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Lisa Belkin '82



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## Commencement 2023: 'Let Your Voices Rise'

*On May 30, 2023, on a gorgeous morning in Princeton Stadium, I had the privilege of congratulating our 2023 graduates on their achievements. I used the sad occasion of Harry Belafonte's recent passing to reflect on the historic connection between our expansive free speech rights and the fight for racial equality—and urged the Great Class of 2023 to let their voices rise for freedom and equality. Here are my remarks. — C.L.E.*

In a few minutes, all of you will walk out of this stadium as newly minted graduates of this University. Before you do, however, it is my privilege to say a few words about the path ahead.

I want to begin by saying something about the honorary degrees that we conferred just a few moments ago. Our purpose in awarding those degrees is not only to recognize the extraordinary achievements of the recipients, but to offer them to our new graduates as inspiring examples of the many ways that one might live a life of leadership and service to others.

One great pleasure of my job each year is getting to meet our honorary degree recipients, welcome them to the University, and learn a little about them.

In 2015, I was honored to share this stage with, among others, the vocalist and civil rights leader Harry Belafonte. Though many people remember Belafonte as an entertainer, Princeton conferred upon him an honorary doctorate of laws in recognition of his social activism and humanitarian work.

Harry Belafonte passed away just over a month ago at the age of 96. I would like to offer you some reflections prompted both by his memory and by current events.

I want, in particular, to tell you a story drawn from the struggle for racial equality in America. It is a story about Harry Belafonte and the origins of the American right to free speech. And it is a story about the moral courage of young people, about how their leadership played a crucial role in our country's long and unfinished quest to establish a more perfect union and a more just society.

It is also a story that connects very directly to the history that Congresswoman Terri Sewell spoke about in her inspirational Class Day address yesterday.

Harry Belafonte was one of the principal fundraisers for Martin Luther King Jr.'s civil rights campaigns, and he had a leadership role in the Committee to Defend Martin Luther King and the Struggle for Freedom in the South.

In March 1960, that committee published a full-page advertisement in the *New York Times*. The headline for the advertisement was "Heed Their Rising Voices."

The "rising voices" were those of Black students in the American South, who, in the words of the advertisement, were engaged in "non-violent demonstrations in positive affirmation of the right to live in human dignity as guaranteed by the [United States] Constitution and the Bill of Rights."

The advertisement pled for help and support, because, it said, the students were "being met by an unprecedented wave of terror by those who would deny and negate" the freedoms promised by the American Constitution.

The advertisement also contained some serious errors. It said, for example, that an Alabama university had padlocked its dining hall in an attempt to starve protesting students, which was not true.

PHOTO BY CHARLES SYKES



L. B. Sullivan, who was the police commissioner in Montgomery, Alabama, sued the *New York Times*. He claimed that the advertisement had libeled him, and he won a \$500,000 award.

That was the largest libel award in Alabama history, and, if it had been upheld, it might have been enough to put the *New York Times* out of business.

The *Times* took the case to the United States Supreme Court. Their chances did not

look good. The Court had a lousy record in free speech cases. It had never held that the First Amendment limited libel law in any way, and it had for the most part turned a blind eye to McCarthyism and earlier instances of political persecution.

In *Times v. Sullivan*, however, the Supreme Court rewrote the law of free speech. It ruled unanimously in favor of the *New York Times*, and it created a new and powerful restriction on libel law. The Court held that everyone had the right to criticize public officials without fear of legal liability unless their statements were not only false but also made with "actual malice."

The Supreme Court thereby, suddenly and in a single decision, created one of the most speech-protective legal doctrines in history—and, for that matter, in the world today.

Justice William J. Brennan, from the great state of New Jersey, wrote the opinion of the Court and declared that there is "a profound national commitment to the principle that debate on public issues should be uninhibited, robust, and wide-open, and that it may well include vehement, caustic, and sometimes unpleasantly sharp attacks on government and public officials."<sup>1</sup>

When people talk about free speech rights in America, they often depict them as the legacy of the American founding in the 18th century, or as the product of elegant dissents authored by Justices Oliver Wendell Holmes and Louis Brandeis in the early 20th century.

Without meaning any disrespect to the Constitution's framers or to those legendary justices, this much is clear: the expansive, legally enforceable free speech rights that Americans cherish today first emerged in the 1960s during and because of the fight for racial justice in the South, a fight whose leaders included Black student activists.

I insist on this point today because there is a movement afoot in this country right now to drive a wedge between the constitutional ideals of equality and free speech. There are people who claim, for example, that when colleges and universities endorse the value of diversity and inclusivity or teach about racism and sexism, they are "indoctrinating students" or in some other way endangering free speech.

That is wrong. It is wrong as a historical matter, and it is wrong as a matter of our constitutional ideals, which require us to care simultaneously about the achievement of real, meaningful equality and what Justice Brennan called "uninhibited, robust, and wide-open" debate on public issues.

These ideals are at risk. PEN America, an organization dedicated to free expression, reported in February that, in



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Princeton's newest alumni make their exit through FitzRandolph Gate following Commencement.

just the first two months of this year, state legislatures had already introduced 86 “educational gag orders” that restrict the ability of schools, colleges, universities, and libraries to teach or disseminate information about inequalities within American society.<sup>2</sup>

Some of these bills prohibit discussion of sexual orientation or gender identity. Some prohibit teaching disfavored views about race, racism, and American history. Others seek to undermine the institutional autonomy of colleges and universities or to abolish tenure, thereby enabling politicians to control what professors can teach or publish.

Christine Emba, who graduated from Princeton in 2010 and now writes for the *Washington Post*, visited the University of Florida last month to examine how that state’s censorship laws were affecting students and faculty.

She talked to a University of Florida student, Emmaline Moye, who said this about her college experience: “Being exposed to people who I’ve never been exposed to before, people of different races and ethnicities and genders and sexualities, and, as a queer student, hearing those things talked about makes me feel heard and seen.”

But Emmaline added that because of the newly passed laws, “I’m so scared for people like me . . . they won’t get that feeling of liberation, of getting to be who you are and know[ing that] you’re not alone.”<sup>3</sup>

We must not let that happen.

We must stand up and speak up together for the values of

free expression and full inclusivity for people of all identities.

As I said earlier, the advertisement that Harry Belafonte put in the *New York Times* more than 60 years ago began with the headline “Heed Their Rising Voices.” It concluded with the message, “Your Help is Urgently Needed . . . NOW!!”

To all of you who receive your undergraduate or graduate degree from Princeton University today:

Your help is urgently needed—now!

So, as you go forth from this University, let *your* voices rise.

Let them rise for equality.

Let them rise for the value of diversity.

Let them rise for freedom, for justice, and for love among the people of this earth.

Wherever your individual journeys may lead you in the years ahead, I hope that you also continue to travel together, as classmates and as alumni of this University, in pursuit of a better world.

All of us on this platform have great confidence in your ability to take on that challenge. We applaud your persistence, your talent, your achievements, your values, and your aspirations.

We send our best wishes as you embark upon the path that lies ahead, and we hope it will bring you back to this campus many times. We look forward to welcoming you when you return, and we say, to Princeton University’s Great Class of 2023, congratulations!

<sup>1</sup> *New York Times Co. v. Sullivan*, 376 U.S. 254 (1964)

<sup>2</sup> Jonathan Friedman, Jeffrey Sachs, Jeremy C. Young, Samantha LaFrance, “Educational Censorship Continues: The 2023 Legislative Sessions So Far,” February 16, 2023.

<sup>3</sup> Emba, Christine, “How Alarming Are Florida’s Higher-Ed Reforms? Students Weigh In,” *Washington Post*, April 19, 2023.



# Inbox



## JEWISH LIFE ON CAMPUS

Gil Steinlauf '91 (“One Jew’s Journey,” May issue) sounds like someone I could like as a person, and I appreciate his thoughts about Jewish commitment to diversity of views and civil debate. If I were at Princeton today, however, it would be hard to use the Center for Jewish Life to explore my relation to my heritage.

The question of support for the current State of Israel deeply divides Jews in the U.S. I read both the Princeton Committee on Palestine’s call for a boycott of Israel Tiger Trek and Rabbi Steinlauf’s response. I am baffled by his premise that one cannot denounce the Israeli government’s lethal repression of those resisting occupiers, including children, without crossing “a line by engaging in age-old, classic antisemitic references to child killing.” And I am angered by being told, once again, that it is antisemitic to be among those who see a state created by European Jews on others’ expropriated territory as colonial.

Not that his views are any more fringe these days than my own. And I am not saying that the head of CJL should not hold them. But to politicize that institution by vehemently committing it

to one side of a heated controversy and calling the other side antisemitic seems to contradict the rabbi’s statements about the Jewish tradition of finding truth through respectfully embracing different views. And it certainly brands the center as a place that I probably could not comfortably enter, much less affiliate with.

**Michael Goldstein '69**  
**Oakland, Calif.**

In an otherwise excellent and balanced piece on Rabbi Gil Steinlauf '91 and the Princeton CJL, two modest supplements provide context.

Objections to the speaker Mohammed El-Kurd went beyond his references to the Anti-Defamation League as the “Apartheid Defense League” and his comparison of Israel to Russia (ignoring Israel’s 1967, 2000, and 2008 written offers to withdraw from the disputed territories, and Palestinian rejections). Many also objected to his prior hateful, racist statements, deploying age-old antisemitic lies that Israelis “harvest organs of the martyred [Palestinians],” have an “unquenchable thirst for Palestinian blood,” or are “genocidal,” and denying the facts of Jewish connection to Israel as “fictional indigeneity [sic],” justifying his denial in overt racist terms.

Also, the reduction of Jewish admissions in the 1920s and decades after were more malicious than implied by the dean of admission’s denial and the Princeton president’s wife’s admission as to quotas. Correspondence published in

Jerome Karabel’s 2005 book *The Chosen* shows the Princeton secretary issued an appeal to alumni to “tip us off to any Hebrew candidates” for otherwise the “Hebrew question will become serious,” and from a Princeton trustee to a Harvard board member explaining Princeton’s “somewhat arbitrary basis for selection ... which permits racial moulding ... and ... consequently no Jew question at Princeton,” after which the Harvard board member wrote about avoiding a “Jewish inundation.”

Ongoing, visceral hatred of Jews, which has endured for three millennia, provides context to the need for the CJL.

**Seth Akabas '78**  
**New York, N.Y.**

## EISGRUBER '83 INTERVIEW

I enjoyed reading the thoughtful and informative interview with President Christopher Eisgruber '83 in PAW’s May issue (“Past and President”). However, one of his answers raised something that has been an ongoing concern of mine, and I know of other graduates of Princeton’s Department of Geosciences (formerly the Department of Geological and Geophysical Sciences).

In answer to a question about campus expansion, President Eisgruber stated, “We’re going to move the environmental sciences out of Guyot Hall, then we’re going to renovate and expand Guyot for the computer science program.”

This lumping of geosciences in with environmental sciences gives short shrift to one of the fundamental scientific branches — and one in which Princeton’s research has played a leading role, from the discovery of seafloor spreading by Professor Harry Hess \*32 to development of the theory of plate tectonics by Professor Jason Morgan \*64.

As a member of the committee that created the first Program in Environmental Studies at Princeton, I am the last person to want to diminish

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the importance of environmental sciences. But to classify geosciences as merely one of the environmental sciences understates its scope and its continued relevance.

**Jason Albert '92**  
**Mendham, N.J.**

President Eisgruber '83 is brilliant, a problem solver, and a uniter. However, I find his answer regarding faculty viewpoint diversity troubling. He begins with Professor Robert George, an example that reminds me of the "some of my best friends are ..." argument. He pushes aside the reality that the faculty skews politically in one direction.

But on the issue of optional SAT testing and admissions, his answers are powerfully in favor of demographic diversity of the U.S. Census category type. He defends this "racial" diversity as crucial.

Nowhere is there a defense of meritocracy.

Meritocracy brought Princeton, and other elite establishment universities, from the era of dominance by the old Eastern, prep-school educated, WASP community to a broader representation of excellence in society.

We need a faculty, especially in the social sciences and humanities, whose viewpoints are diverse and not slanted in one direction, politically or culturally. We also need the best students, regardless of U.S. Census category, selected fairly, without predetermined quotas, and with an evaluation of background and life experience at a deeper level than skin color or box checking.

Princeton also continues to need opportunities for vigorous discussion, argument, polite disagreements, and freedom of speech to be a great institution. Viewpoint diversity among faculty and students will help the University to remain intellectually viable, and truth-seeking.

**David Schechter '80**  
**Los Angeles, Calif.**

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#### **TRANSFER WOMEN OF '73**

Princeton admitted approximately 70 women as transfer students to the Class of 1973 ("It Put Steel in My Spine," June issue). Yes, there were women in the classes of 1974 and 1975, but the transfer women have a different story.

The "first" women had formed strong bonds, as a necessary and understandable survival mechanism. That was a barrier. For the transferees, Princeton admitted us and then abandoned us. We received no orientation, no mentoring, no guide to campus life. Some transferring women were in some way familiar with the school. Others found community through their chosen major, such as architecture.

Many of us, however, were unprepared to navigate the institution. I transferred from the University of Chicago. Academically, I was a fit. Culturally, I was clueless. The concept of an "eating club" was alien. I had no idea what campus organizations existed.

Compounding this experience, I faced vicious and lasting antisemitism. As I now know, many individuals and marginalized groups began their battles for acceptance around this time. Jim DiOrio '73 calls us the Tipping Point Class. It is a concise metaphor for "old" Princeton beginning its journey to modern Princeton.

I had friends, but I never had community. I felt community with my class for the first time at my 50th reunion. I speak only for myself. Each transfer woman has her own story. The University now proudly touts the accomplishments of the Princeton transfer students. It is heartening to see that the University has evolved in this area as well.

**Judith Perlman '73**  
**Cleveland, Wis.**

*Editor's note: Read additional reactions to the June cover story and post your comments at [bit.ly/womenof73](http://bit.ly/womenof73).*

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#### **WITHERSPOON AND SLAVERY**

Reading about the academic panel organized by Princeton's Committee on Naming, which is examining President John Witherspoon's life and his stance on slavery as it considers a proposal to replace or remove a campus statue in his likeness (On the Campus, June issue), I felt compelled to respond to a comment made by a panelist, the Rev. Kevin DeYoung. As evidence of Witherspoon's character, DeYoung is quoted as saying, "There's no record that he dealt in the

buying and selling of slaves or that he treated his slaves poorly."

So we are all clear, how one came to own humans as property is irrelevant to both the discussion and, more importantly, to the enslaved. Furthermore, not treating slaves poorly is an oxymoron. Ownership and authority over another person's body is, by definition, poor treatment.

**Ricshawn Adkins Roane '96**  
**Great Falls, Va.**

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#### **ALUMNI CLIMATE SUMMIT**

I was delighted to see the Climate Issue (April) featuring so many impressive Princetonians working on diverse aspects of the climate crisis. Many of my classmates in the Great Class of 1986 are also deeply concerned about climate change and doing their part to solve it.

In that spirit, our class held a virtual Climate Summit featuring a dozen classmates who chose to devote their professional careers to a range of climate and environment solutions. The session attracted a large attendance but even with the breakout sessions it felt like we were barely scratching the surface of the interest.

We ended by agreeing that more such sessions were needed, so we plan to hold a second Climate Summit. This time, we wish to invite all classes to participate. Alumni interested in organizing, joining a panel, or simply attending should email me at [pu86officers@gmail.com](mailto:pu86officers@gmail.com).

While each of us does what we can to take action in our domains, it is vital to come together and share solutions across a wide range of disciplines. By sharing our efforts across decades of Princeton alumni we have the unique opportunity to build a powerful force for good in a time when it is urgently needed, and together raise hope that we will indeed solve this crisis. Thanks to the PAW for your contribution to this cause.

**Kiku Loomis '86**  
**Environment Chair, Class of 1986**  
**Brooklyn, N.Y.**

*Editor's note: On page 48, read a proposal for increasing alumni involvement in Princeton's sustainability efforts, written by members of the classes of '87 and '88.*



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### FROM THE EDITOR

## Is Bigger Better or Bittersweet?

Reunions is about seeing old friends ... and seeing how old friends have gotten. Come on, you know it's true. But perhaps the biggest surprise for attendees this year was how much the campus itself has changed.

"I don't even recognize the place" was a common refrain, and it's understandable if you were celebrating your 15th reunion or older. Since 2008, more than 20 new building projects have been completed.

Then there's the ongoing construction. This includes major projects such as the new Art Museum, the Dillon Gym wellness and fitness center, Hobson College, the Environmental Studies and School of Engineering and Applied Science (ES and SEAS) complex, and the Meadows Neighborhood just across Lake Carnegie.

Even President Christopher Eisgruber '83, during his annual address to alumni, couldn't resist a dig at all the digging. "There was a lot more community and less distancing, but also more fences, as you've seen on campus. So COVID wasn't keeping us

apart; occasionally, fences do," he said while speaking in Richardson Auditorium. "And you may have run into one or two of those as you were taking what used to be your favorite path across campus and suddenly found that it was obstructed by a construction site."

The University has almost always been growing, starting with Nassau Hall opening for business in 1756. It collected hundreds of acres of land following the Civil War and



At right, Museum Director James Stewart

into the early 20th century, giving it "ample room for growth ... for many years to come," trustee Moses Taylor Pyne 1877 said, apparently unconcerned that future alumni might be annoyed by detours. But the current changes may be more dramatic than ever before since a few of them run through the heart of campus and the others (ES and SEAS complex and the Meadows Neighborhood) are significant expansions.

Based on my unscientific survey at Reunions, alumni are most thrown by the Art Museum. Scheduled to open in the fall of 2024, the building is taking shape and looks every bit of its planned 124,000 square feet. The location, between Elm Drive, Prospect House, and McCosh Walk, was also concerning to many.

As one alumnus asked University Architect Ron McCoy '80 during an organized conversation Friday: "How do you justify this huge footprint ... on campus that changes an open space ... to be more like Manhattan, with buildings right next to each other that formerly had open spaces in front of them? How do you justify that to old alumni like me?" To which McCoy responded: "The building embraces the landscape around itself and brings that landscape into the room." Many were not convinced.

Of course, there's a reason for this disruption: more students. With the new housing, first-year enrollment increased this past academic year to 1,500 from 1,345, the first step in a four-year expansion of the undergraduate student body to about 5,700 students from 5,200. Or as Eisgruber said, they can now "say yes to more students."

