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### History, in Progress

In an essay for PAW, Harvard graduate student Chloe Bordewich '12 recounts her summer in Istanbul during Turkey's failed coup attempt.

### Kicking Off

Read our preview of the 2016 Princeton football season.

### Tigers in Rio

Thirteen alumni and students competed in the Olympics last month. View a slide show of these athletes in action.

### Pre-read Primer

Columnist Gregg Lange '70 shares his thoughts on Danielle Allen '93's *Our Declaration*, the "Pre-read" for the incoming Class of 2020.

# Excellence that Makes a Difference

**A**s the University's mission statement recognizes, Princeton's contributions to the world depend first and foremost on "scholarship, research, and teaching of unsurpassed quality." The last academic year provided bountiful evidence of the quality that is so vital to what we do. As we prepare to begin a new year, I thought that it might be a good time to provide you with a recap—and, to be honest, I am happy to have a chance to brag a bit about a few of the many faculty and students who make this place so special.

The year's grandest celebration of academic excellence occurred in October, when Angus Deaton was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics. At Princeton, the events surrounding a Nobel Prize feel almost like the scholarly equivalent of a Super Bowl victory parade. They provide an occasion to toast not only the prize-winner but the University's commitment to first-rate research and teaching. As he moved from one laudatory reception to the next, Professor Deaton quoted his Princeton colleague and fellow laureate, Daniel Kahneman, who said, "One of the best things about winning the Nobel prize is how happy it makes other people."



Denise Applewhite

At the news conference announcing his Nobel Prize, Angus Deaton was joined by (from right): President Eisgruber; Cecilia Rouse, dean of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs; Janet Currie, the Henry Putnam Professor of Economics and Public Affairs and chair of the Department of Economics; and Daniel Day, assistant vice president for communications.

Though Professor Deaton's Nobel Prize was the most widely reported faculty distinction last year, several other faculty members were also recognized with exceptional awards and honors. In September, Professor Jhumpa Lahiri, a new appointee in Creative Writing, was honored with the National Humanities Medal, and another new faculty member, Professor Marina Rustow (Near Eastern Studies) received a MacArthur Fellowship (often referred to as a "genius" grant). This past spring, Professor Simon Levin won the National Medal of Science.

And that is only the tip of the iceberg. Six faculty members were inducted into three of the national academies—Sciences, Engineering, and Inventors—while another 10 joined the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. They join more than 125 colleagues on the current faculty who represent Princeton in these august institutions.

The 2015-16 academic year was also a banner year for our undergraduate students and alumni, who won an impressive collection of fellowships. Princetonians took home five Rhodes Scholarships, three Marshall scholarships, a Mitchell fellowship for study in Ireland, and five of the inaugural

Schwarzman Scholarships for study in China. Two Princeton juniors received Truman Scholarships that recognized both their academic achievement and their commitment to service.

The recipients' biographies provide a window into the character of a Princeton education, at once evolving and traditional. For example, they showcase the growing importance of international opportunities to Princeton's undergraduate programs. The majority of the fellowship recipients had significant international experiences, including seven who participated in the Bridge Year Program, and more than half who studied abroad, participated in a Global Seminar, or interned overseas with the International Internship Program.

The core elements of a Princeton liberal arts education figured equally vibrantly in the students' achievements. Indeed, last year's awards showcased the Medieval Studies Certificate Program, which produced one Rhodes Scholar and one Marshall Scholar. At a time when many spurn the humanities in favor of more self-evidently "pragmatic" courses of study, Princeton continues to recognize them as an important path to leadership—and so too, apparently, do the selection committees for the world's most prestigious fellowships.

Princeton's graduate students also achieved a remarkable array of distinctions in 2015-16. A record nine received Fulbright research fellowships for the coming academic year, and another 31 were awarded National Science Foundation graduate research fellowships. Three graduate students—two in Classics and one in Art and Archaeology—won the Rome Prize for a year's study and research at the American Academy in Rome, and four were awarded Mellon/ACLS Doctoral Completion fellowships.

All of these awards and prizes provide some rough evidence that Princeton is achieving the excellence for which it strives. But that evidence is only rough; what matters ultimately is the quality of what our students, faculty, and alumni do, not the decorations they receive.

The best work happening on campus today may win prizes many years from now. Indeed, when Provost David Lee, Dean of the Faculty Deborah Prentice, and I review the quality of the faculty, we pay special attention to our recently tenured professors, spectacular talents who have proven their mettle but whose best work is still to come. We note the accomplishments of faculty members like Lital Levy, of Comparative Literature, who won the Modern Language Association's Prize for a First Book for her work on Arabic and Hebrew literature in Israel/Palestine. Or Mark Braverman of Computer Science, who won the 2016 Presburger Award from the European Association for Theoretical Computer Science for his promising work in complexity theory.

Celebrating such accomplishments is one of the happiest parts of any university president's job. They are special reminders of the benefits that flow when university communities support the creativity of talented people, and the power of ideas to improve the world—a theme that, appropriately enough, figures prominently in Angus Deaton's Nobel Prize-winning work.

# Inbox

## POUNDERING TIME TRAVEL

Re "Learning to Travel Through Time With My Astrophysical Professor" (On the Campus, May 11): Is Professor Richard Gott '73's time-travel example two-way? After going back to the past, can he return to the future? What about the paradox proposed by Larry Niven? If a method of traveling to the past were discovered, would somebody go back and do something to prevent the discovery? (One-way time travel to the future is clearly possible. All of us do it continuously.)

**Emil Friedman '73**

*Hillside, N.J.*

## THE VIRTUAL WORLD

I greatly enjoyed Elyse Graham '07's ruminations in "When Facebook Came to Princeton" (feature, June 1), but I wish she had expanded her focus to provide historical perspective about the meme "the virtual world is a world apart."

Within the Princeton community, alumni participated in Tigernet discussion groups eight or nine years before Facebook opened its virtual doors to undergraduates in 2004. Globally speaking, social networks like Friendster (2002) and MySpace (2003) predated Facebook.

Although self-profiling is new, online communities are part of a continuum that stretches back to the Dark Ages before the internet. Low-tech networks based on interacting with people whom one did not meet included ham-radio amateurs, as well as truckers using

citizens band (CB) radio.

Still earlier there was almost surely informal chat among switchboard operators and telegraph operators — the latter probably are responsible for the original coinage "bug" as a putative insect that interfered with wiring.

Nods to William Mitchell and David Nye notwithstanding, the article offered only a narrow view of virtuality. By neglecting alternative networks, Professor Graham inadvertently reinforced Facebook as the "be all and end all" virtual place to be, which is precisely how the would-be monopoly advertises itself.

**Martin Schell '74**

*(quit Facebook several years ago)*

*Klaten, Central Java*

## A DANGEROUS NEED TO CHANGE

As an African American, I find it appalling that student activism has reached a level where we feel the need to alter history to placate disgruntled students. I attended Princeton for the history of its greatness — even in light of the ugly parts of it. Students, after all, are still learning, and at age 18, 19, and even 22 are hardly capable of understanding the nuances of people being neither all good nor all bad, but rather something in between. Yet the May 11 feature on Samuel Stanhope Smith seems to support the idea of students possessing such discernment: that they, though even confused about their own majors, should be able to whimsically change that history.

That's dangerous, and not befitting

## PAW TRACKS

**AROUND THE GLOBE:** Tony Zee '66 made an improbable journey from China to Brazil and eventually to Princeton, where he studied physics under the tutelage of legendary professor John Wheeler. Listen to Zee's story at [paw.princeton.edu](http://paw.princeton.edu).



## FROM PAW'S PAGES: 9/23/49

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The three elephants in the P-rade have been with the Hamid-Morton Circus for over 10 years, although they have been in show business a good deal longer. Reading from left to right on the cover, Juno has been "with it" for 25 years, Mabel for 30 years and Mona for 20. Their Princeton



appearance may be among the last, at least insofar as our circus is concerned, as we have just received a shipment of three babies from India. Perhaps when these three are broken in Juno, Mabel and Mona will go to Elephant Pasture; maybe they will go with some traveling circus; or perhaps in some moment of great weakness we will sell them to Ringling.

GEORGE A. HAMID JR. '40  
Atlantic City, N.J.

P.S. If any sentimental '44er is interested, the market price on any one of these is about \$5,000.

such a great institution. Though I support the idea of having a place with an African American focus, I must ask: Isn't it an even more powerful statement to have that place named after a non-African American Princetonian who fought for equality in potential? After all, Princeton is all about realizing potential; and to have an African American center, department, lounge, or whatever, named after a person who supports the idea of

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## Inbox

equality in potential for greatness is to grasp exactly the reason I attended the school in the first place.

Smith shows me that even early Princetonians understood that greatness is not limited by color, ethnicity, religion, or gender, which itself is a great idea. Why, then, can't the Black Justice League people see that also?

**Maurice Ewing '98**

*Limassol, Cyprus*

## RESTORE THE ORIGINAL MOTTO

Princeton was founded in 1746 to provide a classical education to undergraduates, many whose parents had misgivings about the Eastern establishment influence at Harvard and Yale. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor '76, busily engaged in an attempt to rewrite the Constitution through judicial fiat, is mistaken in the effort to change Princeton's informal/informational motto (Inbox, June 1), unless it is to restore it to the original text.

**I believe the motto should be restored to its original text. I do not agree or believe that Princeton's purpose is to serve humanity.**

When I attended Princeton, the principal institutional thrust was the educating of undergraduates in all of the academic disciplines. It was up to the individual to decide how to personify "Princeton in the nation's service." Some served in civil government, some served in the military, and others in the profit and nonprofit environment here and abroad. They served as individuals, directed by their own belief and value system, and not as a part of a collective.

I believe the motto should be restored to its original text. I do not agree or believe that Princeton's purpose is to serve humanity. It should be to provide a truly liberal education, with equal access to all views, to those who have the intellect to absorb and use it. This will provide real rather than artificial diversity. Let those agencies designed to serve humanity do so, even if they do it poorly.

**John W. Minton Jr. '50**

*Bradenton, Fla.*

## AMERICA'S HISTORY OF 'ISMS'

A lot has been written recently — especially addressed to a Princeton audience — about Woodrow Wilson 1879 and his racism. Just about every aspect of the subject has been covered, but without much of the factual information it deserves. Here are some pertinent facts: During Wilson's time as a leader, the United States — as a whole — was a racist society. In fact, it was not until the 1960s — long after Wilson was gone — that the United States, thanks to Martin Luther King Jr. and others — began to address not only racism, but all the other "isms" that characterized its society for its first two centuries. Much of American society until the middle of the 20th century was not just anti-black, but anti-almost any society or religious group except white Protestant.

My own class at Princeton ('51) — according to the *Nassau Herald* for 1951 — was 65 percent Protestant, 8 percent Catholic, and a bit over 3 percent Jewish. Most cities had segregated ethnic neighborhoods — not just black, but also Jewish, Asian American, Italian, you name it. Many still do. American society matured as a segregated one, and to blame individuals such as Wilson because of his minor part in the process is inaccurate.

I'm not saying we should support Woodrow Wilson the politician because of this, but we should recognize how he truly fits into an American society that was flawed in many ways that had nothing to do with his attitude toward black Americans.

**Richard S. Snedeker '51**

*West Windsor, N.J.*

## ACADEMIC NIGHTMARES

Re "Anxiety Dreams" (From PAW's Pages, May 11): I, too, have a recurring dream of being a freshman, getting ready for my first day of classes. Leaving Dod, I sense how unprepared I am. I have misplaced my course schedule, have not purchased any books from the U-Store, and I have no clue where I am going.

**Victor Woolley '64**

*Howardsville, Va.*

I also have had dreams of going to a final exam on course material I had no *continues on page 6*

## FROM THE EDITOR

**The Old and the New**

Welcome back! The summer has been a season of change at PAW, which begins the publishing year with two new editors. Carrie Compton (top left), former managing editor at Swarthmore College's alumni magazine, is PAW's associate editor, in charge of two sections: Princetonians, covering alumni; and Life of the Mind, covering research. Nicholas DeVito has joined PAW as the editor of our Class Notes and Memorials sections, intent on keeping the link among classmates strong. Nicholas brings experience in both journalism and education — though in this case, the education experience was as a substitute teacher in a middle school. Both Carrie and Nicholas have plunged into the brave, new world of Princeton alumni, an experience that will be capped off by their first Reunions next spring.

We open the year with a sad tradition. This issue includes the final class column for the Class of 1935, whose last known surviving member, Hugh B. Sweeny Jr., known as Jim,

died May 21. As is PAW's custom, the Class Notes section includes a picture of the class from its senior year (page 36), and class secretary Lisa Drakeman '88 provides a brief class history.

Members of '35 could not help but be caught up in national events. They entered and graduated college during the Great Depression, followed the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby in nearby Hopewell during their spring semester, and experienced Prohibition and the end of it during their time on campus. In the decade after leaving Princeton, they would lose 10 classmates to World War II.

In one sense, the class's longevity illustrates the bonds among generations of alumni: After their graduation, '35 classmates might have ventured into the Old Guard luncheon at Reunions, then held at Murray-Dodge, and met alumni who had graduated during the Civil War. We welcome Carrie and Nicholas to our team and look forward to their contributions to this continuing story.

As you might guess from her image on our cover, Lesley McAllister '91 has been facing an extraordinarily difficult challenge in her life. In telling her story, she raises crucial issues that so often go untouched. I thank Lesley for her honesty, eloquence, and grace, and thank our writer Mark Bernstein '83 for his sensitivity in reporting this article.

— Marilyn H. Marks '86

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knowledge of whatsoever. My most traumatic academic nightmare was of having a master's thesis presentation due in two months, when I had not yet found a thesis subject. After a very brief teaching career, I also dreamt of having to teach a first day in a class, but did not know in what subject.

**John Parfitt '64**

*Manchester, N.H.*

## CAMPUS JEWISH HISTORY

Re "Jewish Alumni Conference: A Century of Jewish Life" (Princetonians, May 11): I found earlier records of Jewish presence at Princeton while preparing a blog post for Mudd Library, dating back to 1809, when Mordecai Myers of the Class of 1812 arrived. Records suggest there were at least five Jewish students at Princeton prior to the Civil War: [bit.ly/1Nyhsrr](http://bit.ly/1Nyhsrr).

**April C. Armstrong**

*Special Collections Assistant*

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## FOR THE RECORD

The caption with a Reunions photo in the July 6 issue incorrectly identified F. Irving Walsh '41's reunion: It was his 75th.

Robert T. Golembiewski '54 wrote 1,000 scholarly journal articles during his lifetime. The number was incorrect in his memorial in the July 6 issue.

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# On the Campus



Sometimes called the Tiger Gateway, two stone gateposts topped by fierce-looking tigers mark the start of McCosh Walk between Blair and Little halls. Behind are the varied colors and shapes of Witherspoon Hall.  
*Photograph by Ricardo Barros*



## On the Front Line

**Summer journalism course gives students a firsthand look at the refugee crisis**

*This summer, six undergraduates took part in Princeton's first international journalism seminar, a five-week course based in Athens that focused on Greece's migrant and economic crises. Hayley Roth '17, one of the students, reports on the class.*

**I**t was a sweaty July morning in the Ritsona refugee camp north of Athens, and an English class was starting in an open-air tent. A young woman pointed to some simple phrases scrawled on a blackboard. “What do you wish for?” she asked as the 10 adults in the class fanned themselves with sheets of paper.

A man at least 15 years her senior raised his hand. “I wish for peace,” he said haltingly. “Good!” The woman nodded encouragingly. “What do you want?” “I want to go to Germany.”

“What do you like?” she asked. “I like English,” he replied. “And what do you hate?” “I hate ISIS.”

Ritsona, a former air force radar station that now houses about 600 Middle Easterners fleeing violence and persecution, was among the refugee camps in Greece visited by six Princeton students who tested the waters of foreign correspondence in a summer course called “Reporting on the Front Lines of History.”

