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Alumni Newsletter

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Justices Breyer and Gorsuch join headline grabbing events at the Harvard Marshall Forum



Editor's Letter

I have been on the Marshall Alumni Newsletter team since its inception in 2009, and the managing editor since 2012. I've greatly enjoyed working with the dedicated team of volunteers that brings all the content together each issue and being forever humbled by the countless fascinating stories on the lives and careers of my fellow alumni that pass across these pages. After nearly a decade of volunteering in senior roles at the newsletter I am taking a break to focus on other projects. Thus it is with great pleasure that I announce that Stanley Chang ('91 Cambridge) will be taking over as the new managing editor of this newsletter starting with the next issue. I will be stepping back into a deputy editor role and occasional contributor and look forward to supporting Stanley in this new role. I also look forward to staying involved in our ever growing and ever more active AMS community. I hope to see you soon at future AMS events around the country.

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Nicholas Hartman

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The Association of Marshall Scholars Needs Your Help

Supporting the AMS helps support our ever growing alumni community and provides for continued advocacy for preserving and strengthening the Marshall Scholarship program

We are grateful to so many of you who are helping us foster connections within this community. Thanks to the strong advocacy of many alumni, the Scholarship is receiving renewed support from the British Government.

Recently, the British Government announced the names of 43 new Marshall Scholars who will head to the UK in the fall of 2018.

The AMS continues to work with alumni to support the growth, outreach, and diversity of the Marshall Scholarship, and fund activities that bring current Scholars together as a class with alumni. Beyond its support of new and aspiring Scholars, the AMS brings alumni together for intimate and larger gatherings for public forums, salon-style dinners, social gatherings, and partnership events.

Your class secretaries and class fundraisers are playing a critical role in bringing Marshalls together. Through their efforts, the AMS is building a database with more granular information on Scholar expertise, publications, and affiliations, as well as the building blocks for a Digital Library resource, which will house reflections and important public works produced by Marshall Scholars.

We welcome your participation at any level, and for a limited time all donations to the AMS will receive a generous 1:1 match, thanks to the generosity of Marshall Scholar and LinkedIn co-founder Reid Hoffman ('90 Oxford).

Your participation matters! Every gift of any size is a signal to both major donors and the British government that the Scholarship is valuable and vital and merits ongoing support. With your help, the Marshall Scholarship and the Marshall Scholar community will continue to thrive and make a difference in the world today.

Visit www.marshallscholars.org/give to donate today.

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Letter from the AMS President

Dear Marshall Scholars,

In 2017 the AMS — in partnership with the German Marshall Fund and the British Embassy — hosted the Harvard Marshall Forum at Harvard University, which welcomed over 350 participants, 30 distinguished speakers, and 1.2 million coverage views.

On Friday, June 29th and Saturday, June 30th, 2018, the AMS is partnering with the UK Consulate in San Francisco and the Bechtel International Center at Stanford University in order to host a public forum on cross disciplinary Innovation. The public program for Marshall Scholars, guests, students, faculty, and dignitaries across the West Coast, will take place at Stanford University and feature distinguished leaders, experts and innovators from a range of fields. The Forum aims to highlight the value and impact of cross disciplinary research—especially in fields that may directly impact US/UK ties and mutual interests. On Saturday evening, June 30th we will arrange for a fun social outing—an Oakland Athletics baseball game, a concert, or a San Francisco Bay cruise are all under consideration.

In 2018 the AMS aims to have at least one local gathering in each of the eight regions in which Marshall Scholars are selected (Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, and Washington DC). **The AMS Needs You** to be entrepreneurial in organizing a local AMS event in your community.

Come up with a creative idea to bring Marshall Scholars together in your area, and the AMS will provide the funding.

Please reach out to AMS Directors of Programming, Betsy Scherzer (betsy.r.scherzer@gmail.com) or Emma Wu Dowd (wudowd@gmail.com), with your ideas for a fun regional event.

Last, it would not be the end of the year, if I did not ask you to make your annual donation to the AMS, which has a significant fundraising opportunity at hand. Reid Hoffman (Marshall Class of 1990, co-founder of LinkedIn) has agreed to match every dollar raised by the AMS, up to \$750,000. If we can raise \$750,000 from all Marshall classes (1954-2016), Reid's and your combined gifts will provide us with a total of **\$1.5 million**. We have already raised nearly a third of our goal, but we need your help to earn 100% of Reid's match. Every small donation helps, and you can make your annual donation to the AMS here:

<https://www.marshallscholars.org/give/>

Wishing you health and happiness in the new year.

Andrew Klaber ('04 Oxford)



AMS President Andrew Klaber ('04 Oxford) (2015-present) with previous AMS presidents Ted Leinbaugh ('75 Oxford) (2006-08), Bill Coquillette ('71 Oxford) (2008-11), Kathleen Sullivan ('76 Oxford) (1988-91), Bob Gray ('71 Edinburgh) (2011-15) and Harrell Smith ('60 Oxford) (AMS board chair 2007-09) at the Harvard Marshall Forum.



Update from the AMS Executive Director

Dear Marshall Scholars,

Over the past year, the AMS has been working with Marshall Scholars across the country to build the profile of the scholarship and engage our community.

On the heels of a well-received public program on the legacy of the Marshall Plan, we have begun a series of digital initiatives that aim to raise Marshall visibility for the benefit of the public and US UK ties — particularly, as the transatlantic partnership faces new challenges.

The AMS has launched a new website, a new digital directory, a series of Marshall listservs, social media campaigns, and a pilot digital video series of “Marshall Portraits” in partnership with Dan Rather’s News and Guts production company. This series aims to address critical issues of our time — highlighting the work of individual Marshall Scholars and the ways in which their pursuits and expertise are impacting significant global challenges today.

Class secretaries and class fundraisers are playing a critical role in helping bring Marshalls together. Through their efforts, the AMS is building a database with more granular information on Scholar expertise, publications and affiliations. Please use your class representatives to share news, ideas and feedback with the Scholarship community.

The AMS continues to work with alumni to help support the growth, outreach and diversity of the Scholarship program, as well as support activities that bring current Scholars together as a class (Instagram.com/MarshallScholar; @MarshallAlums; #MarshallMondays). For Alumni, the AMS is offering a slate of intimate and larger gatherings over the next year, including a public forum on Innovation at Stanford University, June 29-30, 2018.

With your help, the AMS aims to raise \$1.5 million over the next year through the Marshall Challenge campaign to help put the organization on sustainable footing. We welcome participation at any level, and, for a limited time, can apply the generous matching grant offered by Marshall Scholar and LinkedIn Founder, Reid Hoffman (’90 Oxford) to double the value of every gift made to the Marshall Challenge.

Finally, I wish to recognize the outstanding service of the AMS Newsletter’s Managing Editor, Nick Hartman

(’03 Cambridge). Nick has spent over 12 years working in different roles to reinvigorate the AMS Newsletter. Since 2012, when he took over the role of Managing Editor from Ushma Neill (Marshall Sherfield ’99 Imperial), Nick has produced thirteen printed issues of the AMS Newsletter — including this, his last one. Recent issues have been 40–44 pages — his first issue was 12. Nick now passes the reins to Wellesley College Professor and Marshall Scholar Stanley Chang (’91 Cambridge). I want to personally extend my deep gratitude to Nick for his significant contributions to the community as well as welcome the new Managing Editor to the newsletter team.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nell Breyer



AMS Executive Director Nell Breyer at the Harvard Marshall Forum.

AMS ANNUAL MEETING

THE HARVARD MARSHALL FORUM

CELEBRATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARSHALL PLAN

1947 – 2017

JUNE 2-4, 2017 AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Summary compiled by Nicholas T. Hartman ('03 Cambridge)



Three hundred sixty five Marshall Scholars and guests gathered at Harvard University on June 2nd-4th for the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Association of Marshall Scholars and a weekend of activities celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Marshall Plan. Harvard was chosen as the site of this year's annual meeting as George Marshall first laid out his vision for post-war recovery during the Harvard Commencement address on June 5, 1947. The Harvard Marshall Forum was one in a series of events honoring the anniversary of the announcement of the Marshall Plan, with the AMS being joined in commemoration by a consortium that includes the George C. Marshall International Center in Leesburg, VA and the German Marshall Fund in Berlin.

The Forum kicked off on Friday with a gala dinner at Harvard Art Museum's Calderwood Courtyard. Following a cocktail reception and opening remarks, attendees were treated to a performance by the Grammy Award-winning musical group Silk Road Ensemble, founded by famed cellist Yo-Yo Ma in 2000. Reylon A. Yount ('17 SOAS), a recently selected member of the Marshall Scholar class, was among those performing.

Sewell Chan ('98 Oxford), International News Editor of the London office of the New York Times, moderated the first of two dinner panel discussions with HM Ambassador to the United States Sir Kim Darroch and former US Ambassador to OSCE [Organization for Security & Cooperation in Europe] Daniel Baer ('01 Oxford). Ambassador Darroch surprised everyone when he read a personal message from HM Queen Elizabeth II, which said in part "I am pleased to learn that the British Government has announced an increase in funding to the scholarship that bears his [Marshall's] name, to provide even more opportunities to talented young Americans to receive a British university education." The Marshall alumni community met this news with rapturous applause.

Jeffery Rosen ('86 Oxford) then hosted a panel discussion on the Marshall experience with Supreme Court Justices Stephen Breyer ('59 Oxford) and Neil Gorsuch ('92 Oxford). It is very rare for multiple justices speak publicly together outside the court, and this was also the first public appearance by Justice Gorsuch since his confirmation and swearing-in ceremony. The remarks given during the panel were covered extensively by the press, including prominent articles in the *New York Times*, and *Boston Globe* among others.

Both justices spoke on the power of and respect for law in American society, underscoring how

important this principle is even amidst the current tense and highly partisan behavior among political leaders. President Trump's multiple attempts to impose a 'travel ban' into the United States were cited as an example of the court's importance in balancing power in the US government. Justice Gorsuch, who had previously publicly criticized Trump for his disparaging comments against the American judiciary, emphasized that "the government can lose in its own courts and accept the judgement of those courts." Justice Breyer cited the *Bush vs. Gore* decision in 2000 as another example of the respect our society ultimately has for the judiciary. He commented that while he and many Americans deeply disagreed with the ruling, the country broadly accepted the majority opinion of the court and moved on.

