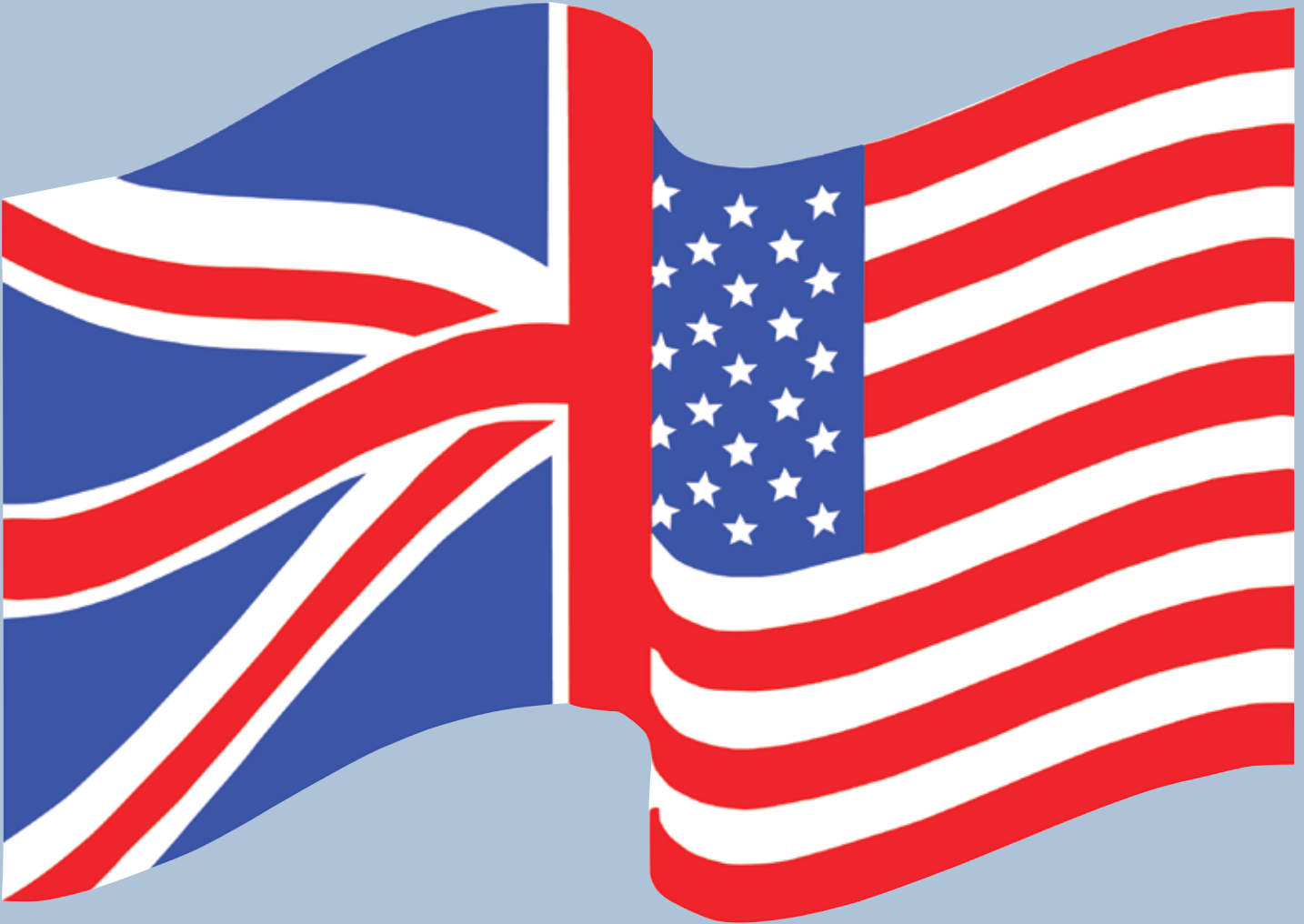


ELIZABETH PARDOE AND MELISSA MELBY



## Vacancies on the AMS Board of Directors

There are three vacancies on the AMS Board of Directors to be filled at the June Annual Meeting of the AMS: the Boston seat, the 1980s seat, and an At-Large seat. Each of these seats have four-year terms that will expire in June 2015. Anyone who is interested in being considered for one of these seats should contact Benjamin Spencer (LSE '96) at [spencerb@wlu.edu](mailto:spencerb@wlu.edu). Meanwhile, the British Embassy is looking for an alumnus in the Miami area who can serve as an AMS liaison to the British Consulate there. Anyone interested in filling this role should likewise contact Benjamin Spencer.



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