The course was led by Joe Stephens, Ferris professor of journalism and an investigative projects reporter for *The Washington Post*. “Our journalists came away with a deeper understanding of the roots and impact of the migration crisis, which will be one of the defining events

**There was no typical day at the office: The students spent their time hunting for interesting dimensions to the refugee crisis.**

**A young boy pushes a toddler in a refugee camp at the Port of Piraeus, the largest port in Greece. The camp contained several hundred tents for refugees when Princeton students visited in late June.**

of their time,” Stephens said.

Mirroring what foreign correspondents must deal with, the course was designed “to be fluid, able to pivot in an instant to react to events,” he explained. “We ripped up the game plan more than once as the refugee situation evolved.” For example, initial plans to visit the Turkish coast to retrace the refugees’ migration routes were dropped following the violence in Istanbul and the unrest of the failed Turkish coup in July.

James Haynes ’18 said he was struck by the special challenges of foreign correspondence. “You can’t fully grasp how or to what degree the language barrier, access to documents, and cultural norms of a foreign country will impact your reporting until you get there,” he said.

The students spent four weeks in Athens — where stadiums used in the 2004 Olympics are now filled with refugee families — and one week in Lesbos, a Greek island 5 miles off the coast of Turkey that has been transformed into a mosaic of refugee camps and support centers.

In 2015, Lesbos witnessed the influx of more than 850,000 migrants, most of whom had boarded smugglers’ dinghies and made the 5-mile crossing to the European Union in the dead of night. Now, a deal with Turkey has halted the flow, but a few thousand migrants remain in refugee camps along the island’s eastern coast. The majority of those in the camps are from Syria, but the students also encountered migrants from Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Iran, and a few North African countries.

There was no typical day at the office: The students spent their time hunting for interesting dimensions to the refugee crisis, and then worked to develop those stories into extended pieces of journalism. (The students’ writing can be found in a blog called Borderland at <http://commons.princeton.edu/globalreporting/>.)

Amanda Blanco ’18, who wrote a 2,000-word piece on human trafficking



**Team selfie — front row, from left:** Journalism professor Joe Stephens, Ally Markovich '17, Greek lawyer Anna Tsiftsogliou, and Greek journalist Pavlos Zarifopoulos. **Rear, from left:** James Haynes '18, Iris Samuels '19, and Hayley Roth '17.

in and around Athens, said her most vivid experience was the night she spent in the red-light district of Omonia, a central square that was once the commercial center of the city. “A social worker took me to the streets where it all happens, to see it firsthand — I don’t think I can ever forget it,” Blanco said. She wrote about a complacency and lack of discipline among the police assigned to patrol the area.

The students visited camps, schools, museums, makeshift mosques, federal ministries, shelters for unaccompanied children, and refugee-reception stations on the eastern shores of Lesbos. They spoke with government officials, volunteers, NGO workers, teachers, shopkeepers, religious figures, and — of course — the refugees themselves.

Many refugees eagerly called the students over to sit beside them and learn about their journeys west, their hopes of reaching relatives in the prosperous northwestern countries of Europe, and their dreams of entering the workforce there. Some intended to return eventually to the Middle East to rebuild their countries; others did not.

Two 17-year-old Afghan youths expressed interest in the Princeton students’ work. One of the youths shyly revealed that he hoped to become a journalist someday. “I am interested in taking photo,” he said, holding his hands up to mimic taking pictures with a camera.

The other grinned and cited his wish to become a CEO in the tech industry. “I am interested in someone taking my photo,” he said. ♦ By Hayley Roth '17

#### ANNUAL GIVING

## Raising \$59 Million in an Uneasy Year

The 2015–16 Annual Giving campaign brought in \$59.3 million, second only to the \$61.5 million raised the previous year. But donor participation declined to the lowest level in seven years: 58.4 percent of undergraduate alumni. An Aug. 4 article in *The New York Times* drew a connection between campus protests and a decline in giving at small liberal-arts colleges. At Princeton, a student campaign to remove the name of Woodrow Wilson 1879 from buildings and programs “was almost certainly a factor, although not something a lot of people cited for not giving,” said William M. Hardt ’63, assistant vice president of development for Annual Giving. “In addition, we thought we detected something in the mood of the country — the presidential campaigns, terrorist threats, economic anxiety — a general mood of uneasiness.”

Hardt added that the University’s latest numbers “on an absolute scale were exceedingly high.” The 25th-reunion Class of ’91 led all classes, raising \$7.3 million. ♦ By W.R.O.

#### ANNUAL GIVING: THE LAST 10 YEARS



#### WHAT'S IN A WORD? PLENTY, HR SAYS

Applicants for jobs at the University are unlikely to mind, but language traditionalists are taking aim at “**GENDER-INCLUSIVE STYLE GUIDELINES**” intended for use in Princeton’s HR communications and job postings.

Out are “all forms of *alumna/alumnus/alumni/alumnae*,” state the guidelines, which were released without fanfare in 2015 but gained national attention in August. In are *alum* and *alums*. *Freshman* and *freshmen*? Bad. Use *first-year student* or *frosh*.

Princeton now wants *skillful* employees instead of the *workmanlike* staff members it might have recruited before, though one wonders if this change would require a pay increase.

News of the guidelines took off on Twitter, where respondents demonstrated their own facility with words, using colorful terms.

HR “has for several years encouraged the use of inclusive language, in keeping with the University’s overall effort to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment for all,” Princeton explained on Twitter. It concluded: “No words or phrases have been banned at the University, which places a high value on free expression.”

A University spokesman said individual offices and programs will decide how to achieve inclusivity goals, adding that there are no plans to change “any longstanding program names.”

The HR guidelines did create concern in the office of the *Princeton Alumni Weekly*, already in hot water with alums who think “Weekly” is inappropriate for a magazine published 14 times a year. The new guidelines suggest that two of the three words in PAW’s name are in dispute. (No change is planned.) ♦ By M.M.



READ the HR language guidelines at [paw.princeton.edu](http://paw.princeton.edu)



Left: An aerial view of the EQuad.

enrollment has expanded by 18 percent, and the faculty has grown by 12 percent. Currently, one in four Princeton undergraduates is majoring in engineering.

Among the recommendations:

- Create a Princeton Bioengineering Institute that would encourage research “with critical implications for understanding life, advancing human health, and addressing environmental challenges.” The institute would draw researchers from different fields in engineering and the natural sciences.

- Emphasize three emerging research areas: resilient and smart cities (technological solutions to help cities respond to change and use resources more efficiently), data and information, and robotics and intelligent systems

- Hire an associate dean for diversity within the engineering school. This was one of several recommendations to expand diversity efforts.

- Revise the freshman-year curriculum to make engineering more accessible to a broader range of students, and offer additional courses on technology targeted to non-engineering students. The task force also called for a focus on service, introducing students “to using design thinking and engineering innovation for public service.”

- Change the academic calendar to include a January term, providing more study-abroad opportunities.

- Establish Ph.D. programs in applied physics and in materials science and engineering. ♦ By A.W.

# Time for a New EQuad?

## Engineering task force backs new facilities, creation of a bioengineering institute

As part of PAW's continuing coverage of the work of the University's strategic-planning task forces, this issue describes the task force report on the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

The engineering school's top priority is to replace its main building — the 275,000-square-foot EQuad, built in 1962 — with facilities that offer modern, flexible, and collaborative space. The report also said space is needed to accommodate growth in the computer science department.

Many of Princeton's peers, including Stanford, MIT, and Harvard, have



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“invested heavily” in new engineering facilities in recent years, the report said, suggesting that up-to-date buildings “can transform the school’s research and teaching environment.”

The task force noted that over the last 13 years, the engineering school has seen significant growth — undergraduate enrollment is up 80 percent, graduate

## IN SHORT

### PRESIDENT EISGRUBER

'83 issued a statement in support of the U.S. Supreme Court's June 23 ruling in favor of the University of Texas at Austin and its affirmative-action admission policy. “The goal of creating a diverse, inclusive, and equal society is fundamentally important to Princeton University, this country, and the

world,” said Eisgruber, who is a constitutional scholar.

### IN MEMORIAM: ELAINE FANTHAM

A classics professor for 13 years, died July 11 in Toronto. She was 83. Fantham's research interests included Roman comedy and rhetoric, Latin



epic from Virgil to Statius, Roman religion, and the social history of Roman women. She also became a popular commentator on NPR's “Weekend Edition.”

### IN MEMORIAM: CHRISTODOULOS “CHRIS” FLOUDAS

professor of chemical and biological engineering emeritus, died Aug. 14 of an apparent heart attack in Chalkidiki,

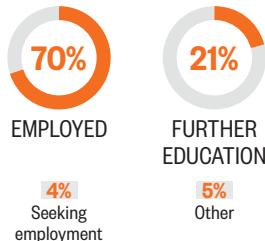
Greece, while on vacation. He was 56. An authority in mathematical modeling and optimization of complex systems, Floudas taught at Princeton for 29 years before moving

to Texas in 2015, where he was director of the Texas A&M Energy Institute. ♦

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### SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

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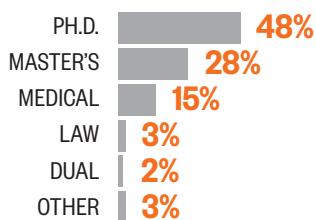
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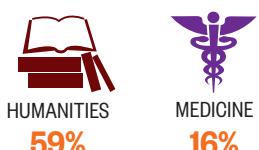
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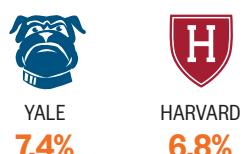
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# Off and Running

## Certificate program, alumni outreach top entrepreneurship council's first year

**A** year after adopting a blueprint for "entrepreneurship the Princeton way," the University is launching a new certificate program and will hold the first of a series of events with alumni innovators in New York City next month.

"We have been able to accomplish a lot in 12 months, and we have a long way to go," said Professor Mung Chiang, chair of the Princeton Entrepreneurship Council (PEC), which was created last year to coordinate the University's initiatives. "This is a marathon, and we have completed year one very effectively."

Chiang said he has heard of "a lot of interest" in the entrepreneurship certificate program, which will be offered

in collaboration with the Keller Center. Among other initiatives:

- ♦ A pair of programs are designed to tap into the New York City entrepreneurial ecosystem. On Oct. 6, in the first of four TigerTalks in the city, Princeton professors and industry partners will discuss "Big Data and Little Privacy," followed by a social hour. Faculty, students, and young alums will meet with entrepreneurs in their New York offices as part of another program.

- ♦ The Alumni Entrepreneurial Fund, which offers funding and mentorship for ventures by alumni who have graduated in the last five years, has supported 18 projects in the past two years, Chiang said.

- ♦ In the spring, the first students signed up for the Tiger Challenge — a co-curricular program in which students seek to tackle one of society's "wicked problems," as Chiang put it. The program encourages small groups of students to take a longer-term approach to a social issue. One team is developing a safer spineboard, used in cases of spinal injury; another is looking at ways to encourage self-reflection, such as journaling, among Princeton students.

In the coming year, Chiang said, the University hopes to build on the success of its first incubator space, the fully-occupied Entrepreneurial Hub at 34 Chambers St., by looking at the feasibility of a second location that would offer chemistry and biological facilities for startups. A Princeton Entrepreneurs Award also is planned.

Alumni outreach will be expanded in Silicon Valley and Boston, Chiang said. "Engaging alumni in a mentorship network will remain a top priority," he said. ♦ By W.R.O.

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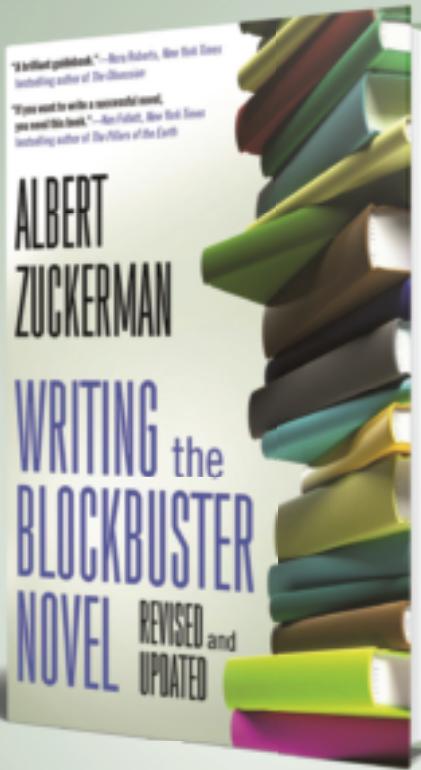
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## Student Films to Focus on Death of Man Killed in '68 Trenton Riots

### CLASS CLOSE-UP: Documentary Film and the City

*This is the first in a series on Princeton courses of special interest.*

**Teachers:** Documentary-film specialist Purcell Carson and history professor Alison Isenberg

**Focus:** Harlan Joseph, a 19-year-old black student at Lincoln University, was shot and killed by a police officer during a night of rioting in Trenton that followed the funeral of Martin Luther King Jr. April 9, 1968. News reports at the time said that 200 businesses were damaged and about 300 people were arrested. Students will use Joseph's story as a starting point to examine how the civil unrest in the city affected residents and the surrounding businesses and schools.

The death of Joseph, who had been praised for his community involvement, is still remembered bitterly today. The officer involved said the shooting was an accident, and he was cleared by a police investigation, according to *The Times of Trenton*.

**Background:** This is the fourth course offered as part of The Trenton

Project, directed by Carson, in which Princeton students create videos focusing on challenges and hopes of Trenton residents.

**Assignments:** Students will conduct interviews with people about the riots and their aftermath, shoot and edit video, and produce short films. They will also write a final research paper.

**On the syllabus:** Reading selections will include *Why Don't American Cities Burn?* by Michael B. Katz and *The Newark Frontier* by Mark Krasovic; films will include Gordon Parks' *Diary of a Harlem Family* and Errol Morris' *The Thin Blue Line*.

**Student view:** "Participating in this course, I hope, will give me a deeper understanding of community race relations," said Jordan Antebi '19. "I hope our work adds new dimensions to a story that for decades has been primarily told in one way."

**What's next:** Film screenings will be held in Princeton and Trenton after the course is over. Isenberg and Carson are also working on their own 30-minute film on Joseph and the events surrounding his death; they are looking for people who lived in the Trenton area in the 1960s and remember the unrest. For details, visit [thetrentonproject.com](http://thetrentonproject.com). ◊ By A.W.

A front-page story April 10, 1968, in *The Times of Trenton* reported the death of Harlan Joseph.

### Youth, 19, Who Was Killed Active In City Teen Councils

By THOMAS H. GREENE  
Staff Writer

The youth who died in last night's rioting was a 19-year-old college student who was killed while allegedly fleeing a looted downtown clothing store.

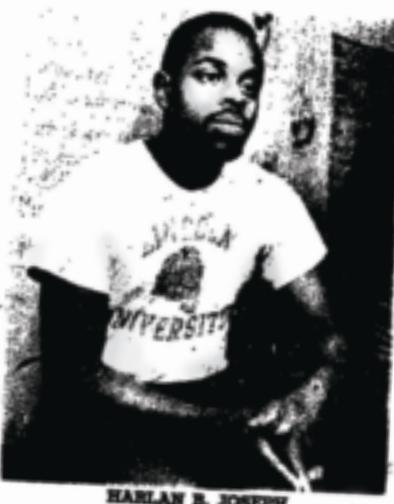
Harlan B. Joseph, a sophomore at Lincoln University, Oxford, Pa., died at 11:15 p.m. in St. Luke Field Hospital of bullet wounds in the lower back.

A police officer fired the shot which killed Joseph, marking the first major incident of the riot.

Joseph, of 49 Carroll Street, was a religion major at the Pennsylvania University. He also was interested in social work.

**Evidence** Evidence indicated Joseph was one of the losers, police said. Marylanders from Char-Broil Inc., 300 East State Street, was scattered near his body.