As the conversation moved beyond the trending legal headlines of the day, both justices also had opportunities to let their personalities shine through with a few personal stories. Justice Breyer talked about his experience playing video games with Justice Elena Kagan while researching a case that assessed whether a California law imposing restrictions on exposing minors to violent video games was a violation of the First Amendment. Breyer described the somewhat surreal scene of justices engaged in an intense battle on a first-person-shooter video game via a console setup inside the Supreme Court. The court would eventually strike down the California law in a 7-2 ruling, with Justices Thomas and Breyer both dissenting. Gorsuch spoke about meeting his to-be wife in the UK, and related several interesting tales on adapting to life in the UK and the manners of his rather eccentric Dean of Studies.

The main event kicked off the following morning at Harvard Law School. During the program's opening remarks, Harvard Professor of International Affairs Fredrik Logevall reminded attendees that the Marshall Scholarship could trace its origins back to George Marshall's original speech proposing the European Recovery efforts that would eventually be referred to as the Marshall Plan. Marshall's 11-minute speech on the steps of Harvard Memorial Church was given to a crowd of 15,000 gathered for the 1947 Harvard Commencement. In his remarks, Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs Bert Koenders later added "Marshall's speech marked the beginning of America's commitment to Europe whole and free."

The morning session went on to include two other panels, including a group moderated by Kathleen Sullivan ('76 Oxford) that explored humanitarian aid and its role in modern global affairs. The panel



Scenes from the welcoming dinner at the Harvard Art Museum's Calderwood Courtyard. From top: Jeffery Rosen ('86 Oxford) and Supreme Court Justices Neil Gorsuch ('92 Oxford) and Stephen Breyer ('59 Oxford); the Silk Road Ensemble performs, including Reylon A. Yount ('17 SOAS) seated at center; Justice Stephen Breyer and Secretary Madeleine Albright; pre-dinner cocktails



PHOTOS: FRÉDÉRIC NATHAN and NICK NATHAN



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

I wish to extend my congratulations to the Association of Marshall Scholars, Harvard University and the German Marshall Fund on the occasion of the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Marshall Plan.

Secretary Marshall's Plan played a central role in Britain's post-war recovery and contributed greatly to peace, stability, and prosperity in Europe. I am pleased to learn that the British Government has announced an increase in funding to the scholarship that bears his name, to provide even more opportunities to talented young Americans to receive a British university education.

The vision of Secretary Marshall and of the United States lives on in the special relationship and strong bonds of friendship between our two nations and in their steadfast commitment to our common cause of freedom.

2nd June, 2017.

on Democracy, Human Rights & Humanitarian Aid discussed how the Marshall Plan was largely an effort focused on the post-war recovery of established states, but highlighted how today's geopolitical environment is increasingly challenged by a broad range of failed states and humanitarian issues associated with the void such upheaval often leaves behind. The panel also discussed the increasing role of private and public-private efforts to provide humanitarian support, with such movements often filling gaps in funding and skilled expertise not adequately addressed by traditional public efforts alone.

Ambassador William Burns ('78 Oxford) moderated a panel discussion on the International Landscape 70 Years After the Marshall Plan. Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright emphasized the need for global cooperation and diplomacy in addressing today's international challenges, and the negative impact that fear mongering can have on building international partnerships, saying "if you read George Marshall's speech from 1947, there is no fear factor in it." Albright lamented that isolationist and nationalistic movements are once again gaining momentum, and emphasized the need for meaningful diplomacy among nations. She further commented that the Trump administration's proposed budget and changes at the State De-

**"America is stronger when we
are part of a global community."**

- Secretary Madeleine Albright

partment are undermining the country's national security toolbox. Daniel Benjamin ('83 Oxford), the State Department's Coordinator for Counterterrorism under Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, echoed the need for a comprehensive strategy for counterterrorism that extends beyond the Department of Defense and includes strong diplomatic efforts.

During an audience Q&A, the panel was asked if the election of President Trump and intelligence community's broadly reported assessment confirming foreign meddling in the campaign represented a triumph for Russia. Burns, a former US Ambassador to Russia, said that the effort to interfere with the election exceeded beyond Putin's wildest imagination. Albright chimed in saying that "Putin is a KGB agent who has played a weak hand brilliantly."



The morning session concluded with Christopher Fisher, Chairman of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission, and former UK Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary Sir Malcolm Rifkind presenting Secretary Albright with a Marshall Medal for her contributions to global diplomacy. Rifkind joked that a minister knows when they've retired because they get in the back of a car and it doesn't go anywhere, but, he continued, "Madeleine Albright has hardly retired." Albright commented that her entire life has been influenced by the importance of American leadership in the world, having emigrated to the US from Europe in 1948 with her family as a refugee seeking asylum. "America is stronger when we are part of a global community," she said.

Following lunch, the forum's keynote address was given by Danielle Allen ('93 Cambridge), James Bryant Conant University Professor and Director of the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard. Allen spoke of the need to strengthen education in civics and the humanities, and challenged those in attendance to celebrate but recommit to George Marshall's vision saying "it's our turn to be bold." During the Q&A that followed her keynote, Allen responded to a question asking how to best navigate today's increasingly divisive and polarized rhetoric on matters of civic importance. Allen said that we are currently experiencing a rate of change faster than most people are used to dealing with and many are still figuring out how to function in this new world, but

that there are way more people in the middle than rhetoric might indicate.

The afternoon's final panel on the Global Economy in the Digital Age was hosted by Peter Orszag ('91 LSE), former director of the White House Office of Management and Budget and now Managing Director at Lazard. HM Ambassador Sir Kim Darroch provided a first hand perspective of current US-UK relations, stating "from where I sit, it's an extremely rich, broad and deep relationship." He went on to cite the strength of the trade and business relationship between our two nations and, with regard to the number of UK actors and entertainers finding success in America, joked "Are you short of actors in this country—or is it just that ours are that much cheaper?"

As the conversation shifted towards globalization and technology, it was noted that while global trade agreements were often blamed for domestic job losses many often forget that a major driver in the changing economy has been advancing technology and job automation that has eliminated, rather than offshored, many jobs. Finally, in response to a question on the current state of Brexit, Sir Kim noted that the UK is not abandoning its relationships but rather looking to restructure and change the nature of these

relationships. Among the challenges ahead is the need to rapidly establish trade agreements with the EU and other global allies, including the US. Sir Malcolm Rifkind wrapped up the day's formal proceedings with just the right dose of British wit and humor.

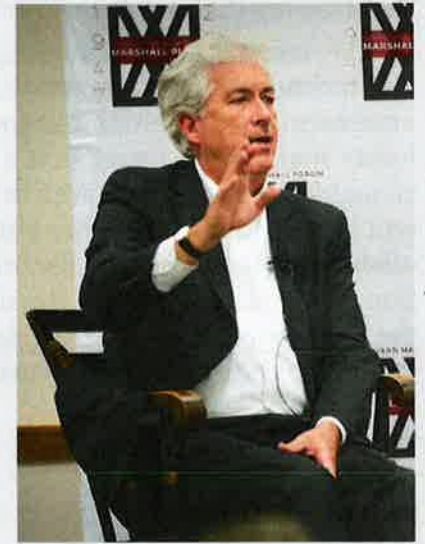
Saturday evening's festivities included a development dinner. At the dinner the AMS announced that it would be permanently endowing one Marshall Scholarship seat annually beginning with the 2017-18 scholarship year. The endowment was formed from donations made by over 200 Marshall Scholar alumni, and those donations were further amplified through a matching grant from Reid Hoffman ('90 Oxford), founder of the jobs-based social media platform LinkedIn. In the public announcement of the endowment, AMS President Andrew Klaber ('04 Oxford) said, "Each member of our Marshall Scholar community is extremely grateful to the British Government for the privilege of having received a Marshall Scholarship. The Endowment Fund is our way of providing a gesture of thanks for this experience and long-term financial support for this extraordinary program." Christopher Fisher, Chairman of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission, added, "The Marshall Scholarship Program is about



Aroop Mukharji ('09 KCL) interviews Dutch Foreign Minister Bert Koenders during a break in the Marshall Alumni Forum.

Watch interview clips from Minister Koenders, Secretary Albright and other attendees on YouTube in a series posted by the German Marshall Fund. You can find the videos in the "Marshall Plan at 70" playlist at youtube.com/GermanMarshallFund

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From top: Alumni at the Harvard Marshall Forum; panel discussion on Human Rights and Humanitarian aid with Kathleen Sullivan ('76 Oxford) , Stephen Pomper, Baroness Valerie Amos and Brian Atwood; Ambassador William Burns ('78 Oxford); Ambassador Sir Kim Darroch; Peter Orszag ('91 LSE); Heidi Crebo-Rediker



From top: Secretary Madeleine Albright; Sir Malcolm Rifkind; Danielle Allen ('93 Cambridge)



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Marshall Medal recipients, Matthew Barzun, Bill Janeway, and Nancy Cox

recognizing the generosity of the past while supporting the promise of the future. I applaud the Marshall alumni community for embracing this spirit.”

During the dinner additional Marshall Medals were also awarded to former US Ambassador to the UK, Matthew Barzun, former Director of the Influenza Division at the CDC Nancy Cox ('70 Cambridge), and Warbug Pincus Managing Director Bill Janeway ('65 Cambridge).

The donor dinner concluded with a panel centered on what the 21st century will hold in the realm of science and medicine. The moderator Ushma Neill (Marshall Sheffield '99 Imperial) was joined by Dan Barouch ('93 Oxford) of the Harvard Center for Virology and Vaccine Research, and Doug Melton ('75 Cambridge) of the Harvard Stem Cell Institute.

Barouch discussed the A-Z of viruses (AIDS to Zika), and the novel vaccine strategies he is using in his lab to protect humans from HIV and Zika viruses. Melton added insights about stem cell biology, specifically how to coax stem cells into becoming pancreatic beta cells that produce insulin, towards the eventual goal of treating patients with type I diabetes.

After discussing potential threats to scientific funding, the evening ended as Neill challenged them to think “like a science fiction writer, not a scientist.” Melton envisioned a world wherein we redefine what it means to be human: with replacement parts generated by stem cells, will we live to 150? Will only the top 1% be able to afford such procedures? What kind of population growth would accompany such advances in stem cell technology? Could we manage

the infrastructural changes needed to accommodate 9 billion people? Barouch, however, had the answer to many of these questions: an infectious disease outbreak is very likely to occur, resulting in a population ‘correction’ of nearly 20%. He predicted that there would likely be other emerging pathogens that we are unprepared for.