Current students, though, just want some peace and quiet. Inconvenience and especially noise have been a constant issue for those living near construction sites.

Gavin LaPlace '23 spoke at Class Day about the challenges his class faced the past four years — such as COVID and those ubiquitous electric scooters — and joked, "But at least the University gave us complementary 7 a.m. alarms this year to make up for all that."

While students don't like the construction and alumni don't care for the expansion, we can all take comfort knowing there will be more students with access to a Princeton education, and that they will likely grow up to become alumni who also don't like to be inconvenienced. — Peter Barzilai '97



**RESIDENT GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Emily Miller’s essay about the role of Resident Graduate Students struck a chord with me (On the Campus, May issue). It’s clear she and other Resident Graduate Students have their finger on the pulse of today’s undergraduate life in a way most professors and administrators never could. If those making policy decisions for students aren’t already consulting with Resident Graduate Students, I hope they start inviting them to the table (and compensating them for their time!) as the University assesses academic policies and examines the larger campus culture.

**Oona Miller Hanson ’97**  
*Studio City, Calif.*

**PRE-READ PRECEDENTS**

I was puzzled to read in President Eisgruber ’83’s letter to incoming freshmen (President’s Page, May issue) that he described the “Princeton Pre-read” as a relatively new tradition that he began 10 years ago.

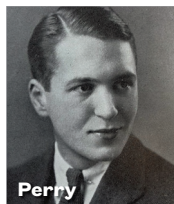
Back in the summer of 1967, our Class of 1971 received a similar letter requesting us to read a book called *The Greeks* by H.D.F. Kitto for the purpose of discussing it in small groups. As I recall, the request was described at that time as part of a longstanding tradition. Was that tradition suspended at some point? Might PAW or perhaps the University archivist provide an explanation?

**Ben Tousley ’71**  
*Greenfield, Mass.*

*Editor’s note: April Armstrong \*14, library collections specialist, said the University Archives show examples of prior summer reading assignments, including one iteration that began in 1962. Eisgruber launched the Pre-read in 2013, his first year as president.*

**FOR THE RECORD**

A photo caption for José Ferrer’s band (Inbox, May issue) misidentified the alumnus at the piano. He is Robert Perry ’32, not Jimmy Stewart ’32. Both classmates played piano and were in the Princeton Triangle Club with Ferrer. Robert’s son Jim Perry, who wrote to PAW, noted another connection: The two men would later be brothers-in-law, after Perry married Stewart’s sister Mary in 1944.



Perry

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The recipients of the 2023 Awards for Service to Princeton are J. William Charrier '69, Douglas Jin Chin '83 P21 and Douglas D. Massick '93 S93 P25.

Beverly Randez '94, chair of the Committee on Awards for Service to Princeton, announced the honorees at the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Council that was held in Richardson Auditorium during Reunions on Friday, May 26.

These are excerpts from the full citations. ▶  
Read the full texts at  
[alumni.princeton.edu/servicetoprinceton](https://alumni.princeton.edu/servicetoprinceton)

### J. William Charrier '69

The leadership skills that Bill Charrier '69 developed as business manager of the student-run Theatre Intime have served the entire University incredibly well for more than 50 years. "Mr. Theatre Intime," as Bill is known to generations of Intime members, established the Friends of Intime in 1986 and was the driving force behind Intime's 100th anniversary celebration in 2022. A devoted leader for the Class of 1969, which established the student service program that became Princeton Internships in Civic Service, Bill has mastered the art of selflessly setting the stage for others to shine.



### Douglas Jin Chin '83 P21

Whether it's through the Asian American Alumni Association of Princeton (A4P), the Class of 1983, the Princeton Club of Southern California, the Alumni Schools Committee or Princeton's first-generation, low-income (Fli) student community — of which he is a proud member — Doug Chin '83 is constantly thinking about the future of Princeton. Through hundreds of hours of often unheralded work — authoring countless newsletters and emails, maintaining the A4P website and organizing A4P's signature Lunar New Year event — Doug embodies the Princeton spirit of service.



### Douglas D. Massick '93 S93 P25

For the last decade, Doug Massick '93 has been the lead coordinator for the Central Pool of remote interviewers for the Princeton Schools Committee, connecting thousands of alumni from around the globe with prospective students from regions most in need of assistance. It's a massive logistical undertaking to track all the moving parts. Doug has a unique gift for cultivating friendships with fellow alumni that renew every year, and for generating goodwill for the cause by conveying sincere gratitude to the volunteers who donate their time.





# 2023 Alumni Trustee Elections

On May 26, the Alumni Council announced the results of the annual alumni trustee election. Trustees elected by Princeton alumni comprise nearly one-third of the University's 40-member Board of Trustees. Thank you to all who participated in this year's election.

The alumni elected by their peers to serve as University trustees from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027, are:



**Nandi O. Leslie '05**  
*Principal Technical Fellow, Raytheon*  
BETHESDA, MD.  
**GRADUATE ALUMNI TRUSTEE**



**Kamil Ali-Jackson '81**  
*Life sciences entrepreneur,  
company co-founder, and  
independent board director*  
WEST CHESTER, PA.  
**AT-LARGE ALUMNI TRUSTEE**



**Mutemwa Raphael  
Masheke '23**  
*Product Manager, Microsoft*  
SEATTLE, WA.  
**YOUNG ALUMNI TRUSTEE  
FROM THE CLASS OF 2023**

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations for recipients of the Alumni Council's Awards for Service to Princeton and recommendations for Alumni Trustee candidates all come from the alumni body at large.

To submit nominations for the Awards for Service to Princeton, visit [alumni.princeton.edu/service-award-nomination](https://alumni.princeton.edu/service-award-nomination) or send a brief letter of support to [alumnicouncil@princeton.edu](mailto:alumnicouncil@princeton.edu) or to Alumni Engagement, John Maclean House, 73 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ 08540.

To submit recommendations for Alumni Trustee, visit [alumni.princeton.edu/ctnat](https://alumni.princeton.edu/ctnat) or send a brief letter of support to [tigerrls@princeton.edu](mailto:tigerrls@princeton.edu) or to Volunteer Engagement, John Maclean House, 73 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ 08540.

## THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED TO PRINCETON.

- VISIT [alumni.princeton.edu](https://alumni.princeton.edu) for stories about your fellow alumni. Catch up on the latest news, volunteer opportunities, ways to support the University, upcoming events and the **VENTURE FORWARD** campaign.
- READ **Tiger News**, the monthly email newsletter with all you need to know about alumni and University news and events.
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# YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



## DEAR TIGERS,

Princetonians love to gather, and we had many opportunities to come together this year. Tigers showed up, whether coming to campus for Alumni Day in February, traveling to cheer on our sports teams in this year of historic wins, or assembling in the regions to hear President Christopher L. Eisgruber '83 speak about the Venture Forward campaign.

Princeton's most extraordinary gathering remains Reunions. The annual weekend on campus instills in us a sense of pride and nostalgia. It's remarkable to witness how our shared experiences as students and the memories we created during our time on campus bind multiple generations of Tigers together. It was great seeing so many of you at Reunions 2023.

We celebrated the historic Class of 1973 and the 50th anniversary of the Association of Black Princeton Alumni, witnessed a rapidly expanding campus and welcomed the Class of 2023 and \*23 graduate alumni (#PrincetonStars) into the alumni community.

Your Alumni Association also presents opportunities to gather throughout the year, whether you graduated recently or decades ago.

Princeton's alumni community continues to thrive thanks to the unique talents and diverse perspectives that each of you possess. Let's continue to foster strong connections among Tigers. Let's stay engaged!

For two years, Mary Newburn '97 led the Alumni Association with optimism and grace, and her Tigers Rising theme has inspired us all. Thank you, Mary. In the upcoming term, I welcome vice chair Ryan Ruskin '90, treasurer Adam Lichtenstein '95 \*10 and assistant treasurer Eric Plummer '10 to serve in that same spirit. Together, let's embrace our many backgrounds, cherish our shared experiences and strengthen the ongoing legacy of our beloved University!

Three Cheers,

Monica Moore Thompson '89  
Chair, Alumni Council  
President, Alumni Association



Monica Moore Thompson '89

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# On the Campus

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COMMENCEMENT

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PRINCETON TIGERS

**NEW NORMAL:** Commencement moved to Princeton Stadium in 2021 amid COVID-19 social-distancing rules and now draws a more closely arranged audience.

Tom Repp/Facebook





Princeton awarded more than 1,900 undergraduate and graduate degrees on May 30.

COMMENCEMENT 2023

# Grads Urged to Speak Up

## Speakers send new alumni out with calls for community, equality, and justice

**W**ith a few tips of President Christopher Eisgruber '83's cap, Princeton awarded 1,265 undergraduate and 679 graduate degrees at its 276th Commencement on May 30.

Family and friends armed with bags of popcorn and flower bouquets gathered at Princeton Stadium to cheer on the graduates amid a glorious day — the perfect weather was a welcome throughline throughout the week's events, which included Baccalaureate May 28 and Class Day May 29 (see sidebar).

As Dean of the College Jill Dolan presented the candidates for bachelor's degrees, she fondly recalled her role in admitting the class during her one-year stint in admission. "Each and every one of you have left your imprint on this university," she said.

In his remarks, Class of 2023 valedictorian Aleksa Milojević reflected on his experience of seeing the campus through fresh eyes when his family

arrived at Princeton a few days prior to the event. It made him realize the importance of what Russian author Fyodor Dostoevsky called "active love," which Milojević said is about appreciating beauty and "making those around us feel better in small, tangible, and practical ways."

His final message to his classmates was to "actively love those around you, as the people on this campus loved us!"

Annabelle Duval '23, who gave the salutatory address in Latin, acknowledged the students' unconventional journey during their time at Princeton, particularly given the transition to virtual learning due to the pandemic during the undergraduates' first year on campus. "At least the campus foxes and the beautiful towers and the huge construction sites, these well-known signs of our home, brought comfort to us," she said, in translated text provided after the ceremony.

Before sending the newly minted alumni off into the world, Eisgruber relayed a message about the importance of using one's voice from the late Harry Belafonte, a 2015 honorary degree recipient. Belafonte, a singer and activist, was a leader in the Committee to Defend Martin Luther King and the Struggle for Freedom in the South, which in 1960 placed a full-page ad in *The New York Times* titled "Heed Their Rising Voices."

The ad called for support of Black students and for nonviolent demonstrations, but it contained a few factual errors. A libel lawsuit was then launched by the police commissioner in Montgomery, Alabama, eventually making its way to the U.S. Supreme Court. According to Eisgruber, the court's landmark decision that libel statements must be made with actual malice "created one of the most speech-protective legal doctrines in history — and, for that matter, in the world today."

"We must stand up and speak up together for the values of free expression and full inclusivity for people of all identities," Eisgruber said.

Later in his remarks, Eisgruber issued another call to action: "To all of you who receive your undergraduate or graduate degree from Princeton University today:

## LAUGH LINES

Class Day's student speakers shared jabs about campus construction, the senior thesis, investment banking jobs, and of course, the pandemic era.



**"We're the first class to experience Princeton P.C., pre-COVID; D.C., during COVID; and WTDCSWGNNHB, we're tired of dealing with COVID so we're going to establish a new normal and hope for the best!"**

— Payton Croskey '23

**"Where others might ask, 'How effective are masks at preventing COVID transmission?' here at Princeton we ask, 'Can I flush the mask down the toilet?' For the record, Big Plumbing says no, but you do your own research."**

— Gavin LaPlace '23



Your help is urgently needed — now! So, as you go forth from this university, let your voices rise. Let them rise for equality. Let them rise for the value of diversity. Let them rise for freedom, for justice, and for love among the people of this Earth."

The message resonated with the audience. Fengling Wang, who traveled from Las Vegas to watch her son, Richard Huang '23, graduate with his degree in chemical and biological engineering, said, "I just feel you've got more responsibility after your graduation. That's why they say to speak up."

After the ceremony concluded, the graduates joyfully celebrated their new alumni status with loved ones.

Tony Ye '23, who graduated with

## BACCALAUREATE AND CLASS DAY

## Sewell '86, Appiah Share Parting Advice

In the tradition of writing a senior thesis that foreshadows career goals, Class Day speaker Terri Sewell '86 titled hers "Black Women in Politics: Our Time Has Come." At that point, she had won just one election, to become vice president of her Princeton class. Today, Sewell is in her seventh term in Congress, representing her hometown of Selma, Alabama, and the surrounding region.

Sewell's advice to the Class of 2023 drew heavily on her connection to Selma. After completing Harvard Law School, she joined a prestigious New York City firm (she had student loans to repay), but she eventually returned home — and she encouraged graduates to consider doing the same.

"My mother said, 'Bloom where you're planted,'" Sewell said. "Each of you comes from somewhere that would be better served by your help, your service. You know your communities



Rep. Terri Sewell '86

— the schools, the churches, small businesses on Main Street. You know the problems. You know the potential. You can make a difference."

In an interview after the ceremony, Sewell expanded on that idea. "I get that my district is the poorest district in the state of Alabama," she said. "But if anybody knows what's possible from that district, if anyone shares their frustration with the lack of resources and the lack of opportunities in that district, it's a person who grew up in that district."

This year's graduates also received parting wisdom from a Baccalaureate speaker who dispenses advice on a weekly basis, NYU philosophy and law professor Kwame Anthony Appiah, author of the Ethicist column in *The New York Times Magazine*.

Appiah, an emeritus professor at Princeton, urged the class to "pay attention, just for a moment, to attention itself" in a wide-ranging talk that covered academia, art, love, artificial intelligence, and social justice.

"To come to grips with what we owe to each other, we have to see each other," Appiah said. "We have to recognize that a person sleeping on the street is, first and foremost, a person. When you don't see poor people, when you don't see refugees, when you don't see abuse, when you don't see discrimination, what's happening can be described, morally, as an attention deficit." ♦ By B.T.

a master's in operations research, is planning to pursue further higher education; he'll be going to Stanford to earn a Ph.D. in operations research. And while more schooling lies ahead, Ye is glad to close the chapter on his time at Princeton. "It's been a stressful time leading up to this — it's a lot of things going on," he said.

Alexis Anglade '23, who received her degree from the School of Public and International Affairs, reunited with her family on Poe Field. "I feel a little crazy," she said. "Like, wow, I can't believe that my time is already up. I'll never be in

a place like this again, so it's a little bit bittersweet, but I'm happy to be done." Anglade, a fencer, said she plans to take a gap year while training for the Olympics before going to law school.

After his sister's big moment, Ronald "RJ" Anglade, a member of the Class of 2025, reflected on his own Princeton journey. "Seeing all these big assignments — junior papers, senior thesis — all that stuff scares me, but also gets me excited to think about how I can really try to make an impact at Princeton before I graduate," he said. "It gives me something to look forward to." ♦ By J.B.





**DONNING THEIR WELL-EARNED HOODS**

Xiaohan (Amanda) Du '23, standing at left, was among the Ph.D. and master's degree graduates who gathered on Cannon Green May 29 for the annual hooding ceremony and received colorful regalia tailored to their academic disciplines. Du, who earned her Ph.D. in mechanical and aerospace engineering, was hooded by her adviser, Vice Dean for Innovation Craig Arnold.

"This is a pinnacle moment for you in your life," Graduate School Dean Rodney Priestley told the graduates, "a moment that you've been working years to attain, a moment that will be a part of your life's story."



**CELEBRATING TRANSFERS AND VETERANS**

The 2023 Commencement season kicked off with nine cultural and affinity group ceremonies, held throughout May, including the first Transfer Student and Veteran End-of-Year Gala, above, hosted by the Emma Bloomberg Center for Access and Opportunity. Debi Preston, the president of Mercer County Community College, delivered the keynote address.

**Honorary Degrees**

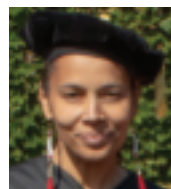
Princeton recognized five individuals with honorary degrees at Commencement.



**LYNN A. CONWAY**, a computer scientist, engineer, and transgender activist, helped revolutionize microchip design in the 1980s and received IBM's lifetime achievement award in 2020.



**ARCADIO DÍAZ-QUIÑONES**, an emeritus professor of Spanish and Portuguese who joined Princeton's faculty in 1983, is an expert on Latin American culture and history and has written on the topic extensively.



**RHIANNON GIDDENS**, a Grammy Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning singer and multi-instrumentalist, has focused her work on uplifting those who

were previously overlooked in American musical history.



**SUZAN SHOWN HARJO**, a 2014 recipient of the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom, uses activism, poetry, journalism, and more to promote and protect Native American culture and land.



**KATALIN KARIKÓ** co-created a modified version of messenger RNA that was used in several COVID-19 vaccines.

The Class of 2023 inducted five honorary classmates during its Class Day festivities: Kathleen Deignan, the dean of undergraduate students, who is retiring after four decades at the University; Claire Pinciario '13, the assistant dean for student life at Yeh College; Anne Anlin Cheng '85, a professor of English; Joe Coraggio, a food service worker at Forbes College; and Rep. Terri Sewell '86, the Class Day speaker. ♦

Sameer A. Khan '21; Princeton University/Nicole Guglielmo/Denise Applewhite



Cassandra James '23 pitched her young adult novel on Twitter — and earned a two-book deal.

## Graduating Senior Signs Publishing Deal with HarperCollins for Fantasy Novel

**C**assandra James '23 wrote her first novel when she was 12. After James complained to her mother that she couldn't find any books she wanted to read — she had already devoured dozens of novels — her mother suggested she write one herself.

James wrote several more novels over the next decade, and last year, she was alerted by a friend to "LatinxPitch," a daylong event on Twitter in which aspiring writers could pitch Latinx stories to publishing executives online. With an hour to spare before the event ended, James posted a 36-word pitch titled "Pirates of the Caribbean + Latinx Magic" for the young adult (YA) fantasy novel she had penned during her junior year.

Several agents expressed interest, and a month later, James had signed with one of them. Her novel, which has the working title *Ximena Reale and the Legend of Gasparilla*, is part of a two-book deal she inked with HarperCollins. It will be published in 2025.