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Q&A: BEN JEALOUS

# The Art of Advocacy

## Ex-NAACP head urges students to find ‘one big thing they want to change’

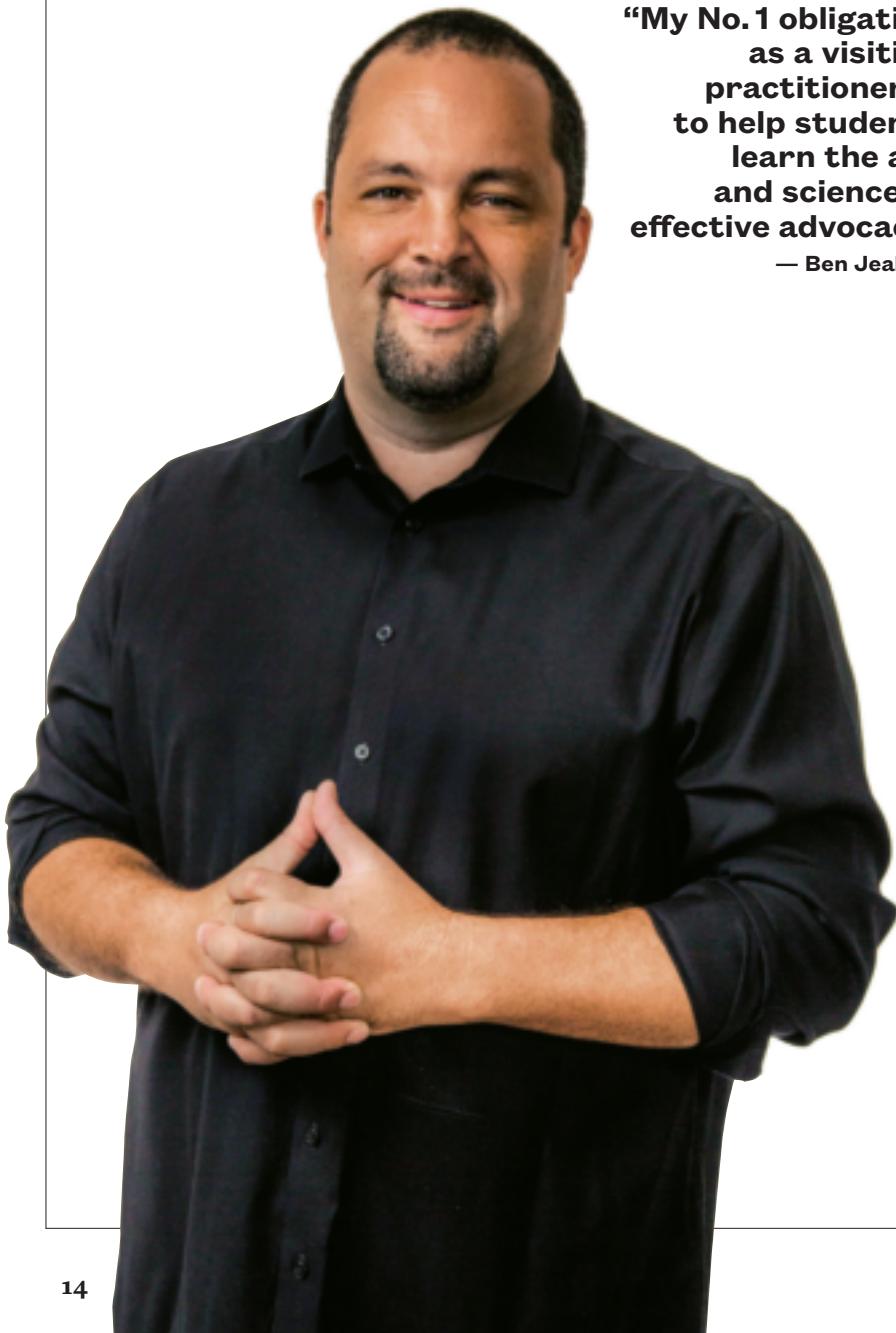
**A**civic leader, vocal Bernie Sanders supporter, and venture capitalist, former NAACP chief Ben Jealous is bringing his passion for social justice to campus this fall as he begins a three-year position as a visiting professor and lecturer in the Woodrow Wilson School. Jealous spoke in August with PAW about the courses

he will teach, the role of activism in academia, and how race relations have changed since President Barack Obama took office.

**You are teaching courses this fall on America’s changing demographics and mass incarceration. Why did you choose those topics?**

**“My No. 1 obligation as a visiting practitioner is to help students learn the art and science of effective advocacy.”**

— Ben Jealous



I thought it was important to teach about issues that are timely and related to what people in this country are talking about every day. On the one hand, with criminal justice, we have the widening consensus that the time has come to downsize our nation’s prisons. We’re forced to confront the carnage of our failed racial-profiling practices weekly, as one more unarmed black person is killed by the police and it’s caught on video.

On the other hand, we are headed into another historic presidential election that’s likely to be marked by allegations of voter suppression, and the first since a new big wave of voter-suppression laws has gone completely into effect. And so I’m excited to get into the class and mix it up on issues that are, for better or worse, part of our daily conversation as citizens and people in this country.

**What do you hope your students take from these courses?**

I’ll be encouraging students to find one big thing they want to change about their community or country before they die. You have to have some grander vision for our society that you can recognize, focuses your work, and brings passion to your career. Every citizen is better off if you are propelled by a passion to make this country and world better for all of us in at least one significant way before you retire.

**What do you think the role of an activist in academia should be?**

The most important obligation of someone who has helped to win big victories for disadvantaged groups in our society is to teach the history of how victories have been won to those who will win the next victories. It’s not because those challenges or struggles will be exactly the same, but rather to provide students with case studies to understand how others have climbed the mountain in the past so that they can begin to imagine how they’re going to climb the mountains in front of them and learn from our mistakes and be able to adapt lessons from our victories.

As an organizer and a leader in the civil-rights movement, I’ve always taken seriously my obligation to deliver real victories for real people in real time. And I think my No. 1 obligation as a

## On the Campus

visiting practitioner is to help students learn the art and science of effective advocacy, and to otherwise prepare them to go out there and win great victories for America's and the world's most disadvantaged communities.

### How do you view the racial divide in our country now as opposed to eight years ago?

We now have some young voters who have only ever voted for a black president, and there are many young people who can only remember there being a black president. But on the other hand, there are also people in our society who are more comfortable speaking in more blunt terms about their intention to maintain the status quo or turn the clock back on millions of their neighbors.

The Southerner in me actually appreciates the honesty — I would rather deal with the Southern tradition of blatant bigotry than the Northern version of subtle bigotry. Because on one hand, the results are similarly disastrous, but in the case of the former, it's on the table and we can deal with it. And while it's scary to have an honest conversation, history has shown us that ultimately many of our greatest victories in race relations have been won despite the challenges of bigotry because the racism was impossible to deny.

### What do you think the future holds for progressives in the Democratic Party, especially in light of the support demonstrated for the Bernie Sanders campaign?

Progressives are the future of the Democratic Party. We won the hearts and minds of millions of Americans of all ages and races, but most decidedly, of Americans under 45 across the country. And those voters are the future of the party.

As progressives, what we've done best throughout history is broaden access to the American dream and secure it from threats — foreign and domestic. As in past years dominated by progressives, the one we are moving into now is arriving because people fear that their children will be worse off than they are.

♦ Interview conducted and condensed by A.W.

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Goalie Ashleigh Johnson '17, top center, stops a shot in the United States' semifinal win over Hungary.

#### THE ROAD TO RIO

# Gold, Silver, and Bronze

## Princeton's Olympians shine in Rio, returning with three medals

**G**oalie Ashleigh Johnson '17's quick, lunging saves have earned their share of oohs and aahs at DeNunzio Pool in her three seasons with the women's water polo team.

On Aug. 19, she drew the same reactions from about 100 spectators on the DeNunzio pool deck — but there was little more than a ripple in the water.

Johnson was 4,800 miles away in Rio de Janeiro, playing for the United States in the Olympic final, which was projected on DeNunzio's video screen. She stopped nine of 13 shots, including a penalty shot early in the third quarter, leading the Americans to the gold medal in a 12–5 rout of Italy. It was the last (and perhaps the most memorable) performance by the 13 Princetonians who competed in Rio.

The Tigers gave fans plenty to cheer about. At Glastonbury (Conn.) High School, about 200 people, many clad in "Team Donn" T-shirts, watched hometown favorite Donn Cabral '12 leap, splash, and run his way to an eighth-place

finish in the men's steeplechase Aug. 17.

At a restaurant near the U.S. field hockey team's training center in Manheim, Pa., supporters rooted for Julia Reinprecht '14, Katie Reinprecht '13, Kathleen Sharkey '13, and their teammates as they opened the games



Water polo fans watched the gold-medal game at DeNunzio Pool.

4–0, including wins over two of the world's top three teams. (They eventually lost in the quarterfinals.)

And in Rio, on the shores of the Lagoa Rodrigo de Freitas, Princeton rowing coach Lori Dauphiny watched one of her program's most accomplished graduates, Gevvie Stone '07, cut through the waters to claim the silver medal in the single sculls Aug. 13.

Stone, a Massachusetts native who trains on the Charles River, felt right at home when she encountered a choppy stretch during her event final. "I thought, 'Yes, this is Boston! This is what I want, rough water!'" she told USRowing.org.

Though she was unable to chase down world-champion Kimberley Brennan of Australia, Stone was happy to be on the podium in her final Olympic race. Between competing in London and Rio, she completed medical school at Tufts University, and next year, she'll be moving on to her residency.

Stone, the only medalist among Princeton's six Olympic rowers, had company in the gold-medal finals: Glenn Ochal '08, a bronze medalist in 2012, finished fourth with the U.S. men's eight, and Lauren Wilkinson '11, a silver medalist in 2012, placed fifth with the Canadian women's eight.

Another Canadian, veteran soccer

**"When you dedicate yourself completely to something for four additional years, it carries extra weight."**

— Robin Prendes '11

midfielder Diana Matheson '08, started four of her team's six games, including a 2–1 win over host Brazil that earned Canada the bronze medal Aug. 19. Matheson and the Canadians also won bronze in London and were the only 2012 medalists to reach women's soccer's top three again in Rio.

Princeton has an Olympics history that dates back to the start of the modern games in 1896, and strictly by the medal tally — one gold, one silver, and one bronze — 2016 was not the most successful year for Princetonians. The London Games, in which 15 Tigers competed and six earned medals, proved to be a difficult standard to match. But this year's competitors had their share of victories.

Women's field hockey provided one of the best turnaround stories for Team USA, winning four of its five matches in pool play to earn a spot in the eight-team single-elimination bracket. The Reinprecht sisters, both national-team veterans, played key roles throughout the tournament, and Sharkey was a valuable part of a dynamic attack.

Sharkey was one of five first-time Olympians in the Princeton contingent, along with Johnson, fencer Kat Holmes '17, and two rowers, Kate Bertko '06 and Tyler Nase '13. Nase rowed with former Princeton teammate Robin Prendes '11 in the U.S. lightweight four, placing 10th overall.

For Prendes, a two-time Olympian, Rio was the culmination of his first four-year cycle on the national team, and he was grateful for the opportunity. "When you dedicate yourself completely to something for four additional years, it carries extra weight," he told Row2k.com before the games. "It carries weight because you know of other athletes who worked just as hard as you did and didn't make it." ♦ By B.T.

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Alex Ford '17, center with camera, shot parts of his new film on location in Haiti.

#### FOOTBALL

## Defensive Back Ford '17 Eyes a Career in Film

When the Princeton football team traveled to Japan in 2015, Alex Ford '17 combined two of his passions. The senior cornerback, who was injured that spring, supported his teammates from the sidelines and spent his free time filming them, on the field and away from it.

"I bring my camera wherever I go," Ford said. "My camera is my most prized possession."

The footage from Japan was featured in "Where Football Has Taken Me," Ford's video essay for 1080princeton, a visual-journalism site that covers campus life.

Ford's interest in filmmaking came on suddenly and has developed into a potential career. Teammates, athletic trainers, and other Princeton athletes have appeared in Ford's short films. "Everybody has supported me in this dream of mine," he said.

Ford, a native of La Cañada Flintridge, Calif., and a sociology major, originally planned to follow a pre-med track in college, but he embraced his creative side after struggling with math and chemistry freshman year. His epiphany came during intersession.

"I went out and made a video on the soccer field," he said. "I had snow up to my knees, but it was fun. There was nobody on campus. It's my home away from home — making films."

On the eve of football preseason, Ford wrapped up his third summer interning at DreamWorks Pictures before flying from Los Angeles to New York to complete filming for *Madness*, a film he is producing.

The story is based on the life of a poor hospital worker in Haiti named Madness Duver, whom Ford met six years ago while volunteering as an earthquake-relief worker. He kept in touch with Duver, who has since followed his dream to come to the United States.

"He's the best story of resilience and perseverance I've ever heard," Ford said. "Now I've made a film about him that could be ... my calling card as I go and try to make it in the film industry. I think he's given me so much more than I've given him."

Ford expects to finish production of *Madness* this fall and release it in the spring. The film will be part of his senior thesis, but he aims to bring it to a wider audience. And he hopes there are more films in his future.

"It's a difficult industry to make it in because there's no clear path to follow," Ford said. "I think just following the passion is what's most important." ♦ By Justin Feil

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# Life of the Mind



BREXIT: ESSAY BY ANDREW MORAVCSIK

## Welcome, Britain, to the Hotel California



Andrew Moravcsik is a professor of politics and international affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School and director of the European Union program at Princeton.

Political punditry is like stock-market investment: Those who base hasty predictions on current headlines generally lose, and those who focus on structural fundamentals generally prosper.

The enormous publicity surrounding Brexit typifies a rush to misjudgment.

While Europe does face long-term threats, Brexit is not one of them.

Here's why: Under no circumstances will Britain actually leave Europe. London may seek to change its formal status, but the best option is to renegotiate the terms of its EU membership. Another option — less desirable because it means accepting EU rules without any input into them — would be to negotiate an associate status resembling Norway or Switzerland.

Yet in either case, Britain has every incentive to keep in place nearly all EU policies it currently pursues. Call it

the "Hotel California" effect: You can check out any time you like, but you can never leave.

Most important among these policies is the UK's membership in the EU single market, which Foreign Minister Boris Johnson has promised to preserve. British producers (and even more so, foreign investors) cannot forgo preferred access to a region that takes about 45 percent of their exports.

Though immigration figured prominently in the referendum debate, cabinet ministers have promised to protect the rights of current migrants. Anything else would mean abandoning 1.3 million Britons who live on the Continent with EU-protected medical care, voting, residency, and employment. Nor is it feasible to expel some 3 million Europeans in the UK, most working in roles essential to current British

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BREXIT: FACULTY BOOK

# Brexit May Benefit Embattled Euro



In some ways, Britain's vote in June to leave the European Union shouldn't have been surprising: The United Kingdom has always maintained an arm's-length relationship with Europe — for example, refusing to adopt the euro.

Yet Brexit raised questions about whether other disgruntled nations may also leave, which could threaten the euro's future as the currency of 19 of the 28 EU nations.

Ultimately, neither Princeton economist Markus Brunnermeier nor history professor Harold James — authors of a new book on the euro — believe the currency is doomed. "Some [other] countries may exit," Brunnermeier says. "But in the big scheme of things, I think the euro will remain."

Their book, *The Euro and The Battle of Ideas* — co-written with Jean-Pierre Landau, a former deputy governor of the Banque de France — outlines

the awkward economic partnership that the currency has created among EU countries.

Stitching together a monetary union from once-rival nations has been challenging, and the EU managed to do so without establishing formal fiscal ties. While eurozone nations have shared a common currency since 1999, they don't,

for instance, have the authority to shape one another's tax or budget policies. Nor are they allowed to directly bail out one another's debts.

Brunnermeier, James, and Landau began working on this book in 2012, when Europe's debt crisis was reaching a fever pitch: Greece's economy was in free fall as the unemployment rate rose above 20 percent; borrowing costs spiked in Italy, reflecting growing concerns about that economy; and Spain's banking sector faltered, requiring a government bailout. Policymakers in France and Germany, the EU's economic powerhouses, were at loggerheads about how to address this fast-moving crisis, which was shaking



**The authors, from left, James, Brunnermeier, and Landau, began this book in 2012, when Europe's debt crisis was reaching a fever pitch.**

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businesses. (In any case, 70 percent of UK immigrants are non-European, and their status will not change.) Common visa arrangements are also vital, lest Britons — and, equally important, foreign investors — be forced to apply for a visa every time they cross the channel.