Despite this dire prediction, the evening ended on a light note, with both underscoring the need for further biomedical research as one of the highest global priorities.

Those still around on Sunday morning were treated to a breakfast buffet in Harvard’s Memorial Hall. It was a long and very intense weekend, and one Marshall could be overhead joking that the breakfast was like the ‘Survivor’s Breakfast’ at a Cambridge May Ball. The location was certainly fitting as Memorial Hall was designed to resemble the magnificent dining halls of Oxford and Cambridge. The breakfast was one last opportunity to catch up with Marshall friends old and new before departing.

This year’s AMS annual meeting clearly demonstrated the impact the Marshall Scholarship has had on the lives and careers of its recipients, but also shows the power of our alumni community coming together to maintaining the legacy of this great program—both in the bonds between alumni old and new, and now the meaningful financial support our community has put forth to help ensure the program has a long and well-funded future.





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From top left: Joan Heckler Gillings, one of the sponsors for the weekend's forum; Sewell Chan ('98 Oxford); Christopher Laumann ('03 Cambridge); the farewell breakfast in Memorial Hall that concluded the weekend's festivities.

Marshalls in the News

Margot Singer ('84 Oxford)

Margot Singer was awarded the Edward Lewis Wallant Award for "Underground Fugue," her 2017 novel based in 2005 London at the time of the terrorist bombings. The annual award, named after writer Edward Lewis Wallant, is presented to an author whose fiction represents an important work for American Jews.

"We have been following Margot's work since the publication of her collection of short stories, 'The Pale of the Settlement.' We were encouraged to see her take the leap to becoming the novelist who brought such intriguing characters to life," said Avinoam J. Patt, a judge for the Wallant Award. "We are delighted to bring recognition to Margot, who is a highly talented writer. We hope this helps bring better awareness of her excellent work to broader audiences."

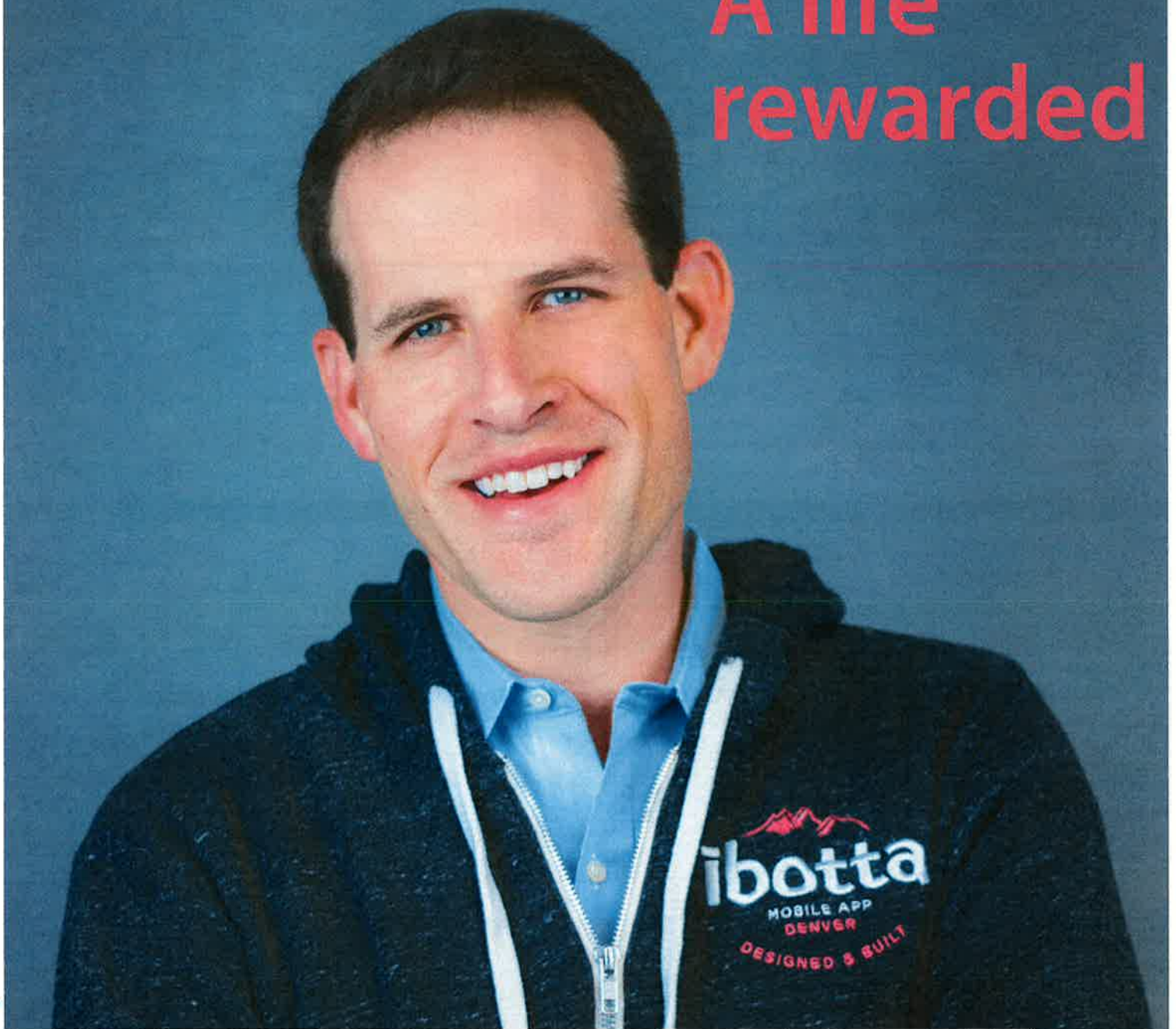


AMS Executive Director on Charlie Rose EU Election Discussion

Nell Breyer, Executive Director of the AMS, was joined by journalist Michiel Vos and American Interest Online editor Walter Russell Mead on the March 16, 2017 edition of Charlie Rose, guest hosted by Dan Senor, for a discussion on the changing political landscape in Europe. The episode can be viewed online at: <https://charlierose.com/videos/30262>.

Bryan Leach

A life
rewarded



Bryan Leach ('00 Oxford) and his Denver based company Ibotta are redefining how brands engage with consumers, and how consumers are being rewarded for their loyalty to brands.

By Diana Coogle ('66 Cambridge)

By his own reckoning, Bryan Leach ('00 Oxford) "won the compound lottery of life" by 2001: graduation from Harvard University, followed by a Marshall Scholarship to Oxford (2000-2002), then Yale Law School, after which he clerked for David Souter on the Supreme Court. He then moved to Denver to work as a trial lawyer for Bartlit Beck (famous for representing President Bush in Bush vs. Gore), where he built a practice in international arbitration.

So things were going along swimmingly when Leach suddenly let go of the life raft and dove into new waters. "Imagine going to your wife," he told me, "and saying, 'I know it will drain our savings and that I don't understand technology and have no experience in consumerism, but I want to quit my job and start a tech company.' You can imagine her response: 'What?!'"

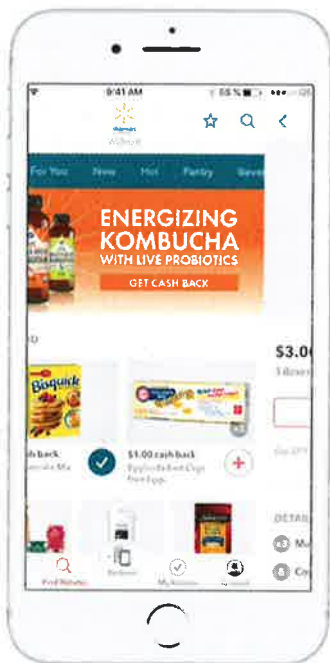
His wife Jen ended up encouraging him to take the risk, knowing him to be a dynamic person who thrives on challenge. Beyond the desire to start a tech company, Leach was committed to the idea of helping people make ends meet. So he quit his lucrative legal job to launch Ibotta, an app that uses mobile technology to benefit consumers through online coupons and rebates.

To look for investors and advice, he drew on his ties to the Association of Marshall Scholars. Those ties go beyond his years at Oxford, as Leach served for 5 years on the AMS board and was on part of the

team launched the current version of this Newsletter. Andrew Klaber, current president of the AMS and Leach's mentee when they were at Yale (Leach read Klaber's Marshall Scholarship application), encouraged him in this new enterprise. In fact, the last three presidents of AMS were big supporters. "I couldn't have done it without the Marshall Scholar family," Leach says. "I asked members of the board for advice, and they responded with 'We believe in you' and made hundreds of important introductions for me. They were investors when Ibotta was nothing yet."

Marshall Scholar Wayne Lau (Cambridge '79), who worked with Leach during the time when Leach was news and events editor of the Newsletter, says that in spite of not really understanding what Leach wanted, he invested in Ibotta because he was impressed by Leach's commitment to volunteerism and his intelligence.

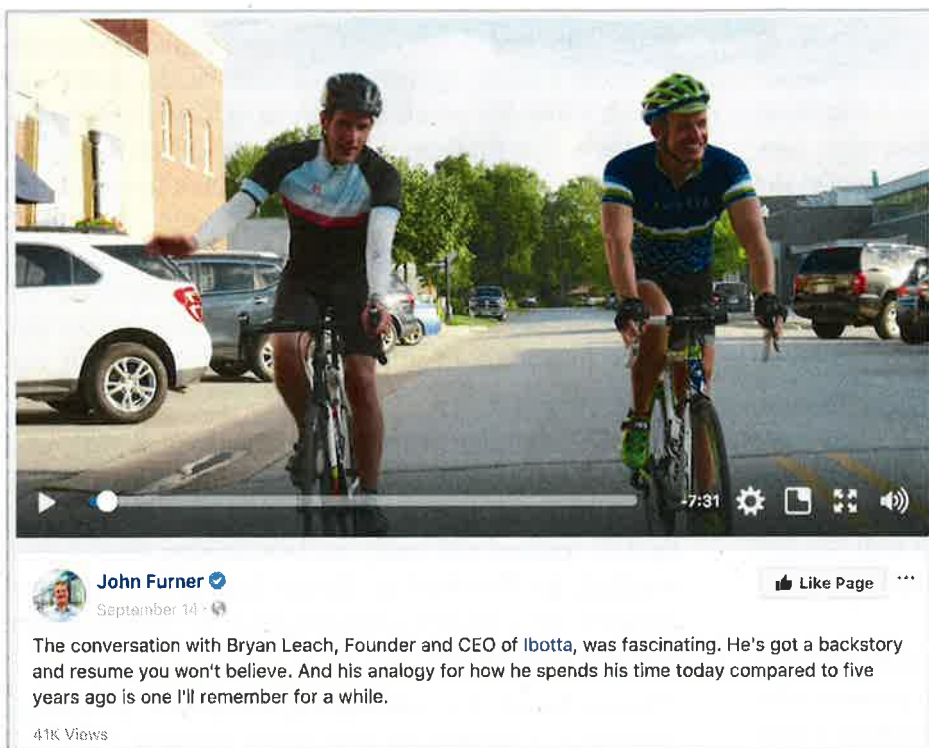
"Commitment to volunteerism" seems a strange quality in a person excited about starting a company dedicated to consumerism, but Leach was quick to make the connection. "I'm extremely passionate about the way our product affects folks," Leach says. Ibotta has employed 1,000 people in the past 5 years, but beyond that, Leach and his team have created a product that affects the lives of millions of middle-class Americans. "The average income of our customers is \$50,000 a year. With the instant cash return on every purchase made through Ibotta, people tell me



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As a 21st century alternative to traditional print coupons, Ibotta's app offers brands a channel directly into the consumer's mobile device by offering cash back on purchases for completing tasks like watching an advertisement, reading a recipe or completing a poll.

