

# Marshall

## Alumni Newsletter

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A Royal 60th  
Anniversary Kickoff

# Editor's Letter

As our cover highlights, this spring saw the kickoff of the Marshall Scholarship's 60th anniversary celebrations. I clearly remember the Marshall's 50th anniversary celebrations, held during my first year as a scholar in the UK, which leads to those inevitable feelings of 'wow has it really been 10 years?'

Just a few weeks ago I passed through London during a business trip to Europe, which reinforced that the personal and professional bonds I formed during my time in the UK remain stronger than ever. It is such relationships that shape the lasting legacy of our time as Marshall Scholars, and as the program enters its 7th decade there is much to celebrate. Equally, the AMS and alumni community are stronger than ever with many efforts underway to ensure the Marshall Scholarship continues to thrive for many decades to come.

I'd also like to welcome Michael Aktipis ('03 LSE) to our team as the new AMS News and Events Editor. Bryan Leach ('00 Oxford), who previously edited this section, is taking a well deserved break. Bryan was a key member of the team that helped to bring this newsletter to life and we thank him for his dedication and extensive time volunteered to the AMS.

The Newsletter team continues to evolve the shape of this publication in our goal of highlighting the strength and breadth of the AMS community. As such, we always welcome your feedback, contribution and ideas at [newsletter@marshallscholars.org](mailto:newsletter@marshallscholars.org).

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# News from the AMS

By Michael Aktipis ('03 LSE)

## MARSHALL WOMEN'S REUNION AND AMS ANNUAL MEETING (JUNE 20-21, 2014)

The AMS organized two special events in June 2014 in Washington, DC, the first-ever Marshall Scholars Women's Reunion and the AMS Annual Meeting.

On June 20, 2014, Ambassador Sir Peter Westmacott and Lady Westmacott generously hosted the first reunion of women Marshall Scholars, which brought together approximately 10% of all women to have ever participated in the Marshall program. The event featured brief greetings and a welcome from Nan Keohane ('61 Oxford), Kathleen Sullivan, ('76 Oxford), Jocelyn Benson ('99 Oxford), and Nabiha Syed ('10 Oxford), as well as AMS President Bob Gray ('71 Edinburgh), AMS Director of Programs Lauren Baer ('02 Oxford), and AMS Board Member Marisa Van Saanen ('02 Oxford). Thank you to all who participated and all who were with us in spirit for this event, which the AMS hopes to repeat (in one form or another) on an annual basis.

On June 21, 2014, the Annual Meeting of the AMS took place in the Rotunda of the British Embassy in Washington, DC, and brought together Marshall Scholars for a lively afternoon of conversation and community. The meeting featured an update about the AMS, including news of the 60th Anniversary events, as well as a report from the Embassy. The afternoon featured reflections about the Marshall program from two Marshall Scholars: Charles Maxwell ('54 Oxford), who captivated the audience with reflections on his meeting with General George Marshall, and Danielle Goodman Dooley ('95 Edinburgh), who offered an inspiring talk about the future of the Marshall Scholarship. Following those opening remarks, we enjoyed two exciting and timely conversations: First, Jason Bordoff ('95 Oxford) offered a keynote address: "Understanding the US Energy Renaissance." Following the keynote, he was joined in conversation by Nick Beim ('94 Oxford), Len Srnka ('68 Newcastle), and Daniel Yergin ('68 Cambridge). Second, Meena Seshamani ('99 Oxford) led a panel discussion on "Imagining the Future of Healthcare in the United States" featur-

ing Gabriel Brat ('01 LSE/Oxford), Jason Wasfy ('01 Oxford), and Frank Pasquale ('96 Oxford).

In other exciting AMS news coming out of the annual meeting, Andrew Klaber ('04 Oxford), who has served on the AMS board since 2007 (most recently as Treasurer), was elected Vice President and President-Elect of the AMS (term to begin July 1, 2015). Joshua Goldman ('02 Cambridge/Imperial) was elected Treasurer. Thank you to all who participated in the Annual Meeting. We look forward to seeing you at next year's Annual Meeting, if not before.

## REGIONAL EVENTS

DC area Marshall alumni recently gathered for the second installment in a new series of small group dinners, which featured Dr. Anna Quider ('07 Cambridge) and Dr. Craig Schiffries ('80 Oxford). Anna spoke about collaboration and diplomacy through international science policy, and Craig highlighted domestic science policy opportunities and challenges through anecdotes from his own career. Fourteen alumni and guests attended the dinner, and the short presentations were followed by lively discussion. The small group dinner series was conceived to highlight the diverse careers of Marshall alumni living in the Washington, DC area, and to spark discussion on a wide range of issues.