Britain participates in EU arrangements to combat crime, human trafficking, illegal immigration, and terrorism. It shares data on every person who legally enters Europe. The new prime minister, Theresa May, made her political reputation as a tough law-and-order home secretary who supported these policies. She is unlikely to reverse them.

Britain also cooperates with Europe on foreign policy and defense matters, and conservative politicians are the



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strongest supporters of such efforts.

Cooperative scientific research and EU student exchanges benefit British students and universities, and like many other policies, involve EU expenditures, the cost of which Britain would be expected to share — as do Switzerland and Norway.

When one adds it up, Britain has surprisingly little to gain by picking and choosing among EU policies — even if it could. It is already exempt from the big EU policies it finds onerous, including the euro; Schengen border-control rules; and almost all social, employment, and immigration policies. In any case, given its small size compared to the EU, it lacks enough bargaining power to force a better deal.

So British politicians are beginning

Sameer A. Khan

global confidence in the euro.

"In 2012 and then in the immediate aftermath of Brexit, there was indeed this feeling: 'Is the European project collapsing?'" James notes in an interview.

The authors illustrate how a clash of ideologies — Germany's desire for a decentralized economy with individual responsibility versus France's belief that the state should play a large role in planning — has long threatened the euro.

For decades, both French and German policymakers viewed the UK as a necessary ally in this war of economic ideas, the authors write. The Germans felt that the British provided a strong voice for free-market solutions, while the French looked upon the British as a check against German dominance in the region.

It is possible, says James, that if the UK does leave the European Union, the Germans and French could enjoy more effective bilateral negotiations in the absence of a third voice. Brexit may also force the remaining EU countries to tighten their relationships on specific issues, though closer fiscal ties are unlikely. "There are strict areas where greater cooperation can occur — for instance, in dealing with common security issues or with refugees," says James. And, he adds, a modest shift like this may be enough to keep the experiment with the euro going. ♦

*By Paul J. Lim '92*

to backtrack. Politicians who favored (publicly or privately) remaining in the EU, including May herself, dominate the government. Without a clear alternative plan, Britain is delaying the launch of negotiations. The government is likely to muddle through for up to five years until a combination of public forgetfulness and buyer's remorse permits a compromise with Europe.

This is not mere speculation. The last six times an EU referendum resulted in rejection of a major European policy — in France, Netherlands, Greece, Denmark, and twice in Ireland — the outcome was reversed with little public outcry. The truth is that the positive benefits of European policies are simply indispensable to a modern, interdependent nation. ♦

## IN SHORT

**Households in the Beijing area use about 18 percent of the region's energy but produce 50 percent of its BLACK CARBON EMISSIONS**, and more small-soot particles than the local transportation and power plants combined, according to a paper published online in June in *The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* by environmental engineering professor Denise Mauzerall, Woodrow Wilson School doctoral student Wei Peng, and other researchers. Residential cooking and heating, which still rely on dirty fuels like coal, have contributed to air pollution, becoming a leading cause of premature death in China. Eliminating household emissions in Beijing and its environs could cut small-soot particles by almost 40 percent, according to the paper.

**Requests by pregnant women for abortion pills in seven countries in Latin America increased after health officials in those countries warned that the ZIKA VIRUS could cause severe birth defects**, according to professor emeritus James Trussell '75 and postdoctoral researcher Abigail Aiken, both of the Woodrow Wilson School.

Along with other researchers, Trussell and Aiken used data

from Women on Web — a website that provides access to abortion pills through telemedicine in countries where access to abortion is restricted — to compare the number of women who wanted abortions before and after the alerts. The study was published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in June.

Women, Hispanics, African Americans, and Native Americans are **UNDERREPRESENTED IN ECONOMICS** at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and diversity is increasing very slowly, according to research by economists Cecilia Elena Rouse, dean of the Woodrow Wilson School, and Swarthmore's Amanda Bayer. They argue that increased diversity will improve productivity and creativity and bring new perspectives to the field. They suggest several strategies to improve diversity: shifting away from lectures and toward discussions, increasing active learning; emphasizing diversity in hiring and graduate-school admissions; and creating early-career mentoring programs. The study was published as a working paper by the University's Industrial Relations section in July. ♦ By Megan Laubach '18



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**Lesley McAllister '91  
with her husband,  
Andrew, and son  
at home.**



# LESLEY'S STORY

An alumna facing terminal cancer considers her end-of-life options

BY MARK F. BERNSTEIN '83



Anne Chadwick-Williams/AP Images

**Y**ou may be interested in my story," the email read, "and if so, I could be interested in sharing it."

PAW hears from a lot of readers, but this message, received on the first morning of Reunions last May, jumped off the screen. Like hundreds of her classmates, Lesley McAllister '91 was

returning to celebrate her 25th. Unlike them, she knew that the visit would likely be her last.

As she explained in her message, the 46-year-old mother of two and law professor at the University of California, Davis, is fighting metastatic cancer, a fight she is certain to lose. Radiation treatments over the summer have robbed her of her hair, which had grown back since her first round of chemotherapy two and a half years ago, shortly before an operation to remove her cancerous right lung. Surgery to remove lesions on her adrenal gland, liver, and pancreas left her with debilitating pancreatitis and a wound that has not fully healed. Once an avid hiker, she now moves slowly and speaks in little more than a whisper until her pain medications kick in.

McAllister's days are numbered, but the uncertainty surrounding that certainty is part of cancer's cruelty. In his posthumously published memoir, *When Breath Becomes Air*, Stanford University neurosurgical resident Paul Kalanithi wrote, "Before my cancer was diagnosed, I knew that someday I would die, but I didn't know when. After the diagnosis, I knew that someday I would die, but I didn't know when. But now I knew it acutely." That is where McAllister sits now.

With that acute knowledge come more existential thoughts, which are sharpest as she lies awake in the small hours of the night. If she begins hospice care, sedatives could keep her comfortable, but would she linger for weeks in a narcotic haze? Would her children's final memory of her be of a long, agonizing decline? "Victory" in McAllister's case might mean delaying cancer's inexorable advance for a few months. How much is that time worth to her family — and how much is she willing to endure for it?

As she explained in her email to PAW, McAllister is contemplating whether to take advantage of California's End of Life Option Act, which permits those with terminal illnesses to obtain a lethal dose of sedatives and so end their own lives. At the time this story is being written, McAllister has not chosen

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her course. She does not prescribe for others. But clear-eyed and reflective, she wants to tell her story.

**T**he late writer Christopher Hitchens described his cancer diagnosis as "a very gentle and firm deportation, taking me from the country of the well across the stark frontier that marks off the land of malady." McAllister remembers her own transfer vividly.

A petite woman, now wan and slowed by pain, she sits in her living room in Davis and pulls an afghan around her for warmth on a hot June morning. The randomness of fate still hits her. She had no family history of cancer, had never smoked, had sailed through two pregnancies, had always been in perfect health. "I've had incredible luck in my life," she says. "And I remember when I was diagnosed, one of my first thoughts was, oh, my luck just ran out."

She received that diagnosis on the Sunday after Thanksgiving in 2013, driving home after a week with her family in the Mendocino redwoods. X-rays for a persistent dry cough had come back negative, but she was X-rayed again when the cough continued and she began to feel discomfort in her chest. When the phone rang that morning, with her husband, Andrew, and two young children in the car, the family pulled over to the side of the road and the doctor broke the bad news: McAllister had a 5-centimeter tumor in her right lung that had metastasized to her lymph nodes. Although the family had been bracing for the report, Andrew likens that phone call to "getting hit by a truck."

Cancer descended on a woman whose life seemingly had moved from one peak to another: a degree in civil engineering with a certificate from the Woodrow Wilson School; the Peace Corps in Costa Rica; a law degree from Stanford; a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. After clerking for a federal judge, she was hired at the University of San Diego School of Law, where she wrote two books and numerous journal articles, earning a reputation as an expert on U.S. and Latin American environmental law. She also nurtured a fledgling student law journal and spent six months in Spain on a Fulbright research scholarship. When Andrew was appointed to the state energy commission in Sacramento, she moved with tenure to UC Davis. McAllister arrived at her new job in August 2013, just three months before her diagnosis.

"I had spent all of my life in learning mode," she says. "And I was just at the point where I felt I had really made the shift to teacher and mentor. And I realized that I wasn't going to have a chance to develop that as I had expected."

Doctors said that her cancer was inoperable, recommending chemotherapy and radiation instead. McAllister began searching for a surgeon nonetheless, accepting the chemo but refusing radiation because it would damage the tissue and preclude surgery. While undergoing chemo, she scoured medical journals for everything she could find about her cancer, a rare type called atypical carcinoid of the lung or intermediate-grade neuroendocrine cancer, and wrote to some of the authors directly. After visiting cancer centers around the country, she found a surgeon at Massachusetts General Hospital who removed her right lung in April 2014.

McAllister approached the grueling operation with characteristic stoicism and good humor. "However tomorrow



The family enjoys the backyard.

unfolds,” she wrote on her blog at CaringBridge, a nonprofit that provides free websites to people facing serious medical conditions, “I want to express how grateful I am for all the love and kindness I have received — so much, from so many. My heart is full.”

She recovered from the six-hour surgery quickly and returned to the classroom the following semester. “I’m enjoying teaching again — and teaching 60 energetic first-year law students really doesn’t leave much time for my usual worrying,” she wrote in September 2014. Doctors said that while the cancer could not be cured, they could keep it at bay for a time. Over the next 18 months, with a few ups and downs and a regimen of oral chemotherapy, her situation appeared to be stable. McAllister continued to teach and even felt strong enough to travel to New Zealand last March.

By April, however, the cancer had become active again, spreading to her adrenal gland, liver, and pancreas. She underwent surgery in Denver to remove the new lesions, but this time the operation did not go as well. Complications put her in intensive care for more than two and a half weeks as doctors tried to manage a painful case of pancreatitis. Even worse, pathology tests on the new tumors led doctors to change McAllister’s diagnosis to large cell neuroendocrine cancer — a more aggressive form of the disease.

Still, she kept a promise to three old friends, Gray Tuttle ’91, Liz White ’91, and Deirdre O’Mara ’93, to return to campus for her 25th reunion. Enduring the heat, she, O’Mara, and Tuttle rode the P-rade route in a golf cart they decorated with Tibetan prayer flags. The pancreatitis, which later would cause unrelenting pain, had subsided temporarily. McAllister even managed to sleep well in her Whitman College dorm room, just a few yards away from the band. As much as she could, she sat in the courtyard, catching up with classmates.

If people asked, she was not reticent about her cancer. But except to a select few, she did not mention the circumstances that had led her to write her email to PAW.

In early 2015, California took up legislation to enable terminally ill patients to end their lives. Though she was undergoing chemotherapy at the time, McAllister advocated for the bill when she could: testifying before the state Assembly, soliciting signatures on a petition, and writing a letter to Gov. Jerry Brown, which her husband, Andrew, hand-delivered.

“I want to have the option to take medication that will allow me a peaceful death at a time of my choosing,” she wrote. “It would probably be hard for me to make the decision to leave the world earlier than I absolutely have to because I don’t want to leave my family. But I would take comfort in knowing that I have the means.”

The End of Life Option Act, which took effect two weeks after Reunions, is modeled on a statute Oregon enacted in 1997. (Washington and Vermont have similar laws.) A state

resident who is 18 or older and mentally competent, and who has been diagnosed with an illness that will lead to death within six months, may obtain a lethal dose of sedative from a physician. To receive the drug, the patient must make two oral requests, with a 15-day waiting period in between, followed by a written request signed by two witnesses, at least one of whom is not a family member or someone who would benefit from the patient’s estate. The patient also must receive information about other end-of-life options, including pain management and hospice care. Finally, the patient must be able to take the life-ending drugs without assistance.

Physician Peter Lyon ’68, now retired, says he wrote prescriptions for two patients while practicing in Portland: one an older woman with metastatic cancer, the other a younger man in the late stages of ALS, a progressive neurodegenerative disease. Secobarbital, which usually causes death within 30 minutes at the dosage prescribed, is now the drug of choice, Lyon says.

Last year in Oregon, 132 died people from ingesting medications prescribed under the Death With Dignity Act, according to the state health authority, accounting for about 0.39 percent of all Oregon deaths that year. Those who did make use of the law overwhelmingly were white, and about 71 percent had at least some college education — statistics that advocates say refute concerns that medical aid in dying would be used to victimize minorities and the poor. More than 90 percent of these patients died at home (across the country, only about 20 percent do that).

McAllister is adamant that taking drugs to end her life would not be suicide. “In suicide,” she says, “you’re choosing between life and death. With the End of Life Option Act, you’re choosing the time and manner of your death, knowing that it is inevitably coming within a short period of time. The law allows you to have a little bit of control over when, where, and how.” She would rather die at home, with an opportunity to say goodbye to family and friends, than in a hospital.

Advocates of right-to-die laws say control, or at least the sense of it, is important to the terminally ill. What people seem to want is the comfort of knowing that they have a way out if pain becomes unbearable or their condition deteriorates too far.

“For myself, having always been a planner and a Type A person, the idea of having some control appeals to me quite a bit,” McAllister says. “Cancer can deal out a lot of pain and suffering before it actually kills you. I am very concerned about my kids witnessing that.”

Traditionally, there have been deep moral and religious objections to taking one’s own life or assisting another person to do it. The Catholic Church opposes aid in dying, as does the American Medical Association, although it has appointed a committee to review the issue. (The California Medical Association remained neutral on passage of the End of Life Option Act.)

Professor Robert George, who has written extensively on philosophy and ethics, argues that statutes such as California’s diminish respect for the sanctity of life. “Opposition to medicalized killing” is “grounded in a recognition of ... the idea that no one has ‘a life unworthy of life,’ or is ‘better off dead’ or a ‘useless eater,’ ” he writes in an email. “It reflects the belief that nothing should be done that gives credit to or encourages

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**From left:** Gray Tuttle '91, Deirdre O'Mara '93, Liz White '91, McAllister, Duke Guthrie '92, and Louisa (de Roeth) Burdette '91 at Reunions.

the adoption of these beliefs, even by those suffering pain and tempted to despair.” George rebuts those who argue that individuals should be free to determine their own fates, calling medical assistance in dying “a policy question that implicates many aspects of the common good of our civil society and legal order.” Many who end their lives, he says, are driven by fear and depression. He urges that people facing terminal illness be provided with palliative care and counseling to help make their last months comfortable and peaceful.

Matthew Whitaker, the California and Oregon state director for Compassion & Choices, a group that advocated for the End of Life Option Act, says that patients should be fully informed about all alternatives. Whitaker cites a study that found that for every end-of-life prescription written in Oregon, 25 people initiate the process by making at least the first oral request. The reason so few go through with it, he says, “is that oftentimes when a person brings this up to their physician it opens the door for a very transparent and open conversation around end of life, which does not happen very often in medical settings, in part because physicians are afraid to bring it up.”

“People want to live, and so long as their quality of life is satisfactory, they don’t want to die,” adds Ann Jackson, a former director of the Oregon Hospice Association. Most people who choose to die “have been managing their own lives and want to continue to manage their own deaths,” she says. Many people reach a different conclusion: “Once they have a plan for their worst-case scenario, they can get on with living.”

**O**n a warm summer morning, though, the words of philosophers and advocates echo into silence, leaving a weakened woman in a darkened room with an afghan wrapped around her, and perhaps not a lot of time left.

“It will happen to all of us,” Hitchens observed shortly before his death, “that at some point you’ll be tapped on the shoulder and told, not just that the party is over, but slightly worse: The party’s going on — but you have to leave.” McAllister has begun preparing for this, filming legacy videos and buying birthday gifts for her children, now 13 and 9, to last through their 18th birthdays. Each gift will come with a note she has written, to be delivered after she is gone.

Like many in her position, she has sought comfort in spirituality. Though raised Catholic, she has been drawn to Buddhism since college. After her diagnosis, she converted a walk-in closet into a meditation room and has gone on several

multi-day silent meditation retreats. We are all interconnected, Buddhism teaches; everything that is born, dies. She quotes Ram Dass, an American spiritual teacher, who says that “dying is absolutely safe.” Our primary work, McAllister believes, is to put an end to suffering by embracing the conditions of our lives with compassion. As a Buddhist teacher counseled her: “If I were in your situation, I would try to have a really good death.”