The platform has attracted 90% of the top 50 consumer packaged goods (CPG) brands in the US, over 300 retail chain brands.



For more background on Bryan and thoughts on his management style, be sure to check out a recent video posted by Sam's Club CEO John Furner when Leach was featured in Furner's 'Business on Bikes' video series.

To find the video visit Furner's Facebook page at facebook.com/CEOsamsclub and scroll back in the history to find the September 14, 2017 posting.

Video still: facebook.com/CEOsamsclub

they have been able to stay off food stamps or take a vacation that had only been a dream. It's wonderful for people who have high medical bills or for people who just want to be able to afford to put food on the dinner table." The decision to start Ibotta, Leach says, has broadened his own social impact.

Evidence of that impact has come in hundreds of letters that Leach has received from people thanking him for the difference Ibotta has made in their lives. One customer wrote that a rebate came on her phone while she was shopping at Wal-Mart. She had just spent her Wal-Mart saving catch to pay for a toy for her daughter for Christmas and the last of her money on "toilet paper, bread, cheese and cheap food stuff to get us by till my husband got paid" when she saw that a \$25.25 Ibotta rebate had come in. "I got so overwhelmed that I began to cry right there at Wal-Mart," she said, because now she could buy "a 12-pack of Angel Soft toilet paper, a can of Manwich sauce, two

packs of hotdogs, a bag of French fries, cheese, bread, three bags of chips, a package of cookies, and a box of ramen noodles. ... And from the bottom of my heart," she ended, "I want to thank you, Bryan, for saving me on December 19th, 2016, so I can feed my family a few more days until we get back on our feet. You are my Christmas Miracle."

Such gratifying letters give Leach fulfillment and the knowledge that he is succeeding in his goal of being of service to everyday consumers. "Nothing I'd ever done in law had such a broad impact on so many people," he says. "Ibotta's mission has a satisfying breadth and allows me to translate my education and multiple layers of privilege into something that helps people who haven't had those same opportunities."

Leach and his team at Ibotta are ever expanding their reach. Working with 1200 companies and brands, Ibotta has become the third most popular mobile

"Working with 1200 companies and brands, Ibotta has become the third most popular mobile rewards platform in the US."

rewards platform in the US. Whether a purchase is a meal from a restaurant, a grocery item, or a product from a retail store, Ibotta allows the consumer to take a picture of the receipt and submit it for cash back. "It's easier, more convenient, and more aligned with the way things are purchased today," Leach says. "It's more interactive. We'll deliver a recipe, a fact, a poll question—building a brand and telling a story of a brand—it's a way for a company to advertise."

Quitting his law career to launch into a completely new field was very much in keeping with Leach's life philosophy. "Many Marshall Scholars live very un-volatile lives relative to the entrepreneur's risks," he says. "In the end, I quit my law practice to start Ibotta because I think that a person with as much opportunity as I had—the safety net in my career—should have the courage to pursue a vision. I did it because of the potential regret I would have at not doing it."

Bryan Leach on his Marshall experience and life in Colorado

Leach says that being at Magdalen College at Oxford changed his life more than any other educational experience, even though he admits he wasn't a very serious student. "I wanted to take my foot off the gas and enjoy life," he says. And enjoy life he did: he taught crew, he acted in theatrical productions (The Glass Menagerie, Death and the Maiden), he "lounged around, playing croquet and lawn tennis," and he organized black tie events and end-of-the year celebrations, thoroughly enjoying "being a ceremonialist."

Now Leach and Jen and their two daughters, Sydney (11) and Skye (8), enjoy life in Denver, where Leach is a member of the Colorado Fourteeners Initiative, dedicated to preservation of the high country. He goes rock climbing every week with his daughters, enjoys skiing, snowshoeing, and mountain bike racing, and, as a mountaineer and avid hiker, has hiked twenty-two of the fifty-four 14,000-foot-or-higher Rocky Mountain peaks.



New Atlantic Council Report on US-UK Relations



Ray Raymond (Chair of the New York Marshall Selection Committee 2001-15) and Schuyler Foerster (also of the New York Selection Committee) have recently published a new report for the Atlantic Council on "The US-UK 'Special Relationship' at a Critical Crossroads."

Ever since World War II, the United States and the United Kingdom have enjoyed a truly special relationship grounded in a shared commitment to a world order based on democracy, the rule of law, and free trade, among other commonalities. However, significant changes on both sides of the Atlantic—with Britain's decision to exit the European Union and the election of Donald J. Trump as the president of the United States—have brought the partnership to a critical crossroads. Unfavorable domestic pressures faced by both leaders and diverging strategic outlooks are putting the US-UK "special relationship" to a test. In this issue brief, Dr Foerster and Dr Raymond outline the key elements of this unique relationship and provide their recommendations for strengthening the partnership that helps anchor the liberal international order.

The full report can be downloaded at:

<http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/publications/issue-briefs/the-us-uk-special-relationship-at-a-critical-crossroads>

A Beloved Ambassador



Photo: Prabal Chakrabarti

Sajni (right) and her sister Anandi

By Prabal Chakrabarti ('95 Oxford)

My older daughter Sajni, then 7 and in second grade, had tripped, inexplicably, a few times over a week. Then, the little finger of her right hand refused to slide into place during violin practice, and she added that her handwriting had been different lately. On examination, her pediatrician told us with a worried look to go immediately to Boston Children's for an MRI scan. The scan revealed an inoperable brain tumor with a very poor prognosis, diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG), and we were told, devastatingly, she had 8 months to live. Our lives had shattered.

Sajni kept attending school with her younger sister, Anandi, despite having to undergo a six-week course of radiation treatment every afternoon after school. That was the only standard treatment, and given the

lack of data on effective treatments, the doctors at Children's largely left us on our own to figure out our next step. As I researched, I began to learn about the steep odds of treating her cancer. Getting any drug treatment for brain tumors is challenging, because the brain lies protected behind its "blood-brain barrier" to guard against infection, and there is no drug proven effective against DIPG.

We needed something "out of the box," even experimental. Our oncologist had mentioned the idea of pushing drug directly into the brain, not simply taking it orally or through an IV. She told us that a professor of neurosurgery in the UK, Professor Steven Gill, was the most advanced at getting drug into the brain stem, and something similar existed in New York.

We needed more information, and urgently. I had served a decade on the Marshall selection committee in Boston, and had the chance to get to know several British Consul-Generals (CGs) over the years, sitting in their residence to interview scholars. Working at the Boston Federal Reserve, I had arranged occasional meetings with British visitors and Fed staff. I shared our bad news with CG Susie Kitchens, and she immediately offered help. Within only a few hours, she had located contacts who knew Prof. Gill, and a half day later she had procured his personal cell phone number during his Italian vacation. "He is expecting your call." Prof. Gill had been using a robot-assisted surgery to insert catheters into the brain and had gotten some really promising, though early, results with a few DIPG children. This was the path for us.

There were obstacles. The surgery and treatment were experimental, so costs were not covered by our medical insurance, totaling well over \$150,000. Medically, Sajni had to be judged a good candidate for the procedure. And we had to fly to Bristol to have infusions every 5 weeks for at least a year.

Two months after Sajni's diagnosis, we flew to Heathrow, then traveled west by train to Bristol, where Prof. Gill performed a 10 hour surgery to insert four catheters and a metal port in my daughter's head. Sajni was the third child with her disease to receive a drug targeting the tumor genetics and aimed into the brain stem. The first two were a month ahead of her. There were difficult days, and Sajni suffered some setbacks. The treatment itself is harsh. She was infused with drug until she could not take more, until she was literally unable to stand.

But the medical staff made the experience immensely better. The resident doctor spent hours playing Monopoly with Sajni. The nurses were extremely responsive and caring. One gave Sajni her nursing ID necklace that she treasured around her neck. And if you were weeping in the corridor, riven by anxiety and grief, they would offer a cup of tea in typical British fashion, then leave you to carry on of course, calm or not. Prof. Gill was so dedicated and would often call me daily with his cell phone. I was used to doctors that see a lot of patients in busy US medical centers such as Boston who seem to have a moat around them. We were additionally struck by how conscientious and deeply attentive people were for the disabled in the UK. One man in his 60s offered us help with our luggage even though he was himself walking with a cane in one hand and pulling a bag with the other.

My wife Vanessa and I alternately flew with Sajni, who had turned 8, to Bristol seven times in 8 months and

then after a break, back to London three times more over three months to receive the two-day infusions. We spent roughly a week in England each time, usually rushing from airport to train to make MRI scans and rushing home to get her back to school with a minimum of interruption. During that time, the drug shrunk her tumor, and then held it stable for some months before it started to grow again. We also had surgery at a Johns Hopkins site in Florida to remove a small piece that had grown outside the place where the drug could reach.

Sajni had double vision, mobility problems, and could not use her dominant hand; it goes without saying that we worried every day. Yet, she attended school, rode a therapeutic horse, and played card games and read with her sister. We adjusted, and her doctors were amazed at her ability to thrive and learn. She only missed days when we were in England, and would return to school the very next morning after



Karate practice at Kids Kicking Cancer (MA affiliate)



Photos: Prabal Chakrabarti

Zookeeper for a day (left), Writing a story in London café (right)

the overseas flight. We lived as regular a life as we could, and for Sajni most of all, I cannot overstate how hard this was to accomplish.

