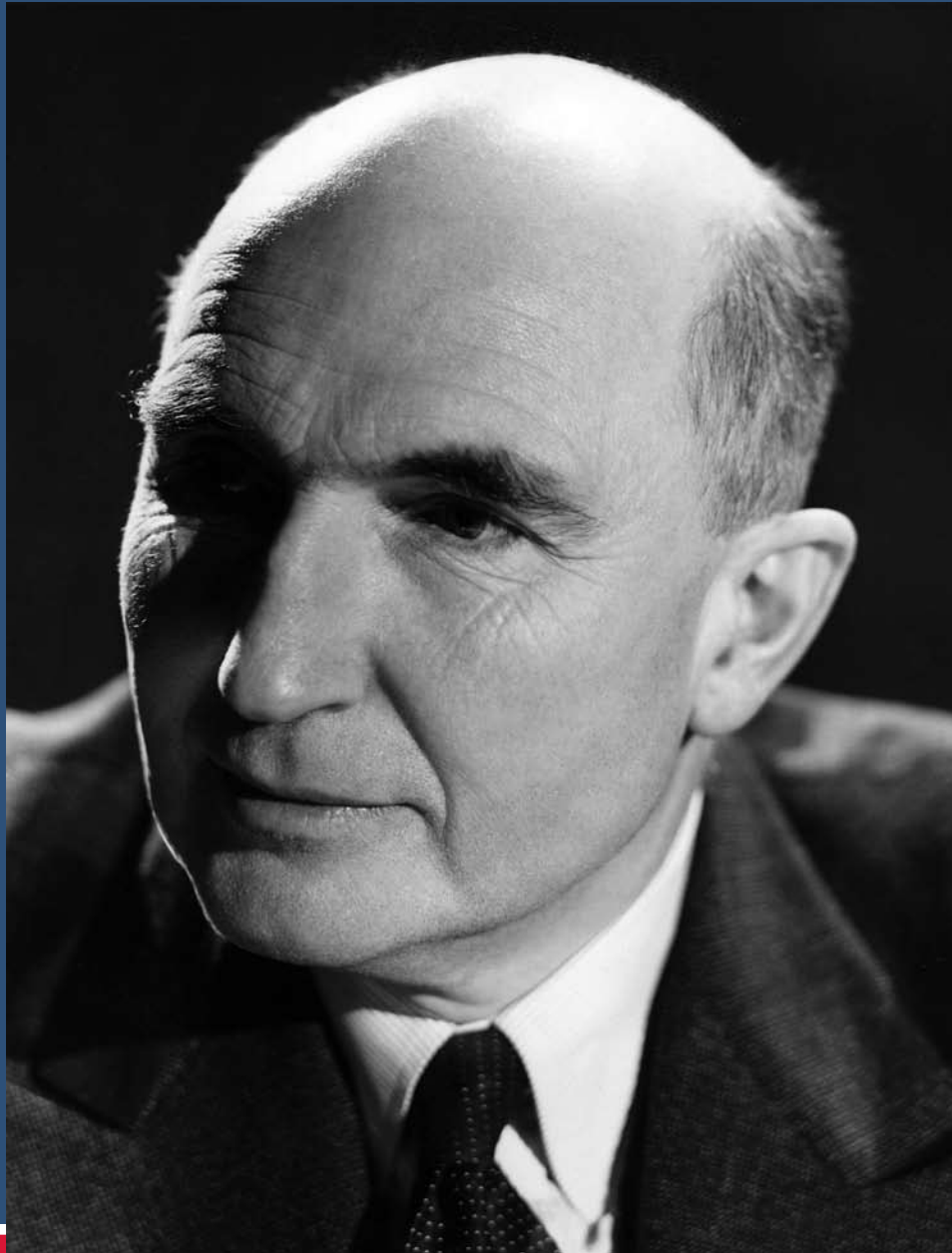


Marshall Alumni Newsletter

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Lord Sherfield and the
Marshall Sherfield Postdoctoral Fellowships

Editor's Letter

I've been lobbying the publications team since we revived this quarterly newsletter to do a feature on the Sherfield Fellows. I myself made it to England not like the bulk of you, but rather as a postdoctoral fellow. I recall my Ph.D. adviser forwarding me an email announcing the opportunity – and telling me this might be my way to get to England. I recall the poorly timed interview – over Thanksgiving weekend when I was going home with my new boyfriend to meet his parents! It was the first real interrogation I'd ever had. And then the jubilation when I heard I'd be joining the class of 1999. In this issue, you'll hear from several other of the Sherfield Fellows, reflecting back on what it meant to us to be Marshalls, and to be in the UK. On the cover is a photo of Roger Makins (Lord Sherfield), for whom the fellowship was named.

Lots of other excellent content fills the issue, including an extended class notes section. We hope you enjoy. As ever, send feedback to newsletter@marshallscholars.org.

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News from the AMS

By Bryan Leach

The AMS brass have been busy planning for the upcoming annual meeting, which will be held at Stanford University's Arrillaga Alumni Center on June 22 and 23. The annual meeting will include a Friday night reception and Saturday morning discussions on the following topics: "Leadership in the 21st Century," "Social Entrepreneurship," and "Marshall Women Leaders." Then there will be a midday book signing by various Marshall authors and a finale dinner that will

feature presentations by Marshall alumni from six different decades. These presentations will be illustrated eight-minute talks; if you'd like to volunteer to share your experiences, please contact Joan McCarthy at admin@marshallscholars.org.

AMS alumni in the D.C. area had an active autumn. December saw the second annual holiday party of mulled wine and minced pies at the home of Caroline and Nic Hailey of the British Embassy. On Sunday, October 23, Marshalls gathered for a special tour of "Warhol: Headlines" at the National Gallery of Art with art historian Marden Nichols (Cambridge '04). On October 27, there was a cocktail hour of drinks and hors d'oeuvres at Circa Foggy Bottom hosted by Michael Aktipis (LSE '03) and Zach Kaufman (Oxford '02). This gathering kicked off a series of monthly Marshall happy hours at select bars and restaurants in Washington, D.C.

In New York City, acclaimed entrepreneur and alumnus Reid Hoffman headlined a November 10 breakfast generously hosted by British Consul-General Danny Lopez at his residence. Before a packed audience of Marshall, Rhodes, Gates, and Fulbright alumni, Mr. Hoffman, LinkedIn co-founder and partner at Greylock Ventures, discussed how innovative entrepreneurs are disrupting America's outdated, inefficient educational system. Reflecting on his own startup experiences, Mr. Hoffman advised audience members to think entrepreneurially regardless of their specific career paths – to pivot and innovate, take calculated risks, and cleverly uncover business intelligence. For pictures, videos, and a podcast of Mr. Hoffman's speech, please visit ukinusa.fco.gov.uk/en/news/?view=News&id=690508482.

The AMS now has a team of volunteers – Lee Pearson (Edinburgh '08), Zach Kaufman (Oxford '02), and Wayne Lau (Cambridge '79) – who are reviewing and planning improvements to the social media and online strategy of the Marshall alum community.

Reid Hoffman and Danny Lopez



NISHA AGARWAL

Agent of Change

By Suzette Brooks Masters



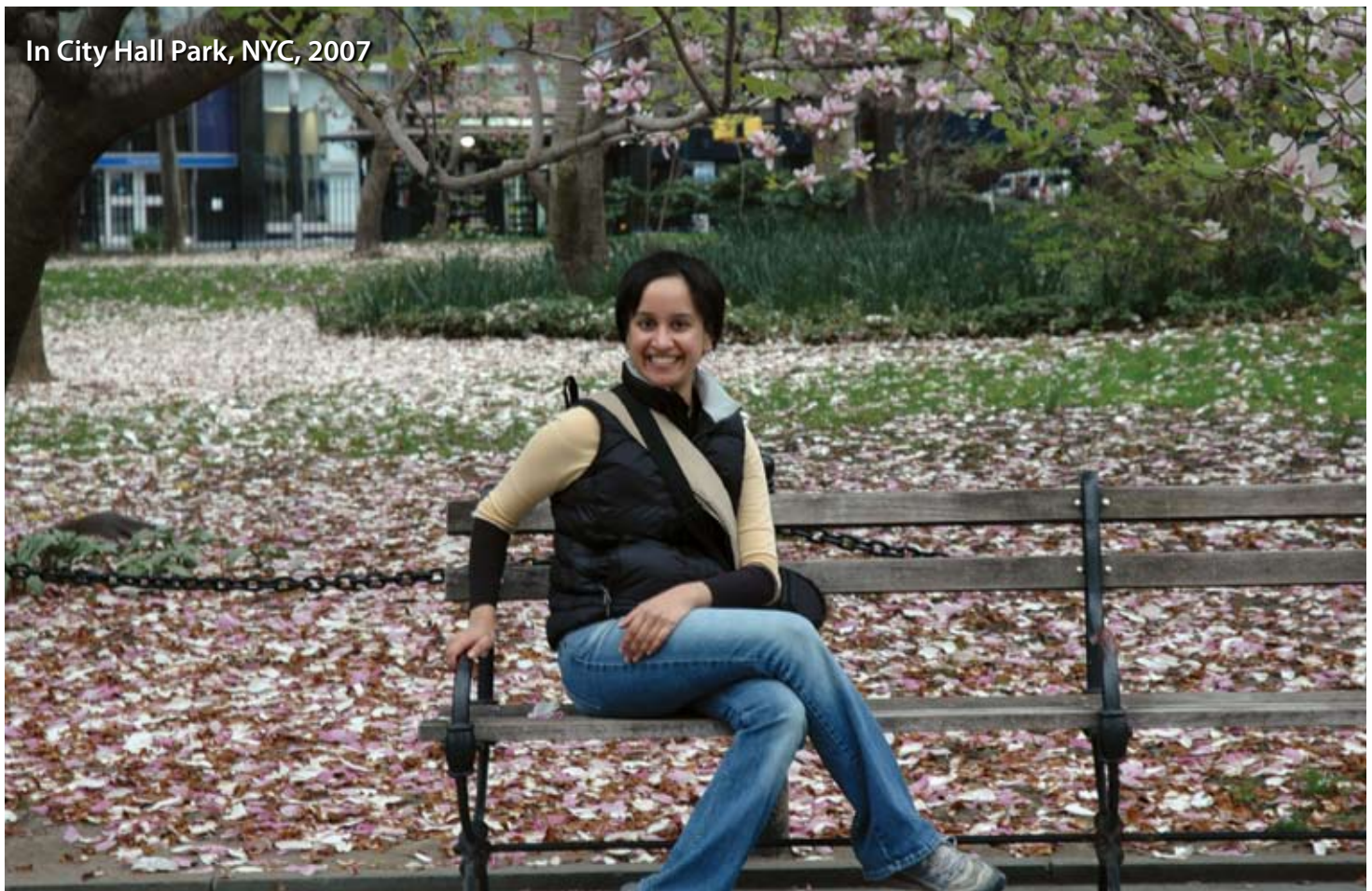
For most people, the goal of making the world a better place is a nice platitude or a virtuous aspiration. For Nisha Agarwal (Oxford '00) it is an urgent necessity and her life's work.