"Reading was my refuge growing up. It filled my imagination," said James, whose grandmother immigrated to the United States from Colombia. "There were only a couple of Hispanic authors

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— Cassandra James '23

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James researched the novel during the summer after her sophomore year with funding from Princeton's Martin A. Dale '53 Summer Award. Due to the pandemic, James couldn't leave Florida (she is from Kissimmee), so she studied maritime history and the golden age of piracy. Pirate stories "are so much a part of Florida lore," said James.

Those pirate legends became the heart of her novel, which conjures a fantasy world where Ximena, a pirate hunter, has to find a pirate named Gasparilla. The character is based on the legend of José Gaspar, who was said to have kidnapped a Spanish princess and held her for ransom around Florida in the 1700s. "There's a highway in Florida named after him," noted James. "I grew up hearing these stories and developed a fascination with pirate history."

James, who was an English major, completed a second novel for a certificate in the Program in Creative Writing that also focuses on Hispanic women, this time during the frontier period. With funding from Princeton's Alex Adam '07 Award, she visited five states in the American Southwest last summer and immersed herself in the history and culture of the region. She learned to ride a horse, interviewed competitors in a local rodeo, and studied rodeo events such as roping cattle.

"What creates a fictional world are the details," James said. "That's why I love research. I get to touch and see and smell what's going to go into that world." James hopes to pitch that novel to her agent as well.

At Princeton, James served as editor-in-chief of *The Nassau Literary Review*, an experience that helped her sell her YA novel. "It gave me a lot of insight into the publishing process, which was invaluable when I was the writer pitching my work," she said.

James also developed a love for theater during college, appearing in several plays at the Lewis Center, though she had never performed in a theater production before coming to Princeton. For her independent work toward certificates in the programs in theater and music theater, she directed and performed in a cabaret exploring the highs and lows of growing into adulthood through songs from Broadway musicals.

For James, there is a strong link between theater and writing. "They are inseparable in my mind," she said. "Theater is so much about world building and putting yourself in others' shoes, and that's what writing is: an act of empathy." ♦ By Jennifer Altmann





Divest Princeton members protest the University's BP-funded Carbon Mitigation Initiative at a May 5 die-in.

STUDENT PROTESTS

# Is Campus Activism Fading?

## Fewer groups, smaller turnouts have some believing Princeton lags behind peers

In 2020, radical change seemed all but inevitable at Princeton — and beyond — as COVID sent students away from campus and a racial reckoning rocked the country. Even as colleges went virtual, a 2021 article from the National Education Association titled “Student Activism on the Rise” declared that “young people are more engaged now than they have been in generations.”

Princeton has a long history of activism — students have protested the war in Vietnam, apartheid in South Africa, and more recently Title IX regulations, gun violence, and the name of the Woodrow Wilson School, now known as the School of Public and International Affairs. But despite

the return of in-person learning and the removal of COVID-era measures, undergraduates and young alums say that interest in activism has cooled, with few exceptions, such as the graduate student unionization push.

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**“I do think that the professional and the social pressures definitely negatively incentivize students not to really speak up or get involved in these issues.”**

— Eric Periman '23, former president of the Princeton Committee on Palestine

when I think about Princeton activism is just the scale — it’s a lot smaller, and I think that points to a sense of apathy, political apathy, in the student body,” said Alex Norbrook '26, a Divest Princeton co-coordinator.

In May, Norbrook was one of about 35 students who participated in a Divest Princeton die-in to protest a meeting between energy company BP and the University’s Carbon Mitigation Initiative. Aaron Serianni '25, the group’s former co-coordinator, said it was the first die-in in recent memory on campus; nearly a decade ago, in 2014, PAW reported that more than 200 students conducted a die-in to protest racism and racialized violence.

Students acknowledge there are factors that cross generations that make activism challenging.

“As students graduate, institutional memory disappears,” said Amber Rahman '24, co-president of Students for Prison Education, Abolition, and Reform (SPEAR), which is currently one of the most active advocacy groups on campus (alongside Divest Princeton).

Hannah Reynolds '22, like several other alumni, is still involved with Divest Princeton, and said the group works with students at other schools where she has found larger numbers of students committed to activism.

Princeton activists also attribute indifference here to University policies having a chilling effect.

Divest Princeton co-coordinator Eleanor Clemans-Cope '26 said the administration is “quite hostile” to activists, and student groups “have almost a necessarily adversarial relationship with [administrators] because we’re pushing them to support our goals in a way that they do not currently.”

Thomas Dunne, former deputy dean of undergraduate students, disputed this in an interview conducted shortly before he left Princeton for a position at Harvard.

“I definitely don’t see it as our goal ... to somehow dissuade [student activism] or minimize it,” said Dunne. “I actually see it as something that is a sign of a vibrant intellectual community.”

Dunne said Princeton has been more

Tori Repp/Fotobuddy

intentional over the past few years in its approach to student activism. For example, the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Students website lists four Princeton administrators who are “free expression facilitators,” charged with liaising with activists, upholding “the University’s commitment to freedom of expression and [ensuring] University guidelines governing free expression are followed.” (The program has been in place since 2018.) In addition, the University offers once-a-semester informational lunches.

Clemans-Cope attended one of those sessions and found it helpful to learn about Princeton’s rules, but on the other hand, she said past movements taught her that disruption is an effective tactic, so “it’s part of our responsibility as activists to go after those rules — to break those rules — to pursue our goals, in spite of the fact that people are telling us that we can’t break the rules.”

That can be another drawback for students who worry that prospective employers and others might be dissuaded by a Google search that reveals associations with controversial topics.

“I do think that the professional and the social pressures definitely negatively incentivize students not to really speak up or get involved in these issues,” said Eric Periman ’23, former president of the Princeton Committee on Palestine.

To combat this, and to prevent burnout among already busy students, Norbrook said a new group, tentatively called the Princeton Progressive Coalition, is in the works to build up the activist community on campus and share resources. While the idea is still taking shape, Norbrook said one of their first tasks will be to create a “disorientation guide” to inform new students about current activist issues and student groups, as well as to provide information about “power structures in the University.”

“I think the narrative needs to be changed around changemaking itself,” said Norbrook. “The experience of ... doing something disruptive is really valuable, and it really sits with you for the rest of your life.” ♦ *By J.B.*

**Artist and activist Common delivers keynote remarks at the Inclusive Academy Symposium.**



## Graduate School Recognizes Underrepresented Scholars

**T**he Graduate School’s second annual Inclusive Academy Symposium and Best of Access, Diversity, and Inclusion (BADI) Awards, which are designed to support underrepresented graduate students and postdocs, featured informational sessions and inspirational speakers, including a keynote conversation and bonus rap with artist, actor, author, and activist Common.

The May 18 event at the Lewis Center for the Arts kicked off with panels on the importance of community, being yourself in the academy, and how to cultivate desired careers, as well as a writing workshop. In a conversation with Nova Smith, Princeton’s assistant director of diversity initiatives, Pulitzer Prize-winner and Rutgers University creative writing and African American studies professor Salamishah Tillet told the audience about her journey and work.

Attendees took a break to network at a bumping reception in the Lewis Center’s Forum, complete with a DJ, before the keynote with Common, who touched upon a wide range of topics, including challenges throughout his career, how he finds inspiration, the importance of self-care and community, and his nonprofit Imagine Justice, which connects art and activism.

“I had to learn how to expand and pursue my dreams and my visions and go gather the things that I needed on

my plate, and then bring that food back to others,” Common said. “I keep my feet going forward, but then I always am able to go back home and just create access.”

At the end of his remarks, as moderator Joseph L. Lewis, the Graduate School’s associate dean of access, diversity, and inclusion, attempted to close the event, Common delighted everyone with an impromptu two-minute freestyle rap.

“It was great to see faculty and students just having great and enriching conversations about navigating grad school, and our keynote speakers were perfect,” Lewis said. “Everything, I think, just hit a perfect note on so many levels.”

The night capped off with the BADI Awards, which honored 18 students, staff, faculty, student groups, and Princeton programs for their work. “It’s highly important for us to stop and pause and recognize the accomplishments of [those] who are practicing diversity and inclusive excellence in all that they do,” Lewis told PAW.

BADI winner Rodrigo Córdova Rosado, a third-year astrophysical sciences graduate student, said, “I just hope that awards and events like this one continue to push the institution and the people in the institution more broadly, and give students permission to engage in this kind of work without feeling like it’s a drag on their academics.” ♦ *By J.B.*



## James Madison Program Lecturer Draws Protests From Faculty, Community

**R**onen Shoval, a 2022-23 associate research scholar with the James Madison Program and lecturer in politics at Princeton, faced opposition from students, faculty, and locals while on campus due to his affiliations with a right-wing Israeli movement some have said has similarities with fascism.

Shoval founded Zionist nongovernmental organization Im Tirtzu in 2006, though he told PAW via email that he severed ties with the group more than a decade ago. In 2013, a Jerusalem district court ruled the group had characteristics similar to fascist organizations, though in 2015, the nation's Supreme Court dismissed that ruling.

In late March, a talk Shoval gave at the Center for Jewish Life drew about 50 attendees — and 70 protestors, mostly from the local community, according to *The Daily Princetonian*.

A month later, the *Prince* published an op-ed by Princeton professors Eldar



Ronen Shoval

Shafir and Uri Hasson that they said was meant to alert the community to Shoval's appointment and to "invite us to reflect on who we want to appoint to teach our students."

In a statement to PAW, Bradford Wilson, executive director of the James Madison Program, said that "though we realize that not everyone agrees (even when they sometimes purport to agree) with Princeton University's formal commitment to 'free and open inquiry on all matters' (Rights, Rules,

Responsibilities, 1.1.3), the James Madison Program steadfastly approves of and honors that commitment ..."

The op-ed authors said their criticism is not related to freedom of speech. In an email to PAW, Shafir said, "I am all for free speech, not free teach. We should allow people to speak their minds on campus, but we shouldn't reward them all" with appointments at a university.

In the *Prince*, the authors wrote "Princeton should always support a wide variety of views, but not a variety of scare tactics or bullying techniques" and called on "departments and programs to revisit their procedures for inviting visitors to teach."

As Shoval's appointment came to a close, he said he found his time on campus gratifying, but "it is unfortunate that I was subjected to an unsettling cancellation attempt at Princeton University," and that the situation "bears witness to an insidious endeavor to curtail freedom of thought and expression in general, and especially to silence conservative voices within academia." ♦

By J.B.

### IN SHORT

Alumni elected three **NEW TRUSTEES** for four-year terms beginning in July. Kamil Ali-Jackson '81, from West Chester, Pennsylvania, is an entrepreneur and former legal and business professional in the life sciences industry. Nandi O. Leslie '05, from Bethesda, Maryland, is a principal technical fellow at Raytheon Technologies. Mutemwa R. Masheke '23, this year's young alumni trustee, is from Lusaka, Zambia, and majored in computer science. Information on new trustees elected by the board was not made available before the deadline for this issue.

The following 13 professors **TRANSFERRED TO EMERITUS STATUS** at the end of the academic year after serving on the Princeton faculty for more than 360 years combined: David N. Cannadine, history; Weinan E, mathematics and applied and computational mathematics; Henry S. Farber '77, economics; Susan T. Fiske, psychology and public affairs; Su Friedrich, visual arts; Stephen Kotkin, history and international

affairs; Douglas S. Massey '78, sociology and public affairs; Alexander M. Polyakov, physics; Robert K. Prud'homme, chemical and biological engineering; Eileen A. Reeves, comparative literature; Daniel I. Rubenstein, ecology and evolutionary biology; Harold T. Shapiro '64, economics and public affairs; and Susan A. Stewart, English.

The School of Public and International Affairs opened its first permanent space in Washington, D.C., to be used by **SPIA IN D.C.**, a new initiative for education, public affairs, and engagement, according to an announcement from the University. "Twenty-eight percent of SPIA's graduate alumni and 17% of our undergraduate alumni are in the greater Washington area," Dean Amaney Jamal said. "In terms of career placement, our alumni network is one of our most valuable resources to students. To have a dedicated space for students to meet with alumni to network is extremely important." ♦

### IN MEMORIAM

**WILLIAM LOUIS HOWARTH**, an English professor who specialized



in American literature of the 19th and 20th centuries, died June 6 at age 82. Howarth taught at the University for more than

50 years, including the decade after he transferred to emeritus status in 2008. He served as editor-in-chief of *The Writings of Henry D. Thoreau*, wrote six books of his own, reported on literary America for the National Geographic Society, and advised hundreds of senior theses and dissertations. Howarth helped found the African American studies program and the Princeton Environmental Institute and was a pioneer in humanities computing. In 2009, he received the Award for Excellence in Alumni Education. ♦



Callow-Wright

## CABINET ROLES

## University Names New Dean, Executive Vice President

**P**inceton announced that a pair of newcomers will be taking over key administrative posts in the new academic year. Peter Schiffer, a professor of applied physics and physics at Yale University, will be the next dean for research, and Katie Callow-Wright, the executive vice president at the University of Chicago, will join Princeton in the same role.

Schiffer, the director for strategic projects at Yale's



Schiffer

**Faculty of Arts and Sciences, succeeds Pablo Debenedetti, a professor of chemical and biological engineering who**

served as dean for the last 10 years. Prior to his work at Yale, Schiffer served in administrative roles at Penn State and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is slated to become dean on Aug. 28 and will join the physics faculty as well.

Callow-Wright will oversee campus planning, operations, and infrastructure at Princeton in her new position, which is the University's top nonacademic post. She will begin on July 24, taking over for Treby Williams '84, who will continue working as adviser to the president through 2024. Callow-Wright has spent the past two decades in senior administrative roles at the University of Chicago. ♦ *By J.B. and B.T.*

## After Tragic Loss, Grad Student's Parents Advocate to Reduce Overdose Deaths

**W**orking at a YWCA domestic violence shelter in her native Salt Lake City and later in refugee resettlement for the International Rescue Committee, Maura Coursey dedicated her life to helping people overcome barriers, from homelessness to mental health challenges.

"She really cultivated her own capacity to understand what experiences marginalized people were having," Mary Johnston-Coursey, Maura's mother, told PAW.

Coursey came to the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs hoping to have an even greater impact on the communities she cared about. But that journey was cut short when the first-year graduate student died of a drug overdose at her off-campus apartment in late January.

Her death was accidental, caused by "mixed drug toxicity" including fentanyl (a synthetic opioid), bromazepam (a sedative), and metonitazene (a synthetic opioid), according to the Middlesex County Medical Examiner.

In recent months, Coursey's parents have spoken out in hopes of educating young people, including college students, and combatting the stigma that might prevent greater adoption of harm-reduction strategies. Specifically, they would like to see greater availability of fentanyl test strips and the life-saving medication naloxone, which can reverse opioid overdoses.

Johnston-Coursey said Maura was introduced to drug use in her early 20s and had not been a regular user in the last seven or eight years. But she also believes that drugs felt familiar and safe to her, despite the rising prevalence of fentanyl overdoses.

"We know so many people who are resonating with this story because people are having friends and family die from fentanyl poisoning," Johnston-Coursey said.

A recent NYU study of injection drug users in New York City, published in the *International Journal of Drug Policy*,



Maura Coursey

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— Jeff Coursey, Maura's father

found that while 83% of participants tested positive for fentanyl in toxicology screenings, only 18% had intended to use the drug. Fentanyl has been cited by the National Institutes of Health as a driving factor in the nationwide spike in overdose deaths since 2019; more than 100,000 Americans died of overdoses in 2022, according to provisional data from the National Center for Health Statistics.

Maura's family and friends are keeping her memory alive through a fund that aims to support the types of nonprofits that she valued in her career and her policy studies, including those that work in equity, inclusion, and trauma-informed approaches. "We're looking at the work that she was striving to do in her life," said Jeff Coursey, Maura's father. "Our intention is to try to make donations to groups that are doing innovative things in these areas."

As of late May, the Maura Coursey Fund had raised nearly \$30,000. Her Princeton peers contributed by holding a talent show to benefit the fund. "There's a lot of support from the students she knew," Johnston-Coursey said. "There's a lot of love there." ♦ *By B.T.*





Andrei Iosivas '23, the Ivy League's top receiver in 2022, was drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals in April.

FOOTBALL

# A Catch for the NFL

Andrei Iosivas '23, Princeton's newest pro, is working to prove himself again

**W**hen Andrei Iosivas '23 scored a 9.96 out of 10 on the Relative Athletic Score, a combination of drills and physical attributes used by NFL teams to rate players, it confirmed what Princeton coaches already knew: He is quite an athlete.

Iosivas is 6-foot-3, 200 pounds, and his score ranked 14th out of 3,048 wide receivers tested since 1987. Those numbers enticed the Cincinnati Bengals to select Iosivas in the sixth round of the NFL draft in April despite already being loaded at wide receiver.

"It was a long process," said Iosivas, who had to wait until late on the third day of the draft to hear his name called. "I was a bit anxious. But once you get that call, everything, all the weight comes off your shoulders, and you're living the dream that I've always wanted to live."

Now, at the Bengals' minicamps, he's embarking on a familiar path of proving that he's just as good a football player as he is an athlete. It's something he also

had to do as a freshman at Princeton coming from Honolulu, Hawaii.

"I was one of the under-the-radar prospects coming in," Iosivas said. "Nobody really knew who I was."

In his first fall at Princeton, he didn't play a single snap on the varsity, yet after the season head coach Bob Surace '90 told him that he had the potential to be one of the best receivers ever developed at Princeton.

"He blossomed late and we got lucky with that," Surace said. "He was starting from maybe a higher athleticism but lesser experience than most of the guys we take."

Iosivas' athleticism quickly paid

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off in a different arena: track and field. As a freshman, he finished third in the decathlon at the outdoor Ivy Heptagonals. He went on to set the Ivy League heptathlon record at the 2022 indoor Heps, and his 6.71 seconds in the 60-meter dash set an NCAA Indoor Championships meet record for heptathletes. But all along, Iosivas saw himself as a football player first. In the spring of 2023, he did not compete in track in order to prepare for the NFL draft.

On the field, Iosivas has proven that he has more than athleticism. As a sophomore, he hauled in 18 catches, including four touchdowns, and felt like he could have done more. The COVID-19 pandemic delayed his return to the field, but during his gap year he set his sights on a pro football career.

"My dream was to be in the NFL, but I wasn't sure how much of a reality that was," Iosivas said. "When it became more of a reality was when I came back after COVID, when I was working out with the boys in the summer, I could see it more. We were doing captains' practices and lifting, and I felt like I was a monster, and I felt like a big season was coming."