On our trips, we saw Bristol and London in different seasons. Hilly bluffs, with a river cutting through, charming and funky. Graffiti from Banksy, the anonymous street artist, graced the buildings and surprisingly excellent musicians played in the cloudy Feb days. We had some good saunters around town, often pushing Sajni in her wheelchair, and once took a water taxi on the Thames.

In this way, once in a while, we could transform Sajni into a tourist and forget the hospital. Sajni stayed with a friend a street away from Kensington Garden where "Will and Kate" live. Her mother took her around Hyde Park on a glorious summer day. She knew all the best places to get fresh bread near Paddington Station. On one flight, Virgin upgraded us all to first class. Sajni loved her bed on the flight, the 21st century version of the QEII boat trip. (Virgin CEO Richard Branson replied warmly to my thank you note). She loved salt and vinegar crisps. I had the chance to bring her to New College at Oxford, to show her some of my old haunts from my Marshall time. The gracious porter helped me carry her wheel chair up to the restored 14th century dining hall and squeeze it through the narrow passageways. The quaintness of Oxford had its downsides for the disabled, but as ever its magic. She was able to leave her chair and even run around its garden mound, collapsing in a happy heap. She was disturbed by the statue of Lazarus in

the New College Chapel. Khrushchev had the same reaction, I thought, saying it kept him up all night. We shared chips at the Turf Tavern (est. 1381) and visited the Bodleian. I am enduringly grateful for these things.

My wife and I had our terrible moments in England. The morning of the Brexit vote, Vanessa and Sajni were desperately taking a taxi to the hospital ER in London, to try to rule out a dangerous brain condition after she began vomiting and her symptoms began to worsen. They spent the night in a crowded London hospital amidst some of the very immigrants the Leave vote was against admitting. We had many other difficult times.

Friends and our community rallied around us. Our colleagues at the Boston Federal Reserve and Salem State University gave us flexibility. Her teacher Caren Delahunt-Baker, school staff, and grandmother Anne-Marie Ruget did so much. Friend and fellow Marshall Scholar Rajesh Vedanthan ('95 Oxford), a cardiologist, helped almost daily, and friends Kaia Miller and Jono Goldstein helped access a gene sequencing cancer vaccine. I asked the Marshall Commission if anyone could help in Bristol. Laura LaFave ('92 Bristol) had moved there with her British husband. She washed Sajni's clothes and hosted us for Sunday dinner. That day we were just visitors on holiday.

One of my favorite things about my service as a Marshall selector was meeting the parents of winning scholars at the reception. I tried to glean tips. I imagined my daughter, so bright and quick to learn,

going to study in Oxford. Of course, now, the perspective this terrible experience affords me has made me reevaluate the worth of narrow “striver” goals. I was ecstatic to see her getting a fourth stripe on her beginner’s white belt from her Kids Kicking Cancer class, being the one with the highest level of physical impairment. Achieving in the face of adversity and in the context of one’s abilities matters more than getting into a top college. So does heart. Many children would stare at Sajni, and treat her as different. Those that reached out to her as a peer and a friend; those are the children for whom I was so grateful and who deserve every praise. Winning a fancy scholarship makes no difference if you don’t make the world a kinder and better place.

And yet what if I consider my daughter’s experience? As committee members, we select scholars using three criteria: leadership, ambassadorial quality, and academic excellence. Recall the achievement of how few weeks of school she missed, with 10 trips to the UK, one to Florida for a second brain surgery, 50 rounds of radiation, and easily over 200 additional medical appointments. Her closest peers attended school intermittently or not at all; Sajni missed only five weeks when traveling for treatment. Is she not academically exceptional? I have seen her warm the hearts of English nurses, accept gratefully and diplomatically the help of strangers on the Great Western Railway, and bring presents to sick little girls sobbing in the Bristol hospital rooms next to her. Is she not a US-UK ambassador? And for leadership, she was one of the very first in the history of medicine to receive her specific treatment, one conducted by robot. She deserves the distinction much more than I; my life infinitely easier.

For the Marshall to stay vital, it has to foster the future of those doing vital things: increasing human understanding, advancing society, and solving the hardest problems. Think climate change or nuclear non proliferation. And cancer. Solving DIPG can help address other brain cancers. Sajni has been the subject of much discussion and planning between US and UK cancer doctors and brain surgeons. The method, and its robot based surgery, is now seen by many specialists at Mayo Clinic, Sloan Kettering and Dana Farber as essential, urgently needed in curing



Vanessa, Prabal, Sajni, and Anandi at Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in CT

the disease. Indeed, UCSF and Sloan Kettering have both announced new trials to begin using the UK method. A recently diagnosed child with the same disease in Boston is now also flying to London with the support of Dana Farber. So the US-UK collaboration on DIPG has already begun.

Sajni did what we asked her to do, and we did the best we could, wrenching and terrible as our decisions had to be. Sajni was a trailblazer, and in Spring 2017 she again became officially an “N” of 1 in her own clinical trial, where a personalized vaccine was developed and administered to her. She has brought together this trans-atlantic collaboration that extended her life, and will hopefully someday help save those of others. I was shocked to learn that pediatric cancers receive only 4% of government research funds for cancer and virtually no private sector research funds. There is real hope for pediatric brain tumors, currently the most deadly cancer, but they need far more attention. The system needs to change.



Photo: Prabal Chakrabarti

Prabal and Sajni at the Bridge of Sighs in Oxford

By the 18th month, the treatment began to stop working. We had been able to try a personalized immunotherapy; here again she was the first in the world to have a personalized neoantigen drug against her specific tumor. But it did not work, perhaps it had not combined with the right thing. And her tumor, kept in check for so long, was aggressive. Soon, she had lost the ability to move and to speak. She could only say yes or no by blinking her eyes. We carried her around our home.

On July 1, 2017, Sajni died in our arms in her bedroom at our home in Cambridge MA. We are bereft without her, in anguish. I recall a nice letter from the Marshall Alumni Association reminding us that investment in human capital always gives the highest return. With a death of a child, our beloved daughter, the opposite is true, indeed the loss is incalculable, and I ache for what more she would have brought

to the world. She had made it 19 months, more than double the initial prognosis of 8 months. We believe the UK treatment gave us more time. Her disabilities or medication side effects made her feel very down at times, but in true fashion she did not complain. She soldiered on. She earned her black belt in karate the week before her death. We have a photo of her only six weeks before her passing, punching softly with her left hand while sitting down, grinning. She graduated from third grade.

She smiled often. She went to different classes to tell students not to patronize those who were different, but treat them the same as everyone else. She continued to roll her eyes at my jokes and make her own. Always maintaining her independent spirit and spunk, I remember her telling me, as I forced another bad tasting medicine on her – “[Give it] Now or never.” We read her the Phantom Tollbooth and Little

Women. We bought a bunny to perch and nuzzle contentedly on her lap. At the end, she did not suffer. We released 36 butterflies, one for each season of her life at her funeral. I hear her and see her – a flutter in

my ears, a flitting about my eyes. She remains forever the ambassador of curiosity, of courage, and of joy.



In loving memory of Sajni Juliette Chakrabarti (Aug 13, 2008 – July 1, 2017)



Prabal and his family are grateful for any donations to provide relief and fun to children with cancer, in memory of Sajni, at Lucy's Love Bus™ lucyslovebus.org. The mission of Lucy's Love Bus™ is to deliver comfort and quality of life to pediatric cancer patients by providing funds for free integrative therapies, and to engage young people in activism and philanthropy through our Lucy's LoveSquad™ program.

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Marshalls in the News

Reid Hoffman ('90 Oxford)

Reid Hoffman has been appointed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II an honorary Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) in recognition of his services to promoting UK business, social networking and the Marshall Scholarship program.

Mr Hoffman is being recognized for his entrepreneurial work in the global tech community — notably in the US and the UK — and for the support he provides to the Marshall Scholarship.

Mr Hoffman founded LinkedIn. He is a partner at Greylock Partners, a venture capital firm that has invested in companies that include Facebook, Airbnb, Workday and Palo Alto Networks. He is a member of the Microsoft Board of Directors and serves on a number of not-for-profit boards, including Kiva, Endeavor, and Do Something. The UK honors system recognizes exceptional achievement and service to Britain, and includes non-British nationals who receive 'Honorary' awards for their important contribution to British interests. All British honors are awarded on

merit. The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire was founded in 1917.

Andrew Whittaker, British Consul General San Francisco, commented "The work and dedication Reid shows every day to support the entrepreneurial spirit and innovation throughout the UK-US community is only a small example of the commitment and service he shows to both countries. Additionally, his support to the Marshall Scholarship program so that others may enjoy the same opportunities he was able to have, are a fantastic contribution to the UK-US relationship.



Hoffman receives his CBE from Andrew Whittaker, HM Consul General to San Francisco. Hoffman's CBE medal.



Photo credit: British Consul General in San Francisco

An Outreach Visit to Berea College, Berea, KY

Marshall Scholarship alumni play a significant role in encouraging the next generation of potential scholars to complete the application process. This is especially important for increasing the breadth of schools with successful applicants. Harold Branam ('59 Leeds) recounts a recent visit to his own alma mater and offers some advice on giving advice to potential applicants.

On the opposing page, Branam's poem speaks to his own pre-college life in a Kentucky coal camp.

By Harold Branam ('59 Leeds)

On our way up from Savannah to attend the June 2017 Harvard Marshall Forum, my wife Sandy and I stopped by Berea College, our alma mater, to make a presentation on Marshall Scholarships.

Our presentation supported the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission and AMS initiative to spread the pool of Marshall applicants and their colleges of origin to reflect the full diversity of America.

The presentation was in Berea College's Center for International Studies. Since it was summer break, we were happily surprised when twenty to thirty students showed up (about 2% of Berea's 1,500 student body).

After citing scholarship qualifications, including nomination by one's college, we went into the history of Marshall aid and Britain's creation of the Marshall Scholarships in appreciation. We commented on the humane spirit of Marshall aid and the values it shared with Berea College's mission. Then Sandy talked about living and shopping in Leeds as a young wife, designing costumes for Leeds University's theater group, our travels in Europe, and birthing our son Stephen (with month-long complications) in a Leeds hospital women's ward—an education in itself.

