

Class Notes



CLASS PORTRAIT: Members of the Class of 1968 from the College and the School of Nursing gather for a photo after a ceremony in which they each received a University medallion in acknowledgment of their 50th reunion. For more class reunion photos, see pages 62 and 63.

College ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

1950 Kenn Hubel writes: "I was delighted to receive notes from classmates responding to an email requesting summaries of their 68 years of living since graduation at Eastman Theatre." Kenn passes along these updates: **John Wermuth**, blessed with support from the GI Bill, earned an MBA at Harvard in 1952; married Marilyn, a Denison graduate; and commenced a family (four sons and one daughter) in 1955. He was CFO for Acheson Industries before starting his own business marketing insurance and staying active (tennis until two years ago and frequent bridge). John and Marilyn have lived in Elm Grove, Wisconsin, since 1958, where John is still active as a program chairman in Kiwanis. He can be reached at wermuth@prodigy.net. . . . **Hugh (Bud) Garvin**, following a year of graduate study and five years of ROTC, fulfilled his Navy duty as an electronics officer on ships in the Atlantic and Mediterranean for two years and then served an

additional two years in the Guided Missile Service. He married **Shirley Gantz** '52, '53N and then completed requirements for a PhD in physics at UC Berkeley in 1959. Until 1963 he worked on the design of systems to generate electricity from nuclear reactions in space equipment and then joined the research staff at Hughes Research Labs in Malibu, where he worked on many challenging projects. The Garvins had a son and twin daughters and now have six grandchildren. They still live in the Malibu home that they have enjoyed for 40 years, but Bud acknowledges their concerns about threats from fires and earthquakes on the California coast. He can be reached at MBUHLNSCG@msn.com. . . . **Sallie Turner Guy** married **John Mount** '47, who became a Presbyterian minister and died tragically in an auto accident in 1960 at the age of 34. Six years later, Sallie married Lt. Col. Carroll Guy, an Air Force pilot and widower with three daughters. Upon retirement, they moved to Kentucky Lakes and lived there until his death in 2010. Sallie now lives in a retirement community in Crossville,

Tennessee. She has been a hand weaver since 1962; she taught workshops across the US and twice in New Zealand and has produced two instructional videos. She also spins and enjoys watercolor and the role of grandmother and great-grandmother to her eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She can be reached at guy.sallie@gmail.com. . . . **Dvorah Goldman Kolko** writes: "I started at the University as Dvorah Goldman and graduated as Dvorah Kolko, as I married after my junior year. We have four sons: one in Rochester, two in Pittsburgh, and one in New York City. There are seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. I earned a teaching degree in 1949 from Nazareth College and tutor now at 35 schools. I have lived in the same home for 67 years. Hello to everyone." Dvorah can be reached at dmkolko@gmail.com.

1951 Last April, the University of Scranton honored **Dave Ocorr** with the naming of Dave Ocorr Way, a walkway leading to the entrance of the university's new baseball stadium and athletic complex. The walk-

way honors Dave's "leadership, dedication, and contributions to the University of Scranton and the City of Scranton," which he provided as the university's athletic director and baseball coach from 1968 to 1974. Dave also coached at Rochester for 12 years following his service in the Navy and was Rochester's director of athletics from 1974 to 1981.

1952 Shirley Gantz '53N (see '50). . . . **Chesley Kahmann** has released a CD, *Long Live and Love* (Orbiting Clef Productions), her 12th recording with her singing group, the Interludes.

Abbreviations

- E** Eastman School of Music
- M** School of Medicine and Dentistry
- N** School of Nursing
- S** Simon Business School
- W** Warner School of Education
- Mas** Master's degree
- RC** River Campus
- Res** Medical Center residency
- Flw** Postdoctoral fellowship
- Pdc** Postdoctoral certificate

MEDALLION REUNION

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1959 Nancy Bates Carlman

writes that she and **Barbara Merritt Roberts** spent a weekend in May together in Vancouver, British Columbia, where Nancy lives. "We spent our junior year abroad in Edinburgh, Scotland, but we had not seen much of each other since we graduated in 1959. After many years living in Texas, Barbara now lives in Bellingham, Washington, only about 45 minutes from Vancouver. While Barbara was in Vancouver, we took a drive to Whistler, where, instead of skiing, we enjoyed a visit to the Audain Museum of Northwest Coast Art. The photo was taken in the town of Whistler in front of the 2010 Winter Olympics Rings. Perhaps we will make it to our 60th reunion in 2019." . . . **Tom Worosz** writes: "In July 2018, I traveled to Iceland with two of my grandsons, Sam and Jack, for a week of adventure and fun. We learned about Viking culture, saw magnificent scenery, whitewater rafted in 50-degree water, snorkeled in the Silfra Rift's freezing clear water, and enjoyed the comforting warm waters of the Blue Lagoon. The boys had a great time, and I am able to say, 'Been there, done that.' I created a blog that details our adventures with prose and pictures at www.papasicelandadventure.blogspot.com." Tom sends a photo of him and his grandsons in their drysuits, dressed for snorkeling. He adds that he also "took a month-long trip in August: eight days through the Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania followed by a 22-day journey throughout Poland, birthplace of my father. I hope to see you at our 60th reunion in fall 2019."



1951 Ocorr



1959 Carlman



1959 Worosz



1962 Rosen

1960 Lt. Col. **Don Hart**, retired from the Air Force, was presented with the Governor's Veterans Service Award by Florida Governor Rick Scott. The ceremony was held at Camp K-9, the headquarters of K-9s for Warriors in Ponte Vedra, Florida, where Don has volunteered in various capacities for a number of years. The organization is the nation's largest provider of service dogs to military veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI).

1962 John Marciano is coauthor of *The Russians Are Coming, Again: The First* CONTINUED ON PAGE 65



1964 Allen

SENSATIONAL 65TH: Members of the Class of 1953—John Braund, Ray Hasenauer, James Symonds (back row); Anthony DiVasto, John Schottmiller, Joan Riley Pitts—celebrated as part of Rochester’s Medallion Reunion program, which recognizes graduates after their 50th-reunion year.



MELIORA WEEKEND: REUNION 2018
Celebrating Reunion

More than 1,100 alumni celebrated class reunions during Meliora Weekend in October. As part of each milestone gathering—this fall marked the five-year intervals for class years ending in 3 and 8—members of the classes gather for activities and other events, including dinners at venues on campus and throughout Rochester.

For more about reunion, visit Rochester.edu/melioraweekend.



2013



1993



1978



1983



2008





ROCHESTER: Acoye Downer '21 (foreground), Gabriel Guisado '19, and Julia Norwood '20 of the National Society of Black Engineers join alumni and others to ready the grounds for the change of seasons at the M. K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence.

GLOBAL DAY OF SERVICE

Making a Difference

Alumni bring the spirit of Meliora to their local communities.

More than 250 alumni, parents, and friends in 18 cities volunteered to help their home communities with gardening, tree planting, collecting and sorting food and supplies, and taking part in other service projects to mark Rochester's second annual Global Day of Service in September. Modeled on Wilson Day, the University's annual day of community service for first-year students, the day is organized by alumni volunteers who work with local community organizations and nonprofit agencies to marshal people to help with select projects.

Drawing inspiration from a famous saying of George Eastman's—"What we do during our work hours determines what we have; what we do in our leisure hours determines who we are"—volunteers shared the spirit of Meliora with communities in New York City, Baltimore, San Francisco, Phoenix, Denver, Rochester, Boston, and many others. **R**

For more about the annual Day of Global Service, visit Rochester.edu/alumni/service.