His junior-year numbers more than doubled — 41 catches for 703 yards in 2021 — and as a senior, they jumped again as he led the Ivies in receptions (66), receiving yards (943), and touchdown catches (seven).

At Princeton, Iosivas had learned from veteran stars, spending his first year studying the game behind future NFL receivers Jesper Horsted '19 and Stephen Carlson '19. Now he's starting a similar path in Cincinnati, where he has been working out with a receiver corps that includes Ja'Marr Chase, Tee Higgins, and Tyler Boyd. "Seeing the great receivers do it in real time helps definitely accelerate that learning curve," he said.

Surace, an NFL assistant coach for Cincinnati in the early 2000s, has high expectations for Iosivas' future as a pro.

"Coming from a place like ours and coming from our league, you're getting great intangibles that this guy is going to show up to work," Surace said. "He's going to work his tail off and most likely reach his ability level. I think that's a real positive for Andrei." ♦ *By Justin Feil*

## ROWING

## Unprecedented: Lightweights Win Gold As All Varsity Eights Finish With Medals

Two years ago, as Princeton athletics reemerged from pandemic restrictions, the rowing programs were among the first to find opportunities to compete against other schools. And in a final flourish to the belated 2021 spring season, the women's lightweight varsity eight won a national championship, its first in 18 years.

That Tiger boat hasn't lost since. Led by three seniors — rowers Sarah Polson and Daisy Devore and coxswain Margaret Murphy — the women's lightweights completed a second straight undefeated season at the IRA Regatta, outracing second-place Stanford by more than six seconds to win the national title.

They were joined at the top of the podium by the men's lightweight varsity eight, which pulled away from Harvard in the final 500 meters to win its first national gold since 2010. Princeton's other varsity eights, the men's heavyweight and women's open crews, earned third place in their respective national finals at the IRA and NCAA regattas, making this the first time that all four finished in the top three nationally in the same year. (The women's lightweight championship, the newest of the four, began in 1998.)

The two championship regattas were held in New Jersey — the NCAA in Pennsauken May 26-28 and the IRA in West Windsor June 2-4 — and each drew a healthy cheering section from within the boathouse. “It was very telling to see how everyone showed up for each other and celebrated each other,” women's open coach Lori Dauphny said.

All four programs also showed they have a deep well of talent backing up the varsity eight boats. The women's lightweights won IRA gold in the varsity four and double sculls. The men's lightweight second varsity eight also won gold, completing an unbeaten season, while the men's heavyweight team finished fourth in the IRA team standings.

At the NCAA Championships, the women's open team placed third in the points race and sent its second varsity eight and varsity four to the grand finals, placing fifth and sixth, respectively. “It shows that we have a healthy program — that we are really pushing each other and supporting each other at the same time,” Dauphny said.

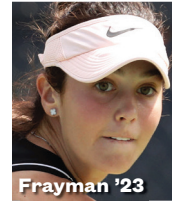
As a reward for the season's success, each program will race at the Henley Royal Regatta this summer — another Princeton first. ♦ *By B.T.*



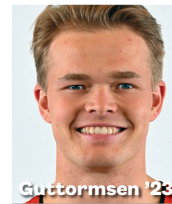
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## SENIOR AWARDS

This year's top honors at the Princeton Varsity Club senior



awards banquet went to **DARIA FRAYMAN '23**, the Von Kienbusch Award winner, who ranked as high as No. 1 nationally in singles while leading the women's tennis team to four Ivy League titles and three NCAA Tournament second-round



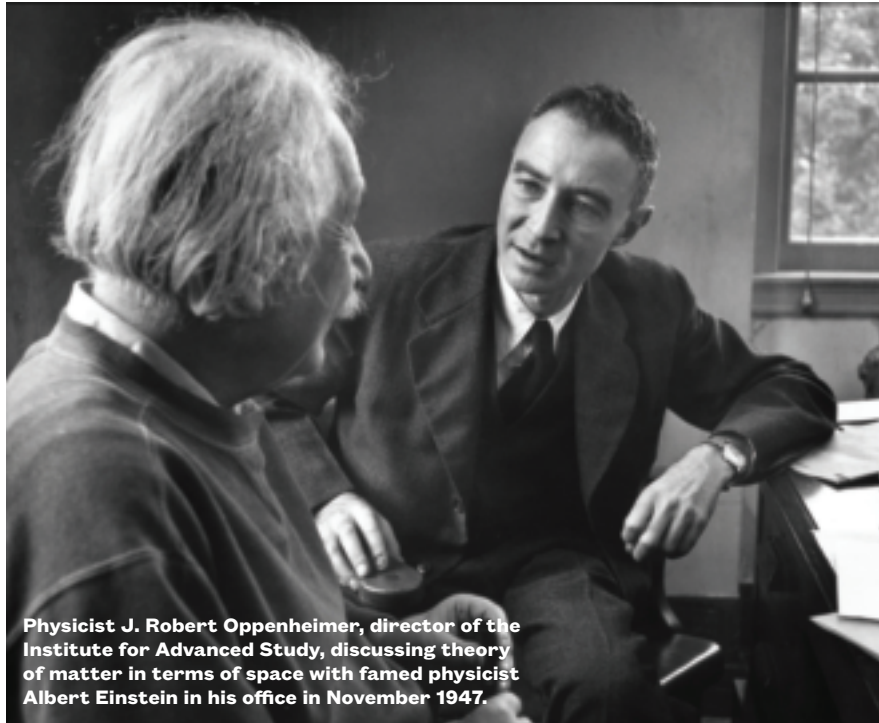
appearances, and **SONDRE GUTTORMSEN '23**, the Roper Trophy winner, who set program and Ivy pole vaulting records, indoors and outdoors, and won three NCAA titles in his event.

The new Chris Sailer Leadership Award, for senior student-athletes who demonstrate exceptional leadership and a commitment to serving others, went to wrestling's **QUINCY MONDAY '23**, a three-time All-American and Academic All-Ivy honoree, and women's basketball's **GRACE STONE '23**, two-time All-Ivy performer on the first Ivy women's team to win NCAA Tournament games in consecutive seasons.

**ELLA GANTMAN '23** (School of Public and International Affairs) and **MADELEINE POLUBINSKI '23** (politics) shared the Class of 1916 Cup, awarded to the senior letter-winner with the highest academic standing. As a goalkeeper in women's soccer, Gantman made seven starts as a senior and was awarded the Moses Taylor Pyne Honor Prize on Alumni Day. Polubinski paced the women's lightweight rowing team to a bronze medal at the Eastern Sprints in 2022 and was an IRA All-Academic honoree.

**SERENA STARKS '23**, the 2023 Ivy Player of the Year in softball, received the Art Lane '34 Award for selfless contribution to sport and society. Starks led her team to back-to-back Ivy championships. ♦ *By N.D.*





Physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer, director of the Institute for Advanced Study, discussing theory of matter in terms of space with famed physicist Albert Einstein in his office in November 1947.

J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER

# Prometheus Unbound

The new film *Oppenheimer* projects the brilliant physicist's life from book to screen

**W**hen he arrived in Princeton after World War II, J. Robert Oppenheimer was second only to Albert Einstein as the most prominent scientist in the country. The “father of the atomic bomb,” the brilliant physicist had led the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos National Laboratory, resulting in the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to end the war. His new appointment leading the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS), an independent research center, should have been the capstone to his distinguished career. By 1954, however, Oppenheimer would be publicly disgraced, wrongly pilloried by the House Un-American Activities Committee and by Sen. Joe McCarthy as a traitor to his country.

“Oppenheimer in 1945 was hailed as a national hero by Democrats and Republicans alike, put on the cover of *Time* and *Life*,” says Kai Bird, co-author of the book *American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy*

of *J. Robert Oppenheimer*, the source for *Oppenheimer*, a new movie released this month by Universal Pictures starring Cillian Murphy (Oppenheimer), Emily Blunt (Kitty), Matt Damon (Leslie Groves), and Robert Downey Jr. (Lewis Strauss). “And then just nine years later, he’s humiliated in this secret kangaroo court proceeding and he becomes a nonentity, suspected by his critics of being disloyal at best and at worst, maybe a spy.”

Bird’s co-author Martin Sherwin, who died in 2021, started the book in 1980, assembling 50,000 pages of documents from archives, before calling in Bird to help. The book was published in 2005 and won the Pulitzer Prize the following year. While Oppenheimer may be known for his development of the bomb, Bird says it was his Princeton years that dedicated both authors to the story. “The Manhattan Project was interesting history, but it didn’t have a personal narrative arc to it,” Bird says.

“What really made it fascinating was this tragedy that followed.”

Following the war, Oppenheimer — known to students and colleagues as Oppie — resigned his position at Los Alamos. “He was finished building weapons of mass destruction and didn’t want to have anything more to do with that,” Bird says. When Lewis Strauss, the IAS board president, recruited him, Oppenheimer jumped at the post, which came with a hefty salary and accommodation at Olden Manor, an 18th-century farmhouse with ample grounds. Founded in 1930, the institute was conceived as a quiet retreat for top scientists free from the burdens of teaching. “It was the ultimate ivory tower,” Bird says. Oppie himself called it an “intellectual hotel.” While the IAS is separate from Princeton University, the two institutions have always had a close relationship — for example, Oppenheimer gave public lectures at Princeton.

Every afternoon, fellows gathered to mingle and exchange ideas over high tea. The institute’s most famous occupant, Einstein, had been in residence since 1932, and now Oppenheimer essentially became his boss. He also recruited promising young scientists as fellows, and persuaded Niels Bohr, Paul Dirac, and other leading quantum physicists to come for sabbaticals. Oppenheimer supported and encouraged the mathematician John von Neumann in the construction of the world’s first high-speed computer in the basement of Fuld Hall. “It was an amazing, groundbreaking achievement,” says Bird about the computer, which is now at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C.

Oppenheimer also worked to make the IAS more interdisciplinary. Educated at a progressive school on the Upper West Side, he had a lifelong love of poetry and studied Sanskrit at Berkeley to read the Bhagavad Gita. “What made him a role model as a scientist is that he was a polymath,” says Bird. “Yes, he lived in this rarefied quantum physics world, but he was also a humanist.” He recruited other humanists, such as historian Arnold Toynbee, social philosopher Isaiah Berlin, and historian and diplomat George Kennan 1925, who wrote his great books on the history

of Russia on Oppenheimer's watch. He even brought the poet T.S. Eliot to Princeton for a semester.

While Oppenheimer was no doubt happy during his early years in Princeton, Bird says, his marriage became strained by his wife Kitty's descent into alcoholism and erratic behavior. Then again, Oppenheimer could be erratic too. "He was the kind of intellectual who could be very sweet and patient with students, but he could be highhanded and rude to people who presumed to be in position of authority." Increasingly, that meant Strauss, a man with a healthy ego, felt professionally and personally snubbed by Oppenheimer. Their personalities were set up to clash — while Strauss was a conservative, devoutly Jewish, anti-communist cold warrior, Oppenheimer was a secular Jew who made no secret of his leftist sympathies and former association with the Communist Party in the 1930s. "They were like oil and water," Bird says.

When Strauss became head of the Atomic Energy Commission, advocating for a newer, more powerful hydrogen bomb, Oppenheimer publicly came out against the weapon in the pages of *Foreign Affairs*. After revelations that another scientist was a spy at Los Alamos, Strauss began to suspect Oppenheimer of treason, referring him to the House Un-American Activities Committee. "He orchestrated this letter of indictment, set up this security hearing, and picked the three panelists in what became a witch hunt against Oppie," Bird says. In 1954, the hearing was leaked to *The New York Times*. Eventually Oppenheimer was stripped of his security clearance and access to government, effectively becoming a pariah.

Despite his public disgrace, the IAS never abandoned Oppenheimer, who remained director until 1965. The following year, Princeton University gave him an honorary degree at Commencement, hailing him as a "physicist and sailor, philosopher and horseman, linguist and cook, lover of fine wine and better poetry."

When Oppenheimer died in 1967, 600 people came to his memorial service at the University's Alexander Hall, including Nobel laureates,

## Research Day: Brain Injury Project Among 19 Winners

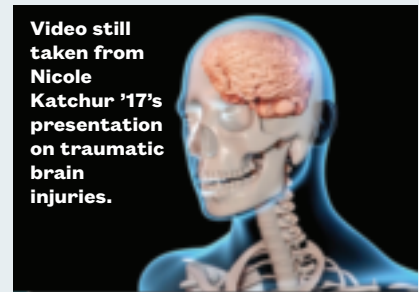
**N**icole Katchur '17's choice to study head injuries stems from a personal place — her sister suffered a brain injury as a child. As an undergraduate she majored in neuroscience, and now as a third-year graduate student she focuses on the long-term impacts of traumatic brain injuries (TBI) to understand what leads to chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE). The latter has been recently found with greater frequency in athletes who play contact sports and military members and is believed to be linked to repeated blows to the head.

"What I hope to accomplish is to understand that transition period, so we can identify a protein or a protein network that we can target for therapeutics," Katchur said. "I don't know if that will happen in my time here ... but that would be the ultimate goal."

For her research, Katchur repeatedly injured the heads of fruit flies using a device that administered powerful bursts of carbon dioxide through a tube, then she studied the changes over time. After screening more than 700 proteins, she found support for the theory that repeated injuries eventually lead to CTE.

Katchur's project was one of 19 completed by students and postdocs awarded at Princeton Research Day on May 11. From ideas for tackling climate change to various medical interventions, the event showcased

politicians, scientists, and poets. "In this small town of Princeton, we have been proud to have him as a leading citizen," said then-physics professor emeritus Henry D. Smyth 1918 \*1921 during his remarks at the service, which were also published in that year's March 14 edition of PAW. "Princeton University has continued to enjoy close and happy relations with the Institute for Advanced Study. Our scientists rejoiced in their opportunity to know




Video still taken from Nicole Katchur '17's presentation on traumatic brain injuries.

some of the research happening across campus throughout the disciplines. Judges considered both in-person presentations and three-minute video submissions and based their decisions on how effectively the research is communicated for a general audience.

Katchur won the Graduate Student Impact Award for her video presentation, given for clearly communicating the positive impact of research "on enriching or improving our culture, community, or society," the award's description states.

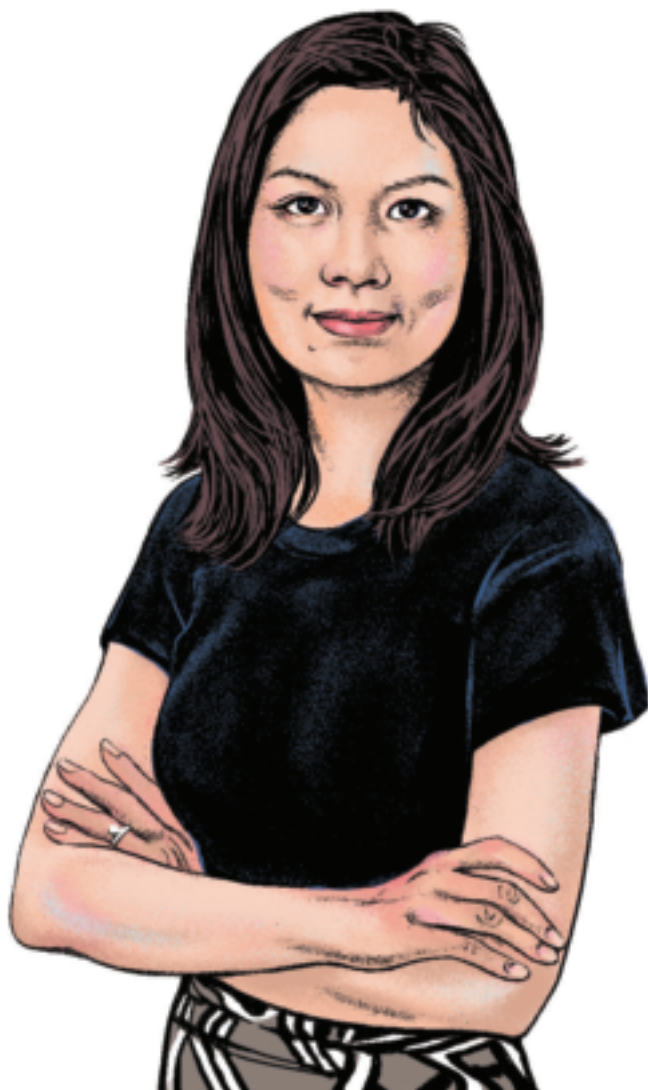
Katchur was glad to see others found value in her work. "I realized that this is something that's applicable to a lot of people especially because it is a silent epidemic. Everybody knows somebody with a brain injury, and people are always worried about what's the long-term outcome," she said. "We don't know if somebody gets hurt now, what's going to happen to them in 20 years." ♦ By C.S.

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Robert Oppenheimer as a physicist and as a man."

Bird is thrilled with the film — some of which was shot on Princeton's campus and at the Institute for Advanced Study — praising it as true to the book and Oppie's life. "I hope it will start a national conversation about history and nuclear weapons and the Atomic Age and McCarthyism," he says. "He was literally the chief celebrity victim of the whole McCarthy era." ♦ By Michael Blanding





BEHIND THE RESEARCH: NING LIN \*10

## Studying the Impact of Extreme Weather on Buildings

Ning Lin \*10 was always fascinated by physics, math, and architecture — particularly when the disciplines came together in the process of ensuring building safety. As a civil engineering student at Huazhong University of Science and Technology in Wuhan, China, she became interested in the effects of environmental stressors on structures. Wind in particular seemed to have a large yet understudied impact. This discovery led Lin to home in on the effects of wind — as well as hurricanes, heat, and flooding — on buildings and other structures throughout her graduate work at Texas

**“A lot of the topics I’m working on now are motivated by real cases,”** Ning Lin \*10 explains.

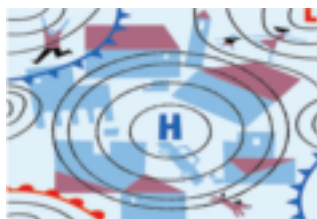
Tech University and Princeton, where she earned her Ph.D. in civil and environmental engineering. ♦ *By Agatha Bordonaro '04*

## Lin’s Research: A Sampling



### HEAT WAVE

As the Earth continues to heat up, tropical storms are expected to become more common. This combination of events is particularly troubling, Lin says, as hurricanes have a tendency to knock out power grids just when people are desperate to use their air conditioners. “Heat waves are the leading cause of weather-induced fatalities in the United States,” she notes. In a 2022 paper, Lin and her research partners estimated that the number of residents in Harris County, Texas, who will experience at least one five-plus-day, tropical-cyclone-induced blackout during a heatwave will increase 23 times over the course of this century.



### PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES

In the summer of 2017, Hurricane Harvey struck Houston, Texas, Hurricane Irma hit South Florida, and Hurricane Maria decimated Puerto Rico. Four years later in 2021, Hurricane Ida struck Louisiana while Hurricane Nicholas hit Texas. “If these multiple events are happening, and people have not recovered from the previous event, how can they deal with the next one?” Lin says. Using computer simulations, Lin

and her team found that the threat of multiple hurricanes will increase, because the severity of each storm will be greater. That means the effects of each storm — such as flooding and loss of power — will be compounded, resulting in greater destruction and more challenges to recovery.

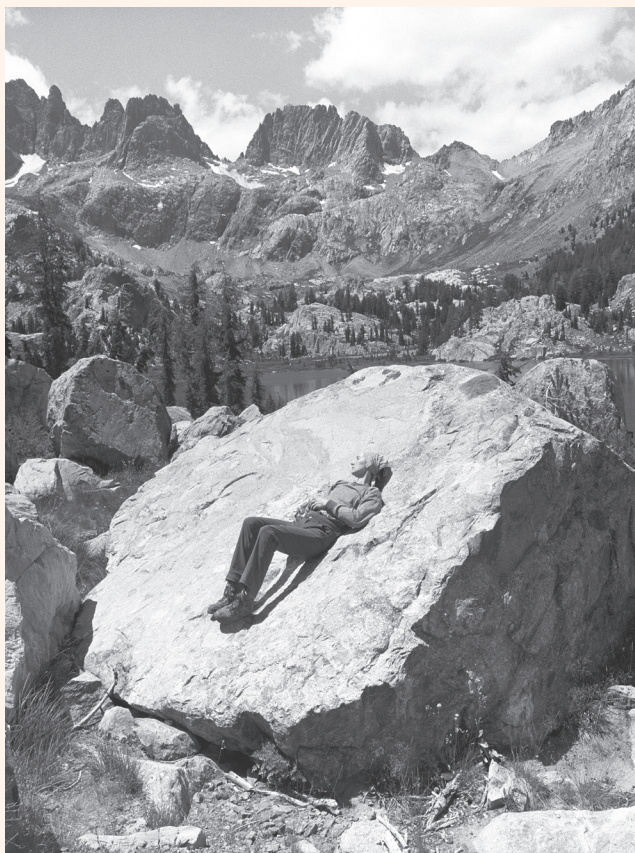


### MAPPING RISK

Thanks to climate change, the likelihood of coastal areas experiencing both extreme rainfall and storm surges is increasing. To plan accordingly, people living and working in these areas need to know their compound flood risk: the level of flooding they can expect from rain and storm surges combined. But to calculate that is a highly complex, expensive task that requires physical measurements and modeling, Lin notes. So she and her research partner developed a new methodology, which they published in a 2022 report, that relies on existing physical models and applies a novel statistical approach “to be able to project compound flood hazards in different climate scenarios for specific local [communities]” at a fraction of the cost. In a simulation, they applied their approach to the Cape Fear River area in North Carolina and revealed a 27% increase in the extent of and 62% increase in the volume of floods over a 100-year period. ♦ *By A.B.*

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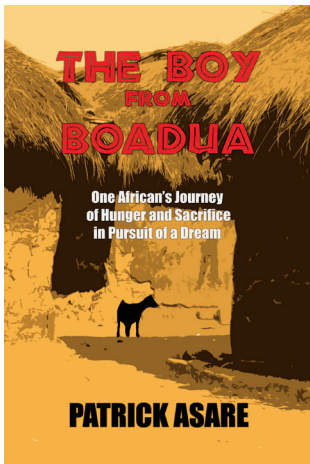
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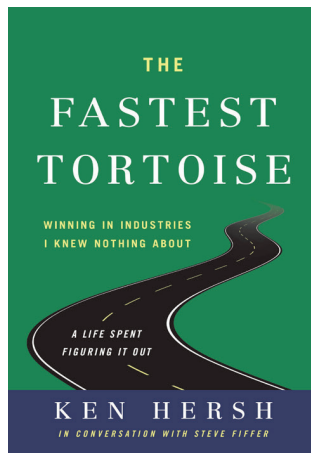
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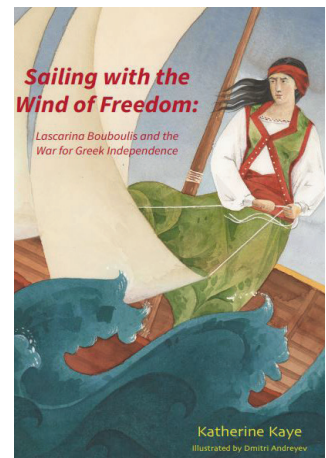
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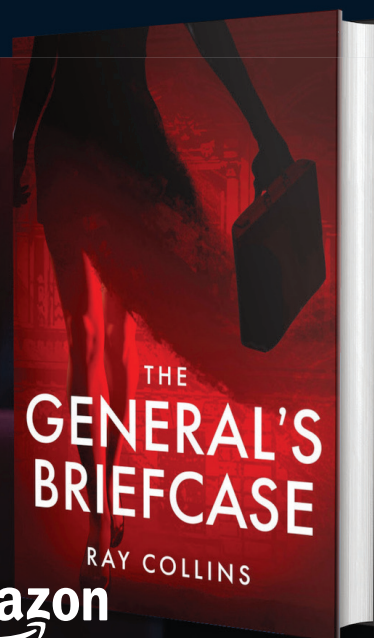
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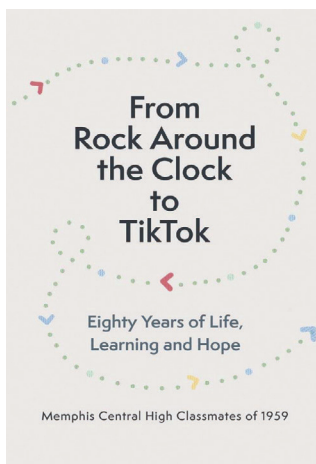
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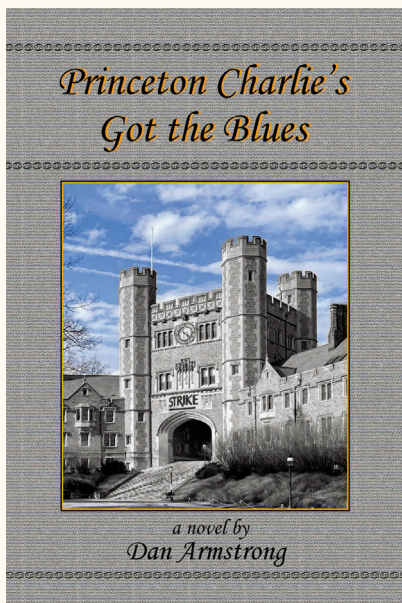
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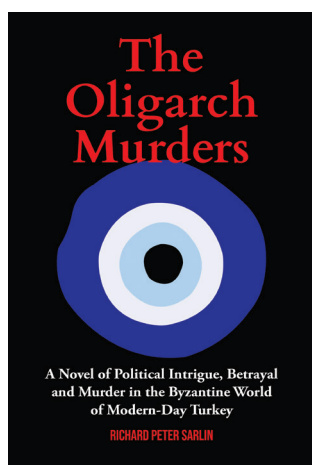
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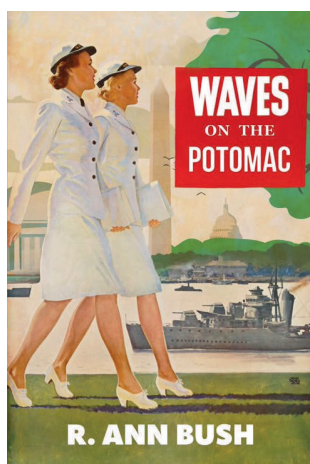
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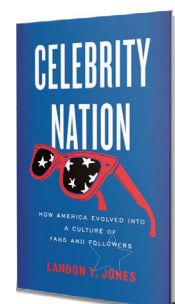
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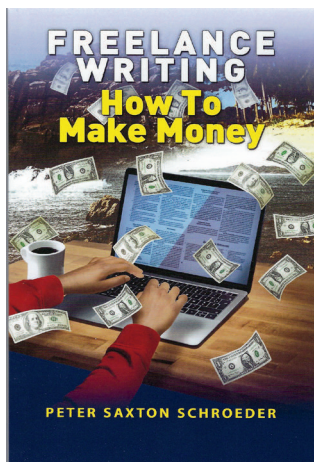
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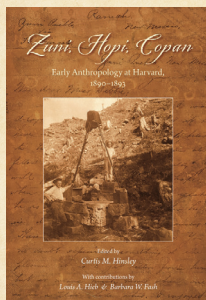


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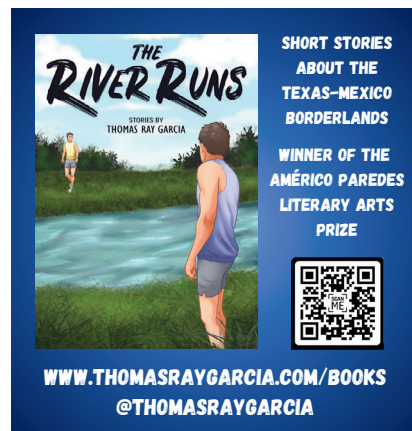
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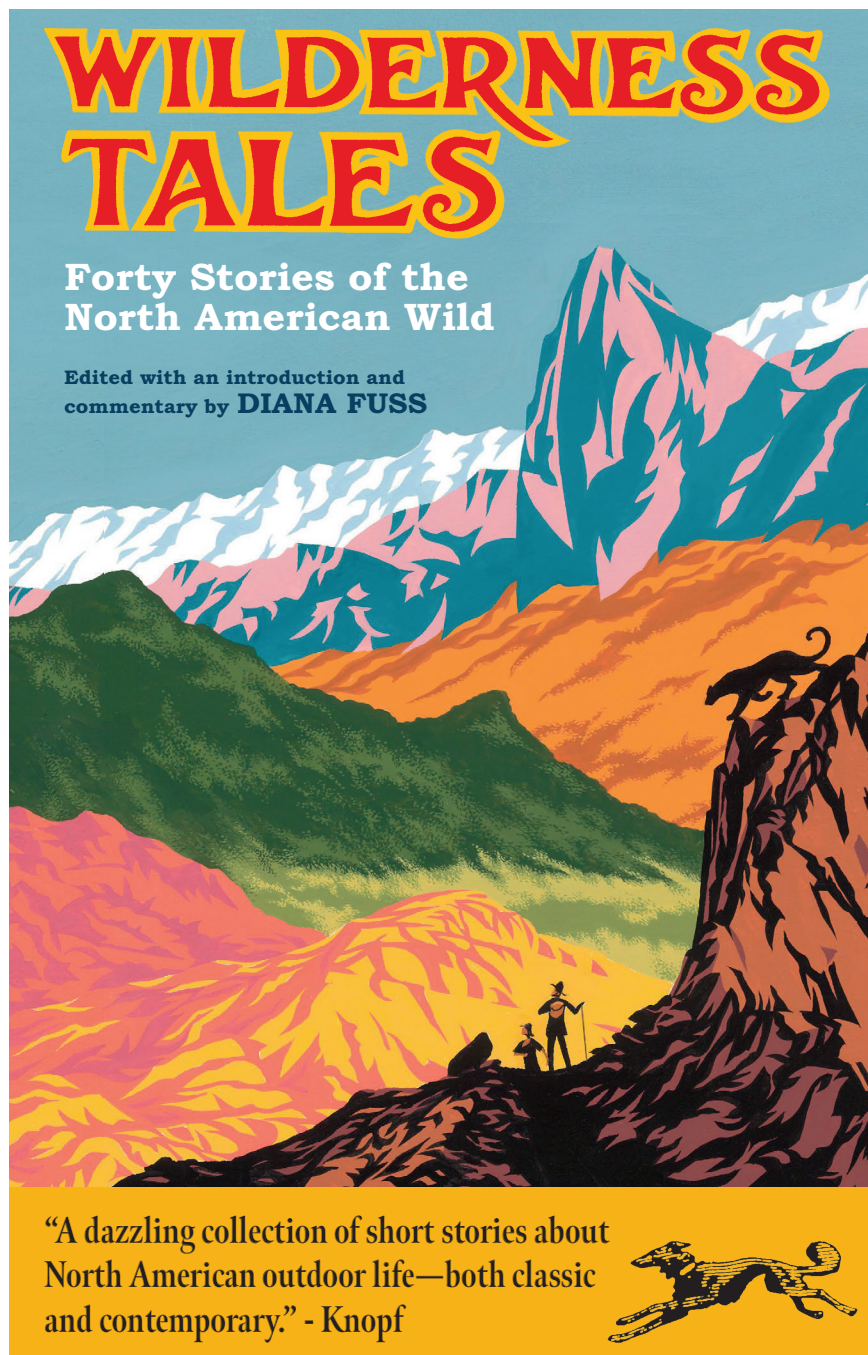


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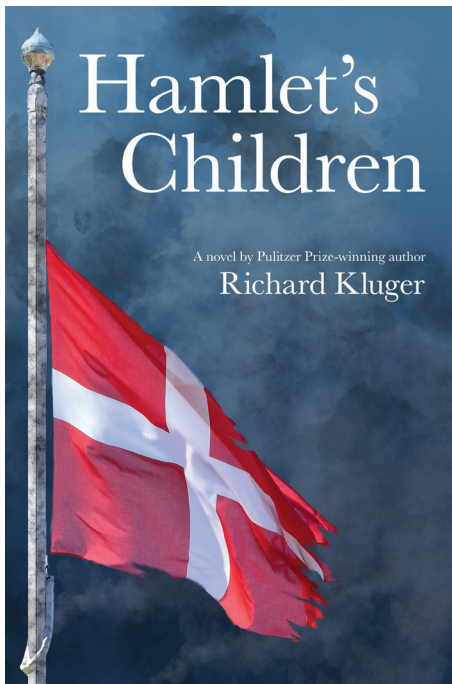
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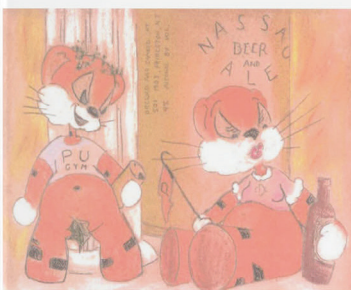
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# 'A Fant Reliving Reunions Time'

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*Rob Dyer '93 can't control his excitement during the P-rade.*





**SIGNS OF THE TIME**

From left, Ros Brady, Bob Brady '63, Austie Sullivan '63, Faye Pugh, Rosemary Reese, Doc Reese '63, Jim Pugh '63, and Chick White celebrate their 60th reunion. Said Pugh, "The P-rade never seems to grow stale ... and is really an outpouring of shared love for the place and Princeton experience."

**A**LTHOUGH WILLIAM RICHARDSON '73 was celebrating his 50th, Reunions 2023 was his first time marching in the P-rade. That moment of being cheered on by the younger classes and celebrating among a network of so many alumni was emotional, Richardson said. "I realized just how lucky I was to be around such smart people who taught me so much," he added.

During the weekend he also reconnected with his freshman roommate, Evan Nickles '73, for the first time since their graduation, attended a handful of panels, and revisited many of his favorite spots on campus. "I just had a fantastic time," he said.

That same joy and excitement was shared across the roughly 25,000 alumni, family, guests, faculty, staff, and graduates who gathered at Princeton May 25-28. If Reunions 2022 was a warmup as COVID restrictions were just loosening and the extreme heat impacted the mood, this year the festivities and energy were back in full force.

The picture-perfect weather was a welcome backdrop to the parties, music, and panels covering a range of topics from climate change to construction. This year also held special significance as it marked the 50th anniversary of the first four-year undergraduate class of women.

PAW was there to capture the best moments and the ones you may have missed:

## Our P-rade Favorites

**From alums dressed as tigers** to a variety of clever costumes showcasing Princeton's colors and spirit, there was orange and black everywhere. Standout themes included Blink-2013, the class that dressed in punk-rock-themed attire; the ultra-sparkly tiger jackets worn by the Class of 2018; and the Class of 1963's "It's Twistin' Time" theme complete with prescription pill bottle-shaped signs.

## Women, Fight for Equality Take Center Stage

**As Princeton celebrated 50 years** since the first four-year class of women graduated, two alumnae drew an overflow crowd for a Friday discussion about motherhood and careers, titled "Women Wanting More." Attendees lined the aisles, with some sitting right at the panelists' feet.

Former SPIA dean Anne-Marie Slaughter '80 questioned Majka Burhardt '98, a professional rock and ice climber who recently published a memoir, titled *More*, about the experience of having twins. Slaughter has become a prominent voice in the

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Kevin Birch. Opposite: Beverly Schaefer



**COEDUCATION  
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**Class of 1973**



**AND SO IT BEGINS**

*From left, Jane A. Leifer '73, Gale Gilleaudeau Stafford '73, Beth Herz Michelson '73, Nancy J. Marvel '73, Elaine Chan '73, and Victoria B. Bjorklund '73 celebrate their 50th reunion during the P-rade.*





**PAW'S NEWEST READERS**

*From left, Dillion Gallagher '23, Emily Trieu '23, and Eric Sklanka '23 celebrate their impending graduation.*



**'PROUD TO BE A TIGER'**

*From left, Michael Adams '98, Nii Nortei Lokko '98, I. Mujinga Mwamufiya '98, Shalani Alisharan Bel '98, and Ayana Mangum Woods '98 enjoy their return to campus. Said Alisharan Bel, 'I am proud that the University is ... doing more to create spaces for all Princeton students now.'*





**GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN**  
 From left, Laura Tremblay '93, Susan Massick '93, and Andrea Bolt '93 are near the head of their class during the P-rade.

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discussion around women and work, having drawn criticism and praise for her 2012 *Atlantic* article “Why Women Still Can’t Have It All.”