Moving to the Marshall Scholarship application, I noted its extensive, time-consuming requirements and early deadline, the need for applicants to have good references, and the nature of an applicant's competitors: mostly students from the Ivy League, armed services schools, and MIT and Caltech.

I told them how they could beat out the competition by writing an outstanding 1,000-words essay that played up their differences:

Your college's distinctions: Started by pre-Civil War abolitionists, Berea College was the first biracial (Appalachian and African-American) school and the first coed school in the South and the original work-study school. It admits only students poor enough to qualify and charges no tuition. In 2016 Washington Monthly ranked Berea College as the best liberal arts college in the nation.

Your own uniqueness: Your competition will likely not match your life and work experiences, such as coming

from poor, sometimes broken families, rural or ghetto homes, and being on your own at an early age. In my case I drove a tractor and wrestled steers on the college farm; worked 18- and 24-hour shifts in the Wisconsin pea-pack; attended an Oxford University international summer school on scholarship; worked on an Ohio factory assembly line; wrote and edited for the student newspaper, town newspaper, college news bureau, and alumni magazine; and hitchhiked from east Tennessee to an upstate New York Jewish resort, where I was one of three busboys bussing some twenty waitresses.

The following can also tend to level the playing field:

Your writing ability: The criteria for Marshall Scholarship applicants specifically mention writing ability: "Does the candidate's writing give evidence of higher-order thinking skills and the ability to express thoughts clearly and without jargon?" This criterion describes the scholarly writing needed in the thesis or dissertation required for most graduate degrees. In your essay you must show that you can deliver.

Your course of study: The more solid your proposed course of study is—in relation to your career plans and how well a particular British university, program, or research supervisor fits that course of study—the stronger your application will be. The possibilities can now be researched on the Marshall Scholarship and various university websites, so you need to do your homework. Keep in mind that preference is given to candidates open to study at universities other than Oxford, Cambridge, and London.

We finished our presentation by looking at a sampling of British universities: Oxford, Leeds, St. Andrews, Kent, and some constituent colleges of London University. One student was excited about the London School of Economics and Political Science, a couple of premed students about the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and several African-Americans about the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS).

Our thanks to Aroop Mukharji ('10 London) for giving an autographed copy of his 2016 book *Diplomas and Diplomacy: The History of the Marshall Scholarship to Berea College* students interested in the Marshall Scholarship.

GOING BACK TO BONNYMAN

Bonnyman was the first of three crowded coal camps on First Creek, a kind of communal drainage ditch that brought walls of garbage down after rains. Some surrounding mountains were denuded and gullied from Depression gardens, but the early 1940s desperately needed coal miners to fuel the war effort.

We lived in grimy gray company houses, the first two alongside the railroad track where trains pulled long strings of loaded coal gons down from the Blue Diamond Mine and returned with empties day and night. They stopped for nothing, not kids playing, people walking the track, drunks sleeping there, or dumb cows standing astride the rails.

Our tiny yard was paved with bone coal (slate or waste), which kept down the mud and offered ready artillery for rock fights. After living there for years, we finally moved up in society and got a house with a fenced yard plus a little garden in back, next door to a screaming, fighting, pan-throwing couple with nine snotty-nosed kids.

My parents moved to Bonnyman so my younger brother and I could attend school and get a fine start in life. We did do well in school, mostly A's. I was in school plays, played music and sang, and made it to Perry County's talent-show finals. We also had plenty of playmates, and the girls next door even introduced us to kissing fests.

Now when you drive by on the parkway above Bonnyman you can hardly see any houses: The coal camp has disappeared, trees have reclaimed the mountains, and everywhere is a screen of greenery. I don't know whether coal still comes out of First Creek, whether the stream runs clear, or what happened to the girls next door. I do remember their kisses.

Dr. Harold Branam, ('59 Leeds), was born and grew up in Appalachia; his father was a mountain musician/union coal miner (UMWA). He married fellow Berea College student Sandy Conover, an artist, and they have two sons: Christopher, a family doctor in Milton, WV, and Stephen, a software engineer in Cambridge, MA. A retired professor of English, Harold contributed extensively to literary reference books, was an assistant editor of the *International Encyclopedia of Communications* (Oxford UP, 1989), and for the past six years served on the Corporation of American Friends Service Committee.

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Recent AMS Gatherings

In addition to large formal annual events like AMS annual meeting, local AMS groups frequently gather around the country for smaller more informal and more intimate gatherings. Here is a selection of such meetups this past year. If you are interested in organizing a gathering in your area please contact admin@marshallscholars.org to be put in touch with your regional events coordinator.

Boston - Harvard Kennedy School Meetup

February 2017

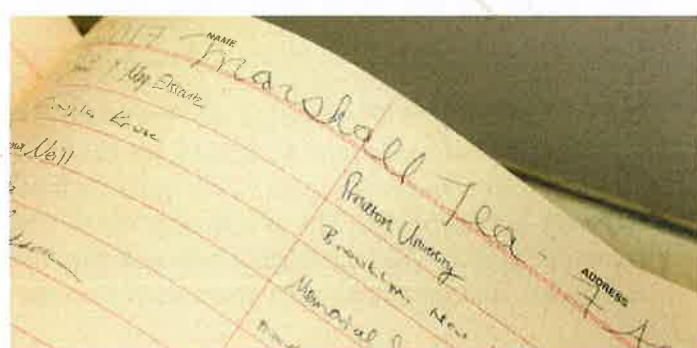
Aroop Mukharji ('10 KCL and LSE), Josh Bennett ('10 Warwick) and Esther Freeman ('02 LSHTM) launch Aroop's book, *Diplomas and Diplomacy: The History of the Marshall Scholarship* (Palgrave Macmillan 2016), at the Harvard Kennedy School. Bennett is a poet and author of *The Sobbing School* (Penguin, 2016), a 2016 National Poetry Series winner. Freeman is Assistant Professor at Harvard Medical School and Director of Global Health Dermatology at Massachusetts General Hospital.



New York Consulate Tea for 2017 Scholars

April 2017

The British Consulate General in New York hosted an afternoon tea for the 2017 Scholars selected from the New York application. A full list of all 2017 scholars appears later in this issue.



Photos: British Consulate General of New York



Photos: Annie Bird

DC Meetup Picnic

July 2017

Washington DC typically has no shortage of formal Marshall Scholarship events, but several alumni organized a more informal family friendly affair at a local park with plenty of little scholars in training attending. Alumni attending included Annie Bird ('07 LSE), Brian Clark ('08 Cambridge), Whitney Colella ('97 Oxford), Keira Dri-ansky ('03 Cambridge), John Kennedy ('07 Oxford) and Sujit Raman ('00 Bristol).

New York AI Dinner Discussion

September 2017

Fifteen New York based Marshall Scholars were hosted by Suzzette ('81 Cambridge) and Seth Masters ('81 Oxford) for an dinner discussion on artificial intelligence and its growing role in day-to-day life. Attendees included a range of leaders across technology, healthcare, business and law including Nick Beim ('94 Oxford), Alison Bishop ('06 Cambridge), Niko Canner ('94 Oxford), Saj Cherian ('97 Oxford), Jeff Glueck ('91 Oxford), Nick Hartman ('03 Cambridge), Ali Hussain ('11 Oxford), Richard Falkenrath ('91 KCL), Ushma Neill (Marshall Sheffield '99 Imperial), Andrew Klaber ('04 Oxford), Ted Kamman ('85 Oxford), Sophie Rutenbar ('07 LSE) and Nabiha Syed ('10 Oxford).

This event was the pilot for a series of future small intimate dinner events focused on a specific topic, and all those in attendance agreed that the test was a great success. Look for more similar themed events in your region coming soon.

San Francisco Area Meetup

November 2017

Fifteen Bay Area Marshall Scholars and several other friends of the program met for drinks and lively discussion. Those in attendance included Max Alderman ('12 Warwick), Nick Alt-mose ('11 Oxford), Gavin Baird ('15 LSE), Frances Brodsky ('76 Oxford), Alex Carney ('12 Oxford), Jacob Chacko ('00 Oxford), Elizabeth Chapman ('65 Birmingham), Kate Elswit ('04 Cam-bridge), Clark Freshman ('86 Oxford), Madeline Grade ('12 UCL), Ben Heineike ('02 Cambridge), Zachary Kaufman ('02 Oxford), Jessica Audrey Lee ('05 Oxford), Emmy Shearer ('14 Oxford) and Jean Weather-nax ('12 UCL).



Photo: Ben Heineike

The Marshall Scholar Class of 2017

Bon Voyage

In what is now an annual tradition, the newest class of Marshall Scholars gathered together in Washington DC in September for their departure program and send-off reception at the residence of HM Ambassador to the United States. This year's class of 40 scholars were joined by many Marshall alumni from across the class years to meet and support the newest generation as they depart for their tenure in the UK.



Photos: Carrie Dorean

The Marshall Scholarship Class of 2017 with HM Ambassador to the United States Sir Kim Darroch on the steps of the ambassador's residence in Washington DC



The annual sendoff saw a strong turnout, with standing room only for the keynote discussions.

Keynote speakers Dan Barouch ('93 Oxford) and Ushma Neill (Marshall Sherfield '99 Imperial).



HM Ambassador to the United States Sir Kim Darroch addresses the departing scholars, alumni and friends of the Marshall Scholarship.