BALTIMORE: Genevieve Chawluk '04 (left); Dino La Fiandra '91; his daughter, Olivia; Lisa Corbett, the sister of Ruth Ann Scoles '09; Jackie La Fiandra '92; Elisabeth Mekosh '11; and Scoles (back to the camera) assemble food packages at the Baltimore Hunger Project. The organization, which was founded by Lynne Kahn '91, helps support children who don't have adequate access to food by delivering supplies to families during the weekends, when kids are out of school.



SAN FRANCISCO: Arden Witheford '12, Cara Kessler '15, Kaitlin Carragher '12, and Eva Hansen '18 work with Friends of the Urban Forest, an organization that helps add and maintain greenery in neighborhoods in San Francisco.



NEW YORK CITY: Before fanning out to help deliver Meals on Wheels to home-bound seniors in the Bronx, alumni and friends mark the day with a photo: (back row, left to right) Tavrean Parker, Lee Burnley '83, Elana Naimi '17, Clara Choi '17, David Bournas-Ney, Emily Hart '12, Joshua McCough '17, Jason Wang '09, Alex Gifford '13, and Micheleen Karnacewicz '83; (front row) Samantha Lish '16, Ellen Swanson, and Mavis Gifford '13.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 61 *Cold War as Tragedy, the Second as Farce* (Monthly Review Press). John is a longtime activist and professor emeritus of education at SUNY-Cortland. . . . **Bob Mead** has been recognized for his leadership of the systems integration division of the Lone Star Unmanned Aerial Systems Center of Excellence and Innovation at Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi. The integration division has ranked first for the last three years. . . . **Arthur Rosen** '68 (PhD) sends a photo of himself and his youngest grandson, Ross, during Ross's Bar Mitzvah at the Western Wall in Jerusalem last August (see page 61). . . . **Tom Tiffany** has written and illustrated a book of poetry and other writings, *Life Doesn't Rhyme with Orange* (CreateSpace), relaying life lessons he's learned from experience over the years.

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1964 Tina VanRensselaer Allen sends a photo and writes: "These 13 women first met at Frosh Camp in September 1960, as entering members of the Class of 1964. Over the last two decades they have met every two or three years in locations ranging from Napa Valley to Charleston, South Carolina, to celebrate and renew their friendships. This year's gathering took place in Washington, D.C., in June." Pictured from left to right on page 61 are **Joan Bertinelli Tobey, Judy Swoyer Johnstone, Marcia Canary Babb, Bonnie Kerzman Cook, Jean Bunting Mitchell, Ann Abelow Siegel, Patricia Earnest, Tina, Linda Sanders Warner, Carole Leone, Patti Lorbach DiBella, Judith Sutton Drake** '65W (MA), and **Bonnie Fish Welch** '64N. . . . **Marion Bartlett VanArsdell** has published a book, *"I Teached Him to Talk": Stories of Children with Autism* (Levellers Press). Marion chronicles two years she spent with children participating in an intensive public school program she designed for young children with autism spectrum disorder.

1965 Gary Noyes '67 (MS) (see '51 Graduate).

1966 Betsey Weingart Cullen and **Nancy Sharples** send a photo from a minireunion in Chautauqua. Pictured are (first row, left to right) **Cheryl Anderson Jolley,**



1966 Cullen and Sharples

Barbett Wikfield Wood '66N, **Sandy Didenko Varney, Alice Reid Beckwith, Cathy Feuer Owen, Sue Ellen Kraff Liebman, Helen Scannell Thomas** '66N, **Marion Marsh Nesterenko**; (second row, left to right) **Carol Gill Anderson, Gail Bass Arnoff, Meichelle Hull Norell, Nancy, Rosalie Elespuru Lijinsky, Margaret Clarey Mendrykowski, Sheila Taylor Knopke**; (third row, left to right) **Charlotte Olson Roth** '84N, **Bonnie McLellan Brewer, Janet Ingalls Burchett** '69W (MA), **Martha Turner Johnstone, Dorothy Lebach, Betsey, Kristin Bing Peckman, Gail Rowell Starr**; (top row, left to right) **Pat Erdle Anderson, Jane Davis Torrens** '68W (MA), **Sharon Porter Kavanagh, Mary Whittlesey, Phyllis Dalton Modley, and Jane Speyer Weber** '67W (MA).

1967 Ira Schildkraut writes that he has completed 50 years of secondary school teaching: 35 years at Freeport High School in Freeport, Long Island, New York, followed by 15 years to date at Rambam Mesivta High School in Lawrence, Long Island, and Shalhevet High School for Girls in North Woodmere, Long Island. He continues at Shalhevet in the fall, beginning his 51st year of teaching. . . . **George Shaw** is coauthor of *Navigating the Energy Maze: The Transition to a Sustainable Future* (Springer). He's a professor emeritus of geology at Union College in Schenectady, New York. . . .

Bernie Zimmerman is chair of the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission and coauthor of *Exploring Nevada County: Historical Landmarks* (You Bet Press).

1968 Susan Testa Hawkshaw writes that she's published a book, *Aldo Parisot, The Cellist: The Importance of the Circle* (Boydell & Brewer). Parisot retired in June after 60 years at the Yale School of Music. Susan is a musicologist on the faculties of both Albertus Magnus College and the University of New Haven. . . . **Chuck Smith** writes: "After retiring from the EPA and then working part-time for the EPA for another 12 years, I am finally fully retired. I have begun to send some of my short plays to far-flung community theaters. *Meeting Acute* was done in Tampa; *Fluent* was done in Pennsylvania near Penn State and in Flagstaff, Arizona; and *Romantic Comradery* was done this summer in a local Virginia one-act festival and won Best Actress, Best Original Production, and Best Script."

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1969 Sharon Fralonardo Chiumento '69N has published a book, *Prehospital Detective: Analyzing Clues to Enhance Patient Care* (Sharon Chiumento), a handbook for EMS and other prehospital care providers. "My career has bridged both nursing and EMS as a paramedic through the years," she writes. The book "compiles much of

the information I gleaned through my career along with many recent updates, into a resource book that can be utilized by anyone involved in treating patients in the prehospital environment."

1971 Clayton Press has written a book, *Reds* (Linn Press), offering commentary to accompany the exhibit of the Mnychin Gallery in New York City that explores artists' use of the color red over a 60-year period following World War II. A noted art collector, Clayton is a contributing journalist for *Forbes* and

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an adjunct professor in art market economics and history at New York University.

1972 Eliza Rogers Gouverneur, a retired librarian who raised four children, has published a poetry collection, *Kiddushin* (Modern Memoirs), that deals with “moments in the life of a contemporary Jewish family, touching on the joys and loneliness of a wife, the intersection of Shabbat and Little League, and the humor and struggle of raising adolescents.”

1973 Thanet Aphornsuwan has published a translation into Thai of Karl Marx’s *Pre-Capitalist Economic Formations* (Sommadhi Press). Thanet is the director of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations studies program at the University of Thammasat in Bangkok. . . . **Penny Drue Baird**, an internationally recognized interior designer and founder of the firm Dessin, has published her fourth book, *On Interior Design* (Images Publishing).