The conversation veered into how couples divide domestic responsibilities, how old expectations for women’s roles at home linger, and how hard it can be for women to go back to work after maternity leave. Slaughter said she learned from Hilary Clinton while working at the State Department to replace her “either/or” lens on these issues with “both/and.”

“We’re so accustomed to setting this up as men vs. women or work vs. family,” Slaughter said. “Whereas, as far as I’m concerned, people who work for me, who are able to care for their families when they need to, are better workers. They’re more fulfilled in their work, they’re more fulfilled in their family.”

Burhardt said that on the day she had her twins, she also bought a house and the nonprofit organization she started got a huge grant. “For me there was never the question of what do I stop doing, it was how do I do all of this? And how do I do all of this and not go crazy?” she said.

“That’s also about being the kind of mom I want to be. Because I didn’t want to give anything up. I wanted to find a way where I could do it. And that meant this whole other journey around balance — which I don’t really believe in — around how you keep making your life more complex but you’re also humble and gentle to yourself and the people around you.” ♦ *By E.H.D.*

## Class of 2023 Jacket Earns Rave Reviews for Designer

**Michael Tran '23 began drafting ideas** for his Senior Jacket during his junior year. The B.S.E. major from Bridge City, Texas, has had a passion for art for as long as he can remember, and designed a handful of T-shirts and logos for different Princeton groups and programs throughout his time on campus.

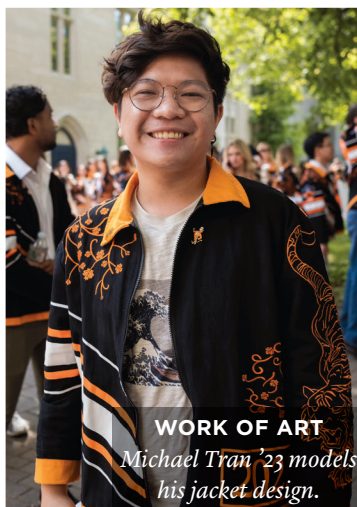
The Class of 2023 jacket is black and features orange linework that depicts a tiger using an Asian-art style down the right sleeve

and ivy creeping around the left shoulder. A nod to the prominent stripes featured on past jackets, it includes asymmetrical orange and white stripes on the back that trail diagonally from the top right shoulder. The University shield sits on the left sleeve. On the back is a big orange circle with the class year that includes an outline of Nassau Hall, and the word “Princeton” at the bottom.

Tran said he looked at past jackets for inspiration.



**FLAUNT IT**  
 Sydney Cheong '18 shows off the sparkly jackets worn by her class this year.



**WORK OF ART**  
 Michael Tran '23 models his jacket design.

Beverly Schaefer; Kelly Sullivan; Tao Zhu '23. Opposite: Beverly Schaefer; Kevin Birch





**IT'S ALL DOWNHILL**

*Jennifer Golia Pernicka '03, left, and Courtney Coleman Everson '03 embrace the Class of 2003's ski theme. 'We also had winter-themed elements at our site and served Aperol spritzes at brunch,' said Coleman Everson.*

"I was just picking stuff up that I liked," he said. He asked many classmates what they hoped to see on the jacket and consulted friends as he updated the design. For example, one friend suggested the jacket needed to be a little tacky to really embrace the spirit behind the attire, and that's when the large orange circle was added to the back. "Everything was hand-drawn on an iPad," Tran added.

He put the project down for months and began to doubt whether it was worth submitting the design to the class jacket contest. At the last minute he decided "Why not?"

The class donned the new jackets throughout Reunions weekend, and Tran said many alumni complimented his work. "It's pretty surreal, and it's really validating," he said.

The success even inspired a change of heart for his post-graduation plans. "I majored in computer science for financial security reasons. I do like it to some extent and I think I'm pretty decent at it, but I don't love it and I'm not passionate about it. Art is something I've enjoyed doing my whole life, but I've never let myself get formal experience in it."

Winning the contest has "helped me make the decision to try to at least lean into something creative-related, career wise," he added. ♦ *By C.S.*

## Back to Work ... On and Off the Court

The men's basketball team's annual Friday morning Reunions "chalk talk" opened with a Q&A featuring two of the team's March Madness stars, guard Blake Peters '25 and forward Zach Martini '24.



**MAKING MUSIC**

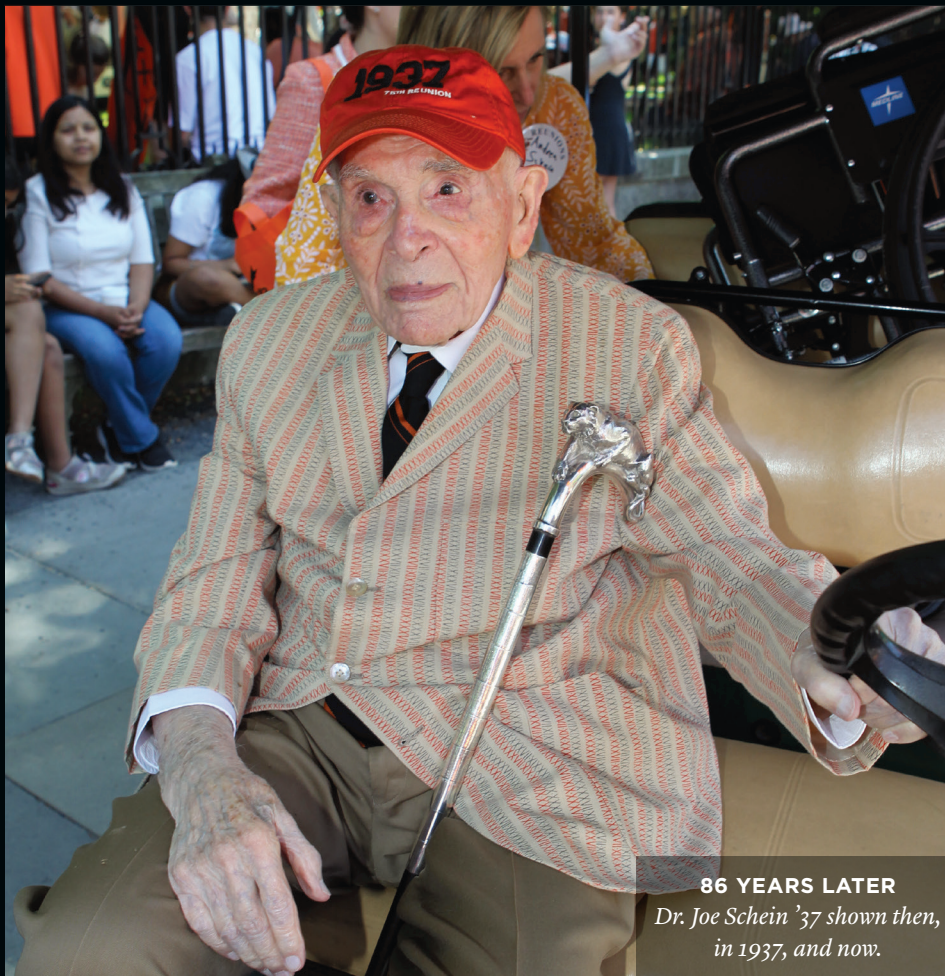
*The Princeton University Band performs at the Fred E. Fox '39 Memorial Concert.*

They recalled their greatest challenge in Ivy League play (beating Yale) and the exponential growth of their postseason crowds. The players could not stay long, though, because they were due back at the Class of 1963's tent. Yes, the Tigers won two NCAA Tournament games this year. No, that doesn't mean they can be late for a shift on their Reunions crew.

While the players returned to work the registration table and set up for the day's events, about 60 alumni gathered in McDonnell Hall, where head coach Mitch Henderson '98 talked about his team's breakthrough season and shared thoughts about the five incoming freshmen. He finished his talk by highlighting the significance of the team's core values: "focus, joy, humility, and light-heartedness." ♦ *By Sophie Steidle '25*

Kevin Birch; Kelly Sullivan





**86 YEARS LATER**  
*Dr. Joe Schein '37 shown then, in 1937, and now.*



nearly every year. But I didn't keep a record of it.

**Did you enjoy your time as a Princeton student?**

"Enjoy" is an inappropriate word. I am embarrassed to say it, but I will say it, that I worshipped the time that I was there. I always felt that I will never, ever have another opportunity to live and think and grow in a place like Princeton.

**How does it feel to go through the P-rade and see all the younger people cheering for you?**

I would be a liar if I said I didn't get a kick out of it. I get a tremendous kick out of it.

**You have walked part of the P-rade route in recent years. Do you plan to walk again this year?**

Well, I'm able to, but whether I will or not depends on other factors. I may ride in the golf cart, but I'm capable of walking. [Schein ultimately rode in a golf cart along the route.]

**Do you have any secrets to your longevity?**

Yes: a wonderful wife. That's my answer. [Schein was married for more than 70 years to the late Dr. Selma Snyderman, a pediatric researcher, whom he met in medical school.]

**Do you have any advice to offer to this year's graduating seniors?**

Just to stop thinking about anything but where they are and what it represents, and realize they'll never have it as good again. ♦ *Interview conducted and condensed by M.F.B.*

**Q&A**

# Even at 108, P-rade Doesn't Get Old for Joe Schein '37

He's also now the University's oldest-ever alumnus

**C**ONTINUING A TRADITION that started in 2016, Dr. Joe Schein '37 carried the Class of 1923 Cane and led the P-rade. The award honors the oldest returning alum in the P-rade but Schein, who turned 108 on Feb. 23, is the University's oldest alumnus, period.

The son of Russian immigrants, Schein was a state champion fencer and star debater at Newark's Barringer High School before attending Princeton, where he also fenced, was active in the pre-med society, and organized Friday evening Jewish worship services at Murray-Dodge Hall that Albert Einstein sometimes attended. He won honors for his senior thesis on Baudelaire and was named the best French student in his class. After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania medical school in 1941,

Schein worked for 70 years at New York's Mount Sinai Hospital, first as a pathologist and later as a psychiatrist. As a hobby, he began teaching himself Russian at the age of 106.

Schein spoke by phone with PAW about the P-rade and his advice to today's students.

**Do you remember the first P-rade you attended?**

No. There was a time when it became possible for me to go, namely from a financial point of view and a time point of view. Because the years after graduation were very, very busy in medical school preparation and things of that sort. But the moment I was freed up to live what I'd say was a normal life and was free to go, from then on, I came

Beverly Schaefer; courtesy Schein family





**LIGHT UP THE DANCE FLOOR**  
*Members of the Class of 1978 show off their moves during a laser light show.*







# Change Princeton, Change the World

Since 2020, the Concerned Black Alumni of Princeton (CBAP) have advocated for the University to add an applied research center devoted to combatting and eradicating racism. At the independent group’s Reunions panel this year, organizers invited collaboration from alumni affinity groups, including the Association of Black Princeton Alumni, the Asian American Alumni Association of Princeton, the Association of Latino Princeton Alumni, and Native Alumni of Princeton.

Panelists — both in person and joining via Zoom — were enthusiastic about the chance to support new scholarship that could, in the words of Manuel del Valle ’71, “change the discourse” on matters of race and ethnicity and promote liberty and equality. They discussed potential areas of study, from medical racism to mass incarceration, as well as the practical matter of funding a new center. CBAP has set an ambitious \$1 million fundraising target but only has commitments for a small fraction of that goal.

Ideas for making Princeton more diverse and inclusive were also on the agenda at a Saturday morning Alumni-Faculty Forum titled “Breaking Down Barriers: Intergenerational Perspectives on Social Issues.” Each generation puts its own stamp on the University, sometimes without realizing it, said David Addams ’78, citing his class’s sit-in at Nassau Hall and the campaign to have Princeton divest from South Africa during apartheid.

John Hammond III ’98, attending Reunions for the first time since he graduated, spoke about his frustration at not being able to major in African American studies. At the time, events for Black and brown students were on the periphery of campus social life. In both areas, he said, Princeton has seen improvement. “We’ve got to applaud that,” Hammond said, “and keep pushing.” ♦ *By B.T.*

# An Optimistic Outlook for Viewpoint Diversity

A standing-room-only crowd filled McCosh 46 for a panel discussion, sponsored by the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, provocatively titled, “When Professions Go Woke, Can Dissenters Survive?”

Professor Robert P. George, who moderated the panel, framed the discussion by defining “wokeness” as “the attitude of a person who regards his or her opinions as so obviously correct and so profoundly enlightened that those opinions may not legitimately be challenged or questioned, and that only hate or bigotry can explain other people holding different beliefs.”

Panelists recited many incidents of conservatives facing criticism for expressing their views but struck a more optimistic

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**MEGA-FUN**  
John Carr III '83 is ready to make some noise.



**STORY TIME**  
Cissy Walken entertains reuners during the Drag Queen Story Hour, sponsored by the Class of 1998 and held at the Bayard Rustin Center.



## ANYTHING'S PAW-SSIBLE

From left, moderator Joel Achenbach '82, Danielle Allen '93, Ramesh Ponnuru '95, Jennifer Valentino-DeVries '05, Griff Witte '00, and Frank Langfitt '86 share ideas about democracy.



### PAW PANEL

# Democracy Under the Microscope

Discussing the 'orange elephant in the room,' social media, and challenges abroad

**D**EMOCRACY IS UNDER THREAT, in the United States and around the world. That much was clear from the opening minutes of PAW's 2023 Reunions panel, "The Challenge for Democracy," which drew a full house at the Friend Center auditorium Saturday morning. Social media platforms reward polarization and promote disinformation — and aren't held accountable. Traditional media outlets are struggling to stay relevant. The dysfunction of institutions like the U.S. Congress breeds frustration and apathy.

And that doesn't even include what *National Review* editor Ramesh Ponnuru '95 called "the orange elephant in the room": A former president who refused to accept his election loss in 2020 remains the frontrunner for the Republican nomination in 2024. "I would say that that is a problem," Ponnuru quipped.

The panelists included two journalists who have the word "democracy" in their job titles: Griff Witte '00, democracy editor at *The Washington Post*, and Frank Langfitt '86, NPR's global democracy correspondent. While both positions are relatively new, Witte argued that the subject has always had resonance

because "the question of who gets a say in this country is one that we've been wrestling since the foundation."

Other modern issues such as disinformation and conspiracy theories are not new, either. The difference is one of amplification, said Jennifer Valentino-DeVries '05, an investigative reporter for *The New York Times* who focuses on technology. "There's now a reward system that is pushing them to the forefront like never before," she said.

Langfitt added that there is a legal component to the influence of social media: While traditional media companies are incentivized to report facts and held to account when they publish something defamatory, that is not the case for Twitter, Facebook, and other platforms because they are not treated as publishers. This has enabled a "parallel reality" in key areas, he said, most notably the 2020 election.

If social media sows polarization, political parties seem happy to help it grow. Danielle Allen '93, a Harvard professor and *Washington Post* columnist, pointed to the party primary structure and the reality that relatively few elections are decided in the general

election cycle. In primaries, she said, "you win by dividing and conquering — you don't win by building an actual 50% coalition of your whole electorate," and all the money poured into campaigns "is literally buying division."

What can we do to mitigate division and restore, promote, and preserve democracy? Allen said supporting certain electoral reforms, such as ranked-choice voting and instant runoffs, can potentially "lower the temperature" in polarized races. She also encouraged supporting organizations such as the American Journalism Project, which is working to rebuild local journalism. Ponnuru added that seeking out intelligent points of view that you disagree with can lead to greater understanding.

Witte, who spent much of his career reporting abroad, drew lessons from watching the rise of autocracies. "It's important to remember that would-be autocrats thrive on apathy," he said. "They love it when people disengage, they love when people say it's exhausting, it's depressing, I'm going to sit at home and I'm not going to do anything. ... So, I would just encourage you all to stay engaged." ♦ By B.T.





**CENTER STAGE**

*President Christopher Eisgruber '83 covers a variety of topics during his annual conversation with alumni.*



**IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR**

*The Class of 2008 pauses for a photo on its march down Elm Drive.*

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note when discussing their own fields. Joel Alicea '10, an assistant professor of law at the Catholic University of America, discussed recent controversies such as a disruptive protest of federal judge Kyle Duncan at Stanford University law school, but posited that factors within the legal profession might temper ideological extremism.

Ramesh Ponnuru '95, editor of the *National Review* and a columnist for *The Washington Post*, said that, for writers such as himself, “some of those old norms of fair debate and viewpoint diversity are, if not exactly thriving, they’re surviving.” He advised conservative writers to stand up to criticism, take on the other side’s best arguments, and tell readers things they might not want to hear.

This perspective was seconded by Ryan Anderson '04, president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, who said, “I think there is a hunger out there with the American people for truth-tellers who can do it with civility.”

The three alumni were joined on the panel by Dr. Kristin Collier, an associate professor of medicine at the University of Michigan.

Although the panelists acknowledged that some questions, such as whether slavery should be permitted, are beyond argument, they suggested best practices for discussing other sensitive topics.

“The key thing is to ask the question, ‘Can this opinion be held by an intelligent person of good will?’ and then exercise charity and humility when you’re providing an answer to that question,” Ponnuru said. “I think that can help resolve a great many of these disputes.”

Added Alicea, “[T]he answer to the question cannot be that I draw the line according to the degree of harm that I perceive to result from your point of view ... Then that’s not really a principle at all that allows for debate.” ♦ *By M.F.B.*

## Eisgruber Addresses Wide Range of Questions

**During his hour-long presentation** with alumni in Richardson Auditorium, President Christopher Eisgruber '83 delivered an update on what has been happening on campus, from the large number of construction projects to 16 titles won by Princeton athletic teams. He took questions at the end of the talk, and here are the key moments:

**Gender identity and athletics:** “I think it is really important to ... support students of all gender identities, and to recognize how profound that issue is,” Eisgruber began, pointing out that the current generation of students thinks differently about gender identity than previous generations did, “and that means

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**LET'S TALK**

The panel titled 'Climate Change Is NOT an Emergency' was NOT without questions from the audience. Below Tyler McCamey '25 refills a reusable cup.

**HOT TOPIC**

# Climate Conversations

Solutions, skeptics, and sustainability efforts were a dominant presence throughout the weekend

**C**LIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY were front and center at Reunions, with several panels covering the topic and alumni pushing to make the massive event greener.

On Friday, at “Cool Thoughts on a Hot Topic,” speakers discussed the importance of using policy, research, innovation, and action to address the impact of rising temperatures.