*The organizers welcome feedback on the dinner organization as well as ideas for future topics. Please contact Kate Weber ([katie.weber3@gmail.com](mailto:katie.weber3@gmail.com)) or Anna Quider ([aquider@gmail.com](mailto:aquider@gmail.com)) with suggestions.*

In March, San Francisco Region Marshall Scholars involved in science and technology were invited to attend an "Innovation is Great" event hosted by the SF Consulate's Science and Innovation Network. Ben Heineike, Rachel Pepper and Jacob Chacko attended and enjoyed a fascinating panel discussion featuring British Innovators Eben Upton (Founder, Raspberry Pi) & Simon Segars (CEO, ARM). Also in March, several Marshall Scholars attended a breakfast at San Francisco Consul General Priya Guha's residence with James Kariuki (from the British Embassy Washington) to pro-

vide him with feedback from the region to bring back to DC on issues surrounding Alumni outreach, the upcoming 60th anniversary celebration, and regional selection procedures and outreach.

#### AMS ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDING

Three significant donors have provided resources to enhance the professionalism of the organization via the anticipated hiring of an Executive Director for the AMS. This will represent a major change from our currently all-volunteer, low-overhead, and outsourced clerical/bookkeeping model. The hiring of an Executive Director is expected to have a major impact on the AMS operations and organizational structure. The AMS Board has embraced the change, named President-Elect Andrew Klaber head of the Search Committee, and hopes to have someone in place by the time he assumes the presidency, if not before. The Search Committee will define the parameters of the Executive Director job and will likely seek an alumni candidate, so stay tuned for more details from that committee.

The response to the scholarship endowment appeal has been terrific since Reid Hoffman ('90 Oxford) agreed to change his match to dollar for dollar, retroactive to the beginning of the campaign, and the number of donors to the fund doubled in the month of May alone, and contributions continued to flow in June; we expect a fund that stands at about \$500,000 (in cash and pledges) by August. Reid has generously offered to extend his match deadline to June 30, 2016, so that the new Executive Director can operate for a period of time under the terms of his match.

#### AMS LAUNCHES DEVELOPMENT OF 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

What should the AMS look like in 2019, the 65th anniversary of the Marshall scholarship? The AMS Board of Directors recently launched an effort to develop a 5-year strategic plan for the Association, tapping Directors Saj Cherian ('97 Oxford) and Annina Burns ('03 Oxford) to co-chair the AMS Strategic Planning Committee (SPC). The Committee seeks to better define the value proposition for membership in the AMS, namely the unique offering and programs that compel Marshall Scholars to give of their time, treasure, and/or talent to the broader Marshall Alumni community. Members of the SPC will begin by interviewing a broad cross-section of stakeholders in the Marshall community including alumni (e.g., current/former AMS Board members and notable members of the Marshall Advisory Board), representatives of the British government (e.g., members of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission, British Embassy, and regional consulates) and current scholars.

The Committee will also broadly survey Marshall alumni in the Fall to better understand what how they would like to see from the AMS and how would like to participate and contribute. In support of this effort, AMS Director Josh Goldman will lead a team of Marshall alumni at McKinsey & Co., who have volunteered their time and expertise on a pro bono basis.

*We would like your thoughts on the future of the Marshall Alumni network. If you would like to get involved with this effort or provide feedback to the SPC, please contact the co-chairs directly (Saj Cherian at [sajcherian@gmail.com](mailto:sajcherian@gmail.com) or Annina Burns at [annina.burns@gmail.com](mailto:annina.burns@gmail.com)).*



Marshall Women's Reunion



Annual AMS Meeting





# Entering Our 7th Decade

## HRH The Prince of Wales Launches the 60th Anniversary Celebrations

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As is tradition each spring, alumni and friends of the Marshall Scholarship gathered in central London to honor the latest group of scholars completing their academic tenure. This year's celebration, held on May 9th, recognized 35 scholars receiving degrees from universities across the UK.

This year's dinner also served to launch the Marshall Scholarship's 60th anniversary celebrations.

HRH The Prince of Wales, Honorary Patron of the AMS, was in attendance and presented the latest round of Marshall Medals. These medals are awarded on the 10 year anniversaries of the scholarship to individuals of outstanding achievement.

2014 recipients were Anne Applebaum ('86 LSE); Dr Frances Dow CBE, Former Chair of the Marshall Commission; Bob Gray OBE ('71 Edinburgh), Current President of the AMS; and Jonathan Taylor CBE, Former Chair of the Marshall Commission.