. . . **Barry Friedman** writes: “It’s a small world after all! Forty-five years after graduation, **Paul Babiarz** and I work together as professors in the business school at the State University of New York at Oswego. I earned my PhD in industrial/organizational psychology soon after graduation, worked in industry for 25 years, then joined the faculty at SUNY Oswego. Paul enjoyed industry leadership roles in process improvement, international marketing, and earned three patents for new products.” . . . **Nina Ginsberg** was sworn in as president-elect of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers at the group’s annual meeting last July. Nina is a founding partner of the firm DiMuro Ginsberg in Alexandria, Virginia, outside Washington, D.C. . . . **Steven Hahn** has been elected cochair of the Pulitzer Prize Board, on which he’s served since 2011. A professor of history at New York University, Steven won the Pulitzer Prize for history in 2004 for *A Nation Under Our Feet: Black Political Struggles in the Rural South from Slavery to the Great Migration* (Harvard University Press).

1977 Peter Friedenberg, a partner in the Boston law firm Sherin and Lodgen specializing in real estate law, has been included in the 2019 edition of the *Best Lawyers in America*. . . . **Harold Paz** ’82M (MD) has been named by *Modern Healthcare* as among the “50 Most



1973 Friedman



1980 Holtzer



1981 Graham

Influential Physician Executives and Leaders.” Harold is executive vice president and chief medical officer of Aetna and an adjunct professor of internal medicine at the Yale University School of Medicine. He’s also the former senior vice president for health affairs and dean of the College of Medicine at the Pennsylvania State University and CEO of the Penn State Hershey Medical Center and Health System.



1979 Schreiber

1978 Michael Corp—chair of the tax, trusts, and estates and elder law and special needs departments at the Syracuse law firm Hancock Estabrook—has been selected for inclusion in upstate New York *Super Lawyers* for 2018. . . . **Leslie Dunner** has been named conductor of the Academy Orchestra at the Interlochen Center for the Arts in Interlochen, Michigan. He was previously music director of Chicago’s South Shore Opera Company.

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1979 Bob Bly has published *Charles Proteus Steinmetz: The Electrical Wizard of Schenectady* (Quill Driver Books), a biography of the scientist who developed the technology that underlies the modern electrical power grid. The book contains a foreword by Richard Heist, the professor of chemical engineering at Rochester who taught Bob thermodynamics. . . . **Rick Peltzman** (see ‘11). . . . **Elliot Schreiber** writes that he was vacationing in France when he

met **Christine Wilcosz-Thompson** ’54E, who, like him, was staying at Château Dordogne. “I hoped I could pick up a few musical tips from Christine, who has been a talented musician for over eight decades,” he writes. Elliot lives in New York City and is counsel at Assured Guaranty, and Christine lives in Chatham, Ontario, where she teaches voice, piano, and music theory. . . . **Marty Stern** ’80S (MBA) (see ‘11).

1980 Amy Goldblatt Holtzer writes that she and several classmates got together for a James Taylor/Eagles concert in Washington, D.C., last summer. Pictured from left to right are Amy, **Susan Elbe**, and **Susan Eckstein Gaynor**.

1981 Dan Blumenthal was elected as fellow of the National Academy of Inventors. According to the academy’s website, “The NAI Fellows Program was established to highlight academic inventors who have demonstrated a prolific spirit of innovation in creating or facilitating outstanding inventions that have

made a tangible impact on quality of life, economic development, and the welfare of society.” The program has 912 fellows worldwide representing more than 250 universities and governmental and nonprofit research institutes.” As a group, fellows hold more than 32,000 issued US patents which have generated more than 9,400 licensed technologies and companies. Dan is a professor of electrical and computer engineering at the University of California at Santa Barbara. . . . **Tony Graham** writes on behalf of several of his Theta Chi brothers who attended a Theta Chi reunion on Long Island in September. Tony, **Mark Taft**, **Michael Tatarek**, **George Roden** '83S (MBA), **David Friedman**, **William Hermance**, and **Wally Wolf** were among those who gathered for “lots of laughs recalling classes, spring on the Fraternity Quad, road trips, Theta Chi events, the Rathskeller (the “Rat”), our cooking, and Genesee Beer.” . . . **Karin Roberts** writes: “After 19 years at the *New York Times*, I’m now working for NBC News Digital as a news editor. I started on the news desk in February and am now working for the medical unit as a health editor.” Karin invites health news pitches from classmates at karin.roberts@nbcuni.com.

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1984 Steve Zoeller writes: “I returned to campus along the route I took many times while attending the U of R on my bike! The 7-day, 380-mile ride took me from Dutchess County, New York, over the Catskills, along the Southern Tier, into a detour into Pennsylvania, and through the Finger Lakes Region. If you’re interested in going for a ride or just getting in touch, contact me at steven.zoeller@gmail.com.”

1985 Sascha Feinstein has edited *Understanding Hans Hofmann: Reflections by Sam Feinstein* (Provincetown Arts Press), a book of reflections by his father, artist Sam Feinstein, on his friend and fellow abstract expressionist painter. Sascha is the Robert L. and Charlene Shangraw Professor of English at Lycoming College.

1987 Dave Abrams (see '89). . . . **Julie Taddeo** '97 (PhD) is coeditor and contributor to *Conflicting Masculinities: Men in Television Period Drama* (I.B. Tauris). She

teaches Victorian and 20th-century British culture at the University of Maryland, College Park.

1988 Capt. **John (JC) Carter** (see '89). . . . Capt. **Scott Duggan** (see '89).

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1989 Ken Carter has been named vice president of claims at Merchants Insurance Group in Buffalo. . . .

Jennifer Traylor Kruschwitz '95 (MS) is an assistant professor at the Institute of Optics and has published a book, *Field Guide to Colorimetry and Fundamental Color Modeling* (SPIE Press). . . . “Hello from West Africa,” writes **David Stier**. “I am a member of the United States Foreign Service and I am completing my two-year tour of duty here at the US Embassy in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, before returning to Washington.” He sends a photo and notes that the monument behind him is the Monument to Martyrs, a national war memorial. . . . **Mark Zaid** writes that Capt. **Scott Duggan** '88, who began his naval career as an NROTC at Rochester, retired after 30 years of service. Mark and several Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers attended Scott’s retirement party. Mark sends a group shot of (left to right) **Dave Abrams** '87, Capt. **Scott Fuller** '91, Capt. **John (JC) Carter** '88, Mark, and **Royce Haddad** '91.

1990 Jason Korosec writes that he’s joined Roku to lead the development of Roku Pay. After several months traveling back and forth between the company’s New York City and California offices, he now works in the company’s Los Gatos, California, office, and lives with his family nearby. . . . **John Sotomayor**, publisher and executive editor of start-up magazines *Elevate* and Spanish-language counterpart *Elevar*, writes that *Elevar* and *Elevate* received the Charlie Award (first place) and Silver (second place), respectively, for Best Digital-Only Magazine at the 2018 Florida Magazine Association Charlie Awards banquet last August in Orlando. (See photo, page 68.)

1991 Christine Flanagan, an associate professor of English at the University of the Sciences, in Philadelphia, has published the book *The Letters of Flannery O’Connor and Caroline Gordon* (University of Georgia Press). . . . Capt. **Scott**



1984 Zoeller



1989 Stier



1989 Duggan



1990 Sotomayor



1995 Spivak



1998 Koenig



1999 Gong



2001 Patounas



2002 Pomerleau



2009 Padmaraju



2009 Ziegler

Fuller (see '89). . . **Royce Haddad** (see '89).

1992 Donald Chilcote writes, "I've been quite busy in the last couple of years, writing original and hymn-tune preludes for church services in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio." Donald has also written several travelogues. He maintains a website at 88keys4kids.com.

1993 Abe Dewing and **Robert Lee** send photos from an Alumni Relations-sponsored minireunion of Boston-area alumni (See "Boston Alumni Bash," right).