Marshall Scholarship Class of 2017



Bailey Anderson
University of Texas – Austin
University of Oxford



Abraham Axler
University of Virginia
LSE



Rebecca Boslough
University of Montana, Missoula
University of Leeds



Julius Bright Ross
Harvard University
University of Oxford



Seamus Caragher
Georgetown University
University of Glasgow



Matthew Cavuto
MIT
Imperial College London



Bill De La Rosa
Bowdoin College
University of Oxford



David Elitzer
Brown University
University College London



Joani Etskovitz
Princeton University
University of Oxford



Nancy Fairbank
University of Texas – Dallas
University of Birmingham



Rahfin Faruk
Southern Methodist University
University of Reading



Taylor Harwood
St Catherine University
King's College London



William Henagan
University of Virginia
University College London



Zachary Hulcher
MIT
University of Cambridge



Matthew Hurst
University of Colorado – Boulder
University College London



Noam Kantor
Emory University
University of Oxford



Daniel Kinch
Northwestern University
Durham University



Sarah Koch
University of Virginia
University of Edinburgh



Faiza Masood
City University of New York –
Hunter College
School of Oriental and African Studies



Deshawn McKinney
University of Wisconsin – Madison
LSE



Jacob Miller
University of Massachusetts -
Amherst
University of Cambridge



Victoria Mousley
College of the Holy Cross
University College London



Hasher Nisar
Middlebury College
University of Oxford



Ian O'Grady
Claremont McKenna College
University of Oxford



Maile Radford
Harvard University
University College London



Devika Ranjan
Georgetown University
University of Cambridge



Samuel Ruppert
United States Military Academy
King's College London



Debbie Samaniego
Westminster College
Queen Mary, UCL



Erin Schulte
Arizona State University
King's College London



Evan Silver
Brown University
The Royal Central School of Speech
and Drama



Erin Simpson
University of Chicago
University of Oxford



Aaron Solomon
University of Maryland – College Park
Imperial College London



Emilia Truluck
Emory University
University of Oxford



Bailey Ulbricht
Carleton College
School of Oriental and African Studies



Alina Utrata
Stanford University
Queen's University Belfast



David Wagner
United States Air Force Academy
University of Edinburgh



Devin Weiss
University of Illinois – Urbana
Champaign
University of Sussex



Reyton Yount
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School of Oriental and African Studies



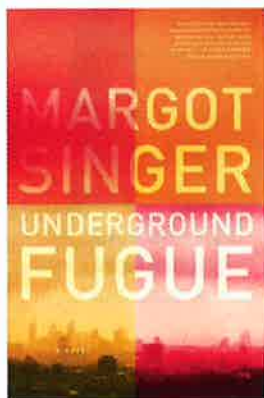
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Hot off the Press

A Selection of Recent Books Published by Marshall Alumni



Underground Fugue

By Margot Singer ('s84 Oxford)

Published by Melville House

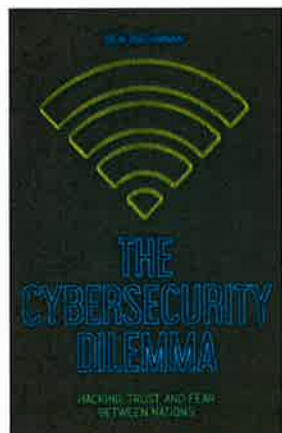
"Set against the backdrop of the tube bombings in London in 2005, *Underground Fugue* interweaves the stories of four characters who are dislocated by shock waves of personal loss, political violence, and, ultimately, betrayal."

Ladies' Greek

By Yopie Prins ('81 Cambridge)

Published by Princeton University Press

"In *Ladies' Greek*, Yopie Prins illuminates a culture of female classical literacy that emerged in the second half of the nineteenth century, during the formation of women's colleges on both sides of the Atlantic. The first comparative study of Anglo-American Hellenism, *Ladies' Greek* opens up new perspectives in transatlantic Victorian studies and the study of classical reception, translation, and gender."



The Cybersecurity Dilemma – Hacking, Trust and Fear Between Nations

By Ben Buchanan ('13 KCL)

Published by Oxford University Press

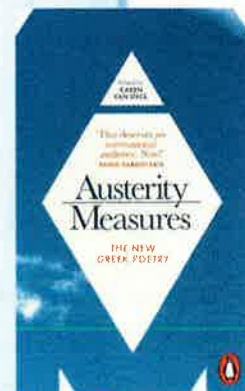
"Why do nations break into one another's most important computer networks? There is an obvious answer: to steal valuable information or to attack. But this isn't the full story. This book draws on often-overlooked documents leaked by Edward Snowden, real-world case studies of cyber operations, and policymaker perspectives to show that intruding into other countries' networks has enormous defensive value as well. The cybersecurity dilemma is both a vital concern of modern statecraft and a means of accessibly understanding the essential components of cyber operations."

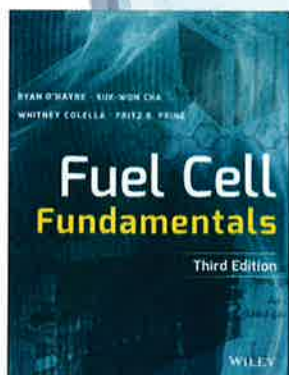
Austerity Measures: The New Greek Poetry

Edited by Karen Van Dyck ('85 Oxford)

Published by Penguin

"A remarkable collection of poetic voices from contemporary Greece, *Austerity Measures* is a one-of-a-kind window into the creative energy that has arisen from the country's decade of crisis and a glimpse into what it is like to be Greek today."





Fuel Cell Fundamentals

By Whitney Coella ('97 Oxford), et al.

Published by Wiley

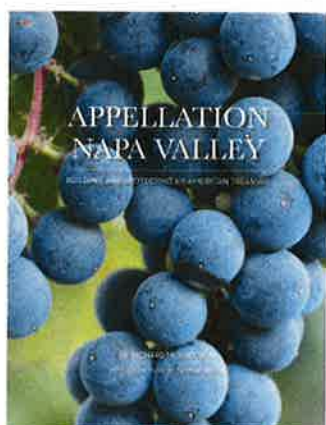
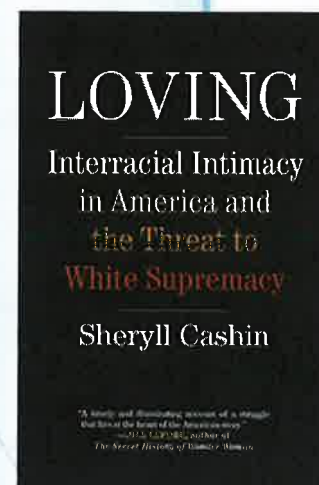
"*Fuel Cell Fundamentals* provides a thorough introduction to the principles and practicalities behind fuel cell technology. Beginning with the underlying concepts, the discussion explores fuel cell thermodynamics, kinetics, transport, and modeling before moving into the application side with guidance on system types and design, performance, costs, and environmental impact."

Loving: Interracial Intimacy in American and the Threat to White Supremacy

By Sheryll Cashin ('84 Oxford)

Published by Beacon Press

"*Loving* is both a history of white supremacy and a hopeful treatise on the future of race relations in America, challenging the notion that trickle-down progressive politics is our only hope for a more inclusive society. Accessible and sharp, Cashin reanimates the possibility of a future where interracial understanding serves as a catalyst of a social revolution ending not in artificial color blindness but in a culture where acceptance and difference are celebrated."



Appellation Napa Valley – Building and Protecting an American Treasure

By Richard Mendelson ('75 Oxford)

Published by Val de Grace

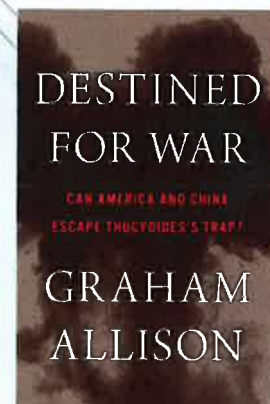
"Thanks to a far-sighted band of creative pioneers, and thanks to a very special community intelligence and spirit, the Napa Valley has transformed itself from a sleepy, inward-looking farm and ranching enclave into one of the most prestigious and exciting wine-growing regions in the world. In *Appellation Napa Valley*, the renowned wine lawyer and industry authority Richard Mendelson takes us inside the legal and commercial struggles that did so much to make the Napa Valley into what it is today. Along the way, he brings us incisive portraits of the men and women who joined hands in common cause and common spirit, igniting a revolution in American wine and food in the process."

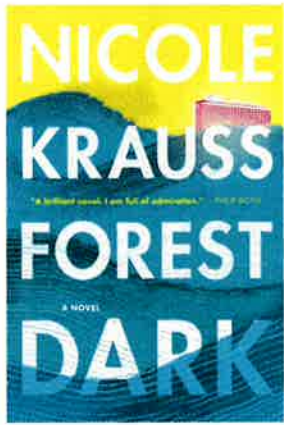
Destined for War: Can America and China Escape Thucydides's Trap?

By Graham Allison ('62 Oxford)

Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

"In *Destined for War*, the eminent Harvard scholar Graham Allison explains why Thucydides's Trap is the best lens for understanding US-China relations in the twenty-first century. Through uncanny historical parallels and war scenarios, he shows how close we are to the unthinkable. Yet, stressing that war is not inevitable, Allison also reveals how clashing powers have kept the peace in the past — and what painful steps the United States and China must take to avoid disaster today."





Forest Dark

By Nicole Krauss ('96 Oxford)

Published by Harper Collins

"One of America's most important novelists" (*New York Times*), the award-winning, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The History of Love*, conjures an achingly beautiful and breathtakingly original novel about personal transformation that interweaves the stories of two disparate individuals—an older lawyer and a young novelist—whose transcendental search leads them to the same Israeli desert.

Bursting with life and humor, *Forest Dark* is a profound, mesmerizing novel of metamorphosis and self-realization—of looking beyond all that is visible towards the infinite."

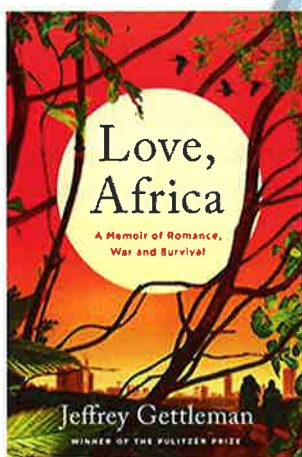
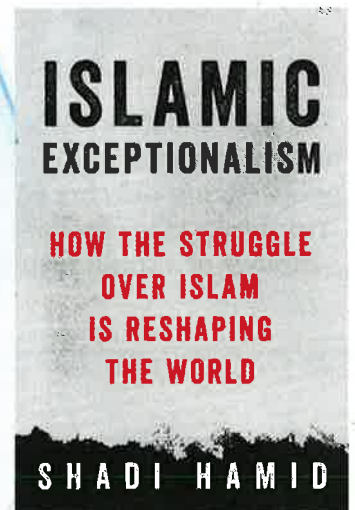
Islamic Exceptionalism: How the Struggle Over Islam is Reshaping the World

By Shadi Hamid ('06 Oxford)

Published by St. Martin's Press

"In *Islamic Exceptionalism*, Brookings Institution scholar and acclaimed author Shadi Hamid offers a novel and provocative argument on how Islam is, in fact, 'exceptional' in how it relates to politics, with profound implications for how we understand the future of the Middle East. Hamid argues for a new understanding of how Islam and Islamism shape politics by examining different models of reckoning with the problem of religion and state, including the terrifying—and alarmingly successful—example of ISIS.

