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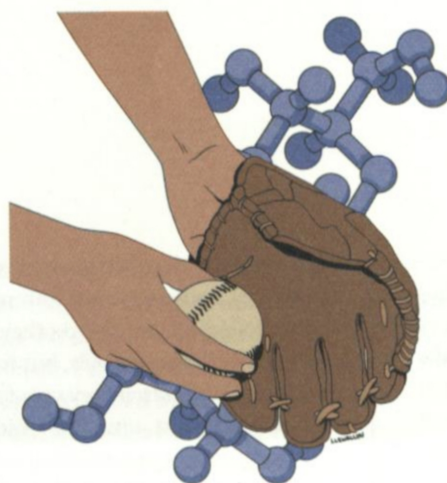
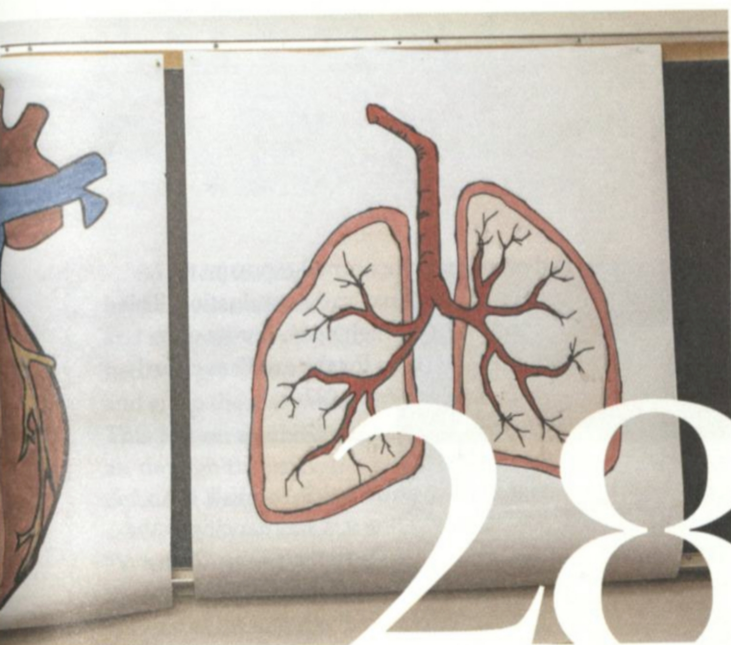
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A true activist

The Fall 2017 "A Pragmatic Activism" article correctly identifies Terry Robbins '68 as the founding president of the Kenyon chapter of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), but fails to describe the role played by John Allerdice in the founding of the group and the climate of hostility to SDS on campus at that time. Robbins was a firebrand, but John Allerdice '67, having long been involved in the civil rights movement, was a true activist, introducing SDS in the February 15, 1965, edition of the Collegian in an article headlined, "Great Society: Gambier Div." The Kenyon SDS chapter, the article noted, "will concern itself with problems of racial equality, disarmament, jobs and abundance, civil liberties and liberal education."

The tenor of the time on campus might be exemplified by what was seen then as fair reporting by the Collegian. In March of 1965, John and Nathan Levin traveled by bus from Columbus to Alabama in support of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s march to Selma, reporting on that march in the April 16 Collegian.

Less than a year later, in the Nov. 5 edition, the Collegian published "SDS Becomes Students' Dead Society." "Founded last winter by a group of passionate liberals, it has succumbed to external disdain and internal dissension." The author went on to cite the radical provocations of the group "...a forcefully edited but short-lived sheet called Vanguard and a two day protest fast over the war in Vietnam (which) served mainly to disgust the student body."

— Peter Arango '68

Our lives with objects

I thoroughly enjoyed "Object Permanence" by Liz Logan in the Fall 2017 issue of the Bulletin. As an appraiser of antiques and

art, I work with collectors and collections every day, and enjoy every minute of it. For some collectors, the objects they own may be merely status symbols, but for most, they become like children they care for, and to whom they must, ultimately, bid farewell.

Additionally, as a material culture historian, I study objects and the lives they live (from creation through use and to living as part of a collection), and the layers of meaning that each phase of life imparts. To my mind, objects tell us far more than words. We need only know what questions to ask.

To this end, my wife and I don't collect, *per se*; we "live with." We live with furniture, decorative arts and paintings from the early Ohio River Valley. Our house is filled with objects that tell stories, sometimes about the makers and users, and sometimes about us and the experiences of acquisition. Our most recent purchase is a painted blanket chest made by a Mennonite carpenter in northwest Ohio. But just as important as the story of the maker and the original owner (we know both) is the chest's more recent history: I sold it more than a decade ago when I was an auctioneer, and it meandered through the hands of multiple dealers and collectors (in Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Delaware) until, finally, it made its way back to me. It now greets me every morning from the foot of the bed, serving as a reminder that our life with objects is a fascinating one indeed.

— Andrew Richmond '96

Online Bulletin kudos

I really like the new online Alumni Bulletin (bulletin.kenyon.edu)! I just had my first look through it and I love the clean, uncluttered, super-easy-to-navigate interface. Excellent, descriptive visuals guide article choices. Well-designed layout. As the spouse of a digital user experience designer I have

had more than the normal exposure to in-depth website navigation evaluation. This new Bulletin gets high marks for its user experience. Thanks for the excellent effort!

Phil Holman-Hebert '92

Walk the Hill

I enjoyed the feature article on Walk the Moon. After reading it, I was dancing in the kitchen with my kids to their song, "Anna Sun," when I realized that a line from that song could be tweaked to honor multiple Kenyon folk. Some are professors — gone but not forgotten — some are their wives and some are for everyone else on the Hill. If you can hear the song in your head, I here respectfully submit some alternatives to the line, "O, Anna Sun": Donald Rogan, Sally Rogan, Tom Turgeon, Peggy Turgeon, President Sean, Old Kenyon.

When Nick Petricca '09 points out that Walk the Moon "was born out of this love of being young forever," it struck me that Kenyon prepares us for life after the Hill by calling a building "Old." With luck, we will be "old Kenyon," also, and how fun that we can rock out no matter what age we are. Thank you for a great magazine.

— Alisoun Bertsch '97

Aim higher

I am sure someone in the alumni department imagined the "hip image" (on the cover of the Fall 2017 Bulletin) would do something. For me, it did all the "wrong things."

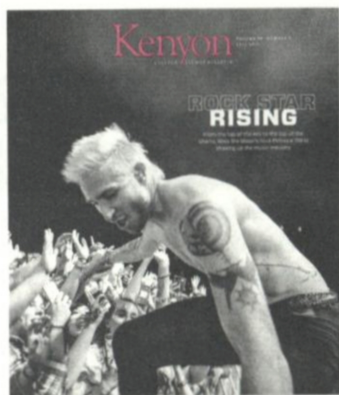
For me, it was a disappointment, as I could not imagine anyone taking this presentation as an image of Kenyon to a Fortune 500-200-100-50 company when answering the question: "What is Kenyon?" I am not sure this image of Kenyon would impress a law firm or medical center. I am not sure my mom and dad would have been impressed.

So often, isolation breeds overconfidence, and someone on the Hill needs to get off the Hill and grasp the real world. This edition troubled me as, through the years, I defended Kenyon when asked: "Is it in Africa?" "What did you say?" "Oh, that's nice, Paul Newman and Jonathan Winters." Sadly, a half-naked male with body paint only seems to diminish our traditions. Has the editorial department run out of qualified alumni who made a difference in their industry or chosen field? Other liberal arts schools manage to have successful alumni and boast about them. I respectfully urge the editors, president of the College and all to aim a little higher. Oh heck — take a shot. Aim much higher!

— Ed Forrest '67

Repudiating hate

Addressing activism among Kenyon students and alumni was an interesting choice for the Fall 2017 issue of the Alumni Bulletin. I was surprised that none of the articles covered the Kenyon alumnus who was named the executive director of the National Policy Institute, which the Southern Poverty Law Center classifies as a "White Nationalist Hate Group." A year ago, the head of this group made the news with a white supremacist speech culminating in the words "Hail our people! Hail victory!" A few days later, I read that his fellow alumni at St. Mark's School of Texas had started an online fundraiser for the International Rescue Committee (which resettles refugees) as a way to repudiate him. Within a few days, they had raised \$45,000.



In late July, I saw friends from Kenyon reacting to news about the Kenyon alumnus on Facebook. I remembered the fundraiser created by St. Mark's alumni, and when I could not find a similar response from Kenyon alumni already in place I took steps to create one. In the past four months, more than 80 people (including current students, alumni and faculty) have given a total of more than \$3,000. I would

like to invite everyone reading this to find their own way of opposing the racist ideology behind the National Policy Institute.

— Sarah Dolley '01

Philander in Philly

I have just visited the (relatively) new Museum of the American Revolution on S. 3rd St., in Philadelphia. At the end of the exhibition there appears a portrait gallery of Americans who were alive during the revolutionary period, but who lived until the age of photography. Prominent there is the signature photograph of Philander Chase we are familiar with; they give his dates as 1775–1852. This is notable because it was rare to have a photograph taken during one's lifetime in the early 19th century. I had no idea our founder went back that far. Come see the museum when you are in Philly.

— Jerry Goldberg '62

TO OUR LETTER WRITERS

The Bulletin welcomes letters of 300 or fewer words. Letters to the editor may be used for publication unless the author states the letter is not to be published. Letters may be edited for style, length, clarity, grammar and relevance to Kenyon issues. Please address submissions to: Editor, Kenyon College Alumni Bulletin, Office of Communications, Gambier, Ohio 43022. Letters may also be submitted to alumni@kenyon.edu.

CORRECTIONS

A class notes profile on Chris Schwarz '86 incorrectly identified the name of the high school where he works. The correct name is Niles West High School, in Skokie, Illinois. An obituary for Jon Karkow '84 incorrectly listed his city of residence as Damariscotta, Maine, when he was, in fact, a resident of nearby Waldoboro, Maine. And Karen Karkow, Jon's sister, was misidentified as his daughter. We regret the errors.

THE EDITOR'S PAGE

Pod Save the Commute

AS SOMEONE WHO TAKES GREAT pleasure in tracking pop culture trends, it's embarrassing to admit that I've only recently "discovered" podcasts. The popular digital storytelling medium emerged in the mid-2000s, but I've always overlooked it, preferring a steady stream of music in my ever-present earbuds.

It turns out I had no idea what I was missing.

I live in Clintonville, a neighborhood on the north side of Columbus, and when I started my work at Kenyon almost two years ago, moving was not an option. So, my exciting new job also came with a major lifestyle change in the form of an hour-long commute to and from Gambier. My first few months on the job, I survived the daily journey by listening to audiobooks. Instead of a slog, my commute became a chance to finally inhale all those book titles I had been accumulating on aspirational "to-read" lists over the years. Then, I joined a carpool with several Kenyon employees who live within a few miles of my house.

This carpool has been wonderful for many reasons, including the enjoyable company and conversation, fewer miles on my car (and dollars spent on gas) and a reduced carbon footprint. It is also responsible for my newfound love of podcasts, which we have relied on to entertain, educate and energize us on the road, because they are free, plentiful (iTunes boasts hundreds of thousands, on everything from current events to the paranormal), easy to access on any device and typically under an hour in length.

Podcasts are having a big cultural moment right now. According to a 2017 study by Edison Research and Tritan Digital, 40 percent of Americans over 12 report having listened to at least one podcast ever, and 24 percent report having listened to one in the past month. The study also found that six in 10 Americans "are now familiar with the term 'podcasting,' a number that has risen 22 (percent) in two years."

Kenyon grads are part of this wave; the popular "Pod Save America" podcast, hosted by Tommy Vietor '02, consistently appears in the iTunes "Top Podcasts" chart, and, according to the New York Times Magazine, episodes of "Pod Save America" have been downloaded around 120 million times to date.

Then, there's Margaret Willison '07, whose voice I first heard in the car one day, when her bubbly commentary appeared on a podcast that has become a carpool favorite: NPR's "Pop Culture

Happy Hour." In this issue of the Bulletin (page 22), journalist Lisa Rab interviews Willison, a professional librarian, semi-professional podcaster and rising Twitter influencer (she boasts more than 15,000 followers), and probes her inner thoughts. "I never set out to have my miniature media empire," Willison told Rab. "I've just always been really good at having opinions."

Also in this issue, journalist Michael Blanding explores how long-term stress, and the barrage of bad news we consume on our social media feeds (and sometimes, on our podcasts), impairs our health (page 16); and Bulletin writer Mary Keister tells the story of Professor Sheryl Hemkin's CHEM 401 seminar (page 28), where students learn about the physiology of addiction and then teach local middle schoolers about their findings.

Readers often tell me that they look at the Bulletin as an extension of their Kenyon education; that beyond campus updates and alumni profiles, they expect to learn something new in each issue. They want to read articles that exercise, and further open, their minds. The stories in this issue touch on some big, interconnected questions about how we consume information, our changing relationship to the natural world and our evolving understanding of the mind-body connection.

Willison, for example, has found personal and professional fulfillment in her maximum media consumption habits. On the other hand, scientific studies have shown that information overload — particularly negative information overload — can lead to illness. And, finally, as we learn more about the chemistry of addiction and gain a better understanding of how stimulants affect the body, we are empowered to (hopefully) make healthier choices.

In these pages, you'll also find some news-you-can-use items: Willison shares some of her favorite podcasts (including one by her Kenyon cohorts), and Maryanna Klatt '82, a professor of clinical family medicine at The Ohio State University who studies the effects of stress on the body, shares an original meditation that can be done on Middle Path or anywhere your post-Kenyon life takes you. I hope you'll discover something here that brings you new joy, comfort or wisdom in 2018.

— Elizabeth Weinstein



ALONG MIDDLE PATH

A Transformational Gift

From an anonymous donor, Kenyon receives the largest gift in its history.

ON SEPT. 15, President Sean Decatur and Board of Trustees Chair Brackett B. Denniston III '69 announced that Kenyon had received the largest gift in its history: \$75 million from an anonymous donor. This transformational gift will support the development of a new library and academic quadrangle. The interdisciplinary hub in the core of campus will bring together 21st-century teaching and learning with 21st-century library, information and student services.

"This is an incredible show of confidence in Kenyon's vision for the liberal arts and sciences," Decatur said. "This gift advances several priorities of the Kenyon 2020 strategic plan, including our focus on an integrated, comprehensive experience that equips students to thrive at Kenyon and in their lives after."

The West Quad will consist of three new buildings: the library and academic commons to replace Olin and Chalmers libraries; a new interdisciplinary academic building for the social sciences; and a new home for the Offices of Admissions and Financial Aid. Underground parking in the new quad will improve accessibility as well as reclaim green space.

Ascension Hall, one of the College's most beloved and historic buildings, will be renovated to ensure that all students and faculty are able to access it, and Sunset Cottage, another cherished building, will be preserved for future renovation and use.

The gift enables the College to proceed with an expansion of facilities for the English department and to continue apace with its investment in the Village of Gambier, which added new student housing and a new market this fall and will introduce improved retail and dining spaces next summer.

"Investing in our historic campus and our community is one of the ways we remain competitive, enabling us to attract and retain a talented and diverse student body — a Kenyon 2020 priority," said Denniston. "This gift also better enables us to address another Kenyon 2020 priority: financial aid, the endowment and affordability."

Equipped with state-of-the-art technology, the new library will be a hub for undergraduate research, experiential learning and pedagogical innovation. Intentionally interdisciplinary, the new academic building will offer flexible spaces to support high-impact experiences in the humanities and social sciences — student-designed research, capstone projects and other collaborative work.

"Teaching and learning are evolving, and Kenyon needs facilities that are a match for the kinds of flexible, high- and low-tech approaches that



faculty and students expect to use seamlessly," Decatur said. "Classrooms that allow students and faculty to work in various configurations, to use multiple pieces of technology simultaneously, to collaborate with people around a table or via videoconference — these are the kinds of high-impact practices that serve students in the classroom, and in their careers."

In addition, the library will provide a new home for the Career Development Office, furthering the College's efforts to build a continuum between work in the classroom and in the world.

This gift will enable the College to make major strides toward a more accessible Kenyon campus. Once the West Quad and renovations to Ascension are completed, 90 percent of classrooms will be fully accessible — up from 71 percent today — including 100 percent of classrooms with between 20 and 100 seats. Additionally, replacing Olin and Chalmers libraries represents one of the largest available opportunities to reduce Kenyon's carbon footprint. The new library is designed with the LEED Gold certification in mind and will be significantly greener and more energy-efficient than the current buildings.

The first phase of work, expanding the English facilities, began in the fall. Construction of the library will begin in June 2018 and is expected to be complete in summer 2020. The West Quad project is expected to be complete in summer 2021.



JODI MILLER

Beyond Borders

*How an internship with the
Immigrant Worker Project inspired
Eric Thornton '18 to change course*

BY REBECCA MEISER

ERIC THORNTON '18 spent the summer before his junior year in Morocco. The international studies major had received a prestigious Critical Language Scholarship from the U.S. Department of State to study Arabic there. But in addition to his linguistics education, Thornton found himself in the midst of a real-life civics lesson — one that made him think deeply for the first time about immigration policy and who has the right to call a country home.

"In Tangier, where I lived, you could see Spain across the water," Thornton explained. Even though Thornton could see the country while running downtown, many of the young Moroccans he talked to had no hope of ever stepping foot there.

"There's a real socio-economic border that exists. You have to have a certain income and a certain status to be able to immigrate to Spain," Thornton said. "The question of immigration was constant there." It made him think about America's own border. "There are millions of people who live very close to the U.S. who are shut out simply because of immigration laws that were decided in the 1920s, 1930s, and in 1996. It got me thinking more deeply about what sorts of situations these immigrants are coming from."

The experience provided a perfect segue into the popular "Immigration, Citizenship and National Identity" class Thornton had signed up for in the fall. One of the aims of the class, taught by Assistant Professor of Political Science Nancy Powers '83, is to help students learn about the complexities of the immigration system. "Through the class, the students come to understand how difficult it is to write laws and policies that encompass all the people you'd like protect," Powers said.

To better understand how these policies operate in real life, Powers connects her students with Jeff Stewart, head of the Canton-based Immigrant Worker Project (IWP), a nonprofit that advocates for rural immigrant workers in Ohio. Part of Stewart's work involves helping immigrants who are facing deportation apply for asylum. For the past few years, Stewart has given Powers' classes real-life cases to research. Students are tasked with finding corroborating data, articles or information that would help support the immigrants' cases.

Thornton and his partners were given the case of a Guatemalan couple who had been extorted by local gang members in their home country. They had fled to the U.S. after the husband had been poisoned.

The more Thornton researched their case and immigration policy, the more frustrated and angry he became. "Especially in this climate, people talk about legal immigration as if it's an easy and obvious path that all immigrants should take," he said. "But I don't think most people understand how time-consuming and complicated it is to go through the process. Some of these immigration waiting lists are backed up 20 years."

Thornton wanted to do more to help these immigrants. He filled out an application for a summer internship at IWP and was one of only three interns selected for an internship last summer. "Eric stood out from the rest, not just because of his great academic recommendations, but also the fact that he fought through a scorpion sting to do the Skype interview," Stewart recalled.

"It was a good feeling to be able to help someone and see that the system doesn't always fail people."

Most of Thornton's time with IWP was spent interacting directly with asylum seekers. He drove them to court hearings and to medical appointments. He sat patiently with them for days as they filled out their biographical information. And, during the last few weeks of the summer, he ran a camp for undocumented Guatemalan high school students.

It was heartbreaking work — especially juxtaposed next to all of the headlines about new U.S. travel bans. "If more people could hear their stories and understand the situations that a lot of immigrants are coming from, I think there would be a lot more sympathy and understanding to the community as a whole," Thornton said.

Indeed, every single person Thornton interacted with had an incredibly tragic tale of how they came to the U.S. Each seemed worse than the last. There was the 13-year-old boy who had

fled his country after gang members threatened his family. There was the undocumented, and beloved, nurse — the mother of two American children — who was scheduled to be deported in October. There was the woman who had been held hostage, beaten and raped for two years.

Most of these people, Thornton knew, would not be successful in their asylum applications. "The reality of working in an immigration office was very different than the class," he said. "Courts are constantly delayed. You can wait a year or more between court dates ... and, in the end, their case is really at the discretion of one person."

Occasionally, though, there was uplifting news. "The first day of training, we filled out naturalization forms with a Venezuelan couple who had won their asylum case,"

Thornton said. "It was a good feeling to be able to help someone and see that the system doesn't always fail people."

The IWP clients, in turn, came to trust Thornton. "The empathy

and understanding that Eric displayed for folks, many who had suffered horrific violence back home, was remarkable," said Stewart.

And the experience has Thornton considering a change in his own career path. "I had never thought about law school prior to working with the Immigrant Worker Project," he said. "I had always been on the teaching track. But after seeing the selfless work the immigration lawyers there are doing, it's inspiring me to try and make a similar impact."

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BILL NAGEL



GAMBIER IS TALKING ABOUT

CULTURAL CONVERSATIONS

This winter, two separate issues received much attention and discussion both on and off campus. In February, Playwright-in-Residence Wendy MacLeod '81 canceled an on-campus production of her original play, "The Good Samaritan," after members of the faculty and student body expressed concerns about its representation of a Guatemalan youth. Unrelated, but around the same time, a new "whiteness" discussion group formed at Snowden Multicultural Center, with a goal of exploring "what it means to be a white person while benefiting from societal privilege, as well as what it means to be a white ally to marginalized groups," according to the Collegian. The Bulletin is considering how to bring some of the issues raised on campus, by alumni and others, to these pages in future issues.

FETTING THE FOUNDERS

Kenyon's annual Founders' Day celebration in October brought with it the signing of the Matriculation Book, reflections on the College's history and faculty awards. Professors Joel Richeimer P'21 and Clara Román-Odio P'11, '18 received Bishop Philander Chase medals for 25 years of distinguished service, and Professor of English Sarah Heidt '97 was awarded the Faculty Advising Award.

SILVER LINING

Nate Silver, the statistician and journalist best known for correctly predicting the electoral outcome of 49 states during the 2008 presidential election and all 50 in 2012, will give the graduation address at Kenyon's 190th Commencement ceremony on May 19. "Nate Silver is uniquely positioned to offer remarks to our graduating class on what it means to apply rigorous thinking and careful analysis to a variety of questions," President Sean Decatur said.

Moving Science Education Forward

Kenyon wins \$1 million grant to break down institutional barriers

KENYON WAS SELECTED as one of 24 schools nationwide to participate in the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Inclusive Excellence initiative, aimed at helping colleges and universities recruit and advance students in the natural sciences. The HHMI initiative focuses on helping schools break down institutional barriers to inclusion of students underrepresented in science education, such as first-generation students and students from racial and ethnic minorities. Schools selected to participate in the initiative receive a \$1 million grant, supplied over a five-year period, to implement a plan to engage more students in science.

"As a liberal arts institution, Kenyon is uniquely positioned to provide its students with an innovative science education," said President Sean Decatur, who also is a biophysical chemist. "A hallmark of that education is a learning environment supportive of all students that reduces barriers to success. The opportunities for faculty mentorship, early on and substantively rich, are great at Kenyon. That kind of faculty engagement is key to both student success and a top-flight education in the sciences."

"We're thinking differently about how HHMI can help move science education forward," said HHMI President Erin O'Shea in a statement. "The challenges this program addresses are important for all of us who care deeply about developing a more inclusive and diverse scientific community."

As part of Kenyon's involvement in the initiative, faculty will examine ways to change pedagogical practices to boost inclusion. A new training program for faculty members will engage participants in a learning community and teach them effective strategies for overcoming obstacles to success faced by students underrepresented in the sciences. Action

groups composed of faculty stakeholders will consider structural barriers to inclusion and work to reduce their impact. One such action group would examine current faculty evaluation and promotion criteria, considering how changes could encourage more effective teaching and mentoring as well as participation in inclusion and innovation efforts.

"For many years, Kenyon has explored ways to increase inclusion in the sciences through high-impact educational practices and strengthening our student support network," said Associate Professor of Chemistry John Hofferberth, who led the effort to conceive the HHMI proposal. "The HHMI Inclusive Excellence competition challenges colleges and universities to take what they know about increasing inclusion and implement projects that leverage HHMI funding to make such practices pervasive." This initiative builds on Kenyon's ongoing efforts to help minority and first-generation students persist and succeed in STEM disciplines.

In 2016, Kenyon was awarded a \$176,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation to help foster research careers among women in the sciences. Also in 2016, the National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded Kenyon a grant of nearly \$1 million to study how high-impact practices such as internships and research with faculty can help STEM students achieve career success. The grant continued the work of a previous NSF award, which gave 24 science-interested students, most of whom came from groups traditionally underrepresented in the sciences, access to partial scholarships and programs designed to promote success in their STEM fields. Twenty-one of those students graduated from Kenyon with a STEM major — a rate higher than that of other demographically similar Kenyon students who pursued STEM majors over the same time period.

This is the first year HHMI has opened its Inclusive Excellence competition to all colleges and universities, not just research institutions. Kenyon was selected from a pool of more than 500 applicants and is one of two liberal arts colleges to be awarded the grant.

Making the Grade

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<p>Among other things, a \$75 million gift from an anonymous donor will enable the College to finally make the historic Ascension Hall fully accessible for all students.</p>	<p>For students craving culinary diversity, occasional visits from food trucks along Middle Path have provided a welcome change of pace. Mouth-watering options have included Indonesian cuisine (Aromaku Food Truck), Indonesian-inspired street food (Mai Chau), sweet treats (Buckeye Donuts) and more.</p>	<p>The Village Inn (VI) installed permanent booths in the restaurant, which means there is no longer room inside for student bands to perform. This marks the end of an era for shows at the VI, where bands like Motown and Special Dogs previously thrived.</p>	<p>A Ruth Bemis painting, "Her Garden," went missing from the Bemis Music Room in Peirce for several days. It was eventually found, wrapped in garbage bags, near the Taft Cottages.</p>	<p>Bike thefts are becoming more common, with all-student emails pleading for the return of stolen possessions.</p>



SPORTS DESK

On the Ball

For Julian Kobena Morgan '18, passion for basketball stretches beyond the court

JULIAN KOBENA MORGAN '18 needed time to recover from a bruised ego before the former basketball star realized there was more to intercollegiate sports than playing the games.

After injury cut short a promising college career before it got started at Kenyon, Kobena Morgan directed his attention to the administrative side of collegiate sports. In January, he became the first Kenyon student to attend the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) annual convention, held in Indianapolis.

Kobena Morgan was one of 40 ethnic minority Division III students in the nation invited to attend the convention as part of the NCAA Student Immersion Program to enhance diversity in all aspects of sports.

The 6-foot-4-inch forward captained his Mfantsipim School team to three consecutive national titles in his native Ghana, where he was named the nation's high school player of the year.

"Wear and tear" from years of playing on Ghana's concrete courts took a toll that was exacerbated when a knee injury led to problems with his back and ankle.

Kobena Morgan still was healthy enough to play for the Lords, but he refused an invitation to join the team as a part-time player. "I knew I'd sit on the bench, and I just couldn't take that," he said. "I was not humble enough."

Life without basketball in a foreign culture sparked a gloomy period of self-doubt. "I had been playing sports since I was 6 years old and I didn't know what to do with myself," Kobena Morgan said. "My grades took a big hit."

His participation in Kenyon's Men of Color organization made him feel more at home on campus and helped lift him from his funk. "I

had to realize that there were other things I could do through basketball that would affect a lot more people than playing the game," he said.

He made the Kenyon Athletic Center (KAC) his second home by serving as a student manager, intramural coordinator, volunteer for the men's basketball team and a summer conference specialist. He also worked as a sports information assistant, shooting and editing film for Kenyon athletic competitions.

Kobena Morgan marveled at the KAC's hardwood basketball court, a rarity in Ghana, where soccer dominates the sports scene. Playing at the KAC, even in pickup games, was a "dream come true," he said.

KAC director Michael Taylor said he can still remember Kobena Morgan visiting the facility during his first week on campus. "He has been an integral part in various capacities of KAC activities ever since. I've been on the court with him a few times and he can still take over a game," he said.

Kobena Morgan's nomination for the NCAA immersion program was a no-brainer for

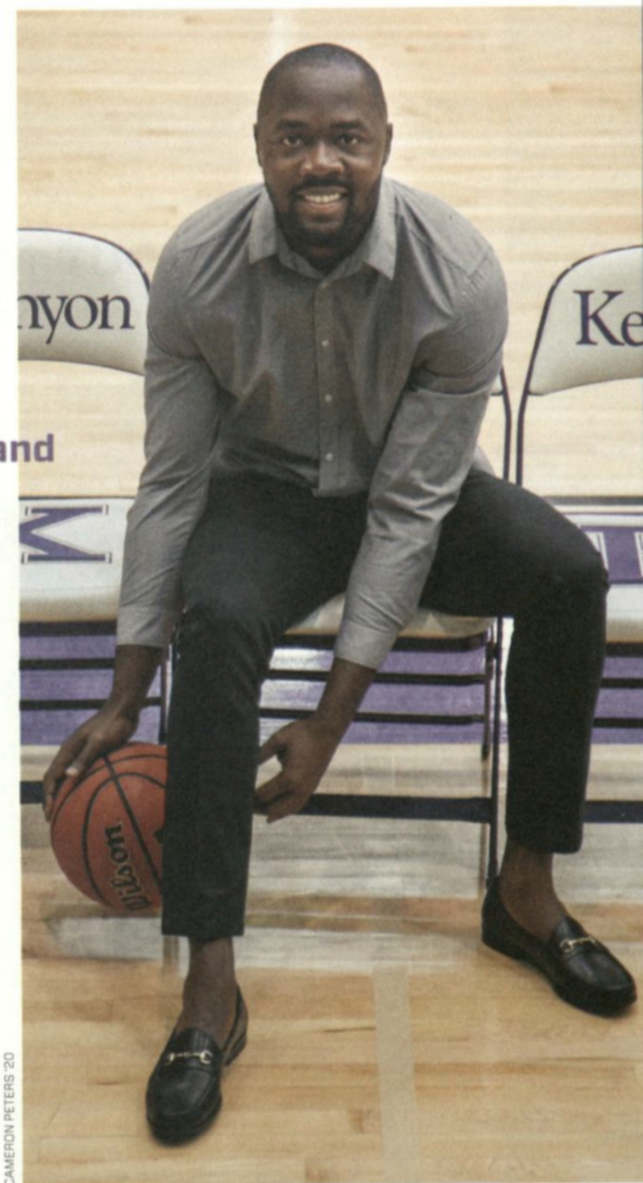
"I want young players to understand they have a future in basketball."

Interim Director of Athletics, Fitness and Recreation Amy Heasley Williams '88 P'16, '19, responsible for budget management and NCAA compliance. "Julian has been a vibrant part of our athletic facility since he arrived on campus," she said. "The convention is the singular time when all the institutions that sponsor NCAA sports are in one place at one time." Attendees learn about the legislative structure of the NCAA, and meet a variety of people there from the NCAA and other institutions who could be mentors or potential employers.

As a participant in the North Coast Athletic Conference Branch Rickey Program, a mentoring initiative promoting diversity, he meets regularly with his mentor, Head Women's Soccer Coach Kelly Bryan, to discuss sports management and administrative issues. A psychology major, Kobena Morgan plans to earn a graduate degree in sports management and eventually an MBA

before he begins a professional career that he hopes someday takes him home to Ghana.

Citing Masai Ujiri, the Nigerian president of the Toronto Raptors, as a professional role model, Kobena Morgan said he'd like to "build basketball (in Ghana) with coaching camps, tournaments, summer leagues, etc. — just feed the interest in basketball. Sports gave me the discipline and drive to do different things. I want young players to understand they have a future in basketball." — *Dennis Fiely*



IN THE NEWS, ON CAMPUS AND ONLINE

KENYON IN QUOTES

“We add light and humor to dark times.”

— Political cartoonist **Phil Hands '03**, in the Wisconsin State Journal, on the importance of his craft.

“We didn’t even believe it at first. ... The excitement level was unbelievable.”

— In the Columbus Dispatch, Assistant Professor of Physics **Madeline Wade** on learning that gravitational-wave research she and her husband, Assistant Professor of Physics **Leslie Wade**, contributed to had won the Nobel Prize.

“How do you balance the concept of free speech with the concept of civil discourse? Free speech is in some ways the easy part of that to define. **Civil discourse** is hard in part because civility is subjective and that’s the piece that’s important for us to grapple with.”

— President **Sean Decatur**, speaking with USA Today’s Paul Singer ’88, for the “Cup of Politics” podcast.

“YOU NEED **INPUT** TO HAVE **OUTPUT**.”

— In *al.com*, novelist **Emily Blejwas '00** tells aspiring writers to gather life experiences.

“If people would put down their masks and would approach each other not only with complexity but with a tolerance for each other’s complexity, all of us would be in a different place.”

— Pulitzer Prize-winning author **Junot Díaz**, in a talk at Kenyon as part of Latinx Heritage Month events.

“When I lived in Old Kenyon, I never saw any meandering spirits.

But sometimes, in the middle of the night, when not a Kenyonite was stirring, I’d awake to an odd pattern. ... In these moments, I’d lay very still, paralyzed by an oddly cheerful terror. My ghost was back!”

— Staff editor **Natalie Shutler '10** tells a spooky tale in the New York Times.

“I never expected to see this stateside, these type of injuries, the volume of patients and the velocity in which they came to us.”

— Air Force Major **Charles H. Chesnut III '05**, a surgeon, in the Columbus Dispatch, on treating victims of the October 2017 Las Vegas attacks.

“It makes a statement about the value of this college in the lives of our alumni and families.”

— Vice President for College Relations **Heidi Hansen McCrory**, in Bloomberg News, on the importance of a recent \$75 million gift to Kenyon.

MEME WARS, DINNER-ON-DEMAND, PHANTOM PHONE CALLS, DEATH CAFES AND OTHER THINGS WE LOVE ABOUT KENYON

HOT SHEET

BY DAVID HOYT '14

Happy Peircegiving

Eager anticipation. A line that forms hours in advance. A mad rush when the doors open. Nope, it's not Black Friday — it's Peirce Dining Hall's annual "Peircegiving," celebrated exactly one week before actual Thanksgiving. Consumed at this year's pre-holiday feast: 600 pounds of turkey (with over half the birds raised in Knox County), 25 gallons of gravy, 2,000 rolls and 200 Amish-baked pies (with chocolate cream edging out pumpkin as the most popular flavor).

From Diner to Dorm Room

Kenyon students hankering for a General Tso's fix need not hound their friends



for a ride into Mount Vernon. A new delivery service called Diner Dashers brings the best of Knox County dining straight to Gambier — for a small convenience fee, of course. But when you've pulled yet another all-nighter and are craving the curative properties of a Mexican omelet, an extra \$5 feels like a small price to pay.

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Shortly before winter break, Campus Safety received a phone call from a Knox County 9-1-1 dispatcher, advising that a call had come in from Storer Hall — but all the dispatcher could hear was Christmas music. Safety officers visited Storer and confirmed that the call had been placed in error. No word on whether the careless

musicians ended up on Santa's naughty list.

Let's Talk About Death

Friday Cafe, a long-standing Gambier tradition, may have some competition. The first Death Cafe convened on campus in February, and while lifeless lattes and undead donuts weren't on the menu,

the great beyond was the topic du jour. The cafes have become popular worldwide as a way to discuss death and dying in a constructive, non-stigmatized way. Attendees at the inaugural event were "open and accepting and non-judgmental, and help[ed] to create some really profound and beautiful dialogue," according to reporting by The Kenyon Thrill.



What Do You Meme?

College meme pages — Facebook pages set up to share institution-specific jokes and cultural experiences — are booming, with explanatory articles recently featured in publications such as USA Today and New York Magazine. The Kenyon meme page, called "Kenyon Memes for Philandering Teens" in accordance with a popular naming format, is no exception, with more than 1,500 followers. Although a recent meme war with Oberlin College has fizzled out, the self-styled "premier meme outlet on the (H)ill" still invites students to create their own memes, or "simply sit back and watch while muttering 'this will do' to yourself."



ICE SCULPTURE

Snow collects on "Large Spindle Piece," a 1974 cast monumental bronze sculpture by Henry Spencer Moore, in the Science Quad's Philip Mather Courtyard.

JODI MILLER

LEAVING MIDDLE PATH KENYON NOW



BUNDLE UP
Middle Path has been extra snowy this winter, making hats, gloves, scarves and fuzzy boots the hottest accessories on campus.

JOSH HARTLEY

HIGH ANXIETY

Kenyon alumni from different disciplines explain
how long-term stress takes a toll on our health
— and how we can reverse its impact.

BY MICHAEL BLANDING

ILLUSTRATIONS BY SAM FALCONER



Hurricanes in Houston and Puerto Rico. Wildfires in California. Mass shootings in Las Vegas and Texas. Sexual harassment in Hollywood. Health care uncertainty in Washington. The threat of nuclear war with North Korea. Government shutdowns. Opening up our Facebook feeds every morning can feel like an act of faith, and turning on cable news, an act of masochism. By the time you read this, no doubt, a half-dozen more catastrophic events will have eclipsed those above.