1995 Andy Spivak writes: "In September 1991, my wife, **Jill Robinson Spivak**, and I met for the first time while living on the second floor of the Susan B. Anthony dorm. Somehow, we hadn't been back to campus as a couple since we graduated 23-plus years ago! It was absolutely surreal to now share our beloved campus with our three beautiful children, Claire, 9, Ray, 7, and Kate, 2. WE – R (clap, clap), U – R (clap clap)!"

1996 Christine Tebaldi Eldin '96N, '01N (MS) (see '98). . . **Jonathan Hovey** graduated last May with a master of science degree in strategic analytics from Brandeis University. He's a senior data analyst at Dell in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, and is married to **Michelle Boucher Hovey**. They have two boys, Ethan, 9, and Matthew, 7, and live in Grafton. . . **Laura Stevens** has been promoted to executive vice president and general counsel of the education and technology company Cengage, in Boston.

1997 Michael Goldberg (see '98).

1998 Lindsay Greene Koenig writes that she and several classmates had a minireunion in Newton, Massachusetts. Pictured are (back row, left to right) Lindsay, **Becka Hart Goldberg**, **Lorye Wexler Peddie**, **Christine Tebaldi Eldin** '96, '96N, '01N (MS), **Amy DiVirgilio Fanikos**; (front row) **Tim Fanikos**, and **Michael Goldberg** '97.

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1999 Marla Bruns '00M (MS) was featured in *Neurology Today* in an article titled "Off the Clock: Marla Bruns, MD, PhD Dancing through Life—Why She Trades Her Doctor's

Jacket for Ballroom Glitz." A neurologist with Rochester Regional Health, Marla competes in ballroom tournaments. She writes: "I do reference the annual Viennese Ball! I'm a dementia specialist, though, not a movement disorder specialist as misprinted." . . . **Amanda Cronkhite** writes: "I successfully defended my dissertation in political science at the University of Illinois on June 22. My research specialty is political communication and behavior, with a focus on Latin America. In July, I started a position as a post-doctoral researcher at the Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania." . . . **Melissa Gong** sends a photo and writes: "My family vacation included an impromptu visit to the U of R. I was so happy to share the campus with my kids. I also had an amazing journey switching careers recently to become an intensive-care-unit RN on Long Island. Thank you to the summer ambassadors we bumped into who helped to take this gorgeous family photo." . . . **Stephanie Rickard** is an associate professor of political science at the London School of Economics and has published *Spending to Win: Political Institutions, Economic Geography, and Government Subsidies* (Cambridge University Press).

2001 Ellie Patounas welcomed a second daughter, Katerina, last May. She sends a picture of Katerina with her big sister, Ourania.

2002 Marcel Pomerleau sends a photo and writes about his participation in Pride last June. "At Skydive California in Tracy, California (one hour east of San Francisco), we celebrated with the Pride Boogie." The photo shows Marcel (second from the left) participating "in a rainbow smoke jump," in which jumpers prepare to unfurl a rainbow flag.

2008 Mark DiFiore has been named a partner at Davis Polk & Wardwell in New York City. He is part of the firm's derivatives and structured products group. . . **Julie Grossman** writes that she was named the 2017-18 Maryland School Psychologist of the Year. She sends a photo of herself with her award, which she won after four years as a school psychologist in Prince Georges County Public Schools. Julie provides individual and group counseling to students at three elementary schools, consults with teachers, and conducts psychological assess-



BOSTON: From the Class of 1993, (front row) Abe and Robert; (back row) Mary Ruhl, Shari Freidkin Noe, Jennifer McMahan Gonzalez, Kim O'Brien Roskiewicz, Michelle Wertz, and Cathy Coniaris Vakalopoulos.



ALUMNI: Philip Katz '12, Samara Schwartz '11, Paul Alperin '11, Bekah Goldstein '11, Roy Mounier '96, and Kim Etingoff '10.



BASH: Kim Etingoff '10, Mariana Stone '11, Bekah Goldstein '11, and Samara Schwartz '11.

A Boston Alumni Bash

Last September, 25th reunion committee member **Abe Dewing** '93 organized a Boston-area alumni minireunion at Buff's Pub in Newton, Massachusetts. The gathering, facilitated by the Office of Alumni Relations, attracted quite a few alumni from the Class of 1993 as well as other, more recent graduates. Abe and **Robert Lee** '93 share group photos from the event. **B**

ments for special education. In addition, she designs and implements school-wide activities promoting children's mental health. In 2017, one of her schools was recognized as a "champion school" by the Children's Mental Health Matters Campaign in Maryland." Julie also serves parents of children with educational disabilities, teaches a class on behavior management for employees in her school district, and trains fellow school psychologists.

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2009 Kishore Padmaraju writes that he married Komal Patel and sends a photo from the wedding. Pictured on page 68 are (from left to right) **Matt Magill**, **Scott Herman**, **Aja Kalkanoglu** '12N, **Aaron Gelinne**, **Megan Saunders** '10W (MS), **Noah Bennett**, **Matt Au**, **Gena Akers**, Komal, **Ben Hardy**, Kishore, **Derek Smith**, **Jon Widawsky** '07, **Tyler Kieft**, and **John Kreckel**. . . . **Amanda Ziegler** '10 (KEY) writes that she married Jason Watrous last May. Pictured on page 68 are (back row, left to right) Ky Lynch, **Michelle Desrosiers Heckman** '13W (MS), **Derek Crowe**, **Dawn Ryan**, **Lynne Klasko-Foster** '05, and **Jason Ludwig**; (front row, left to right) **Gracie Weinstein** '11, Amanda, Jason, **Deborah Philbrick**, and **Alicia Oddo** '11W (MS).

2011 Andrew Otis writes: "My book, *Hicky's Bengal Gazette: The Untold Story of India's First Newspaper*, published by Westland Books, came out in print last May. It is only available in India so far (due to foreign rights), but should hopefully be coming out in the US next year. Much of my research for this book came from my fellowships (O'Hern and Fulbright) so I have U of R to thank for much of this work." . . . **Aigerim Raimzhanova** has published a book, *Hard, Soft, and Smart Power: Education as a Power Resource* (Peter Lang). She earned a master's degree from Regents University in London, a PhD from the University of Bucharest and the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy in Berlin, and now teaches at Kazakh National University. . . . **Ben Witten** '12S (MS), '13S (MBA) works as a product marketing manager for End Point, a company cofounded by **Rick Peltzman** '79. "I first connected with Rick through **Marty Stern** '79, '80S (MBA) while I was serving on the Simon School Alumni Board



2012 Richlin

with Marty in Washington, D.C.," Ben writes. He adds that End Point develops Liquid Galaxy, an immersive panoramic media platform which has been used in events worldwide.

2012 Anna Richlin married Michael Millstein in Rockleigh, New Jersey, last May. Pictured from left to right are **Susanna Virgilio**, Anna, Michael, **Alyssa Epstein** '11, **Emily Duke Lappegaard** '11, and **Judith Plasky** '14.

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2014 Dan Gorman '17 (MA) writes he published an article, "Abner Woolman's Colonial World: Quaker Politics and Literature Before the American Revolution," in the fall 2018 issue of *Quaker History*. . . . **Nicole Zizzi** had work she choreographed showcased at the Boston Contemporary Dance Festival last

August. Nicole performed her piece with Evolve Dynamicz, a modern and contemporary dance collective in Boston.