With unprecedented access to Islamist activists and leaders across the region, Hamid offers a panoramic and ambitious interpretation of the region's descent into violence. *Islamic Exceptionalism* is a vital contribution to our understanding of Islam's past and present, and its outsized role in modern politics."



Love, Africa: A Memoir of Romance, War and Survival

By Jeffrey Gettleman ('94 Oxford)

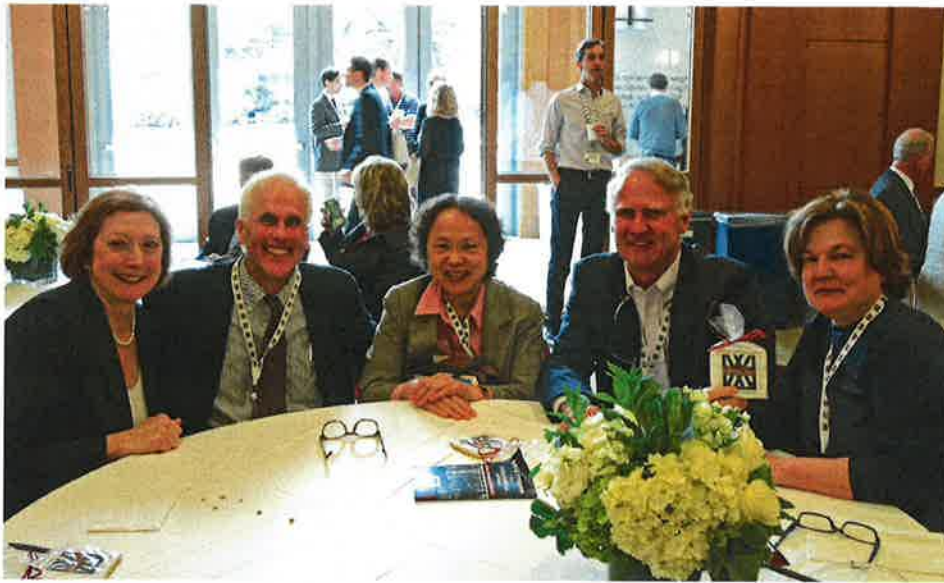
Published by Harper Collins

"From Jeffrey Gettleman, a Pulitzer Prize-winning *New York Times* journalist, comes a passionate, revealing story about finding love and finding a calling, set against one of the most turbulent regions in the world.

A seasoned war correspondent, Jeffrey Gettleman has covered every major conflict over the past twenty years, from Afghanistan to Iraq to the Congo. For the past decade, he has served as the East Africa bureau chief for the *New York Times*, fulfilling a teenage dream."

Did we miss something? While the newsletter team checks a variety of sources to catch new books written by Marshall alumni we don't catch everything and appreciate a heads up about new content rolling off the presses. To let us know about your recent or upcoming publication, please drop us a note at newsletter@marshallscholarship.org so we can feature it in an upcoming issue!

CLASS NOTES



KATHLEEN SULLIVAN, PARKER SHIPTON, CAROL LEE, JEFF MODISETT, AND MARY EDGERTON

1976

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Members of the Class of 1976 reunited at the Harvard Marshall Forum in Cambridge, MA in June. Pictured (from left to right) are **Kathleen Sullivan**, star appellate lawyer at Quinn Emanuel, who had a speaking role at the gala dinner; **Parker Shipton**, professor of anthropology at Boston University; Class Secretary **Carol Lee**; **Jeff Modisett**, senior counsel at Dentons law firm and CEO of the Nextlaw Global Referral Network; and **Mary Edgerton**, associate professor in the Department of Pathology at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Kathleen Sullivan, one of the nation's leading appellate lawyers, achieved a notable victory for her client Samsung in the U.S. Supreme Court's first design patent case in 120 years. She and her team persuaded the Court that Apple was not entitled to Samsung's total

profit on its smartphones based on design patents covering narrow, partial features of the phones' appearance. It was not enough to convince the court that such a result made no sense. The hard part, according to Kathleen, was showing that her client was right as a matter of statutory interpretation. The Supreme Court reversed a \$399 million jury award against Samsung, a decision Kathleen described as "a huge win for the tech industry."

At the Annual Meeting of the American Law Institute in Washington, DC



CAROL LEE AND JUSTICE STEVENS

in May, **Carol Lee** conducted a conversation on stage with retired Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, for whom she clerked in 1982-83. At age 96, the Justice is fully engaged, alert, and intellectually active. They had a lively and wide-ranging discussion, and Justice Stevens said a few noteworthy things that were reported in the National Law Journal.

1980

Jonathan Edward writes that, "After 30 wonderful years at Harvard Medical School and 24 years at the Massachusetts General Hospital where I have been Associate Chief of Psychiatry, Director of the Depression Clinical and Research Program and the first incumbent of the Joyce R. Tedlow Chair in the Field of Depression Studies, I look forward to moving to New York City to serve as the University Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine. As the Dorothy and Marty Silverman Chair in Psychiatry and Professor in the Departments of Psychiatry and Neuroscience, I am excited to contribute to this institution in the Bronx with a longstanding and deeply felt commitment to neuroscience, population health and social justice. I would love to be in touch with fellow Marshall alumni in New York."

1985

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Song Tan reports that several members of the class of 1985 enjoyed a mini-reunion at the Harvard Marshall Forum in June, including (pictured) **Bill Tustsui**, **Song Tan**, **Ted Kamman**, **Sandra Pinnavaia**, **Kevin Short** and **Ted Abel**.

CLASS NOTES



JUSTICE NEIL GORSUCH

1992

Christy Lorgen

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Members of the Class of 1992 have written in to express their delight that their own **Neil Gorsuch** was appointed to the US Supreme Court in April 2017, thereby doubling the number of Marshall Scholars on the Court.

Caroline Levine moved to Cornell University in 2016 to take up a new position as the David and Kathleen Ryan Professor of the Humanities, housed in the English Department.

Christy Lorgen started a new job as Head of Corporate Intelligence at KPMG in Norway in 2016.

1996

Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. appointed **Benjamin Spencer** to the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules. Spencer has also been tasked with updating a portion of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Commenting in the ABA Journal in September, Spencer said "To be asked to take over volumes from Arthur

Miller, one of the original people who created this, was a big honor, particularly in light of the fact that I was his student. It's a big responsibility."

1999

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Richard Johnston writes that he has had an exciting twelve months. In May, he was promoted to associate professor of English and Fine Arts at the US Air Force Academy. In June, he bought a house. In July, he got engaged. In October, his short story "Dry Sockets" was nominated for a Pushcart Prize. In November, he completed his third year on the Marshall Scholarship Selection Committee for the Houston region. He is currently recovering from another bout with Imposter's Syndrome.

For the past year, **Jocelyn Benson** has served as CEO of the Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality, a collaboration of every sports league in the country led by Stephen Ross, designed to utilize the unifying power of sports to promote equality. "As part of that effort we've launched RISE to Vote, a multi-year campaign to register every professional athlete to vote and have them encourage their fans to follow suit." You can find out more about their work at www.RiseToWin.org.



KRISHANTI VIGNARAJAH, COLIN O'MARA AND BABY ALANA VIGNARAJAH O'MARA

2002

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Krishanti Vignarajah and **Colin O'Mara** (2003) write that: "We are delighted to share news of the birth of our baby girl, Alana Vignarajah

In Memoriam

Ed Victor (’61 Oxford)

Ed Victor, the London based famed literary agent, passed away on June 7, 2017. This newsletter highlighted the life and career of Ed in our September 2013 edition, which is available on the AMS website at: marshallscholars.org/publications/ams-newsletters/.



Photo: The Associated Press



**BABY MARGARET AND
BROTHER HAROLD**

O'Mara. She was born on Father's Day, fitting since she takes after her father—arriving a week late and weighing a hardy 8 pounds 11 ounces and 20.5 inches long. We could not be more excited to welcome her to our family and look forward to introducing her to you all! Thank you for the love and support during the many months leading up to Alana's arrival and since then..."

Krishanti also recently announced her candidacy for the Democratic nomination in Maryland's 2018 governor's race.

Lauren Baer has also announced that she is running for Congress in Florida's 18th district.

2003

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Cynthia Kinnan and her husband Matthew Bachmann welcomed their daughter, Margaret, on December 4th, 2016. Margaret joins big brother Harold, 2 1/2.

2009

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Elizabeth Brueing has joined as a writer and editor on the Washington Post's Opinions staff.

2011

Nick Wellkamp
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More recent scholars also enjoyed catching up at the Harvard Marshall Forum. Pictured (from left to right) are **Jessie Muir** ('10), **Shivani Jain**, **Jeremy Smith**, **John Nelson**, **Kenzie Bok**, **Temple He**, and **Monica Kang**.

Shivani writes that she is "finishing up her PhD thesis while working on health policy and community clinic management in Baltimore, MD," while Kenzie "has started a job doing policy for the Boston Housing Authority and is also teaching a weekly undergrad seminar at Harvard on (who else?) John Rawls."



**JESSIE MUIR, SHIVANI JAIN, JEREMY SMITH, JOHN NELSON, KENZIE BOK,
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Elsewhere, **John Giammatteo** has finished at Yale Law School and is clerking for United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut Victor A. Bolden.

2012

Luke Schoenfelder was named one of the Forbes 30 under 30 for his work co-founding Latch, a smart door access system that combines hardware and software to modernize how people access buildings (latch.com).

Scholarship Program News

MACC Announces New Member

The Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission (MACC) writes that: "Following a competitive application process, the Foreign & Commonwealth Office is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Alice Prochaska as a new member of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission (MACC) with effect from 1 October.

Dr Prochaska fills a vacant post on the Commission. She recently stepped down as Principal of Somerville College Oxford and brings many years' experience of UK higher education to the role. Amongst the many public positions she holds are Chair of the Sir Winston Churchill Archive Trust and Chair of the Institute of Historical Research Trust (University of London)."

Join the Class Notes Team

The Marshall Alumni Newsletter team is currently looking to add a class additional class secretaries (including potentially covering multiple class years) to ensure that all classes are fully covered. If you're interested in volunteering for this role, please contact us at newsletter@marshallscholarship.org.

Contact Nell Breyer (nell.breyer@marshallscholars.org) with any questions about membership, updating your profile, address changes or paying annual dues.

Further information is also available on the AMS website at marshallscholars.org or by calling +1-917-818-1267.

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