One strategy suggested by Cleo Chou '16, adviser at the U.S. Agency for International Development, is to look to nature. Chou said that “forests and lands are critical to solving the climate crisis,” but cautioned that “really good governance and enabling environments” are required.

The following day, another group of alumni took up the discussion at an event in McCosh 50 — “Greening the Future: Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Solutions.”

“We really are at an intersection,” said Nicole A. Velasco '08, of the energy service company NORESKO. She advocated looking to the past as well as forward, explaining that her native Hawaii is turning “our lens back to the people” by leveraging ancient Indigenous wisdom.

Robert L. Jaffe '68, a professor at MIT, said the good news is that “renewable energy is abundant,” but unfortunately capturing and storing these types of energy

are still outstanding technical problems.

One conversation went in a different direction. At Lewis Library, the Conservative Princeton Association sponsored a panel titled “Climate Change Is NOT an Emergency,” featuring speakers arguing that the news media and policymakers are pushing misinformation and fear.

Moderator Alex Zarechnak '68, formerly of the engineering firm MPR Associates, said demands are rising that would overhaul infrastructure and society in a way that will harm the world’s poorest people. “There is a different perspective that you don’t hear very much about,” he said.

A few people in the standing-room-only audience questioned the panelists, all of whom work with the nonprofit CO2 Coalition. Princeton professor Forrest Meggers, who is part of the University’s efforts to go zero-carbon, challenged them, noting “it’s easy to pick and choose the science.”

At one point, the panel was Zoom-bombed, with the N-word and a doodle of male genitalia

appearing on the screen. The technical staff immediately shut down the event on Zoom, and it continued in person.

University spokesperson Michael Hotchkiss said of the disturbance: “We regret that the online component of this alumni-organized event was disrupted and strongly condemn the language and imagery used by the perpetrator. The alumni organizers of the event did not use the University’s Zoom account; the University urges event sponsors to follow best practices, but no precautions are foolproof.”

Divest Princeton, a group of students, faculty, staff, and alumni who have been calling for the University’s divestment from fossil fuels since 2020, hosted an event to share updates on its goals. More than 70 attendees gathered in McCosh 28 at what Rob Nixon, professor of English and of the High Meadows Environmental Institute, called “a historic gathering at this historic moment in the Divest movement.”

The group is calling for the University to end its \$700 million in private equity fossil fuel investments and all relationships with fossil fuel companies.

Claire Kaufman '23 urged neutrality in climate studies, as governments rely upon them when determining policies. “These companies are businesses, and expecting them to do anything but support their bottom line is fantasy,” she said.

At several events, alumni handed out flyers calling for signatures to an open letter (view it at [bit.ly/GreeningReunions](http://bit.ly/GreeningReunions)) urging the University to adopt a Reunions sustainability action plan. As of mid-June, the letter had 170 signatures from 63 classes. This year, members from 11 classes and the Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni contributed \$31,000 to a fund that will offset approximately 23% of the

estimated carbon footprint of Reunions travel, according to the Greening Reunions Alumni Working Group.

In addition, the Class of 1998 piloted a reusable cup program that had an 89% return rate. And according to advancement, about 70% of the 168,000 compostable cups used were collected for composting. ♦ By J.B. and E.H.D.



Beverly Schaefer; TURN



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you're going to have to ... recognize that those identities are going to challenge some of the norms we've had in the past." Noting that gender distinctions are often drawn in athletics, Eisgruber then added, "I think there we have to be guided by decisions that are made at the level of athletic organizations." As an example, he cited the Ivy League's decision to allow Penn swimmer Lia Thomas to compete as a woman, a decision he supported. Sometimes, Eisgruber continued, such decisions are "going to produce perceptions of unfairness, but there are lots of unfairnesses that come from the intersection of biological and social categories."

**Princeton as an international university:** Eisgruber noted that nearly a fifth of the undergraduate student body and nearly 40% of the graduate student body is foreign born. "We depend on this extraordinary talent," he said, "and we seek the best talent that we can find from all over the world." The president highlighted several international initiatives, such as the Paul and Marcia Wythes Center on Contemporary China and the M.S. Chadha Center for Global India, but added that heightened international tensions have made it difficult to send students overseas, particularly to China. "We're dealing with a world where some of these things have become much more complicated."

**Future campus plans:** Eisgruber said that upgrading existing dormitories will be a priority once current construction projects are finished. Some older buildings will require renovation, but new types of undergraduate housing will also be needed to accommodate students, such as military veterans, who may already have families. "We're not equipped for undergraduates who arrive with two kids and a spouse," Eisgruber noted. ♦ *By M.F.B.*

**GO ROW**

*Alumni participate in a Saturday morning row.*



**POWER TO THE PUNK ROCKERS**

*From left, Emma Zorensky '13, Charlotte Guyett '13, Sam Wolock '13, and Deesha Sarma '13 with their Blink-2013 costumes, an homage to the band Blink-182.*



**'A GREAT REUNION'**

*That's the word from Scott McVay '55, far left, who was joined by his wife, Hella McVay '55 h'55 p'82, Dave Fulmer '55, and Pete Weiland '55 at their 68th reunion.*

Allison Sullivan; Beverly Schaefer; Kevin Birch



## Honoring '58's Support of Prison Tutors

**The Petey Greene Program**, a Princeton-based nonprofit that sends volunteer tutors from colleges to prisons around the country, celebrated its 15th anniversary at Reunions and honored the contributions of members of the Class of 1958, including founder Charlie Puttkammer and his wife, Cordie, and former executive director Jim Farrin.

More than 3,500 Petey Greene volunteers have worked with incarcerated students, and according to CEO Jeffrey Abramowitz, the program enables college students “to see the humanity of the people behind the walls.” The Rev. Erich Kussman, a Lutheran pastor in Trenton, New Jersey, was one of the first students tutored by Petey Greene volunteers, and years after his release from prison, when he graduated from the Princeton Theological Seminary, Farrin was there to congratulate him. “Without your guidance and without your selfless love,” Kussman told Farrin at the Reunions event, “I wouldn’t be able to do the work I do in the city of Trenton, which serves hundreds of folks daily.” ♦ *By B.T.*

## Art Museum Project Comes Into Focus for Alumni

**Alumni returning for Reunions** found that construction on the new Princeton University Art Museum is well on its way. The steel frames that were just being erected last summer are now furnished with timber and — in the case of one of the seven pavilions closest to McCosh — clad in a white marble-tipped concrete facade. The University anticipates that the museum will be open before Reunions 2025.

The sprawling construction site in the heart of campus has been cause for much conversation: How will the new museum

Kelly Sullivan



### NOW HEAR THIS

*Mike Souza, the recently retired scientific glassblower in the chemistry department, entertains at ‘Noises Off!: The Loudest and Most Spectacular Physics Demos’ at McDonnell Hall.*

impact campus life? Why does the building look “brutalist”? These were among the queries addressed on Friday afternoon when James Steward, director of the museum, and Ron McCoy ’80, the University architect, sat down with alumni in Robertson Hall’s Arthur Lewis Auditorium.

The discussion covered why an entirely new building is being constructed instead of renovating the former structure, style choices, and the museum’s massive size. On that last point, McCoy made the case that big does not mean imposing. “The building embraces the landscape around itself and brings that landscape into the room,” he said. ♦ *By Hannah Su ’24*

 **READ MORE** in an expanded version about the museum updates at [paw.princeton.edu](https://paw.princeton.edu)



### PERFECT DISGUISE

*This costumed canine apparently snuck through the P-rade ban on animals.*



# Calling All Tigers





# These five alumni want to harness the power of the Princeton community to address sustainability issues



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Y NEARLY ANY MEASURE, overall human well-being has never been higher than today. By nearly any measure, the overall health of our planet has never in human history been falling as fast as it is today. Sustainability is defined by the urgent task of reconciling these two trends. The longer we wait, the fewer options we have.

With this dilemma in mind, the five of us and occasionally other alumni have been meeting via Zoom to discuss what we can do. We became friends as undergrads in the mid-1980s, after which our lives went in various directions. Decades later, we appreciate even more the sense of connection we have with one another and with Princeton. As we discussed sustainability, we realized that our diversity of perspectives is illuminating, reminding us of how much any of us still has to learn. We recognize how much more must be gained by broadening the conversation further. And that brought us to consider how to make use of our shared Princeton connection.

To their credit, as described in detail in the April 2023 issue of PAW focusing on climate change, Princeton's faculty, students, and administrators are working in countless ways to find solutions that contribute to sustainability. Various institutes and initiatives are focused on many aspects of sustainability, from developing better technologies to creating the interdisciplinary approaches needed to address complex problems, from understanding the flow of information about climate change to charting a path to a net-zero nation. For example, the Andlinger Center for Energy and the Environment published a widely disseminated study, *Net-Zero America*, on actual routes for the U.S. to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. Yet there is something missing from such efforts: coordinated alumni engagement.

Typically, Princeton has harnessed the strength of its loyal alumni community to raise funds or to help students make connections that lead to jobs. But alumni have much more to offer, and to overlook the potential power that currently exists in abundance is to miss an enormous opportunity. Especially at this critical juncture, we need new and more ways to turn policy papers, such as the one cited above, into sustained capital allocation. Collectively, Princeton alumni have great breadth and depth of experience across many fields relevant to sustainability. Such experience is fundamental to accelerating the implementation of solutions to this existential challenge.

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How do we connect the intellectual power of Princeton with the experience and capability of its alumni? Alumni Day lectures and panel discussions at Reunions are terrific, but they are often just talk. They are not intended to systematically draw on the professional expertise of alumni and their networks to create the continuity of engagement necessary to build the trust and commitment required to produce solutions. We propose that Princeton scholars, administrators, and alumni actively partner in the shared quest for achieving sustainability.

A few examples illustrate the potential of such collaborations:

### EXAMPLE 1 Mobilizing funds

The scale of actions needed to achieve sustainability requires rapid and widespread deployment of society's resources. One requirement is money. How can the necessary amounts of capital be mobilized to fund, say, the construction of the estimated hundreds of large-scale solar farms needed to go online each week nationwide for the next 10 to 15 years to replace fossil fuels in generating electricity? Many Princeton alumni have tremendous experience in the financial service industry: within capital markets, private equity and infrastructure funds, and as transaction attorneys. Working together, Princeton students, scholars, and alums with relevant professional expertise can create an action plan for how to raise the hundreds of billions of dollars necessary to install the required solar facilities — and then figure out how to put that plan into practice.

### EXAMPLE 2 Sharing success

Many towns and cities understand the value of sustainability transitions, but the practical steps for getting there are often elusive. Sorting through information and misinformation surrounding various options is a daunting task: Creating a database that has tangible solutions used by other jurisdictions, and perhaps also contact information, would be a good place to start. Making it easier, and more obvious, to share and scale solutions that have been effective elsewhere would be another great tool that alums could help publicize and promote by creating clear and crisp messaging (including through social media platforms). In 2021, Austin, Texas, with Stephen Adler '78 as mayor, adopted a Climate Equity Plan with a goal of achieving net zero by 2040. Other similar-sized cities could efficiently leverage the detailed action plan in place as well as refine those actions as Austin perfects those plans during implementation. Alums with expertise in advertising, lobbying and political engagement, and government could all contribute to solving this problem.

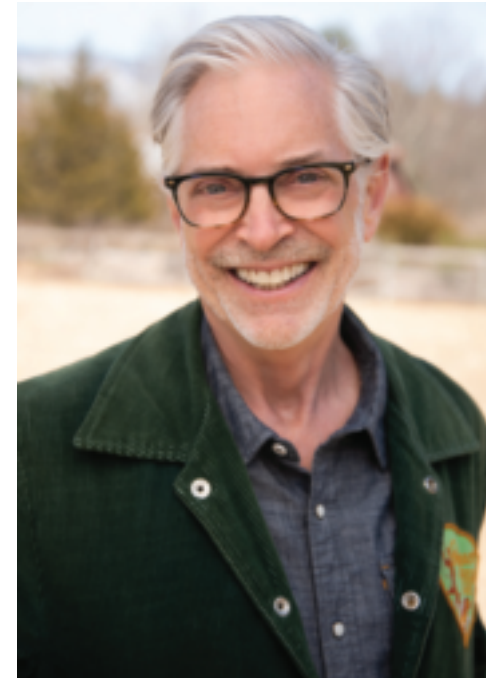
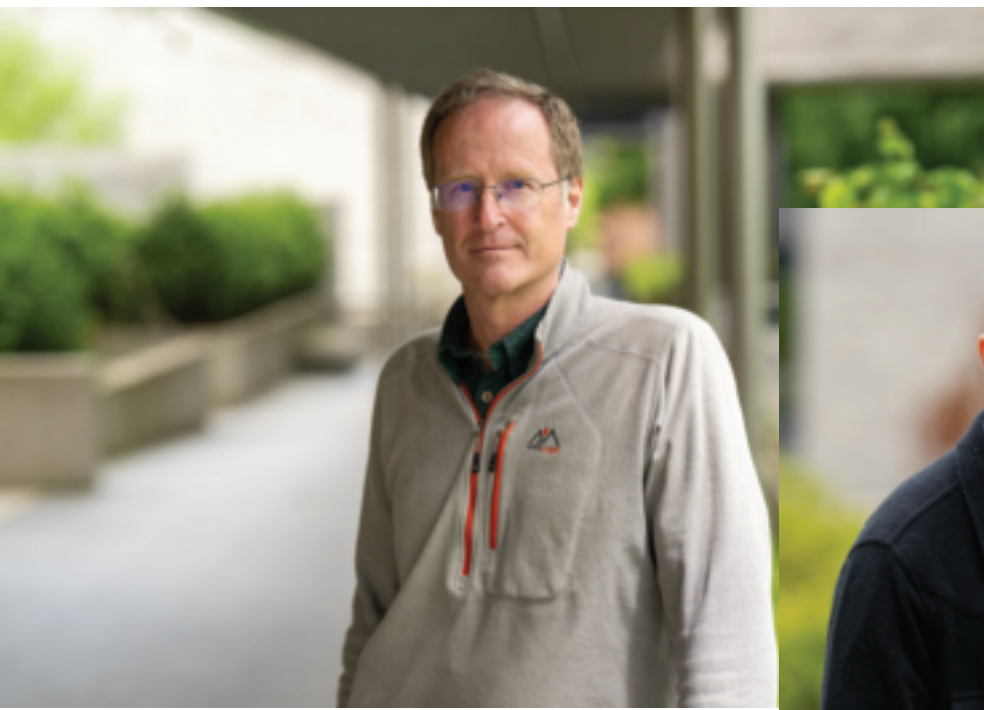
### EXAMPLE 3 Scaling up

Heating, cooling, and otherwise operating homes and businesses nationwide uses a great deal of energy. Improving the efficiency of buildings pays off quickly and reliably: U.S. building stock currently accounts for around 28% of the total



## FIVE MINDS

*Clockwise from top left: Henry P. Huntington '87, J. David Stewart '87, Bennet Ratcliff '87, W. Douglas Burden '88; and Peter J. Lasky '87.*



U.S. final energy use, according to a study conducted by the U.S. Energy Information Association. Existing best practices in energy efficiency could reduce this by an estimated 20%. Yet many building owners are not making these investments. The many Princeton alumni who have experience in the real estate and engineering sectors — from construction to real estate management, to real estate investment and architecture — could team up with Princeton scholars to create solutions and compelling outreach to help scale them nationwide.

Recognizing the great potential for alumni-scholar collaborations, the question is how to get them started. We are working with Professor Chris Greig at the Andlinger Center on some initial ideas. In addition, we have created an online form (**see QR code**) where interested alumni can sign up. We have identified a few “grand challenges” (illustrated by the



examples above), and we welcome creative thinking about other and better ways to harness the collective power of Princeton’s entire family.

We are prepared to take on one or two topics to explore the potential for alumni-scholar collaborations, and we hope to inspire others to do likewise.

If our society is to achieve a sustainable future at anything close to our current standard of living, we need to act quickly. Waiting for a technological or other miracle is wishful thinking, not a viable strategy. In other words, sustainability is only possible as a team endeavor. This is the most important moon shot ever: Join us. ♦

Sameer A. Khan '21; Juliet Lofaro; courtesy Doug Burden '88



# WHAT THE CIVIL WAR COST PRINCETON



Princeton University Archives, Department of Rare Books  
and Special Collections, Princeton University Library



A Northern school with Southern ties,  
the College suffered from on-campus strife,  
declines in enrollment, and student and alumni deaths

BY ALLEN C. GUELZO



**DWINDLING NUMBERS**

*The Class of 1863 is shown in an undated photo. By November 1863, enrollment at Princeton had shrunk by 20% since the start of the Civil War.*



## The Civil War was a catastrophe for the American nation, and it was only a little less of a disaster for Princeton.

On the eve of the war, there were 122 colleges and universities in the United States, with Yale being the largest with 447 students and 24 faculty. Princeton came in sixth (just behind the relatively new University of Michigan) with 273 students and 18 faculty. Surprisingly, four years of civil war did little to depress the prosperity of Northern colleges. But Princeton was the big exception.

It had long been a school noted for its friendliness to Southern interests. Between 1800 and 1860, as much as a third of Princeton's student body was drawn from the South, and prominent alumni such as Charles Hodge 1815 condemned "the violent denunciations of slaveholders, in which a certain class of Northern writers habitually indulge."

The onset of the war created a crisis for Princeton: denounce Southern secession and risk the withdrawal of Southern students, or try to play neutral and become a pariah across the North. Neither strategy worked.

While other Northern colleges grew, Princeton's student population fell, to 264, putting New Jersey's premier college into the same decline as Southern schools that had literally been in the path of the conflict. By the second year of the war, Princeton's treasurer admitted that "it became apparent" that with "the loss of the Southern students in consequence of the rebellion ... the College could not get on with the means then at command." At Princeton, only the number of books in its library grew, from 21,000 to 24,000. Whether the rest of it would survive was another question entirely.

**The principal reason** for Princeton's downturn was its reputation as one of the safest Northern schools to which Southern parents could send their sons — safest, meaning unlikely to put disturbing notions about abolishing slavery into their heads. A "pro-slavery spirit ... impregnated the place before the war," complained one 19th-century observer. Or if not quite an overt pro-slavery spirit, certainly a reluctance to endorse campaigns for social reform and anything that looked to upset the prevailing national compromises on slavery.