“I want to give my children an example of a ‘good death,’” McAllister says, “but it is hard to know how.” Her son and daughter are now old enough that she would want to talk to them beforehand in some detail, to help them understand her decision. Andrew loyally supports her decision to choose her own course. “I think that taking control of your final moments is empowering,” he says. “It’s that comfort of knowing that you can go with whatever happens and be OK. I don’t want her to suffer.”

In bleaker moments, she has contemplated where she might actually end her life, should it come to that, her thoughts a jumble of the personal and practical. There is a cabin in the Eldorado National Forest, high in the Sierras a few hours from Davis. It is primitive, isolated, beautiful — everything she loves in the outdoors. It might be an idyllic place to spend her last hours, yet she can’t escape the thought that someone would have to put her body in the car afterward and drive it back to town.

“Really, ever since my diagnosis, death has been on the radar screen,” she acknowledges, her voice breaking for the first time. “And where I’m at now, the writing is clearly on the wall. When you’re a stage 4 cancer patient and you’re not eating well and you’re losing weight and your head is bald, it looks pretty damned end-stage. You look in the mirror and it’s like, oh my God, this is how this thing goes.”

For now, McAllister is doing everything she can to postpone that day. She is teaching this semester and exploring whether she might be eligible for cutting-edge immunotherapy treatment.

“I don’t know that I have made a decision,” McAllister says about ending her life. “When it seems likely that doctors will readily sign off on the idea that I have six months or less, I’m pretty sure that I will go through the process to get the prescription. And then I could put it in my bedside drawer and wait to see if the right time to use it arises.”

“It would comfort me to know that it is there when life’s meaning, especially the capacity to be present with my kids, is overwhelmed by pain and disability.” ♦

*Mark Bernstein '83 is PAW's senior writer.*

# *The Skin of the Seas*

## WORDS AND THE ACT OF NOTICING

By Verlyn Klinkenborg \*82



t is March 2008, and I'm in the cockpit of a yawl being sailed through the Chilean fjords by an American couple. Or so this essay would like to begin — as if the past were taking place in the present. In reality, it's mid-July 2016, it's hot, and I'm at home trying to remember a feeling I thought I'd never forget.

We were moving up a fjord toward a glacier. There was everything to look at — bald, scraped ridges high above, a dwarf nothofagus forest along the shore, the blue-white line of the glacier in the gray distance. But our passing had opened a seam in those viscous waters, and that was what I was watching. On our wake bloomed a network of tiny disturbances in the surface tension, tiny swirls propagating outward like the eddy that follows the oar's stroke. Perhaps you've seen a cat's-paw — a puff of breeze — rushing across

a glassy harbor. Imagine a cat's-paw on the surface of a ripple and you'll have some idea of what I was seeing, a fractal set of whirlpools and foam lines riding upon the waves.

I realized that a constantly shifting array of minute patterns — an ephemeral mosaic — is always riding on the massive forms of the oceans. And suddenly — this is the moment I've been trying to feel again — that mosaic of tiny patterns shuddering outward from the rudder felt as substantial, as necessary, as the swells that lifted and lowered our craft. I could feel their planetary scale. It was an instant when everything seemed to connect to everything.

There was another layer to that moment, as there always is. Everything connected to everything, and yet at the same time nothing stood for anything else. I kept noticing — being surprised by — the actuality of those watery traces (I can think of no other way to put it), including the traces they left in my mind, as though thought flowed like water and attention itself was an eddy of sorts. It was exhilarating. What mattered, emotionally, was the impenetrable specificity of what I was seeing and its refusal to become metaphor or symbol. Looking at the endless oscillations on those glacial waters was like looking at the eclipse of everything I'd ever learned.

**I** say this because I came at my education with a plan, and the plan involved learning the ways that one thing can stand for another, which is a basic task of poetry. Metaphor, simile, analogy, allegory, metonymy — these are all ways of standing for something else.

As a graduate student at Princeton I came across a phrase — “the general analogy of things” — written by Samuel Johnson in mid-July 1750. It appears in number 32 of his essay series called “The Rambler,” and he meant by it something like “the usual circumstances” or “the way things are.” To judge the degree of your own suffering, Johnson says, don’t assume that God has singled you out for punishment. Consider instead the general analogy of things — the more or less regular amount of suffering you see all around you. Even for Samuel Johnson, Rambler 32 is a stern piece of work.

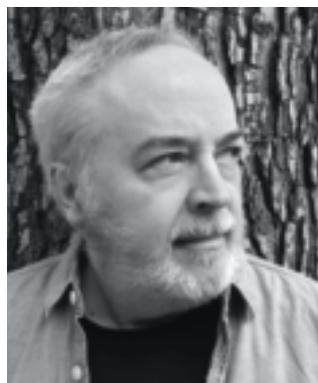
I lifted those words out of context. To me, “the general analogy of things” suggests the tendency of the imagination to discover resemblances wherever it looks, like the “big peony” Elizabeth Bishop finds inside her fish or the “concupiscent curds” of Wallace Stevens. You might begin comparing one thing to another (the hedgehog and the sea urchin, the jellyfish and the nebula) and go on doing so until you had sorted through the contents of the universe, until it was all connected, one thing with another, analogy by analogy. The resemblances you found might be trivial or they might be grand. But the act of comparing and analogizing and renaming — the act of associating — seems as fundamental to the mind as it is to the writing of poetry, which suggests how fundamental to the mind poetry really is.

For years, it never occurred to me that all this analogizing is a purely human activity. The brainspace in which the writer works is obviously a human brainspace — something we simply take for granted. We take for granted, too, the power of words, forgetting that they are merely human as well. I honored the claim that poets traditionally make for the grandeur of the poetic enterprise, the power to conjure the world around you and within you by means of language. But then I already lived in a



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world of words and the meanings derived from words and the meanings derived from meanings. That was the education I'd been seeking, one way or another, ever since I first learned to read.

Then something happened, of course. I became a writer, not just a student of writing, and suddenly words became more like three-dimensional objects, with precise shapes (and usefully imprecise ones), harder to fit together, more resistant. I went back to the Midwest and wrote a book about the farmers in my family, who knew everything about irony without having to use its name. Twenty years later, to my surprise, I wrote a book in the voice of a tortoise, a real tortoise that lived while Samuel Johnson was still living. I discovered that somehow, at some point, I had begun looking for a different kind of education, one that brushes up now and then against the rest of existence, against the part of the universe that isn't human at all.

It comes only in glimpses, this curious, un-textual learning I seem to stumble upon. What it often amounts to is noticing silence, or at least the temporary uselessness of language. I caught an early glimpse of it out West inside a horse-trainer's round-pen, a place where you can tell all the stories you want about what you think is happening but where the horse's silence is finally what matters. I had another glimpse of it when I was scuba diving near a reef-break off the coast of Mozambique and found myself rising and falling in place, revolving with the passing swell before it broke. I was trying to breathe very slowly, as novice divers have to remember to do, and the amniotic sea seemed to be showing me how.

And in Chile, another glimpse. Out on that glacial fjord, it seemed for a moment as though I could feel the Earth whole. It wasn't like seeing the astronauts' big blue ball hanging in space in the photographs. It was as if the wrinkled skin of the seas was suddenly my skin. I think now, trying to remember, that it was like looking around the edge of human consciousness with an awareness beyond the limits of awareness. This is manifestly impossible since consciousness is what delivers the news of beyond-consciousness, but it seems to make no difference. I would sum up the shortfall between what is there and the limits of what humans can experience with a sentence I wrote while sailing in Nova Scotia this summer: "I am practicing the ways of tying a bowline in case of an afterlife where a bowline would be useful."

**A**t Princeton, I used to wonder what it would be like to fly Samuel Johnson to the 20th century and land with him at Newark on a hot, hazy summer day. I don't know why I picked on Johnson, except that very few people have ever been so moved and outraged by the nature of being human. For a time I thought about Johnson a lot. He shadowed me around Manhattan for a year or two while I was working on my dissertation. (Perhaps a version of this happens to every scholar.) He was good company — irascible, out of scale with his surroundings, yet excited by the strangest things. I never baited him the way poor Boswell did. I just watched and listened and tried to explain how things worked or had happened, a task that always reminded me how little I really know.

Eventually, though, he faded away, just as I began escaping to the farm, to the West, to the water. I wasn't sad to see him go. One doesn't supersede Samuel Johnson, but I felt that the terms of our bargain — my bargain with literature itself — had altered. I realize now that in studying literature my purpose was never to learn more fully what it means to be human. It was to learn how words do what they do, and to figure out whether my words could do those things, too. One reason for becoming a writer — one of my reasons, at least — is to see if you can make language say more than it's able to say. It's a little like trying to look past the boundaries of human consciousness with only the tools of consciousness itself.

I spend a lot of time noticing the way one thing resembles another and trying to capture the resemblance, if only to let it go in the end. I keep hoping I'll come across another of those moments when everything seems connected to everything and nothing stands for anything. I suppose it's a matter of remaining receptive, never knowing when the next glimpse will come. I write and teach and try to help my students pay attention to the act of noticing and the way words work when you use them as a writer. If I could add one thing to my syllabus now, it wouldn't be another text. It would be the fleeting experience of not being human. ♦

# PRINCETONIANS

## SILVER SMILES:

Gevvie Stone '07 took second in the Olympic single sculls final Aug. 13, capping nearly a decade of competing against the world's best. "I love the sport," she said, "and to reach the Olympic podium as the culmination of the journey is truly a dream come true." Stone will begin a medical residency next year. Read more about Princeton's Olympians on page 17. ♦



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A 2011 change in Saudi Arabian law expanded job opportunities for Saudi women, who mostly work in retail stores that cater to women.

READING ROOM: KATHERINE ZOEPF '00

## SMALL CHANGES ADD UP FOR ARAB WOMEN



From the young women who helped lead anti-government protests in Egypt to the female activists fighting limited employment and driving bans, women's lives are changing across the Middle East. Journalist Katherine Zoepf '00 has been on the front lines of this revolution. In her recent book, *Excellent Daughters: The Secret Lives of Young Women Who Are Transforming the Arab World*, she chronicles the diverse ways that women are redefining their social roles.

### What are some of the ways that women's lives are changing?

Education levels among women have gone through the roof in the last generation — young Arab women are graduating from college and going to graduate school in greater numbers than males. These figures, interestingly, are tilted in favor of the most conservative parts of the region, like Qatar and Saudi Arabia. In part because women have fewer opportunities outside the home, education is a socially acceptable means to a kind of freedom young women wouldn't have otherwise. Marriage is also coming later — it was common for a woman to marry in her teens, but that practice is dying out pretty rapidly.



**"There's a tendency for Westerners to view Arab women as being monolithically oppressed."**

— Katherine Zoepf '00

### You also write that many of these women have conservative political and social views. Is this in tension with the changes you describe?

There's a tendency for Westerners to view Arab women as monolithically oppressed. This leads us to conceive of young Arab women living in opposition to their society almost by definition, and we don't see the ways that they are making decisions and playing active roles in their society. So yes, some believe that a woman's word in court is worth half of a man's testimony, or campaign to encourage polygamy. But these women aren't brainwashed. We accept the idea that American women

can have a diversity of opinions. But for some reason when we think about women in the Middle East, we sometimes lose that tolerance for complication.

### You document a lot of shifts made at the individual level. Why is that significant?

It's a different way of thinking about resistance. In an authoritarian system, there's a tremendous amount of personal risk for these women, even in the context of the family. So it means that something as simple as working in a lingerie store — something that Saudi women have only recently been able to do — can have a tremendous impact. Earning a salary and gaining power and decision-making capacity within the family structure in some ways has a bigger impact on society than something like political participation.

### Many of the countries you've covered have experienced great violence. What is it like to write about women's lives in that context?

Reporters tend to focus on big political events like wars and terrorist attacks. I wanted to look at the social change that was getting lost in the chaos. We can see in our own country how rapidly public opinion has changed on something like gay marriage, but if there were a civil war here and a dozen terrorist attacks, I doubt people outside the country would notice. So I wanted to focus on the way social norms change, the way the texture of family life changes, even with all of this upheaval as the backdrop.

### At times the book is quite personal. Did you connect with these women?

I'm very uncomfortable writing about myself, but I felt that it was the only way to tell the story accurately. When I was about 5, my mother had a religious conversion and became a Jehovah's Witness. Since then, I've been interested in the idea of faith and how it changes people — how for the sake of an idea, people can give up everything. There's an awful lot of silence around faith, but we have to ask respectful questions about it because it shapes the world in very profound ways. ♦ *Interview conducted and condensed by Amelia Thomson-DeVeaux '11*

## Newsmakers



Peruvian prime minister, appointed former Peruvian ambassador to the U.S. **RICARDO LUNA '62**, right, as his minister of foreign affairs.

**ANNE HOLTON '80**, wife of Democratic vice presidential hopeful Tim Kaine, was profiled in August in *The New York Times*. Holton, a former legal-aid lawyer, family-court judge, and Virginia education secretary, was portrayed as someone “driven by an almost religious sense of fairness, an aversion to idleness, and a family-bred commitment to service that has helped elevate her into one-half of Virginia’s most famous power couple.”

Architects **TOD WILLIAMS '65 \*67** and his wife, Billie Tsien, were chosen by Barack and Michelle Obama '85 to design the Obama presidential library in Chicago. The architects also designed Princeton's Andlinger Center for Energy and the Environment.

Economist **PEDRO PABLO KUCZYNSKI '61**, left, was elected president of Peru in April. Kuczynski, a former



Queen Elizabeth II presented the Queen's Young Leader Award to **NUSHELLE DE SILVA '11** for her work in founding Building Bridges, weekly arts workshops that encourage dialogue among people of diverse ethnic backgrounds in Sri Lanka.

In a Commencement address at Barnard College in May, former Princeton professor and aide to



then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton **ANNE-MARIE SLAUGHTER '80** directly addressed students who had protested her selection as speaker because they saw her as a representative of “white corporate feminism.” “Does my identity mean I cannot speak for women who do not look or live like me? This is the same question that has created the generational split among so many women with regard to Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign,” said Slaughter, now the CEO of the New America think tank. To read her full address, go to [paw.princeton.edu](http://paw.princeton.edu).

Clockwise, from left: Ernesto Benavides/AFP/Getty Images; BCAs; Barnard College/Asiya Khaki

### REUNIONS ORAL-HISTORY PROJECT

## Alumni Share Their Princeton Stories

Fourteen alumni took part in PAW's oral-history project at Reunions and recorded their Princeton memories. The PAW Tracks podcast will publish excerpts of these interviews at [paw.princeton.edu](http://paw.princeton.edu), and transcripts of the full conversations will be added to the University Archives.

Participants ranged from the 50th-reunion Class of 1966 to the graduating Class of 2016, and the stories were as diverse as the interviewees. Charlie Buttrey '81 recalled knocking on dorm-room doors during three campaigns for class president — and finally winning on his third try. Allison Slater Tate '96 remembered fascinating pop-culture conversations with her thesis adviser, Elaine Showalter. Howard Zien '71 spoke about the frustration he felt during the student strike of May 1970 when anti-war protesters jeered him for trying to attend class.

Our first podcast features Tony Zee '66, who took a circuitous route to Princeton. Born in China, he immigrated to Brazil as a boy and attended an American international school in São Paulo — a significant financial sacrifice, but one that Zee's father valued greatly. After reading about physics professor John Wheeler, Zee set his sights on Princeton, where he studied under Wheeler and launched his own career as a theoretical physicist. ♦ By B.T.

 **LISTEN** to Tony Zee '66's oral-history interview and browse the PAW Tracks archive at [paw.princeton.edu](http://paw.princeton.edu)



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## ESSAY

# THE CULT OF THIRD-FLOOR BLAIR: DESIGN OR DESTINY?

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My first week of college, in 1998, the RAs in my dorm told us advisees that our hallway was special. Third-Floor Blair, off Blair Arch in Mathey College, had a reputation for creating unusually close friendships. I was skeptical. Like most college kids, I figured that my interests would lead me to friends.