Prince Charles has previously presented Marshall Medals to Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer ('59 Oxford), Ray Dolby ('57 Cambridge), Nannerl Keohane ('61 Oxford), Tom Friedman ('75 Oxford), former Senator George Mitchell, and former Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Medal recipient Anne Applebaum said, "I was delighted to receive a medal, but was even more delighted to see that the Marshall Scholarship program continues to thrive. It is truly one of the best-kept successes of British diplomacy: every year, several dozen talented young Americans come to Britain to study—and all of them will eventually return home with a deeper understanding of the UK. Many will continue to promote the British-American relationship for the rest of their lives."

Welcoming introductions for the dinner were given by David Willetts MP, Minister for Universities and Science, and US Ambassador to the Court of St James Matthew Barzun was the evening's special guest and speaker.



Bob Gray OBE, Jonathan Taylor CBE, HRH The Prince of Wales, Anne Applebaum and Frances Dow CBE



Minister for Universities and Science David Willetts MP gives the opening introductions





The dinner was held in Durbar Court within the Foreign and Commonwealth Office



Prince Charles greets scholars Katelyn Davidson ('13 Cambridge), Frederick Feigel ('12 SOAS), Ian Gibson ('13 LSE) and Peter Lind ('12 St. Andrews)



# Geoffrey Tabin

## A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES

By Diana Coogle ('66 Cambridge)



**MOUNT EVEREST**



**I**n 1978 Geoffrey Tabin set aside his medical studies to read philosophy as a Marshall Scholar at Oxford. And what has he done with his life since then?

He summited Mount Everest on an expedition that included Stacy Allison, the first American woman to reach the top.

He climbed the Carstensz Pyramid in Australia, Aconcagua in South America, Kilimanjaro in Africa, Vinson Massif in Antarctica, and Denali in North America. And then, what the heck, why not climb Mount Elbrus in the Caucasus mountain range, too, and become the fourth person in the world to do the “seven summits,” the highest peaks in each of the seven continents?

He took on the goal of eliminating treatable blindness in the developing world by founding, with Nepali eye surgeon Sanduk Ruit, the Himalayan Cataract Project (HCP). Through HCP and the teams of local doctors, nurses, and practitioners, he has helped Nepal become the first country in the developing world to reverse its rate of blindness.

For this work, he was a recipient of the Dalai Lama’s Unsung Heroes of Compassion award. He and Sanduk Ruit became subjects of *Second Suns*, a recently published book by *Three Cups of Tea* author, David Oliver Relin.

While we’re at it we might mention that Tabin was one of the inventors of bungee jumping, inspired by a New Guinean puberty rite of vine jumping. When he and other members of the Oxford University Dangerous Sports Club jumped off the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol on April Fool’s Day in 1979, the British press dubbed them the “Oxford yo-yos.” Later they appeared on America’s “That’s Incredible” TV show.

All that, yet when I asked Tabin what he considered his greatest achievement, he said, “I have been really lucky in meeting phenomenal people with great talent.” When the Dalai Lama presented him with the Unsung Heroes award, Tabin told him that Sanduk Ruit should have been equal recipient. Relin reported in *Second Suns* that Tabin’s mother “seemed more proud of her son’s humility than of the award he’d received.”

**A**s a member of the Dangerous Sports Club and president of the Alpine Club at Oxford while he was a Marshall Scholar, Tabin discovered that the university would provide grants for students to travel to foreign countries. “The more exotic the locale, the more money was available,” he claims. These grants allowed him to climb in Asia and Africa, tackling unclimbed walls and going from dangerous challenge to dangerous challenge. On these travels, he witnessed the inequity of health care around the world. He saw that the medical problems in Nepal were largely due to the lack of clean water and access to basic care, that the need for education and development was crucial for better medical care. By the time he left Oxford, he had dedicated his career not to sports medicine, as he had first thought would marry his interests in medicine and in sports (he would say “in dangerous sports” except that he is also a top-notch tennis player), but to international medicine. Maybe mountain climbing could tag along with that career.

For a few years after he left Oxford, Tabin was the adventure columnist for *Penthouse*, a position he acquired after *Playboy* published an account he wrote about his bungee jump off the Clifton Bridge. Does this seem like low-level work for a Marshall Scholar, a graduate of Harvard, and one of two corneal fellows in 1994 to the University of Melbourne? Don’t knock it. It paid for medical school.

While Tabin was studying medicine at Harvard and choosing ophthalmology as his field, Sanduk Ruit, in Nepal, was developing a technique of microsurgery as an inexpensive, fast, and easy way to remove cataracts. When Tabin and Ruit started working together in Nepal in the 1990s, they founded the Himalayan Cataract Project. Ruit, Tabin says, “is the genius behind what I am doing, an amazing and brilliant person, the best practitioner in eye care in the developing world.”