Graduate
ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

1951 Gary Noyes '65, '67 (MS) shares the news that **Bob Ginsberg** (MS), a longtime friend of Gary's and fellow optics alumnus, died in July. "I first met Bob while I was a grad student at the Institute of Optics and he was instrumental in introducing me to Hughes Aircraft Co., where I wound up working for 30-plus years," Gary writes. Bob was born in North Dakota to Lithuanian Jewish immigrant parents. Before college, he served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and was navigator of a B-24 Liberator bomber on missions in Italy, Germany, and

Austria. After he earned his graduate degree at the Institute of Optics, Bob spent most of his career at Hughes Aircraft, where he worked on projects related to the US space program. But he began his career in Rochester at Bausch & Lomb, followed by four years as a research associate at the Institute of Optics, where he help fabricate special lenses for the wide-angle movie process first used in *Oklahoma!*

1966 Larry Klein (MS) has published *ITS Sensors and Architectures for Traffic Management and Connected Vehicles* (Taylor and Francis), his 10th book. He's a systems engineer and a leader in the development of worldwide standards to evaluate traffic sensors.

1967 Gary Noyes (MS) (see '51).

1968 Arthur Rosen (PhD) (see '62 College).

1970 Joseph Amato (PhD) has published a work of historical fiction set in the 1850s, *Buffalo Man: Life of a Boy Giant on the Minnesota River* (Crossings Press).

1984 Bharat Trehan (PhD) (see '88).

1986 Prakash Loungani (PhD) (see '88).

1988 Carsten Kowalczyk (PhD), an associate professor of international economics at Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, is the coauthor of



2013G Gaylo and Moynihan

Globalization: Strategies and Effects (Stringer-Verlag). Contributors also include **Prakash Loungani** '86 (PhD) and **Bharat Trehan** '84 (PhD), as well as Ronald Jones, a professor emeritus of economics at Rochester.

1995 Jennifer Traylor Kruschwitz (MS) (see '89 College).

1997 Julie Taddeo (PhD) (see '87 College). . . **Lynn Vavreck** (PhD) is a coauthor of *Identity Crisis: The 2016 Presidential Campaign and the Battle for the Meaning of America* (Princeton University Press). She's a professor of political science and communication studies at the University of California, Los Angeles.

2000 Marla Bruns (MS) (see '99 College).

2008 Catherine Marsh Agar (MA) has published *52 Words: A Vocabulary of Spiritual Mindfulness* (Verbal Images Press). She teaches writing at Keuka College.

2010 Jeremy Saucier (PhD) has coauthored *A History of Video Games in 64 Objects* (Dey Street Books). Jeremy is assistant vice president for interpretation and electronic games at the Strong National Museum of Play and editor of the *American Journal of Play*.

2013 Matt Moynihan (PhD) writes that he and **Alison Gaylo** '16M (PhD), '18M (MD) were married at Colgate Divinity School in Rochester. They're living in Pittsburgh, where Matt is a senior nuclear engineer at Bechtel and Alison is starting a dermatology residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Pictured from left to right are **Andy Cox** '16M (PhD), '18M (MD), **Kyle Koster** '16M (MS), '18M (MD), **Sam Carrell** '16M (PhD), '18M (MD), **Ellie Frett Carrell** '16M (PhD), **Megan Cox** '13M (MD), '16M (Res), **Sade Fridy** '16M (MPH), **Adrienne Chesser** '15M (PhD), '17M (MD), **David Bruestle** '08E, '09RC, '17M (PhD), and **Katie Herman** '08E, '09RC, '17M (PhD).

2017 Dan Gorman (MA) (see '14 College). . . **Mitch Gruber** (PhD) was elected to the Rochester City Council in 2017. He's also the chief program officer at the nonprofit Foodlink. . . **Justin Winkler** (PhD) has joined the Institute for Defense Analyses in Alexandria, Virginia, as a research staff member.



1983E Salimando-Porter



1991E Lanners

Eastman School of Music

1954 Christine Wilcosz-Thompson (see '79 College).

1958 Francis Brancalone writes that two of his articles have been published in the spring 2018 issue of *Sacred Music*: "Georgia Stevens, R.S.C.J., Indefatigable Educator, and the Pius X School of Liturgical Music" and "Recollections and Reflections on the Palestrina Institute of Ecclesiastical Music: A Pioneer in Catholic Liturgical Music Education in Detroit (1943-1970)." He adds that he was also a coach for the one-piano, four-hands ensembles round of the New York International Piano Competition last June. "One ensemble I coached won first prize and another shared second prize," he writes. Francis has served on the screening panel for the competition since its inception in 2002.

1966 John Russo and the Tompkins County History Center have published *Ithaca Our Home: A Forty-Year Odyssey in Tompkins County* (History Center in Tompkins County). John writes that the book, which comes with a CD of his songs, is "a review of my life in music, here in the cultural and educational center of my native Finger Lakes." He adds that his musical odyssey "is a result of the great education I received at Eastman and the U of R 60 years ago."

1969 Vivian Goh (see '01).

1970 Robert Silverman (DMA) writes that he celebrated his 80th birthday "with all-Chopin recitals in several cities including Toronto and Vancouver, and a CD release of the composer's four scherzi on Marquis Classics." The latest recording is a follow-up to his 2017 album, *Chopin's Last Waltz* (IsoMike), which won the Best of the Month citation

from *Stereophile*. . . **Chris Vadala** writes that he celebrated 25 years as a professor of saxophone and director of jazz studies, with the title of Distinguished Scholar-Teacher, at the University of Maryland School of Music this year. In addition, he marks 25 years as first-call saxophonist with the National Symphony Orchestra.

1977 James McVoy (PhD) has published a book, *Fifty Birds in Fifty States* (James McVoy), telling of the 13-year quest of his and his wife, Sue, to identify 50 bird species in each of the 50 states. James is a professor emeritus of music theory and composition at West Chester University and a volunteer at Tri-State Bird Rescue in Newark, Delaware.

1981 Composer and vocalist **Akmal Parwez** (PhD) writes that last December, he attended performances of his "Vanishing Spring" for alto saxophone and harp at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and of his "Happy Bells!" for mezzo-soprano, baritone, viola and piano at the Wild Goose Creative in Columbus, Ohio. In August, he was invited to sing at both of the Pakistani and Indian Independence Day celebrations organized by Queens Borough President Melinda Katz. He performed his settings of Urdu ghazals by his father, Afzal Parwez, Iqbal, and other poets, and Punjabi and Persian mystic poems of Bulhe Shah and Amir Khusrau. . . **Lucy Warner** (MA) has published her second children's book, *Zap! Bam! Now! Superheroes of Music* (Spring Promise Productions) featuring 12 more famous composers as superheroes. She's the chair of the music department at the Browning School in New York City.

1983 Lori Salimando-Porter sends a photo from the United States Military Academy Band, West Point, alumni weekend last June. She writes that the band performed "Quadrille" by Joseph Turrin, who received an honorary degree from Eastman in 2006. Included in the picture are Joseph Turrin (second from left), **Matthew Wozniak** '94, '97 (MA), '97 (MM) (third from left), and Lori (second from right).

1987 Lim Soon Lee (see '01).

1991 Tom Lanners (DMA), a professor of piano at Oklahoma



BUSINESS LEADERS: Kate Washington '04S (MBA) and Sean Flaherty '97, '06S (MBA) lead the Simon Business School's Alumni Board.

ALUMNI LEADERS

Meet the Cochairs: Simon Alumni Board

The Simon Alumni Board, a group of 30 business leaders, meets formally, hosts events, and shares advice with those who steer the school. But for cochairs Kate Washington '04S (MBA) and Sean Flaherty '97, '06S (MBA), the board they've led since its inception in 2016 is really about demonstrating ways alumni can help current and future students.