INFORMATION OVERLOAD

This barrage of bad news is taking its toll on our psyche. According to a poll released by the American Psychological Association in November 2017, 63 percent of Americans said the “future of our nation” is a “very significant source of stress” in their lives — edging out money, work and crime as their biggest worry. Even more significantly, 59 percent said this was the lowest moment in our nation’s history, “a feeling that spans generations, including individuals who have lived through World War II and Vietnam, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the September 11 terrorist attacks and high-profile mass shootings,” as the poll’s authors wrote.

While natural events such as hurricanes or earthquakes can make us feel out of control, that feeling is exacerbated when we feel like our political leaders are failing to address crises in our world, added Maryanna Klatt ’82, a professor of clinical family medicine at The Ohio State University College of Medicine who studies the effects of stress on the body. “When people say there is huge climate change going on, you want to feel like we have political leaders who are on top of the crisis and are dealing with it,” she said. “If you don’t, you feel disempowered.”

In psychological terms, this feeling is called “learned helplessness.” The term goes back to experiments in the 1960s by Martin Seligman, who found that dogs exposed to repeated shocks they couldn’t control would endure future shocks even when they were avoidable. The same thing, the theory goes, can happen to humans who are long exposed to situations in which they feel helpless, eventually leading to resignation, anxiety and depression.

It’s not just governmental inaction that can make people feel helpless these days, said Klatt; governmental overreach can also take away our sense of agency. “In education, all of the (required standardized) testing makes teachers feel like they can’t control their classrooms

like they used to,” she said. “Under population health, doctors feel there are all these metrics they have to meet. With this increased level of accountability, people feel like they don’t have a voice.”

According to one Kenyon alumnus who works in stress management, our shared agita comes from the top. “Seventy percent of my counseling clients are very worried about an impulsive president and his many provocations,”

said Leonard Felder ’75, a Los Angeles-based psychologist and author of 12 books on personal growth. “It’s a constant stress that causes people to have sleep problems, a short fuse and a sense of overall agitation.”

FIGHT OR FLIGHT

That unpredictability can have profound effects on our body, said Felder, causing us to stay in a constant state of readiness that exhausts our physical resources. “You begin to sense your breathing, your muscles, your nerves and your internal organs are all being overworked,”

Felder said.

In 1936, Hungarian psychologist Hans Selye defined stress as “the non-specific response of the body to any demand for change.” Selye observed that animals exposed to extreme negative environments, such as bright lights and loud music, would over time develop diseases, including heart attack, stroke, kidney disease and rheumatoid arthritis.

That’s not to say that all stress is bad. In short bursts, stress can help us by priming our bodies to tackle perceived threats. “Acute stress can be good,” said Klatt. “It helps mobilize us for action. It’s like when you are getting ready for a talk, you have to kind of be pumped up to do your best job.” It’s only when stress becomes chronic — say, in the constant deluge of disasters in our Twitter feed — that it can be harmful. “You can’t keep up that level of being pumped up all the time,

or your performance gets worse.”

Such a phenomenon is known as the Yerkes-Dodson Law, developed by psychologists Robert M. Yerkes and John Dillingham Dodson in 1908. They described a bell curve, in which a person’s performance improved with increasing amounts of physical and mental “arousal” up to an optimal point — after which, more arousal caused performance to diminish. Modern-day researchers have found a similar curve with stress, in which small amounts of stress can help people achieve their goals, while large amounts cause burnout.



In physiological terms, when we are exposed to stress, our brains instantly prepare a “fight-or-flight response.” Our amygdala, the part of the brain that controls base emotion — sometimes called our “lizard brain” — sends a signal to our hypothalamus, the “command center” of the brain attached to our autonomous nervous system. That, in turn, sends a message to our adrenal glands, which sit atop our kidneys, telling them to start pumping out adrenaline, a hormone that spreads throughout our body like Paul Revere sounding an alarm that we are under attack.

Our muscles tense, our breathing gets faster and our heartbeat speeds up, preparing us for action by getting oxygen to our muscles. At the same time, our liver kicks out extra glucose into the bloodstream to give us an extra jolt of energy. After that initial burst, adrenaline levels subside; if the threat continues, however, the body kicks in a second hormone, cortisol, to sustain the heightened levels of readiness. In the course of a normal day, cortisol usually follows a predictable circadian rhythm, increasing in the morning to jumpstart our day, and then falling throughout the day.

It’s when cortisol levels stay elevated for long periods of time that problems emerge, said Klatt. Like a car that overheats when its gas pedal is pushed down for too long, over time, high levels of cortisol are associated with inflammation in bodily tissues.

“Inflammation is often seen as a precursor to disease,” Klatt said. One way to measure that connection is through the levels of c-reactive protein (CRP) — a protein secreted by the liver in response to chronic inflammation. A Harvard study found that elevated levels of CRP in the blood more reliably predicted coronary events such as heart attack or stroke than high cholesterol. Other studies have shown elevated levels of CRP to be predictive of a host of other diseases, including inflammatory bowel disease, gastric ulcers, rheumatoid arthritis, lupus and migraines. “Whatever the weakest link is in your own physiology, that’s where problems likely will occur,” she explained.

Making things worse, chronic stress can also lead to behavioral issues caused by a desire to escape, such as overeating, sleeplessness, and drug and alcohol abuse, taking a further toll on the body. “We are all looking for a relief from the suffering,” said Sarah Bamford Seidelmann ’89, a former physician who now practices as a shamanic healer and life coach in Duluth, Minnesota, “and so we are shopping, or eating too much food that doesn’t serve us well, or we are drinking a half a bottle of wine at night, or a bottle of wine, or two bottles of wine — and all that compounds the stress.”

Seidelmann, who chronicled her personal transformation in a book, last year’s *Swimming With Elephants: My Unexpected Pilgrimage from Physician to Healer*, sees the destructive effects of stress on her clients. “Stress leaves us feeling muddled, confused, overwhelmed, frozen, unclear of what to do, or just staying in an extreme pattern of behavior that isn’t helping us,” she said. In her own life, she came face-to-face with chronic stress 10 years ago, when she felt unhappy and disconnected from her work after 14 years as a pathologist in a large health system. “I was more interested in finding out what makes people well than what makes them sick.”

She took a six-month leave of absence and began reading books on all aspects of physical and mental health, finally stumbling on a book about shamanism, a religious path based on ancient spiritual beliefs of indigenous peoples. She started applying the principles to her own life, however, and found they helped her feel more confident and productive — and when she started sharing with friends, found they, too, benefited.

In Seidelmann’s view, the stress we are experiencing at this moment in time is as much a spiritual crisis as a physical or emotional one. “From a shamanic standpoint, we might say everything that is going on right now is reflecting back our massive state of imbalance as a global family,” she said. Even Donald Trump, as divisive as he is, can be seen as a reflection of fractures that already exist.

SELF-CARE

One of the most helpful questions we can ask when we are feeling overwhelmed, according to Seidelmann, is, “What can I do to take care of myself?” Maybe we need to look away from the glittering screens and really look inward, or spend some time in nature, which is a naturally restorative place.”

The scientific literature bears her out. Studies have consistently shown that exposure to nature improves people’s moods and reduces markers of stress. One study from Chiba University in Japan found that just taking a 15-minute walk in the woods caused cortisol levels to drop by 16 percent, along with a 2 percent drop in blood pressure and a 4 percent decrease in heart rate.

Another recent study by Stanford University researchers suggests a reason for these physical benefits; it found that a

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90-minute walk in the woods significantly reduced “rumination,” the quality of thought that causes us to endlessly churn over anxious and unhappy thoughts in our head. Compared to those who walked in a city environment, the nature walkers reported experiencing a sense of restoration, fascination and belonging.

That decrease in focus on the threats in our lives — regardless of our actual situation — automatically sends a signal to our amygdala to take the foot off the gas. That, in turn, decreases cortisol levels, and restores breathing, heart rate and blood pressure to more relaxed levels, reversing the harmful physical effects of chronic stress.

Natural Therapy

For those looking to relieve stress by getting back to nature, Kenyon's campus has an abundance of natural places they can use to soothe their anxieties. "One of Kenyon's reputations is having this gorgeous campus, with tree-lined paths and historic buildings," said Dave Heithaus '99, director of green initiatives. "It's hugely important, especially for students who are so scheduled down to the minute, to take a half-hour and get out into nature and connect with the place."

He recommends heading out into the Brown Family Environmental Center (BFEC), a 550-acre bio-reserve cut through by the scenic Kokosing River. Recently, the center completed a new half-mile-long trail that leads from the observatory on campus down to Walker's Pond, a large shallow pond surrounded by a mix of evergreen trees and deciduous forest.

Closer to campus, Heithaus has spearheaded the planting of a labyrinth, consisting of eight concentric rings lined with oak trees. Unlike a maze, a labyrinth has only one path, which pilgrims since the Middle Ages have used as a meditative journey to focus their thoughts as they head to its center. "It's a chance to explore your thoughts, with nature as a context," Heithaus said.

Erin Salva, director of student accessibility and support services, has her own favorite path in the BFEC, down from campus across Route 229, along the Kokosing River. There, the path is lined with massive Sycamore trees, along with several memorial benches seemingly made for contemplation. "It really is a magical place," said Salva, who often sends students out to walk in nature as a way to calm their worries. "Many students walk with those earbuds in all the time and they are very tuned out," she said. "But if you do it really intentionally, there is something about the repetitive movement of walking and swinging your arms that helps to heal the brain."

On campus, Associate Director of Counseling Services Mike Durham often uses a little park tucked behind the new Market as a place to sit on a bench and collect his thoughts. Then, of course, there is Sunset Point, where students have been going for years to admire the view. "Each place has its own charm," Durham said, "but the commonality between them is a feeling of being one with nature and a sense of interconnectedness. It helps in some ways to gain perspective about how little we ultimately are in the midst of a big world."

When venturing out into one of these natural areas — or a similar special place near you — Maryanna Klatt '82 offers the following meditation to help relieve stress and focus your thoughts.

✧ a Middle Path meditation

Begin by bringing your attention to your body, where you are at this very moment. You may be on Middle Path or another spot that combines architectural balance and natural beauty. Look around you and take it all in, slowly and with intention, as if you are seeing it for the very first time.

Notice the rise and fall of your chest with each breath as you inhale and exhale slowly. Play with making the inhale and exhale equal lengths. Notice the depth of your breath and relax into it, noting three cycles of deep slow inhales, followed by exhales equal in length to your inhale.

Pay attention to your feet, noticing that the ball of one foot hits the ground as the heel of the other foot lifts to move you forward. As your breath slowed above, slow the pace of your steps so that you are conscious of the lift and fall of each foot. Feel the interplay between the surface of the ground, gravel, grass or snow, and attend to how your steps interact with it.

Observe the foliage, sky, beautiful sculptures and the buildings that hold inquisitive minds. Feel the energy of the interaction between the natural world and the quest to improve and understand our place within it. Feel the freedom of inquiry and discovery that Gambier holds, as you become Middle Path, rather than simply a human being upon it. Become one with that which surrounds you, and that which is within you, aware of the interplay between them.

Appreciate the gift of these moments of freedom and immersion into what is beautiful and holds such potential. In the process of "becoming" Middle Path, you have opened this potential wherever your "Middle Path" is on a daily basis. See beauty of your everyday journey, noticing your breath, body, cadence of emotions and reactions to the natural wonders around you. Take a deep breath in, and release, relaxed and refreshed, knowing Middle Path is always available to you.

Maryanna Klatt '82 is a professor in The Ohio State University College of Medicine. She designs meditations for hospitalized patients as a nonpharmacological option for dealing with pain; stressed-out college students in need of positive coping mechanisms; and for health care professionals, so that they can be fully present, both for themselves and for their patients.

Felder's work has applied a similarly spiritual approach to stress reduction, though instead of shamanism, he finds his inspiration from his Jewish heritage. In his 2011 book, "Here I Am: Using Jewish Spiritual Wisdom to Become More Present, Centered, and Available for Life," Felder describes how he was initially surprised to find solutions for stress reduction in Jewish spirituality. "I had never been told as a child during 12 years of twice-a-week Hebrew school," he wrote, "that my Jewish heritage contained such extraordinary tools."

He counsels a person to imagine a "silent Voice of Infinite Wisdom" quietly asking during a stressful moment, "Where are you?" and then the stressed person takes a breath, centers for a second or two, and then answers with the Hebrew word, Hineini (he-neh-nee), meaning "Here I am." With practice, Felder said, his clients often report feeling more clear-headed and alert. "It's like turning on a light inside your mind, body and soul that brings out the best in yourself," he said.

In explaining how it works, he cites neuroscientific studies from the University of Montreal and the University of Pennsylvania that show that contemplative prayer and meditation can actually rewire the circuits of the brain. Instead of the "reptilian" parts of the brain, like the amygdala, such practices direct brain energy to the higher parts of the brain, such as the cerebral cortex, which focus on higher-order thinking such as advanced problem solving, affection and belonging, short-circuiting the fight-or-flight stress response.

Klatt has also explored the role of meditation in stress reduction through a program she developed at The Ohio State University called Mindfulness in Motion, a combination of yoga, meditation and music. Her program consists of an eight-week mindfulness-based intervention that is delivered to participants in the workplace once a week during their lunch breaks, "so people see stress reduction as part of their day, rather than something they have to add onto their already stressful lives," she said.

The program focuses on using mindfulness to help people recognize sources of stress in their lives so they can begin to address them.

"A lot of times people don't actually know what they find stressful," she said. "You can't get on top of any of what you find stressful until you are aware of it." Similar to the effects of a walk in the woods on harmful ruminations, the program operates under the assumption that you cannot change the level of stress people experience in their work. "The only thing you can control is your reaction to it."

In studies she has published based on the program, Klatt has found that it led to significant decreases in perceived stress, as well as a decrease in inflammation as measured by CRP levels in the blood, and

sympathetic nervous system activation, measured by the presence of a biomarker in the saliva called salivary alpha-amylase.

In one study she performed with nurses in an intensive care unit at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, she found that nurses actually weren't overly stressed by the high-stakes medical emergencies in the unit, since they felt they'd been trained to handle them. The greatest stressors, instead, were patients' families, who could be emotionally unpredictable, causing the nurses to feel out of control. By helping them become more mindful of their responses to such stressors, the program decreased the amount of salivary alpha-amylase by 40 percent over the eight weeks. "We couldn't believe it ourselves," Klatt admitted. "We checked it so many times for accuracy."

Even more dramatically, the program had the effect of reducing stress for everyone on the unit — not just those who had participated in the program — a so-called "halo effect" from a general increase in

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calm. Klatt has done other studies on the program, finding that for people who were not overweight, the mindfulness program reduced CRP levels more than other interventions involving changes to diet and exercise. She is now teaching an undergraduate honors course at Ohio State that includes mindfulness interventions and features guest speakers from areas of government, medicine and business who talk about how they developed resilience to deal with stress at work.

"We teach people about dysfunction in psychology, but no one teaches people how to be resilient and happy," Klatt said. "That training is something we need to be proactive about on every level."

Being a stress researcher has its downsides, Klatt said — the biggest one being that once she tells people what she does, at parties, they inevitably unload on her all of the stress they are feeling in their own lives. But that just reinforces for her the need for people to develop mechanisms to better cope with their life stressors.

One piece of advice she always gives them is to monitor their screentime. The constant torrent of negative news from our Facebook and Twitter feeds only succeeds in feeding our sense of helplessness and loss of control, she said, introducing a medical term: "People need to focus on figuring out what their 'minimum effective dose' is," she explained, "so they get the news, but don't get depressed." ■

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The Cheerful Critic

How Margaret Willison '07 turned her love of pop culture into a mini media empire

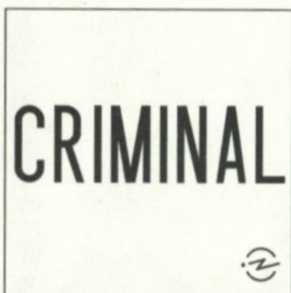
During my first conversation with Margaret Willison '07, she receives 52 text messages in 53 minutes, and the Slack channel she shares with her fellow podcasters is flooded with messages. Do any of these virtual conversations distract her from the one we're having? Perhaps. But I can't tell because Willison is a professional talker. She jumps easily from discussing 19th-century British literature to the joys of eavesdropping on Twitter. Such conversational acrobatics — or what she calls her “scalable personality” — are part of what has made her so popular on social media. She is the rare human who can tweet 58 times a day to her 15,000 followers and still sound sincere.

By day, Willison (@MrsFridayNext on Twitter) is a librarian at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. But in her free time, she is one of social media's rising cultural commentators. She co-hosts a podcast called “Appointment Television,” co-writes the weekly e-newsletter “Two Bossy Dames” and appears on NPR's “Pop Culture Happy Hour” as a recurring guest host. Her popularity coincides with a podcast boom: Since 2016, podcast ad revenue has grown by 85 percent, according to Adweek, and 57 million Americans listened to at least one podcast a month last year. Neither “Appointment Television” nor “Two Bossy Dames” relies on advertising — they collect monthly donations from fans. But if these projects ever started paying her bills, Willison would happily turn her digital endeavors into a career. “I never set out to have my miniature media empire,” she said. “I've just always been really good at having opinions.”



by Lisa Rab
Photos by Kelly Davidson





"Criminal"

A half hour-long podcast that tells a true, contained story about some aspect of criminal behavior every other week, from an incarcerated man making himself indispensable to a riot that ensued when a sly bar owner made the world's most expensive bourbon into jello shots.



"It's Been a Minute with Sam Sanders"

A twice weekly show out of NPR that alternates between in-depth interviews with fascinating people every Tuesday and a weekly news roundup every Friday evening. Host Sam Sanders' endearing personality is just the spoonful of sugar necessary to make the medicine of the weekly news swallowable — and the segment at each episode's end, where listeners share the best thing that's happened to them all week, is guaranteed to make you cry.



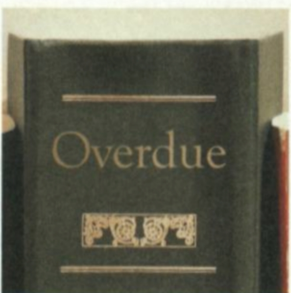
"Judge John Hodgman"

John Hodgman, the comedian most famous for making up facts as a "resident expert" on "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," dons fake judges' robes and adjudicates listeners' petty disputes with ample hilarity and surprisingly deep emotional insight.



"The Memory Palace"

Nate DiMeo's concise episodes on historical figures and happenings manage to pack a world of emotional richness into their short run-times — each eight to 30 minute episode contains a story so grippingly told that you'll wonder why Hollywood has yet to turn any of them into movies.



"Overdue"

Even if you aren't lucky enough — like me — to be friends with Andrew Cunningham and Craig Getting (both Kenyon '08), listening to this podcast where they read books unfamiliar to them and alternately riff hilariously upon and engage meaningfully with their contents will make you FEEL as though you are. It's the best beginning to any Monday.

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Those opinions are grounded in literature and history, both of which Willison studied at Kenyon. What makes her approach to criticism stand out, though, is a relentless positivity. Whether discussing the Netflix return of "Gilmore Girls" or the BBC drama "Call the Midwife," she respects her subjects for who they are and what they're trying to accomplish, rejecting the cynicism of many of her peers. "I want to be a voice that shows that intelligence and enthusiasm are not diametrically opposed," she said. "There is just as much honor in loving something astutely as there is in criticizing it aggressively."

Growing up in Boston, Willison watched Alfred Hitchcock movies with her dad and read Agatha Christie novels recommended by her mother. When she was 10, her favorite movie was "Vertigo," a 1958 Hitchcock thriller about a detective who suffers from a fear of heights. Roger Ebert called it "one of the two or three best films Hitchcock ever made" — which means that even before she hit middle school, Willison had excellent taste. By the time she was 15, she had decided to "be myself as loudly as possible." People who were attracted to her personality would come closer, she reasoned, and everyone else would leave her alone.

At Kenyon, she discovered that academic prowess and a love of pop culture were not mutually exclusive. One of her favorite professors was Glenn McNair, who teaches African American history and adores "terrible reality television," Willison said. McNair was fascinated by the way shows such as "Love and Hip Hop" reflected the culture at large. Willison adopted a similar approach, admitting she gets "enormous satisfaction" from the world of YouTube and GIFs. "I try not to be didactic about where you find joy or meaning," she said.

Kenyon also introduced her to friends who would shape her professional life. Near the beginning of her first year, Willison wandered into the dorm room of Kathryn VanArendonk '07 and noticed her book collection. Both women were fans of the "Thursday Next" series — detective stories by British author Jasper Fforde, in which literature dominates pop culture and the characters jump in and out of the fictional world of famous novels. Willison had obtained an advance copy of the next book in the series and asked if VanArendonk wanted to borrow it. From then on, the two were fast friends. They became suitemates during the Kenyon-Exeter program in England, where they discovered — and crashed — a literary convention at which Fforde was the featured speaker. At night, they would hang out in VanArendonk's room, drinking cheap wine and critiquing "The Bachelor."

VanArendonk went on to earn a doctorate in English from Stanford University, and wrote her dissertation



about the similarities in narrative structure between serial novels and television shows. She's now a television critic for New York Magazine's culture website, Vulture. Willison studied library science at Simmons College in Boston. There, her professors encouraged her to embrace the social media that library patrons might want to use in their daily lives. Willison, who calls herself an "inveterate eavesdropper," found Twitter to be the "perfect medium." She could listen to the conversations of smart, entertaining strangers, and no one would stop her from joining them.

As she finished graduate school in 2012, podcasts were transforming the way people consumed audio. In VanArendonk's view, their intimate format breeds a sense of community in a fractured world. "They bring into focus this sort of chaos of information that's available to you," Willison added.

NPR launched "Pop Culture Happy Hour" in 2010, promising to discuss movies, television and "cringe-inducing" soundbites from that summer's shows. Willison was an early and avid listener. When the

podcast's hosts offered to let anyone who emailed them do a recap of reality television on air, Willison jumped at the chance. Her email led to a friendship with host Linda Holmes, who asked Willison to appear more regularly on the podcast. She participated in her first full episode in September 2014, and now appears up to six times a year.

Meanwhile, on the show's Facebook fan page, Willison had befriended fellow librarian Sophie Brookover. The two women read the internet voraciously, and would often share the same books or articles in their social media news feeds.

As the Jewish high holidays approached in the fall of 2011, Willison noticed a photo of freshly baked challah on Brookover's Facebook page. "Wow, that looks incredible," Willison commented on the loaves of sweet, braided egg bread.

"Do you want one?" Brookover responded.

Willison lives in Boston, Brookover in New Jersey. They had never met in person. But Willison sent Brookover her mailing address, and soon enough a package of mini bread loaves arrived. The two later



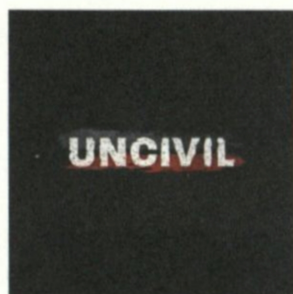
"Still Processing"

After my friends recommended it for months, I finally started listening to this New York Times podcast last summer and was immediately furious with myself for waiting so long. Wesley Morris, who covers film and culture, and Jenna Wortham, who writes about people and tech, have hypnotically compelling conversations about culture, race, gender and sexuality. You won't be able to stop quoting them.



"Thirst Aid Kit"

Bim Adewunmi and Nichole Perkins, two of my favorite BuzzFeed culture writers, run this hilarious podcast where they discuss celebrities or fictional characters for whom they thirst (i.e. have a crush on), what drives their desires and how they, and other women in the world, express it. The show is hilarious, charming and — with its emphasis on clearly foregrounding female desire — quietly revolutionary.



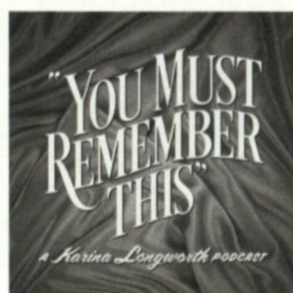
"Uncivil"

I hate to call something "of the moment," but given the country's ongoing national reckoning with the legacy of the Civil War, this engrossing podcast, which reexamines some of the most enduring myths about it, could not feel more vital.



"Unfriendly Black Hotties"

As with "Overdue," I am lucky enough to call Christina Tucker and Kamille Washington friends, a privileged position that I appreciate anew with every brilliant, uproarious episode of their show, whether they're covering the latest kerfuffles in higher education, or the true meaning of our current political administration's Zodiac signs, or alternating back and forth between facts about the extreme lives of blue whales and the reality of mass incarceration in America.



"You Must Remember This"

This immersive podcast, hosted by film critic and historian Karina Longworth, looks at "secret and/or forgotten histories of Hollywood's first century," balancing camp and scholarly research with minute precision. She takes subjects like the Manson Murders, or Hollywood's involvement with the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC), and explodes them, telling both the stories you expect and the ones you never knew to look for before.

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met for lunch in Philadelphia, and a real-life friendship bloomed. Brookover had co-authored a 2008 book called "Pop Goes the Library: Using Pop Culture to Connect With Your Whole Community." She shared Willison's belief that boy bands and young adult novels were worthy of serious consideration, and that the line between low- and high-brow culture was constantly moving. Teenage girls, she points out, were the first to recognize the importance of icons such as the Beatles, Frank Sinatra and Harry Potter. Eventually, Brookover suggested that she and Willison work on some kind of cultural criticism project together. In October 2014, they launched "Two Bossy Dames," a weekly compilation of GIFs and tongue-in-cheek cultural commentary that now has 7,200 email subscribers.

Willison's media presence keeps expanding. In April 2015, another Kenyon graduate, Andrew Cunningham '08, invited her to appear on his book-discussion podcast, "Overdue," to talk about "Little House on the Prairie." Three months later, he asked her to come back. Cunningham and his co-host, Craig Getting '08, didn't know Willison well, but enjoyed working with her and hoped that her many librarian Twitter fans would broaden their audience. Soon, Cunningham had another idea: Did Willison want to start a television podcast? His interests tend toward "Star Trek" and " Fargo," while hers center on what he calls British "bonnet dramas." But Willison said she would love to participate — as long as VanArendonk, who analyzes television for a living, could be their co-host.

In September 2015, the three Kenyon alumni launched "Appointment Television." Each week, they help listeners navigate the vast array of television shows in a conversation that feels like a chat between close friends — because it is. "It's a great chance to get together and laugh about some good pop culture, or some bad culture," Cunningham said. By the end of 2017 they had a small but loyal fan base, with 2,500 to 3,000 new downloads each time a new episode is released.

Willison realizes how serendipitous this sounds, and how fortunate her career path has been. "People like me and they offer me opportunities," she said. She figures that the best way to repay them is by taking each opportunity seriously, and working hard to make sure it succeeds.

Like many social media personalities, Willison's personal and professional lives blur on her Twitter feed. She's careful not to complain about her day job; in fact, few of her followers know she works at MIT. But she does tweet about online dating, and the creepy messages she sometimes receives from suitors. Once, for example, she met a man on Twitter, had coffee with him and then told him she wasn't interested, but he continued to send gifts to her at work, anonymously, for a year afterward. Such interactions worry Willison. She still tweets constantly, but is thoughtful about which details to reveal.

Along with her growing media presence, Willison has attracted some critics. But the fact that listeners must seek her out — either by subscribing to her newsletter or her podcasts — keeps their numbers relatively low. “No one is hate-reading my newsletter,” she quipped. And she’s quick to “mute” listeners who harass her on Twitter, removing their posts from her timeline.

She’s also aware that having thousands of followers gives her a powerful platform to express her political views, which tend to be feminist and liberal. She often tweets about queer culture and drag culture — subjects that interest her as a bisexual woman, and that she wants to promote. Willison knows that because she presents herself as “very sweet and very feminine,” she has privileged access and approval from certain social circles. She posts pictures of herself in flowery dresses and bright red lipstick; her Twitter avatar is a picture of herself peering seductively over librarian glasses. She believes this persona has hidden her from online trolls who might otherwise attack her.

In a November 2017 episode of “Appointment Television”, the hosts are discussing the Netflix mini-series “Godless” — a 19th-century Western set in a New Mexican town populated primarily by women.

“I love stories where almost all the men have died,” Willison gushes.

“I know,” VanArendonk responds, and you can hear the smile in her voice. “It’s very violent, though.”

One of the stars is Sam Waterston, who VanArendonk quickly identifies as the “eyebrowed lawyer from ‘Law & Order.’”

“Eyebrowed lawyer from ‘Law & Order’ I know,” Cunningham says. “Sam Mc-whatsit ... I don’t know.”

VanArendonk laughs.

The three friends record every week using Google Hangout and Skype, and Willison has a habit of delivering one-liners that force Cunningham to push back his chair and leave the screen until he can compose himself. Her voice is an essential part of her appeal. Simultaneously high-pitched and gravelly, it’s infused with a Marilyn Monroe kind of breathiness. She often sounds exuberant and bubbly, even when discussing a show she doesn’t like. “Margaret can be sarcastic, but her whole critical identity is sincerity and stunning intelligence,” VanArendonk said.

Willison is keenly aware of how that identity is connected to the business side of her media enterprise. Both “Appointment Television” and “Two Bossy Dames” rely on Patreons — online fundraising sites that allow listeners to contribute monthly donations to creative projects. “Appointment Television” pulls in \$300 a month and “Two Bossy Dames” garners \$600. This is more than enough to cover the shows’ expenses, but is not what Willison would call fair compensation. She and her “Appointment Television” co-hosts have “irons in the fire” to court advertisers, she said, but that’s tough to do when you’re not part of a larger podcasting network. Their dream would be to join Maximum Fun, a network whose podcast stars include comedians John Hodgman and Patton Oswalt. Meanwhile, Willison enjoys her day job at the MIT Libraries.

KENYONCASTS

Here are three additional podcasts by Kenyon alumni that are worth a listen.

“Pod Save America”

Co-hosted by former Obama staffer Tommy Vietor ’02, its tagline is “A political podcast for people not yet ready to give up or go insane.” Vietor also hosts a sibling podcast, “Pod Save the World.”

“Dear Hank & John”

Literary phenom John Green ’00 H’16 and his brother, Hank, take questions from listeners and offer “dubious” advice.

“Out There”

Host Willow Belden ’07 explores the transformative experiences others have in the outdoors.



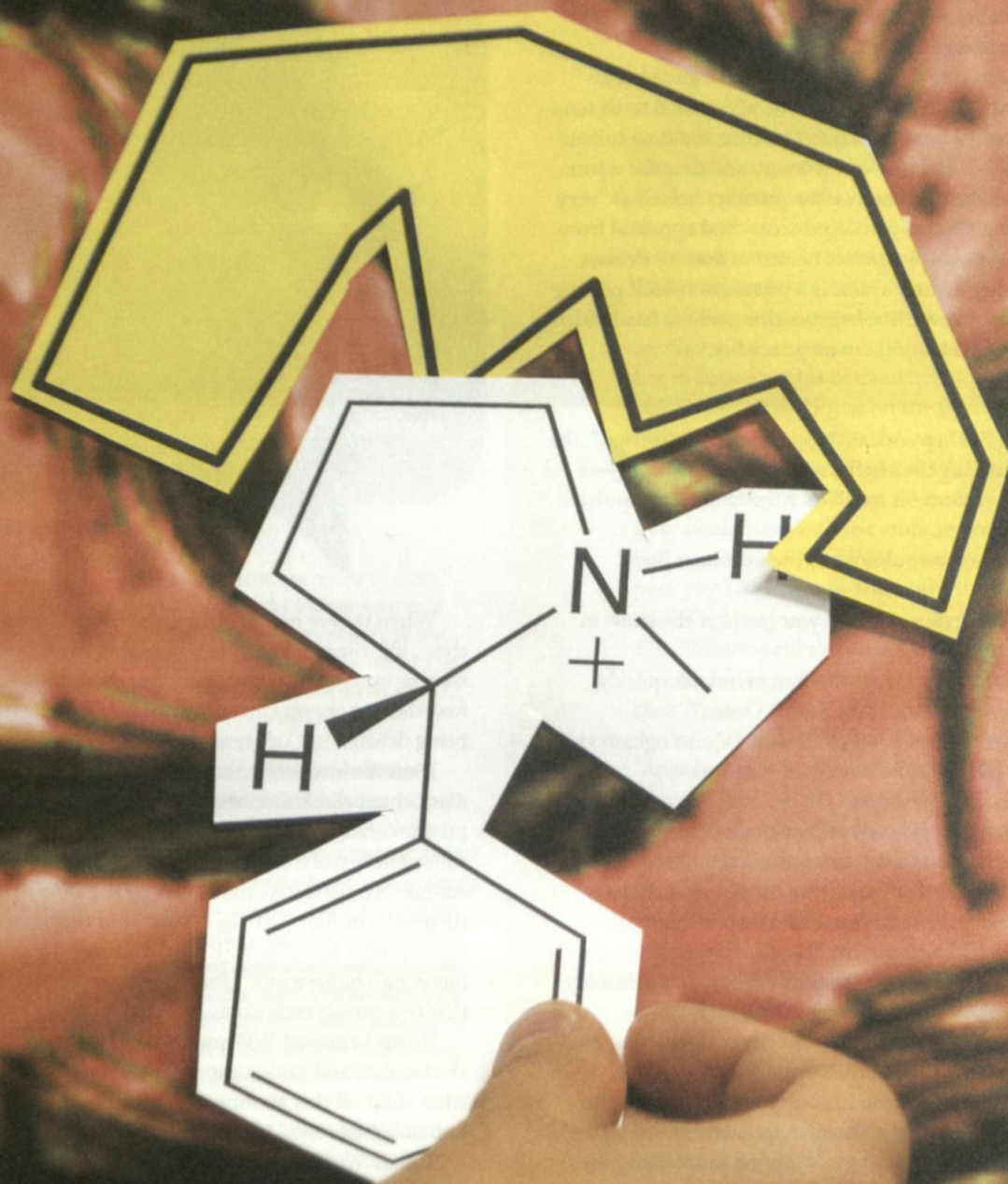
When they’re not recording, the hosts stay in touch via daily Slack chats, like the one Willison was having when I called. She’s accustomed to sharing everything with her friends there: What should she wear to her first therapy appointment? Who should they talk to about an alarming bill being debated in Congress?

Even the interviews I conducted for this story became fodder for the Slack channel. I know, because Willison tweeted excerpts from those private conversations to her thousands of followers. “Margaret does this thing where you’ll be recording the podcast, right, and you’ll think she’s completely distracted and isn’t even listening to what you’re saying, and then she’ll be like, ‘Oh, right, sure,’ and then throw in some VERY insightful comment and it is VERY frustrating,” VanArendonk wrote about the interview she gave me. “Honestly, it’s going to be a bit of a problem for us that this profile even exists.”


When I emailed Willison to ask if my inquiries had upset her friends, she laughed and said not to worry. “Everyone is just apprehensive about what effect all this attention is going to have on the size of my already unmanageable ego,” she wrote.

This is Willison at her self-deprecating best. She’s proud of her ability to share intimate details of her life online, but she’s also human, which means she cares what other people think. Even someone who has built a career by being herself “as loudly as possible” craves the respect of her peers. “To Twitter, I am an open book,” she tweeted. “To my alumni magazine I want to be like, a FANCY PLAQUE.” 📖

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A student demonstrates how a nicotine model might have trouble interacting with some molecule receptors in the brain.



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From doughnuts to e-cigarettes, Kenyon students use science to educate middle schoolers on addiction

By Mary Keister
Photos by Cameron Peters '20

Imagine you're biting into a warm doughnut, sinking your teeth into the soft crust and licking powdered sugar off your lips. As the sugar hits your tongue, it blasts your taste buds and signals your brain to enter a state of saccharine bliss. But as we devour doughnuts, or any other sugary treat, how does our brain know to respond by delivering the sensation of sweetness?

Associate Professor of Chemistry Sheryl Hemkin holds the answer. So do her students. And now, thanks to work Hemkin's students did in an upper-level CHEM 401 seminar last fall, sixth-grade students at a nearby school know the answer as well.

The work by Hemkin and her class was part of a larger initiative in conjunction with the Knox County Health Department and St. Vincent de Paul School, a Catholic school based in Mount Vernon, Ohio, to create interactive educational modules showing the effects that various substances, such as alcohol, nicotine, sugar and caffeine, can have on someone's body. Ultimately, they hoped to create a program incorporating videos, age-appropriate readings and hands-on activities that could supplement health curricula and demonstrate what happens on a molecular level when someone drinks a beer, smokes hookah or tries an e-cigarette.

"Everything you consume contains chemicals, with each chemical having a particular shape,"

Hemkin said, "and it interacts with the body in a different way because of that molecular shape."

Over the course of the semester, Hemkin's students and the sixth-graders met both at St. Vincent's and in Kenyon's labs to discuss the chemistry behind a variety of substances — including doughnuts. But the chemistry class wanted to pay particularly close attention to the substances most commonly used among the pre-teens and their peers: alcohol and nicotine. And in a county, and a state, hit hard by an opioid epidemic, Hemkin and her students kept their eyes on a higher goal: convincing the middle-school students to think about the science of whatever they consume, throughout their lives, so they would make healthy choices long after graduating the middle schools and high schools of Knox County.