As the year progressed, I set about finding a social niche. I spent a week in the marching band. I sent article ideas to the *Nassau Weekly*. I hung around an eating club. I hung around a boy at an eating club.

I didn't join an eating club, I no longer play the clarinet, but I do work as a writer — and for all the people

I've met along the way, the people I remain closest to are six or so girlfriends from Third-Floor Blair. I see someone from that circle nearly every week. We exchange emails several times a week. One of those friends even convinced me to move to China for five years. We have slept on one another's floors, been to one another's weddings, traveled the world together, and supported one another through job crises, breakups, and medical diagnoses. In 2013, we threw a 15-year friendship party.

We're tight enough that people often remark on our closeness, which got us wondering: Were our RAs right? What was it about Third-Floor Blair?

Some of us think it was the mere power of suggestion. The dating site OKCupid ran experiments and found that telling two users they're a good match, even if they aren't, will make them like each other more. Perhaps the same forces were at work on us.

Others are convinced that architecture determined our destinies. The rooms on that hall were tiny, one-room doubles — no elevator, no air conditioning. We slept in bunk beds above floor space big enough for two desks and not much else. By necessity, the hall became one giant common room. People were always out there — chatting in doorways, forming study groups, stretching, or walking around with a pan of microwaved brownies and offering bites. If you came home from the Street at 3 a.m., someone would be in the hall, reading or studying, to greet you. At the end of the year, people piled unwanted clothes outside their doorways, prompting a spontaneous clothing swap.

It helped that the hall was carpeted, which made the floor comfy, and that the bathrooms were at the ends of the hall, requiring us to walk back and forth constantly, prompting even more interactions among neighbors. I'm close with my freshman-year roommate, but for those who didn't hit it off, the hall brought still another benefit — a whole pool of other potential friends, right outside the door.

Sophomore year, I lived the way most of Mathey did, on an entryway instead of a hall, and I didn't make any friends there. A neighbor and I would see each other, smile, and then — because there's no way to comfortably linger on a stairwell — off we'd go to our separate rooms, not to cross paths again for weeks or months. I imagine that people who lived on entryways from the beginning did turn to classes and student-activity groups and eating clubs for friends. As a TFBer, however, it seems that for all my personal and scholarly pursuits, the thing that most defined my social world — then and now — was my completely random room assignment.

After I graduated, Third-Floor Blair was renovated, and those cramped, one-room doubles were turned into quads, with two bedrooms attached to a common room. I know this because I happened to be on campus soon after and went to see for myself.

I had to knock on someone's door to see — because nobody was hanging out in the hall. ♦

# CLASS NOTES

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# MEMORIALS

**PAW posts a list of recent alumni deaths at [paw.princeton.edu](http://paw.princeton.edu). Go to Reader Services on PAW's home page and click on the link "Recent Alumni Deaths." The list is updated with each new issue.**

## THE CLASS OF 1935



### Hugh B. Sweeny Jr. '35

Jim died May 21, 2016, after a brief illness. He entered Princeton from Plainfield High School after a chance meeting and encouragement from Lefty Davies 1916, the Alumni Council secretary. Having participated in Army ROTC, Jim entered World War II alongside many classmates. He served as a field artillery officer from 1940 to 1945, reaching the rank of lieutenant colonel.

During his long career as national program director for Junior Achievement, he helped thousands of teenagers learn the fundamentals of American business, and many kept in touch with him throughout his life. One of Jim's major accomplishments was expanding the national conference from 60 participants in 1948 to more than 3,000 in 1977. Junior Achievement awards a scholarship in his honor.

Jim retired to Westport, Conn., where he was president of several local charities and was also active in the Saugatuck Congregational Church. Jim proudly carried the Class of 1923 Cane in the 2013 P-rade and served as treasurer of the class.

Jim is survived by his wife of nearly 74 years, Jeanne (Alling); son Hugh III '66 and his wife, Amy; daughter-in-law Andrea Sweeny; and niece Barbara Rice. A son, David Alling Sweeny '70, predeceased him.

## THE CLASS OF 1937



### Frederick M. Schall Jr. '37

Fred died Jan. 11, 2016.

He came to us from the Pomfret School, where he rowed crew, worked on publications, and won the French Prize. He rowed for four years at Princeton and majored in geology. Upon graduation, he studied at Cambridge University and then worked for Shell Oil in Romania. By 1940 he was working for an oil company in New Orleans, where he married Belen Wagner in 1942. During World War II, Fred worked in Navy photo reconnaissance in the Pacific and retired from the Reserves as a lieutenant commander.

After the war, Fred worked as a geologist for Texas Gas Exploration, helped in several oil and gas discoveries, and settled in Houston. He also aided in metals discoveries in Alaska. An excellent horseman, he enjoyed fox hunting as well as golf, and he read widely. He served as Annual Giving co-chair.

In retirement, Fred helped elderly people with their taxes. He was a fellow of the Geological Society of America and served as president of the Gulf Coast Geological Society. For 60 years he was a member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church.

A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, people also knew him as a steadfast and gentle man.

## THE CLASS OF 1944



### Gerard L. Regard '44

Gerry died Feb. 5, 2016, in Dallas. He was 1944's youngest member.

Born and raised in France, he attended the Lycée Français de New York and brought his lovable, distinctive French accent to Princeton to major in politics. Junior year, he roomed with Francis Chapman, who died as a paratrooper in France during World War II. Some years later, Gerry made his first of many gifts to endow a Chapman scholarship.

Gerry entered the Army Air Corps to become a navigator in a B-29 while training French Air cadets. After the war, he attended Harvard Business School and earned an MBA. His first employer was Kidder Peabody in New York, which moved him to Dallas. He had a long career and served as a board member with the Holly Corp. He was a lucky, energetic, friendly Tiger who returned to France every year. He attended 21 reunions, including 10 majors.

He is survived by Betty "Lisa" Simmons, whom he married in 1959; his children, Monique and Tania; and six grandchildren. Gerry's French accent and expressions were a delight to hear, especially when saying goodbye; he said, "Be lucky!" He was a very special person and shall be missed.

## THE CLASS OF 1945

### Robert Fay Allen '45

Bob died Aug. 11, 2015.

Bob entered Princeton from Mamaroneck High School and joined Campus Club.

After receiving his degree in mechanical engineering, he joined the Carrier Corp. in Syracuse, N.Y. Bob represented Carrier in the Westchester County area as a vice president in sales. His assignments took him to Dallas, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Bob expressed his appreciation for his Princeton years and regretted that his business and family priorities prevented him from making contacts with his classmates.

At Carrier, Bob rose through the ranks and retired in 1987 as chairman and CEO.

Bob served as director of numerous corporate organizations, including Chase Lincoln Bank, Manufacturers Association of Central New York, and as chairman of the Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce. Bob was a trustee of LeMoyne College and Syracuse University.

He met Vivian Rott in San Francisco, and they married in 1951. She predeceased him in 2013, but Bob is survived by children Kathleen, Joan, Barbara, Thomas, and Robert; and six grandchildren. The class expresses its sympathy to the family.



### Philo Rockwell King Jr. '45

Rock died Feb. 26, 2016, at home after a short illness.

Rock entered Princeton from Phillips Andover Academy and joined Elm Club. He immediately announced his intention to entertain us and enrolled as a cabaret entertainer in Triangle Club.

Like many classmates, he obtained his degree in 1948 after service in France and Germany, seeing combat with a field artillery battalion of the 102nd Infantry. For almost 70 years after his graduation he entertained us—not just at our reunions, but also for decades at Sister Kate's in Stowe, Vt., and the Sand Bar on Cape Cod. Luckily, his work is preserved on the many CDs he made and distributed to us. We can always replay *Cinderella* and *My Room*. In addition to his entertainment, he enjoyed golf and skiing as recreational activities. Rock married Virginia Hildreth, and they had a long marriage until her death in 1980. He then married Patricia Klein for another long marriage, which lasted 30 years.

Rock is survived by his wife, Pat; stepdaughter Heather Videgar; two granddaughters; and one great-granddaughter. He was a superb entertainer, and he can never be replaced. Rock, we will miss you, and we thank you for your many years as a cabaret entertainer.

**THE CLASS OF 1946****Thomas Francis Bergin**

**'46** Tom died Dec. 19, 2014. When Tom retired after 30 years as a University of Virginia Law School professor (including 27 years as full professor), the *Virginia Law Weekly* devoted an entire issue to him under the masthead *Berginian Law Weekly*. A year later, 300 friends and former students funded the Thomas F. Bergin Teaching Professorship, awarded annually to an outstanding teacher.

Tom expertly taught courses on contracts, commercial law, future interests, law and economics, jurisprudence, property law and economics, law and philosophy, and law and morality. During World War II, he served in the India-Burma Theater, translating Japanese and French for the Army Air Corps. Postwar, on the baseball field, he was catcher as his identical twin, John, pitched for Edgewood Booster Club. The team won the Greater New Haven League championship in 1947 and 1948.

Following Tom's death, the *Charlottesville Daily Progress* said he "will always be remembered for his big personality and even bigger heart." He is survived by his daughter, Anne Bergin; and his grandson, Brian F. Wilbourn. Classmates admire the way Tom's family and friends loved his vigorous discussions about the law, mathematical puzzles, politics, and the Boston Red Sox.

**THE CLASS OF 1948****L. Comer Jennings Jr. '48**

Comer died in his sleep March 6, 2016, in an assisted-living facility in Atlanta, Ga. He was 89.

For half a century he had been a locally and regionally famous portrait artist and a leader in arts organizations such as the Atlanta Ballet and the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. He was a portrait painter of local and regional social, business, and political leaders and members of their families.

Born in Eufaula, Ala., he attended Culver Military Academy, did Navy service at the end of World War II, and in 1946 entered Princeton, where he was on the *Princeton Tiger* staff and in Cottage Club.

Then Comer entered the Coast Guard and later finished college at the University of North Carolina and at Emory University in Atlanta. He spent a decade in advertising, working at N.W. Ayer in Philadelphia and McCann Marschalk in New York. Having gone back to Atlanta to manage the Coca-Cola advertising account, he soon set off on yet another career, quickly gaining local fame as a portraitist.

Comer was married for 11 years to Ann Elizabeth May. She survives him, as do their sons, Comer Jennings III and Benjamin Jennings, and five grandsons.

**THE CLASS OF 1949****Thomas W. Remchick '49**

Tom died peacefully Feb. 25, 2016, in Westerville, Ohio.

Tom was born Jan. 10, 1928, to Trofim and Pariskeva Remchick of Russian descent.

Tom came to Princeton in 1945 at age 16, having graduated from Haddonfield High School in Haddonfield, N.J. Tom was a geology major and a member of Elm Club. He roomed in Little Hall with Chuck Van Anden, Jack Zimmerman, and Harry Bartley.

After graduation, he worked for Pacific Valves and with the federal government, holding positions in the General Services Administration and the Veterans Administration. He received accolades for his many years of government service and proudly served in the Army during the Korean War. Tom was an avid history buff, a faithful Orthodox Christian, and a classical music enthusiast. He prized his significant library, which was donated to correctional facilities in central Ohio after his death. He will be missed for his charming, gentle, and kind manner, his deep faith and humility, and his old-fashioned, respectful demeanor.

Tom married Anna Brodzik Sept. 18, 1960, who predeceased him after many years of marriage. Tom is survived by his sister Christine; his son John (wife Lucia); his daughter Susan Kairis (husband Matthew); and six grandchildren whom he cherished.

**THE CLASS OF 1950****Robert L. Jones Jr. '50**

Bob died March 22, 2016.

He was a lifelong resident of Massachusetts, where he was an obstetrician-gynecologist.

Bob was born in Chelmsford, Mass., where he attended high school before graduating from Andover. He served in the Navy during World War II. At Princeton, he majored in biology and was a member of Terrace.

He completed his medical studies at Tufts Medical College in 1954. After an internship at Worcester City Hospital and a residency at Boston City Hospital, he spent his entire career as an OB-GYN partner at Women's Specialists of Framingham. Following retirement, he and his wife, Elizabeth, whom he married while at Tufts in August 1951, moved to Orleans on Cape Cod. Bob was a devoted reader and enjoyed golfing, walking, and the outdoors.

He is survived by Elizabeth; children Douglas, Bruce, Andrew, Catherine, and Janet; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He also leaves a sister, Barbara Jones.

**THE CLASS OF 1952****Ronald Hess Aires '52**

Ron died Dec. 22, 2015.

Ron came to Princeton from Ephrata (Pa.)



High School, where he was senior class president. He majored in modern languages, was in the Chapel Choir, ate at Terrace, and roomed with Tom Zook.

He went on to Yale, where he earned a master of arts degree in teaching, and later studied at the Sorbonne. He spent his working life at private secondary schools in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New York.

Ron is survived by a brother, Randolph, to whom the class extends its sympathy.

**Harold H. Saunders '52**

Hal died March 6, 2016.

A Philadelphian, Hal came to Princeton from Germantown Academy. He majored in English and American civilization, joined Campus Club, and played soccer. He chaired the Near East studies department's advisory council from 1982 to 2007, was alumni trustee of the University from 1996 to 2000, and served as class president from 2002 to 2007. He earned a Ph.D. in American studies from Yale in 1956.

After Air Force duty, Hal joined the National Security Council staff in 1961, focusing on the Middle East. Joining the State Department in 1974, he was deputy assistant secretary, director of intelligence and research, and assistant secretary for the Near East and South Asia. He flew on the Kissinger shuttles after the 1973 Arab-Israeli war and was a principal drafter of the Camp David accords and the Egyptian-Israeli peace during President Jimmy Carter's administration.

After leaving government in 1981, he worked with the Kettering Foundation developing the Sustained Dialogue methodology, a nonofficial process for transforming conflictual relationships, which Princeton students adapted for campus use. In 2002, Hal incorporated the International Institute for Sustained Dialogue. He published four books on the peace process and Sustained Dialogue.

Hal's wife, Barbara, died in 1973. They had two children, Catherine and Mark. In 1990, Hal and Carol married. They had five grandchildren.

**David Siegel '52**

Dave died Jan. 23, 2016, of complications from Alzheimer's disease. He was 85.

From Mentor (Ohio) High School, he came to Princeton and roomed with Barrie Sparling, Marshall Osborn, Ed Tiraykian, and Jim Kritzeck (a graduate student). He was a passionate bridge player and a member of Terrace Club. He had a superb voice, which he used in the Chapel Choir.

After graduation, he was drafted and served in the Army from 1952 to 1954 as a staff sergeant in Korea. In 1954 he married Julie, with whom he shared the next 62 years of happy domestic life. He extended his education, earning a law degree in 1965, and was an avid reader of historical novels.

Dave worked in human resources at Prudential Insurance and the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., and later opened his own business that provided management consulting services. Throughout his career, he was a board member of many organizations, including Lake Erie College, Lake Health Foundation, and Western Reserve Counseling Service. In our 50th yearbook, he wrote: "I have generally been a lightning rod and gadfly in efforts to improve performance and leadership of nonprofits. My rewards come in the resulting improvements, not thanks."

To his wife, Julie, and their children, Libby, Kate, and John, the class extends its sympathy.



#### **James Sparkman Jr. '52**

Jim came to us from Gilman School, where he had gone for a year after graduating from New Rochelle (N.Y.) High School.

He majored in economics and joined Cap and the Navy ROTC. He ran varsity track all four years, won the Keene Fitzpatrick Award, and roomed with Rollo Reed, Eric Vicarino, Carl Colyer, and John Sharon.

After graduation he joined the Navy and served as a lieutenant junior grade on a destroyer escort in the Atlantic Station Squadron until 1955. He tried Wall Street for a brief time, then worked for 10 years in the liquor business before moving to Manchester, Vt., where he spent the rest of his life. Jim started his own real estate business and took part in community efforts to manage commercial development and address environmental issues. A skilled runner, Jim continued many years of marathon and long-distance road running. He was nationally ranked in his age group.