Half of the blindness in the world is caused by cataracts; three-quarters of the world’s blindness is curable or preventable. Such statistics have fueled Tabin and Ruit in their mission. Two years after starting HCP in Nepal, they took it to Tibet, and, three years later, to Bhutan. Subsequently Ruit took their work into Indonesia, Cambodia,





Tabin at the summit of Mount Everest

and other places in a concentric circle around Asia, while Tabin took it to Africa. Training teams of local practitioners is crucial to HCP's success. "We are really starting to reverse blindness in Ethiopia," Tabin says enthusiastically, "— also in Rwanda and Ghana." This reversal is especially significant for Ethiopia, which has one of the highest rates of blindness in the world at 1.6% of the population.

In a video about HCP in Ethiopia (accessible at <http://vimeo.com/81749477>), long lines of blind people, led or carried by family members, approach the clinic. "I have been blind for eight years," one woman says. "I hate being such a burden to my family. Sometimes at night I can hear my daughter

praying that I will die so she can take care of her own children instead of me." One man says he was knocked down by a cow because he couldn't see. Another says the trip to the outhouse is so dangerous he doesn't want to eat.

The removal of bandages after the surgery is always a dramatic moment. "There's a momentary pause after the patch comes off because the eyes are sensitive to light," Tabin told me. "Then: 'What am I seeing?' Then — amazing joy. They go from not being able to see their hands in front of their faces to seeing really well." Such dancing, such ululation, such smiles we see on the video. Such gratitude. Experiencing that moment of restored vision must





Tabin with some of his ophthalmic surgery patients

be one of Tabin's biggest rewards. "I never cease to get a thrill out of it," he says.

His career has other compensations for the disruption to work routines and family life caused by constant travel. "One of the coolest things about my life is the climbing that results from the ophthalmology," he says. In Africa he climbed the Hand of Fatima in the desert of Mali. In Nepal he did surgery on the mother of an important person, who in gratitude, took him to climb mountains that had never been climbed.

Surgery and rock climbing are not unrelated. Both take intense focus and concentration, Tabin says. Both take effort, mental decision-making, and endurance. Both are physically demanding to execute. If relatively few climbers reach the top of Mount Everest or make the seven summits of the world, it's also rare to perform 463 surgeries in six days, as Tabin did in Ethiopia. The three doctors on his team averaged 25 surgeries an hour, resulting in more than 1000 surgeries in those six days.

Tabin admits that his career is hard on his personal life, even more so now that he is traveling more widely. When he was going to only one country, he could coordinate trips around school vacations and take his two children with him. His son is a freshman in high school and his daughter, who especially likes to go with him and help in the clinic, is a junior.

The University of Utah, where Tabin is a professor, has been instrumental in his ability to be so generous in bringing his skill to people around the world. "My salary allows me to travel and work abroad as much as I need," Tabin says, "and to bring fellows and residents with me for training. I make less money than I would if I were a regular ophthalmologist in America, but I get to be in Ethiopia and Ghana next month." And he gets to climb. And, most of all, he has the privilege of making the blind see again.





# Meet Pete Vlahos



**By Aroop Mukharj ('10 LSE and KCL)**

Photo: Association of Commonwealth Universities

*The Marshall Newsletter team would like to send its warmest congratulations to Lizzie Clark, Program Administrator for the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission (MACC), on the birth of her baby boy, Theo Edward Clark. Taking her place while she is on leave for the next year is Pete Vlahos. Pete joins the Marshall community by way of the Commonwealth Scholarship scheme, also administered by the Association of Commonwealth University (ACU).*

**Mukharji:** Can you tell us a bit about yourself and how you came to the MACC?

**Vlahos:** I was born in a town just south of Manchester called Stockport and later did a geography degree whilst at the University of Manchester. I've always had an interest in education, so afterward I went on to train as a secondary school teacher (ages 11-18). Once through with training, though, I decided it wasn't for me, so I applied to work with the British Council in Manchester on the Commonwealth Scholarship. After 18 months, an opportunity came up in the ACU to work directly for the Commission in London so that's what brought me here. When the Marshall opportunity came up, I knew it would offer me something different—different scholars, a different purpose of the scholarship, the immigration qualification to name a few. And it's such a privilege to work for the Marshall during its 60th anniversary year. For me, it was an obvious call to make.