In Knox County schools in 2011, the Knox Substance Abuse Action Team (KSAAT) began conducting the Pride Survey, a questionnaire widely used across the country to gauge substance abuse among teenagers. As the results of each biennial survey were returned, KSAAT members noticed a worrying trend: Usage of cigarettes and alcohol was increasing among Knox County youth, and teenagers' perception of the harmful effects of these substances was decreasing. In 2015, 2.9 percent of sixth-graders surveyed reported trying cigarettes in the month prior to the survey, and 6 percent reported alcohol consumption that month. Among eighth-grade students surveyed in 2015 about their previous month's use of substances, 7.6 percent reported trying cigarettes, and 7.4 percent reported alcohol consumption. In the Pride Survey conducted in 2011, 1.2 percent of sixth-graders reported trying cigarettes in the previous month, and 2.1 percent reported alcohol consumption.

With support from a federal Drug-Free Communities grant, KSAAT coordinator Ashley Phillips began exploring ways to better educate

Knox County youth about substance abuse. She conducted focus groups and heard from teenagers that they weren't opposed to more education about substance abuse — they just wanted it to be higher-level than any facts they could Google on their own.

Phillips shared feedback from her focus groups with Jen Odenweller, then-director of Kenyon's Office for Community Partnerships, who volunteers with KSAAT's youth committee, and in the fall of 2016, the pair met with Hemkin to discuss the possibility of a Kenyon-led project addressing substance abuse among Knox County teenagers. Together, they decided to focus their initial efforts on a pilot program among sixth-graders at St. Vincent de Paul School, whose principal also is involved with KSAAT.

"Our Pride Survey tells us that the average age that a child takes their first drink or starts using [drugs and cigarettes] is 12," Phillips said. "So if we're going to prevent this from happening, we need to really focus on those children age 12 and even younger. ... They're going into middle school — that's when they're open to new experiences. Their relationship with their parents might start to seem a little bit awkward, and that's kind of when the water starts to part. So this was a prime opportunity."

Hemkin had been considering how she could use her expertise as a chemist as a force for good in a community aching under the weight of an opioid crisis. This partnership provided her with an open door to not only help her community become healthier, but

also to promote science education in a meaningful way.

She decided to collaborate with Sharon Tharp, the sixth-grade science teacher at St. Vincent's, to create an educational program that could eventually be scaled to different grade levels and deployed at schools across the county. Students in Hemkin's class would develop hands-on activities outlining facts of different molecules — primarily ethanol and nicotine molecules — as well as the effects they inflict on the body. Hemkin's students also would design five-minute videos to reinforce the classroom activities, with support from an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant facilitated through the Center for Innovative Pedagogy.

To test-drive their methods of teaching sixth-graders about various molecules, Hemkin's students started small, focusing on one molecule: sucrose, or sugar. They gave short presentations in Tharp's class to practice explaining how brains react to sugar — that molecule receptors on your tongue are like baseball mitts, and sucrose molecules are like baseballs that are easily nestled into those taste bud receptors.

"It's really easy to catch the baseball in the baseball mitt, but if you throw a Frisbee or a football, it can't be caught," Hemkin explained. "You could imagine that's like a molecule responsible for bitter taste, or gluten, or other molecules that aren't sugars, that come with all the foods and other substances you put in your mouth."

Metaphors proved key to the work of the Kenyon students, who puzzled over how to



CLOCKWISE: Film major Ashley Martens '18 acts as a scientist in a video about alcohol molecules; Herbert Wakefield '19 workshops activities to show how molecules interact with organs; Associate Professor of Chemistry Sheryl Hemkin uses her phone to film her students as they practice their presentations for the sixth-graders; and Dana Oakes '18 gestures to a drawing of a heart.

best connect with middle-school students with varying levels of science knowledge. Because their educational modules would be supplemental to existing middle school health curricula, members of Hemkin's class wanted to ensure that their lessons would be engaging and easy to digest.

"We definitely work in analogies a lot," said Jenna Bouquot '19, a chemistry major from Hudson, Ohio. "When you're in the sciences, you spend a lot of time working on learning how to talk to other people who do science, and you learn all the technical terms. It is a completely different challenge to explain these really difficult scientific concepts to people who have no science background."

While workshoping video ideas in Hemkin's class, her students transformed the idea of a sip of beer into an image of a water balloon splattering inside someone's

Among eighth-grade students surveyed in 2015 about their previous month's use of substances, 7.6 percent reported trying cigarettes.

body, releasing simplistic, water-soluble ethanol molecules (C_2H_6O) into the bloodstream and organs. The tiny molecules could easily flow through membranes in the body and attach to a variety of receptors, quickly causing a tipsy sensation, the students explained.

Nicotine was depicted as a clunky molecule, knocking throughout the body in search of the few receptors to which it could attach its complex chemical scaffolding. On its way to those select receptors in the brain, the students

explained, the nicotine molecule — $C_{10}H_{14}N_2$ — could damage lungs, the heart and anything else in its path.

Hemkin's class spent considerable time learning the details of each molecule they planned to feature in their in-class activities and educational videos for the St. Vincent de Paul class. But in addition to learning the science, they had to contemplate how to best present their lessons without scaring or confusing the kids — or without isolating any

kids who may have family members abusing substances, or who may have already dabbled in nicotine and alcohol themselves.

"With the sixth-graders, you share what you need to, and you also don't want to share too much to overwhelm them, because chemistry already is very new to them," said Kelsey Trulik '18, a neuroscience major from Ann Arbor, Michigan. "Throwing these big words on them would just be another very scary thing to them."



Molecular Mania

While working with the sixth-graders at the St. Vincent de Paul School, Hemkin and her students used hands-on activities to reinforce lessons about various molecules and their effects on the body. In one activity, they used eggs to show the delicacy of a developing brain and the harm that could occur by consuming alcohol and nicotine while a teenager. Students dropped raw and hard-boiled eggs to demonstrate the difference in damage sustained by substance abuse in a developing teenage body (the raw egg) versus an adult body (the hard-boiled egg). "Before and during the egg drop, my students discussed the fragility of the brain," Hemkin said. "And, the middle schoolers had a lot of fun dropping the eggs, so hopefully that will make the ideas implant more strongly."

SUCROSE

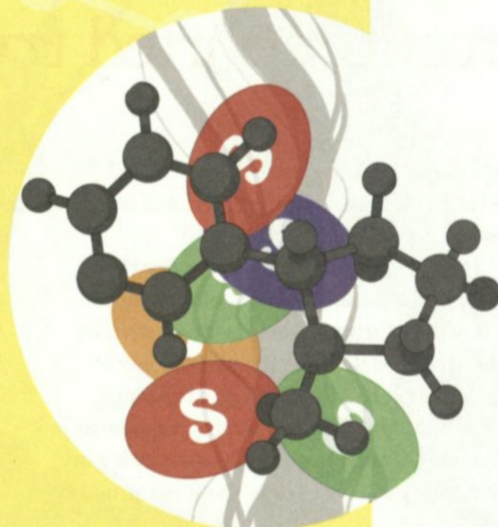
Hemkin's students used a baseball and a baseball mitt to illustrate how a molecule such as sucrose, or sugar, fits into a taste receptor. They then gave the sixth-graders both regular and sour Skittles and asked if they expected the sour taste to originate from the sweet taste receptors on their tongues. The students compared the molecular structures of sucrose and citric acid, a key sour ingredient, and considered how the structural differences in the molecules could cause them to bind to different taste receptors.

ETHANOL

What's the effect of one glass of wine on someone's mental and physical capacity, versus three, or five? To help illustrate difficulties encountered through increased alcohol consumption, a Kenyon student attempted to juggle in front of the sixth-graders while simultaneously spelling the word "carbon." With each additional "drink," the student picked up one more object to juggle. The student's ability to quickly spell carbon and juggle disintegrated with each new object in the air.

NICOTINE

When someone first experiences nicotine, they are hit with a pleasant sensation. But the more people use nicotine, the more exposure it takes to experience that same buzz. To illustrate this diminishing return, Hemkin's students deployed Skittles as a stand-in for the dopamine that is released in the body when nicotine molecules enter the brain. The sixth-graders picked up a model of a nicotine molecule to signal a "first smoke" and received four Skittles as a reward. When the molecule model was picked up a second time for a "second smoke," the sixth-graders could receive only three Skittles. Picking up the model yet again for a "third smoke" yielded only a two-Skittle reward for the students.



MEGAN LLEWELLYN '12

Their examination of substance abuse trends in Knox County also spurred some students to reconsider how they originally had planned to package their lesson plans and their videos. The team of students working on a video about nicotine shifted its focus from cigarettes to include chew and dip — common forms of tobacco ingestion in Knox County — as well as e-cigarettes and vape pens, vehicles of nicotine consumption that are growing in popularity.

After mastering the scientific aspects of the videos, Hemkin's class faced a more technical difficulty: They lacked experience both in front of and behind the camera. To overcome this hurdle, they turned to the Department of Dance, Drama and Film, and Visiting Assistant Professor of Film Uma Vangal, to help act out their video scripts and produce the videos. The nicotine team planned a cartoon-style video, where various characters, storyboarded on a whiteboard, would observe the ingestion of nicotine through cigarettes, vape pens and other methods, all the while contemplating the molecules' fraught journeys through the body. The team of students focused on ethanol consumption cooked up a skit involving a scientist chatting up a friend at a party, helping the friend to navigate the bodily effects of the contents of their cup.

Interaction with students from Tharp's sixth-grade science class helped inform the video creation process for Hemkin's students. Throughout the semester, Hemkin's class visited the school to present their ideas and workshop hands-on activities with the kids to demonstrate molecular structures and show how they engage with the body. Evidence of the collaboration ran rampant throughout Tharp's classroom; posters adorned the walls proclaiming atoms to be "building blocks" and chemical bonds to be like "friends holding hands." Nametags for Tharp's students rested on her desk, ready to be deployed when Hemkin's class visited. (Hemkin crafted the nametags herself, incorporating elements from the periodic table to spell each child's name.)

"I shared with [Hemkin], the more hands-on activities they can do, the better it's going to be," Tharp said about guiding Hemkin's students in their lessons for the sixth-graders. "They have been great, bringing in molecule

models and all kinds of things for them to do."

The evidence-based style of learning that the educational modules embrace is part of a growing push, Phillips said, among drug- and alcohol-educators to provide students with facts, not just scare tactics, about various substances. Hemkin and her students hope that their fact-based videos and activities will help students become lifelong informed consumers about whatever they choose to ingest.

"At the end of the video, it should leave them almost with the thought of, 'OK, now that I understand what's happening [in my body], do I really want that to happen?'" Bouquot said. "It's much easier to comprehend why you shouldn't do something if you can understand it than if someone just tells you not to do something."

As a new school year approaches, Hemkin already is thinking about varied applications for the program — different molecules they could feature, different grade levels they could target, different ways she could involve other science students at Kenyon. Though last fall's videos focused heavily on alcohol and nicotine, substances easily and commonly obtained by middle-school students, Hemkin has her sights set on a broader issue sweeping across Ohio: the opioid epidemic.

From 2011–2016, Knox County averaged 8.5 deaths from accidental drug overdose per year, according to data reported by the Ohio Department of Health. The Mount Vernon News reported in January that 15 residents of Knox County fatally overdosed in 2017.

Sixth-grade students, Hemkin noted, probably aren't addicted to opioids. But they may know someone who is — a parent, a sibling, a cousin, a neighbor — and shifting their mental approach to substance abuse at an early age, to focus scientifically on the molecular effects of drugs, may inform their decisions and choices throughout their lives.

"If they're given the opportunity to take

an opioid, whether it's from their doctor or whether it's from somebody else, they might think more about having a conversation with a doctor to understand why the medication is needed and what it would do to their body," Hemkin said. The results of the class's efficacy might be seen as early as 2019, when the sixth-graders, who will then be eighth-graders, will again fill out the biennial Pride Survey on their drug and alcohol use. As the Pride Survey results are released, they may guide Hemkin as she considers additional educational modules on various substances.

"I'm hoping that this will at least be a place to start," Hemkin said. 13

"It's much easier to comprehend why you shouldn't do something if you can understand it than if someone just tells you not to do something." — Jenna Bouquot '19

Kelsey Trulik '18 (right) and Herbert Wakefield '19 prepare to film their video modules on nicotine and alcohol molecules.



OFFICE HOURS

BURNING QUESTION

FOR ROB ALEXANDER, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS
AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Would transitioning to renewable energy hurt the economy?

A question like this must first be placed within the context of why we need to shift to renewable energy sources. Unmitigated climate change poses an existential threat. Twenty-nine percent of all U.S. greenhouse emissions are produced from generating electricity — more than any other sector of the economy — with transportation close behind at 27 percent. So, addressing these emissions is critical to mitigating the worst impacts of climate change.

Slowing climate change matters not just for our climate but for our economy. Seminal research on the economics of climate change by U.K. economist Nicholas Stern estimates the potential impacts of climate change to include a long-term 20 percent reduction in world gross domestic product (GDP). In comparison, the Great Recession saw a GDP decline of around 4 percent for two years. With a 2015 world GDP of \$74.15 trillion, the cost of not shifting to renewable energy is at least \$15 trillion annually. To avoid these impacts, we must reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2050. This goal is realistic, but it is a major undertaking that requires deliberate action.

The question is not whether we should transition to renewable energy, but whether the transition we must undertake will provide a net economic benefit or cost. As it turns out, the transition to renewable energy is likely to result in a net economic gain for our society.

That does not mean that every individual will benefit, nor that the transition will be without pain, but it does mean that the transition is likely to result in net economic growth, more jobs and a more efficient and resilient system of electricity production.

A recent study by the Risky Business Project provides a framework for an approach that is both technically and economically feasible. It is based on three principle transitions: shift from fossil fuels to electricity, generate electricity from low- and zero-carbon sources and use all energy more efficiently.

The shift from fossil fuels to electricity includes the gradual adoption of electric vehicles, electric and geothermal heat pumps for heating, and electricity in industrial processes. The shift to renewable electricity requires a rapid transition to zero-carbon sources, like wind, solar, geothermal and nuclear, along with an expansion of energy storage and a redesigned grid. The potential for increased efficiency is significant. For example, we lose about one-half of all electricity generated in the U.S. to system losses. A redesigned distributed generation grid could dramatically reduce those losses.

The cost of the Risky Business Project plan would be around \$320 billion a year from 2020 to 2050. This is a major investment, about 8 percent of the size of the 2015 U.S. federal government budget, but the returns over the life of the transition would be substantially larger and would continue indefinitely. The savings would start at around \$65 billion a year in the 2020s, increasing to over \$700 billion a year in the 2040s. Around 1 million additional jobs would be created during the 30-year transition, with many of the largest gains being in the domestic construction and utilities sectors. These returns do not include the damages saved from mitigating the worst impacts of climate change.

Until recently, the greatest impediment to the shift to renewable electricity was its cost relative to fossil-fuel-based plants, but that is no longer the case. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the levelized cost of electricity from solar is now fully competitive with coal, without subsidies, and the levelized cost of electricity from wind is potentially even lower than that of natural gas generation. A levelized cost allows for the comparison of different types of electricity sources by considering both the total lifetime cost of building and operating a plant and the total lifetime energy produced by the plant. It is the minimum price that would have to be charged for a plant to break even.

One of the historical concerns with solar and wind systems is their intermittent nature, while fossil fuel plants operate 24 hours a day, but even that is no longer an issue in the transition to renewable energy sources. A recent analysis by the investment bank Lazard compared the unsubsidized cost of commercial solar and wind systems with energy storage systems to that of conventional fossil fuel generation systems. The analysis found that, even with storage, commercial renewable energy systems are cheaper than coal and comparable to natural gas.

Even if climate change were not such an urgent issue, the shift to renewable energy would make sense on purely economic grounds alone. Given the need to avoid the most significant impacts of climate change, the case isn't even close. A shift to a renewable energy infrastructure is a win-win for our society. ■

MUSINGS

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PROFESSOR OF DRAMA

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It seems that many people read *The New Yorker* from back to front, and the desire to win the magazine's caption contest has replaced the secret screenplay in a drawer. When I was one of three finalists — along with Jason from North Carolina and Marc from Alabama — I heard from everybody, including a childhood neighbor who happened to know two of the finalists. A former student claimed he knew all three. They both insisted that mine was the best, but they might have been saying the same thing to Jason and Marc.

Relatives asked me to tell them my caption, which was a humbling experience: See, there's a man tending a barbecue with a briefcase on it and his wife stands next to him, looking at him questioningly. My man says to her: "It's never done." Okay, it's not laugh-out-loud funny, but there was an autobiographical truth to it.

There was a surprisingly long wait between announcing the finalists and selecting the winner; acquaintances anxiously Messengered me to see if I'd heard anything. I had no idea when I'd hear or how, or even whether they notified the finalists who hadn't won. For all I knew Jason or Marc was already throwing a celebratory barbecue.

My husband warned me not to get my hopes up, reminding me that the public doesn't necessarily know what's funny, but the public's votes had gotten me this far. Like *Tinder* for cartoon-lovers, the *New Yorker*'s "Cartoon Lounge" invites the reader to swipe through the caption submissions, dubbing them either funny, somewhat funny or unfunny. Once you read a few contenders, you will see that succinctness is all.

This was actually the second time I'd been published in *The New Yorker*. Years ago, they used a squib I'd found in an Ohio real estate brochure, in which a farmhouse was advertised as having "Wayne's coating." (*The New Yorker's* rejoinder was: Wayne lives next door, however.) But my squib didn't generate the same kind of heat.

Three weeks later, I was reading my email at the public library when the digital version of *The New Yorker* arrived in my inbox. When I stealthily went to the cartoon page to see if the results were out, it reminded me of the day after auditions in college, when I'd have to walk nonchalantly down the hill to see the final cast list posted. Given that nobody from *The New Yorker* had contacted me, I didn't have high hopes. But there I was!

Winning the caption contest earned me 300 likes on Facebook, and I graciously thanked the friends who had voted for me, especially since voting required a brief but trying registration process. One friend wondered if my victory was fair given that I was professionally funny,



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but captions require dialogue, so who better than a playwright to supply the missing line? Marc from Alabama, who is probably not a playwright, had his man saying: "Did I tell you I quit my job today?" In the business, I'm afraid we call that expository dialogue.

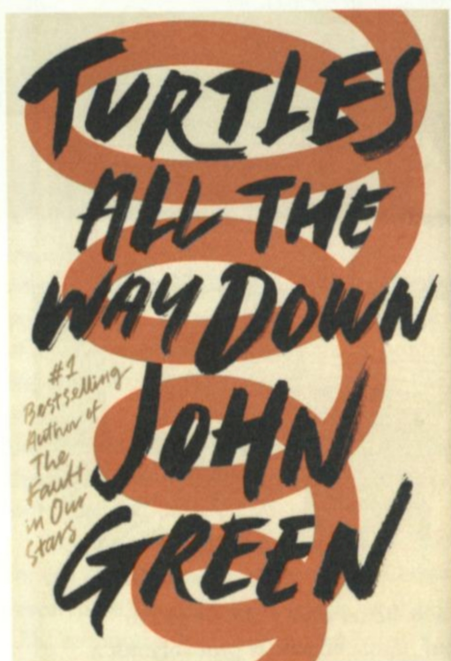
A surprising number of people wanted to know what I'd won. The short answer is nothing. I somehow imagined *The New Yorker* would send me a framed print but that was not forthcoming. Many people asked whether I'd submitted a lot of captions before finally winning. I had tendered a few early on, but feeling aggrieved when they failed to recognize my genius, I'd stopped. Someone told me they have a friend who always submits the same caption, certain that at some point he'll win, like the monkeys with typewriters who eventually come up with Shakespeare.

I'm now submitting captions weekly and I have a fantasy which involves *The New Yorker* cartoon editors being repeatedly dazzled and inviting me to join their stable. Everybody moans about how impossible it is to keep up with their *New Yorkers* so I have a cartoon in mind. Picture a tombstone with an epitaph that reads: "She Kept Up." 17

Wendy MacLeod '81 P'15 '17 is the James E. Michael Playwright-in-Residence at Kenyon College. Her play "The House of Yes" is a Miramax film and her prose has appeared in The New York Times, The Washington Post and POETRY, on Salon, The Rumpus and McSweeney's Internet Tendency, and on "All Things Considered."

BOOKS

John Green on writing and OCD



In his latest best-selling novel, “Turtles All the Way Down,” John Green ’00 H’16 plumbs the depths of his own struggles with obsessive-compulsive disorder and creates one of his most memorable characters to date — an amateur teen detective named Aza Holmes, who shares his diagnosis. This essay by Green was originally published in the October 2017 issue of the Costco Connection magazine and is reprinted here with the permission of the Costco Connection.

IT’S BEEN ALMOST six years since the publication of my previous novel, “The Fault in Our Stars.” A lot happened during that time: My daughter was born; my brother and I started our educational video channel “Crash Course;” a couple movie adaptations of my books were filmed and released. But a true accounting of these six years would include this uncomfortable fact: A lot of that time was completely lost to an incapacitating terror.

There is an old and pervasive lie that to be creative, you must also be mentally ill. If you type, “All artists are” into Google, Google autofills “mad.” It’s true that artists live with mental illness, but so do food service workers. And dentists.

Our culture strongly stigmatizes mental illness — the sick are too often seen as unreliable, dangerous and without value — but we also romanticize it. From Sherlock Holmes to Carrie Mathison in “Homeland,” brilliant detectives are often portrayed as brilliant because of their madness. That may be true to some people’s experiences, but it isn’t true to mine. My obsessive-compulsive disorder comes with no superpowers. It has not turned me into a brilliant detective. In fact, when I am sick, I am a terrible detective, because I find it completely impossible to apprehend anything outside of the consuming terror of myself.

Student readers react

It’s well-known that John Green ’00 H’16 is a star in the young adult fiction world. But how do Kenyon students feel about him? Alumni Bulletin intern and John Green aficionado Carolyn Ten Eyck ’18 asked several students about their connection to Green’s latest book, “Turtles All the Way Down,” and here’s what they had to say:

People like to make fun of young adult fiction like it’s something trivial and unworthy of critical regard, and I think they forget how big of a deal it is when you’re in high school (or really when you’re any age) to find, for the first time, a story you really see yourself in. In its handling of mental illness, I think “Turtles All the Way Down” is going to be that book for a lot of people. What really struck me, though, and what distinguished this book from others like it, is the nuanced, realistic and sympathetic way it deals with the effect that having a mental illness has on the people around you. — EMMA MCGORRAN ’18

The book is just beautiful. I honestly believe that it’s his strongest writing, and Aza is my favorite protagonist that he’s written. She’s smart and has such a good character arc, and Green presents her with such nuance. It was a privilege to be allowed into her world, and, in many ways, it felt like the book gave me language to better understand the real world. That’s one of the best things about books like this: In all connecting with characters like Aza, we end up connecting to one another. We can talk about big and complex issues through the lens of incredible books like this, and it allows us to grow closer to the people around us. — EMILY DALUGA ’17

My new book, "Turtles All the Way Down," is my attempt to write a story about a detective whose brain disorder is distinctly unhelpful. It's entirely fictional, but it is also for me a very personal fiction, because Aza's thought spirals borrow a lot from mine, and because most of this book was written after an extended period of unwellness.

In the story, 16-year-old Aza is trying to understand the world around her, but she cannot escape the prison of her own thoughts. Her brain forces her to think, nearly constantly, thoughts she does not wish to have. She knows her fears are mostly irrational, but she can't stop having them. And she wonders: If you can't choose your thoughts, but your thoughts are central to what make you yourself, then who precisely is driving the bus of your consciousness? It's terrifying to feel that you are stuck inside a body you can't control. It's like being locked inside a prison that is precisely the size of yourself.

It's like living inside an ever-tightening spiral. But saying it's like this or like that is part of the problem: Aza struggles to find direct form or expression for her pain, because it evades the senses. I think that's part of what makes psychic pain — and really any chronic pain — so horribly isolating. You can say what it's like, but you can't say what it is. I wrote "Turtles All the Way Down" in the hopes of finding form for that way-down terror that has accompanied me for so much of my life, and in the hopes that Aza's story might help me and others feel unalone.

— John Green '00 H'16

What I found most interesting about the book was Green's display of the main character's anxiety. She (has an extreme fear of germs), so much that she is constantly thinking about the bacteria in her own body being unsettling. Green does a great job of portraying what is going on in her mind when her almost debilitating anxiety sets in. For someone who does have anxiety, I believe this book may serve as a sign of hope that no matter what they have been through, it can and will get better, and life will go on. — MORGAN ENGMANN '20

RECENT BOOKS

BY KENYON AUTHORS

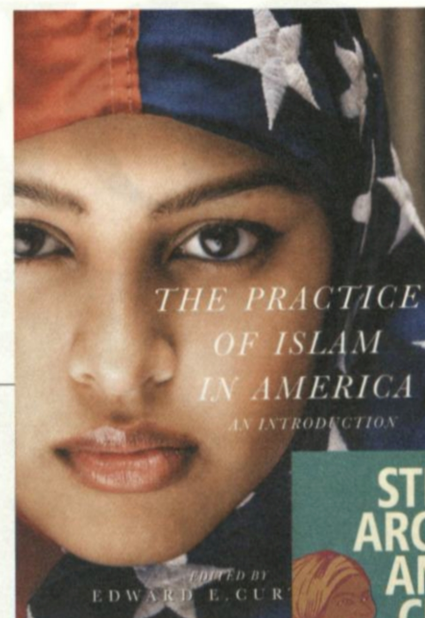
Jarret Berenstein '01, "The Kellyanne Conway Technique" (Skyhorse Publishing). A comedian and sketch writer, Berenstein cheerfully skewers President Trump's counselor in this guide to her techniques as a spin-master, from "Deny and Distract" to "Because I Said So."

Emily Guy Birken '01, "End Financial Stress Now: Immediate Steps You Can Take to Improve Your Financial Outlook" (Simon & Schuster: Adams Media). Birken not only offers practical advice — on budgeting and debt, for example — but also shows how financial stress arises from our core beliefs about money and cognitive biases like "hedonic adaptation" and "hyperbolic discounting."

Emily Blejwas '00, "Once You Know This" (Random House: Delacorte Press). Plucked from the "slush pile" by an editor who couldn't stop reading after the first line, this affecting novel (for ages 9 to 12) immerses us in the daily struggles of 11-year-old Brit-tany, who lives in poverty on Chicago's West Side, in the house of her mother's abusive boyfriend.

Emily Callaci '03, "Street Archives and City Life: Popular Intellectuals in Postcolonial Tanzania" (Duke University Press). A history professor at the University of Wisconsin, Callaci describes how young rural migrants settling in Dar es Salaam created a new urban culture composed of intellectuals ranging from journalists and pulp-fiction writers to nurses and Christian women's advice writers.

Edward E. Curtis IV '93, editor, "The Practice of Islam in America: An Introduction" (New York University Press). Twelve scholarly essays illuminate Islam as a "lived religion"



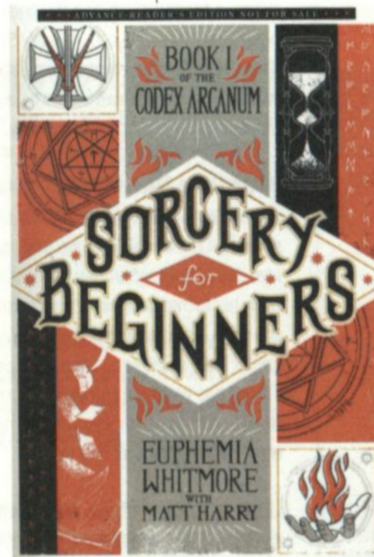
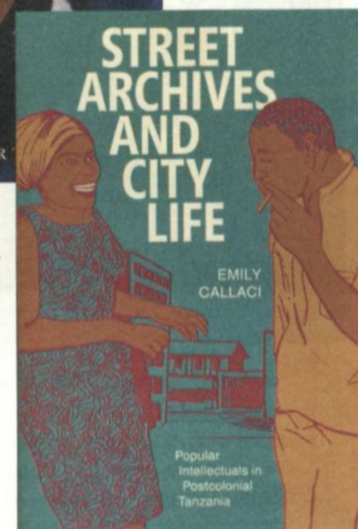
in the United States, with attention to prayer, holidays, life-cycle rituals and ethics.

Matty Davis '12 and Mark Davis, "A Country Divine." This slim, limited-edition book centers on photos that evoke a cross-country trip undertaken by two brothers — Matty is a dancer and artist, Mark a photographer — in a spirit of randomness, with the lines on the palms of their hands providing a metaphorical map.

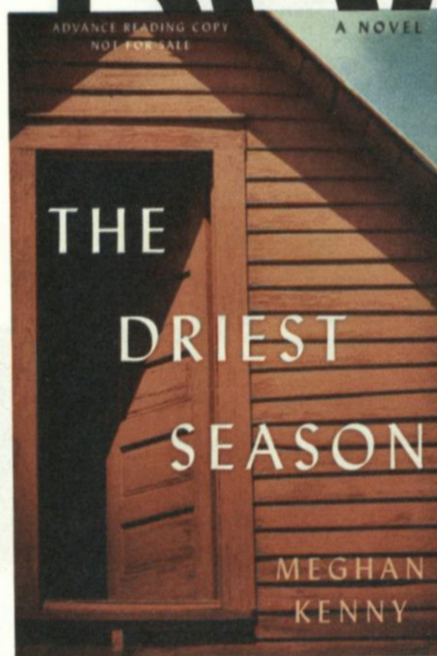
James W. Gaynor '70, "Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice in 61 Haiku." Noting that Austen's chapter openings read like short poems which flirt with the reader, Gaynor creates a clever haiku for each opening sentence.

Matt Harry '98, "Sorcery for Beginners." Owen Macready figures he'll coast through eighth grade in boring anonymity — but then he encounters Euphemia Whitmore and her how-to manual for learning sorcery and returning magic to a humdrum world.

William I. Hitchcock '86, "The Age of Eisenhower: America and the World in the 1950s" (Simon & Schuster). A history professor at the



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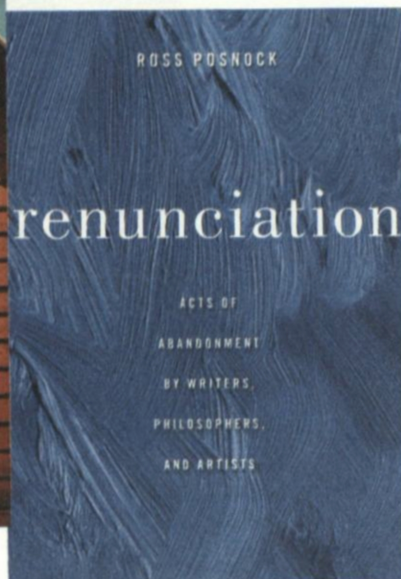


University of Virginia and the author of several notable books, Hitchcock adds importantly to renewed scholarly interest in President Eisenhower. His argument: that Ike's record in both foreign and domestic affairs as well as his leadership style make him "among the most consequential presidents in American history."

Cordelia Jensen '98, who won attention for her free-verse novel for young adults, "Skyscraping," has two books coming out this year. "The Way the Light Bends" (Penguin Random House: Philomel Books) is another powerful novel in verse, about two very different sisters, a family secret, and the need for belonging and self-worth. "Every Shiny Thing" (Abrams: Amulet Books), about two friends, was co-written with Laurie Morrison, half in prose, half in verse.

Meghan Kenny '96, "The Driest Season" (W.W. Norton). This quietly gripping first novel begins on a hot summer day in 1943, when 15-year-old Cielie finds her father hanging from a beam in the barn, a suicide. Kenny, praised for her earlier story collection, "Love Is No Small Thing," has written a compelling coming-of-age story in which character, family, emotion and place all ring true.

John T. Lysaker '88, "After Emerson" (Indiana University Press). "Our condition is less a stage than a



maelstrom," Lysaker writes in one of the seven essays in this book, "and while we have our exits and entrances, sound direction is rare." A philosophy professor at Emory University, Lysaker brings both scholarly acumen and a poetic sensibility to issues such as the ethical life, the nature of the self and even the meaning of "America."

Joshua Mabra '05, "Princely Authority in the Early Marwānīd State" (Gorgias Press). Mabra, head of the Arabic program at Wright State University in Ohio, examines the largely forgotten career of Abd al-'Azīz ibn Marwān, the Umayyad governor of Egypt from 685 to 785.

Vern Oakley '74 P'16, "Leadership in Focus: Bringing Out Your Best on Camera" (Greenleaf Book Group Press). A veteran filmmaker who has created videos for countless companies, nonprofits and colleges — including Kenyon — Oakley has written a comprehensive guide for using video as a powerful tool. Topics range from the importance of authenticity, to the various roles on a film crew, to video styles, to "the anatomy of an effective video."

Cait Weiss Orcutt '05, "Valleyspeak" (Zone 3 Press). "I grow up in the valley under porn / stars, inside cars," reads the opening poem of this prize-winning collection. Vivid, fresh and jarring, the poems center on two sisters growing up in a Los Angeles where

sex, drugs, adultery, violence and racial tensions hover disturbingly close.

Ross Posnock '74, "Renunciation: Acts of Abandonment by Writers, Philosophers, and Artists" (Harvard University Press). A professor of humanities at Columbia University, Posnock explores renunciation as a creative force in a breathtaking range of cultural figures, from Stéphane Mallarmé to J.D. Salinger, from Bob Dylan to Glenn Gould, as well as philosophers, including Nietzsche, Heidegger and Wittgenstein.

Justin Roberts '92, "The Great Henry Hopenower" (G.P. Putnam's Son's), illustrations by Deborah Hocking. The acclaimed children's musician has written his second wonderfully sweet picture book, about a boy, Henry, and his grandpa, who once said: "Magic? Why, it's something from nothing. And it's all around us."

Jennifer Ash Rudick '85, "Out East: Houses and Gardens of the Hamptons" (Vendome), with photographs by Tria Giovan. Visually gorgeous, carefully researched, fascinating to read, this tour of

extraordinary Hamptons houses brings readers fully into the history, personal stories, and individual passions enmeshed in 27 homes and four gardens. Rudick sensitively examines both architecture and interior design, while capturing the spirit of the families who own these homes as well as of the Hamptons as a distinctive place.

Sarah Bamford Seidelmann '89, "Swimming with Elephants: My Unexpected Pilgrimage from Physician to Healer" (Red Wheel/Weiser: Conari Press). Seidelmann's memoir recounts her sometimes painful, sometimes funny, but always self-revelatory path from a career in traditional medicine to a new, happier life as a shamanic healer and life coach.

Stacy Windahl '83, with Jody Jean Dreyer, "Beyond the Castle: A Guide to Discovering Your Happily Ever After" (HarperCollins: Zondervan). Windahl co-authored this book, in which Dreyer draws on her three decades with the Walt Disney Company to give readers advice on living a happy, fulfilling life.

Leopoldo López Speaks Out, in Two Books

Readers who have followed the career and plight of Venezuelan opposition leader Leopoldo López '93 H'07 — imprisoned by his government, then released into house arrest — will be interested in two books by the Kenyon alumnus. "Venezuela Energética" (Editorial Dahbar), co-written with industrial engineer Gustavo Baquero (and based in part on handwritten notes smuggled out of prison), focuses on Venezuela's beleaguered oil industry. The book argues for increased production and a system of citizen accounts as part of a reform program to democratize the country's oil wealth while seeking to end mismanagement and political corruption. "Preso Pero Libre" (ABG Planeta), or "Prisoner But Free," is the clandestine journal that López kept in prison. Both books are in Spanish, although The Atlantic magazine ran a short English-language excerpt from "Venezuela Energética" (available online).

EDITOR'S NOTE: Any of the books mentioned here can be ordered through the Kenyon College Bookstore at shopkenyon.com.

FIRST PERSON

BY ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS '83 P'17

With the kiss of a lion's rear, a lost dream re-awakens

IN THE CITY OF GIRONA, in northeastern Spain, tradition holds that visitors who kiss the rear end of a lion sculpture are guaranteed to return someday. I hope this is true. But there is another way to visit Girona again, as I learned recently. It just takes a little longer.

From Wales, I decided to change language and cultural scenes and go to Spain, specifically the region known as Catalonia.

I wrote those words more than 30 years ago in a report to the Thomas J. Watson Foundation, describing the tail end of my post-graduation year abroad as a Watson Fellow. In those days as now, the foundation funds independent study overseas for liberal arts grads. (Kenyon no longer participates in the program.) A classics major, I proposed that I live in Ireland, learn Gaelic and write a historical novel about Saint Patrick. They agreed, a bit to my amazement, and by July I was abroad.

By January, my Irish was fluent, my novel was faltering, and I had discovered why travel brochures don't promote the Emerald Isle during winter. In the serendipitous spirit of the Watson, I moved on to Wales, where I learned Welsh, boned up on Europe's minority language movement, and turned a visit from my Kenyon girlfriend, Pam, into a marriage proposal. With my fiancée finishing a master's back in the States, I sought out more language experiences, and warm weather, and headed for the Mediterranean.