Jim died Jan. 17, 2016, and was buried in the family cemetery in New Rochelle among his Huguenot ancestors. He leaves his son, Jamie, and other family members. The class says farewell and thanks Jim for his Navy service to our country.



#### **Frank Sparrow '52**

Frank died Feb. 21, 2016.

He graduated from the Englewood School for Boys and joined Tiger Inn, played JV football, and belonged to the Student Christian Association and the Pre-Med Society at Princeton. He majored in biology and went on to graduate from the New York School of Medicine.

Before graduation, Frank joined the Air

Force and flew combat missions in Korea. He returned to Princeton and served in the Air Force Reserve while finishing his courses. He was known for flying at low levels over the campus and football field in those days.

His medical career included serving as campus physician at Choate, then as an emergency room and industrial physician. Frank is survived by his wife, Pam; and children William, Christopher, Jonathan, and Anne. The class offers regrets and thanks to Frank for his military service.

#### **THE CLASS OF 1953**



#### **Lewis Kleinhans III '53**

Lewis died April 5, 2016, in Litchfield, Conn. Lewis was born in Newark, N.J., and came to Princeton by way of the Princeton Country Day School and Hotchkiss School. He left Princeton early in 1951 and served two years in the Navy before returning to graduate with the Class of 1956.

He went to work for the Chemical Bank New York Trust Co., and became a vice president before retiring in 1988 to support his wife's career. Over the years, Lewis served as president of a local YMCA and governor of a local beach club. He was a member of the Metropolitan Club, the Princeton Club of New York, Edgartown Yacht Club, Litchfield Country Club, and Chappaquiddick Beach Club. He also wrote memorials for the *Princeton Alumni Weekly* on behalf of his father's class of 1925.

Lewis is survived by his wife, Lucie Guernsey Kleinhans; sons Lewis and Daniel; a daughter, Jacqueline; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.



#### **Alan W. Osborne '53**

Alan died April 6, 2016.

He was born in Summit, N.J., and came to Princeton from Hotchkiss School. He joined Tower Club, majored in biology, belonged to the Pre-Med Society, and played I.A.A. squash and basketball. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa, Alan went to the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, did his internship at Presbyterian Hospital, and served a tour of duty with the Air Force in Alaska.

He settled in Westfield, N.J., and served for more than 30 years as director of radiology at Rahway Hospital (now Robert Wood Johnson Hospital), and Children's Specialized Hospital. He played competitive racquetball for many years, walked more than 50 miles a week, and bicycled several thousand miles annually. He enjoyed climbing in the Catskills and White Mountains and in the Alps and Himalayas. In retirement, he audited several courses every semester at Princeton.

Predeceased by his wife, Bernice, Alan is survived by his children, Jeanne, James, Robert, Anne '82, Michael, John, and Thomas; and five grandchildren.



#### **William A. Tryon II '53**

Bill died March 12, 2016, in Elmira, N.Y., where he was born and raised.

At Princeton, Bill played baseball and football all four years and was a member and president of Tiger Inn. Having participated in the ROTC program in college, Bill went on to serve as an officer in the Marine Corps before returning to Elmira. He wrote his thesis on "The Geology of the Elmira, New York, Quadrangle," and committed himself to building a life on a foundation he thoroughly understood.

His day job for more than 60 years was selling life insurance, but he was always deeply involved in community activities including the Rotary Club, Arnot Ogden Memorial Hospital, and the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes. He volunteered as a coach of Small-Fry basketball and high school golf. Bill was an avid golfer who won the New York State Golf Association Men's State Amateur Championship three times and was inducted as an inaugural member of the New York State Golf Association Hall of Fame in 2013.

After graduation, Bill married Mary Lou Hamm, and she predeceased him by eight days. They are survived by three children, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



#### **Richard Warden '53**

Richard died March 11, 2016. He was born in India, but his father, a major with the British Royal Horse Artillery, died when Richard was 6, and he moved to America, where he grew up in South Carolina and California. After a year at Duke, Richard came to Princeton on a Navy ROTC scholarship. He was a member of Dial Lodge and majored in aeronautical engineering. He flew jets for the Navy after graduation until an attack of polio sent him to Warm Springs, Ga., for rehabilitation.

After earning a master's degree from MIT, he worked on the NASA Ranger 4 and re-entry spacecraft. He got an MBA from Harvard and moved into executive positions dealing with aerospace and marine products. He became the president and CEO of ITT Decca and Raytheon divisions and eventually transitioned into his own consulting business for senior executives.

Richard owned small planes and large boats and three times took an entire year off from work to cruise the Bahamas with his family or be an island bush pilot. The polio reasserted itself eventually, and by 2004, Richard had to give up his plane and accept increasing limits on his activity.

He is survived by his wife, Jamie; five children; and 14 grandchildren.

#### THE CLASS OF 1954



**Francis Stuart Harmon**  
**'54** Stu died April 2, 2016, at the Village at Summerville in South Carolina.

Born in Lynchburg, Va., he attended Horace Mann School for Boys. At Princeton, he majored in chemistry and was a member of Prospect Club. After graduation, he enrolled in the Navy officer candidate school in Newport, R.I. He was stationed aboard the USS *Hancock* in the Pacific fleet, where he was radar controller for combat air patrol in the Formosa Straits.

In 1957, he was assigned to teach chemistry at the Naval Academy, where he met his wife, Mary Ann French. Stu earned a master's degree in chemistry at the University of Illinois, then taught at the Lawrenceville School. He worked as a consultant for Educational Testing Service and helped write a general science course at Princeton. He then became chairman of the science department at Charlotte Latin School. While there, he received distinguished teaching awards from Southern Methodist University and North Carolina State University.

Stu and his wife, Mary Ann, fell in love with the Silver Bay Association in the Adirondack Mountains in upstate New York and became permanent residents in 1995. His wife predeceased him in 1998.

The class is honored by his service to our country and extends condolences to his sons, Kendall and Randall; and three grandchildren.



**Daniel D. Merrill '54**

Dan died March 13, 2016, two days after surgery for a hip fracture.

Born in South Bend, Ind., he attended Riley High School. His Princeton major was mathematics. A member of Quadrangle Club, the Chapel Choir, and the Undergraduate Council and chairman of the National Canterbury Association, he also served as president of the St. Paul Society and the Student Christian Association.

After Princeton, he did graduate work in philosophy at the University of Minnesota and earned his Ph.D. in 1962. He met and married his wife, Marly, while completing his degree. They moved to Ohio, and he taught at Oberlin College for the remainder of his career. Dan was a member of many college committees over his 38-year tenure. He edited and authored a number of publications, and in 1990 he published *Augustus De Morgan and the Logic of Relations*. Dan loved music, and he and Marly attended scores of concerts yearly.

The class offers condolences to Marly; children Stephen and Karen; and four grandchildren.

#### Ronald Miller '54

Ron died March 9, 2016, of complications from a fall.

Born in New York City, he majored in biology at Princeton. He was a member of Quadrangle Club, the Undergraduate Council, and many other committees. He entered Columbia Medical School, and after graduation, took up residency training with Harvard Medical Service at Boston City Hospital and at Washington University in St. Louis. He subsequently completed fellowship training in nephrology at Boston University. Ron spent four years on the faculty at Boston University and then four years at the University of California, Irvine, where he started the Department of Nephrology and established dialysis units for his renal patients.

As attending nephrologist, Ron faced many end-of-life issues for his critically ill patients, so he took a yearlong fellowship as a visiting scholar at the University of Chicago, in the department of medical ethics. On his return to the University of California, Irvine, he developed a program in medical ethics and spent the next 17 years teaching residents and hospital and clinical staff in that field.

Ron was a caring and passionate man. He was devoted to his family, friends, patients, and students, as well as to his philosophy of life. The class extends condolences to his wife, Irene; daughters Cynthia, Laura Jane, and Carla Irene; and sons David and William.

#### THE CLASS OF 1957



**Lynn W. Hall '57**

Lynn died Jan. 9, 2016. In 1975, already a leading Shearson Lehman stockbroker, Lynn created the Hall Management Group, a dynamic trading entity within Shearson. An avid sailor, Lynn and two sons sailed his yacht across the Atlantic to open a recently purchased house perched high above the Barcelona harbor in Spain. Lynn was also an accomplished flutist.

In 1980, he acquired 16 waterfront acres on the island of Islesboro, off the coast of Maine. Accessible only by ferry, countless truckloads brought all he needed to his property. Atop his forklift, he excavated the foundation for a large house overlooking the property. Lynn learned to fly. He housed his Cessna in a hangar he built from a kit. Despite lacking a nighttime license, he stopped at five airports en route to California to visit family. Later, incredibly, he made the same trip by motorcycle, but this time, not feeling well, he flew home.

In 1985, he moved to Brunswick, Ga., where he became director of the Latin American Cultural Institute, devoting himself to teaching English to Hispanics. Five years later, it closed, but Lynn already had formed a soccer league for Hispanics.

Surviving him are four sons; 11 grandchildren; brother Geoff '55 and sister-in-law Heidi; twin sister Carol and her husband, Albert Murray; and his ex-wife, Ginny.



**Donald W. Stake '57**

Don died Feb. 21, 2016, in Schenectady, N.Y., surrounded by family. While at Princeton, Don majored in English, was active in the Chapel Choir, and took his meals at Campus Club. During his senior year, he roomed with John Robinson and Jerry Mulder.

After graduation, Don earned a degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1960, and was assistant pastor at Union Presbyterian Church in Schenectady from 1960 to 1966. He became senior pastor in 1966 and held that position until his retirement in 2001, when he became a public-relations specialist for Community Hospice until 2014.

Don was stated clerk of the Presbytery of Albany from 1975 to 1987 and an editorial cartoonist for the Spotlight Newspapers from 1987 to 2008. Throughout his career, he was a contributor to multiple church publications, including the *Book of Common Worship*. He was active in the ecumenical and interfaith community, in which he served on many committees. Don loved his family, his two cats, and everything Disney. He enjoyed many quality and meaningful friendships throughout the years.

Don is survived by his wife of 28 years, Mary Jane; daughters Jennifer and Amy; stepchildren Mary Lee, Ian Douglas, and David McKechnie; 13 grandchildren; and a niece and nephew.

#### THE CLASS OF 1958



**Bradley R. Brewer '58**

Brad died Jan. 2, 2016, in New York City, of complications from heart disease.

He prepared at Westside High School in Omaha, Neb. At Princeton, he was in the special program in the humanities, majored in English, and was a member of Key and Seal Club. Brad was also manager of the varsity lacrosse team and active in Whig-Clio and the Glee Club. His senior year roommate was Les Robbins.

After graduating from Princeton, he received a degree from Columbia Law School and practiced in New York City until his retirement in 1993. He worked on civil rights in the South, freedom of speech for soldiers during the Vietnam War, and other civil-rights issues in the '60s.

Brad and his wife, Francine, were married for 45 years. Brad was happy living on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, a neighborhood that reflected his values and supported his interests. He loved to read and listen to chamber music.



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He and his wife enjoyed traveling, especially to Italy and France, where they had many friends.

To Francine, who survives him, the class extends its sympathy.



#### **Philip B. Smith '58**

Phil died on Jan. 29, 2016, in Delray Beach, Fla. He entered Princeton from Trinity-Pawling School. A chemical engineering major, Phil rowed

on the freshman crew, played rugby, and was a member of Cottage Club. His senior-year roommates were Chris Brookfield, Harry Rulon-Miller, Guy Pope, Allan Rodgers, and Paul Hicks.

After a tour in the Navy and receiving an MBA from Harvard, Phil began a very successful career on Wall Street. He founded Citicorp Venture Capital in 1967 and served as its first president and CEO until 1972. He continued his career at Irving Trust (now Bank of New York) as executive vice president and group executive of the World Wide Corporate Group. In addition, he was a managing director of the Merchant Banking Group of Prudential Securities and vice chairman and co-founder of Spencer Trask Securities. Phil trained a generation of venture-capitalists as an adjunct professor, teaching a venture-capital course at the Graduate School of Business at Columbia University.

Phil is survived by his wife of 55 years, Linda; daughters Susan Pettenati, Elizabeth Klein, and Alice Clark; and 10 grandchildren. His daughter, Eleanor Southworth, predeceased him. To them all, the class extends its most sincere condolences.

#### **THE CLASS OF 1959**



#### **John E. Zuccotti '59**

John died Nov. 19, 2015. Born in Manhattan, he attended La Salle Military Academy. As a freshman at Princeton, John won the Spencer Trask Debating Prize. A history major, John was a member of WPRB, Orange Key, the Young Democrats Club, and Whig-Clio. He ate at Tiger Inn.

After graduating from Princeton, John fulfilled his military commitment before attending Yale Law School (he graduated in 1963) while also working as an assistant to Sen. Jacob Javits. In 1966, he became an assistant to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. He returned to New York City in 1970 to establish the law firm of Tufo, Johnston, and Zuccotti. That same year he was appointed to the New York City planning committee by Mayor John Lindsay; he served as chairman under Mayor Abe Beame. In 1975, he became first deputy mayor and played a major role in saving New York City from financial collapse.

He was chairman of the New York

Performing Arts Center, the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Association, and the Real Estate Board of New York, and a member of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum. A half-acre park in lower Manhattan, headquarters of Occupy Wall Street protesters in 2011, now bears his name.

John is survived by his wife, Susan; three children; and eight grandchildren. We have sent condolences.

#### **THE CLASS OF 1963**



#### **Martin D. Alexander '63**

Martin died March 6, 2016, at home in Santa Rosa, Calif., after a 10-year struggle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. A groundbreaker in artificial intelligence, microprocessing, and cybersecurity, he was said by colleagues to be "one of the best software engineers on the planet."

After preparing at The Westminster Schools in Atlanta, Martin majored in physics, belonged to the flying club, the fencing team, and WPRB, and ate senior year at Wilson. He then earned a master's degree in computer science at Georgia Tech, where he built a program translating one early computer language into another. In our 25th reunion book, he wrote that he owed a "fulfilling and rewarding" life to the "inspiration and challenge" of his college education.

His keen intellect wore a veneer of gentleness and self-effacing humor. Martin fashioned systems to validate signatures, protect the military against cyberattacks, build new computer languages, and embed microprocessors that run cellphones, auto engines, DVRs, and other "smart" products. In the Army, he worked in top secrecy as a code writer and code breaker. He co-founded Penware Inc., and worked for the cybersecurity firm Promia.

Survivors include his wife, Brigitte; daughter Ada; nephews William D. and Michael J.; niece Alice Alexander; and close friends, including Bill Libby '71.



#### **Harold T. Peterson Jr. '63**

Hal, a health physicist who was a national leader in setting standards for protecting the public against radiation damage, died Jan. 16, 2016.

Retired from federal service, he was a radiation-protection consultant living in Silver Spring, Md.

Hal entered Princeton from Elmont High School on Long Island (where he was a winner in the Westinghouse Science Talent Search). He was president of the chemistry club and news editor of the *Princeton Engineer*, and ate at Terrace. In 1965, he received a master's degree in nuclear engineering from NYU.

He had 36 years of experience with the Public Health Service, Environmental Protection Agency, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Department of Energy. He chaired the National Republican Committee's 1991 revision of standards and co-chaired an interagency committee on standards. His work involved biological impacts of radiation and risk estimations of high and low doses, along with the attendant controversies and difficulties in communication.

Since 2004, he had been a consultant for the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements. He wrote or co-authored more than 100 publications, was a lifetime honorary member of the American Nuclear Society, and was a fellow of the Health Physics Society.

The class shares its sadness with his wife, Carol; children Kathleen Lyons and Michael; and five grandchildren.

#### **THE CLASS OF 1966**

#### **Ralph E. Bodine '66**

Ralph died March 7, 2016, at his home in Central Saanich, British Columbia, Canada. He was surrounded by his wife, Linda, and six children.

Ralph was born in Phoenix, Ariz., in 1942. After graduating from Princeton, he went on to have an illustrious business career, serving as board chairman of the Western Growers Association, the Fruit Growers Supply Co., and Sunkist Growers. He reported in our 45th reunion book that he served as the chief executive officer of the Marlin Group, headquartered in Sun City, Ariz. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush appointed him chairman of the President's Council on Rural America.