**Mukharji:** You are now two months in. What are your first impressions?

**Vlahos:** When I was in Scotland with Scholars a few weeks ago, I was just completely struck by how you are all friends. You all know each other and you know what's going on with each other...It's so close-knit. It's a family as far as I'm concerned and so different from the Commonwealth Scholarship. As an example we have 73 Marshall Scholars, compared to 1000 Commonwealth Scholars and about the same on the Chevening Scholarship. And when you've got that small of a number of scholars, you can really nurture the family. I love the fact that the new scholars will come from DC on the same flight. That's remarkable.

**Mukharji:** Have you ever been to the US?

**Vlahos:** I have, three times. I went to Florida with an old school friend at the end of our school years for two weeks. We went to Orlando and Disney World. Disney World is described as this fairytale land and it's so true. And you're walking around and it's this utopia and I just loved it. I was 18 at

the time. Then as part of my geography degree I did two weeks of field study in New York City, and then in 2011 I was in NYC again visiting a friend I met while traveling around Southeast Asia.

**Mukharji:** In the last two months, have there been any translational issues with the Marshalls?

**Vlahos:** I had written a group of scholars regarding the Scotland trip and said and that I'd 'posted out' the train tickets with the stipend letters. One of the Scholars came back and said, "What do you mean? Are we not getting the letter that we would normally, saying we have the stipend on time?" And I thought about it, and then I spoke to Mary and of course the answer was it was not 'posted' it was 'mailed.'

The other thing I'm quite conscious of is the spellings, you know, s's instead of z's. Mary [Denyer] said to me in my first week, "You've got to start thinking American." And actually it's been really good advice.

**Mukharji:** If you could meet one American dead or alive and have dinner tomorrow, who would it be with?

**Vlahos:** Abraham Lincoln, I would think. Such an inspirational figure for the time. Yeah, and I'm a big political geek.

**Mukharji:** What is your favorite symbol of American culture?

**Vlahos:** Blues music and jazz. My intention is later this year to go to New Orleans for a holiday. What I like about blues, the kind of Mississippi Delta blues, is that every song is a story. And because America is so vast and such a diverse country people have very unique stories. Blues encompasses that.

**Mukharji:** American beer or British beer?

**Vlahos:** Oh, British beer. Though, Jack Daniels a million times over any whiskey.

**Mukharji:** Really? Even Scotch?

**Vlahos:** Even Scotch.





# Current Scholar News from the UK



➤ This spring's annual trip for current scholars featured a visit to Scotland on April 6th-9th. Scholars arrived in Edinburgh by train from their universities around the UK. Events included lectures by representatives from the Scottish Government and faculty at the Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow. The trip also included a private tour of the Palace of Holyrood House, The Queen's official residence in Scotland, and a traditional Ceilidh. With each class of Scholars scattered across many universities, these trips provide a valuable opportunity for an entire class of scholars to spend time together. Previous annual class trips have visited Wales and Northern Ireland.

➤ A group of scholars also recently hosted DESiGN (Developing Environmental Sustainability in Greater Norfolk), a three day session of interactive workshops for 24 students in Norfolk, England. The event focused on building teamwork, leadership and communication skills all progressing toward the creation of proposals for environmental community action campaigns.

➤ At the end of May the annual Marshall-Rhodes football match was held in Oxford. Team Rhodes had a late game surge to narrowly defeat the Marshall scholars after a close matchup.



Scholars outside the Scottish Parliament in the Holyrood section of Edinburgh

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Scholars exploring Scotland \_\_\_\_\_



A campfire held as part of the multi-day DESiGN workshops \_\_\_\_\_





The Marshall Scholarship (American) football team and supporters

## In Memoriam

The AMS is saddened to report that David Branco Silva ('97 Oxford), 38, of Fall River, MA passed away November 27th, at his home in Los Angeles, after a long battle with brain cancer.



Beloved husband of Jennifer Green, he was born in Fall River, son of Claudio and Phyllis (Branco) Silva. Dave graduated from Bishop Connolly High School and went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy and political science from Yale, a Master of Philosophy degree from the University of London, an MBA from Oxford as a Marshall Scholar, and a law degree from Stanford. He took great pride in his work as general counsel with Caruso Affiliated and had previously practiced law at the New York firm of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. David was a truly remarkable man by any measure, who will be remembered for his intellect, loyalty, strength of character, and humor.

Besides his loving wife and parents, Dave is survived by his sister, Christene Silva, and several aunts, uncles and cousins. His wonderful spirit, joy, and talents will be missed. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, December 10, in St. Anthony of Padua Church followed by his committal at St. Patrick Cemetery. If you wish to make a memorial donation, please consider the American Brain Tumor Foundation (866) 659-1030 ([www.abta.org](http://www.abta.org)).