For 10 days I studied in the northeastern city of Girona with a tutor so devoted to Catalan he refused to speak Spanish, regarding it as a tongue of fascist oppression under Franco. He regaled me with the legacy of famous Catalonians, from artist Salvador Dalí to cellist Pablo Casals, and noted proudly that not only had James Joyce's "Ulysses" been translated into Catalan, but TV's "Dallas" had as well. It was a lesson in understanding the diversity of the world's many languages, big and small, that I never forgot.

Back home, energized by all this linguistic activism, I pursued an academic career before my life took a different turn professionally. I lost touch with my tutor and nearly everyone else I met during the Watson year. In time, the experience seemed almost like a lost dream.

Then came the day our oldest daughter, Sarah, informed us she was dating a man from near Barcelona — the capital of Catalonia.

Fast forward four years. We are headed to Spain for a wedding celebration following the ceremony in Ohio. In anticipation, I ask the Watson Foundation for any correspondence from my time abroad. Though I'm not optimistic, a 34-page PDF of hand- and typewritten notes pops into my inbox the next morning.



ABBEY LOSSING

I had long forgotten the name of my tutor and so am amused to see from my reports that his first name — Xevi — is the same, with a regional variation, as that of my son-in-law, Xavi. I'd unearthed Xevi's name after all these years. But could I find the man himself?

With no luck on my own, I turned the quest over to Xavi's

father, a retired engineer. He soon found a promising email address.

"I'm looking for a Xevi Planas," he emailed on July 16, "who 30 years ago met in Girona with an American boy."

The reply came nine minutes later.

"El Xevi Planas de qui parles sóc jo." I am the Xevi Planas of whom you speak.

We arranged a meeting at a cafe in Girona for 11 a.m. on July 27, our last day in Spain. As we hurried down narrow, cobblestone streets toward our destination, I grew more and more nervous. What would the two of us have to say to each other after all this time? And more to the point, how would we say it?

"I'm afraid my English has gotten much worse since we met," Xevi apologized in Catalan as we greeted each other outside La Terra cafe.

"That's all right," I said in English. "So has my Catalan."

For the next hour over coffee and carrot cake, with my son-in-law translating, we reminisced about our time together and lives afterward. Xevi, a former journalist, discussed his work as an advocate for Catalan's language and culture. I related my own career as a writer. The violence spurred by a referendum on Catalonian independence was still a few weeks away, but Xevi's passion for what he considered his real country came through loud and clear. Fragments of my year abroad reassembled themselves in my memory, reminding me how much the Watson expanded my horizons after graduation.

Too soon, it was time to part ways. But first, there was one more sight to see. With my acquaintanceship with Xevi renewed, and with a new Catalonian family nearby, I climbed a set of stairs and planted my lips on the auspicious lion's south end, ready to make that promise come true. ■

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CLASS NOTES

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1940s

1948

Lane Wroth, St. Michaels, Maryland, who noticed that in recent issues these class notes usually begin in the 1950s, set down this reflection: "Wondering if anyone thinks about the Kenyon of the 'War Years.' Too many of us are no longer alive. We had terms — approximately 12 weeks — not semesters, and during one period the entire student body (about 100 of us) lived in the original Old Kenyon. Then in summer 1946 veterans started returning, and Gambier was filled with 'temporary housing.' Overnight Kenyon had several hundred students. To any of my old classmates who see this, hello and remember the good times." **Charles L. "Chuck" Barr Jr.**, St. Charles, Illinois, "miraculously survived six operations and two strokes," his wife, Margo, writes. "He uses a walker but works out on machines and visits with workout center friends four to five days a week. Chuck has dementia, and his memory is not good. Always remembers Kenyon, though. He would love to hear from any and all Kenyon friends — he still loves Kenyon as much as ever."

1949

Philip J. Wall, Bay Village, Ohio, writes that he is "above ground and still laughing my way through life despite all adversity."

1950s

1950

Don R. Clark, Roswell, New Mexico, is still working as a physician, swimming three times a week and in State Senior Olympics, and "enjoys reading about Lakewood, Ohio, alumni." **Philippe A. Plouvier**, Germigny, France, and his wife divide their time between homes in Burgundy and Paris — "no more wintering in Andalusia," he notes.

1955

Allen K. Gibbs, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and his wife traveled up the Portuguese coast, crossed the Pilgrims' Trail of Santiago de Compostela and visited Bilbao, Guernica and the Basque lands before completing the tour in Barcelona. **Quentin T. Kelly**, Hopewell, New Jersey, has been "very busy supplying my company's solar-driven water-purification systems to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands following Hurricanes Irma and Maria," he writes. "In some cases we're bringing the only clean water and electricity to sections of the islands. Also active with solar construction in Morocco, Namibia and Burkina Faso." **Robert Mezey**, Bowie, Maryland, has been dealing with surgeries and "old age in general, not getting much done," he informs. "But I'm still hoping that before long I can get back to putting

together a volume of new and selected poems (for which a publisher is already waiting) and finishing an essay about John Crowe Ransom." **Caryl Warner Jr.** and his wife took a 33-day driving tour through 18 U.S. states from their home in Savannah, Georgia, through Yellowstone, the Mount Rushmore and Badlands area, back through Pennsylvania and Virginia — before arriving home and immediately facing a mandatory evacuation from Hurricane Irma. Naturally, they hit the road again, away from the coast (and happily returned home safely).

1956

Roger Alling Jr. and his wife spend five months in Venice, Florida, when not at home in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. His great-niece, **Samantha F. Grunder '19**, is a junior and a starter on the field hockey team. **Charles M. "Charlie" Polk II**, St. Louis, is in Sarasota, Florida, for the winter and welcomes hearing from "anyone from the Class of '56 plus or minus a few years." **R. Michael "Mike" Sly**, Germantown, Maryland, and his wife celebrated their 60th anniversary in June.

1957

Harlow L. Walker lives in Gambier and writes that he enjoys "our old family home (built 1910), now neighbor to Philander Chase and Kenyon lands." The entire 283-acre farm was purchased from Kenyon in 1834, its last parcel now sold back in 2016 except for 5 acres, the house and barn. He has three children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. **Samuel G. Wiltchik** moved to Nipomo, California, and is semi-retired as medical director of Riverside Physicians Network. One daughter (**Kerri S. Wiltchik '87**) is a practicing gynecologist in the area, while another is a resident in internal medicine.

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—LANE WROTH

'48

1958

William B. Cowles, Lilburn, Georgia, was made an honorary lifetime member of the Georgia section of the PGA and had a scholarship for junior golfers established in his name. Bill still works as a golf rules official and plays over 100 rounds a year. **Sheldon M. Fisher**, Denver, hiked England coast to coast from the Irish Sea to the North Sea in weather "the worst our guide has seen in his 23 years of leading this hike," he writes. "Also, I was the oldest he has had hiking, but perseverance won out." **Dale A. Neuman** shares news of the death of his wife of 56 years in July. After 51 years in Kansas City, Missouri, Dale now resides in an independent-living community in Blue Hill, Maine, close to his daughter. "Life here keeps me on the go with many activities and a scenic coastal area of views and vistas for my camera," he concludes.

1959

When **Donald Bomann Jr.**, Farmington, Connecticut, heard that the local food bank was running low, he "devised a plan to see if my 17 neighbors could help," he writes. "I put a note in each mailbox with suggestions on what's needed, borrowed my neighbor's pickup truck for two Saturday mornings, and they filled it." Don collected 1,380 pounds of food and \$420 cash — and promptly set off again for another complex of 28 homes in October. **The Rev. Canon Jeremy W. Bond** remains active, playing trombone in the county band, singing in the church choir, taking writing classes and riding his bicycle. He and his wife of 55 years enjoy coastal life in Grover Beach, California. **Thomas H. King Sr.**, Ballston Spa, New York, and his wife travel to shows and cruise-ins with their 1955 Oldsmobile Super 88. They have 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. **Peter C. Muncie** has left Columbia, Maryland, after close to half a century, for Portland, Maine — "a solidly blue (not a reference to the cold weather)" state, he informs. "Looking forward to the challenge!" **Thomas R. Nordstrom** and his wife report that, after 24 years on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, they successfully dodged two hurricanes in the past two years. **Arnold Ostrow**, Huntington Beach, California, loves his "lifestyle but not the politics of California. Spending a lot of time on my boat — a tough life!" **Brig. Gen. Roger C. Smith**, Moneta, Virginia, concluded

a season of antique boat shows and stayed busy through the fall with art shows and travel around the East Coast. He was the featured speaker at a Veterans Day event in North Carolina, "reflecting on my 29-year Air Force career and offering an assessment of the present world situation — yikes!" he reports. "And my uniform still fits." **Stephen Wachtel** updates: "All's well in Memphis. Got to see my old suite-mate **Richard Dickey**, who stopped by for dinner during a cross-country trip with his wife. We spent a couple hours reminiscing about our student days and catching up on the latest. Good fun."

1960s

1960

Barry N. Auger calls Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, a "great place to be a gardener, and getting money for it is especially good. Retirement eludes. Sneaking up on the big 8-Oh, I am blessed with good health and wonderful friends and family." **Melvin J. Chavinson** works one day a week as a child and adolescent psychiatrist at a community mental health center in Mentor, Ohio. He and Kaye travel to visit their four children and 11 grandchildren and enjoy the new one-floor home they built and moved into in June 2016. **George J. Grella**, Rochester, New York, sends this update: "Nothing extraordinary, just glad to be vertical and above the grass. Still getting used to retirement. On the one hand, every day is Saturday, but on the other it seems to take me all day to do what I used to do all day." **Edward Hirshfield** retired as vice president of Globalstar, a \$3.5 billion satellite phone communications company. Ed was responsible for development and production, and "last year published a provisional patent for a system to alleviate highway congestion." He and Claire, his wife of 56 years, live in Cupertino, California. **Mark M. Powdermaker** finds his home in the mountains above Asheville, North Carolina, "great, and life is wonderful." Five years ago, after his wife's passing, Mark "found a beautiful widow willing to marry me. We've traveled the world and will continue to do so." **The Rev. Wilson K. Roane**, Waupaca, Wisconsin, notes that he is "rumored to be retired but is still active in the diocese. The bishop has me as what he calls 'regular supply' at a small church in

"I'm writing poetry, too — at least, I call it poetry. Denham Sutcliffe might not."

—JOHN F. BINDER

a neighboring city while the congregation searches for a part-time vicar." He and his wife play in couples bridge events, in addition to his men's league, and both are in book clubs. **Richard M. Schori** and his wife, Katharine, moved to Reno, Nevada, nearer their mountain cabin and grandchildren in Corvallis, Oregon. Katharine "did not have enough to do after finishing her nine years as presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church" and took a job in August as the interim bishop in San Diego, he reports. **Brent E. Scudder**, New London, New Hampshire, shares the news of the loss of his "lovely wife, Reggie, to muscular dystrophy. Only the last year has been hard on both of us. Her passing was very peaceful," he writes. **Gilbert L. Sperry**, Coronado, California, stays busy just south of the border in Rosarito Beach, Mexico, raising money for and helping to run a nearly complete 40,000-square-foot boys and girls club serving 600 at-risk kids every weekday. The eighth annual International Mariachi and Folklorico Festival, founded by Gil, raised significant funds for the cause over four days in October.

1961

Kurt E. Yeager, now retired, welcomes alumni visiting the Monterey Bay area to stay in the apartment attached to his home in Watsonville, California.

1962

The Rev. Stephen G. Alexander, Cincinnati, is on a first-name basis with his dermatologist: "Seems I had too much fun in the sun when I was young — the good old days when UV protection was baby oil mixed with iodine." Steve also reports that he plays "a lot of bridge with ladies who lunch. I seem to be popular, and even win occasionally. I'd love to see my Kenyon pals again." **John F. Binder**, Los Angeles, and his wife are "still pacing the fringes of Hollywood, now peddling my script

for a limited TV series about George Washington in the Revolution. I'm writing poetry, too — at least, I call it poetry. Denham Sutcliffe might not." **Stewart D. Brown** sent an update in September from a Marriott TownePlace Suites in Columbia, South Carolina, where he and his wife were riding out Hurricane Irma during Hilton Head's mandatory evacuation. "Our room has a small two-burner electric cooktop, brand name Kenyon — who knew the college makes cooktop stoves?"

1963

Alan W. Beck and his wife enjoy retired life in Surfside Beach, South Carolina, busy with church, Boy Scouts and visiting their sons and their families in Alabama and Columbus, Ohio. "I still drive my 1963 TR-4 locally," he notes, "but not on trips." **Thomas H. Curtis** and his wife, of Red Bank, New Jersey, spent 2 1/2 weeks on their 30-foot Cape Dory sailboat last summer, sailing Long Island Sound to Block Island and Newport from New Jersey. "Lots of skiing on tap this winter in Vail, Whistler and Big Sky," Tom informs. **James P. Keyes** has been volunteering for the past year with She Has a Name, an anti-trafficking support group in central Ohio. Helping with communications projects and a music therapy program, Jim, who lives in Columbus, would love to hear from alumni likewise involved in this issue. **Eugene Kraus** has done "nothing of social value" since retiring in 1990 from work as a lobbyist at the Wisconsin state legislature, he reports. That apparently excludes the master's degree in history Gene acquired, visits to 29 countries, living on a sailboat in the Caribbean for 10 years, and "spending most of my inheritance but enjoying it thoroughly." A part-time paid usher at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Gene "enjoys Chicago beyond reason." **Richard F. Spinner**, Sarasota, Florida, found it strange not to return to Gambier after concluding three years of

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serving on the Alumni Council. He and his wife "made the most of the forced hurricane evacuation to take a New England friends, family and fall colors tour." Rick's other interests include maintaining boats (and blogging about it at elizabeth.spinnernet.com), pursuing a pilot's license, writing two books, ancestry trees, cooking and walking the "sunset-drenched" beach with Joy and their 10-year-old dog Lola, resolving the world's affairs.

1964

Michael A. Claggett orbits between Paris (coaching startup teams at an incubator) and sunny Barcelona, with side trips to Ibiza, Costa Brava, Rome, Sicily, Milan, Berlin, New York and the Hamptons. **David Diao**, New York City, returned to Gambier this fall for the first time in over 50 years when the Gund Gallery mounted a show of his recent work, titled "America Beckoning." He also recently hosted dinner for **Charles H. Lynch III**, **Peter Scarlet** and **Jeffrey W. Way** and their spouses. In July the **John B. Hattendorf** Center for Maritime Historical Research was established at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, honoring John, who served the school for nearly 50 years in uniform and in the classroom. A Vietnam combat veteran, John reported to the college in 1972, eventually was lead writer of its centennial history, and retired in 2016. In September he was awarded the first Anderson Medal for Lifetime Achievement, granted by Britain's Society for Nautical Research. **Thomas D. LaBaugh** and his wife have relocated to The Villages, Florida. He offers a CD of his original music free of charge at

soundcloud.com/tomlabough. **Walter W. Nielsen** and his wife of 46 years, Karen, traveled throughout New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia recently, through "fog, mist, rain and cool temperatures that were a welcome relief from our seemingly endless Phoenix summer," he reports. Walt is in his sixth season as principal clarinetist in the Scottsdale Philharmonic Orchestra. **Henry S. Pool**, now settled in Bonita Springs, Florida, appreciated his newly purchased generator when Hurricane Irma passed directly over his home, with winds gusting to 135 mph and 12 inches of rain but no damaging storm surge: "For hurricane newbies, we had a bit of trial by fire," Hank concludes with relief.

1965

R. Michael Bundgaard and his wife, who bicycled from Prague to Vienna for a week in September, reports, "The hills were many and steep, but the Czech beer was cold and cheaper than water." **Arthur E. Kronenberg Jr.**, Milwaukee, and his wife celebrated their elder daughter's wedding, held in July in the Museum of Broadcast Communications in Chicago. Art spotted "an artifact that took me back to my Kenyon days — a 21-inch black and white console TV set. I hadn't seen one of those in years." **David L. Langston**, Frederick, Maryland, has found that his family's landscaping/patio renovation is taking more time and investment than planned. But thinking about "our current national scares and alarms," he reminds classmates to "remember the Cuban missile crisis in our time on campus, when my folks sent me the key to their safe deposit box in case things went badly. I was

glad to mail it back." **Robert A. Legg**, Greensboro, Georgia, started wearing his Kenyon hat and T-shirt on cruises after regularly seeing other college alumni groups aboard. On an Alaska cruise this fall, while out on deck, Bob was approached by "a gentleman whose daughter, **Lauren M. Brady '11**, was on two of Jim Steen's championship swim teams. I urge fellow alums to wear their Kenyon colors proudly and strike up new friendships across the globe," he says. **Richard E. Passoth**, now retired, sits on a University of Denver curriculum committee for senior education, overseeing instructors of philosophy, religion and psychology. He chairs the Colorado Sierra Club's Water Resource Committee and leads snowshoes in winter mountain treks. **James E. Williams**, Mequon, Wisconsin, and his wife enjoy time with their seven children and eight grandchildren "and occasionally escape winter to Florida, Texas and Mexico. Trying to learn to play golf — difficult without physical flexibility."

1966

Bruce K. Blocher updates as follows: "Yes, Kenyon is my middle name. Dad was proud of the school, too." Retired from the Air Force, Boeing and from "caring for too large a house and yard," he finds a condo in Tacoma, Washington, just right. **William E. Campbell** and his wife moved two years ago to Hudson, Wisconsin, where Bill says he spends "about half of my non-nap time consulting with colleges and universities — writing grant proposals, external evaluations — and the other half turning wood in my shop." **Richard A. Cantine** welcomes "any Kenyon person to stop by" Rancho Palos Verdes, California, where Dick and his wife love the beach, tennis, golf and community theater arts. His oldest granddaughter just entered Princeton and will run track there. **Harvey Fernbach**, Bethesda, Maryland, still loves practicing psychiatry three days a week and "pursuing social justice passions the other days," he reports. He is on the national board of Physicians for Social Responsibility, and advises Physicians for a National Health Program, whose goal is a single-payer Medicare system for all. **William B. Gibson II**, Akron, Ohio, found the best part-time retiree job: cashier in a hardware store. "For the first time in years I am not the oldest person working there, and I am learning how to do all those little jobs I used to have to pay someone else to do for me. Life

is grand." **Carl S. Mankowitz**, New York City, was called out of retirement to help Denison University design a new health center after its CFO heard about his work at Kenyon. **James C. McBurney** is winding down his engineering career, though he still writes roughly one business plan per quarter for startups seeking investment capital. Jim and his friends sail out of Santa Cruz, California, on his sloop Liberty and in his dinghy Wave Hopper 2 with 8-year-old goddaughter Kaylynn. **William P. Rice** and his wife, Lynn, are building a new home on Eagles Nest Cove in Duxbury, Massachusetts, after celebrating their 45th anniversary in May. Bill still runs his investment management company, anchorcapital.com, spends considerable time at his winter home in Key Largo, Florida, and communicates with Jim McBurney "almost daily," he adds. **Peter A. White**, Choteau, Montana, is "in Gambier for the fall," he reports, "blown away by the (relatively) new Kokosing Nature Preserve, which is the College's natural burial cemetery on Quarry Chapel Road. The vegetation is lushly beautiful and the views miraculous." **Z. Nicholas Zakov**, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, clinical professor of ophthalmology at Case Western Reserve University, is a founding member of the Retinal Hall of Fame, which recognizes ophthalmologists who have made outstanding contributions in the field of vitreoretinal disease, surgery and education.

1967

Edward J. Forrest Jr., Marietta, Georgia, writes: "Retired? Interesting word! When hyphenated as 're-tired,' the word indicates placing or replacing a tire! Stay with me here: I filed a patent on a new inspection instrument to view the 3-D nature of a fiber optic connection. This is the face of 30-plus-year-old 'science,' hearkening to Euclidean geometry that insists connectors, debris and existence are two-dimensional. Remember when we read 'Flatland'?" **Lawrence C. Schmidlapp**, Oyster Bay, New York, was re-elected to a fifth term as mayor of Centre Island, but laments, "This nonpaying job is getting more time-consuming and technical: I am now dealing with residents who want to commute in helicopters." **Michael L. Ulrey** retired from Boeing in 2016 and returned to hometown Mount Vernon, Ohio, allowing him the opportunity for weekday morning conversations at Wiggin Street Coffee with locals and

students, "as well as Kenyon notables Peter Rutkoff, **Paul Frederick Kluge '64** and **John R. Knepper '62**." Mike spends an hour every Friday afternoon at the Physics Department colloquium listening to guest speakers or students presenting honors project research. He highly recommends Kenyon Institute courses, having enjoyed one on Beethoven and one on Nietzsche. "This past spring," he adds, "it was my honor to serve on the 50th Class Reunion Committee, hosting **William E. Seymour III** and **Thomas E. Lad** during the weekend and securing Professor Tom Greenslade Jr. to give a humorous and nostalgic talk about the old days."

1968

Peter L. Arango "remains currently unindicted and happily retired in southern Oregon," he updates. He writes for Fansided, a sports website, and volunteers everywhere from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival to Southern Oregon Hospice. "Kids employed and happy, wife seems unlikely to bail at this point, and an 18-month-old granddaughter to spoil. What more could I wish?" **Michael S. Cross** and his wife, of Portsmouth, Virginia, have three daughters and four grandkids, whom they visit often. Now in his 14th year of retirement after a career as a Navy clinical psychologist, Michael writes, "Can't say if I'll make the reunion, but I wish all a great time and fond remembrances." **Michael W. Gaynon** and his wife both retired from the Palo Alto Medical Clinic in 2016 and moved back to Stanford's Department of Ophthalmology for part-time work and resident teaching. Both have been on Stanford's clinical faculty for over 35 years. Across the street from Stanford now is **Geoffrey J. Hackman**, who relocated from Maryland to Palo Alto, California, after marrying Kathy Weiss in June. Geoff met **Mark S. Geston** and **Daniel G. Hale** in Idaho in October and looks forward to reuniting with more classmates in May. **William G. Hazen III** informs us that he is living in Silkeborg, Denmark, "blessed with a large family and enjoying life." **Raymond Heithaus**, who retired from Kenyon in 2014, has enjoyed Gambier life with his wife since 1980. "We have two sons, one in Gambier and the other in south Florida," Ray updates, "giving us enjoyable grandson time locally and a great excuse to travel south for more grandchildren time. I now spend time

working with a local land trust and a statewide nonprofit that supports state nature preserves." **Michael A. Liff**, Portland, Maine, has "not retired, just rewired," he reports. "Completing my first year as a culinary walking tour guide in the Old Port under the umbrella of Maine Foodie Tours, and still an assistant English teacher at LearningWorks, a local nonprofit serving immigrants and refugees." Mike describes the young adults in his class — from Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iraq, Syria, Dominican Republic and Djibouti, among other places — as "great young people trying to start a new life in very difficult and confusing circumstances." **John C. Risler** journeyed under Hurricane Irma's mandatory evacuation from home in suburban Jacksonville, Florida, to Dothan, Alabama, and a "Hampton Inn turned Noah's Ark," he writes. "Dogs and cats mostly seen regularly in lobby breakfast areas, but who knew what lurked behind closed doors? Upon our return, no damage, just a yard full of debris from the pines and oaks." **Mark E. Sullivan** and his wife live in Raleigh, North Carolina, near both their kids and look forward to the reunion. "Still practicing family law, singing in our spiritual choir and doing a lot of writing and traveling," he updates.

1969

Kenneth R. Abraham, Dover, Delaware, began serving as a consultant to newly retired and nationally renowned Federal Appeals Judge Richard Posner, whose ProBono/ProSe Law Group will provide free legal assistance to persons such as prisoners representing themselves. "We make a pretty good team," Ken announced in a Citizens for Criminal Justice press release. "He, a lifelong intellectual, scholar, law professor, economist and judge, and yours truly, who has 'been in the trenches,' worked with, lived with, played with, committed crimes with (when on drugs), mentored and otherwise associated with a wide variety of folks, from homeless addicts to chief justices of the Supreme Court of Delaware." **Jan Ehrenworth**, Madison, Connecticut, retired as a professor emeritus after 33 years of clinical practice in anesthesiology at Yale University School of Medicine. He and Mary Ann plan "to pursue our travel bug and spoil our three grandchildren." **Charles H. Hollinger**, Merion, Pennsylvania, celebrates his retirement after 48 years as a teacher

and administrator at the 232-year-old Episcopal Academy. **James B. Irwin V**, Covington, Louisiana, enjoyed his week in Gambier this summer studying Mozart at the Kenyon Institute. Happily, son **Burke S. Irwin '19** was also on campus on a physics grant. "Kenyon is more beautiful than ever, if that's possible," James writes. **Russell D. McDowell**, Albany, New York, returned to Scotland for two weeks in September. Russ reports: "Reveled in the rugged beauty of the Highlands and swore at the narrow, shoulderless roads. It may not be on your radar like Croatia, but give it a try." **William J. Murray** sold his house in Marblehead, Massachusetts, retired to his home in Grantham, New Hampshire, and bought a house in Tucson, Arizona — "all on the same day," he writes. "Looking forward to year-round golf."

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1970

Charles E. Acton, Lake Forest, California, has been married since 2014 and sold his animal hospital in January 2017. "Visited Kenyon approximately two years ago," Chuck adds. "Brought back fond memories." **Donald L. Comis**, Howard, Ohio, conducted two beginner workshops at Kenyon's Brown Family Environmental Center, one on moths, one on butterflies. "I am planting my fourth prairie garden," he writes, "this time using seeds I collected at a prairie in Fredericktown," where he saw **Lisa Dowd Schott '80** and a colleague gathering information and seeds for their prairie on the green cemetery at the site of the former Tomahawk golf course. **Paul G. Keiner** sold his house in New Boston, New Hampshire, and rented a condo about 20 miles away in Henniker. "This will be my last year of teaching," he writes, "but I am transitioning to staff tutor at New England College. Singing with five other 'Kokes,' learning new music and picking up some

gigs." **C. Reed Woodhouse**, Brooklyn, New York, continues coaching opera at Juilliard to students who "are incredible, much better than I deserve, from whom I learn something every day," he reports. When he returns home to his small apartment in Fort Greene, "I emerge at dusk from the C line canopied in trees. Plus there is an excellent bookstore right around the corner. For those of you who don't live in Gambier, this is a big deal." He recently visited **Christopher C. Finch '71**.

1971

Peter I. Bersin enjoys life in Marina Del Rey, California, as a new grandfather. "Went to see **Steven N. Bralower** at the Cape and stopped off in Providence to have lunch with **Ransom Griffin III** on the way," he adds. "Still practicing law in Beverly Hills and playing golf when the back permits." **Philip H. Cass**, Columbus, Ohio, spent two weeks (for the third year in a row) in Alpbach, Austria, providing leadership training on dialogue at the European Forum alongside "folks who are trying to find paths to peace." **Glen W. Fritz**, Chesapeake, Virginia, celebrated his 50-year high school reunion in Cincinnati. **Martin R. Kurcias**, newly moved to Annapolis, Maryland, retired in June after 33 years "at NPR as an audio engineer and producer working the daily news shows and covering breaking news in locales such as Beirut, Haiti, Somalia, Bosnia and Tiananmen Square in 1989; at the CBS Beijing bureau; and the past six years at the Voice of America." **William J. Williams**, Laurel, Maryland, accepted the Department of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service Award in September for his achievements as chief of the National Security Agency's Center for Cryptologic History.

1972

Arthur C. Barton III received a call from **Thomas D. Southworth '71** when Tom moved to Rhode Island, and the pair

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caught up after not seeing each other for 45 years. "Fun to reconnect and see that he is still the great guy he was in Middle Hanna," Chuck writes. "Unfortunately, the reconnection will be disrupted by my move to Georgia when we get our house in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, sold. Savannah, here we come." **J. Christopher Fahiman** was "delighted" in early July by a visit to the Gund Gallery by Emeritus Professor of Art Joe Slate, who traveled to Gambier from the D.C. area to take in the exhibit by **David Diao '64** titled "America Beckoning." Diao had dedicated the exhibit to Professor Slate. **Bruce H. Kiracofe**, who is "technically" retired from lawyering, he writes, recently enjoyed working with young activists **Matthew T. Meyers '17**, **Emma L. Schurink '17** and **Zachary F. Young '17**, "who are very active in environmental and indigenous nations advocacy and work — committed, creative, strategic, energetic and an inspiration to me." **Carole E. Garbuny Vogel**, Newton, New Jersey, updates: "I've become one of those old women I

swore I never would be — the kind that talks incessantly about her grandchildren." These include Carole's 5-year-old granddaughter in Massachusetts, who became a big sister in November 2016. The girls now have twin cousins, born in September in Alaska.

1973

Thomas E. Allen, Takoma Park, Maryland, speaks for all members of the planning committee who hope to see classmates at the 45th reunion. Tom is still deeply engaged as a researcher and professor at Gallaudet University. **Jeffrey L. Bennett** calls life great in Midland, Michigan, where he teaches at Northwood University and spends time with his four grandchildren. This fall he and his teammates attended the 45th reunion of Kenyon's undefeated football team. **Robert L. Claster**, Los Angeles, is in his sixth year working as Jimmy Kimmel's teleprompter operator. "I live alone in a big house with a huge and lovely golden retriever named

Murray and a great pinball machine in my bedroom," Bob writes. "Make of that what you will. My kids live near enough to come over and watch 'The Bachelor' with me every week." **Julia F. Johnson**, Urbana, Ohio, joined President Sean Decatur and four other Kenyonites on a panel at Columbus' Trinity Church (founded by Philander Chase). She joked, "I offered that Philander probably didn't envision that anyone walking in his footsteps would be wearing high heels." **Richard A. LeBolt**, Driggs, Idaho, met **Zachary R. Gaumer '96** and **Elizabeth P. Van Winkle '96** at the retirement ceremony of his nephew, who worked for Elise at the Pentagon. They had fun comparing notes about their Kenyon experiences. **Julia E. Miller Vick** and **James W. Vick '74** celebrated their 40th anniversary by traveling in Greece — "like we did on our honeymoon," she updates. "I retired from the University of Pennsylvania in April and was offered and accepted a career advising job at the Graduate Center, City University of New York. Many thanks to **Jan M. Stein Guifarro** for letting me spend a night a week in her apartment in the Big Apple. I recently had dinner with **Pegi P. Goodman** and got to see **Maria "Mia" C. Halton's** incredible show in Baltimore." **Jeffrey W. Schachmut**, Conway, Arkansas, retired from high school

teaching. Jeff's family gathered for the wedding of his fourth child in Miami on the weekend before the hurricane hit. He enjoyed volunteering at his local soup kitchen throughout 2017.

1974

W. Kevin Fitzgerald, Revere, Massachusetts, had his second knee replacement over the summer: "Not quite the bionic man, but it is an improvement," he writes. "My daughter is getting ready to leave working with me and has started her own food truck." **David W. Horvitz** survived Irma with only landscape damage but shared something on his mind after having lived the vast majority of his 65 years in Florida: "I've seen a lot of hurricanes, but this year ... well, it's different. Looking at the Caribbean, one wonders: Are we entering a period where certain places are no longer going to be habitable because of climate change?" **David R. Pasahow**, Fredericksburg, Texas, sends the following news: "**W. Bruce Isaacs III**, **G. Frederick Reinhardt III**, **James W. McCarter** and I have established a scholarship fund named for our great friend **Robert K. Mayfield Jr.** Bob prioritized scholarship a bit lower than some others in the class, but we felt this was a way to honor his memory and provide a lasting

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tribute. While we have made the initial funding, we are hoping others who enjoyed Bob's friendship may choose to join us." **Dan E. Patterson** enjoyed the company of **Jeffrey A. and Karen Handel Walker '77** at his daughter's wedding at Dan's home in Dallas. "I was so excited to hear that **Michael E. Gibbons** is running for political office in Ohio," Dan adds. "He is a gifted leader." **Peter Smagorinsky**, Athens, Georgia, received the University of Georgia College of Education Aderhold Distinguished Professor Award and the National Council of Teachers of English Distinguished Service Award this year for his career achievements. **Douglas M. Wilhelm**, a freelance editor and writer in Weybridge, Vermont, says, "Retiring isn't an option, so instead I've gone for immaturity — I play in a couple of rock bands and a songwriters project. I always seem to go where the money isn't but the fun is."

1975

Sara Anne Washam Cody, who is in her 41st year teaching Latin at Thornton Academy in Saco, Maine, reports that her husband, Bob, after some "horrific health issues," is doing well. "I received a lovely birthday note from **Donna J. Bertolet Poseidon**," Sally adds, "reminding me of the Beatles' song 'When I'm 64.' Seventy-five seems to be a magic number, not just for our class, but for the college." **Thomas P. Culviner**, Madison, Wisconsin, submitted this news: "I am retired and reading Jane Austen (still)." **Michael C. Davis**, Falls Church, Virginia, spent 29 years writing and editing for the Bureau of National Affairs (now Bloomberg BNA), and 10 more abstracting declassified government documents and assembling collections of documents from the National Archives, but in June 2016 he retired. "One morning in early winter I realized, as I contemplated the ceiling, that I was never really cut out for work," he writes. "What a sweet epiphany." Ever since, he's cared for his 95-year-old father, kept up classical guitar performances, danced the tango, visited Yosemite and Chichen Itza and otherwise stayed busy "annoying my condo board as treasurer." **Allerton G. Smith** retired from Moody's Capital Markets in April and became a grandfather in September to twin girls who now share a birthday with **Russ Selover**. "Sold our NYC apartment," Tony informs, "so now will mostly summer in the Tannersville, New York, area (Catskills) and winter in

Key Largo, Florida. I teach a children's firearms safety course and am still golfing with my mom, age 89." **Murray J. Smith** retired from the U.S. State Department on June 30. He and **Janet Byrne Smith '76** have now settled into their Gaskin Avenue home in Gambier and welcome visitors. **Alice Cornwell Straus** will retire in June after 21 years in development and admissions at Kenyon. "I plan to remain a Gambier resident but travel frequently," she notes.

1976

James C. Fenhagen, Montclair, New Jersey, celebrated the graduation of son **Aaron D. Fenhagen '17** with a weeklong camping and hiking trip in Yellowstone: "The first day was 80 degrees; then eight inches of snow on our final hike. We saw bison, elk, wolves, mule deer, bald eagles, but missed seeing a bear by about five minutes." Jim's redesign of the "CBS Sunday Morning" set premiered Sept. 24. "The trick was to modernize without losing the flavor of the iconic original." **James A. Frank**, New York City, has "a new gig as chief content officer of a golf app/web platform called Find A Game that matches golfers with one another, courses, open tee times, etc.," he writes. "Think match.com for golfers. Not my first startup, but both incredibly stimulating and incredibly mind-taxing. Take a look at findagame.io and tell your friends — would love to hear your thoughts." **Stephen W. Grant** enjoys Thomaston, Maine, where he works as a teacher's aide in the sixth-grade resource program. **James W. Kuhn**, Hudson, Ohio, celebrates 37 years of marriage to Edie, and his two grandchildren and big English mastiff. "I get to see **Richard W. Parke**, **Theodore V. Parran Jr. '78** and **Michael B. Parran '86** regularly." **Warren C. Osgood**, Stockton, California, has decided after 27 years as an attorney to "work part-time, take more walks and read more." **Robin E. Osler**, New York City, reports that her office, EOA/Elmslie Osler Architect, is developing designs for, among others, Stephen Dubner (PBS radio host and co-author of "Freakonomics"), a fashion showroom for Kendall + Kylie, and a community center and kitchen for the YM & YMHA of Washington Heights and Inwood. Robin is also an adjunct faculty member at the Spitzer School of Architecture at City College of New York. **Reed C. Peters II** updates that it is "very fulfilling" to be running his

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—SARAH ANNE WASHAM CODY

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guest ranch for hikers and birders in beautiful Portal, Arizona (population 300). **Michael W. Young** of Carlsbad, California, established biomedwoRx: Life Sciences Consulting in late 2016 and has flourishing client relationships. "It's been gratifying to create and deploy health-care solutions for life science companies who want to do good things for patients while doing quite well themselves," he writes. He has occasional opportunities to see **Ellen Mower** and **Kenneth H. Sonnenfeld**.

1977

Linda Isako Angst, Portland, Oregon, is "still high on our recent class reunion," she reports. "Wonderful to return to Gambier and see how Kenyon is thriving. Teaching online courses is a new fun endeavor, in addition to coaching international students on writing applications to college and grad schools." **John J. Bogasky**, Silver Spring, Maryland, rappelled off a 16-story building in September for Special Olympics. "I led the state in fundraising for this event," he notes, "thanks in part to support from my Kenyon classmates." **Diana Goldfarb**, Cambridge, Massachusetts, is "delighted to finally have a daughter" after her son married in August, with his twin brother as his best man. "Kenyon friends were there in spirit," she writes, including **Donald "Pond" W. Sharp Jr.**, her late husband. **Kristin L. Knopf**, Seattle, biked 484 miles of her state in seven days from Metaline Falls to La Conner, with over 22,000 feet of climbing and a few mountain passes. "We had five days of (everything from) forest fire haze to actual smoke," she describes, with bicyclists joking about how many packs of cigarettes they had puffed while 17 miles into their largest climb day. **Alan R. Lewine**, Springfield, Pennsylvania, retired from practicing law and "returned to

a full-time life in music." **Kimberly R. Zimmerman**, Shadow Hills, California, joined some talented border collies in the island nation of Kiribati in a new search for the remains of Amelia Earhart. Results remain inconclusive, but Kim sent soil samples to a DNA analysis lab in Germany and plans another expedition in 2019.