A typical day for Nisha might involve bringing lawsuits to protect the rights of immigrants, attending a press conference with Mayor Bloomberg to unveil a new piece of legislation, attending a community meeting to conduct a know-your-rights presentation on health access, and planning for the creation of a new national advocacy organization. In fact, there's never a dull moment for this committed – and tireless – young activist.

Nisha was raised outside Syracuse, New York, the child of first generation immigrants from India. Her father Suresh, a nuclear engineer, came to the United States in the 1970s to attend graduate school. Her mother Rita joined Suresh in America armed with a psychology degree and found a job consulting with industrial companies. Suresh and Rita felt strongly about nurturing strong family bonds and promoting cultural identity in their children and took the family on regular trips to India. On these trips young Nisha was given an indelible and very palpable introduction to extreme poverty and inequality. This exposure and a tradition of activism among her grandparents' generation (her maternal grandmother marched with Gandhi) awakened in Nisha a strong commitment to social justice, which continues to animate her today.

Nisha's parents had high expectations and were always very supportive. The combination emboldened Nisha to tackle any challenge from an early age. At Fayetteville-Manlius High School, she participated in many typical activities, including theater, violin, clarinet, Model UN, environment club, and yearbook. But unlike her classmates, Nisha also raised principled objections to frog dissections and advocated for equal access to playgrounds. These early battles whetted Nisha's precocious appetite for toppling sacred cows and presaged her increasingly ambitious crusades.

As a Harvard undergrad, Nisha majored in social studies with a focus on international development. She credits her studies with “providing a framework and context for her emergent political consciousness.” Her senior thesis, based on a summer of fieldwork among low-income Muslim women squatters in Mumbai, addressed why some victims of society were able to successfully assert their rights and effect social change, while others could not. The Muslim women she spent time with fought the bulldozing of their squats, lobbied for permanent housing solutions and conducted a grass roots census to dispute inaccurate government counts. Intrigued by what fuels social movements, particularly in an international development context, Nisha decided



In City Hall Park, NYC, 2007

to explore these topics further by studying economic and social history at Oxford.

Nisha learned a lot about herself on her Marshall scholarship. After some initial culture shock – Nisha found British reserve and understatement difficult to negotiate at times – Nisha made good friends and enjoyed extensive travel throughout Europe. She also honed her entertaining skills. She participated in and won an 80's music DJ competition, edging out fellow Marshall classmate Bryan Leach (Oxford '00), and became an expert party planner, serving on her college's ball committee both years. One year, "we decided to do a Spies Like Us themed ball since we were St. Antony's College, producer of the greatest number of MI5 agents!"

Most importantly, Nisha's studies at Oxford led her to realize that she was an activist, not an academic. She felt growing discomfort with the notion of a Westerner like herself advising developing country populations about how to solve their problems without having grappled with similar issues in the US. She resolved to become an effective activist, and hoped that three years at Harvard Law School would provide her with the experience and credibility she craved. Her most formative experience at law school was her clinical legal work at the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, where she spent about forty hours per week assisting low-income clients with their housing disputes. She was also active in the Har-

vard Local Government Forum, organizing programs on urban issues at the local government level. She tried to create a local government clinic to advise advocates and local governments on legal matters. Although the effort failed, her interest was piqued.

When she graduated from law school in 2006, Nisha "walked the walk" and foreswore lucrative corporate law jobs. Armed with a prestigious two-year Skadden public interest fellowship, she was assigned to the New York Lawyers for the Public Interest's (NYLPI) health justice program, where she focused on improving language access for immigrants to health services in New York City. She eventually parlayed this fellowship into a full time position as director of the health justice program. Nisha is proudest of her efforts to hold New York City pharmacies accountable for violating the Civil Rights Act by not providing interpretation and translation services to immigrants with limited English. At NYLPI, she brought civil rights complaints against pharmacies, which ultimately led to a settlement agreement between Attorney General Cuomo and seven pharmacy chains. Nisha drafted legislation that the New York City Council passed and Mayor Bloomberg signed in 2009 to ensure that language barriers did not prevent immigrants from understanding how to take their prescription medications and has now begun work on statewide legislation.



Left: the Ball committee of St. Anthony's College, Oxford 2001. Above: Agarwal in her room at St. Anthony's on her last day in Oxford. Pictured counterclockwise from Agarwal is Chelsea Bodnar (nee Elander, Rhodes '00), Kristi Samuels (Oxford '00), and Avery Willis (Oxford '00).



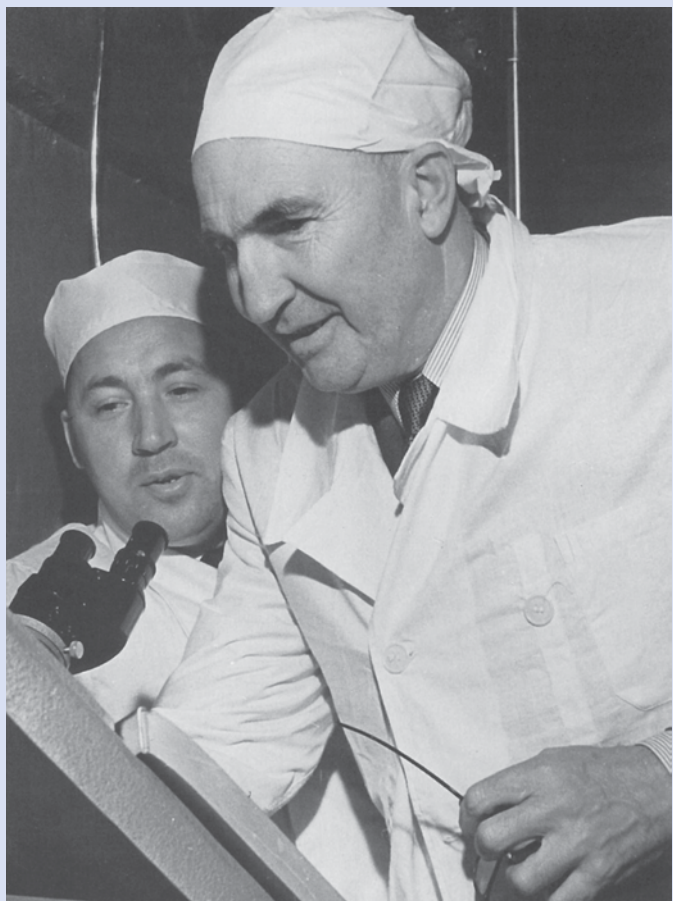
At the Felix Fishman Lunch sponsored by New York Lawyers for the Public Interest. The lunch honors leaders in community service in New York City.

Nisha believes that it's at the state and local level that the "bread-and-butter issues that touch people's daily lives are debated and addressed like health care, police, schools, and housing. A multitude of decisions are made at the local level through legislative, regulatory, administrative, and even informal decision-making processes that can fundamentally alter conditions on the ground." Nisha also feels that local government is simply more accessible to the people it serves and therefore more susceptible to change. "I have never been more inspired as when sitting in meetings or rallying on the steps of the New York City Council with the clients I represent, all of whom are low-income people of color who are directly engaging in the political process at the local level and holding their elected representatives accountable." Nisha still carries with her the lessons from the Muslim squatters she worked with in Mumbai who showed her that reform is possible even against long odds *if* conditions are right.

With some local victories under her belt, Nisha now feels ready for the national stage. She is co-founding a new non-profit organization, the Center for Popular

Democracy. National in scope, the Center will seek to advance state and local legislation to tangibly improve the quality of life for low-income people and communities of color through partnerships with local groups across the country. Like the squatters in Mumbai, disadvantaged groups in the US need help to advance their interests. The Center will fill that void: its "legal team will work with groups to draft legislation, respond to legal questions raised by elected officials and opponents, conduct policy research, and craft communications messages and campaign materials. Meanwhile, its organizing team will help groups develop the muscle to really move an issue through the legislature and ensure that wins are sustained and expanded."

Nisha's willingness to take a risk in starting the Center is a testament both to her unwavering commitment to social justice and to her increasing confidence. St. Antony's may be known for producing secret agents, but in Nisha it has nurtured a change agent. She is certainly someone to watch as she takes on societal problems in a more systemic way and matures as a leader.