"Simon changed my life," says Flaherty, executive vice president of strategy at ITX Corp., a Rochester-based IT services and consulting company. "The school gave me a world-class education and it helped me build my network. This benefits not only the individual but also the school and the community at large."

Washington—the CEO of OWN Rochester, a nonprofit organization that helps launch worker-owned cooperatives in the community—agrees. "Our focus is on creating an environment for students to seek out the resources they need to launch their careers, be they connections to people or specific organizations, affinity groups, or areas of concentration."

Washington worked in the for-profit realm before her current position and served in board positions at various nonprofits. A professionally trained musician, she was an early, key supporter of Gateways Music Festival, which celebrates professional classical musicians of African descent. Her nonlinear career path resonates with students. "Most of my peers came from finance. Their goal was Wall Street, whereas today many want to bring their business acumen to the nonprofit world or as industry consultants."

Washington is most proud of the group's influence on Simon's culture. "Now more than ever, there are increased opportunities for students to learn from each other's diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and cultures. This helps build understanding while giving space for students to retain their identities and individual perspectives."

Says Flaherty: "I'm a huge fan of the Simon brand and I do what I can to promote and protect it. This includes supporting some of our employees as they earn their business degrees here."

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—KRISTINE THOMPSON

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State University, writes that he taught at two international summer music festivals in 2018: the *AmiCaFest* in Italy in June and the *Shanghai International Piano Festival and Institute* in China in July. He writes: "My teaching and performing colleagues were eminent pianists and pedagogues who serve as faculty members at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, the Moscow Conservatory, the Manhattan School, Eastman, the New England Conservatory, and the Shanghai Conservatory, along with recent top prize-winners of the Chopin Competition in Warsaw and the Sydney Competition in Australia." In October, he served as a judge for the Texas Music Teachers Association's annual competitions and presented a session at the Music Teachers National Association convention in Washington, D.C. Pictured on page 71 are Tom (at far right) with (from left to right) Maxim Mogilevsky of the New England Conservatory faculty, Yuri Didenko of the Moscow Conservatory, and **Zhe Tang '04** (DMA) of the Shanghai Conservatory.

1993 Linda Lister (MM) has released a CD, *Pleas to Famous Fairies* (Albany Records), including original compositions which she performs with pianist Amanda Johnston.

1994 Matthew Wozniak '97 (MA), '97 (MM) (see '83).

2001 Joshua Tan Kang Ming, associate conductor of the Singapore Symphony, has been appointed to the additional post of principal conductor of the Singapore National Youth Orchestra. The youth orchestra was founded by **Vivian Goh '69** in 1980. **Lim Soon Lee '87** was the principal conductor from 2005 to 2010.

2002 Andrea Kalyn (PhD) has been named president of the New England Conservatory, the first woman to hold the post in the institution's 151 years. Previously, she was dean of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music.

2004 Greg Hershberger writes: "I've rescued two rat terriers, Toogie and Ella, and applied for continuing studies at Washington State University in Pullman. Among other things, I have a Bar Method yoga gym that I attend a few times a year. Also, after about 10 years of yoga practice, I began to study the

barre method for improved marathon strength. There's a pretty good correlation." . . . **Zhe Tang** (DMA) (see '91).

2013 Lauren Haley has published a book, *Kids Aren't Lazy: Developing Motivation and Talent through Music* (PDP). She's a violin and viola teacher and founder of the Lauren Haley Studios in Houston, Texas.

2016 Phil Pierick (DMA) has released a CD, *Saxo Voce* (New Focus Recordings), along with fellow saxophonist Noa Even. Phil and Noa make up the duo Ogni Suono. The CD contains seven commissioned works, including one by **Zach Sheets** (MM).

School of Medicine and Dentistry

1962 Geoffrey Sperber (MS) has published a third edition of *Craniofacial Embryogenetics and Development* (People's Medical Publishing House), incorporating new findings in embryonic research. He's a professor emeritus of medicine and dentistry at the University of Alberta.

1964 Larry Nazarian (MD), '66 (Res) writes: "With sadness I report the passing of **Steve Kunitz** (MD), in April. After completing his training as a physician, Steve earned a master's degree in the history of medicine and a PhD in sociology. A prolific researcher and writer, he became an expert in the sociology of medical knowledge, the history of medicine, and the relationship between social change and morbidity and mortality. Widely traveled, Steve worked with natives of the Polynesian Islands, Australian aboriginal people, and the Navajo people, among others. His career involved many years on the faculty of the School of Medicine and Dentistry. He is remembered by his friends for his superb intellect and his wonderful sense of humor, manifested often by outrageous puns. Steve is survived by his wife, Izzie, daughter Lisa, son Daniel, and grandchildren Rachel and Joseph."

1979 Elizabeth Warner (MD), '83 (Res) is the coauthor, with **Adrienne Bonham '10S** (MS), '01M (Res) and James Woods, former chair of obstetrics and gynecology at Rochester, of *The Little Book of Menopause: Living*

the Challenges of Breast Cancer (University of Rochester Press). Elizabeth is a clinical professor emeritus of obstetrics and gynecology at Rochester; Adrienne is an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Rochester.

1980 Wendy Schlessel Harpham (MD), a physician and cancer survivor, has published *Healing Hope: Through and Beyond Cancer* (Curant House). "Hope remains a vital element in the illness journey," she writes. "The topic of healing hope will resonate with anyone who has ever been a patient or cared for a patient." . . . **Robert Smith** (Flw) writes that a fourth edition has been published of *Smith's Patient-Centered Interviewing: An Evidence-Based Method* (McGraw-Hill). He adds: "I was a fellow in the consultation liaison group of George Engel in 1979-80 and on faculty as an assistant professor from 1980 to 1984." Robert holds the title University Distinguished Professor and is a professor of medicine and psychiatry at Michigan State University.

1982 Harold Paz (MD) (see '77 College).

1983 Elizabeth Warner (Res) (see '79).

1999 Teresa Herbert (MPH) has been named chief medical officer and vice president of medical affairs at Park Ridge Health in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

2000 Marla Bruns (MS) (see '99 College).

2001 Adrienne Bonham (Res) (see '79).

2004 Roger Di Pietro (Pdc) has published a book, *Decoding Persistent Depression: Book One—Mysteries and Mindsets* (Lulu), the first in a planned series on long-term depression. Roger is a clinical psychologist in private practice with offices in Rochester, Syracuse, and Baldwinsville, New York.

2016 Alison Gaylo (PhD), '18 (MD) (see '13 Graduate).

School of Nursing

1953 Shirley Gantz (see '50 College).

1964 Bonnie Fish Welch (see '64 College).

1966 Helen Scannell Thomas (see '66 College). . . . **Barbett Wikfield Wood** (see '66 College).

1969 Sharon Fralonardo Chiumento (see '69 College).

1984 Charlotte Olson Roth (see '66 College).

1987 Cynthia Connolly (MS), an associate professor of nursing at the University of Pennsylvania, has published *Children and Drug Safety: Balancing Risk and Protection in Twentieth-Century America* (Rutgers University Press).

1996 Christine Tebaldi Eldin '01 (MS) (see '98 College).

Simon Business School

1980 Marty Stern (MBA) (see '11 College).

1983 Panida Chotiyanon (MBA), a lecturer in finance at Thammasat University in Thailand, has coauthored *The Changing Role of the Management Accountants: Becoming a Business Partner* (Palgrave Macmillan). . . . **George Roden** (MBA) (see '81 College).