## 1960

### Patrick Henry

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**Jon Fuller** started his career as a professor of political science at Davidson College, but making policy beckoned, and he became involved in education matters while working in the “E” part of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

For 15 years he was president of the Great Lakes Colleges Association, helping a dozen liberal arts colleges in the Midwest share resources to increase learning opportunities for students and professional development opportunities for faculty.



**JON FULLER**

Washington signaled again, this time Jon was at the NAICU (National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities), which lobbies for private institutions dealing with federal policy. Now retired, Jon and his wife Carol (having met as new faculty members at Davidson) live in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, a small town with a good college and within striking distance of DC.

Jon continues to work (part-time and mostly from home) with NAICU, primarily on legal and regulatory problems. He is a trustee at Rollins College and serves on a selection committee for a scholarship for students going to St. John’s College, Cambridge. But all this leaves a lot of time to enjoy his four grandchildren, all between eight and eleven years old. Both Jon and Carol continue in good health, amazed to be able to be so active in their 70s, and enjoying the good side of social media.

## 1970

### Ted Gorton

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**Greg Gabriel** moved from the Bay Area in California to Corvallis, Oregon, last June. Greg says that it’s been a refreshing change. The grass is greener, the sky is bluer, the air is cleaner, the stars are brighter, the noise is lesser, the food is fresher, the buck goes farther, and everyone has more time for everyone else.

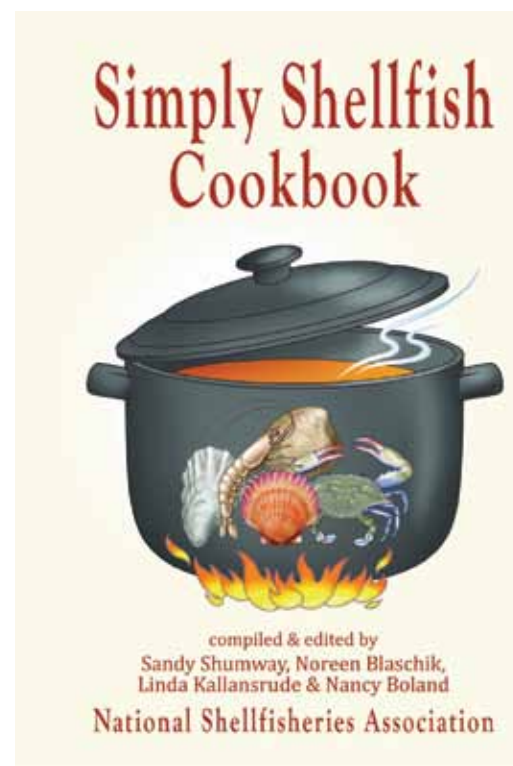
## 1974

### David Moskowitz

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**Arthur Johnson** and **David Newkirk** had a long lunch in March, during which some faraway ears doubtless burned. Arthur reports, “To hear us, you might have believed we were going rounds at Kings Arms instead of sipping Sauvignon Blanc at some swanky Main Line eatery nearly 40 (ouch, not really?) years later.

“David looks and sounds great, and well he should, having done the ‘R’ thing recently. He and Janet seem to have settled on an enviably civilized lifestyle, maintaining a house in Vir-



ginia and flat in London, and filling their days with (boring, I know, but I merely report) culture.

“The capital-T-Talk of course was **Fred Miller**’s Divinity degree and subsequent ascent to the Episcopal Ministry, later in 2013. David traveled to Manhattan for the ordination service, and you should ask the Reverend Fred himself for photos, because he looks great in The Cloth.

“It’s also been great to reconnect with **Jack Welch** in the past year, who is in Texas for a stretch, caring for loved ones.

“Phylis and I are doing wonderfully here in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. Her newish career as an epilepsy advocate has taken off impressively — both at the local support group she helped launch, and on her blossoming website (epilepsytalk.com) which has become a mainstay for those in need of information, encouragement, and the support of a caring online commu-



nity. As to me, well, ask me in another year. Not retiring. Yet!”

**Sandra E. Shumway** has edited a new cookbook, *Simply Shellfish Cookbook*.

## 1976

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**Katherine Richardson** is a professor in a research center focusing on biodiversity ([www.macroecology.ku.dk](http://www.macroecology.ku.dk)). She enjoyed a research cruise to the Sargasso Sea in the spring of 2014. Katherine is also leading the Sustainability Science Centre at University of Copenhagen and is responsible for an international congress in October of 2014 focusing on how research can support the sustainable development of society ([www.sustainability.ku.dk](http://www.sustainability.ku.dk)). Katherine also writes that she celebrated her “30 year wedding anniversary last year with Jens Bjerregaard Christensen who is both head of a national forest and master of the royal hunt (which means he organizes and participates in deer hunts for the royal family). Both of our boys (23 and 25 years old) are working on Master’s degrees in economics (one at Copenhagen University and one at the Business School).”