Roger Makins on an official visit to the Soviet Union as Chairman of the Atomic Energy Authority

The Other Marshall

By Nicholas T. Hartman (Cambridge '03),
with Adam Giangreco (Marshall Sherfield,
Cambridge '04)

In 1998, the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission (MACC) marked the 50th anniversary of the Marshall Plan by expanding the traditional program of post-graduate scholarships to include the post-doctoral Marshall Sherfield Fellowship. With funding from Marshall Sherfield Foundation and an endowment set-up by John Duffield, founder of New Star Asset Management, the program typically grants 1-2 fellowships per year to US citizens holding a doctorate in a science or engineering discipline.

Collaboration has always been a key component of the scientific research process, and in today's globalized world all top researchers maintain an extensive network of international colleagues. The Marshall Sherfield fellowships fulfill the overall mission of the Marshall post-graduate program, but also provide the opportunity for new career scientists and engineers to begin building their own international network.

The fellowship's hybrid name was established in honor of Roger Makins, 1st Baron Sherfield (Lord Sherfield) – the chief architect of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Act of 1953, which established the Marshall Scholar-

ships. Lord Sherfield also served as British Ambassador to the United States from 1953-56 and was a Chairman of the MACC. The Marshall Sherfield Foundation was established by Lord Sherfield's son Christopher Makins, who was, fittingly, a dual American-British citizen.

Peter Olson ('98 Marshall Sherfield NHM) was one of the two inaugural Marshall Sherfield fellows and recalls Christopher Makins's interest in the program as it got underway. As with all newly arrived Marshalls, ensuring new scholars were up to speed on the local customs was always a top priority.

"As an inaugural fellow, as well as being London-based [at the Natural History Museum], I recall being called upon to discuss the new scheme with Christopher Makins at the Brown Hotel where he first showed me the 'proper' way to eat scones: pile as much clotted cream as physically possible, then add more, and then smash some jam on top! He wanted to know how the scheme could be improved, and I told him the obvious, which is that 1 year is simply too short to accomplish much, particularly as it necessarily involves moving abroad; the moment you get settled in you're meant to



Christopher Makins with Ambassador David Manning

be off again.” said Olson. The program has since been expanded to allow for a second year of the fellowship.

Christopher Makins passed away in 2006 and the Marshall Sherfield Foundation is now run by Christopher Makins’s daughter Tina Cortesi. Makins’s wife Wendy also maintains an active interest in both the Foundation and Fellowship.

Ushma Neill (Marshall Sherfield, Imperial ’99) recalls her own time performing research as a fellow: “In 1999, I was a young postgraduate eager to get to work on the next scientific question. I was energized by my research, curiosity piqued by the new techniques I was to learn while doing my postdoctoral research with a brilliant physiologist, Professor C. Charles Michel. Charles was nearing the end of his time in the lab and since he was bowing out of serving on further committees and curtailing his administrative obligations, he was able to spend more time with me and the other few graduate students

and technicians in the lab. My husband has always said that I require a lot of attention, so it was particularly delightful that I was able to command so much of his time. The Sherfield fellowship also came in handy as Charles was letting all his grants expire, so I had a nice amount of funding to further my research in his lab.”

Mitch Keller (Marshall Sherfield, LSE ’10) added, “About 14 months into my fellowship, I’m very glad for the experience. The UK research community in my area of mathematics is rather close-knit, so conferences and one-day meetings have allowed me to get to know many of them. Judging the impact on my career will take time, but hopefully the relationships begun whilst in the UK will translate into good things for many years to come.”

Bryan Huey (Marshall Sherfield, Oxford ’99) confirms the influence that his fellowship had on establishing a successful academic science career, “The experiences, academic and social, were truly formative



Peter Olson ('98) with daughter Matilda's pink eyelashes

and undoubtedly influenced my career. I still leverage academic connections and expertise I gained at that time, including an ongoing joint research project and student exchange program with my original Marshall Sherfield host."

Keller continues, "The Marshall Sherfield Fellowship's research allowance has been particularly crucial, since I did not have funding to attend many conferences as a graduate student. I've taken full advantage of that during my fellowship and have also leveraged it to visit a collaborator at the Technion in Haifa, Israel, and to partially support a visit from a collaborator at the University of California, San Diego."

Although the number of active Marshall Sherfields in the UK at any given time is very limited, cross-collaboration on research between fellows has occurred occasionally. As Ushma Neill describes, "I met the 1998 fellow, Peter Olson, at some function or another and we coincidentally worked on neighboring campuses (he was at the Natural History Museum while my lab was in a building on the South Kensington campus of Imperial College). As Peter was a parasitologist, he helped me once to identify some tiny creature that had infected the intestines of all my animals. Good times."

Fellows, particularly those in London, Cambridge, or Oxford, quickly integrate into the overall Marshall community. For Marshall scholars studying for doctorates, the Marshall Sherfield fellows can be a useful mentor or, during the crucible of thesis writing, provide appropriate commiseration. Mitch Keller is the only current fellow in the UK (no award was made in 2011), but he's found a strong sense of camaraderie with the London-based Marshall post-graduate scholars.

"We've managed a number of formal and informal get-togethers to keep in touch. One of my best memories from my time in the UK will have to be Christmas 2010, when four scholars and I ventured to Fishguard, Wales, to spend four nights in a National Trust cottage. We took the train to Cardiff and then hired a car to drive to the coast. I was the only one over 25, so I did all the driving and settled on a manual transmission car to save money. Thankfully, I had the M4 for most of the drive so I could get used to the car before getting onto narrow country lanes in Pembrokeshire. No cars were injured during the expedition, and we had a great time featuring food, a fire in the fireplace, and friends. Oh, and one day of great weather for hiking along the coast!" said Keller.

Now well into its second decade, the Marshall Sherfield Fellowships have developed a strong reputation within the scientific community for producing young professionals with an established international network. Neill, who is currently the Executive Editor of the *Journal of Clinical Investigation* comments, "I'm currently not a practicing bench scientist, but certainly the broadening of my scientific mind while I was in England has helped me land some extraordinary positions here in the US. I've gotten a lot of mileage in the scientific community from having received this fellowship."

Other Marshall Sherfield alumni include Cornell University Professor of Biological Statistics and Computational Biology Carlos Bustamante (Marshall Sherfield, Oxford '01), University of Washington Assistant Professor of Neurology Laura Jansen (Marshall Sherfield, UCL '03), and University of Alaska Fairbanks Assistant Professor of Mechanical and Chemical Engineering Rorik Peterson (Marshall Sherfield, Oxford '99).

While many Marshall Sherfield fellows return to the US following their tenure, some like Peter Olson continued on to establish a successful scientific career in the UK and is currently a Researcher in Department of Zoology at the Natural History Museum. "Much of my adult life has been here, my children are dual-citizens, I am now a dual-citizen, etc. I feel a bit like Bill Bryson, save the wit and global success!" said Olson.

Working in London leaves Olson well positioned to stay in touch with the ever-coming waves of new Marshalls and he recently hosted a group of scholars to discuss scientific careers in the UK. "Meeting and integrating with them is always enjoyable," said Olson.

While the number of Marshall Sherfield alumni is small, currently totaling 20, the fellows have been quickly integrated into the overall Marshall alumni family.

“Every once in a while I come across a Marshall scientist at a meeting. Adam Giangreco (Marshall Sherfield, Cambridge ’04) and I met at a pulmonary biology meeting in 2011, and Dan Barouch (St. Johns ’93) and I crossed paths a few years ago in Chicago. Both recognized me from this newsletter, which was very gratifying. I’ve kept in touch with a number of other Marshalls from my year and happily, I get to keep up with a number of alumni through this very publication, and have actually met more Marshalls here in New York City through alumni events than I ever did when I was in England,” said Ushma Neill, who is also the managing editor of the AMS Newsletter.

As with all members of the Marshall alumni community, Marshall Sherfield fellows look back upon their time in the UK not only as a major career stepping stone, but also as cultural adventure.

Bryan Huey, currently an Associate Professor at the University of Connecticut, highlights: “I have many fond memories from my time in the UK. Favorites include poetry, bagpipes, whiskey, and haggis at a Burns night celebration; racing in the London marathon; fantastic performances and phenomenally uncomfortable seats at the Sheldonian; cricket in the parks; hiking in Snowdonia; prawn crisps, curry, and tomaaatos; running a Mountain Marathon in Scotland; and of course fantastic talks on art, science, history...”

Ushma Neill has similar fond reflections: “Beyond the Marshall community, I was able to fall into a wonderful group of English friends during my stay in London. Happily my boyfriend Rolf, now my husband, joined me for the two years we lived there. Our English friends came with us on sailing trips, holiday weekends in Scotland, weekends in National Trust buildings, and when we moved back to the US, two of them joined us on the QE2. We learned about how to make proper English tea and how it is requisite to *stop* whatever you were doing at 3pm and have a cuppa. Apparently my friendships with English people involved a lot of beverages, because we also learned about the ritualistic drink-as-much-as-you-can-after-work-in-the-pub, because at that time, pubs still closed at 10pm. Most of our English friends, along with two Marshalls from my year Orli Bahcall (Oxford ’99) and Broderick Bagert (Oxford ’99), joined us for an epic millennial eve party in our apartment that involved a Methuselah of champagne, canal diving, and a 15-person sleep over.”

Neill continues, “Rolf and I made it to thirteen different countries (some visited twice) during our two years in the UK. I can’t imagine going to Athens for a long weekend from where I live now. Nor Stockholm or Lisbon or Cairo. Going to England was the first time Rolf had been abroad, so it was fantastic to get to see more

of the world with him. Going back through my albums to find a suitable picture to accompany this piece made me incredibly nostalgic for that idyllic time in my life when I got to see so much of the world, got to spend all my money on travel, and reveled in the constant stimulation of a life abroad.”

Such an experience is undeniably addictive. As Huey commented, “My wanderlust continues as well – I am presently on sabbatical in Denmark, expanding my intellect while enjoying another foreign culture.”