2004 Jacqueline Spaulding (MBA) writes: "My husband, John, and I moved to our dream destination, Monterey, California. I've been with Fidelity Investments since 2014, have earned my CFP designation, and work with clients on retirement and financial planning. Every time I talk about the efficient frontier, or eat Wendy's chili, I have fond memories of the late Professor Michael Barclay. Although I'm not retired yet, I feel as if I am every weekend, living in a vacation destination. I do not miss the Rochester winters!"

2010 Adrienne Bonham (MS) (see '79 School of Medicine and Dentistry).

2012 Ben Witten (MS), '13 (MBA) (see '11 College).

Warner School of Education

1965 Judith Sutton Drake (MA) (see '64 College).

1967 Jane Speyer Weber (MA) (see '66 College).

1968 Jane Davis Torrens (MA) (see '66 College).

1969 Janet Ingalls Burchett (MA) (see '66 College).

2005 Sue Schultz (EDD) received the 2018 St. John Fisher Trustees' Distinguished Scholar Faculty Award. She's an associate professor at St. John Fisher College's education school.

In Memoriam ALUMNI

Philip H. Tierney '36, June 2018

Eleanor Nicholson Humphrey '37, '41M (MD), June 2018

Marjorie Curtis Smee '41N, June 2018

Newton E. Thomas '42, August 2018

Robert H. Willoughby '42E, March 2018

Martha Nichols Rakita '43, July 2018

Gladys Burdick Becker '44N, May 2018

Roselle Goldstein Fine '44, September 2018

John D. Egan '45, September 2018

Ruth Hagood Lisso '45E, September 2018

Janet Fee Stark '45E, May 2018

Jean Bernhard Williams-Thompson '45, May 2018

William L. Connellee '46, September 2018

Marilyn Lester Losee '46, January 2017

Alta Cilley Palmer '46E, June 2018

Esther Dunn Shur '46, August 2018

Theodore F. Vanzandt '46, '49M (MD), June 2018

Richard E. Carlson '47, September 2018

J. Elizabeth French Engan '47, '47N, September 2018

Jeanette Riley Hunt '47, June 2018

Martha Bolles Keith '47, July 2018

John M. Malloy '47, March 2018

Frederick A. Mosby '47, June 2018

Susan Moore Pope '47, June 2018

Joan Sherwood Beers '48E, July 2018

John N. Campbell '48, May 2018

Peter S. Farrell '48E, '53E (MM), May 2018

Audrey McKissick Fernandez '48, '76 (MA), September 2018

Beth Bishop Flory '48, '50 (MA), May 2018

Louis B. Gordon '48E, '49E (MM), '62E (DMA), August 2018

Betty Jane Newman '48N, September 2018

Alan S. Rabson '48, July 2018

Janet Amendt Groover '49N, August 2018

Annette Wilson Marple '49, September 2018

Ruth Dean Morris '49E (MM), September 2018

Lois Bennett Sheats '49, June 2018

Laure Down Young '49E, August 2018

Barbara Wilt Beam '50, '51N, July 2018

Madeline Goldstein Haft '50, '57M (MS), May 2018

George W. Luckey '50 (PhD), September 2018

Theodore Pella '50, June 2018

Joyce Peters Wheeler '50E (MA), September 2018

John F. Finnerty '51, June 2018

Glenn C. Fowler '51, September 2018

Marilyn Bukowsky Friederich '51E, May 2018

Robert H. Ginsberg '51 (MS), July 2018

Willard F. Gordon '51, July 2018

Elizabeth Mayer Gries '51N, '56, July 2018

Norma Krause Hecker '51N, June 2018

Jean Jefferson Klein '51, June 2018

James A. Parr '51, July 2018

David C. Grimwood '52M (MD), July 2018

Joan Asher Henley '52, July 2018

Halford B. Johnson '52, May 2018

George J. Meyer '52M (MD), July 2018

Kay Sebiry Sarner '52, August 2018

Milada Steiner Vanselow '52, July 2018

A. Ferdinand Bonan '53M (Res), June 2018

TRIBUTE

Tristram Smith: A Humble ‘Rock Star’ of Autism Research

Our university experienced a tremendous loss in August with the sudden passing of Tristram Smith at the age of 57. Tris was the Haggerty-Friedman Endowed Professor in Developmental Behavioral Pediatric Research at the Medical Center. In part due to the far-reaching impact of his clinical autism research, in part because of his quiet wisdom and generosity, and in part because of his kind heart, he was well known, respected, and loved in the autism community in Rochester and nationally.

An early friendship with a young man with autism inspired him to apply to the doctoral program in psychology at the University of California, Los Angeles, where in 1983 he was accepted to work with O. Ivar Lovaas on the UCLA Young Autism Project. The research collaboration between Tris and Lovaas in the late 1980s and early 1990s provided the first demonstration that children with autism spectrum disorder could respond positively to behavioral interventions and that, for some children, intervention resulted in significant gains on assessment and clinical outcomes. This seminal work not only altered conventional wisdom regarding the possibility of interventions in autism, but also ignited advocacy efforts and provided both hope and a plan for many families.

In 2000, Tris joined the faculty of the Medical Center, where an interdisciplinary, federally funded autism research center had been recently established under the leadership of Patricia Rodier. With his collaborators, Tris was awarded a Studies to Advance Autism Research in Treatment (STAART) Center grant, thus beginning a very successful series of funded investigations based in Rochester. Acknowledging the significant role that families play in their children’s treatment, he collaborated on several multisite projects involving parents as well as children to address disruptive behavior and feeding challenges. Always mindful of how his research translated into meaningful outcomes for families, Tris recently focused much of his work on the application of evidence-based interventions in real-world settings. Through extensive collaborations with the community and researchers around the country, Tris led studies designed to support parents, educators, and other school personnel in helping children with autism access appropriate and high-quality services in home and public school settings—often with an emphasis on families who are traditionally under-represented in research.

Tris will be equally remembered for his kindness, integrity, creativity, and a quick and dry wit. Despite his many influential

accomplishments, we remember him as a gentle and compassionate person who shied away from the spotlight in favor of highlighting his collaborators and students. His collaborator, division chief, and friend of many years, the physician Susan Hyman, who often described Tris as a “rock star” in autism research, said, “He may have been unassuming, but when he spoke, everyone would listen.”

In his time at Rochester, he became a valued mentor to numerous students and other trainees. Many of us sought him out for his wisdom, and Tris shaped our careers with respect, gentle encouragement, and generosity of experience and credit. He saw the best in his mentees, as he did in everyone he partnered with—from researchers to families.

Despite all that he gave to his colleagues and mentees, Tris always saved the best of himself for his family. It was clear in watching them together that Tris was completely devoted to his wife, Jenny, son, Jonah, and daughter, Maddy. This love also shone through when he gave occasional updates on new family adventures, transitions, and accomplishments—always beaming with pride.

I first met Tris in the lobby of a hotel during an Association for Behavior Analysis International annual conference when I was an undergraduate student. He was kind enough to speak with me about a potential job as a research assistant on one of his newly funded studies. I was told by my undergraduate mentor that Tris was “such a nice man,” but also an exceptionally brilliant researcher. Intimidated, I sat down on an uncomfortable faux-plastic chair and handed over my CV. Tris walked me through a job description, asked me a few questions, but then—a huge smile overtaking his face—asked me if he could show me pictures of his new daughter. He and Jenny had just finalized the adoption, and he

was bursting to share the news. I entered that meeting ready to weigh the implications of doing research under the mentorship of a brilliant and accomplished man, but it was as we sifted through those pictures that I thought, “This is the kind of person I want to shape my future.”