**Mike Downer** (M.S. Brasenose, Oxford 1978) is Distinguished Professor of Physics at the University of Texas at Austin. His research on tabletop particle accelerators powered by lasers (<http://www.utexas.edu/news/2013/06/20/particle-accelerator-that-can-fit-on-a-tabletop-opens-new-chapter-for-science-research/>) was published recently in *Nature Communications*. Last summer, Mike chaired the 15th Advanced Accelerator Concepts Workshop (<http://w3fusion.ph.utexas.edu/ifs/aac2012/index.html>), and he will chair an International Conference on Optics of Surfaces and Interfaces in 2015. Mike is a Fellow of the American Physical Society and the Optical Society of America. He has proudly supervised 32 Ph.D. and 20 M.S. students, with many more on the way, and was recognized recently by several state-wide teaching awards (<http://blogs.utexas.edu/towertalk/2012/05/02/professor-downer-wins-piper-award-for-teaching/>). Mike and his lovely wife Jane, who volunteers at LBJ’s Presidential Library and the Assistance League of Austin, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in August of 2013.

With the start of the fall semester in 2014, **Virginia DeJohn Anderson** will begin her 30th year of teaching early American history at the University of Colorado (CU) at Boulder. How quickly time flies! Her most recent accomplishment has been to keep her head above water—literally and figuratively—during the epic floods that struck Colorado last September. While home repairs necessarily took precedence over writing, she continues to make progress on her third book, tentatively entitled *The Martyr and the Traitor: Moses Dunbar, Nathan Hale, and the Tragedy of the American Revolution* (under contract with Oxford University Press). She also works with the Scholarships office at CU to help identify likely Marshall candidates. Despite years of hearing his parents (both professors) complain about grading and department meetings, her son Sam is enrolled in a doctoral program in African history at UCLA and is aiming for his own academic career. He also gets to travel to more exciting places (Algeria, Morocco, Senegal) than a colonial American historian gets to visit for research!

## 1983

**Bryan Schwartz**  
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**John Watkins** holds a Distinguished McKnight University Professorship in English at the University of Minnesota with an affiliate appointment in History. He just received a 2014 Guggenheim Fellowship and an American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship to complete his book on premodern marriage diplomacy. He’ll be spending part of the year at Keble, Oxford, as a Senior Research Visitor.

**Robert Dudley**, Professor of Integrative Biology at UC-Berkeley, has published a new book, *The Drunken Monkey: Why We Drink and Abuse Alcohol* (University of California Press, 2014) that assesses the evolutionary origins of attraction to alcohol. Providing a deep-time, interdisciplinary perspective on today’s patterns of alcohol consumption and abuse in humans, he traces connections between fermentation of tropical fruits by yeasts, fruit-eating by arboreal primates and human ancestors, and the evolution of the sensory skills required to identify ripe fruits that contain sugar and low levels of alcohol. The book also addresses patterns of excessive alcohol consumption in today’s demand-limited nutritional environments that provide essentially unlimited access to booze. Preferably read with a glass in hand, this book will be of interest to anyone who either drinks alcohol or who knows someone who drinks to excess.

## 1985

**Song Tan**  
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**Ted Kamman**, a corporate partner at Sidley Austin in New York, earned



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a J.D. at Columbia Law School (1993) and eventually gained admission to the French bar (2003). He lived in Paris for approximately 10 years and has, over 19 years, worked throughout the world on international acquisitions and securities offerings. For example, his experience includes the €24 billion Russo — US exchange offer of Vimpelcom and the €3.3 billion IPO of Airbus. Ted writes, “My international legal career seems, in retrospect, a natural progression from my M.Phil. in international relations, but was in reality an unlikely adventure, full of frolic and detour.”

## 1991

**Stanley Chang**  
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**Janet McIntosh** is Associate Professor of Anthropology at Brandeis University, where she teaches courses in ethnographic theory, linguistics and

psychological anthropology, and colonialism/post-coloniality in Africa. Her first book, *The Edge of Islam: Power, Personhood, and Ethnoreligious Boundaries on the Kenya Coast* (Duke University Press), won the 2010 Clifford Geertz Prize in the Anthropology of Religion. She is in the final stages of a second book provisionally entitled *Unsettled: Denial and Belonging among White Kenyans*. She lives in Brookline, MA with her husband and their two very funny and distracting children, Tobias (8) and Theo (4).