The program recently announced its latest Fellow, Samar Malek (’12 Marshall Sherfield Bath) from MIT. Upon completing her PhD this spring Malek will join the group of Professor Chris Williams in the Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering at the University of Bath. She plans to focus her research on “computer methods for the geometrical definition and analysis of complex structural forms.”



Ushma Neill (’99) at a National Trust property in Scotland



Marshalls' Winter of Content

One major challenge for any class of Marshall Scholars is to forge a meaningful connection with Marshalls from earlier or later classes. While every Marshall has a chance to befriend their classmates during the intense US and UK-based orientation, the same is not true for any two Marshalls from different classes. This year, however, making friends across the classes has proved surprisingly easy.

First introductions between the classes began, as they always do, at the September Foreign Commonwealth Office cocktail reception. Still severely jetlagged and generally unable to utter anything other than “special relationship, special relationship, special relationship,” the 2011s did their best to schmooze with the British political and academic elite, while being sure not to spill their (perpetually refilling) glasses of white wine. Mary Denyer, Assistant Secretary and Head of Scholarship Administration of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission, introduced the new arrivals with other scholars and guests with mutual interests. The 2011s also were given their first introduction to British cocktail etiquette – namely, it is really never polite to leave a conversation. Several were left stranded, but were rescued soon enough by their new 2010 friends who whisked them off to an after-party at Andrew Ehrich’s (LSE ‘10). General merriment ensued.

As in years past, the second opportunity of the year for both classes of Marshalls (as well as third-year hold-outs) to gather together was Thanksgiving. The day started off with a game of touch football in Regents Park. The game doubled as a little bit of nostalgic Americana as well as practice for late February’s annual Rhodes-Marshall football game. Dylan Rebois (Imperial ‘11) did a convincing Darrelle Revis impression (minus the blatant fouls) to lead his team to intra-Marshall victory. The Marshall team appeared ready to avenge last year’s contentious 49-35 loss to the Rhodies. However, after last year’s Rhodies engaged in egregious rules violations, Zak Kaufman (LSHTM ‘10) vows to bring a yellow penalty flag to the game, and Jonathan Warsh (LSE ‘11), a red one in case of a needed late fourth quarter challenge. Incidentally, the 2010 and 2011 Marshalls have since encouraged the regional committees to strongly consider granting Aaron Rodgers a Marshall scholarship.

Thanksgiving dinner was once again held at the beautiful grand dining hall of Goodenough College, London. Marshall alumnus Wayne Lau graced the group with his gregarious presence, as did Marshall administrators Mary Denyer and Lizzie Clark (nee Martin). 2011 Class Secretary Nick Wellkamp (Oxford ‘11) organized the event and sent around

Opposite page: On a trip to Bath, England (from left) Jon Warsh (LSE ‘11), Allie Speidel (Imperial ‘11), John Giammatteo (UCL ‘11), Sasha Engelmann (Oxford ‘11), Anna Feuer (Oxford ‘11). Right: At the 2011 Marshall Thanksgiving dinner (from left) Anna Feuer (Oxford ‘11), Liz Deutsch (Cambridge ‘11), Shivani Jain (UCL ‘11), Mari Oye (SOAS ‘11)



the traditional sign-up sheet for various pot luck dishes needed to round out the meal. This in turn led to the fine Marshall tradition of a stampede of people scrambling to sign up for exotic dishes like “bread” and “soda.” Fortunately, culinary artists Mitch Keller (Marshall Sherfield LSE ‘10), Conor Clarke (Birmingham ‘09) and Anna Jo Smith (LSHTM ‘10) rose to the occasion and made delicious pie, salad and cornbread.

In the customary secretary’s address, Wellkamp encouraged everyone to be thankful for the opportunities they have as well as the families that made their successes in life possible. The message went down every bit as well as Mitch Keller’s chocolate pecan pie. Thanksgiving was also a great time for Marshalls from every class to meet whomever they hadn’t met yet, especially those Marshalls attending universities outside of London or Oxbridge.

Andrew Ehrich and his roommate hosted the after-dinner festivities, which included a spirited beer pong tournament won by “The John Cougar Mellencats” (John Calhoun, Oxford ‘10 and Jessica Lanney, LSE ‘10). Sunday morning brunch at Goodenough was just as much of a success, with freshly made American pancakes, eggs and bacon. The 2011 Marshalls used the brunch as an opportunity to brainstorm their class service project.

A running subplot of the fall and winter of 2011 was the roaring success of a group of fourteen 2010 and 2011 Marshalls in a co-ed dodgeball league in Chelsea, London. Named the “Architects of Victory,” the team forfeited the first three games of an eight game season (due to absences) before returning in full force to win every single remaining game of the regular season (5) and play-offs (3). The team was especially well served by the participating Marshall women: Allie Speidel (Imperial ‘11) and Jessica Lanney (LSE ‘10).



Top left: At the Weidenfeld Ball Blenheim Palace (from left) John Giammatteo (‘11 UCL), Matt Clawson (LSE ‘10), Gabe Amo (Oxford ‘10), Matt Jones (Oxford ‘11), Aroop Mukharji (KCL ‘10), Jeremy Smith (Imperial ‘11), John Nelson (‘11 UCL), Steve Robinette (Imperial ‘10), Nick Wellkamp (Oxford ‘11), Jonathan Warsh (LSE ‘11), Nicholas Altemose (Oxford ‘11). Bottom left: Ali Hussain (Oxford ‘11) at the 2011 Marshall Thanksgiving dinner. Below: At the Weidenfeld Ball Blenheim Palace (from left) Sasha Engelmann (Oxford ‘11), Anna Feuer (Oxford ‘11).





Following an intense dodgeball match (from left): John Giammatteo (London '11), Morgan Pecora-Saipe, Allie Speidel (Imperial '11), Bill Dougherty ('10 RCM), Aroop Mukharji (KCL '10), John Calhoun (Oxford '10), Austin McKinney (LSE '10), Steve Robinette (Imperial '10), Jon Warsh (LSE '11), Andrew Ehrich (LSE '10), Rebecca Tisdale, Dylan Rebois (Imperial '11), Jeremy Smith (Imperial '11), Jessica Lanney (LSE '10).

Season highlights included one rival team's refusal to believe the Marshalls were not a group of former Division 1 American college athletes, post-victory pub crawls, John Calhoun's traveling from Oxford to London for a championship round cameo, and Andrew Ehrich's Serena Williams'esque grunts whenever he threw a dodgeball. The name of General George C. Marshall is now feared amongst the London dodgeball community. The team plans to reunite in early 2012 to defend their title against all comers.

Spurred on by Thanksgiving and dodgeball success, the 2010 and 2011 Marshalls got together once more to attend the annual Weidenfeld Ball at Blenheim Palace outside Oxford. The event was in part a fundraiser for Microclinic International, a medical services NGO founded by Marshall alumnus Dan-

iel Zoughbie (Oxford '05). A group of twenty-two 2010 and 2011 Marshalls dressed up in black tie for a delicious dinner and a night of dancing in one of England's most historic palaces. John Giammatteo (London '11), Sasha Engelmann (Oxford '11) and Jeremy Smith (Imperial '11) earned special recognition for their dancing prowess.

All in all, through FCO receptions, Thanksgiving dinners, dodgeball leagues and fancy balls, the 2010 and 2011 Marshall classes have grown remarkably close in such a short period of time. With so much to look forward to, including the annual Marshall junket (this year to Northern Ireland) and the leavers' dinner, there's no doubt the 2010 and 2011 Marshalls will say goodbye as fast friends. And two-time defending dodgeball champions.



Celebrating matriculation into Oxford (from left): Ali Hussain (Oxford '11), Andrew Mangino (Oxford '11), Nicholas Altemose (Oxford '11), Ben Umans (Oxford '11), Jacob White (Oxford '11), Anna Feuer (Oxford '11), Matt Jones (Oxford '11), Nick Wellkamp and, being held, GJ Melendez-Torres (Oxford '11)

1954

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Phyllis Tilson Piotrow, Ph.D. is almost fully retired as a professor at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health where she started the Center for Communication Programs to support family planning, maternal and child health, reproductive health, AIDS prevention and so on around the world. She reports that the Center still functions well without her as she is now living happily in New Hampshire near children and grandchildren. As a board member of her condo association, Phyllis has been able to see parallels in community governance with issues at the local and national levels. She writes, "I am pondering at a very local level the governance problems of a community where it seems that individual interests (e.g. home values) are best served by contributing to and enhancing community values and improvements, but it is sometimes hard to make this case when it costs money. This may be a national problem as well, I fear."

Alex Maradudin's appointment as Research Professor of Physics continues nine years after his formal retirement from the University of California, Irvine. This is a title reserved for emeriti who continue to be active in research. He spends most of his time writing papers, working with post-docs, writing and editing books, participating in conferences, and all the other things faculty members do, except teaching. When not engaged in these activities, Alex serves on the boards of several local music festivals, indulges his love of theater and the opera, and, most of all enjoys spending time with his family.

Charles Maxwell is still full of energy! He just could not stay retired. He left Oxford in 1957 with an English bride and worked for Mobil Oil, moving from New York to Manchester, England and finally on to Kaduna, Nigeria. Charles returned to New York, to their Middle East Affairs Department where his Arabic and Persian studies at St Johns provided "a good grounding." As an oil ana-

lyst and later partner in the institutional brokerage firm C.J. Lawrence and Sons, he wrote some 1,200 analytical articles and for several years was voted number one in the petroleum sector.

Charles remarried in 1977 and now has a total of seven children, all through college. But after retiring in 1997, he found life "too calm", so he went back to oil industry analysis. "I enjoy the ebb and the flow of market events," he says, "and oil has a major role to play in both domestic and international politics." He is still observing, analyzing, and writing, and retirement is still retreating.