1978

Therese M. Armstrong volunteered at a Syrian refugee camp in July, describing the needs there as overwhelming: "There were spaces set up for the kids where they could just spend time playing and being kids. It was great seeing them so happy, at least while they were with us. I'm back in Boston teaching Yemeni refugees English." **Craig B. Barkacs** was awarded a university professorship by the University of San Diego in September, the highest honor given to a currently working professor in recognition of excellence in teaching, research and service. **Vicki Barker** updates that she and her husband "live in a big old rambling house on the Thames in Isleworth, on the edge of London. Passing Kenyonites are always welcome! I continue to report for CBS Radio and occasionally NPR." **Laura Donnelly** reports she has been living on the east end of Long Island for 24 years, first in East Hampton, now Sag Harbor, where she is food editor for the East Hampton Star. Her writing career began with "prolific production of key lime pies in our dorm room. I've seen **Timothy C. Gorin** and **Robert A. Samit** on visits to D.C. and **Thomas R. Parker** in Seattle. **Mallory Samson '77** lives nearby. Kenyon friends are welcome." **Mindy Roffman Eads**, Los Angeles, has been an art director on the television series "The Closer" and "Major Crimes." Along with creating resonating, reflective oil paintings (see mindyroffman.com), she enjoys

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following the art and music careers of her adult sons. **The Rev. Frank T. Frischkorn**, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, has served for the past decade as the regional executive pastor for the American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware. In summer, he and Carolyn, married 35 years, celebrated the wedding of their youngest daughter. **Anara S. Guard**, Sacramento, California, had two short stories and a poem published in 2017, and her first novel is making the rounds of agents. "When not writing," she adds, "I've been building a walking labyrinth with (husband) **David B. Hutchinson '76**. Come walk it with us!" **Kurt J. Myers**, Lewisberry, Pennsylvania, was elected in August as chair of the international board of directors of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators. Kurt is a deputy secretary at PennDOT, overseeing 1,100 employees serving the state's 8.7 million licensed drivers. **Sally Nusbaum Rothman** writes that she is "living in beautiful Cohasset, Massachusetts, near the ocean! All four of my kids are out in the world, so I can sit back, relax and wait for grandchildren. I work on movies and TV shows that are shot around Boston." **Michael D. Sarap**, the senior surgeon at a practice in rural Cambridge, Ohio, will travel to Australia in May to speak at the annual meeting of the Royal College of Australasian Surgeons as part of his role chairing the American College of Surgeons Advisory Council on Rural Surgery. **Jeffrey G. Spear**, Quincy, Illinois, experienced plenty of exposure throughout 2017 courtesy of the Chicago Cubs, he shares. His "agonized expression" was captured live on Fox initially in Game 3 of the 2016 World Series, quickly went viral in an MLB meme, was

later included in the official World Series video, and was even featured this fall on the ESPY Awards show. Jeff recently reconnected after almost 40 years with **Charles M. Kingery '77** and Chris Vincent (son of **Richard W. Vincent**) at Wrigley Field. **Bruce V. Thomas** is now in his fourth year with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, leading initiatives to improve health outcomes for TB and HIV patients in China, India and sub-Saharan Africa. "Most of my time is spent with TB patients in high disease burden regions," Bruce writes, "and it has been a privilege and incredibly motivating to do so." He and **Julia H. Thomas '80** split time between homes in Richmond, Virginia, and Guiting Power, England (in the Cotswolds). **Louis H. Weiss**, Pittsburgh, has been writing occasional op-eds that "the Wall Street Journal has seen fit to publish," Lou informs. This "has only a modest relationship to my daughter Bari's work as a books editor (there). She currently writes op-eds at the New York Times."

1979

Jeffrey S. Day summarizes: "After 37 years of reporting for newspapers, Bloomberg BNA and the (Chesapeake) Bay Journal, I'm officially retired. Happy member of a local history book club in Kensington, Maryland, and an official volunteer 'weed warrior' for my county's park system." Jeff removes invasive vines and other non-native plants alongside **Mary Tuck Staley**, whose 1960s-themed party he attended this summer; **George M. Layburn's** "1960s persona was the top highlight." **David Erteschik**, Lothian, Maryland, met **Jonathan A. Bernstein '81** in Cincinnati for the Memorial Day

weekend wedding of Jon's daughter. While there he and Mary caught up with **David J. Smith** and **David M. Troup** and their spouses. Erteschik, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, represented both Kenyon and the 55th Wing at Arlington National Cemetery for the interment of **F. Bruce Olmstead '57**, a "true Cold War hero held captive by the Soviet Union for six months," Dave writes, and "an inspiration to generations of 55th Wing air crew." **Amos N. Guiora**, Salt Lake City, expresses his deep sadness upon learning of the death of "important mentor and valued friend" Professor Roy Wortman. "I greatly benefited from our many exchanges and am grateful to him for facilitating the lectures and courses I have taught at Kenyon over the years. For me, Professor Wortman epitomized the spirit and essence of a liberal arts education." **Karen S. Fendig "Mick" Hoffman**, Bon Aqua, Tennessee, woke up on her 60th birthday to find herself the happy owner of a Hereford cow. "As one is never enough," she writes, "I'm up to three already." She paraded them in the show ring in November. **Orion Cronin Hyson**, Bethesda, Maryland, visited **Dora Sardas Royaute** and her husband in southern France this summer. "Dora was in the IPHS our freshman and sophomore years; our earnest and sometimes hilarious and sometimes hilariously earnest conversations have continued ever since." Orion adds that she became a master at creating boutonnières when her son married in August. **Sandra E. Lane Joseph** runs a sports medicine urgent-care facility in Columbus, Ohio, with OrthoNeuro, a multidisciplinary group of surgeons. "I enjoy helping get athletes back to their sports activities," Sandy informs, "especially the high school and college athletes." She's roaming the country with her field hockey-playing daughter, "looking at colleges in a warmer climate" than Kenyon. **Paul Michel** and **Ann G. Riemer Michel '80** recently left Seattle for Shoreline, Washington, where they "sit on the dock of a tiny lake and watch the otters, herons, kingfishers, ospreys and bats," he writes. He "still plays fiddle and mandolin in Irish and old-time dance bands as well as a bluegrass group that includes Groucho Marx's grandson and Cab Calloway's former paper boy, which makes (me) sound pretty much as old as we all are now." **David M. Switzer** moved from Tennessee to Lake Worth, Florida, in 2014 and recently celebrated his three-year anniversary with Sunshine Health.

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Virginia Calhoun de Millan, San Cristobal, Mexico, shares "earthshaking" news: "My family and I were jolted and scared by earthquakes in Mexico — in our state of Chiapas on Sept. 7, and just south of Mexico City on Sept. 19. We and our living quarters are fine. I feel grateful and fortunate — viva Mexico!" **Jeff N. Dorson** began his 30th year as director of the Humane Society of Louisiana. He welcomes visitors to New Orleans. Write him at stopcruelty11@gmail.com. **Quentin R. Hardy**, Berkeley, California, updates that his elder son, Gus Hardy, who finished a year at a homeless shelter in Missoula, Montana, is now on a full scholarship for a theology master's at Boston College. His valedictory speech from Santa Clara University, about his autistic-spectrum disorder (vimeo.com/172789615) is "worth a look (but I'm biased)." **Ethan M. Powsner**, Grand Rapids, Michigan, waited until his kids were "launched" to pursue a passion for motorcycles, but five years and 40,000 miles later he has grown his hobby into a position as assistant editor of *On the Level* magazine, published by the national riding group BMW Riders Association. A Kenyon connection to managing editor **Jane R. Schluter '94** played a small role in his appointment, he writes, "as I used this fact when I submitted my first article for publication." **Robert W. Thomas**, Sewickley, Pennsylvania, and his wife enjoyed a recent visit by **J. Garrick Bender** and his wife. "Brought out an album of college photos," Rob notes. "Lots of good Kenyon memories. I continue to stay in touch with **Jeff N. Dorson** and **Robin H. Gabriel**. Empty-nesters next year, aside from our rescue menagerie of three cats, one dog and a gecko. Okay, the gecko came from a store."

1981

Samuel W. Adams hosted the annual Class of '81 Dekefest in September at his home in Freeport, Maine, attended by **Walker M. Bagby**, **Christopher W. Bartlett**, **Tod H. Colbert**, **William McPherson Durrett**, **H. Gates Lloyd Jr.**, **Franklin P. Spaeth**, **Rev. Canon Mark K.J. Robinson** and **Wells Smith**. Five of the nine still have a full head of hair, Sam reports. "We hiked, boated, drank beer and told hilarious Kenyon stories. Total

David Erteschik represented both Kenyon and the 55th Wing at Arlington National Cemetery for the interment of F. Bruce Olmstead '57.

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blast." **Jay N. Anania**, Chevy Chase, Maryland, resigned from his position at the Organization of American States and now provides IT support to the State Department, part of his new duties as director of foreign affairs at the IT services company Buchanan and Edwards. **James B. Archer** watched three feet of Hurricane Harvey's rain fall on his house in Houston before "helping friends, school and church tear out carpet and padding, cut out sheetrock, remove insulation, document damage and then go to work suspending and restoring bus service. Surpassed the 500-unit blood donation milestone. Shout-out to **Mark A. Brown** and **Val F. Schaff**, who reached out to see how things were going after the flooding." Jim also cheered the Astros' World Series victory. **Katherine K. Simonds Dhanani** writes: "Azim and I moved to Vancouver in September, where I'll be U.S. consul general for the next three years." **George C. Nelson** and **Laura (Jones) Nelson** visited their son, now serving in the Peace Corps in northern Peru. "Machu Picchu is somewhere on the scale between remarkable and sublime," he reports. See his selfie — in his Kenyon College baseball cap — on the K80s Facebook site. **Kendra J. Tice Remington** and **John M. Remington '79**, Guilford, Connecticut, are parents of three "terrific" kids and grandparents of two (soon to be three) grandkids. A practicing orthodontist of 27 years, Kendra is the co-founder of a startup orthodontic app company. **Gregory P. Sesler** reports the death of his father, **William G. Sesler '50**, with whom Greg practiced law for the past 33 years. His loss leaves a large hole, Greg writes. "But he led an amazing life rich in public service and effective legacy. He was not in any way cheated." Greg and his wife traveled to Alaska last year, and he enjoys helping his daughter fix up her house now that she has returned to live near them in Erie, Pennsylvania. Attorney **Lisa C. Wood**, Medfield, Massachusetts, defends the accounting profession in regulatory matters and handles antitrust questions for a variety of industries, but her recent great enjoyment has been mentoring young women associates through her firm's Women's Forum. She is also active with the Center for Women and Enterprise, which helps women from all backgrounds to start and grow businesses throughout New England, and is interested in speaking with anyone doing similar work elsewhere.

1982

Peter S. Austin, Phoenix, Maryland, global head of multi-asset solutions for T. Rowe Price, insists, "The asset management industry needs more Kenyon graduates; too many of my colleagues — from high-ranking schools — can't put two sentences together. I encourage all Kenyon students and alumni interested in asset management to contact me." **Barry E. Cahill**, West Chester, Pennsylvania, although fully retired from the golf business, played 130 rounds between April 1 and Oct. 1, a personal record, including a round with **John T. MacKessy** in Columbus, Ohio. With both kids away at college, he also finds himself a "stay-at-home dad to my kids' pets." **Roberto Castillo-Sandoval**, associate professor at Haverford, had his translation into Spanish of Herman Melville's "Bartleby, the Scrivener" published in Santiago, Chile, the "first translation to challenge the canonical 1944 version by J.L. Borges," he reports. A revised version of his 1988 novel "Muriendo por la Dulce Patria Mía" was published by Laurel Editores. **Abigail R. Esman** describes living "the luckiest life on Earth," dividing her time among The Hague, Netherlands; Istanbul; and New York City "with forays to Paris and Gambier when I can!" She writes on art and design and on terrorism — "strange bedfellows, I know" — while doing some private art dealing and advising, and is currently shopping a book proposal on terrorism and domestic abuse, "which has had great feedback but no buyers — yet. Would love to hear from anyone, especially if you're planning a trip to Europe." **Stephen F. Hale** shares, "Still brewing after all these years — almost sounds like a song, especially after 25 years at Schlafly Beer. If you find yourself in St. Louis, come by the brewery for a visit." **Anne M. Mundell** is a full professor of scenic design in the Drama School of Carnegie Mellon and maintains her own nationally active theater design practice. She and her husband, a partner at Deloitte, are enjoying the house they just built overlooking Pittsburgh. **Jamie K. Moore Weeks**, Atlanta, updates: "Enjoying two beautiful grandchildren and two new daughters-in-law."

1983

Amy Brill returned to China after two years in Thailand and is pleasantly surprised by Beijing after having had a "horrendous experience in Guangzhou,"

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she informs. "Endless variety of foods to eat and places to explore. The addition of Didi (like Uber) and a plethora of rent-for-pennies bike companies make getting around easier. Have not yet had to chew my air, but there have been face-mask days and I have a purifier in my tiny studio apartment, (which is) open to visitors." **Lisa G. Lanzendorfer Greenwood**, Vienna, Virginia, has worked at the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 28 years now, the last eight of them as the budget officer for programs that include SNAP (aka food stamps), WIC and school lunches and breakfasts.

Elayna J. Hocking moved back to Reno/Tahoe from Las Vegas after five years of studying to become a school psychologist. She recently purchased land near Virginia City, "where the wild horses still roam free." She hopes to begin building next year. **G. Taylor Johnson**, Hyattsville, Maryland, "quit teaching over a year ago," he writes, "and have seen my happy quotient rise considerably." Now a real estate agent in D.C. and Maryland, he is enjoying getting to know clients with whom he can have adult conversations; renovating 200-year-old houses takes up his rare spare time. "While I miss the classroom, I think this new dimension of my life will win over." **Gwen A. Keller Kreager** updates: "In August, we hosted a huge group for four days at my house in Asheville, North Carolina, to watch the eclipse. **Amy McCloskey** and **J. Morris Thorpe '81** were part of the fun. We're making the gathering an annual event, eclipse or not." **Ian B. Lane**, Ardsley, New York, was named partner at the law firm of Hannum Feretic Prendergast and Merlino. He spends weekends with his partner and her daughter, and travels often to Holland to see his teenage daughter and twin sons. **Douglas J. Mayers**, Santa Monica, California, describes his profession thus: "Tripped and fell into the mortgage business in 1985 and have been involved in the capital markets aspect of the industry ever since. Now a principal in a financial technology company called Resitrader."

Doug plays lead guitar in a band of 50-somethings that recently added a lot of Tom Petty to its repertoire "as we are all heartbroken over his early departure from this mortal coil." **James W. Parmele**, Skillman, New Jersey, remarried in August 2016 to "soulmate" Susan Akins. Jim's three wonderful stepchildren are keeping him young. **Nancy R. Powers** moved to Mount Vernon, Ohio, last year "to be closer to the job she loves at a marvelous college in Gambier," she writes. Her older son enjoyed being in a choir directed by **Pamela J. Welsh-Huggins**, and she has taught political science to "the very sweet sons of **Linda Day-MacKessy** and **Elizabeth Mapes Fuller**. **Helen R. Bechtolt Stapenhorst**, Sierra Madre, California, celebrated her 25th anniversary and then sent daughter **Katherine E. Stapenhorst '21** off to the Hill: "It was really fun to watch the decision process," she notes, seeing Katie choose Kenyon because she "really liked the students, the classes and teachers, and the beauty of the place. Now we will see how this southern Californian likes winter."

1984

Andrew O. Bunn, Short Hills, New Jersey, accompanied daughter **Schuyler Bunn '21** to Kenyon to begin her first year. "We ran into **David B. Guenther** at the Legacy Dinner with President Decatur," Andy adds.

1985

Mei Mei Lyle Burr, Cincinnati, is interim director of the Human Services Program of the Department of Counseling, Social Work and Leadership at Northern Kentucky University. Last fall, her daughters began their senior and freshman years at Wofford College and Butler University. **The Rev. Taylor W. Burton-Edwards**, Columbus, Georgia, continues to serve as the liturgical officer of the United Methodist Church, treasurer of the Liturgical Conference, secretary of the North American Academy of Liturgy, chair of the

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Consultation on Common Texts and host of a new video blog titled "Q&A with Liturgy Man." **Richmond H. Curtiss III** was appointed city commissioner and chair of the Rent Review Commission of Palm Springs, California. Employment with the Coachella Valley music festival enabled him to meet Paul McCartney and see Neil Young, which took him "straight back to my days in the D-Phi division," he reports. He volunteers with hospice, an equine therapy facility for disabled kids and Sanctuary Palm Springs, which houses and mentors LGBT foster kids who have aged out of foster care without being adopted. "My other milestone was celebrating 10 happy years with my boyfriend Mark," with whom Rick visited Kenyon, he adds. "I think it's time I seriously consider proposing." They also met **Zali Win '84** and his husband, Tom, on their annual desert escape. **Jennifer M. Mizenko**, Oxford, Mississippi, had a total ankle replacement in Ohio last summer, due in part, she writes, to "a sprain while doing the 'volm boogie' in Bolton Theatre in 1984." Her college roommate **Michelle A. Litton-Betts** cared for her in recovery while **Susan M. Chrysler** kept her laughing and offered rides, and **Bonita (Shelby) Ward '86** put her up during the process as well. "I will be back in dancing shape by our 2020 reunion!" she promises. **Diana L. Mears Peterson** practices pediatrics in Minot, North Dakota, where she and her husband own a winery/distillery. This year's grape harvest was successful, and they bottled a whiskey and a rum. One of her twins (**Sarah Peterson '18**) is expected to graduate from Kenyon in the spring. **David N. Sheehan** is "fully entrenched in an expedited residency

program" that has him teaching high school math in a high-needs New York City high school, while completing his master's in education at Hunter College. "Career changing and baptism by fire! Extremely rewarding — and exhausting," he notes. "I still chuckle that I am teaching math," David adds. "I didn't take one math or science course at Kenyon. What was I thinking?" **Thomas O. Wagner** and **Sarah Quillin Wagner '86** are making many trips to the Hill this year while their daughter, **Addison N. Wagner '18**, finishes her senior year. "We are determined to squeeze the Kenyon parent experience dry. We also had a nice visit with **Michael J. Nevins** and his wife as they dropped their son off at college here in Denver," T.O. reports. **Kathleen Fulmer Waller** has a new job as an ESL teacher at Columbus Preparatory Academy in Columbus, Ohio, the "top-ranking public school in the state — so no pressure!" she writes. Kathy enjoyed parents' weekend in October, supporting **Laurel J. Waller '19**, who served as production stage manager of the one-act comedy "Body Awareness."

1986

Elizabeth M. Lukens Mikes and **Randall W. Mikes** became the proud parents of an NCAA champion when daughter Macauley and her Gettysburg College lacrosse teammates won the Division III title in May. With sons having played football at Wittenberg and lacrosse at Ohio Wesleyan, Betsy and Randy have found "the world of Division III athletics at quality liberal arts colleges to be very interconnected," she writes. "We've enjoyed meeting players and families."

1987

Julie A. McLaughlin jokes that she should have had the HGTV cameras rolling during the challenge-plagued purchase of their San Diego retirement home: "The elderly sellers did not move out as scheduled; after calling the junk men twice, I finally rented out a dumpster. As his nest was disturbed, a rat jumped into the pool, where a kid with snorkel and epoxy had just patched a large, expensive crack. We camped on bare floors after ripping out stained carpets and DIY'ed the place 12 hours a day until the tent went over the house for termites." They recently installed new flooring themselves, finding it cheaper than hiring it done — even after including their costs to fly out from D.C. **James B. Norton**, Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts, had carpal tunnel surgery on his right hand last January and on his left hand in October. "I have to chuckle when a letter arrives from Kenyon and it's not for me," Jamie jokes. "My eldest son, Dougie, is a junior in high school." **E. Christian Schoenlebe Jr.** is in his eighth year as director of Faith Lutheran High School in Crystal Lake, Illinois. Although Chris' oldest daughter didn't choose Kenyon, he is "thrilled to see her studying in a traditional liberal arts program" at Eastern University outside Philadelphia. **Beth Ann Spencer** coordinates a master's program at the University of New Hampshire that prepares STEM teachers to live and work in high-need, rural schools. Ann also serves as a school board member in her own high-need, rural district.

1988

Andrew E. Hunter lives in an old house in the heart of Minneapolis within walking distance of **Holly Hatch-Surisook '91's** "phenomenal" restaurant, he informs. Now in his 24th year of teaching first grade, he describes his journey from an art degree to K-6 certification as "a long story." He is in regular contact with **Mike Cougar Hallenbeck '92** and **Norton F. "Chip" Tennille III '93**. **Diana K. Olinger**, Annapolis, Maryland, acts as a safety, security and compliance officer and works with state politicians at NOAA's National Ocean Service. "I moved from competing nationally in figure skating to being nationally ranked in slalom and trick waterskiing," she goes on. "I train and foster rescue dachshunds, enjoy living on the Chesapeake Bay and travel to visit my parents in

Coshocton and five nieces and nephews." **Craig W. Siders** is senior scientist and commercial technology development leader for advanced photon technologies at the National Ignition and Photon Science Directorate of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California. In 2015 the Missile Defense Agency commended his eight years of "superb contributions to the missile defense program and to our nation." With **Jennifer Walker Siders '91**, Craig attended the retirement symposium for Peter Collings at Swarthmore, to which Peter brought "a little of Kenyon when he moved there." **Beth Miyashiro Vivio**, St. Petersburg, Florida, describes dropping off son **Carter M. Vivio '21** in Gambier last August as "surreal." Career transitions, downsizing to a smaller home, raising teenagers and caring for aging parents constitute "the joys of being in our 50s!" **Amy Heasley Williams** is proud of son **Robert J. Williams '19** as he climbs his way to the top-times list in the annals of Kenyon swimming, earning All-America honors at the 2017 NCAA National Championships. After a tough day as Kenyon's associate athletic director with oversight of Title IX issues in athletics, among other responsibilities, Amy's go-to late-night snacks are "Shoppes popcorn and a Cove cookie."

1989

Jennifer K. Alexander is "happily living in Santa Fe, New Mexico," she updates, "teaching art at an elementary charter school and breathing in fresh mountain and high desert air." **Margaret A. Escherich Alexander**, now "two years into reinventing my personal life after a stunning tragedy," writes that her "new and fabulous partner" brings two children into her and her son's life. "So different from having an only child. Heading into the teenage years soon. Yeow!" She works as the technology and facilities managing librarian at the public library of Eugene, Oregon, currently focusing on replacing elevators, expanding the teen center and adding a Maker Outreach van. **Scott H. Ehrlich**, Tarzana, California, joined Sinclair Broadcasting as vice president of emerging platform content. Describing the endeavor as his latest dynamic growth opportunity after three decades in the media business — including as executive producer of the award-winning series "The Legion of Extraordinary Dancers"

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—JAMES B. NORTON, ON RECEIVING COLLEGE MAIL FOR HIS SON, A HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR

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with Paramount/Hulu — Scott will serve Sinclair as a strategic adviser to startups and established companies focused on digital video products, distributing and business models. **Elizabeth A. McCoy Hansel**, Spofford, New Hampshire, and her husband sent their eldest child off to Boston College for his freshman year. This summer, she and **Monique Levister Strauss** climbed nearby Mount Monadnock, and she keeps busy teaching theater and English. Her classroom — naturally — is painted purple and white. **Taylor V. Ruggles**, now back in the United States in Arlington, Virginia, took a position with the State Department on the Board of Examiners of the Foreign Service. "Look me up if you are in D.C.!" he writes. **Eric A. Williams** completed his master's in divinity at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis in May as valedictorian, receiving the History of Global Christianity award, before starting work as staff chaplain at Methodist Hospital. Kip's assignments include cardiovascular critical care and emergency medicine.

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Andrew H. Abbott and **Katharine Weiss Abbott '88**, St. Louis, are thrilled to announce that son **Henry H. Abbott '21** began his freshman year. "It has been a real pleasure getting back to Gambier a little more often," say Andy and Katie. **Michael L. Collyer** was promoted to chief of the White Collar Crime Unit for the U.S. attorney's office for the Northern District of Ohio. "Had a fun night with **John D. Loud** when he visited Cleveland recently," Mike adds. "Still recovering." **Meg L. DeRonghe** heads into her third year at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation working on malaria, Guinea worm and African sleeping sickness — "still not having eradicated any diseases. Looks like I may be there awhile," she updates. After 13 years in Seattle, she and her partner, daughter and "our two humongous rescue mutts pulled up stakes and moved this summer to an acre on an island with pear trees and wild asparagus. Commuting by ferry is my replacement for high blood pressure medication. Come visit!" **Catherine M. Herrick**, Annapolis, Maryland, in May celebrated the 20-year anniversary of

her business, *Buying Time*, a "nationally recognized paid media strategy and buying firm competing at the top of the political, issue/advocacy and commercial industry," she reports. Meanwhile, along with their five children, Cathie and her husband have opened their home to "a multitude of others who have used it as a stopping place on their journey — a challenging, rewarding adventure since I left Kenyon." **Andrew D. Meehan** and **Anne T. (Hickey) Meehan '93** announce the birth of "bouncing baby boy James Patrick Meehan, born at Sibley Hospital in Washington, D.C. Equal parts ecstatic and exhausted." **William J. O'Hearn Jr.** and **Diana M. Smith '87** returned to England's University of Cambridge, where Bill leads Clare College's fundraising and alumni program and Diana holds a position at the Wren Library at Trinity College. He recently saw **Syed Ali Naseer** in London, **Melissa Uhlig Wright** in New York, and had a great night out with **E. McCallister "Calli" Towne**, **Stephen A. Reinbold** and **Gregory C. Aharonian** this summer before leaving Massachusetts. **Elizabeth Bell Townsend**, Falls Church, Virginia, is "in denial" that oldest child Avery now drives younger sister Emily to high school, she informs. Fourth-grader William both excites and wracks the nerves of his mom and dad as a travel soccer goalkeeper. College hunting will soon involve a trip to Kenyon so Avery can see "what a small, fabulous liberal arts college looks and feels like." **Mary K. Witte**, Easton, Maryland, is senior director at NETworks Presentations working on the national tours of Broadway musicals including "Les Misérables," "Phantom of the Opera," "The Sound of Music" and "The King and I." She visited **Sarah Crosby Vokey** last February in Maine and hung out this summer with **Aurora M. Gonzalez**, **David E. Elliott**, **Andrew R. Cuncannan**, **Christopher M. Wick** and **J. Chalmers Browne '91**. "A few cocktails may have been involved," she notes.

1991

Meryl H. Brott, employed by the Recycling Division of Cambridge Public Works in Massachusetts, began her second term on the Philander Chase Conservancy board, working to protect land around Kenyon from "Columbus creep." She welcomes your support for the Kenyon Nature Preserve on the former Tomahawk Golf Course, now a natural burial cemetery with much

Colorful Memories

Kent Karosen '88 helps explain Alzheimer's disease to children



How can a young child with a grandparent suffering from Alzheimer's disease understand what is happening to their loved one? That's the question Kent Karosen '88 helps answer in his new children's book, "Why Can't Grandma Remember My Name?"

As president and CEO of the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation, which operates a leading research facility at The Rockefeller University in Manhattan and provides information and support to families affected by Alzheimer's,

Karosen is always looking for new ways to increase awareness about the neurodegenerative disease that affects more than 5 million Americans.

"I have seen younger children not be able to have a concept of what's happening to their grandparents," Karosen said. The book, which Karosen co-wrote with author Chana Stiefel, addresses questions children frequently ask ("Grandma sometimes gets angry ... what's going on?"), and each question and answer is accompanied by artwork. Drawings done by kindergartners are juxtaposed with therapeutic art made by Alzheimer's patients.

"Many of [the patients] cannot verbalize their feelings, or their position in life, but they use art to be able to express themselves," Karosen said. "I felt like it would draw the audience in and explain to [children] the communication of their grandparent. And, in addition to that, it's proven [according to a Fisher Center study] that if you keep on stimulating Alzheimer's patients, their quality of life will be much better."

Following the success of "Why Can't Grandma Remember My Name?", Karosen is expanding his horizons further: His next project is a made-for-TV movie with a plotline similar to the children's book. "I'm writing the story right now," Karosen said, "but it takes a long time to write a screenplay — much longer than writing a children's book."

His dedication to helping families affected by Alzheimer's disease stems from his experience helping families recover from a very different tragedy: the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks. As a managing director and partner at the financial services firm Cantor Fitzgerald, Karosen was entering One World Trade Center at the moment the tower was struck by a hijacked aircraft, causing the deaths of more than half of the firm's employees. "I lost 658 coworkers on 9/11, and almost myself — by about 10 seconds," he said. Although he now lives in Miami Beach, Florida, Karosen remains in charge of the firm's annual memorial service. "You have to take care of the families," he said.

Karosen, who was a history major and member of Delta Tau Delta at Kenyon, credits his liberal arts education for his ability to balance his charitable work with his career in finance. "Kenyon taught me not only history, or economics, but rounded me out so that I can perform better," he said.

—David Hoyt '14

of the site restored to its natural state of native trees, prairie grasses and wildflowers: "Wonderful!" **Philip L. Cyr II** of Concord, New Hampshire, was named vice president of health economics for Precision Value, a company providing health economics, analytics and marketing communications to global pharmaceutical and life science clients. Phil will develop and execute

academically and commercially relevant health economic and outcome research studies and services for biopharma, medical device and diagnostics clients. **Theresa L. DeBonis**, Saline, Michigan, completed the first level of Robert Moss' Dream Teacher Training class. Terrie leads dream groups in Ann Arbor and upstate New York. **Megan Lewis-Schurter** earned tenure at the

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Andrea Hopewell Doyle moved to Singapore with the U.S. Foreign Service.

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University of Massachusetts and published two books: "Performing Whiteness in the Postcolony" and "Magnet Theatre: Three Decades of Making Space." **Alexander A. Novak** and **Angela Karnosky Novak '89** live outside Washington, D.C., where he is the publisher of a division of history, military and biography books called Regnery History. Their five children range in age from 4 to 20. He travels often to compete in running relays, marathons and ultramarathons. **Louise W. Reed**, who works with entrepreneurs out of her own CPA firm in Richmond, Virginia, has "gotten bitten by the network of blockchain and cryptocurrency enthusiasts," she writes: "The implications of triple-entry accounting have tapped my intellectual curiosity like Fourier transforms and the Lagrangian did at Kenyon — I feel surprisingly young, ignorant and hip again in this multidimensional Wild West of a new technology." **Patricia L. Steffy** married Andrew Gerngross in May in Marina del Rey, California, in a small seaside ceremony "filled with love and laughter," she writes. "We were doubly thrilled to have roommates **Julie K. (Mills) Roth** and **Catherine D. McGavran Horning '92** joining the celebrations," she adds. **David S. Thiele** modestly describes "trying to be convincing in another stretch role, this time as the chair of the English Department at Mount Union," he writes, adding that a return to Kenyon for Honors finale weekend allows him to report that "any nostalgic feelings you may have are completely justified."

1992

Andrea L. Hopewell Doyle moved from Florida to Singapore for the next three years with the U.S. Foreign Service. She described the transition as easy

and her new home as a "remarkable city that just celebrated 52 years as a country." **Michael S. Dow**, Easthampton, Massachusetts, calls the weekly podcast titled "Civil Politics" that he hosts on Valley Free Radio (WXOJ) a "much easier show to do when Obama was president." **Mike Cougar Hallenbeck** enjoyed the recent screening on Robert Rodriguez's El Rey network of the pilot for an animated show called "Tim the Terrible," which featured his original music and sound design. He's also been knocking on doors for a city council candidate in Minneapolis and, he adds, "rubbing my cat Stella's belly whenever I get the chance." **William M. Jordan** has enjoyed watching the renaissance of Washington, D.C., from right in the heart of it, while raising three kids there. Mark's two years at a specialty financial firm have been a great experience, and he recommends "challenging yourself to break into new areas of interest — definitely something Kenyon taught and reinforced!" **Brian D. Sites** updates that life is going well on his hobby farm in Plainfield, New Hampshire, where he cares for a big family and lots of animals. He is a professor of anesthesiology and associate dean at Dartmouth Medical School. **Lainie Thomas** calls life in Manila, the Philippines, "sweaty, busy and punctuated with long stays in traffic jams, (which have) turned me into a bike commuter — which, no, is not safe, but vastly faster than any other option." After doffing her illuminated vest at work, she designs and oversees health and education projects in Southeast Asia. **Lainie** traveled to Vietnam this year to visit schools for ethnic minorities in very remote areas. **Nicole P. Dunn Toft** re-entered the workforce after 14 years as a stay-at-home mom to sell books at the Book Cellar in Chicago. The "greatest irony," she explains, "is that while I have less time to read I actually have to

read more as part of my job. It's a good problem to have." Husband **Christopher P. Toft '89** thrives at Advocate Health Care, where he is vice president of development. One of her greatest joys of the year was the 25th reunion.

1993

Carolyn N. Peticolas Alt, Grand Rapids, Michigan, took her husband and fourth- and sixth-grade daughters to the Hill for the first time in September for a fantastic time. She and **Nanette (Miller) Zorn** spend many early mornings at the local YMCA striving to retain their college figures. **Allison Hilberg Bunker** left San Francisco proper for Marin County, where she and her husband love living with the redwoods, trails and wildlife, which suit them well. **Alli** still works for IBM on internal strategy and is happy to be traveling less for work. **Elyse J. Forkosh Cutler**, Oak Park, Illinois, had a "great, albeit short, trip to Gambier for reunion planning," she informs. "It was a treat to hang out with **Karen A. Scott '98** and **Jody L. Horak Tyrpak '91**. When I'm with a Kenyon friend, it's like no time has passed at all." **Scott W. Gosnell**, Columbus, Ohio, searched his memory for something he did in 2017 that's interesting enough for inclusion here "but to no avail" — so he went with "competitive wingsuit flying." **Scott** runs a very small publishing venture and does marketing and financial consulting for tech companies. **Jamie I. Griffith** married and became the proud stepfather of three girls (15, 11 and 9) in the family's new home in Baltimore. **Jamie** is the parish administrator for Memorial Episcopal Church. **Blake A. Taylor** continues his "dream job," he writes, as an Advanced Placement English literature and creative writing teacher at Walnut Hills High School in Cincinnati. A certified AP mentor and lit exam reader, a researcher and presenter at the AP annual conference and a member of 46 Long, resident band at Arnold's Bar and Grill, **Blake** adds that he is "constantly amazed at the pioneering work that **Kristina L. 'Krista' Vitz Taylor** is doing in compassionate education for adolescents. Check out her blog and book, 'Angels and Superheroes.'"

1994

Michael A. Baumholtz, San Antonio, Texas, opened his own office in September offering full-range plastic

surgery. **Julie Cerel** was promoted to full professor at the University of Kentucky last year, and is president of the American Association of Suicidology. She was on NPR twice, was quoted in Teen Vogue, Seventeen and Newsweek magazines in 2017 and has more than 1,200 Twitter followers. "Now I'm trying to figure out what to do with the rest of my career," she concludes. **L. Bradfield Hughes** practices law at Porter Wright and welcomes visits from '94ers passing through Columbus, Ohio. **Brad** and his family moved north out of the Clintonville neighborhood into Worthington but are still close to the Olentangy River bicycle path and Nationwide Children's Hospital, where his wife is a clinical psychologist. He enjoyed running into **David M. Griffin** at Target while shopping for school supplies. "From Mather hallmates to proud dads, we've come a long way!" **Melissa Schneider Kasmin**, Morristown, New Jersey, was hired by County College of Morris as an assistant professor of education while continuing her private practice offering clinical services and school consultation for children, adolescents and their families. **Philip A. Musser** sold his digital media company and became a senior vice president for global communications at Boeing, based in Chicago, where he enjoys seeing **John W. Manley**, **John-Marc Berthoud** and **Christopher S. Antonow '93**. **Michael P. Rutter** accepted a new role as senior adviser for communications in the office of the vice chancellor at MIT. **Ravana "Ravi" Wijeyeratne**, enjoying golf and scuba in sunny Sri Lanka, hosted **Glen A. Feder '96**, **Fabrice J. Claudel** and **Abid Sayeed '95** and their families in 2017. **Ravi** wonders if his daughter, who applied to Kenyon for admission this fall, might become Kenyon's first second-generation international student. **Tasha Y. Willis** helped lead a new three-week course with some of her Cal State Los Angeles students to Quibdo and Bogota, Colombia, exploring intercultural communication and social entrepreneurship in an Afro-Colombian context. She is now on the hunt for a kindergarten for her son.