In 1992, Ralph and Linda moved to the Saanich Peninsula in British Columbia. He quickly became involved in arts and educational organizations, serving on the governing boards of the Royal British Columbia Museum and the University of Victoria Foundation. Ralph was also avidly involved in thoroughbred horse breeding and racing.

The class extends its condolences to Linda and to their children, Amy, Arthur, Sarah, Carrie, Lisa, and Kevin.

#### **THE CLASS OF 1970**



#### **Anthony Pelino Jr. '70**

Tony died Aug. 19, 2014, in Binghamton, N.Y. He was a lifelong and loyal resident of the tri-cities area of the Southern Tier counties of New York. He attended Union-Endicott High School; his athletic abilities there prepared him for our freshman and junior varsity football teams. His hard work on the field and warm smile earned him many fast friends, and he joined some of them at Tiger Inn, while rooming with Shiffrin, Goeltz, and Nixon. He studied economics

with Professor William Baumol, who was the advisor of Princeton presidents William Bowen '58 and Harold Shapiro '64.

After graduation, Tony returned to New York and graduated from Albany Law School, joining the bar in his beloved Southern Tier. While in general practice on his own, he developed a special interest in environmental issues, and his caring activism was instrumental in leading to the cautious approach of New York State to fracking, which has caused havoc elsewhere.

The class extends its condolences to his sisters, Anita Casella, Theresa DeLorenzo, Diane Dwyer, Suzanne Aldridge, and Sylvana Dodd; as well as their families. Tony will be fondly remembered and deeply mourned by his many friends and teammates in the class.



#### **Laurence Walker '70**

Larry died after a difficult fight with cancer Nov. 14, 2015.

While at Princeton, his baritone voice memorably enriched the Footnotes and parties at Quad. A highly accomplished engineer, he followed his bachelor's of science in electrical engineering with a Ph.D. from MIT. Larry had a distinguished career managing the creation and marketing of networks and computer systems for large technology companies, including Hewlett Packard and Digital, then eventually his own firm. Always generous with his time and wisdom, he served as a director, expert adviser, and angel investor for a large range of technology companies. He was board director at his alma mater, Hopkins Grammar School in Connecticut, and at Star of Austin Rodeo College Scholarship Endowments. A very active Princeton alumnus, he served as a schools committee interviewer and on the advisory committee of the electrical engineering department for 15 years, many of them as its chair.

Larry is survived by his wife, Brenda; children Karin Moskal, Courtney Hendricson, Paula, Trent Samford, and Tyler Browder; nine grandchildren; and his brothers, Allen and John. With them, we remember the warmth of his voice and personality, and mourn his passing.

#### **THE CLASS OF 1976**



#### **Thomas B. Vanderbeek '76**

Tom died Feb. 28, 2016, in Suffern, N.Y.

Born and raised in New City, N.Y., he graduated from Clarkstown High School before matriculating at Princeton with the Class of 1977. He majored in civil engineering and graduated with a bachelor's of science degree in engineering in three years. Tom ran the Student Bicycle Repair Agency and was an All-American in lacrosse.

After graduation, Tom returned home and

began his career as an engineer, specializing in water resources and land development with the firm Lawler, Matusky & Skelly Engineers, where he worked for 25 years. In his early years, he traveled all over the country working on projects. Later on, he concentrated on the northeast region, taking the lead role in multiple Rockland County municipal projects. In 2011, he opened his own firm. Tom was a well-known and respected engineer, professionally and civically active throughout the Hudson Valley. He was founding director of the Lower Hudson Valley Challenger Center, a space-science center for children.

The class officers extend deepest sympathy to his wife, Betty; daughters Zandrina and Alexa; parents Dorothy and John; brother Tim; sisters Heidi Perrow, Holly Cook, and Wendy Vanderbeek; two granddaughters; and extended family.

#### **THE CLASS OF 1977**

#### **Theresa Perry Person '77**

Theresa died Sept. 6, 2015, in San Jose, Calif. after a battle with cancer. After Princeton, Theresa worked in the financial-services industry, mostly in the commercial banking and credit-union sectors. She continued studying by taking executive-management training programs; her emphasis was on employee professional development.

Theresa remained active in her community and was involved in the annual arts and wine festival for the last 25 years. She also served as president and vice president of the American Business Women Association, Redwood City Chapter. She was most pleased with the scholarships the ABWA helped to fund.

Those who knew her loved her laugh. She always remembered to send cards to family and friends for birthdays and holidays. She could still relax to childhood joys — her birthday cake had to have a Disney decoration and extra strawberry fruit filling and butter-cream icing. She enjoyed watching *Harry Potter* movies. This joy and warmth were appreciated in her church, where she was also involved.

Theresa and Maurice Person were married in 1993. Her family proved to be the true center of her life. She leaves Maurice; her brothers and sisters, Denise Perry, Benjamin Perry III, Brenda Perry, and Alton Dixon; brothers-in-law Willie Person, Chiang Person, and Garry Person; as well as the rest of a loving family.



#### **Jennifer Small '77**

Jennifer died June 15, 2015, from pancreatic cancer, in Lake Oswego, Ore.

Jennifer was an accomplished violinist who studied at the Juilliard School and received a law degree from the Southwestern School of Law in Los Angeles. After graduating from

Princeton, Jennifer moved to Los Angeles, where she worked as a musician in the recording studio, working on movies including *Indiana Jones*, *Aladdin*, and *Die Hard*. Her resume includes the Broadway musical (and DVD recording) of *Sweeney Todd*, performing at the opening ceremonies of the 1976 Montreal and 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, and recording with Barbra Streisand, Frank Sinatra, and jazz musician Diane Schuur. In addition, she performed with eminent orchestral conductors and organizations, especially enjoying the American Ballet Theatre, as well as backing up pop artists like Michael Jackson, George Benson, and Marvin Gaye.

She passed the California bar exam, briefly practiced labor law in San Francisco, and moved to Arizona in 1996, where she passed the Arizona bar exam. In 2004, the family relocated to Lake Oswego, Ore. Jennifer loved volunteering in the Lake Oswego public schools and teaching violin to local students.

Jennifer is survived by her husband, Stephen; sons Matthew and Ethan Agritelley; her loving parents, Emily and Charles Small; and her brother, David Small.

#### **THE CLASS OF 1984**

#### **Paul J. Hollis '84**

Paul died Jan. 23, 2016.

At Princeton, Paul played lacrosse and was awarded status as an All-Ivy attackman. He majored in political science and graduated in 1984.

Following graduation, Paul played lacrosse professionally in Adelaide, Australia. Upon returning to the United States, he enjoyed a 20-year career as a Yankee bond trader in New York City. Paul then embarked upon a second career, getting a master's degree in education from Molloy (N.Y.) College.

At the time of his death, Paul was teaching A.P. economics and A.P. government at Eastside High School in Gainesville, Fla. Paul was renowned for his talent in sparking interest in the driest of topics. He utilized elements of pop culture, artistry, and commentary to stimulate and lay the groundwork for understanding subjects as varied as Watergate, the Rwandan genocide, the Supreme Court, and the mechanics of the financial markets.

As the head lacrosse coach at Eastside High School, Paul was greatly admired. For the three seasons Paul coached, the team went to districts three times in a row. Whether in the classroom or on the field, Paul was known as intelligent, honorable, kind, loving, positive, and strong.

The class extends its sympathy to Paul's wife, Bernadette; siblings William, Peter, Jeannine, Mark, and Aileen; his in-laws, Doris and Donald Woolfenden; his sisters-in-law, Siobhan Sack and Judith Houlihan; and his 16 nieces and nephews.

**THE CLASS OF 1994****Julia Blankertz '94**

Julia died July 1, 2015, at her home in Brooklyn Heights, N.Y. She grew up in Newtown Square, Pa., where she attended the Shipley School. At Princeton, she was a member of Dial-Elm-Cannon Club and earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology.

After graduation, Julia earned a law degree from the University of Michigan Law School. She served as an associate at the firms of Winston & Strawn; Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson; and Baker & Hostetler LLP. At the time of her death, she was of counsel for P.H. Wilson Law and Law Office of Henry Park. She also served as a consultant for LexisNexis.

Julia had a lifelong love of the water. She was a member of the crew at Shipley and Princeton and was on the Princeton sailing team. She especially loved sailing the waters around her family's summer home in Vinalhaven, Maine. In addition, she was an accomplished marathoner.

Julia was known for her exceptional intellectual curiosity and wit, which she knew to combine with compassion and humanity toward others. She enjoyed the vibrancy of New York City, with its diverse cultural and food offerings. A bright light, she was taken too soon.

She was predeceased by her father, Donald Blankertz; and is survived by her mother, Laura Enion Blankertz; and brothers, Andrew and Daniel.

**GRADUATE ALUMNI****Frederick H. Hartmann \*49**

Frederick Hartmann, retired professor at the Naval War College, died Nov. 15, 2015, at the age of 93.

Hartmann graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1943 under an accelerated Navy program. After completing midshipman school, he shipped out to the Pacific theater and took part in nine invasions, including Palau, Leyte, Lingayen Gulf, and Okinawa, and received seven battle stars.

In early 1946, he enrolled at the Princeton graduate school and received a Ph.D. in politics in 1949. Appointed an assistant professor of political science at the University of Florida in 1948, he was later promoted to associate and full professor.

Hartmann commanded a Naval Reserve division in Gainesville, Fla., and was promoted to captain in 1966. That year, he accepted a newly created civilian position at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. For the next 20 years, he served as the Alfred Thayer Mahan Professor and special academic adviser to nine of its presidents. He was awarded the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, and his scholarly writing included 15 books. After moving to California in 1986, he was on the Episcopal diocesan

commission ministry for 15 years.

Hartmann is survived by three children.

**Louis N. Howard \*53**

Louis Howard, professor emeritus of mathematics at MIT and retired professor emeritus at Florida State University, died June 28, 2015, at age 86.

Howard earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Swarthmore in 1950 and a Ph.D. in mathematics from Princeton in 1953. He joined MIT in 1955, became a full professor of mathematics in 1964, and retired in 1984. His tenure coincided with the expansion of the physical applied math group at MIT, of which he was a central figure.

After retiring from MIT, Howard joined FSU as a professor of mathematics and affiliate professor of mechanical engineering. In 1986, he was appointed to an FSU Foundation professorship, and he retired from FSU in 1996. Howard had helped establish the foundations of geophysical fluid dynamics.

He became a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1965 and the American Physical Society in 1984. In 1977, he was elected to the National Academy of Sciences. In 1997, he was honored with the fluid dynamics prize of the American Physical Society.

Howard is survived by his ex-wife, Alice, to whom he had been married for almost 50 years; and four of their five children.

**Gerald J. Kent \*59**

Gerald Kent, retired professor emeritus of chemistry at Rider University, died March 25, 2016, at age 85. Kent graduated from Upsala College in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. In 1959, he earned a Ph.D. in chemistry from Princeton. He was then a research chemist at the Merck Pharmaceutical Co., and received several patents.

In 1962, Kent was appointed associate professor of chemistry at then-Rider College, and from 1962 to 1972 he was chair of the division of natural sciences. Promoted to full professor in 1965, he was instrumental in creating and shaping all aspects of the new science division at Rider, where he designed the new science building and labs, recruited and hired the faculty, and developed the curriculum.

After 32 years of leadership, dedication, and teaching, he retired in 1994 as professor emeritus. An avid tennis player, Kent had a pilot's license and for many years owned and flew a Cessna 172. He was devoted to his family, his students, and the Lutheran church.

Kent is survived by Birgit, his wife of 35 years; their daughter; and a grandson. He is also survived by two children from a previous marriage: Matthew, who is associate treasurer of Princeton University; and Christine '75.

**Paul A. Herzberg \*61**

Paul Herzberg, professor of psychology emeritus at York University, Toronto, died Dec. 2, 2015, at age 79. He was born in Canada in 1936, a year after his refugee parents left Nazi Germany. Herzberg earned a bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics from Queens University in 1958. He earned a master's degree in physics in 1961 from Princeton.

Both his parents were acclaimed scientists: his mother, Louise, an astrophysicist, and his father, Gerhard, a Nobel Prize-winning physicist. Herzberg diverted and earned a Ph.D. in psychology in 1967 from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

In 1966, he joined York University and taught statistics in the psychology program. He was known for his teaching and research in statistics, including the development of visual techniques and simulation of statistical phenomena. In 1996, he was honored with the parents association's universitywide teaching award. He was also named a senior scholar at the university. He retired in 2002.

In retirement, Herzberg wrote a biography of his mother, highlighting her scientific accomplishments and how she met the challenge of family and career, and how she went unnoticed until gaining considerable recognition in her final decade.

Herzberg's wife, also named Louise, died only weeks before him. A sister, Agnes, survives him.

**J. Calvin Walker \*61**

Calvin Walker, retired professor of physics at Johns Hopkins University, died Jan. 15, 2016, of congestive heart failure, at age 80. Walker received a bachelor's degree in physics from Harvard in 1956 and was awarded a Shaw fellowship that enabled foreign travel (during which he helped people flee from Hungary during the revolt against Soviet occupation).

He earned a Ph.D. in physics from Princeton in 1961. In the early 1960s, Walker went to Oxford and worked at the Harwell Innovation and Science Campus. He also consulted at the Aberdeen Proving Ground. He then joined the faculty at Johns Hopkins, from which he retired in 2001. He had served for six years as chair of the physics and astronomy departments.

Mark Robbins, professor of physics and a friend, said that Walker's "endless energy and enthusiasm was a powerful driving force in the major expansion of our department in the late '80s and was all-encompassing, pushing forward all the different fields in the department together."

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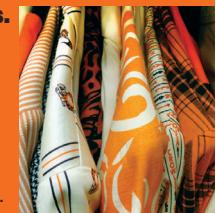
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## That Was Then: September 1976

From left: Jonathan P. Leavitt '78 plays folk songs on the opening night of the Murray-Dodge Café; students partake of café fare.



## Kindness and Cookies

John S. Weeren

Forty years ago this month, the Murray-Dodge Café made its debut. Today, the Office of Religious Life calls it “the kindest place on campus,” echoing the sentiments of one of its prime movers, then-Assistant Dean of the Chapel Richard N. Chrisman ’65, who envisioned it as a place for “humane and civilized interaction.”

But the edible expression of this kindness — freshly baked free cookies — owes a debt, paradoxically, to the severity of local health authorities. An April opening was delayed until September by the absence of approvals, not least the authorization to sell food. As *The Daily Princetonian* reported, Chrisman and his fellow organizers fretted that health inspectors would look askance at the café’s location, given that basements are “susceptible to flooding, poor ventilation, and contamination.”

By Sept. 8, 1976, when the café opened, a workaround had been developed. No food would be sold, but donations would be suggested — 10 cents for coffee or tea and 5 cents for small pastries. Some 50 students gathered to share this fare to the strains of folk songs performed by Jonathan P. Leavitt ’78, boding well for the success of the venture were it not for the reaction of

a local health inspector. Concerned by even the suggestion of pricing, as well as the substantial crowd, he questioned whether Murray-Dodge Café was not, in fact, a commercial operation, raising the specter of prohibitive health-code compliance costs.

Fortunately, after further negotiations, the café was allowed to remain open with the understanding that only a “little box that said ‘donations’” would be permitted on the premises. Relying on others’ generosity arguably was a fitting fate for an ecumenical enterprise that, in Chrisman’s words, required “sympathetic sustenance by everyone.”

The verdict of the *Prince*’s editors, writing on Sept. 22, suggested that something special had taken root in the heart of campus — “a relief from the often mindless exuberance of the pub and the cold indifference of many of the local bars.” ♦

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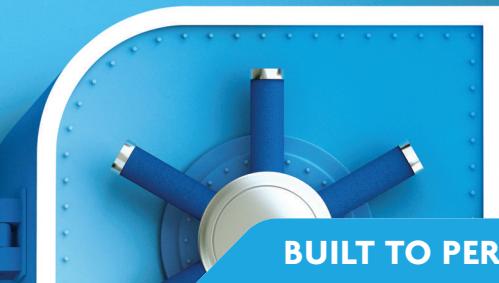
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