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1957

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A look ahead: More 1957 class notes in the next issue, including one on Warren Ilchman.

1960

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After reading for a B.Phil. in economics at Oxford, **Keith Griffin**, with his wife Dixie and their daughters Kimberley and Janice, spent three years in Chile and Algeria. They then returned to Oxford, where Keith took up a fellowship at Magdalen College. He remained there 23 years, teaching, writing, advising governments in low-income countries, and consulting for various United Nations agencies. In 1979, he was elected president of Magdalen and spent nine very busy and happy years trying to combine academic administration and research in development economics. He also became a British citizen.

In 1988, Keith accepted an appointment at the University of California, Riverside, and after obtaining a "green card," which he still has, he and Dixie moved to southern California. The focus of his research shifted to China and the newly independent, low-income, ex-socialist republics of the former Soviet Union.

In 2004, Keith retired, and a year later moved to Oregon, where he bought a piece of land on the side of a mountain near Portland.

Keith now spends his time walking his English springer spaniel, mowing the meadows, and watching the Douglas fir grow. He and Dixie also do a bit of traveling, finding cruising "a very satisfying way to go."

1961

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Stuart Kauffman needs no introduction to anyone who has seriously puzzled over the origins of life, the mechanisms of evolution, and the nature of mind.

Wallace Kaufman was reminded of this recently when he ordered two books. The first was Terrence W. Deacon's *Incomplete Nature: How Mind Emerged from Matter*. The second was *First Life: Discovering the Connections between Stars, Cells, and How Life Began* by David Deamer who was Wallace's roommate for three years at Duke University and with whom Wallace is collaborating on what might be a work of science fiction. Both of these new books had enthusiastic endorsements from Stuart Kauffman who happened to be Wallace's cabinmate as their class of merry Marshalls sailed for England.

The endorsement of Stuart Kauffman bears great weight because he was there at the creation, so to speak, of a body of research that is gradually explaining how it is that humankind became, as



STUART KAUFFMAN

Carol Baumann, 1954

Since my LSE days as a Marshall scholar, I have spent most of my professional life in academia (from 1957 to 1997 when I retired as Professor Emerita of Political Science and Director Emerita of the Institute of World Affairs at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee). From 1978 to 1979 I served on the President's Commission on Foreign Language and International Studies. Following that, I spent three years as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the US State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research. I directed the research and analysis of longer-range policy issues facing the United States. I remember with some amusement that I hired the first full-time analyst on international terrorism – I wonder how many there are today?

In addition to the usual teaching and research, I devoted a good deal of my time to the Institute, which served as a world affairs council for Milwaukee and much of southern Wisconsin. We provided the public with more detailed and in-depth information on international affairs than was available through the media. We offered a number of lecture series, weekend seminars, luncheon and dinner meetings, radio interviews and a weekly television program. Some of the "notables" who spoke included Secretaries of State Henry Kissinger and Cy Vance; Secretaries of Defense Les Aspin, Casper Weinberger, and Donald Rumsfeld; then-Presidential candidate Bill Clinton; Vice President Al Gore; and diplomat and scholar George Kennan. Among some of our foreign guests were the last Ambassadors to the US from the Soviet Union (soon to be Russia) and Iran. These visitors provided not only unique insights and fascinating speeches, but serious security problems and some great pictures which adorn my office walls!

My research efforts resulted in several published articles, chapters, and monographs, as well as four books (two authored and two edited). I'm most proud of *The Diplomatic Kidnappings* (Martinus-Nijhoff, The Hague, 1973), one of the earliest studies of international terrorism.

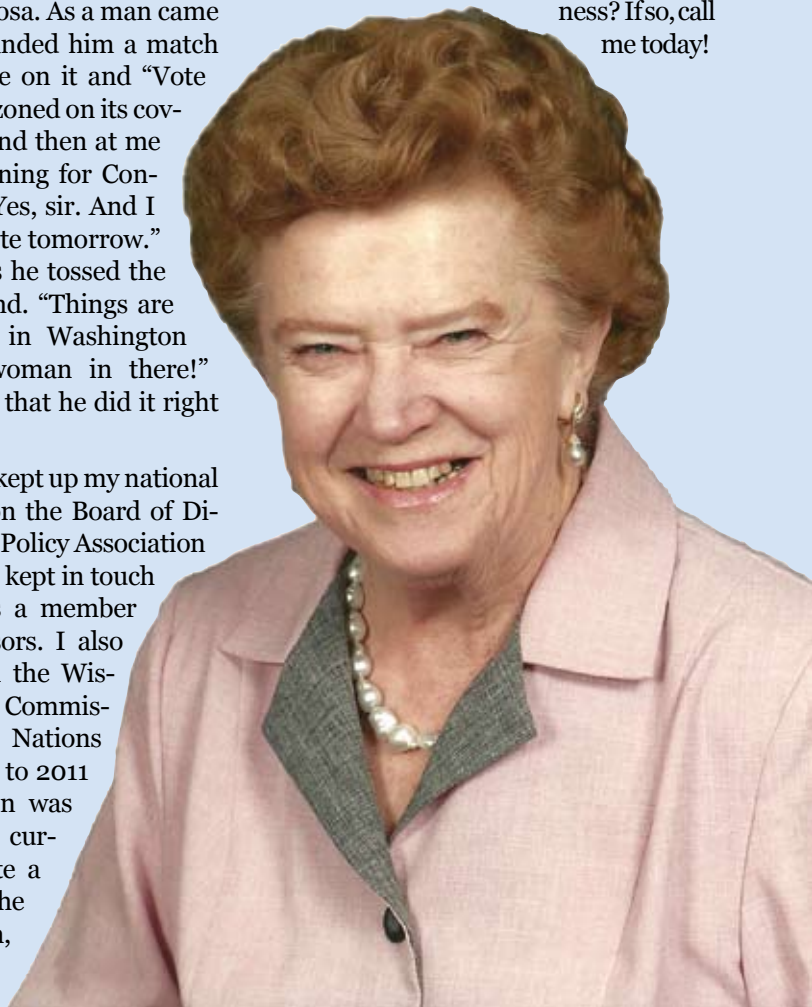
I also wrote a booklet on *Program Planning about World Affairs* that detailed the various approaches and techniques of finding good speakers, getting them to come to Wisconsin, and then attracting sizable audiences to hear them. In these days of the Internet and the social media, the booklet is hopelessly out of date, but at the time it did meet the needs of program planners.

In addition to my academic career, I dipped into "practical politics" in 1968 when I became the Democratic candidate for Congress in the 9th Congressional district of Wisconsin. Running as a Democrat in the primarily Republican suburban areas to the north and west of Milwaukee, I didn't have much chance to win, although I didn't fully realize that at the time. One of the debilitating experiences for me occurred the night before the election when I was campaigning with my two daughters (ages 6 and 8 with their coaster wagon!) outside a grocery store in Wauwatosa. As a man came out of the store, I handed him a match book with my picture on it and "Vote for Baumann" emblazoned on its cover. He glanced at it and then at me and asked, "You running for Congress?" I answered "Yes, sir. And I hope I'll have your vote tomorrow." "Hell, no!" he said as he tossed the matches to the ground. "Things are screwed up enough in Washington without getting a woman in there!" What really hurt was that he did it right in front of my kids!

Since retirement I've kept up my national contacts by serving on the Board of Directors of the Foreign Policy Association in New York, and I've kept in touch with the Institute as a member of its Board of Advisors. I also enjoyed my work on the Wisconsin Governor's Commission on the United Nations off and on from 1964 to 2011 when the Commission was terminated by the current governor. I write a monthly column for the local paper (a lot of fun, because I can write

whatever strikes me at the time). I have also been fortunate to be able to travel overseas extensively. My Institute ties offered several opportunities for overseas visits, and since both my husband and I like to travel, I have managed to see every continent (except for the two poles!). Of course, my trips to Europe almost always included a visit to England and brought back many wonderful memories of my days as a Marshall scholar at LSE.

In recent years I've turned from academic writing to fiction. I most recently published a book of twenty-seven short stories entitled *Journeys of the Mind* (Trafford, 2011). It has offered an avenue of imagination and adventure that wasn't that prevalent in academia, and I've enjoyed both the creativity and satisfaction it has provided. I've also written two unpublished novels that have waited far too long to be reworked and resubmitted for publication. Are any of you former Marshall scholars in the publishing business? If so, call me today!



Shakespeare's Hamlet ironically declared, "how noble in reason, how infinite in faculties ... in apprehension how like a god, ... the paragon of animals." Stuart's work in the 1980s and 90s on complex systems led to new theories of how life began and evolved. In 1995, Oxford University Press published his book *At Home In the Universe: The Search for the Laws of Self-Organization and Complexity*. This was followed by *Investigations* in 2000 and *Reinventing the Sacred: A New View of Science, Reason, and Religion* from Basic Books in 2008. Stuart is now at work as a Finland Distinguished Professor at Tampere University as well as being part of the University of Vermont's Complex Systems Center.



RICHARD STEIN

Wallace Kaufman discerns no reason why at the beginning of 2012 he should find himself reconnected to fellow Marshall scholar and cabinmate via his Duke University roommate even if their family names differ by only one 'f'. And Wallace should mention that while investigating this phenomenon he learned that David Deamer and Stuart Kauffman have been roommates on a few occasions. He leaves it to Stuart and those who practice his science to say if some force of self-organization is at work.