1995

David Bee is excited to share his new film, "Built by Zidell" (builtbyzidell.com), which "tells the story of an incredible environmental cleanup here in Portland, Oregon." **Samantha Carey** describes herself as "way behind" her

classmates, but 2017 saw the arrival of her daughter Emily. After five moves, Sam and her husband, David, are enjoying building their family life together in D.C. **Andrew Kyle Legant** “just can’t get enough school,” he reports. “Entering my second year of a doctoral program in education leadership just in time for my third year as principal at a middle school in Albuquerque, New Mexico.” **Seth W. Peter** is “enjoying some downtime after leaving my position as founder and CTO of the information security firm NetSPI, a company that started in my home and grew organically from one to 70 employees nationwide before raising equity funding this year,” he informs. Downtime meant a trip to Scandinavia, renovating his 1900 Minneapolis home and enjoying his sons’ baseball games. Seth met **Brian J. Binge** and **Kendra S. Carpenter** in Breckenridge, Colorado, this summer, and **Shannon B. Wilkinson** and **Neil A. Butler** in Seattle in the fall.

1996

Pia V. Catton, who left the Wall Street Journal in December 2016 to enter the digital content space, is now editor in chief of Dance.com, owned by the dancewear brand Capezio. “I now know more about four-way stretch canvas than I ever thought possible,” Pia writes. **Christopher H. Eliot** became executive editor of the academic journal *Philosophy, Theory, and Practice in Biology*, retitled and relaunched under his direction in 2017. Chris works at Hofstra University and lives in Brooklyn with his wife and 2-year-old daughter. **Christopher C. Ellsworth** reports that this year on the Hill “got off to a good, albeit fast start,” noting that members of the Kenyon class of ’18 “were born the year we graduated, which is a bit off-putting. Where does the time go?” **Christopher S. Frisby** and his wife, Erin, welcomed a son, Bryce Brumback Frisby, on July 27. Bryce joins sister Mary at home on Daniel Island, South Carolina. Chris teaches history at Ashley Hall, an independent school for girls in Charleston. **Matthew J. Gernstein**, Arlington, Virginia, “applied to NASA and Elon Musk to be part of their Mars missions.” Because he is sick of traffic and dealing with everyone, he thinks this is the best way to finally get peace and quiet. **John A. Koepke**, still working at Accenture in Chicago, “spends most of his free time driving his three kids from one sports event

to another,” he informs. **Andrew S. Richmond** writes, “After more than 10 years in the Columbus area, we packed up and moved to Belpre, a small town on the Ohio River. From my company’s new offices I can watch the barges on the water all day.” **Jane L. Ballard Roth**, St. Louis, informs that one daughter started college, one started high school, one started first grade: “How young we feel among the college parents, and how

ancient among the first-grade parents!” she writes. “At least the experience is proving to us how much we have mellowed in 17 years of parenting.”

1997

Colette J. Pichon Battle splits time among Louisiana, New York and Atlanta in her position as executive director of the U.S. Human Rights

Network. Coco “works to connect folks impacted by climate disaster in the U.S. and folks who work to advance human rights together for a movement to make a better country,” she explains. She hung out with **Mila L. Thigpen** and **Jennifer A. Henderson Londen** on a recent trip to D.C. **Jamion L. Berry** moved from Atlanta to Chicago for a new opportunity with McDonald’s and an entirely new Kenyon alumni community. “My

The Tyler Rigg Foundation

Late alumnus’s friends and family keep his free spirit alive through giving

’94

Tyler Rigg ’94 was a free spirit, a lover of the outdoors and a loyal friend. Born in Greenwich, Connecticut, he attended Choate Rosemary Hall and spent a year at Sterling College, in Vermont, before transferring to Kenyon. Two years after he graduated from Kenyon, tragedy struck; in 1996, his life was cut short as the result of a fatal car accident.

In the aftermath of his death, Rigg’s grieving friends and family came together to share stories, honor his memory and plant the seeds for the Tyler Rigg Foundation — a charitable organization, founded in 1998, that honors Rigg by celebrating his values of kindness, joy and adventure. The mission of the Tyler Rigg Foundation, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, is to support the charitable interests of those whose lives Rigg touched.

Kristin Rothballer ’94, a board member and friend of Rigg’s from Kenyon, underscored the meaning of the foundation’s mission. “By virtue of bringing all of us together, Tyler’s family, his high school friends, his college friends — each with different vantage points on who Tyler was — we were able to define a mission that spoke to all of us and to extend his legacy by investing in programs that seek to make a positive contribution to the world,” Rothballer said.

The foundation supports causes that were especially important to Rigg, such as alternative education, the environment and social welfare. Dozens of organizations have benefited from the foundation, including: Bay Cliff Health Camp, a camp for children and adults with disabilities; the GROWE Foundation, which educates children about the benefits of healthy eating and environmental stewardship; FLY Foundation, which provides financial support to young adults diagnosed with cancer; Peoples’ Grocery, which has improved access to healthy food for more than 9,000 people in West Oakland; Redside Foundation, which supports the mental and physical health of the Idaho river guiding community; and Hour Children, dedicated to maintaining the bonds between incarcerated women and their children.

Rothballer, a social change leader with a focus on environmental advocacy, said she grew close to Rigg at Kenyon. During her senior year, she lived next door to him in Farr Hall, where she shared an apartment with fellow Tyler Rigg Foundation board member Kristin Browne ’94.

Initially, the foundation started as a way for the Riggs and their son’s friends to keep his memory alive through sharing

stories. Three board members — Rothballer, Browne and Ginger Knowlton ’94 — are Kenyon alumni. The board holds yearly in-person meetings, and, over the years, Rigg’s friends have brought their spouses and, eventually, children, to these reunions.

“We’ve grown up together in a pretty deep way,” Rothballer explained. “Knowing that we get to come together every year to remember Tyler, and just be together, has certainly deepened our friendship and our ability to show up for each other in our adult lives.”

The Tyler Rigg Foundation has grown substantially over the years, as well. In early days, it awarded between \$2,500 and \$5,000 in grants annually. Now, about \$100,000 goes to charitable projects every year. Though a small foundation, its work with organizations always bears a personal touch. To commemorate its 20th anniversary, the foundation recently created a “Spirit of Tyler Award” to raise money and give a significant grant to a project or organization that best exemplifies Rigg’s spirit.

“Every time we give a grant, we tell the story of Tyler,” Rothballer said. “When we give a grant, it’s not just writing a check. We’re inviting people to be part of this larger family, using Tyler’s memory in a way that creates more meaning and transformation in the world.” More information is available at tylerriggfoundation.org.

—Carolyn Ten Eyck ’18

Tyler Rigg Foundation board members meet annually. Pictured from left to right: Ginger Knowlton ’94, Kathleen McGee, Kristin Rothballer ’94, David Wood, Hannah Litner, Rusty Rigg, Kristin Browne ’94, Dedee Rigg, Gerald Rigg and Ben Sinnamon.



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brothers and I continue to support the campus every semester through memberships with Alumni Council, KFEC and alumni mentoring initiatives," he notes. "So awesome to see the progressive changes that are happening on campus. If you haven't done so, you should make it back up to the Hill to see how your campus has changed." **Lindsay B. Buchanan Burke**, Arlington, Virginia, enjoys life with her husband and three kids along with the practice of law at Covington & Burling, where she was recently elected partner. **Elizabeth Rosengren Cotone**, Canyon Country, California, was "totally bummed to miss the reunion this year" but has been busy with 6-year-old Jenny and writing projects for film, theater and television, one of which is a new drama TV series in development for Warner Brothers. **Adam Hunter Howard**, Studio City, California, announces that Maxwell Devon Howard was born Sept. 30 and joins excited and curious big brother Andrew, 20 months older. **Greta N. Scharnweber** is associate director of the Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies at NYU, working over the fall with a "cool indie band called Mashrou' Leila from Beirut," she writes, part of her graduate workshop on the intersection of music and politics. "I have been thinking about my Kenyon years recently," she adds, "because I am planning this spring to bring my son to Morocco, where I first went during junior year abroad." **Derek S. Zurn** purchased a pediatric dental/orthodontic practice in Stoughton, Massachusetts, after having been an associate there for a decade, and he launched a satellite office nearby. "Additionally, I got married in August," Derek writes.

1998

Malcolm Auchincloss and Penelope Noble were married in Weekapaug, Rhode Island, on June 17. In attendance were **Kate Abbott Wartels '99**, **Christine O'Neill**, **Edward Wartels** (best man), **Kate Niven Morse** and **Joshua Lawrence**. **Frederick C. Bierman**, an art director at the New York Times, connected with many area Kenyonites: "**James C. Stover '99** just moved to the 'burbs (boo!) with his beautiful wife and adorable kids. **Andrew B. Solar '99** got married in Greenwich, Connecticut, and I got to hang out with **Thomas W. Pettus '97**, **Peter M. Sughrue Jr.** and **Vanessa A. Brown**, **Graham E.E. Thomas '99**, **J. Ryan Miller**, **Andrew A. Garcia '99** and **Mark C. Svenson '99** at the wedding. I also ran into my cousin **Timothy J. Bearman '00** in Savannah, Georgia, and **John C. Neumann** lived around the corner from me in Brooklyn, but he moved. Sad! I miss **Edward C. Jack**, who lives in Florida. What's up, Big E!" **Heather L. (Torsnes) Cortes**, Greenville, South Carolina, updates that daughter Linda is a sophomore at Rensselaer Polytechnic, daughter Alana is in second grade and **Paola Cortes '21** began her freshman year at Kenyon. **Kathryn S. (Snyder) Howe** moved out of the wine business and into higher ed administration, becoming a library information specialist at Columbus State Community College. **Jonathan E. Keeling**, Columbus, Ohio, informs: "When my awesome daughters aren't exhausting me with their boundless energy and laughter, I'm serving as press secretary for Gov. John Kasich — trying to fight the good fight in challenging times." **McClain L. Howarth McGaw**

and her family moved to Lexington, Massachusetts, four years ago, and she is now director of customer success at AthenaHealth. Macy works alongside **Marguerite L. "Margot" McKean** and **Dwight K. Schultheis '97**. "We loved a visit from **Kathryn Kerr Fitzsimmons** this summer and regular get-togethers with **Elizabeth M. "Lisa" Conway** in Boston," she informs. **Dara M. Newberry** graduated in May from the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center with a doctor of nursing practice, family nurse practitioner specialty. **Christina L. Rimelspach** updates: "Big news! I have moved to the Denver metro area. I will continue to work as a geriatric social worker. Very excited about this next chapter of my life — drop me a line!" **Tyler A. Studds** married **Lauren C. MacKay '96**. Attending were **Rebecca L. Feldman '94**, **Jonathan S. Hyland '97** and **James G. Murray IV '99**. Tyler is proud to be in his sixth year with the state of Massachusetts, working to promote offshore wind energy. **Alexandra J. Mustonen Whelehan**, newly moved to Cold Spring Harbor, New York, is now director of East Coast placement for the Education Group, where she works with **Robert E. Kirkpatrick '73**. She and her husband see **Victoria H. Kirby**, **Virginia Secor Shaw** and **Elizabeth "Libby" Stroyd Windsor** as often as possible.

1999

Elizabeth G. Dunning marked what would have been her mom's 70th birthday by running the Washington, D.C., Rock 'n' Roll marathon and raising nearly \$70,000 for the Brady Center for the Prevention of Gun Violence. Catch up with Liz and read details of her experiences as a survivor at www.runlizzierun.com. **Cecil C. Jackson III** submitted his first Bulletin note ever, though Craig has long enjoyed keeping up with everyone: "My wife and I live in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, putting all our energy into our two kids, Alexander, 3, and Kennedy, 18 months, a baby who will not be put in the corner." **Erica L. Vogeley Kendall**, San Carlos, California, recently enjoyed a weekend in Ohio with **Molly M. Harsh Guttridge**, **Lesley C. Keiner Herzberg** and **Sarah A. Horstmann** celebrating birthdays, marriages and lifelong friendships. "We spent a day on the Hill and look forward to coming back in 2019!" she adds. **Michael J. Klein** married on Aug. 19, with the whole

Klein family in attendance. Also making the trip — and still bringing the moves on the dance floor — were **Robert B. Corpuz**, **Elizabeth G. Dunning**, **John C. Jordan**, **Zachary B. Nowak**, **John R. Sherck** and **Lauren E. Coil-Sherck**, he informs. When not commuting to Nashville, Tennessee, where his bride is a Vanderbilt postdoc, Michael provides legal advice to various Veterans Administration clients in the St. Louis region, most of them VA medical centers. **Erich K. Kurschat** married **Katie Hedrick** on Sept. 23 at Unity Temple, a Frank Lloyd Wright Church in Oak Park, Illinois, with **Lindsay M. Irvin Doyle**, **John R. Sherck** and **Eliza K. Andrews '00** attending. "Looking forward to bringing Katie with me to Gambier!" he writes. **Christina LeStage White**, Eagle Bridge, New York, started a new business in partnership with a local community and art center: Dinners-To-Go from Hoosick Kitchen. "People order food online on Mondays and pick up Thursdays," she explains. "Healthy takeout with fresh, local ingredients." **Richard G. Woodbridge** marked the 190th birthday of the family farm that he and his wife own and operate outside Buffalo, New York. "We run a pretty popular CSA farm share program and hold educational and tourism events," he describes. Their older daughter "does not like it one bit" that a little sister arrived in June, and tells everyone that the baby is a "forever pet."

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Eliza K. Andrews, Springfield, Virginia, attended the February wedding of **Lindsay M. (Irvin) Doyle '99** in Atlanta. In March, she reconnected with **Renee L. Peltz Dennison** "and her kiddos" at the Chamber Singers concert in Georgetown, Washington, D.C. Then in April she and Tom bought their first home. **Scott G. Carney**, Denver, is working on two new books — the first a follow-up to his New York Times bestseller "What Doesn't Kill Us," tentatively titled "The Wedge," and the second on climate change. "Impressed with my amazing classmates and stalking all of you on Facebook," he adds. **Martha N. Holley-Miers** led fundraising for a Washington, D.C., nonprofit for nine years but now has "taken the plunge into nearly full-time

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—JONATHAN E. KEELING

'98

stay-at-home parenting," she updates. "Keeping my head in the working game with some limited consulting work, and just joined the board of directors of a beautiful local aquatic gardens — let me know if you ever want to visit this gem right here in our nation's capital!" She's also excited to live four minutes away from best friend **Samantha L. Grover Aguayo**. **Siiri C. Morley** and husband Jeremy welcomed Indigo Jacob into their family on Jan. 20, 2017. "He is an active, engaged little boy who has already participated in many efforts to #Resist, which is appropriate given his birthday," she writes. The executive director of Strong Women, Strong Girls, a Boston nonprofit that supports girls in maintaining high self-esteem through adolescence as they gain a sense of agency over their lives, Siiri is "deeply passionate about working with women and girls at the intersection of gender and racial equality." **Maraleen D. Shields**, Allentown, Pennsylvania, described recent months as a roller coaster: In July she was named a shareholder at her law firm, Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba. She spoke at the Pennsylvania Bar's annual meeting on mothers, millennials and minorities in the profession in January 2018, and will address the Health Law Institute on medical staff hearings in March. Her husband and two children are excellent. "We are all doing our best to resist and persist."

2001

S. Elizabeth (McClelland) Anderson accepted a post as lecturer of English studies at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland, where she lives in a small town north of the city with her family. "We are enjoying exploring the castles and beaches in the northeast of Scotland," she writes. "Visitors welcome!" **Laura K. Folks Borell** is happily living in North Canton, Ohio, where she recently started working for the National Inventors Hall of Fame. **Megan J. Hill Grewal**, Thousand Oaks, California, updates: "My husband, Bobby, and I welcomed our son, Sachin Emerson Grewal, on March 9. Thrilled to be parents! We visited **Leigh S. Andrews Plotke** and **Chad D. Plotke '02**, as well as **Lindsey E. Good Nakayama** and her husband, Kyle. Saw **Erin E. O'Neill '02** in November. **Brooke E. Bergdahl Tyler** recently visited and met Sachin." **Erika J. Plank Hagan**, Ridgefield, Connecticut, continues "getting people into rooms and making

them comfortable participating in things," as she describes her work as a church school administrator. Also a Jazzercise franchise owner and "autism mom CEO," with two boys on the spectrum, she and her husband will go to the U.K. for their 15th wedding anniversary. "Any Kenyon kids over there to say hey to?" she asks. **Beth A. Harrod**, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, has begun a second career as a pediatric nurse and is now more than halfway through Cleveland State's accelerated bachelor of nursing program: "My dream has always been to work with kids, and I think this will be an amazing change from clinical trials," she informs. "I sing for the Western Reserve Chorale, now in its 25th year." **Rowan T. (Williams) Haug**, who teaches in the Mississippi State University Department of Art and wrangles her two kids, has taken a leadership position in her local progressive group and helped usher in her hometown's first female mayor. Otherwise busy making and selling quilts, pillows and fiber art locally and online, she began work on "a teeny-tiny house to leave out on property we bought in rural Mississippi (for) when we need to escape the news cycle." **Brooke E. Hauser** and **Addison D.S. MacDonald** write that her biography of Helen Gurley Brown, "Enter Helen," recently came out in paperback, while Addie manages the theater at the Academy of Music in Northampton, Massachusetts. **Andrew W. Kahrl** received tenure and promotion to associate professor of history and African-American studies at the University of Virginia last spring. His next book, "Free the Beaches: The Story of Ned Coll and the Battle for America's Most Exclusive Shoreline," will be published by Yale University Press this spring. **Anne E. Morrissey**, a freelance writer and editor, received her first book commission — a retrospective history of the Water Safety Patrol, a nonprofit in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, her hometown. She splits her time between her condo in Williams Bay, Wisconsin, and an apartment in Chicago, where she serves on the junior board of the Chicago Public Library. **Alys L. Spensley** made a short stop in the U.S. and caught up with **Allison K. Jones** and **Laura A. Maestas** before heading to her new home in Beijing, where she and **Andrew D. Lebkuecher '99** both work for the U.S. State Department, have three children and would welcome visitors. **Erika R. Snell** is associate creative director of art at AbelsonTaylor,

S. Elizabeth Anderson accepted a post as a lecturer at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland.

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realizing her dream of making commercials, with three campaigns launched in the past year. She loves Chicago, enjoys pottery-making and photography, and has completed her second half-marathon. **Christine H. Steffen**, Minneapolis, and her husband welcomed Peter Steffen Keith into the world last March. "Peter is eager to meet all his Kenyon pals," Chrissy notes.

2002

Erin D. Saunders Benson, Denver, began a new job as regional director for Ignatian Volunteer Corps, a Jesuit program for adults age 50 and over who "want to serve in local nonprofits and grow together, reflecting on their experiences," she informs. **Neil Hall**, Minneapolis, "had a blast with everybody at the reunion," he recalls. He and his wife were blessed with their third child in late June. Still selling commercial insurance, Neil performs monthly shows with his live karaoke band, Hurricane Karaoke. **Renee M. (Shoaf) McNally** returned to work after several years off with her boys and is enjoying the challenge of her new position as costume designer and shop manager at the Academy Theatre in Meadville, Pennsylvania. "If you're in northwest Pennsylvania, stop and catch a show!" she writes.

2003

Shaun D. Berry, Arlington, Massachusetts, has spent nearly 10 years as an educator and instructional coach in the Cambridge Public Schools. She and her husband are proud parents of a 3-year-old. **Charles R. Guedenet** lives in the Washington, D.C., metro area with his wife and two daughters. The older just started kindergarten and the younger "is starting to tell jokes," he informs. **Mary E. Hanna-Weir** finally calls Santa Clara, California, home after four years there, where her husband is now on track for tenure as

director of choral activities at Santa Clara University. Mary is active in state and local politics. "We are happy to live close to **Elizabeth C. "Liz" Ray Whitney** and **John B. Hiester '02** and **Kathleen S. Adams Hiester '02**," she adds. **Benjamin D. Helfat** is in his third year as headmaster at Boston Adult Technical Academy, an alternative Boston public school serving students over 19. **Lauren Camp Jercinovic**, Chicago, and husband Ernie celebrated the birth of a daughter, Natasha, in late April. "Danica is a proud big sister!" In June **Andrew F. Kalnow** and **Anna K. Wholey Kalnow '04**, Columbus, Ohio, welcomed to the family their second child, Sophia, who already sports a Kenyon onesie. **Tatyana A. Klimova** and **Russell A. Carleton '02**, Atlanta, welcomed twin sons in July. The boys' three big sisters "are smitten, as are we," she writes, adding, "Goodbye, sleep." **Liesel S. Kuhr** and husband Kevin announce the Aug. 18 arrival of George Wolfgang Eakin in Fairfax, Virginia. **Courtney L. McKee** and husband Edward call daughter Kelsey, born last March, "a delight!" The family lives in Queens, New York, where Courtney is a social worker and Edward owns a printing business. **Alexander B. O'Flinn** enjoys life in the Los Angeles area, where he works as a film editor. "The Rider," which Alex edited, premiered at Cannes in May and won the top prize for its section. It will be released by Sony Picture Classics. **Karl A. Reichstetter** recently hung out in San Francisco with **Christopher T. McKeon** and **Michael S. Mitchell**, whom he hadn't seen in a while. "I was pleased to learn that they haven't changed one bit," he observes. "Mike still drinks Clamato juice before and during workouts, and Chris still eats Papa John's pizza every meal of the day." **Lindsay M. Sabik** is an associate professor of health policy and management at the University of Pittsburgh, researching Medicaid policy and cancer care for underserved patient populations. **Sarah R. May Van Nostrand** and **Christopher**

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M. Van Nostrand '02 and their two kids love living in the San Francisco Bay Area, where Sarah started her doctorate in clinical psychology at the Wright Institute in Berkeley. **Andrew F. Vincent, Arlington, Virginia,** updates: "With the unending support of **Emily F. (Briggs) Vincent '02** and my three daughters, I joined the founding team of a financial technology startup as the VP of product. Two months after United Income's launch this summer, the company is growing fast, with well over \$200 million in assets under management. The experience has been outstanding, and it makes me appreciate even more my idyllic days along the Kokosing."

2004

Whitney H. Brown married in Poulsbo, Washington, on July 15. "We went for a backpacking 'minimoon,' hiking 40 miles through Olympic National Park," she writes. "We are making Bremerton, Washington, our home." **Erin Billie**

Cooper Carter and her husband welcomed daughter Victoria James into the world last March. "I also started my own behavioral health group practice on the west side of Cleveland." **Tai J. Chiappa** and her husband celebrate the arrival of their Class of 2035 daughter, Zada Mae Hindulak, on Sept. 19. They moved to Salem, Massachusetts, and are enjoying the North Shore and launching into parenthood adventures. Still practicing as a clinical psychologist working with children and adolescents, Tai notes that it will be interesting to try to put into practice the parenting advice she's been giving professionally.

Leeman Tarpley Kessler and **Rachel C. Kessler** welcomed son Martin to the world and to the Hill. Rachel continues her work at Harcourt Parish and with students. **Eric T. Lehrman** celebrated 13 years in Los Angeles, where he lives with his wife and 2-year-old son, Theo. He is head of content at Wattpad.

Sarah Y. Evans Moore, Plainfield, New Hampshire, is thrilled to share news of the arrival of son Winston Andrew on Sept. 25: "All the clichés are true: We are smitten!" **Kerry L. Shannon** lives in Baltimore with her husband and son Benjamin, who is now 9 months old.

She graduated from Johns Hopkins with an M.D. and DrPH in international health and began an emergency medicine residency. **Stephanie K. Skinner, Arlington, Virginia,** joined the Staying Sharp team at AARP as a content developer, while still making time for photography/video projects on the side. She attended **Petar Krvaric's** wedding in Croatia. **Tyler J. VanWormer** lives on Johns Island, South Carolina, outside Charleston, with his wife of

nearly 11 years and his "rambunctious" 3-year-old son. Tyler is working in the upstream oil and gas industry and studying for the sommelier exam, but reports that at heart he just wants to make cheese. **Sarah Meadow Walsh** and family will relocate to Washington, D.C., as **Eamon Z. Walsh '02** leaves the Navy to do "more of the same interesting and important work that he still can't tell you about," she reports. Sarah will be on the lookout for a children's librarian position in a public or school library.

2005

Alaina T. Baker-Nigh greatly enjoyed her first semester as associate professor

in the biology department of St. Louis University. "I'm so unbelievably glad that my Kenyon-honed skills at nerding out in front of a whiteboard are being put to good use," she notes. **John H. Goehrke, Twinsburg, Ohio,** reports he is "still living the dream at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame," where he is director of visitor engagement and **Risa Roberson Goehrke '04** is director of marketing. Otherwise he's coaching his two boys who are busy playing soccer, memorizing Michael Jackson dance moves and watching lots of Disney Junior. **Sara "Annie" Mark-Westfall** moved to Berlin last year in her capacity as director of global program development for the Wildlife Conservation Society. In June, Annie

Riding the podcast boom

A Q&A with Nadia Reiman '05

As a Kenyon student, Nadia Reiman '05 developed a passion, and talent, for audio storytelling. After nearly a decade spent working as a producer for StoryCorps, she is now a senior editor at NPR's Latino USA. The Bulletin spoke with Reiman about her career in radio, the impact a study abroad program had on said career, the importance of diverse voices in podcasting and more.

Q: What was your Kenyon experience like?

A: We couldn't really afford college, but Kenyon gave me a full ride. They paid for everything but my books. I ended up taking a less traditional route than a lot of Kenyon students take, just because my decisions were very much dictated by what we could and couldn't afford. Professors like Clara Román-Odio, Víctor Rodríguez-Núñez and Katherine Hedeon were like my parents away from home. Back then, Kenyon wasn't super diverse, so I felt a little bit like an odd duck. It took me awhile to get my sea legs, but, by my junior year, I felt more like a part of the community. I had a really good group of friends who I still am in touch with and love.

Q: How did Kenyon help you get your start in radio?

A: I was involved with WKCO. I did it for fun and really enjoyed myself. When I went abroad to Costa Rica, I hoped to figure out what it really meant to be Costa Rican, because I hadn't been there since I was (a child). But I had a hard time adjusting because I speak Spanish fluently, and Costa Ricans essentially saw me as a Costa Rican ... (even if) culturally, I wasn't. I remember feeling really sad, and asking myself when the last time was that I felt really happy. I realized it was when I was working at WKCO. I looked at Costa Rican Radio U's lineup and (discovered) that the one thing they didn't really have at the time was an indie-rock music show. So I pitched them a show ... and they picked it up. I did it every Friday while I was there, and then I found somebody to take it over. It's

been on the air for 10 years. It was the beginning of me realizing that I could do something substantial with radio.

Q: Tell me about your current job as senior editor at Latino USA.

A: We're the only Latino-focused news show on NPR, and we're a national show. Over the last two years, our podcast audience has nearly doubled. The show is growing by leaps and bounds and it's such a privilege to be part of an organization (dedicated to) telling stories from my community. It's a job that's tailor-made for me: It's about radio, it's about storytelling, and it's storytelling about and for people of color.

Q: How do you feel about the big podcast boom that has happened in recent years?

A: I think it's fascinating. I have always been here for the experimental incubator podcast world that has been popping up — I want more of it, not less. Like everybody else in the industry, I'm terrified that it's a bubble, because I would like a job forever. I want more people of color on the air, making the shows and making the decisions. The thing is, this country is becoming more and more diverse by the second; it's going to be a totally different-looking country in 2025. We need to have a podcast world and a media landscape that reflects who we are. In that sense, podcasting still has a long way to go, in terms of being inclusive. But that's why we're here — we're going to keep pushing for that.

—Carolyn Ten Eyck '18

This interview has been edited for length and clarity.



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and her husband welcomed a daughter, who joins a 2-year-old brother; all are enjoying "the sanity of German parental leave and family policies," she writes. Her monthly column, "Letters from Berlin," appears in the online magazine *The Wild Word*, also home to a column by **Rachel C. Kessler '04**, Kenyon's chaplain. **Cara P. Himmelfarb McIlwaine** is thankful to have moved into a two-bedroom apartment in New York City in time for the Sept. 24 arrival of their first child, a girl. Cara works at *Wine Enthusiast* and her husband, Patrick, at *Murray's Cheese*. **Elizabeth A. Palmer** was married in an arboretum outside Philadelphia on Sept. 30. **Margaret A. "Meg" Scuderi** was a bridesmaid, and Liz writes she is "so thankful we met at a Phi Kap party in fall of freshman year!" **Nadia Reiman**, Brooklyn, has been working for a year as senior editor of NPR's *Latino USA* — "which is not in Spanish, so you should check it out!" she explains. "It's great stories about the Latino community, and it's character-driven, so you know it's fun." **Kelly A. Smallwood Stowe** left North Carolina to plant new roots in Grand Rapids, Michigan, although Kelly still works remotely out of D.C. managing a program support contract for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. **Claudia D. (Masko) Smith** and **Colin L. Smith '06** of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, announce the arrival of a daughter on July 4. Colin works in Philadelphia as a gastroenterologist at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and at an affiliated practice across the river in New Jersey. **Andrea C. (Scott) Turnipseed** and her husband welcomed son Nicholas Pierce to the family in late September. He joins big sister Eve, 2, in their home in Austin, Texas.

2006

Megan E. Barrett, Washington, D.C., recounted the "trip of a lifetime" she and her husband took this summer: "We visited 20 national parks, and camped out most nights and hiked many miles. We saw the sunset over the Grand Canyon, hiked over snowfields on Mount Rainier, saw grizzly bears in Glacier and got caught in a July snowstorm in the Canadian Rockies." Contact Megan for useful tips if you plan something similar. **Andrea E. Daly** reports that she "made it through the first two premiere productions of my musical (in Denmark and Ohio), and now I'm back in Brooklyn eating cereal.

No kids or pets, but I'm writing a lot of music." **Kurt N. Hollender** completed his doctorate in German from NYU and is currently a visiting assistant professor of German at Saint John's University and the College of Saint Benedict in Collegeville, Minnesota. **Michelle B. "Micha" (Pino) Ide** and her husband welcomed first child Hattie Lou to the family on July 31 and closed Sept. 18 on a house with a 30-acre farm in Orting, Washington, at the base of Mount Rainier. They continue to operate their farm business, Bright Ide Acres, focused on ethically raised meat. Kenyonites are welcome to visit and buy some bacon to help them pay the mortgage. **Elizabeth M. Jacobs** lives in New York City with **Ryan P. O'Connor '11** and works at the creative advertising agency BBDO. When not building campaigns about candy, Liz is busy distracting **Cody Shankman '12**, who sits two tables away. **Mary E. "Maeba" Jonas** recently moved to Baltimore, where she serves as assistant chaplain at Johns Hopkins University after being ordained as a minister of word and sacrament in the United Church of Christ on April 22. Maeba would be happy to see Kenyon friends as she acclimates to her new home. **Edward M. Roach**, St. Paul, Minnesota, is "stoked" to be putting his math degree to use "nerding out as a mathematical programmer for the analytics software company Alteryx," he reports. "If anyone from the math department sees this, we give free licenses to educational institutions!" When away from the computer, he spends most of his time adventuring in the great outdoors in Minnesota and Colorado. **John D. Sadoff**, Somerville, Massachusetts, works for Discovering Justice, a civics education nonprofit that works with elementary and middle school students. "I'm running and always looking for new trails," Johnny adds. "Would love to meet up with Kenyon folks in the Boston area."

2007

Claire A. Fort and her sister **Shelley Fort '11** are in pre-production for their web series, "Dear Sister," described thus: "In the wake of their father's illness, roles are reversed as biracial sisters Claire and Shelley step into the role of caretaker following the tragic loss of their white mother." Fundraising campaign coming soon! Claire continues writing, acting, directing and producing work in the downtown NYC theater scene, and

was in the off-Broadway production of "Wood Calls Out to Wood" this fall. She loves seeing Kenyon faces in the audience and will always get you a comp ticket. **Beth C. Tuckey Hatfield** and **Timothy N. Hatfield** announce the arrival of daughter Ruth Adeline on Aug. 16. They look forward to taking her on outdoor adventures around Portland, Oregon. **Lisa King** and **Sam Shopinski '06** announce the birth of their son, Owen Eing Shopinski, on Sept. 14 in Detroit, to which they have returned. "I'm finally starting my first real job after a decade of training as a hand surgeon at Henry Ford Hospital," Lisa writes. **Sarah Watkins Lee** and husband Ryan, of Minneapolis, welcomed a daughter, Frances Elizabeth, on July 7. **Megan L. Maurer**, Durham, North Carolina, received her doctorate in cultural anthropology from the University of Kentucky in August after researching urban gardening, ethics of care and class in Michigan. She is on the academic job market. **Timothy M. O'Neal** took a job teaching biology at a public middle school in Brooklyn. "I have not died yet," he reports. Tim's evenings involve teaching biology at Brooklyn College, while weekends are for maintaining his beehives. **Stuart H. Schisgall**, Chicago, created a digital marketing, analytics and search engine optimization company called Searics, LLC. He is near completion of a DePaul University MBA in marketing strategy and "had the greatest vacation" with his wife backpacking through Europe for a month last summer, he reports. **Lilly Stolper** quit her job as a nurse practitioner at Stanford and in September arrived back in New England "via a 97-day 10,000-plus-mile road trip" with her partner, Josh, after exploring all over the country. Favorite stop? Yellowstone. "I felt like I was on a different planet," she writes. Lilly now seeks an emergency department position in

the Boston area. **Alexander R. Tanton**, Austin, Texas, is now a systems development engineer at Amazon. Recently, together with **Andrew H. Foley**, Alex launched ClickTutor (clicktutor.io), an app that helps undergrads study for the LSAT. **James A. Taylor** now works at Microsoft headquarters in Seattle, designing prototypes for the HoloLens and other augmented reality devices.

2008

Thomas H. Au married Kristyn Ostman in Washington, D.C., in September, with proud dad **Thomas Y. Au '69**, uncle **Jack Au '73** and a whole crew of Kenyon friends in attendance: **Keith W. Caniano**, **Mary Elizabeth Peckham**, **Andrey L. Kaem**, **Michael A. Zabek** and **Katherine E. "Kes" Schroer**. **Jason A. Cieply** is teaching Russian literature at Wellesley College for the year. **Anthony C. Masterson**, lead MLB researcher for FOX Sports, worked his third World Series in October after a September marriage to his "lovely new bride, Nicole," in Scottsdale, Arizona. **Nicholas D. O'Brien**, San Francisco, works as a marketing content manager at a software company by day; by night — "in a less-than-original move for a Kenyon English major," he admits — Nick works on his novel manuscript and reads "Moby-Dick." He "still plays drums in a rock 'n' roll band and is not above drinking Keystone Light when someone hands him one at a party." **Mary "Carrie" Spitz Purser** and her husband bought their first house in Nashville, Tennessee. "Room for visitors!" **Emma C. Reidy** was married on July 15 on the lawn of the Wabash College Mall. Emma works as an interior designer, and the couple live in Greenwood, Indiana. **Jessie L. Rubenstein** took a job as the Jewish studies teacher for grades three through eight at Pardes Jewish Day School in

"I'm so unbelievably glad that my Kenyon-honed skills at nerding out in front of a whiteboard are being put to good use."

—ALAINA T. BAKER-NIGH, ON HER FIRST SEMESTER AS AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

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Brittany Hurd is the executive director of the Achievement Network Ohio.

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Scottsdale, Arizona. She still serves as the rabbi for Congregation Beth HaGivot in Fountain Hills. **Katherine Guerin-Calvert Sharafi**, Fairfax, Virginia, was married on July 4, 2016. Kate recently marked nine years with the U.S. Department of Justice, enjoys the work and her colleagues, and declares, "Kenyon prepared me well for what we do each day." **Ann M. Shikany** was married on Sept. 9 at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, accompanied by family and many Kenyon friends. The couple returned to Washington, D.C., where they met seven years ago. **Rebecca A. Sundling** completed a master's in public health at Dartmouth and went into private practice for foot and ankle surgery in Holland, Michigan, close to where she grew up. **Josephine C. Bardot Trueblood** and her husband, Rob, welcomed a daughter, Ushuaia Bardot Trueblood, to their home in Monrovia, California, on June 17. "Ushuaia is named after the southernmost city in the world," Josie explains, "which happens to be in my home country, Argentina."