—SUZANNAH IADAROLA

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UNCONVENTIONAL WISDOM: At a time when autism spectrum disorder was widely considered untreatable, Smith’s research provided the first demonstration that children with the condition could respond positively to behavioral interventions.

Tris will be equally remembered for his kindness, integrity, creativity, and a quick and dry wit.

- H. Herbert Breneman** '53,
July 2018
- Walter A. Connolly** '53,
September 2018
- Leland A. Lillehaug** '53E (MM), '62E
(PhD), July 2018
- Frederick M. Miller** '53E (MM),
August 2018
- Alfred N. Schiff** '53,
July 2018
- Charles E. Wunderlich** '53E,
July 2018
- Joyce Lejeune Arvanetes** '54,
July 2018
- John F. Atkinson** '54,
May 2018
- Harold L. Bushey** '54M (MD),
January 2018
- Barbara Creaton** '54N (Dpl),
June 2018
- Jon E. Engberg** '54E, '56E (MM),
'70E (DMA), August 2018
- Crawford Gates** '54E (PhD),
June 2018
- Jean Rector Sullivan** '54,
June 2018
- Nancy Mills Wienecke** '54,
June 2018
- Mary Haskins Atkinson** '55,
June 2018
- Alex Braiman** '55M (Res),
September 2018
- Ann Marie Johnson** '55N, '73,
July 2018
- Marilyn Close Kinney** '55N,
September 2018
- Garland Grover Kleinstuber** '55N,
August 2018
- Robert L. Stern** '55, '62E (PhD),
August 2018
- James H. Grissom** '56,
April 2018
- Leslie Prigerson** '56,
July 2018
- William A. Robinson** '56,
June 2018
- George T. Walker** '56E (DMA),
August 2018
- Mary Zeyen** '56E (PhD),
June 2018
- Alex D. Cross** '57 (Flw),
June 2018
- Thomas N. Peterson** '57E,
February 2017
- Raymond L. Downs** '58 (MS),
July 2018
- Theodore P. Robinson** '58, '61 (MS),
'80 (MS), August 2018
- Hewitt F. Ryan** '58M (MD),
May 2017
- Richard A. Slocum** '58,
June 2018
- Edward H. Boyce** '59,
July 2018
- Richard J. Cologgi** '59,
September 2018
- Katherine L. Hoover** '59E,
September 2018
- Arlene Goff Wood** '59, '60N,
July 2018
- Donald L. Brown** '60M (Res),
June 2018
- Edwin N. Freeman** '60M (Res),
June 2018
- Carol Stephens Hilfiker** '60,
August 2018
- Richard V. McCloskey** '60M (MS),
'60M (MD), July 2018
- William S. Nichthausser** '60,
April 2018
- John B. Raimo** '60E (DMA),
June 2018
- Annette Fayer Stolberg** '60,
August 2018
- Barbara Johnson Yarrington** '60N,
October 2016
- Barbara Long Green** '61N,
September 2018
- Steven M. Parsons** '61E, '68E (MM),
September 2018
- A. John Walker** '61E, '72E (PhD),
August 2018
- Charles R. White** '61W (Mas),
August 2018
- Norman W. Cordt** '62,
February 2018
- James A. Durfee** '62M (Res),
August 2018
- Arthur F. Hammer** '62,
September 2018
- Thomas F. Jordan** '62 (PhD),
July 2018
- Gail Say Katul** '62N,
August 2018
- John W. Newitt** '62 (MA),
September 2018
- Robert G. Newman** '62M (MD),
August 2018
- Karolyn Webster Simon** '62N,
August 2018
- Penelope Powers Stowell** '62N,
July 2018
- Carl A. Lamendola** '63,
July 2018
- Susan Goldberg King** '63,
August 2018
- Charlotte Berry Klein** '63E (MM),
June 2018
- Donald T. Lambert** '63,
July 2018
- Constance Higby Reed** '63,
July 2018
- James D. Cox** '64M (MD),
August 2018
- Charles M. Gluck** '64M (Res),
July 2018
- Hedda Martens** '64, '72 (PhD),
June 2018
- David P. Brust** '65 (PhD),
September 2018
- Phyllis Cobb** '65 (MA),
September 2018
- Jan Fougner** '65,
March 2017
- Paul Z. Goldman** '65,
June 2018
- Tavia Harpending** '65, '93W (MS),
September 2018
- Carol Rudman Pilati** '65, '67W (MA),
August 2018
- Diana Whitlock Sheridan** '65,
November 2016
- Olga Marousis Vaughn** '65W (MA),
July 2018
- Larry W. Hill** '66M (MS),
May 2018
- Elizabeth Call Jones** '66,
August 2018
- Rufus C. Short** '66S (MBA),
July 2018
- Robert E. Vermette** '66,
September 2018
- Howard K. Broder** '67,
September 2018
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August 2018
- Nancy Taylor Drifmeyer** '67E (MM),
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(MA), July 2018
- Lynn Herbert Whiddon** '67E,
July 2018
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(PhD), August 2018
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August 2018
- Lawrence R. Jacobs** '68,
September 2018
- James A. Slater** '68,
September 2018
- Michael S. Terry** '68S (MBA),
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- Marc B. Glassman** '69,
September 2017
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June 2018
- Arthur H. Lerit** '69 (MS),
August 2018
- Margaret Murray Roberts** '69E,
June 2018
- Anne Halligan Turner** '69 (PhD),
July 2018
- John W. Graham** '70,
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- William J. Huddle** '70,
August 2018
- James F. O'Neill** '70,
January 2018
- John C. Witte** '70 (MS),
July 2018
- Hubert D. Wood** '70 (MS),
August 2018
- Frederick G. Burton** '71M (PhD),
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- Carol Blanchard Kenyon** '71, '76N
(MS), '86N (PhD), July 2018
- Dennis A. Maier** '71 (MS),
August 2018
- James W. McCarthy** '71M (Res),
August 2018
- Martin W. Pommerenke** '71,
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- William H. Watson** '71E,
September 2018
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(MM), June 2018
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- Nicholas C. Russo** '72M (Res),
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- Ira S. Goldman** '73,
June 2018
- Jeffrey A. Marx** '73,
August 2017
- Steven B. Sokol** '73,
July 2018
- Rodney D. Spring** '73W (EdD),
July 2018
- Kenneth D. Almgren** '75S (MBA),
June 2018
- Marlowe A. Hain** '75N,
September 2017
- Deborah Sharpe-Lunstead** '75E,
July 2018
- Magdi Credi** '76M (Res),
September 2018
- Bruce E. Mills** '76,
July 2018
- William B. Bidwell** '77 (PhD),
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- John J. Mahar** '78S (MBA),
June 2018
- John W. Derock** '79,
September 2018
- Gerald W. DeCoursey** '82,
September 2018
- Nancy Phillips** '83,
September 2018
- Michael T. Sullivan** '84,
September 2018
- Lisa Bronstein Brumberger** '85E
(MM), July 2018
- Roberto Dominijanni** '85 (PhD),
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- Margaret Best-Krizan** '88, '91W
(MS), September 2018
- David O. Belcher** '89E (DMA),
June 2018
- Carol Van Dusen** '90N (MS),
June 2018
- Joseph G. Denaro** '94,
July 2018
- Mandeep K. Taneja** '96,
April 2018
- Kelly Shannon** '99,
July 2018
- Jennifer Dehman** '03N,
June 2018
- Jonathan G. Rohr** '06E (MM),
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July 2018
- Alissa Cole** '15W (MS),
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April 2018