## 1993

**Loren Siebert**  
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**Josh Busby** was promoted in the fall of 2013 to Associate Professor at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas (UT) at Austin. His new book, *AIDS Drugs for All: Social Movements and Market Transformations* (with Ethan Kapstein) was published by Cambridge in 2013. His wife, Bethany Albertson, is also a professor at UT, and their son, Will, turns 3 in August, shortly after the family’s return from the World Cup in Brazil.

**Michelle Mello** will be taking a new position as Professor of Law and Professor of Health Research and Policy at Stanford.

**Louise Keely** was recently appointed President of the Demand Institute, and concurrently serves as a Senior Vice President at Nielsen. The Demand Institute is a non-profit organization, jointly operated by The Conference Board and Nielsen, and produces research on how consumer demand is shifting across countries and industries and the implications

for business and policy leaders. Louise co-authored a report on the future of US Housing and Communities, published in February 2014, that is available on the Demand Institute’s website ([www.demandinstitute.org](http://www.demandinstitute.org)).

**Susan Domchek** is at the University of Pennsylvania (Penn) where she is a Professor of Oncology and Director of the Basser Research Center for BRCA. She is married to Bob Vonderheide (also a Professor of Oncology at Penn) and has two sons, David and Matthew, who are 15 and 10 respectively. After leaving Oxford she somehow got dropped from the Marshall mailing lists and hadn’t heard a peep from anything Marshall related until Loren Siebert tracked her down!

## 1999

**Tad Heuer**  
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**Ushma (Savla) Neill**, one of our two Marshall Sherfield Fellows, recently testified before the President’s Commission for Study of Bioethical Issues this past February. Her comments will help shape the Commission’s recommendations for how scientific journals can help police misconduct. Ushma writes that the archived webcast — “for all those with a fascination of governmental processes and bioethics” — can be found at the website: [ow.ly/tz1kn](http://ow.ly/tz1kn).

## 2008

**Ben Carmichael**  
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**Marzyeh Ghassemi** reports that she had her second baby, Abbas Benjamin Munson-Ghassemi, on April 24th, despite having a two-week overdue breech birth! He was 9 lbs 9 ozs, 20 inches long, and has a full head of hair.



**Alice Sverdlik** recently passed her qualifying exams at Berkeley, where she is studying city planning and Swahili. She plans to start her Ph.D. fieldwork in Nairobi's informal settlements later this summer.

**Ali Alhassani** will be graduating from Harvard Med and starting residency at Boston Children's Hospital. "No more student loans!" he says.

In February **Katie Huston** joined the DG Murray Trust, a private South African foundation, to manage their portfolio of education grants. Her key interests are in developing a culture of reading for pleasure, and understanding how information and communications technologies can be leveraged to improve learning outcomes. Her partner, Murray Hunter, is working with the Right2Know campaign as a Bertha Foundation fellow, to challenge security state abuses and surveillance in South Africa through research, communication, training and advocacy. They bought a small cottage in Observatory, Cape Town, last year — visitors welcome! — and are getting married in South Africa in December.

**Ben Carmichael** joined Concord Academy as the Director of Marketing and Communications and bought a house, his first, in Concord this fall.

### Board Member Profile



#### **Marisa B. Van Saanen** (’02 Oxford)

Marisa B. Van Saanen is a member of the 2002 Marshall Scholar class and a member of the Board of the Association of Marshall Scholars (AMS). She is a graduate of Wellesley College, the University of Oxford, and the Yale Law School and has worked in a variety of institutions on poverty and social justice issues.

Marisa is a lawyer at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in Washington, DC, and was previously a law clerk to The Honorable Beryl A. Howell of the District Court for the Dis-

trict of Columbia and the Honorable David F. Hamilton of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. She is involved with Maryland local and state government and was recently appointed by the Montgomery County Council to sit on the Grants Advisory Group, to advise the Council on grant proposals received from non-profit organizations.

Before law school, Marisa worked at the World Bank, working with religious leaders and institutions all over the world on development and poverty issues. While at the World Bank, she co-authored, with Katherine Marshall, the 2007 book, *Development and Faith: Where Mind, Heart, and Soul Work Together*.

Marisa is delighted to be a member of the AMS Board and is excited to have organized the first reunion of Marshall Scholar women in June 2014. She hopes this will become an annual tradition for the Marshall community.

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### Join the Class Notes Editorial Team

The Marshall Alumni Newsletter team is currently looking to add a class notes editor to the class notes team. This editor will work with two other editors and the class secretaries to compile the quarterly class notes from alumni. If you're interested in volunteering for this role please contact us at [newsletter@marshallscholarship.org](mailto:newsletter@marshallscholarship.org).

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