1962

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After his Marshall scholarship (D.Phil. in Physiology), **Richard Stein** became the Staines Medical Research Fellow at Exeter College, Oxford and stayed in England for six years (1962-68) with his wife Sue. Their daughter was born in Oxford (1963), and in 1966 they adopted their son, a Korean orphan, with the help of a missionary priest who was the brother of one of their friends. Richard and Sue liked many things about the US and the UK and wondered, "Where in the world could we have the good aspects of both without too many

of the bad aspects?" They decided to try Canada for a couple of years. Richard accepted a position at the University of Alberta in Edmonton and has been here ever since. He officially retired in 2005 but has been hired back every year since as a Research Professor. Thus, he can continue research while having no teaching and a minimum of commitments. "I have been very lucky," he writes, "receiving continuous research funding since 1968 and publishing over 200 journal articles while seeing some of the devices we developed" – like the WalkAide foot-drop stimulator and the C-leg for above-knee amputees, which are now sold worldwide. Richard has received many awards, but perhaps the most meaningful to him is the Medal of Honour from the Canadian Medical Association. This is the highest award given to people who are not medically qualified, but have made important contributions to health care.

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1965

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Joe Harris (Cambridge) retires this year after over forty years of teaching at Stanford, Cornell, and Harvard, tired but happy to be able to continue research and writing. His accomplishments are three precious daughters and a vital network of family relations in Georgia and in the Bay Area. Oh, and some articles, books, and students. His field is English, mainly Anglo-Saxon, Old Norse, and folklore and mythology. He lives with his wife Monika Totten a stone's throw from Widener Library. Some of his best recent work deals with the philology and religion of an early Swedish rune stone.

He would be glad to send you a PDF. Contact him at harris@fas.harvard.edu.

From completion of her Marshall-funded doctorate at Oxford in 1968 until obligatory statutory retirement as Professor of Classical Art in October 2011, **Donna Kurtz** has built a research center (www.beazley.ox.ac.uk), constructed a number of web sites, (most recently www.clarosnet.org, The World of Art on the Semantic Web), supervised more than forty successful doctoral students, and published widely on art and ICT. In October 2011, she became Senior Research Fellow in the University's e-research center (www.oerc.ox.ac.uk), collaborating with Engineering and Computer Sciences to broaden access to cultural heritage. An eight-million-euro bid (submitted to the EU in November 2011) for e-infrastructures/archaeological datasets would enable her to work with Ministries of Culture in India and China as well as across the European Union. She maintains a residence in Cincinnati and returns to the US several times each year.

1966

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Jim Tiles has yet to get to the south coast or even very far on the South Downs Trail (the western end of which lies near Winchester) because he and his wife bought a semi-detached, thatched cottage in a village seven miles north of Winchester and have been investing time, effort, and money to keep it standing and habitable. The rotten plate and vertical timbers of the timber frame gable wall had to be replaced, as did a fractured and spliced interior structural oak beam. A rearrangement of the insides put a kitchen where there had been a bathroom and a bedroom and sanitary facilities where there had once been a kitchen. The cottage is almost "all-electric" as it has an air-source heat-pump with a wood-burning stove (in the discovered inglenook) as back-up.

Jim Tiles spent summer term (and a few days in the Fall term) as a supply teacher (maths) at a local comprehensive. His wife continued to tutor for the Open Uni-

Diana Coogle, 1966

My Marshall memory below was first aired as a commentary on Jefferson Public Radio. This memory is included in my book of collected commentaries, *An Explosion of Stars*.

“Sita Narasimhan was an Indian immigrant to England and a fellow at Newnham College, Cambridge, where I was studying English as a 1966 Marshall



scholar. She wore her thick, black hair in one long braid down her back and had the Hindi's red dot in her forehead. Her eyelids were so beautifully darkened that I understood why women used eye shadow. She wore beautiful silk saris, but, like most Indians in England, she suffered from cold, so she always wore a heavy wool sweater, too, counteracting the sensuous effect of the sari.

“An Elizabethan scholar, she held weekly tutorials in her flat, where the gas space heaters were always on, whatever the weather. Each week I would park my bicycle at the gate, both dreading and excited by the coming session. Sita would invite me in, gesture to a comfortable chair in front of the gas heater, and offer me a glass of sherry. Too shy to be at ease, awed by the sherry and by Sita's grace and graciousness, I would mumble thanks and wait.

“Sita would settle comfortably in a chair next to mine. Then the torturous part of the tutorial would begin. In her rich, deep, rough voice with its singsong Indian accent, Sita would ask me what I thought of the Red Cross Knight's sojourn in the House of Pride in Canto IV of Spenser's Faerie Queene. Why does Prince Arthur show up in Canto VII? What is the symbolisgnificance

of Duessa's red dress? I would stumble through answers, tongue-tied not because I hadn't studied but because what I had to say was so inadequate next to Sita's wisdom. Finally Sita would take pity on me and start talking herself, so eloquently, with so much understanding! I sat like a disciple at the feet of a master, bathing in her wisdom.

“By my second year at Cambridge, Sita had cut her hair in a short bob and no longer wore the red mark on her forehead, though she still wore saris and still overheated her rooms. On my last day in Cambridge before I left for the States, she treated me and my boyfriend Peter to dinner at an Indian restaurant that she chose and where she did the ordering. It was one of the best meals of my life.

“After I left England, I wrote Sita from time to time, but she wasn't writing back, and we lost touch. I never forgot her, though, and when I was pregnant, I was going to call my child Sita if it were a girl.

“One day I answered the ring of the telephone to hear a woman's thick, rich, deep voice with a singsong accent. ‘Diana,’ she said. ‘Do you know who this is?’ It was Sita. She was in San Francisco for a conference. I held the receiver like a butterfly's cocoon – something precious and fragile that held great beauty – while we talked. I was so honored that she had called. I never heard from Sita Narasimhan again, but that one telephone call was confirmation enough that I had not been forgotten by the woman I always said was the wisest woman I had ever known.”

versity and ran for city council as a Green Party candidate, making a respectable showing for an otherwise unknown.

Jesse White retired in January of last year from UNC Chapel Hill as Director of the Office of Economic and Business Development, which he created in 2004. He remains an Adjunct Professor in the School of Government and continues to serve on several on-campus and off-campus boards. He is doing some writ-

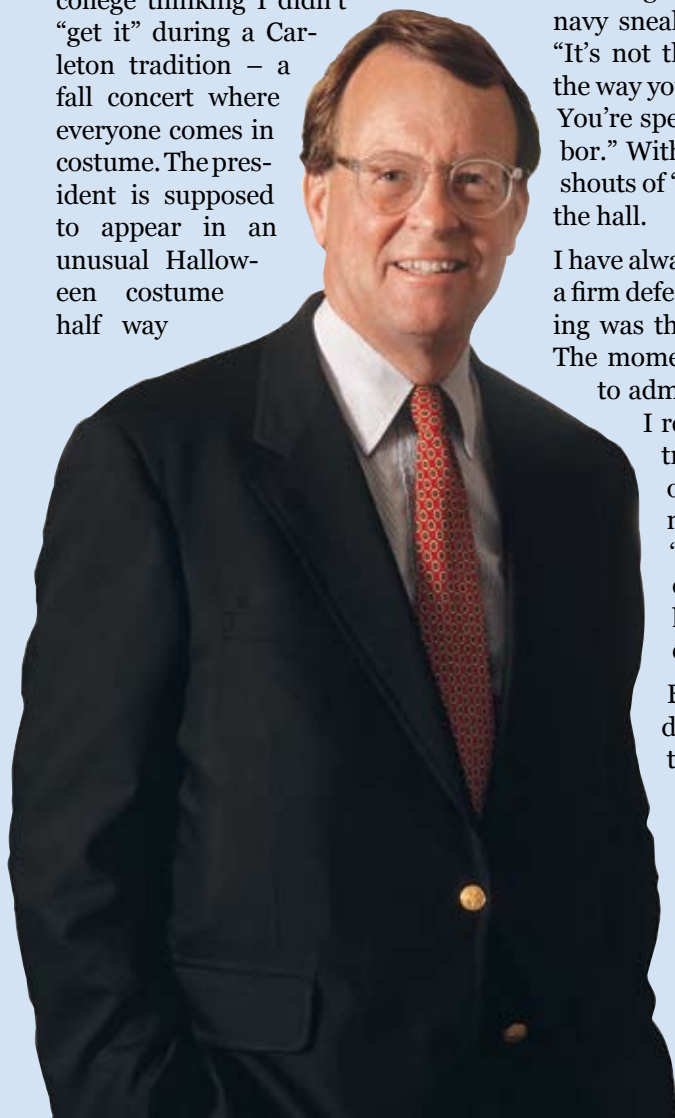
ing but is mainly working on 40 years of delayed projects, like organizing his files and doing house renovations. He also remains active in the gay rights movement, in which they are trying to defeat another one of these horrendous marriage amendments to the NC Constitution in May. He says, “Wish us luck!”

Though **Richard Tarrant** said that a 40-year retrospective was too much to handle (he said it made him feel too

old), he did mention two recent events worthy of special attention. First: in 2010 he was one of three recipients of a teaching award given by the Harvard College chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. This was an especially gratifying award because nominations come from the student members of PBK. Second: his latest book, a commentary on Book XII (the last) of Virgil's Aeneid, is forthcoming as part of a series from Cambridge University Press. It is the first commen-

Robert A. Oden, Jr., 1969

I retired this past year as president of Carleton College, a position I held since 2002. What I most enjoyed at Carleton was the college's sense of humor, which I often tested. Early on I had the whole college thinking I didn't "get it" during a Carleton tradition – a fall concert where everyone comes in costume. The president is supposed to appear in an unusual Halloween costume half way



through to "direct" the orchestra, arms flailing wildly. However, with gasps and whispers of disbelief from the decorative audience, I came on stage dressed in a formal suite and bow tie, carrying a bag. Sitting in a rocking chair I proceeded to change into a cardigan sweater and navy sneakers with white laces saying, "It's not the clothes you wear, it's not the way you do your hair. It's YOU I like. You're special. Won't you be my neighbor." With laughter and sighs of relief, shouts of "Mr. Rogers" rang throughout the hall.