2009

Daniel X. Becker moved last March to Lyon, France, where he works for Babolat, a French tennis equipment manufacturer. He will be based there for a few years before returning to Denver. **Steven S. Bertozzi** married Andrew Wiechert on Aug. 19 in the courtyard of the Boston Public Library. Steven is a middle school social studies teacher at Milton Academy. **Courtney E. Coleman** moved to Boston to begin a position at Massachusetts General Hospital as a health coach with The First 1,000 Days program. She "provides telephonic health coaching to expectant mothers and for children zero to 2 years old with

the aim of preventing the development of obesity among mother-infant pairs," she says. **Sophie S. Davis-Cohen** began a fellowship at Wright Institute Los Angeles, where she receives training in relational/psychoanalytic psychotherapy and provides affordable therapy. She works part-time as a social worker and lives with her boyfriend of six years. **Brittany M. Hurd**, Cleveland, became executive director of the Achievement Network Ohio in July. **Hunter R. Judson Jr.** and his wife, Carly, announce the Aug. 30 birth of their son, Fitzgerald ("Fitz"), in Grand Rapids, Michigan. **Elaine McFarlane**, in her sixth year of teaching in Chicago, will begin work on an Ed.D. in urban education at the University of Illinois at Chicago, a pipeline program toward becoming a Chicago Public Schools principal. **Hilary F. Oliphant**, Hoboken, New Jersey, and her husband welcomed daughter Grace Kathryn on Sept. 9. **Linda T. Pear** and **Daniel A. Takacs** are in their second year of running a school for toddlers, Snapdragon Montessori School, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. **Allyson R. Quinby** was named vice president at Solomon McCown, a strategic PR firm in New York City and Boston. Ally also started grad school at NYU, where she takes night classes to earn her master's in HR management and development. **Rita C. Seabrook** married her partner, Lia Floreno, on July 1 in an apple orchard in Putney, Vermont. **Jessica "Jessie" Meyer '08** co-officiated, and many other alumni attended. **Chad B. Smith**, Cincinnati, and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed second daughter Vera in March. **Michael T.S. Vanacore** took his master's in divinity from Union Theological Seminary in May and is currently minister for congregational life and social justice at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. **Sarah**

A. Zukowski recently moved back to D.C. after spending a year living in Las Vegas, doing "all the area off the strip has to offer," she updates. "Still adjusting to not looking for Obama excitedly every time I see the presidential motorcade."

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Caitlin K. Addlesperger, Brooklyn, New York, sends this update: "In August, I married Erik Hoversten on a beautiful, smoky day at the base of the Big Horn Mountains in Wyoming. Many of my favorite elements of the wedding featured the friendships forged at Kenyon, including **Kathryn D. Day's** ceremony reading, **Caroline A. Rotenberg's** lovely toast, **Amanda M. Cohen's** gorgeous cake and more." **Mollie Ferro-Hart** finished her Fulbright in South Africa and headed back to New York to return to the nonprofit sector and social enterprise. **Saskia E. Warren Leeds**, Riverdale, Maryland, took a step back from her business to renovate her house and home studio — "hard to make art when you've ripped up your floors!" she jokes. "Also working on a novel and some short nonfiction, as well as volunteering with a local wildlife refuge." **Ned Littlefield** and **Danielle M. French Littlefield '11** moved back to the Midwest for Dan's doctoral studies in armed conflict in Latin America at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Danielle is working in urban planning. **Dominique A. McKoy**, Chicago, is still working on college access at OneGoal alongside **Rachel A. Oppenheimer** and **Mark F. Haggarty '96**. "I recently spent some time back in Gambier," she writes, "visiting some of my Urban Prep students who are now seniors! If you get a moment, look up **Malik Pilcher '18** and **Tevin Harris '18** on the KC directory and drop a note of encouragement or offer them a job!" **Jonathan A. Meyers**, West Hollywood, California, is director of development and production at EuropaCorp TV Studios and oversees the NBC show "Taken." **Halcyon B.K. Roberts Paulson**, Colorado Springs, Colorado, teaches high school math and is growing her business, Playful Fitness, whose mission is "to help our clients reorient their lives around joy by exchanging the typical fitness motivators of comparison and shame

for the more sustainable, energizing motivators of joy and gratitude," Hally explains. **Pratima R. Shanhag** married **Robert Derek Barbato '13**. She began a fellowship in child abuse and neglect at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. **Mason H. Stabler** joined Open Door Integrative Wellness in White River Junction, Vermont, to run its community acupuncture clinic. Mason ran a rural health clinic in Chanaute, Nepal, after graduation and is now pursuing a doctorate in acupuncture and Chinese medicine at Pacific College of Oriental Medicine. **Samantha M. Turner** moved back to the Hill in June and describes Gambier as "definitely weird: In the 25 years my family has lived here, there hasn't been nearly as much construction on campus as I've been seeing in the last few months." Sam works with **Keely M. Kurtas-Chapman '04** at Star Performance Academy in Gahanna, improving her "child-wrangling abilities." **Kathleen W. Weber** and **Wilson T. "Will" Bull '08** "finally got married," Katie writes, "surrounded by so many people we love. It was awesome."

2011

Christine L. Bullock received her MBA from Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University in June and moved to New York City. **Michael S. Clayton** relocated to San Francisco but is still teaching, this time world history. **Reena M. de Lanerolle** received her master's from Adler University in fall 2016 and currently works as a rehabilitation therapist at an equine therapy clinic in northwestern Illinois. **Sarah K. Embick**, Philadelphia, graduated last spring from an accelerated nursing program and started her first nursing job in September. "So far, so good!" **Camille I. Farey** left her fundraising job at the Metropolitan Museum of Art to spend five months traveling solo around the world — Iceland, England, Thailand, Vietnam, Bali, Australia and Japan. Upon returning to New York City, she launched a web design business (camillefarey.com) specializing in helping service-based entrepreneurs build WordPress sites that attract more clients, grow their email lists and increase revenue. **Ayako Tokuyama Garduque** and **Gian M. Garduque '12** moved to Salem, Oregon, where their joys include fresh berries, craft beer and a focus on recycling. Ayako works as a psychiatric nurse practitioner, while Gian watches cat videos and Formula One races — and in

his free time practices dentistry. **Analise N. Gonzalez-Fine** and **Charles H. Fine '12** celebrated their wedding in Littleton, Colorado, with many Kenyon friends: **Margaret G. "Maggie" Taylor**, **Sarah N. Relich**, **Rachel E. Walsh '12**, **Anuj Ezekiel '12**, **David C. Vick '12** and **Robert "Ty" Tyson-Multhaup '12** were all in the wedding party. The bride is now director of college placement for Denver School of Science and Technology. **Christopher R. MacColl** is in his second year of practicing law with Cleary Gottlieb in Washington, D.C. Three breaks from the grind of being a first-year, Chris writes, were the weddings of roommates and track/cross-country teammates **William L. Kessenich** to **Sarah B. Cook**, **Jonathan Well** to **Liz Lawner** and **Andrew G. Borrasso '10** to **Sara Rusch**. **Casey E. McKone** works as a nurse practitioner in internal medicine at the Cleveland Clinic. **Katherine A. McLean** finished her master's of interaction design at Carnegie Mellon last spring and took a job as a user experience designer for a software development company in Pittsburgh. **Jonathan R. Myers** of Brooklyn, New York, married **Caitrian Boucher** on the steps of Rosse Hall. **Camila D. Odio** and **Quentin C. Karpilow** enjoyed fall in New England at Yale, where Quentin is a third-year law student and Cami is in her second year of residency in internal medicine. This summer they visited **James D. Beckett** and **Abby B. Lagrow** in Washington, D.C. **Laura A. Paul** splits her time between dissertation research sites in Tanzania and Davis, California, where she is a doctoral candidate in agricultural economics. She enjoyed meeting up with Professor Jay Corrigan this summer at the agricultural economics annual conference, where she presented her work on drought-tolerant maize in East Africa. **Evan K. Pease** sends this report: "Last spring I was let out of the lab to write a tome that nary a soul will read titled 'Rare-event searches in liquid xenon with the LUX and LUX-ZEPLIN

detectors.' That finished off my Ph.D. in physics at Yale University. I am continuing the search for dark matter as a researcher at Lawrence Berkeley National Lab in beautiful Berkeley, California." Evan attended the Oregon wedding of **William E. Koehler** along with many other Kenyon friends. **Marina N. Prado-Steiman**, Gainesville, Florida, an attorney with the public defender's office, was promoted to the felony division, where she is still adjusting to handling such serious offenses, she reports. "My co-workers are very nice, and I'm definitely never bored. I'm happily married to my wife, Nicole." **Taylor Woods** is an avian nursery keeper at the Dallas World Aquarium, where she raises many species of toucans, aracarís, curassows and other birds. She also helps take care of penguins. In her free time, she tries to persuade **Rebekah H. Rosenberg** to move to Dallas now that she has finished grad school at Penn.

2012

Lily D. Barrett, Boston, started a new job as a software developer at Education First's North American headquarters in July. She continues to organize events and courses for women in tech as a member of Girl Develop It Boston's leadership team. **Leanna D. Burckley** married **Ian M. Watt '13** in September in Pittsburgh. They bought a house in which they enjoy downtime with two cats. **Kellyn K. Caldwell** quit her event-planning job to work full-time toward her master's in international studies with a certificate in women's studies at Old Dominion University, from which she will graduate this spring. Her graduate research involved developing and teaching a learn-to-swim program for refugee children in the Hampton Roads, Virginia, area. She competed at the FINA Master's World Championship in Budapest in August with **Rachel A. Flinn '14**. The July wedding in Gambier of

Brittany L. Thielke and **Ryan I. Motevalli-Oliner** was particularly special for Kellyn: Brittany was her first friend when she started third grade at Wiggin Street Elementary 19 years ago. **Caitlin Cook** released a new single with her band, Frankly Benjamin (alongside **Gregory B. Bunis** and **Daniel R. Thompson**), called "Moving Backwards"; check it out on YouTube, or go to Kickstarter to help them make their newest video, for "Little Ghosts." Caitlin toured Norway, the U.K. and all over the U.S. with her comedic material in 2017. **Bennett S. Davidson** married Vy Huynh in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, this summer. They live in Durham, North Carolina, where both are pursuing MBA degrees at Duke. **L. Michelle Dunavant** is enjoying her second year working at Kenyon: "Another beautiful fall in Gambier."

Katherine E. Ey completed her master's of professional writing at Carnegie Mellon and is now a technical writer at an HR software company called Sentric. She spends most of her leisure time exploring trails with her rescue pup and enjoying coffee in neighborhoods of Pittsburgh. **Margaret M. Hohlfield** left New York City for Seattle to work on the same Google team as before, just in a different city. Maggie is pursuing a grad degree in computer science and learning C++. **Rachel A. Keller**, teaching English in the Boston area for the third year, calls middle school "hilarious." She started a school garden and an outdoors club. **Ryan I. Motevalli-Oliner** and **Brittany L. Thielke** had a "wonderful Kenyon wedding" last summer. **Alexandra M. Patterson** was named the Marjorie McCrae McCulloh chair as library director at Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania. Now in her fourth year as a residential faculty member, she works with faculty and students on information literacy and research and develops the library's diverse collections. **Nikola Popovic** calls 2016 "an interesting year! I commissioned as a surface warfare officer in the United States Navy, after which I moved to San Diego. After enjoying wonderful SoCal weather for a few months, I flew to meet up my ship on a deployment. Currently I am sitting on a guided missile destroyer, resting between my watches as I write this update." **Katherine M. Ryan** took a job as an early childhood teacher working with 3-year-olds in Minneapolis. **Margo L. Smith** shed New York City to through-hike all 2,190 miles of the Appalachian Trail, from Georgia to Maine. She has

moved to California to work as a software engineer at Google. "Is 'Kenyon in the Bay Area' a thing?" she asks. "Hit me up if you're out there." **Allison V. Vela-Mendoza** matriculated into the master of science in nursing graduate entry program at the University of Illinois at Chicago. **Adrienne E. Wolter** and her significant other "eloped in Toronto, Ontario, on their 10th anniversary, May 26, 2017," she reports. They collaborate on two blogs: Cleverpedia.com and OMGineed.com.

2013

Holly N. Anderson married **Garrison B. Todd** on Aug. 12 on campus, with **Morgan E. Peele** officiating and **Hannah Saiz** reading from Plato's Symposium. The couple reside in the Philadelphia area. **Julia C. Anderson**, who runs family and access programs at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, was excited to receive a grant to start a monthly program for families with autism and developmental disabilities. Called Sensory-Friendly Sunday, it begins this spring. **Jaqueline Neri Arias**, Mount Vernon, Ohio, now in her second year at the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, calls it "wonderful (to be) working alongside my Kenyon professors and mentors." Jacky was married just over a year ago and looks forward to seeing classmates back on the Hill. **Henry S. Asher** is in Shanghai, China, heading up business development for Pearl LLC, a San Francisco-based food technology startup. He works with Shanghai chefs, restaurant owners and entrepreneurs from all over the world. **Robert D. Barbato** had an eventful summer: He graduated from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, sat for the July bar examination and married "the love of my life—**Pratima R. Shanbhag '10**." Derek and Pratima are surrounded by friends and family in Cincinnati. **Robert J. Bosilovic III**, Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, graduated from Duquesne School of Law last May and is now an associate attorney with Gordon & Rees, specializing in commercial litigation. **Marcela J. Colmenares**, Washington, D.C., spent a couple of months on the Hillary Clinton campaign in South Carolina — "we all know how that went, but it was a great experience," she writes — and now works at a multilateral development bank. "Things are a mess back home in Venezuela," she goes on, "so I'm trying my best to help my family and others thrive. My friends and I have an NGO

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raising funds to give scholarships to young Venezuelans; contact me if you'd like to know more. Hopefully I'll get to go back and contribute to a reconstruction when new leadership takes over." Meanwhile, she's found a passion for indoor and outdoor rock climbing. **Colleen M. Damerell** updates: "I can't believe I'm saying this, but I bought a house! Cleveland is officially my home. I got a lot of advice from the lovely **Colleen P. Halpin Kelly '08**." If you visit, she'll be on the porch with her cat and dog. **Gennifer I. Dorgan**, Woodbury, Connecticut, is executive director of Literacy Volunteers of the Montachusett Area, which provides free ESOL and basic literacy tutoring to adults — "the realization of a career goal that began when I was studying German at Kenyon!" **Nathan W. Huey** is "still plodding away" at a doctorate in biostatistics at the Harvard School of Public Health, he writes. "I'm meeting Kenyon people left and right in Boston." **Ville M. Lampi** graduated with a master of arts from the Visual Culture and Contemporary Art program at Aalto University in Finland. He wrote his thesis on Twitter bots, programming and literature. "I am currently looking for a placement in some arts-related nonprofit," he explains, "where I could complete my compulsory nonmilitary service next year (yes, we do have mandatory military or civilian service in Finland) while gaining some more work experience in the art world." **Kendra J. Lechtenberg** continues working on her neuroscience doctorate at Stanford, studying the role of microglia, the brain's resident immune cells, in the inflammatory response that occurs after stroke. "In the spring," she notes, "I drew inspiration from my favorite Kenyon classes to develop and teach a class about glial cells and neuro-immunology. Teaching was a grueling but rewarding experience, and the class was well-attended by undergraduates, graduate students, post-docs and even a few faculty!" Kendra spends her free time biking, running and hiking "the wonderland that is California." **Laura C. McHenry** works as an outreach educator at the Oregon Zoo, which entails "more proximity to Madagascar hissing cockroaches than she had anticipated,"

she writes, but she loves it nonetheless. **Ariana Skye McSweeney** returned to New York and works as an architectural conservator. "I'm really enjoying the traveling I do to historic sites around the country," she writes, "and New York is definitely more fun the second time around." **Morgan E. Peele** officiated the wedding of **Holly N. Anderson** and **Garrison B. Todd** "right in front of Sam Mather Hall," she reports. **Aleksandar V. "Sasha" Rosnev** spent three years relaxing on the beaches of Cyprus, finishing work at 3 p.m. and enjoying the lovely Mediterranean lifestyle, but relocated to Dusseldorf, Germany, last January. "I am now more organized, exceedingly efficient, and still finish work at 3 ... a.m." Sasha is grateful the U.S. is now only one flight away, so he hopes to see you at the reunion. **The Rev. Gregory Stark**, Lorain, Ohio, was ordained a deacon at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Cleveland, sponsored by Harcourt Parish family and friends, with many Kenyonites present. **Chad M. Weisman** completed his master's in journalism at Ohio University's E.W. Scripps School of Journalism last April. Since then, he has been a substitute teacher, "unemployed for two depressing months," and in July took a job in political consulting and strategy — work he has found "extremely rewarding," he writes. Chad runs social media and assists with legacy media outreach and grassroots organizing for campaigns throughout Ohio.

2014

Myles H. Aderman III is a genetics Ph.D. student at Yale. **Alexandra E. Anderson** works at Macmillan Publishers in New York City. Andie recently moved to Jersey City with **Tyler J. Sweeney '13**. **Hallie S. Bahn** married **Sam Z. Standing** in June at Hallie's grandparents' house in Sharon, Connecticut, surrounded by their Kenyon family. In August they moved to Minneapolis, where Hallie began pursuing an M.F.A. at Minneapolis College of Art and Design. **Kelly M. Boland** is in her second year of the clinical psychology doctoral program at the University of Missouri. On a September road trip, she met up with "the adorable **Molly R. Bondy** and **Julia**

"I am apparently drawn to historic, rural hilltop campuses in Ohio."

—KERRY D.J. STRADER, ON WORKING AT
MIAMI UNIVERSITY IN OXFORD, OHIO

'14

N. Tidona and freshman roommate **Sarah M. Cohen-Smith**, and then horribly participated in a trivia night hosted by the one and only **John D. "Jack" McKean '12**. Her last stop was Boston, to see **Stephanie G. Ladman**, whom she missed "beyond all reason." **Stuart B. Brown** married **Verity R. Allen Brown '13** in August in Eaton Bishop, Herefordshire, U.K., surrounded by family, friends and the English countryside — "an absolutely perfect day." **Jameyenne I. Fuller** reports that her Seeing Eye dog Mopsy had to retire — she is now a happy pet living with Jameyenne's parents. Her second Seeing Eye dog, Neutron, is a "sweet little black lab/golden retriever mix." Jameyenne has her own apartment and is delighting in the joys of her own kitchen as she proceeds through her second year of law school at Harvard. Still writing, she had a story published in Issue 68 of *Andromeda Spaceways*: "Seven Signs Your Roommate Is a Vampire: With Additional Advice on Surviving Orientation If It's More Complicated." The story takes place during Kenyon orientation. **Bronte L. Kastenberg** works at Bronx Partners for Healthy Communities providing preventive health care for Medicaid patients and managing projects around diabetes, asthma and cardiovascular disease. Her Brooklyn neighbors include **Emily R. Gregg '13**, **Daniel B. Sproull** and **Madeline S. Elkus**. **Russell M. Levine** graduated from NYU with a master's in social work and, "after failing his license exam to (his) extreme shock, flew the coop to Europe on a solo, transcendental, Kafkaesque, Kerouacian journey through Budapest, Vienna and Prague," he reports, unable to shake "the realization that Nazis used to breed there, everywhere." Now a bagel monger and barista down the street from his Crown Heights home, Russell "scrounges Tinder for comrades to overthrow American capitalism as we know it, and Indeed.com for clinical social work jobs." **Sydnee M. Lindblom**,

Indianapolis, teaches an elective course on Harry Potter and fantasy literature to middle schoolers: "Yes, dreams do come true," Syd guarantees. According to Pottermore, she adds, her Patronus is an occamy, a revelation she finds equally exciting. **Andrea M. Odegaard** began her final year in Notre Dame's theology department, enjoying her classwork in Protestantism, biblical studies, ecumenics and the medieval church. In Milan for a class project last spring, she transcribed and translated medieval manuscripts at the Biblioteca Ambrosiana. Other than studying Latin, she sewed historical clothing and underwent medieval sword training during summer employment at the Renaissance Fair. **Rebecca E. Ogus** began work on a master of divinity in the Episcopal seminary at Yale's Divinity School in August and was thrilled to see **Reina J. Thomas**, **Molly R. McCleary** and **Sarah A. Frantz '15** in September. So far she's spotted a Kenyon bumper sticker and two Kenyon T-shirts around New Haven; let her know if you're passing through. **Daniel B. Rasch** returned from Hokkaido to his parents' abode in sunny Los Angeles, where you may find him tutoring, hiking and studying classical and modern Japanese. **Kerry D.J. Strader** counsels students and coordinates a program in Luxembourg as a study abroad adviser at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio — "I am apparently drawn to historic, rural hilltop campuses in Ohio," she notes. "If any Ladies or Lords find themselves in this particular cornfield, let me know!" **Kaylyn M. Talkington** enjoys life in Norwalk, Ohio, where the first Norwalk Jaycees Strawberry Festival in 13 years went very well. She enjoyed the summer shores of Lake Erie and invites you for a visit.

2015

Avery M. Anderson is back in Ohio, working as a psychiatric nurse at Nationwide Children's Hospital in

Columbus. **Anna E. Berger** is in the first year of a master's program at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies at its Europe campus in Bologna, Italy, where she is "testing her oft-stated theory that she could eat pasta every day and never get tired of it." She worries that she might have been wrong about this. **Meredith E. Bentsen** is in her third year at the New York office of the Brunswick Group, an advisory firm specializing in business-critical issues, where she focuses on clients in the philanthropic, private equity and hedge fund sectors. She and her roommate, fellow Theta Delta Phi **Emily R. Smul '16**, moved to the Lower East Side in May. **Teddie S. Chambers**, Los Lunas, New Mexico, finished her master's in educational psychology in May and is working on a second master's, in clinical mental health counseling. "I work as a treatment foster parent and love every minute of it!" she notes. **Charles F. Collison** is in Seattle for a year, completing the practicum for his master's in social work, working with developmentally disabled adults. **Cary Confino** is "dishing out \$5.50 lattes and \$13.07 avocado toasts to posh Brooklynites — send help!" **Celia M. Cullom** is in her second year at the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration and interning with the program staff at the Chicago Foundation for Women. **Anna C. Dowling**, New York City, joined the admissions team at Barnard. **Elizabeth C. "Lila" Greco**, working on a math Ph.D. at Cornell, received a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, and serves as president of the Cornell chapter of the Association for Women in Mathematics. **Matthew T. Eley** spent several months in Canberra, Australia, where he practiced "gerund farming and WordPress thought leadership." He has not been able to find a direct application for his English major and is willing to part with it for \$450. **Kathryn J. Kadleck** earned a master's in marriage and family therapy from Northwestern University in June and relocated to Minneapolis for a post-graduate fellowship focused on couples therapy. Kate's favorite things about the Twin Cities: abundant lakes, bookstores and breweries. **Alyssa M. LaFrenierre** is a senior behavioral health aide for children with autism at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, and coaches swimming at the Liberty Township/Powell YMCA. **Javier Leung** remains in Helsinki, Finland, working

at a consulting firm as a software developer and gigging with a gypsy jazz trio currently named Trio Naguine — "but if you've got any Django-inspired suggestions, please holler," he writes. "Also, thanks **Jason B. Cerf** for lending me your sister's trumpet for three years back at Kenyon; I finally bought my own, very much to my flatmates' chagrin." **Madeline R. McGrady**, Pittsburgh, is an independent-living worker with Auberle, a nationally recognized social services nonprofit. "I absolutely love my job," she updates, "serving young people who are aging out of the foster care system or experiencing homelessness in Allegheny County." **Kevin L. Phillips**, Frisco, Texas, started his third season working for the Texas Legends, the Dallas Mavericks' minor-league basketball affiliate, and pursues an MBA full time at Lamar University. **Christine A. Prevas** moved to England in September to pursue a master's degree in English studies at the University of Cambridge, and is working as a freelance writer. **Jane E. Simonton** took a new position as the development and events manager at Horizons for Youth, a college access nonprofit in Chicago. **Adam D. Zaremsky**, Yellow Springs, Ohio, works with a social service agency providing assistance to developmentally disabled adults who live and work independently of typical group homes.

2016

Kayla D. Arnold, Wooster, Ohio, works for the Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences in the grant development support unit, on grant submission and research issues. She also has fun volunteering with local groups such as the Akron Zoo and the Wilderness Center. **Sarah K. Ash** is in grad school in the San Francisco Bay Area, studying theology and interning with a women's prison chaplain — an experience she calls "equal parts challenging, exciting and enriching." **Morgen L. Barroso** has been a research study coordinator and field hockey coach in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and in September began a master's in philosophy and social justice with a concentration in criminology at Eastern Michigan University. **Kaitlin E. Creamer** is in the marine biology doctoral program at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego, where she studies marine microbiology and the natural products that marine microbes produce.

Christina E. Franzino is assistant director for sexual assault prevention and response in the Title IX office of George Washington University. She was quoted in a university press release: "Everyone has a role to play in ending campus sexual violence, and I'm excited to engage the GW community in this goal." **Nicholas S. LaPoint** updates: "Since mid-2017 I have been working at ProMedica Health Systems in my hometown of Toledo. I am an EPIC-credentialed trainer for the OpTime & Anesthesia application, meaning that I train surgical staff on how to use EPIC, an electronic medical record." Nick also coaches 8- to 12-year-olds in the same youth football program he used to play in. **Ciara R.S. Robinson**, Chicago, is a writing apprentice with The Onion. Rioghnach is also preparing for the release of her third novel, "Final Draft," due for publication this spring. **Hannah E. Steigmeyer** has settled into her Manhattan apartment and a position as an editorial assistant at Penguin Random House. "The authors are intriguing, the workload is fascinating — and the food just might be worth the rent!" she reports. **Rachel J. Sweeney**, Baltimore, is a resident teacher of ninth-grade English at Friendship Academy of Engineering and Technology. She is enrolled in Urban Teachers, an Americorps affiliate program that allows her to earn her master's from Johns Hopkins while teaching in Baltimore City Public Schools.

2017

Gianna S. Biaggi lives with **Oscar L. Anderson** in Nairobi, Kenya. **Alana M. Gale** is a Fulbright teaching assistant in a high school and vocational school in the small town of Judenburg, Austria, where she can see the mountains from her apartment and "Everyone has been very kind thus far," she reports. **Ruby M. Messier** works at an immigration law firm in Boston researching asylum cases and interpreting for Spanish-speaking clients — "and missing

Kenyon!" **Lin L. Miao** is a skills trainer for United Cerebral Palsy in Cleveland. **Emily R. Olson** teaches English in Ukraine with the Peace Corps, learning Ukrainian and integrating into the community "while having an amazing experience," she writes. **Lila A. Perrone** is an assistant clinical research coordinator with a Stanford neurology team studying multiple sclerosis. She commutes there from her hometown of San Francisco and is gaining clinical experience performing phlebotomy. **Henry M. Quillian IV** updates: "After spending a summer working as a high ropes course/climbing instructor at Camp Squanto near Plymouth, Massachusetts, with **Evan C. Gee '18**, I've moved to Baltimore to live with **Rachel J. Sweeney '16**. I work at the Lieber Institute for Brain Development along with **Spencer T. Byers '16** using imaging genetics with fMRI to study specific genes' effects on cognitive processing in populations with schizophrenia." **Callan M. Schackor** is spending a year with the Episcopal Service Corps in New York City as a case manager for a nonprofit focused on homelessness prevention and eviction protection. **Leslie "Meli" Taylor** attends McGill University in Montreal, Canada, in its master's in East Asian Studies program. **Winnie Thaw**, Bangkok, Thailand, interns for the United Nations in a position crossing between the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the UN Development Programme in Asia and the Pacific. Her research and administrative support "focuses on the relationship between human rights and development," she explains. **Julia M. Waldow** is a production assistant for CNN's "Reliable Sources," a Sunday morning show about the intersection of media and politics. She lives in Manhattan with **Amy R. Schatz** and **Victoria Ungvarsky** and enjoys comedic memoirs and long walks to Zabar's. **Jennifer L. Wendler** works for City Year Boston in a fifth-grade math and science classroom in Roxbury. Jenna volunteers at Newton Free Library on weekends.

Emily R. Olson teaches English in Ukraine with the Peace Corps.

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IN MEMORIAM

Leonard E. Cadwell '37 P'74, on April 18, 2000. He was 84 and a resident of Ormond Beach, Florida.

Leonard was a native of Fairport Harbor, Ohio. He majored in chemistry at Kenyon, where he played varsity baseball, served on the Senior Council and joined Alpha Pi Tau fraternity. He earned his bachelor's degree magna cum laude and won election to Phi Beta Kappa.

Leonard went on to receive master's and doctoral degrees in chemistry from the University of Cincinnati. He then joined American Cyanamid, spending his entire career with the company before retiring as plant manager for the Glaskyd Division. He moved from Ohio to Florida in 1982.

Leonard is survived by three sons, Marvin L. Cadwell, James Cadwell and **Carl E. Cadwell '74**.

John D. Crane '40, on March 18, 2005. A resident of Anaheim, California, he was 87.

John was born in Fulton, New York, and raised in Columbus, Ohio. He spent one year at Kenyon and joined Psi Upsilon fraternity before transferring to the University of Florida and then to Ohio State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering.

During World War II, John served briefly in the U.S. Army. He went on to a career in chemical engineering, beginning at Calgon Inc. in Pittsburgh. He later moved to Los Angeles and joined Water Chemists, Inc., from which he retired as president.

John was survived by his wife, Beverly Crane, who died in 2007. No further information on survivors was available.

John W. Clark '41, on Oct. 17, 2012. He was 96 and a resident of Mesa, Arizona.

Born in New York City, John grew up in Princeton, New Jersey, and graduated from St. Mark's School in Southborough, Massachusetts. He began his college education at Princeton University and then transferred to Harvard College before ending up at Kenyon.

John wrote poetry and about poetry and lived for many years in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. The College's files and other resources reveal little about John's life after Kenyon.

No information on survivors was available.

Albert E. Jenkins '44, on June 23, 2017. He was 94 and a resident of Houston.

Born and raised in Mayfield Heights, Ohio, Al compiled a record of six consecutive class presidencies and served as captain of the baseball, basketball and football teams at Mayfield High School. At Kenyon, where he excelled as a student and as a pitcher on the varsity baseball team (and where his nickname was Bert), he majored in chemistry and joined Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. With minors in mathematics and physics, he earned his bachelor's degree cum laude.

Al joined the World War II U.S. Navy after graduation and served in the Pacific aboard the U.S.S. Onslow. When the war came to a close, he returned to Ohio, married and received a master's degree in chemistry at Case Western Reserve University. He then accepted a position as a chemist and production supervisor with the DuPont Co.

After six years, Al left DuPont with two co-workers, Robert Schweitzer and Warren Kingsbury, to establish Flexicore of Texas in Deer Park. Under their

guidance, Flexicore enjoyed many years of steady growth and success. Although Al and his partners are now gone, the business has carried on under the leadership of the second generation of the three families.

In Texas, Al and his family became active members of First Presbyterian Church of Houston, where he served for 64 years in a variety of capacities, ranging from Sunday-school teacher to clerk of the session. Also a Boy Scout leader, he was a longtime volunteer at Houston's Main Street Ministries.

Al is survived by his second wife, June Guthrie Owen Jenkins, whom he married in 2004; two daughters, Sandra Jenkins and Karen Jenkins Julian; two sons, Scott Jenkins and Tom Jenkins; a stepdaughter, Diana Owen Keim; a stepson, Randy Owen; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Arlene Wright Jenkins, in 2001.

Memorial contributions may be made to Main Street Ministries, 5100 Main St., Houston, Texas 77002, or to Open Door Mission, 5803 Harrisburg Blvd., Houston, Texas 77011.

Lloyd P. Maritz Jr. '44, on Aug. 18, 2017. He was 93 and a resident of Tucson, Arizona.

Born in St. Louis, Lloyd was a star football player in high school. He enrolled at Kenyon in 1940 but left the College for service in World War II. As a member of the U.S. Navy, he saw action with an underwater demolition team.

Lloyd returned to St. Louis after the war and joined Maritz Jewelers and Maritz Sales Builders as a salesman. He moved to Kansas City, Missouri, in the 1960s to work with the E.F. MacDonald Co. and retired to Tucson in 1995.

Lloyd is survived by five daughters, Melanie Maritz Cavender, Christine Beeson and Kimberly Merritt; a son, Lloyd P. Maritz III; five grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Margot Maritz Martin.

Thomas F. Lechner '46, on Oct. 24, 2017. A resident of Potomac, Maryland, he was 93.

Tom was born and raised in Detroit, where he honed his talents as a swimmer. At Kenyon, which he attended for two years, he became the 1943 Ohio Conference backstroke champion. He transferred first to the Illinois Institute of Technology, where he served as captain of the swimming

team in 1945, and then to the U.S. Naval Academy, where he received All-America swimming honors and won election as captain of the swimming team.

After graduating from Annapolis and completing U.S. Navy Flight School, Tom became a jet pilot with Fighter Squadron VF-112 in the Korean War, for which he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for Combat and three Air Medals. After earning a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, he earned a master's in industrial management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Tom became an aeronautical engineering duty officer and served the Navy in a variety of capacities over the next years, including head of the Aerodynamics Laboratory at the Naval Ship Research and Development Center. He also held positions on the staff of the commander of the Naval Air Force's Atlantic Fleet, as the naval plant representative in the Westinghouse Defense and Electronics Systems Center, as the commanding officer of the Naval Air Engineering Center, and as the deputy commander for material acquisition for the Naval Electronic Systems Command.

Retiring from the Navy in 1977, Tom spent the following decade as the business manager at Hood College in Fredericktown, Maryland. His final position was as a consumer protection specialist for the Maryland attorney general's office.

Tom competed in the Maryland Senior Olympics through his 80s. He also taught swimming to adults with disabilities.

Tom is survived by a daughter, Melinda "Lindy" Lechner Ramsey; two sons, Thomas M. Lechner and Waid V. Lechner; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Maria Waid "Bim" McKnight Lechner.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, 1500 E. Jefferson St., Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Richard C. Fornoff '49, on Sept. 27, 2017. A resident of Glenview, Illinois, he was 91.

Dick was born and raised in Chicago. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy Air Corps, which placed him in the V-5 program at Missouri Valley College before sending him on to Corpus Christi, Texas, for further training. He was discharged in 1946.

IN MEMORY OF ALBERT E. JENKINS

'44

Al left his job as a DuPont chemist to establish Flexicore of Texas, which continues under the second generation of family leadership.

At Kenyon, Dick continued to shine in both baseball and football, the sports in which he had starred in high school and at Missouri Valley. Reveille declared him "one of the greatest footballers in Kenyon history." He majored in economics and joined Alpha Delta Phi fraternity.

Dick made his career as a sales executive. Among the firms for which he worked were the Richardson Co. and ABG Plastics Corp.

In 1994, Dick was inducted into the Kenyon Athletic Association Hall of Fame for his prowess on the football field. According to the citation, "His alert, hard-hitting style of play helped him earn small college football's premier honor, Little All-American recognition in 1947 and 1948."

Dick is survived by his wife of 62 years, Jane Hart Fornoff.

Talbot P. Lewis '50, on June 12, 2017. He was 91 and a resident of Winter Haven, Florida.

Born in Sharps, Virginia, Tal grew up on family property that had been surveyed by George Washington. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the war, he attended Kenyon for 2 1/2 years before leaving without a degree.

Tal led an adventurous life that included time in Hollywood, California, as a screenwriter and producer, in the West Indies as a cultivator of exotic plants (some of which made their way to the 1964 New York World's Fair), and in Florida as a writer and real-estate developer. An obituary described him as "a creative spirit who conceived and transformed Orchid Springs in Winter Haven from an unpromising swamp-land to a unique community of diverse housing embedded in the splendor of nature."

In his last years, Tal donated a large nature preserve contiguous to Orchid Springs, a parcel that was once a banana plantation, to the Green Horizon Land Trust, which named the property the Michael V. Lewis Arboretum in honor of his son.

Tal is survived by his son, Michael V. Lewis. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ursula Lewis, in 2010.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bok Tower Gardens, 1151 Tower Blvd., Lake Wales, Florida 33853-3470, or to Green Horizon Land Trust, P.O. Box 2445, Lake Wales, Florida 33859-2445.

IN MEMORIAM

William H. Gass

Influential author who wrote "voluminously," for the joy of it

William H. Gass '47 H'74, on Dec. 6, 2017. A resident of St. Louis, he was 93.

Bill was born in Fargo, North Dakota, to two North Dakota natives who soon after moved to Warren, Ohio. He attended the town's Warren G. Harding Senior High School, where his father was a drafting teacher. Bill edited the school newspaper and yearbook and graduated in 1942.

At Kenyon, to which he was admitted with a full scholarship, Bill majored in philosophy and joined the Middle Kenyon Association. Following his freshman year, he entered the U.S. Navy for service in World War II and won assignment to the V-12 program, which took him to Ohio Wesleyan University from July 1943 to June 1944. After further training at Columbia and Harvard universities, he was commissioned as an ensign and assigned to duties in the Asiatic-Pacific and Atlantic theaters of war and as a member of occupying forces in China and Japan.

Bill returned to Kenyon after the war to complete his studies, graduating cum laude and with high honors in philosophy in the Class of 1947. He then proceeded to graduate school at Cornell University, where he earned his doctorate in philosophy in 1954.

While completing his doctoral work, Bill served as an instructor at the College of Wooster. He later taught at Purdue University for 16 years before beginning his long association with Washington University in St. Louis. In 1999, at the age of 75, he retired from Washington University as David May Distinguished University Professor in the Humanities with emeritus status.

Bill's first novel, published in 1966, was "Omensetter's Luck," hailed by Harper's magazine as "one of the most



MICHAEL LONSTAR

William G. Harbison '51, on Oct. 6, 2017. He was 88 and a resident of Newtown, Pennsylvania.

A native of Philadelphia, Bill majored in psychology at Kenyon. He transferred to Lehigh University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business.

After service in the U.S. Marine Corps, Bill joined Harbison's Dairies as a member of the fourth generation of his family to operate the business. Along with his father and brother, he worked to position the company for its sale to the Southland Corp. in 1966.

Bill is survived by two daughters, Anne Harbison Kabay and Carol Harbison Hancock; a son, William G. Harbison Jr.; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his second wife, Juledell Rickert Harbison, who died in 2014.

exciting, energetic and beautiful novels we can ever hope to read." Nearly three decades later, he brought forth his second novel, "The Tunnel," for which he won the 1996 American Book Award. The last of his three novels, "Middle C," appeared in 2013.

Also adept at writing novellas and other shorter fiction, Bill produced the short-story collection "In the Heart of the Heart of the Country" and the illustrated novella "Willie Masters' Lonesome Wife" in 1968. Those works were followed by "Cartesian Sonata and Other Novellas" in 1998 and his final offering, "Eyes," a collection of novellas and short stories, in 2015. In addition, he published numerous nonfiction books, beginning with "Fiction and the Figures of Life" in 1970 and ending with "Life Sentences" in 2012.

Bill was awarded an honorary doctorate by Kenyon at Honors Day in 1974, the same convocation at which poet James Wright '52 received his honorary doctorate from the College. At the end of Bill's brief "Remarks on Liberal Education," President William G. Caples '30 was heard to say, "This is one of the few times I regret having asked a speaker to limit himself to a 10-minute address."

In 1983, Bill gave the Commencement address at Kenyon. His talk, titled "On Learning to Read," was a tour-de-force delivered in Tomsich Arena of the now long-gone Ernst Athletic-Recreation-Convocation Center. The address may be best remembered, though, for his liberal use of four-letter words in making and reiterating a central point.

The New York Times, in its obituary for Bill, identified him as "a proudly postmodern author who valued form and language more than literary conventions like plot and character and who had a broad influence on other experimental writers of the 1960s, 70s, and beyond."

Readers of Bill's brilliant but notoriously dense fiction and other written works would probably greet this self-appraisal from his Kenyon admissions application with an unsurprised smile: "I write voluminously, simply because I enjoy doing it, and I have never had reference material around me while writing," he admitted with a trace of pride. "If I am original, as my teachers profess, perhaps that is the reason. However, I am in such a rush to get my ideas down that my first drafts are apt to be horrible examples. I find revising a bit tedious."

Bill is survived by his second wife, Mary Henderson Gass; three daughters, Susan Gass, Catherine Gass and Elizabeth Gass-Boshoven; two sons, Richard Gass and Robert Gass; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM

H. James Graham '52, on Aug. 27, 2017. He was 86 and a resident of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

A native of Springfield, Illinois, Jim spent a year at Springfield Junior College. He then enrolled at Kenyon, where he majored in English and joined Sigma Pi fraternity.

Jim served in the U.S. Army for two years after graduation, followed by studies at the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. After earning a bachelor of divinity degree in 1957, he was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood. He went on to lead parishes in Iowa, Massachusetts and Ohio.

In 1970, Jim received a master's degree in sociology and anthropology from Kent State University. He then taught at Mott Community College in Flint, Michigan, before retiring in 1996. "Jim expressed the hope that he would be remembered as a teacher, whether in the pulpit or the college classroom," his widow recalled.

Jim is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Gail Moore Graham; a daughter, Ann M. Graham; and a son, Stephen A. Graham.

John W. Humphrys '52, on July 16, 2017. He was 86 and a resident of Saddlebrooke, Arizona.

At Kenyon, John participated in varsity soccer and track and joined Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. He later earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish at Arizona State University.

John spent most of his career in the U.S. Army, from which he retired. He devoted himself to his family, golf and travel in his later years.

John is survived by his wife, Winnie Humphrys; a daughter, Krista J. Humphrys; and two sons, Mark W. Humphrys and Scott A. Humphrys.

Wilhelm Kruysman '53, on Aug. 9, 2017. A resident of Plymouth, Massachusetts, he was 86.

Will was born in Minneapolis and raised in Garden City, New York. At Kenyon, he majored in biology and played varsity baseball. He left the College after his junior year and later attended Adelphi University.

A longtime resident of Floral Park, New York, Will made his career as a business owner. His company sold filing products to law firms across the country.

Among his family members and friends, Will is remembered as an inveterate practical joker. He was also renowned for his abilities as a dancer, with a family member recalling that "he never encountered a dance he couldn't master."

Will is survived by two daughters, Katharine Kruysman and Jean Kruysman Champagney; two sons, John Kruysman and David Kruysman; nine grandchildren; and a brother, James Kruysman. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Ellen Kruysman.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Suite 326, Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360.

Donald L. Mull '57, on Nov. 10, 2017. A resident of Philadelphia, he was 81.

Don majored in English at Kenyon, where he joined Psi Upsilon fraternity and went on to graduate cum laude. He

then enrolled in graduate school at Yale University, where he earned a master's and doctorate in English literature.

In 1974, Don joined the faculty of Rutgers University in Camden, New Jersey. His specialties there were the American novel, the world novel and film. At his retirement in 2002, he was named a professor emeritus.

Don focused his scholarship on the development of the novel. His 1973 book "Henry James's 'Sublime Economy': Money as Symbolic Center in the Fictions" was a study of the power of money to inspire the imagination but also to restrict its freedom.

Don is survived by two cousins, Jill Flinchbaugh and John Samonsky.

William T. Dicus '59, on Oct. 14, 2017. He was 80 and a resident of Milwaukee.

Born and raised in Evanston, Illinois, Bill majored in chemistry at Kenyon, where he served as an officer of the Pre-Med Club, played on the varsity golf and lacrosse teams, and joined Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Bill went on to earn his medical degree from Northwestern University. He followed that with specialty training in orthopedic surgery. He practiced in Milwaukee throughout his long and successful career.

A lifetime fascination with aviation began for Bill while serving in the U.S. Air Force. He later became a competitive aerobatic pilot, and flew with his family around the country. He and his wife even built their own RV-8, a two-seat, single-engine, low-wing aircraft that he piloted in the last years of his life.

Bill's many passions included food "from foie gras to Egg McMuffins," according to an obituary, as well as fine wines, classical music and playing the piano, which he did "with great gusto." For more than 30 years, he met with a morning Bible-study group and played a leading role in Milwaukee's non-denominational Eastbrook Church.

Bill is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jane Cassidy Dicus; two daughters, Megan and Carolyn; a son, Andrew Dicus; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Young Eagles Program (to introduce youth to aviation), 3000 Poberezny Road, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54902, or to the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Attn: Tribute, 1101 N. Market St., Suite 100, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.

Very Rev. Walter H. Taylor '60 P'85,'88 GP'14, on Dec. 2, 2017. A resident of Lenox, Massachusetts, he was 79.

Walt was born in Cincinnati. He was raised there and in Massachusetts and Georgia. He majored in history at Kenyon, and served as president of his freshman and junior classes, as co-editor of the Collegian, and as a member of the Appeals Board and the Panhellenic Council. He joined Delta Tau Delta fraternity, which elected him its president for his junior and senior years. He earned his degree magna cum laude, with high honors in his major, and won election to Phi Beta Kappa.

After graduation, Walt went on to receive a master of divinity degree, with honors, from Virginia Theological Seminary. He was later awarded an honorary doctorate in divinity from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University.

Walt began his ministerial career as assistant rector of Christ Church in Cincinnati, followed by the rectorships of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Oxford, Ohio; Trinity Episcopal Church in Columbus, Ohio; and St. Luke's Parish in Darien, Connecticut. He concluded his professional career as the dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Houston, from which he retired in 1999.

According to an obituary in the *Darien Times*, Walt's church leadership "focused on pastoral care and creating a supportive church community in which lay leaders were empowered to act and be successful in their ministry." His significant contributions included a commitment to urban ministry and social justice while in Columbus. In Darien, he was renowned for his work with "Person-to-Person," a social-service organization within St. Luke's Parish, his involvement in helping to revitalize St. Luke's Community Services in Stamford, Connecticut, and his leadership in helping to establish the Stuart McKinney House, the first AIDS residence in the state of Connecticut. In Houston, he helped with the creation of New Hope Housing, a pioneering effort to use single-room-occupancy housing coupled with intensive counseling and employment support services to solve chronic homelessness.

In retirement, Walt lived in Lenox as well as in Key West, Florida. Still active, he served as a consultant for Episcopal Health Charities at Houston's St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital and for the Episcopal Church Pension Fund. He also helped with conferences designed

IN MEMORY OF H. JAMES GRAHAM

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"Jim expressed the hope that he would be remembered as a teacher, whether in the pulpit or the college classroom."

—GAIL MOORE GRAHAM

to help Episcopal clergy plan and prepare for retirement and took on a part-time position as "winter associate" at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Key West.

Walt is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary Wilson Taylor; his sons, **William W. Taylor '85 P'14** (who is married to **Jennifer Luce Taylor '85 P'14**) and **Peter H. Taylor '88**; four grandchildren, including **Allyson T. Taylor '14**; and a brother, Robert Taylor.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Care in the Berkshires, 877 South St., Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01201.

Edward "Ned" Keim '61, on Nov. 7, 2017. He was 76 and a resident of Zion Crossroads, Virginia, near Charlottesville.

Born in New York City, Ned grew up in Montclair, New Jersey. At Kenyon, he majored in French, swam on the varsity swimming team, and joined the Middle Kenyon Association.

Following a post-college bicycle tour of France, Ned joined the U.S. Navy in 1962. He spent the next 22 years in the Navy, including time earning his master's degree at the Naval Post-Graduate School in Monterey, California, and later studying at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. His naval service included extended deployments around the world on destroyers, as well as stateside assignments up and down the East Coast.

Ned served two tours of duty "in country" during the Vietnam War. He was decorated there and in several other places during his career. He retired from the Navy in 1984 and spent the remaining years of his career working in the private defense sector.

During the mid-1980s, Ned served as the senior warden at Church of the Apostles Episcopal Church in Fairfax, Virginia. He continued to lead Bible studies in his home until some months before his death. According to an obituary in the Charlottesville Daily Progress, "He loved to tend his rose gardens, play golf, go deep-sea fishing, spend time at the beach, and most of all, be surrounded by his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who were his greatest joy in life."

Ned is survived by his wife of 52 years, Alice Adam Keim; a daughter, Sharon Keim Fickley; a son, Scott Keim; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Peter Keim; and a sister, Maggie Keim McCreary.

IN MEMORIAM

Carl G. Carlozzi

A minister who was always on call



Rev. Canon Carl G. Carlozzi '62, on Oct. 1, 2017. A resident of Scottsdale, Arizona, he was 77.

Carl was born and raised in Canton, Ohio. At Kenyon, he majored in psychology, served on the staff of Reveille, and joined Alpha Delta Phi fraternity.

After graduating from the College, Carl entered the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts,

earning his master of divinity degree there in 1965. With experience as an assistant chaplain at Massachusetts General Hospital in his senior year as a seminarian, he was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood at his home church in Canton.

Carl's first assignment took him to St. Paul's Church in Maumee, Ohio, as curate. That was followed by St. James Church in Upper Montclair, New Jersey, and then the rectorship of St. Christopher's Church in Chatham, Massachusetts. In 1980, he and his family moved to Phoenix, when he was named rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church and Day School.

Carl, who earned a doctorate in ministry at Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Florida, in 1977, took seriously the role of the minister in his or her community. Following his relocation to Arizona, he began serving as a volunteer chaplain with the Phoenix Fire Department, an unpaid position for

which he was on call 24 hours a day. Eventually, thanks to a grant from the William S. and Ina Levine Foundation, he was able to retire from All Saints' and take on the chaplaincy as his full-time job.

The Phoenix Fire Department's public information officer noted in a 2002 article in the Arizona Republic that Carl was often one of the first at the scene of a tragedy and that he was "instinctively drawn to be protective." He added, "If you're Catholic, Carl's Catholic. If you're Jewish, he's Jewish. And if you're not religious, he's not religious."

Calling on his experience at Massachusetts General, Carl wrote "Death and Contemporary Man: The Crisis of Terminal Illness" in the late 1960s. His numerous other books included "The Episcopal Way: A Guide to the Church and the Book of Common Prayer," published in 1977, and "Through Life's Window" (1990).

Carl is survived by his second wife, Muriel McClellan; two daughters, Chandra Carlozzi and Kendra Carlozzi Smiley; two sons, Douglas Carlozzi and Brett Carlozzi; a stepdaughter, Mimi McClellan; two stepsons, Matthew McClellan and John McClellan; and six grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rector's Discretionary Fund, Christ Church of the Ascension, 4015 E. Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley, Arizona 85253.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, 200 S.E. First St., Suite 800, Miami, Florida 33131; St. Jude's Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, Tennessee 38148-0142; or Hospice of the Piedmont, Attn: Advancement Office, 675 Peter Jefferson Parkway, Suite 300, Charlottesville, Virginia 22911.

William G. Ketterer '63, on Nov. 9, 2017. He was 76 and a resident of Mechanicsville, Virginia.

Bill was a native of Butler, Pennsylvania. At Kenyon, he majored in political science and joined the Middle Kenyon Association.

Bill went on to earn his law degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He retired from practice after 41 years of service as a senior attorney with the National Institutes of Health. He was a member of the Pennsylvania and Maryland Bar Associations as well as the Bar Association of the Supreme Court of the United States.

In 2006, Bill was presented by U.S. Secretary of Health and Human

Services Michael Leavitt with the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service. He was recognized for work done in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Bill is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ann Glascock Ketterer; two daughters, Sarah Ketterer Kern and Dorothea Ketterer Henry; a son, William Ketterer; five grandchildren; and a sister, Christine Ketterer Miller.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mechanicsville United Methodist Church, 7356 Atlee Road, Mechanicsville, Virginia 23111.

Joseph "Jerry" Giarraputo '65, on Aug. 24, 2017. He was 74 and a resident of Hood River, Oregon.

A native of New York City, Jerry grew up in Glen Head, New York. At Kenyon, he majored in philosophy, sang in the Chapel Choir and with the Kenyon Singers, served as program director and then manager of WKCO, and joined Alpha Lambda Omega fraternity.

Jerry went to work for radio station WOR in New York City after graduation. He spent 25 years at the AM station as

a cameraman, engineer and production manager. Among the organizations with which he worked were the Metropolitan Opera and the New York Mets and Jets, although he remained a diehard fan of the Yankees and the Giants.

Eventually, Jerry left WOR to pursue his ambition to be a chef. He took his skills to several hotels and restaurants, including Vermont's Peacham Inn, where he worked with a sister and brother-in-law. For the final 15 years of his career, he served as director of food services at Seton Hall Preparatory School in New Jersey.

Jerry spent his retirement years in Hood River, where his daughter made her home. In addition to spending time with her, he indulged his passions for cooking, photography and travel, as well as the almost-lost art of letter-writing.

Jerry is survived by his daughter, Holli Giarraputo Francis; four brothers, **Randolph Giarraputo '70**, Warren Giarraputo, Christopher Giarraputo and Jeffrey Giarraputo; two sisters, Valerie Giarraputo McStine and Cindy Giarraputo Farrell; and several nephews and nieces.

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Peter S. Carlson '66, on Nov. 23, 2017. He was 73 and a resident of Potomac, Maryland.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Peter grew up in Dover, Ohio. He majored in biology at Kenyon, swam with the varsity swimming team, sang with the Kenyon Singers and joined Delta Tau Delta fraternity. After spending his junior year at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, he returned to win Kenyon's Maxwell Elliott Power Prize in Biology and graduate magna cum laude as a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Peter won a National Science Foundation Fellowship for graduate study at Yale University, where he earned his doctorate in biology. He spent his early career in academe, adored as a teacher and admired as a researcher.

Appointed to the John Hannah Distinguished Professorship in agriculture at Michigan State University in 1974, Peter went to Beijing, China, in 1980 as the first foreign expert employed to introduce modern agricultural genetic technologies to the country. He was a prolific author of scientific articles and the holder of several patents. Also a successful entrepreneur, he served as a principal or advisor to ventures focused on commercializing agricultural and pharmaceutical biotechnologies, including Crop Genetics International Corp., which he co-founded, and, more recently, Emerald BioAgriculture Corp., where he was chief scientific advisor.

Peter was memorialized as "a pioneering plant scientist who helped introduce genetically modified organisms to agriculture to increase the world's food supply and improve global nutrition." He was also remembered for "his love of life and laughter, his selfless spirit and his deep devotion to family."

Peter is survived by his wife of 32 years, Mary Helen Carlson; three daughters, Rachele Carlson, Kim Lara Carlson and Lillian Carlson; four sons, Jacob Carlson, Mark Carlson, Andrew Carlson and David Carlson; 18 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, William Carlson.

Memorial contributions may be made to Starlight School in care of the Ruth Carlson Foundation, 518 Church Ave. S.W., New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663.

John R. Lowey '66, on Nov. 15, 2017. A resident of Grand Junction, Colorado, he was 72.

Raised in Rocky River, Ohio, John majored in economics at Kenyon. He participated in varsity football and wrestling and joined Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity.

In 1968, John joined the U.S. Marines, which deployed him to Vietnam in 1969. John led a rifle platoon of 46 soldiers and served as a captain company executive officer. Awarded a Bronze Star, he also received a U.S. Navy Commendation for his service in Vietnam.

John earned an MBA from Texas Tech University and became president of Llano Estacado Winery, in Lubbock, Texas. He increased the output of what was then considered an "experimental" winery from 20,000 gallons to 250,000 gallons. The Llano Estacado wines won a double gold medal in the 1986 San Francisco Wine Competition.

In 1994, John and his family relocated to Grand Junction when he became executive director of wine promotion for the state of Colorado. While there, he helped found the Colorado Mountain Wine Fest.

In 1988, John was instrumental in starting the Vietnam Center and Archive at Texas Tech University, which collects and preserves records of the Vietnam War.

John is survived by three daughters, Susan Lowey Nasol, Katie Lowey Coleman and Libby Lowey; three grandchildren; a brother, Bob Lowey; a sister, Beth Lowey Ward; and two ex-wives, Gail Howell Lowey and Carolyn Kelley Gopalan. He was preceded in death by a son, Mike Lowey.

Eric L. Watrous '73, on June 7, 2016. He was 65 and a resident of Centerville, Ohio.

Eric grew up in the suburbs of Dayton, Ohio. He majored in mathematics at Kenyon, where he participated in varsity track. In 1971, he set the still-standing College record in the pole vault at 13 feet, 6.25 inches.

Leaving Kenyon after his sophomore year, Eric went on to graduate with a bachelor's in mathematics from Wright State University. He made his career in

software product development, retiring in 2013 from PNC Mortgage.

Eric is survived by his wife of 29 years, Vandy McMahan Watrous; two daughters, Erin Watrous and Jordan Watrous; a son, William Watrous; and his sisters, Ellen Watrous Donisi and Julie Watrous West.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Steps for Sarcoma Research Fund, Ohio State University James Cancer Hospital, 725 Prior Hall, 376 W. 10th Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43210.

Sally "Lolly" Gahagan '78, on June 24, 2017. A resident of Newfield, New York, she was 61.

Sally grew up at Raymond Farms in Lyme, Connecticut, where, according to an obituary in the Ithaca, New York, Journal, "she learned to love the land and run wild and free in bare feet." She graduated from the Williams School in New London, Connecticut, and then entered Kenyon, which she eventually left without a diploma.

IN MEMORIAM

Barry M. Bergh

Teacher and performer known for his sense of humor

Barry M. Bergh '66, on Sept. 1, 2017. He was 72 and a resident of Matthews, North Carolina.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Barry grew up in Madison, New Jersey, and graduated from Madison High School. He majored in history at Kenyon, where he edited the Collegian; served on Student Council, the Judicial Board and Campus Senate; sang in the Chapel Choir and the Gilbert and Sullivan Society; and joined Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, of which he was president in his senior year. He received his bachelor's degree cum laude, with honors in his major.

Barry went on to earn a master's degree in history from the University of Michigan. He then began his first career, in politics and public service, subjects that would remain important to him throughout his life. He was an aide to George Romney, governor of Michigan, in his presidential campaign, and after that a deputy assistant to Mayor of New York City John Lindsay. He followed that job with a year of teaching English at Mercersburg Academy, followed in turn by service as speechwriter for Joseph Blatchford, the third director of the Peace Corps, and as an assistant to William Ruckelshaus, the first director of the Environmental Protection Agency, and later an assistant to U.S. Attorney General Elliot Richardson.

In 1978, Barry joined the English faculty at the Haverford School in Haverford, Pennsylvania, where he spent the next 22 years. He advised the school's newspaper, led its chapter of the Cum Laude Society and served as chairman of its curriculum committee.

Barry also made his mark at Haverford as a performer, taking on roles in productions ranging from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience" to Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman," and as a regular member of audiences in support of his students' theatrical endeavors. An avid supporter of the school's hockey team as well, he became the namesake of its annual award for excellence in the sport.

"Barry Bergh was a master teacher long before that term became part of the nomenclature of independent school life," read an obituary from the Haverford School. "His classes were a nonstop feast of erudition and verbal exuberance, replete with digressions into history, the history of ideas, and national and international affairs, detours which were endlessly engaging and unfailingly purposeful and informative. He taught his Haverford men to love literature, to cherish and explore the magic of the English language, to think with clarity and depth, and to write with confidence, panache and a disciplined sense of purpose. He also made them laugh, revealing in his own life-affirming, madcap effusions of comedy and wit the enduring value of a sense of humor."

Barry is survived by a sister, Barbara Bergh Hazan, a nephew and several nieces.



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In May 1978, Sally moved to Newfield, which remained her home for the rest of her life. She and her first husband, Randolph Fletcher Brown, opened the Indian Creek Fruit Farm there. During this period of her life, she discovered her passion for agriculture — or, in the words of her obituary, “playing in the dirt.”

Sally is survived by her second husband, Chester Whitlock; two daughters, Jessica A. Brown and Katie M. Brown; two sons, James R. Brown and Randolph F. Brown IV; three grandchildren; a brother, **Frederick B. Gahagan '74**; a sister, Caroline Gahagan; and two nephews who are Kenyon graduates, **Benjamin I. Gahagan '02** and **William G. Gahagan '04**.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospicare, 172 E. King Road, Ithaca, New York 14850, or to the Cancer Resource Center of the Finger Lakes, 612 W. State St., Ithaca, New York 14850.

Jeffrey L. Betcher '82, on Oct. 21, 2017. A resident of San Francisco, he was 57.

A native of Mount Vernon, Ohio, Jeff majored in history at Kenyon and joined Alpha Delta Phi fraternity.

After moving to San Francisco following graduation, Jeff became a community activist and took on numerous projects. He was a former operations and program director in the city's office of the Family Violence Prevention Fund, which seeks to end domestic and sexual violence.

A co-founder of the Quesada Gardens Initiative, an urban gardening program, Jeff also co-founded PeopleWearSE, an organization that supports Bay Area textile workers. An entrepreneur as well, he “turned his love of yams into a line of streetwear ‘payamas’ under the Yam Street brand,” according to an obituary.

Jeff was also a poet, whose 1997 poem “Do Not Cry by My Casket” contains these lines:

*“So cry if you must, but not for me
Since I am rising with thread in hand
And sewn to you with love’s loose stitch
Now ready to ravel or pull for you at will.”*

Jeff is survived by a brother, Mark Betcher.

Memorial contributions may be made to University of California at San Francisco Cancer Research and Care, UCSF Foundation, UCSF Box 0248, San Francisco, California 94143, or at giving.ucsf.edu/funds/cancer.

Kevin A. Schoch '83, on Dec. 1, 2009. He was 48 and a resident of Cleveland.

A native of Chicago, Kevin grew up in suburban Western Springs, Illinois, and won designation as an Eagle Scout. At Kenyon, he majored in mathematics, served on the production crews for several plays, participated in the Flying Club and joined Psi Upsilon fraternity.

Kevin went on to earn an MBA at Golden Gate University. He made his career as a software engineer, systems analyst, manager and executive in the communications and computer industries.

Kevin is survived by his mother, Lois N. Smith; his third wife, Susan G. Schoch; two daughters, Mara Schoch and Ivy Schoch; two sons, Jason Schoch and Roger Schoch; a stepdaughter, Lizzy; and a brother, Mitchell Schoch.

Memorial contributions, designated for urethral cancer research, may be made to the National Cancer Institute, Building 31, Room 11A-16, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

Michael J. Simone '83, on July 11, 2015. He was 55.

A native of Lyndhurst, Ohio, Mike graduated from Charles F. Brush High School there. He majored in political science at Kenyon, where he played varsity soccer as a freshman and joined Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

No further information on Mike's life or survivors was available.

Timothy M. Fox '84, on Aug. 23, 2017. He was 55 and a resident of Columbus, Ohio.

Tim grew up in Columbus and majored in history at Kenyon, where he joined Delta Phi fraternity.

Tim proceeded from the College to Case Western Reserve University, earning his law degree there in 1987. Shortly thereafter, he joined the Columbus firm of Ulmer and Berne, where he worked for more than 25 years as a litigation attorney.

Known for his kitchen skills, both at home and at St. Agatha Catholic Church, Tim managed his parish's annual picnics and spaghetti dinners. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing with family members, as well as playing bridge and shopping for antiques with his wife. “There was never a more generous or sympathetic friend,” said a longtime acquaintance.

Tim is survived by his wife, Julie Fox; a daughter, Patricia Fox; two sons,

IN MEMORY OF JEREMY M. DOSSETTER

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Jeremy was just one check flight away from completing his helicopter training.

Timothy M. Fox Jr. and Ronald Fox; his brothers, **Richard C. Fox '68** and Robert Fox; and several nephews and nieces.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Agatha Church, 1860 Northam Road, Columbus, Ohio 43221, or to Nationwide Children's Hospital, 700 Children's Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43205.

John J. Doyle IV '89, on Sept. 18, 2017. A resident of Visalia, California, he was 50.

John was born in Washington, D.C., and raised in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He majored in history at Kenyon, played varsity golf and joined Delta Phi fraternity.

After graduation, John went on to earn a master's degree in education from Temple University. His career included successful stints as an operator of an ice-cream truck, as an apartment broker in New York City, and with Sunriver Sales, a fruit grower, packer and shipper in Visalia.

John is survived by his parents, Evelyn M. Doyle and John “Jack” Doyle III; his wife, Kim Patchararat Doyle; a brother, Scott Doyle; and a sister, Anne Doyle.

Jeremy M. Dossetter '13, on Oct. 16, 2017. Twenty-seven and a resident of San Francisco, he died in a helicopter crash off the coast of Molokai, Hawaii.

Jeremy grew up in San Francisco. At Kenyon, he majored in English, worked as a disc jockey at WKCO, participated in the Exeter Program in his junior year and graduated cum laude.

After college, Jeremy worked in business development and marketing. He also pursued his interests in the environment and flying. As an obituary noted, “He had a passion for the Earth, for the ocean, for flying and for life. He had many plans to clean and heal the world through his flying.”

At the time of his death, Jeremy was just one check flight away from completing his helicopter training. An on-shore

witness reported the rapid descent into the ocean of the craft he was aboard with his instructor. An unsuccessful three-day search for possible survivors ensued, led by the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Navy and local fire departments.

Jeremy is survived by his parents, Susan and David Dossetter; two sisters, Clara Dossetter and Violetta Dossetter; and two brothers, **Benjamin J. Dossetter '15** and Asher Dossetter.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jeremy Dossetter Living Ocean Fund at jdossetterlivingocean@gmail.com.

Charles H. Jacobs, a longtime Kenyon employee and member of the College community, on Oct. 8, 2017. He was 75 and a resident of Gambier, Ohio.

A native of Gambier, Charlie served in the U.S. Navy, from which he was honorably discharged in 1960.

Charlie joined Kenyon as a member of the grounds crew in 1973 but soon moved into the role of coordinator of health, safety and residence facilities in the Office of Residential Life. He quickly became a favorite of fellow employees and students alike, winning plaudits for his energy, preparedness, attention to detail, sense of humor and caring nature.

Donald J. Omahan '70, who served the College as director of student housing and later as dean of students, remembers Charlie as “a dear colleague and friend. He and I began our relationship in 1973, when he became a staff member of what was then called the Student Housing Office. I had been searching for a smart, knowledgeable, hardworking, caring person to work as the ‘go-to’ person for the many residential life matters that arose daily between our office, all areas of the maintenance department and students. That man was Charlie Jacobs.

“Charlie got along well with everyone, but most importantly he had great relationships with students. They knew he would lend an understanding ear

IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY OF CHARLIE JACOBS

“Charlie got along well with everyone, but most importantly he had great relationships with students.”

—DONALD J. OMAHAN '70

— and he would go out of his way to assist them with whatever maintenance or housing concern was on their minds. Students also knew that Charlie would give them a fair shake, even when telling them that they shouldn't really have five appliances plugged into one wall socket or that their two-story loft built with found lumber was probably not a good idea. He worked tirelessly to make the residential experience a rich part of each student's time at the College.

Among those students was **Lisa Dowd Schott '80**, managing director of the Philander Chase Conservancy and former executive director of alumni and parent affairs. “Charlie was one of the people from my student days I was happiest to see when I returned to work at Kenyon in 1985. He represented the College at its best to the students; he was serious about his work but he took time to get to know us. I will miss his friendship and his great spirit.”

Scott R. Baker '94, Kenyon's associate vice president for alumni and parent engagement, met Charlie as a student and again when he took up his duties as a College employee. “In my student days, Charlie was a well-known member of the housing office team. He sat in on our Student Council Housing and Grounds Committee meetings each week with great interest in making dormitory life better for students.

“It was such a pleasure to return to Gambier years later and have Charlie and his wife, Ada, as my next-door neighbors. We'd trade stories over the fence and keep tabs on each other's animals. For Charlie, that included his

beloved horses, which he would race nearby, an assortment of cows with colorful personalities, and, in recent years, two guinea fowl who sometimes greet me in my driveway in the morning. I simply couldn't have asked for better neighbors than Charlie and Ada.”

“Charlie was such a part of Kenyon — and Gambier — always in a very quiet way that did not seek attention for himself,” recalled Cheryl L. Steele, a former associate dean of students at the College who now serves as dean of student engagement at Longwood University. “Charlie was part of the Kenyon family, but his own family was his pride and joy, and time with them his favorite leisure pursuit. That, and occasional trips to Las Vegas to play cards — and he usually paid for his trips with his winnings!”

Many people, both on campus and off, echoed the words of Susan Delozier, executive assistant to the vice president for student affairs and dean of students, who worked with Charlie for many years. “I am entirely sincere when I say that Charlie was and always had been one of my favorite people. The College was very fortunate to have had his dedication to Kenyon's students and buildings for more than 30 years.”

At the Founders' Day Convocation in 2016, Charlie was awarded the College's Middle Path Medal. The citation noted, “He has regularly gone above and beyond the call of duty, not only in attending to his assigned responsibilities but also in such ways as sharing his expertise as a local pioneer in the use of solar energy. ... Charlie,

we are proud to present you with the Middle Path Medal in recognition of all you have done as a good and loyal member of the Kenyon and Gambier communities over the past five decades.”

Charlie, who retired from the College in 2004, had also been recognized by Kenyon's chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity as an honorary member, by the College with the Distinguished Service Award, and by Kenyon's athletic department with the William A. Long Memorial Award for his unstinting support of the Lords and Ladies. His support for the College included endowing a seat in Bolton Theater and serving as a member of a presidential search committee.

Charlie is survived by his mother, Helen Hall Jacobs Sims; his wife of 55 years, Ada Hawk Jacobs; two daughters, Charlene Jacobs Bland and Patty Jacobs Workman; two sons, Charles R. Jacobs and Dan Jacobs; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, George Jacobs and Ronald Jacobs; three sisters, Judy Jacobs Mobberley, Sue Jacobs and Donna Jacobs; two step-siblings, Joan Sims Jones and Joe Sims; and numerous other relatives.

Memorial contributions, to be applied either to the purchase of a bench dedicated to Charlie at the Brown Family Environmental Center or to the Thomas J. Edwards Scholarship Fund, may be made to Kenyon College, Office of Development, 105 Chase Ave., Gambier, Ohio 43022-9623.

Kay Keith Lybarger, a longtime member of Kenyon's maintenance staff as a carpenter, on Dec. 14, 2017. He was 80 and a resident of the Ohio Eastern Star Home in Mount Vernon, Ohio.

A 1957 graduate of the former Gambier High School, Kay served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1958 to 1965 and earned the rank of sergeant. He started his carpentry career with Hunter Brothers Contractors and then went to work in 1963 for an uncle, Carroll Lybarger. In 1971, Kay joined the staff at the College, where he worked until his retirement in 1999.

“Kay Lybarger epitomized what it meant to be a loyal employee of the College,” said **Donald J. Omahon '70**, former dean of students at Kenyon. “He loved his work, and he took justifiable pride in it. A skilled craftsman and artist of the carpentry trade, Kay was the person to call upon if you wanted a job done, no matter how big or small, how basic or complex.

“Just as importantly, Kay was one of the ‘good guys.’ Kind and generous by nature, he was fun to be around and always eager to enter into conversation. He was well-informed about the workings of the College, and he didn't hesitate to offer a thoughtful opinion about the important as well as the more mundane issues of the day. With a twinkle in his eye, Kay was ready to let you know which issues he thought were, indeed, the important ones. He was usually right in his assessment.

“Kay was always one of the first people to seek me out and say welcome back on the several occasions I returned to the Hill after following career opportunities elsewhere. He would greet me like a long-lost friend, and our conversations and friendship would pick up without missing a beat. By his actions and his good work, Kay helped to make Kenyon a better place.”

“Kay had a wicked sense of humor, and he was very quick,” remembered **Cornelia “Buffy” Ireland Hallinan '76**, a former chair of the College's board of trustees. “One of our first encounters, when I was a student, was over some recently poured concrete Kay was smoothing out in front of what's now Wiggin Street Coffee. I asked if I could write my name in the wet cement, and he agreed to let me do it. As soon as I had finished my signature, he took his trowel and obliterated it. Bargain kept, at least from Kay's point of view.

“From that point on, I had a friendly, teasing relationship with Kay, who was not only an experienced carpenter but also a respected member of the community. When I came back to work in the College's admissions office after graduation, he spent a Saturday installing a new Formica counter in my apartment's kitchen. I wrote him a note on his 25th anniversary of working at Kenyon to let him know how much he was appreciated.”

An active hunter, Kay was a member of the Buckskin Archery Club, the Centerburg Conservation Club, Gambier Fish and Game Club, Kinderhook Archery Club and the Kokosing Gun Club. He was also a member of Mount Zion Lodge #9 F. & A.M.

Kay is survived by his wife of 55 years, Susanne Mellberg Lybarger; two daughters, Kimberly Lybarger Totman, budget manager in Kenyon's Office of Admissions, and Dawn Lybarger Gibson; a son, Kenneth Lybarger; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, Beryl Lybarger.

ALUMNI NEWS

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Examine the presidencies of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy, who are ranked by contemporary historians and political scientists as great presidents.

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With his book, "Learning to Draw, Drawing to Learn" as a guide, Garhart will lead artists of all levels through discussions of how content and meaning are developed through the interaction of the components of drawing's visual language.

Space. Time. Light. Five Films, with Ted Walch '63, endowed chair for cinema studies at Harvard-Westlake School

Walch explores the language and the landscape of film as he examines how five landmark films, varied in tone and texture, sculpt their stories through space, time and light.

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Immerse yourself in the cultural ferment of the downtown New York art scene of the '60s examining one of the most influential bands in American rock history, The Velvet Underground.

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REGIONAL EVENTS

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New York City, Young Alumni Happy Hour, April 4

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April 11-13

For the classes of 1945-47, 1953, 1955-58 and 1963

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May 25-27

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See alumni.kenyon.edu for registration and additional information about these events.

A PHAR-PHLUNG PHLING

The New York Regional Association held its third annual Philander's Phling at the Park in Manhattan on Feb. 3 with more than 235 guests in attendance.



CHARLOTTE WOLFE '13



Extempore

VIDEO

To satisfy the first assignment for my "Installation Art" class, I created a video piece that I installed in the atrium of Peirce Hall. On the monitor is a looping film of myself acting as a familiar yet ambiguous "presidential" figure, reciting the inauguration addresses of Franklin D. Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy. However, while the words I say are identical to those of the actual speeches, which are shown in their original sequence on the teleprompter below the screen, the order in which I present them is nonsensical. By consuming the reorganized content of each speech, the viewer experiences the confusion that one may have when listening to politicians speak — "what are they *talking about?*"

Both speeches I chose have contributed significantly to the current American political psyche and contain quotations that epitomize the administrative responses to the challenges of their respective eras. Amid economic ruin and environmental catastrophe, Roosevelt, in 1933, "declares war" on the Great Depression, stating that "we have nothing to fear but fear itself." Similarly, Kennedy, in 1961 (the beginning of a decade marked with political and social uncertainty) responds with his famous line: "Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country."

While these addresses now remind Americans of past circumstances, the way in which I present them relates to American and global politics at present: As the political rhetoric of today's world shifts, what can we learn about the past, expect from the present and hope for the future?

— Kim Davidson '18

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Photography intern Cameron Peters '20 captured one of her favorite winter hangouts — the Kenyon Greenhouse — where it's always warm and bright.