I have always been passionate about and a firm defender of the liberal arts. Teaching was the favorite part of my career. The moment of transition from faculty to administration came to me when

I realized that I liked all the extra responsibilities I was taking on, solving problems and running things. The challenge and "fear" of doing something new excited me, and being "on the hook" all the time kept the excitement coming.

Before taking on the presidency of Carleton, I served as the president of Kenyon College from 1995 to 2002 and as headmaster of the Hotchkiss School from 1989 to 1995. I hold a B.A. in history and literature from Harvard College, a second bachelor's and a master's in religious studies from Cambridge, and a master's of theology and a Ph.D. in Near East-

ern languages and literatures from Harvard University. From 1975 to 1989, I was a religion professor at Dartmouth, where I received Dartmouth's first Distinguished Teaching Award. In 1989 I was selected to be among the first of the Teaching Company's "Superstar Teachers," for which I taped a three lecture series on comparative religion and the Old Testament. I authored five books, including *The Bible Without Theology*, and scores of scholarly articles, as well as a number of articles on fly-fishing.

With energy and enthusiasm undiminished, retirement finds me still solving problems and meeting challenges encountered while serving on multiple education-related boards and organizations. Dear to my heart at the moment is my position as a Trustee of the American University in Cairo and my work on their committee challenged to figure out ways to overcome their current financial crisis caused by an unfortunate circumstance related to the revolution in Egypt resulting in a loss of 350 US students a year because no US college will transfer credits from them.

I have returned to Hanover with my wife Teresa to continue research in ancient Near East languages, history, and religion. I find every opportunity to go fly-fishing. Writing this reminds me that during my Marshall years I would fly-fish on the Test and Itchef rivers. With vigor I adapted to the British custom of wearing very stylish clothing and ties while fly-fishing, transforming it into a serious endeavor and giving the regal wild fish the respect they deserve.

tary in English on Book XII to appear in more than fifty years and the first fairly full commentary in any language. Richard says, "I feel excited and privileged to have had the chance to write it."

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1976

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Bonna Wescoat will sound (if not look!) much the same to other '76ers. She continues to work in the Mediterranean and is now director of excavations in the Sanctuary of the Great Gods on

Samothrace, the site of her first field-work back in the summer of '77. Archaeology being a slow and painstaking field, everyone has their "chains of Marley," and Wescoat is finally getting rid of a few of hers. *The Temple of Athena at Assos* is due out in February, with an edited volume on *The Architecture of the Sacred* shortly to follow, and *Samothrace, vol. 9, Monuments of the Eastern Hill* in November. She is especially interested in 3D visualization of lost environments (check out

www.samothrace.emory.edu). Wescoat continues to commute between Atlanta (Emory) and Berkeley, where husband Bailey Green has an environmental engineering firm, GO₂Water (algae, anyone?). Son Hugh is in the B.A./M.P.H. Environmental Studies Program at Emory, and daughter Abi a senior in high school.

Jeff Modisett continues to keep busy. He left his law firm of nine years in April to join the LA office of SNR Denton, an international law firm, to start their National State Attorney General practice. At the same time, he became Chief Legal Officer of a high-tech start-up called LOYAL3 in San Francisco. LOYAL3 will sell stock directly to consumers through Facebook with no fees through what they call a Consumer Stock Ownership Plan. Nevertheless, he still found time to attend his 30th Yale Law School reunion on November 5 and participate in the Marshall scholarship selection committee in LA on November 8-9.

Kathleen Sullivan has been selected as one of two recipients of the 18th Annual Gould Awards for Outstanding Oral Advocacy, presented by the nonprofit Office of the Appellate Defender in New York City. Kathleen will be recognized for her outstanding work on behalf of clients at the appellate level, including numerous matters before the US Supreme Court and the federal courts of appeals and state high courts.

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BONNA WESTCOAT

1978

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The highlight of the three decades since **William (Bill) Burns** left Oxford remains his family. His wife Lisa Carty now heads the Washington office of UNAIDS. Their oldest daughter Lizzy just graduated from Duke and is entering the working world. Her sister Sarah is a rising sophomore at Princeton. Bill has been in the diplomatic service since 1982 with overseas tours mostly in the Middle East and Russia. He was recently nominated to become Deputy Secretary of State. "I try to stay connected to the Marshall program when I'm in the US," he writes, "and have enjoyed speaking to outgoing groups of Marshall scholars (they all seem a lot more impressive and worldly than I was in the autumn of 1978)." Bill's email is wburns66@aol.com.

Bert Wells had four terrific years in Oxford, finishing his D.Phil. in mathematics in 1982. After returning to the US for an assistant professorship in that field, he took a major left turn in 1984 by entering Yale Law School. He's been practicing law in New York since 1987 and is now a partner at Covington & Burling, where a major focus has been representing commercial insurance policyholders in disputes and negotiations with their property and casualty insurers.

He is married with two children. His wife Laura Walker leads New York Public Radio; his son, a history maven and recent White House intern, is a junior at Yale; and his daughter, a flautist, singer and general force of nature, is entering seventh grade. They are the joys of his life.

He remains passionately devoted to music, attending opera and concerts with friends and family. He continues to be fascinated by both physics and the life sciences, and is thoroughly enjoying a golden age of astute general writing about science. He is also on the board of The New York Hall of Science, a hands-on interactive museum and teaching institution in Queens, which gives him a chance to pass on his enthusiasm indirectly.

He echoes the call for other members of his class to be in touch and looks forward to hearing further from you! Bert's email is bwells@cov.com.



JEFF MODISETT

After many years of waffling about what she wanted to do with her life (medicine? writing? medicine? writing?), at 35 **Elisabeth (Libby) Rosenthal** finally became a reporter at the New York Times. And, on paper at least, she has had the same job ever since.

She went to Harvard Medical School and did a residency at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, but kept taking on journalism gigs – first at Discover Magazine and then at the New York Times. For a while she managed to juggle journalism and working the emergency department. But then came marriage (to Erik Eckholm, another reporter), then child number one (Cara, born '92), then child number two (Andrew, born '94). And then she gave up medicine so that she would have time to enjoy family and preserve her sanity.

She has now been at the Times nearly 20 years, in an endless string of great jobs. She has been really lucky. She covered medicine for Science Times and health policy for the news department, spent six years as a reporter in the Beijing Bureau (1997-2003), and came back to help with coverage of the 2004 presidential election. Most recently she has been covering international environmental issues – initially based in Rome but now based in New York, but with endless fascinating travel.

Along the way there was a divorce (hard) and finding a wonderful new partner, Andrej, a Slovenian journalist who she first met in Beijing. He has managed to get re-assigned to New York and now has the difficult task of explaining current US politics to his "hometown" readers in Ljubljana.

She loves her work, but the greatest joy continues to be her kids, who have grown

into interesting and fun people (though they have little time these days for parents!). Growing up in Beijing and traveling all over Asia, they became total troopers at a tender age; they managed to survive on rice, Oreos and Cokes during their trips through rural China. They have kept their sense of curiosity and wanderlust into their teens. Cara just finished her freshman year at Princeton, and Andrew is a senior at Stuyvesant High School here in New York.



RAJ BHALA

She has lost touch with everyone in all these years of travel, but would love to reconnect. The New York Times cafeteria has great views and good food too. She asks anyone passing through New York, to please get in touch. Her email is elisabeth429@gmail.com.

1981

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Michael Elias reports that after leaving Cambridge University he joined a venture-backed start-up in the UK and became a venture capitalist in 1986. "I've been investing in technology businesses since then, and at times have been based in Silicon Valley, Paris, and since 1997, in London. In that year, I started my own firm, called Kennet. In 1988 I married Claire Carpenter, whom I met at Cambridge while a Marshall scholar. Although we are now separated, we have three wonderful children – Fiona (20), Samara (17), and Anna (14). I currently split my time between London and a country house in West Berkshire. When I'm not working, I always have at least one obsessive hobby. At the moment it's beekeeping!" *Class Secretary's note: I have kept in close touch with Michael since we left England in 1983. I have visited him in San Francisco, Paris, and London and watched his lovely daughters grow into young women. Michael's "enthusiasms" do come and go. I have fond memories of wading in a stream with him during his fly-fishing craze.*

Steven Solnick reports, "Effective

July 1, I'll be starting as President of Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina. It's been a pleasure and a privilege to spend 10 years with the Ford Foundation in Moscow and New Delhi, but the family and I are looking forward to this new chapter."

*Class Secretary's note: **Richard Cor-drax**, former Attorney General of Ohio, was just named Director of the United States Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in a January 4 recess appointment by the White House. We congratulate Richard on his new position and wish him well.*

1984

Raj Bhala (M.Sc. Economics LSE 1985, M.Sc. Management Oxford 1986) is the Rice Distinguished Professor at the University of Kansas School of Law (KU Law), and the Associate Dean for International and Comparative Law there.

At KU Law, he teaches International Trade Law and Islamic Law. Raj's textbook, *International Trade Law: Interdisciplinary Theory and Practice* (LexisNexis, 3rd ed. 2008), has been used at over 100 law schools around the world. His new book, *Understanding Islamic Law (Shari'a)*, was just published (LexisNexis, 2011). It is the first textbook in the field written for the English-speaking classroom by a non-Muslim American law professor. The book covers the law, history, and religion of Islam, with comparisons to US law and Catholic Christianity.

Raj's wife, Dr. Kara Tan Bhala, whom he met at Trinity College, Oxford, finished her Ph.D. in Philosophy at the University of Kansas with a dissertation on Aristotle and Virtue Ethics. She combines this training, her Masters in Management from Oxford, and her 20 years of Wall Street experience as an international fund manager by teaching at the KU Business School and running her own Seven Pillars Institute for Global Finance and Ethics, a non-profit organization (www.sevenpillarsinstitute.org).

Raj and Kara are blessed with a lovely and precocious 11-year old daughter, Shera, and have taken her to 23 countries, most recently, India. She is becoming an accomplished pianist and tennis player, and has finished 6 years of Chinese language instruction.

Raj, Kara, and Shera heartily welcome any Marshall scholars to Kansas and KU! Visitors will find that this part of the Midwest/Great Plains region is characterized by gentle, rolling hills (through which Raj ran to train for the Boston Marathon), big skies (with lovely sunsets), no traffic jams, fabulous ethnic restaurants, and students from 120 countries.

Dawn DeWitt (M.Sc. Trinity College, Cambridge; M.D. Harvard Medical School) writes that she and her family (husband Alan and two teenagers) relocated to Vancouver in January. At the University of Melbourne (2003-2011), Dawn served as Foundation Chair of the Rural Health Academic Centre, Melbourne Medical School, and Clinical Dean, Rural Clinical School. In eight years she built the rural health program from a single building and 10 students into four campuses and 800 health profession students per year. Dawn is now Associate Dean of Undergraduate Medical Education and Regional Associate Dean Vancouver-Fraser. Even with these commitments, Dawn makes time for amateur theater.

She's enjoyed musical theatre with her family and was nominated for several musical theater prizes in Australia. The photo shows her as Mame in the 2011 Echuca Musical Theatre Company's production of *Mame*.



DAWN DEWITT

1993

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Louise Keely is living in Evanston, Illinois with her husband Richard (whom she met in the UK while a graduate stu-



JONAS PETERS

dent) and two sons Stuart (5) and Alastair (3). She's the intellectual capital director at The Cambridge Group, a strategy consulting firm based in Chicago. This year, as she turned 40, Louise started practicing yoga and driving a VW Beetle!

D. Graham Burnett's new book, *The Sounding of the Whale*, is just out. It's a history of science and cetaceans in the 20th century. At 800 pages, *The Wall Street Journal* cannot be faulted for calling it "forbidding"; the *Times*, spinning, preferred "sweeping." Burnett is running the graduate program in history of science at Princeton, and he's an editor at *Cabinet* magazine, based in Brooklyn.

Jonas Peters, his wife Dianne Newman, and their now 4-year old son Ronen moved back to Pasadena in 2010 from Boston. Jonas and Dianne resumed their faculty positions at Caltech, having returned from teaching at MIT for a few years. Jonas currently holds the position of Bren Professor of Chemistry at Caltech, and amongst other things is trying to discover chemical means to keep the planet running for the long haul via artificial photosynthesis. Last autumn, the Peters family spent several months at St. John's College, Oxford, where Jonas and Dianne were Senior Visiting Research Fellows. Having spent his Marshall year in Nottingham, Jonas was pleased, and indeed shocked, to finally see how the other side lived.

Loren Siebert married Dr. Abigail Pease in June, and the Marshall scholarship was almost certainly the key to winning over Abby's 93-year-old English grandmother. Loren continues to work

on technology projects with the federal government and with Bay Area startups.

Laura Lafave has recently joined OnCorps as CTO. OnCorps is a community of well-connected technology veterans committed to bringing better, cost-disruptive technologies into the mainstream. Laura is also working with **Wayne Lau** ('79), **Cindy Sughrue** ('85) and **Lauren Baer**, among others, to establish an AMS chapter for alumni living in Europe. Laura is currently living in Malmesbury, Wiltshire.

Eileen Hunt Botting, an associate professor of political science at the University of Notre Dame, published the first edition of Hannah Mather Crocker's *Reminiscences and Traditions of Boston* (Boston: NEHGS, 2011), a 500-page hand-written manuscript history of the city from the 1620s to the 1820s. Crocker, the granddaughter of the Puritan minister Cotton Mather and niece of Massachusetts Governor Thomas Hutchinson, wrote this topographical and genealogical history of her home city in the last decade of her life and left it unpublished at her death in 1829. The book is a rich resource for early American history, especially political, urban, women's, and church history in New England.

Dan H. Barouch, M.D., Ph.D. is Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. He leads a research laboratory that is studying the pathogenesis and immunology of HIV-1 infection and that is developing novel HIV-1 vaccine strategies. He also serves on the Infectious Diseases clinical consultation service at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. He and his wife Fina have two daughters, Susanna (age 4) and Natalie (age 1).

Teresa Lowen (Cunningham) lives in the Dayton Ohio area with her husband,

Tom. She has never stopped traveling the world, be it for work or pleasure. Most recently she returned to Norway, where she had lived as a teenager. She said it was – somewhat disturbingly so – just as she remembered it. Although, walking in the vast mountain landscape and having her cell phone suddenly ring was a whole new – again bit disturbing – experience. She currently works as a linguist analyst and account manager for SAIC, a large government contractor. She would love to reconnect with other '93ers and also with other SOAS alumni from any year; her email is lowenteresa@gmail.com. She wants to say a special hello to those Marshall scholars she met by chance and then almost lost in the thick fog on the Isle of Skye in the summer of 1995.

Maria Weigel has been living in Zurich for the last seven years where both her little girl and boy were born and where her family is enjoying all the country has to offer – clean air, mountains (Zermatt, Davos, and Klosters), sometimes sunshine, and Lake Zurich. Professionally, Maria works as Legal Counsel at Credit Suisse AG and loves her job.

1999

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Michael Pacold is currently a third-year resident in the Harvard Radiation Oncology Program in Boston with "one more year to go." He writes that he has been "pursuing research in cancer metabolism at

the Whitehead Institute at MIT and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute" and is "thoroughly enjoying both."

2000

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Bryan Huey is presently on sabbatical from the University of Connecticut and spending the year in Denmark. He is working at the Interdisciplinary Nanoscience center (iNANO) at Aarhus Univer-



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sity, conducting experiments, setting up collaborations, and learning about center administration. Bryan's wife, Tina, who was in Oxford with him in 2000, and their eight-year-old son are doing their best to enjoy another international culture as Bryan did in the UK a decade ago as a Marshall Sherfield Fellow.

Bryan Leach recently resigned from his law partnership at Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP to become the founder and CEO of a technology company based in Denver. "It's been an exciting transition to the world of entrepreneurship," he writes. His wife Jen is enjoying her medical practice and their daughters Sydney (6) and Skye (3) are thriving, too. "Within a year, I will be the slowest one down the ski slopes!"

2001

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On October 25th, **Katherine Dirks** and **Davesh Maulik** welcomed Kiran Dirks Maulik. At the ripe old age of 6 weeks, Kiran was sufficiently mature to select the family Christmas tree. Katherine and Davesh are living in New York City where Katherine works in the litigation practice of WilmerHale and Davesh is an Associate Professor of Mathematics at Columbia. Since leaving England, Katherine earned a Masters in Political Science from Columbia and a J.D. from NYU. She clerked for Judge Douglas Woodlock before joining WilmerHale (initially in Boston) where she

also worked with at-risk school children through Citizen Schools. Davesh earned his Ph.D. in Mathematics from Princeton in 2007 and was a post-doctoral fellow at Columbia and MIT after being awarded a Clay Research Fellowship. One of Davesh's papers was awarded the Compositio Mathematica Prize, and rumor has it there is a mathematical theory named after him.



KATHLEEN KIRKS &
DAVESH MAULIK



MARZYEH GHASSEMI

2004

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After five years in the UK and Italy, **Marden Nichols** spent time as a post-doctoral fellow in the US at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts at National Gallery. In November 2011, she joined the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore, where she is the curator of ancient Greek, Roman, Near Eastern and Egyptian art. She commutes from Washington, DC where she lives with **Samuel Charap** ('03), a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow at the US Department of State.

2008

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Marzyeh Ghassemi lives in Boston with her husband Eric and their daughter Raziye (17 months). Raziye is still rocking the awesome Marshall stroller from the baby shower and is a prolific talker, a genetic trait she cannot blame on Eric. Marzyeh is a year into her Ph.D. at MIT's CSAIL where she has passed coursework requirements and is now grinding through research on clinical prediction with machine learning.

Lee Pearson got a taste for free education and hasn't looked back: he's started a

Ph.D. in the Centre for Environmental Policy at Imperial College London and is spending the first year at Australia National University in Canberra investigating the use of quarantine barriers as protectionist instruments in trade of agriculture products on an Australian-American Fulbright Scholarship.

Alyssa Weschler got a job. She's an Assistant Research Scientist at the Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center (WYSAC), a department of the University of Wyoming, where she does program planning and evaluation for a variety of organizations. She is taking a lead role integrating environmental governance studies into WYSAC's research repertoire. Alyssa has been traveling when she can and is looking forward to finding future work in El Salvador. She has a wonderful puppy named Grady, and when in Wyoming they are enjoying exploring the Rocky Mountains on foot, bike, and backcountry skis.

Katie Huston works as the fundraising and institutional development officer at an education non-profit in Cape Town, South Africa. Last year she ran an after-school creative writing class for high school students, five of whom were chosen for a citywide mentorship program for budding writers. She has also taken up ultimate frisbee and will run her second Two Oceans half marathon in April. Her partner Murray Hunter is working hard to save South African democracy as the national coordinator of the Right2Know campaign, and is frequently on TV, but as they don't own a television, she says, "I've never seen him".

A concise **Brian Clark** says he's been working towards a Ph.D. in physics at Harvard University.

For the past year, **Ben Carmichael** has been working as a creative and editorial director for a British sustainability company. He recently moved from New York City to Boston, where he plans to do more hiking, fishing, and skiing.



ALYSSA WESCHLER