"It has not been the destiny of Princeton College to prove a nursery for the ultraists, the agitators and the fanatics of the day," insisted one Commencement speaker in 1859. Indeed it wasn't. Even though New Jersey adopted an emancipation plan

for its slaves in 1804, the plan was laid out in a gradual timetable, and for some enslaved people in Princeton, a very gradual one. In the 1830 census, Princeton still listed 21 African Americans held legally in bondage. One Princeton faculty member, the mathematician Albert Dod, appears as late as the 1840 census, owning a teenage female slave. In 1843, a fugitive slave known locally as James Collins Johnson (and working at the College as a janitor) was recognized by a Southern Princetonian as a runaway from Maryland and arrested. Johnson would have been sent back to slavery but for an offer from a local Princetonian, Theodosia Prevost, to buy Johnson's freedom from his owner.

On the eve of the Civil War, all six of the College's alumni who sat in the U.S. Senate — John Breckinridge \*1839 (the vice president), Alfred Iverson 1820 of Georgia, James Chesnut 1835 of South Carolina, James Alfred Pearce 1822 of Maryland, James A. Bayard Jr. 1820 of Delaware, and John Renshaw Thomson 1817 of New Jersey — were either Southerners, slaveholders, or pro-slavery Northern "doughfaces." Whig and Clio halls both elected the future president of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis, as an honorary member in 1847 and 1849, and Whig Hall had Southern student majorities in its membership through almost the entire six decades leading up to the Civil War.

No surprise, then, that the debates on slavery that were sponsored by Whig Hall in 1802, 1817, 1819, 1839, and 1847 routinely resulted in condemnations of schemes to abolish slavery.

In 1859, after the failure of John Brown's abolitionist raid on Harpers Ferry, Southern students paraded through Princeton's streets "bearing such banners as 'John Brown the horse thief, murderer and martyr.'" Effigies of Brown and Henry Ward Beecher, the most prominent clergyman in America and an outspoken New York abolitionist, "were consigned to the flames amid groaning and shouts." This "demonstration of Southern sentiment and practices," warned an incensed anti-slavery newspaper, showed the quality of Princetonians' "bringing-up and rowdy proclivities," and proved that "Princeton should be purged."

**And yet, Southerners and slavery** did not have matters entirely their own way in Princeton. In 1847, Elias Ellmaker 1801, a lawyer from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, published a vehement assault on slavery in his *The Revelation of Right*, declaring an "eternal veto against all usurpation by man, and all tyranny, slavery, rapine and murder, in the name or under the titled authority of government."

By 1858, it was possible for Elihu Burritt, a popular abolition lecturer, to draw "quite a large audience" in Princeton to promote the "gradual abolition of slavery by compensation to the owners." When the newly elected anti-slavery president,

Abraham Lincoln, passed through Princeton en route to his inauguration in February 1861, "the college students" at Princeton "were out in force; they gave the train a volley of cheers, to which Mr. Lincoln responded by bowing from the hinder platform" and "said a few words to the masses." As the Southern states began forming a breakaway pro-slavery republic, Southern students began withdrawing from Princeton, and the *New-York Tribune*

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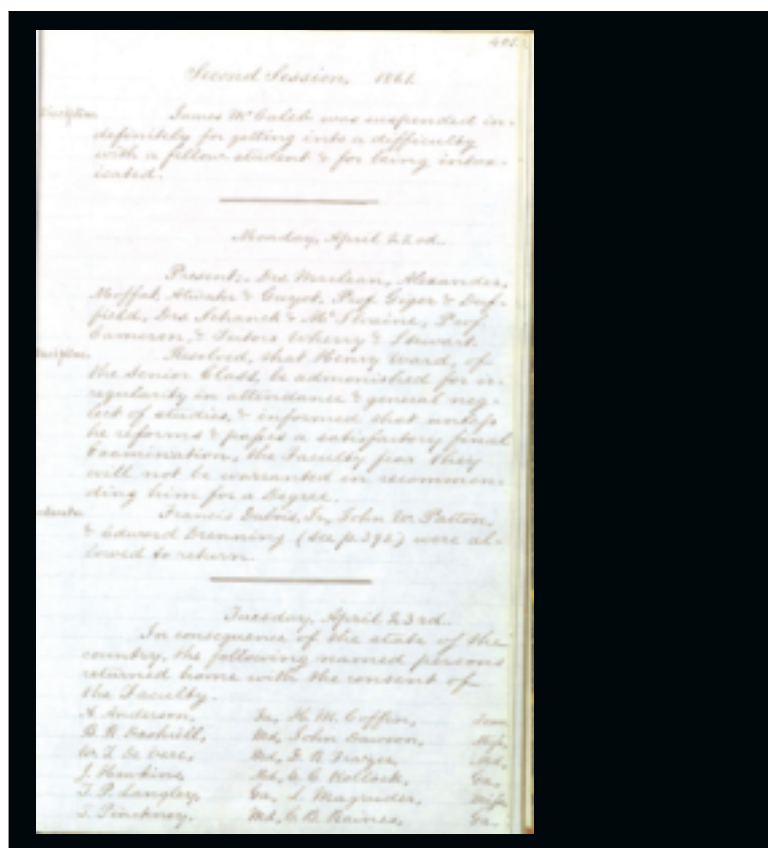
### MARCH TO WAR

Students are shown on the steps of Whig Hall in 1861 where debates on slavery were held in the years before the Civil War. At right, minutes from a faculty meeting on April 23, 1861, include Southern students who were dismissed following the start of the Civil War.

could report that “Princeton College has lost all its Southern students but about two.” In April 1861, when the new Southern Confederacy launched an attack on the U.S. garrison at Fort Sumter, in the harbor of Charleston, South Carolina, Unionist students “raised ... the Stars and Stripes on the cupola of old Nassau Hall.”

By the end of April, with Southern students gone from Princeton, the remainders formed “a volunteer corps ... under the name of the ‘Old Nassau Cadets.’” In June, at Commencement, *The New York Times* happily noticed “the thundering applause with which the students honored every expression of devotion to our Government and Union, and of abhorrence of secession and rebellion.” On Sept. 13, “a party of overzealous Union students” ambushed two classmates, Francis Dubois 1863 and Alexander Fullerton 1864, “who expressed secession sentiments,” and subjected Dubois to a ducking under the College pump “to put out the secession fire in him.” The faculty, under President John Maclean Jr., promptly punished three of the duckers with suspension, but not without explaining that the faculty’s disapproval should not be mistaken for a lack of sympathy with “those who are engaged in efforts to maintain the integrity of the National Government.”

By March of 1863, the student-run *Nassau Literary Review* was finally willing to embrace emancipation as a goal of the war. “Inestimably better is it that freedom should die honorable than draw out a miserable existence under the crushing heel of slavery,” wrote one student contributor. The only acceptable conclusion to the conflict would be “to secure to coming



generations that great desideratum of all nations as well as individuals — Human Liberty.”

But there was a price to be paid by Princeton College for this. “Naturally,” reported the local *Monmouth Democrat* in May 1861, “the revenues of the institution, which has been so largely in favor throughout the South will be materially diminished.”





As they surely were. By November 1863, the student body had shrunk by 20%, to 223. Yale, meanwhile, had grown to 457.

**There are 62 names** on the panel in the Memorial Atrium devoted to Princeton’s Civil War dead, although the most recent archival review has revised the number of casualties to 86. Of those, 47 enlisted in the Confederate armies and fought for the South; 39 fought for the Union.

That does not, however, account for the number of Princetonians who served in the war, which tops more than 600. When we consider that, in 1861, Princeton’s living alumni probably amounted to around 3,600, this means that 17% of Princetonians wore some kind of uniform between 1861 and 1865.

That also does not reckon with the number of Princetonians who served the Union or Confederate governments in civilian capacities. William English Lupton 1863, for instance, appears on the panel as a casualty of the war. In strict fact, he served with the Freedman’s Relief Association, and died in Nashville, “seized with a fever,” in 1864. Both of New Jersey’s Union governors, Charles Olden and Joel Parker 1839, were Princetonians of a sort. Olden never attended the College but had been the College’s treasurer from 1845 to 1869. Parker was a rabid anti-war Democrat and spent most of his governorship attacking Lincoln and emancipation.

The most prominent Princetonian on either side was Breckinridge, who had the inestimable Princeton credential of being the great-grandson of John Witherspoon and the son of a Princeton alumnus. He was also only a “resident graduate” student at Princeton for six months in the winter of 1838-39, but that did not prevent him from joining Whig Hall. Breckinridge was Kentucky-born and was elected as James Buchanan’s vice

#### THE “PUMPING INCIDENT”

*A pencil drawing from September 1861 chronicles the exit of three students who were suspended after ducking two pro-secession classmates under a water pump.*

president in 1856. He was the presidential candidate of the deep South splinter faction of the Democratic Party in 1860, and once the Civil War began, defected to the Confederacy, where he served as a major general in the army and as Davis’ last, desperate secretary of war in 1865.

Breckinridge, though, stands only a little higher than the Princetonian who lost the vice presidency in 1856, William Lewis Dayton 1825. Born in nearby Basking Ridge, Dayton practiced law in Freehold, New Jersey. He was named to the state supreme court in 1838 and served in the U.S. Senate. Like Lincoln, he began political life as an anti-slavery devotee of the Whig Party. One contemporary put him on the same pedestal as another famous Whig, Daniel Webster: “His form, his manner, his voice, his diction, in fact his whole personal presence, was magnetic, and ... I may say godlike.”

In 1856, when the Whig Party collapsed and a new anti-slavery Republican Party was formed in its place, Dayton was named as the party’s first vice-presidential candidate. Dayton’s Republicans lost that election, but not the one in 1860 that elected Lincoln. Two weeks after his inauguration, Lincoln named Dayton as the United States diplomatic envoy to France, and by May, Dayton was in Paris. Until his death from a stroke in November 1864, Dayton labored to keep the French emperor, Napoleon III, from meddling in the Civil War on behalf of the Confederacy and to discourage French investors from lending money to the Confederate government or building warships for its navy.



The nearest in prominence or rank to Dayton among Union Princetonians was Francis Preston Blair Jr. 1841. As the son of a fabled Washington political manager, Francis Preston Blair Sr., Blair was also a protégé of another famous string-puller, Thomas Hart Benton, and followed Benton into opposition to slavery. He joined the new Republican Party, sat in the 36th and 37th Congresses, and finished the war as a major-general and commander of the 27th Corps on William Sherman's "March to the Sea." By Sherman's estimate, Blair was "one of the truest patriots, most honest and honorable men, and one of the most courageous soldiers this country ever produced." Blair was also a deeply dyed racist who believed that Black people were "a semi-barbarous race" whose next step after emancipation had to be expulsion from the United States.

**At least Breckinridge and Blair survived** the war. The same, of course, cannot be said of Dayton or the 62 individuals who appear on the Memorial Atrium panel. Of these, however, only two can be said to stand out from the dark backdrop of the Civil War in any noticeable way, those two being Lawrence O'Bryan Branch 1838 and James J. Archer 1835, both of them Confederate generals. The first was killed at the battle of Antietam, and the second was captured at the battle of Gettysburg. Branch, as Confederate historian Robert Krick drily observed, was lacking in "any native dignity or honesty." Archer was "noncommunicative," "rough and unattractive," and died in 1864 after imprisonment wrecked his health.

Curiously, at least three sets of brothers are represented on the Memorial Atrium panel. The Virginians Peyton Randolph Harrison 1851 (who is misdated as Class of 1831) and his brother Dabney Carr Harrison 1848 fought for the Confederacy, and died, Peyton at First Bull Run in 1861, Dabney at Fort Donelson in 1862. Thomas Falconer 1856 and William Bracey Falconer 1856 both joined Clio Hall, managed a plantation in Mississippi, served as Confederate officers, and died of illnesses in 1861 and 1863.

Two Unionist Hunts are listed on the panel, one of whom — Gavin Drummond Hunt 1863 — died of wounds received in the great assault on Missionary Ridge in 1863. The war also touched one faculty family. Charles Hodge Dod 1862, whose father was the last Princeton faculty slaveowner, served as a captain in the 2nd New Jersey Cavalry until his death from fever in 1864.

The panel does not mention a Princeton alumnus who was the most famous casualty of the war, Abraham Lincoln — even though, of course, his Princeton degree was an honorary one. "I have the honour to inform you," President Maclean wrote to President Lincoln on Dec. 20, 1864, "that, at the semi-annual meeting of the Trustees of this College this day, the Degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon you, by the unanimous consent of the Board." Lincoln replied a week later, accepting the honor with his customary grace. "The assurance conveyed by this high compliment, that the course of the government which I represent has received the approval of a body of gentlemen of such character and intelligence in this time of public trial, is most grateful to me," Lincoln wrote. He then added, almost as if with an eye cocked on Princeton's pre-war reputation, "Thoughtful men must feel that the fate of civilization upon this continent is involved in the issue of our

contest. Among the most gratifying proofs of this conviction is the hearty devotion everywhere exhibited by our schools and colleges to the national cause." Lincoln's letter is today one of the treasures in the Firestone Library's Special Collections.

**It may give a somewhat different view** of Civil War Princeton if we turn from the panel to look at the fate of a single class of Princetonians, the Class of 1863, who entered Princeton in 1859 and were caught squarely in the middle of their college careers by the war. Of the 111 who attached themselves, however briefly, to the Class of 1863, 62 took no part in the Civil War. Eighteen left for the Confederacy and never returned to take a degree; 22 served in the Union forces (20 in the state volunteer services, two in the U.S. Navy). In other words, an impressive 37% of this class donned uniforms for the war. (Of these, six on each side died.)

Others performed slightly different, and safer, service. One passed the war in the New York state militia, while two served as civilians in the U.S. Christian Commission, and one (Lupton) with the Freedmans' Relief Association. Generally, the Union members of 1863 received their degrees *in absentia*, as if to say that their service was sufficient to make up for two years of doing something very different than study. There was one exception: Henry Seymour Holden 1863, who showed up for Commencement in 1863 "in his army blue." (Holden did not enjoy his degree for long, dying just five months later).

**The Civil War** "gave Princeton a blow under which she reeled, and from which she was long in recovering," remembered William M. Sloane (who was a Princeton faculty member from 1877 to 1896), "her resources were crippled, her interests divided" and the entire institution faced "utter shipwreck in that dark hour." It required the advent of a new president, James McCosh, in 1868, and a new post-Civil War generation of academic professionals in the faculty to restore the College.

That would include wooing back the Southern constituency. In 1865, Princeton's first instinct was to celebrate the return only of its Union veterans, and, as one Southern veteran of the Class of 1849 complained, "the authorities thought it necessary to emphasize their loyalty to the union in a way that exasperated all ardent Southerners like myself." This "bitter feeling lasted for some years after the war."

But old habits died hard. Whig Hall attempted to elect Robert E. Lee as an honorary member in 1869 and 1870. It failed, but by the 1890s, Princeton was yielding to the spirit of reconciliation that was sweeping so much of the country.

In 1915, Yale dedicated a memorial that listed its Confederate and Union dead together, and by the time the Princeton Memorial Atrium was created in 1920, University president John Grier Hibben 1882 insisted that the names of Princeton's Civil War dead should likewise be inscribed on a panel without any indication of their allegiance in the war. "The names shall be placed alphabetically and no one shall know on which side these young men fought, save as an old family name is recognized by the passerby, as from Massachusetts, or Pennsylvania, or New Jersey."

It was a generous sentiment. Whether it was a wise or true one is another question, and one with which Princeton still struggles. ♦



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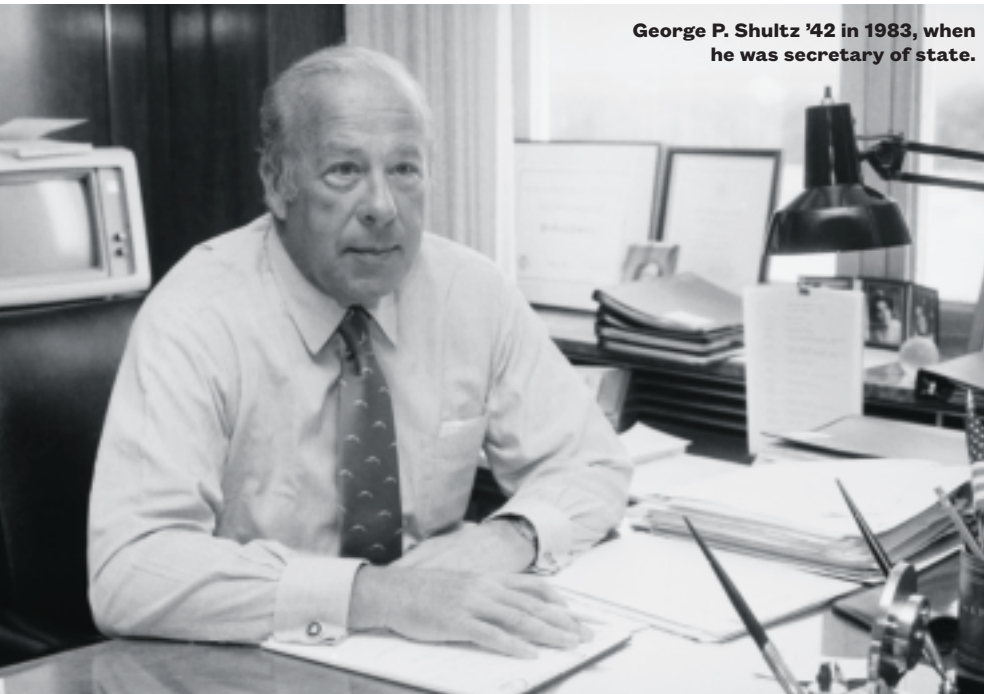


**SPY STUDIES:** For the past decade Alexis Albion '92 has been the lead curator at the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C., which aims to illuminate the world of espionage and intelligence. Albion's background in intelligence history made her a perfect fit. She earned a master's and Ph.D. in international history from Harvard, and she worked on the 9/11 Commission and for the State Department and the World Bank. The Spy Museum offered a chance to merge her expertise with her creative side. The museum, she adds, is "proud of taking difficult topics such as intelligence analysis or the balance between secrecy and civil liberties and getting across some of the main ideas and at the same time making them interesting and fun." ♦

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Stephen Voss





George P. Shultz '42 in 1983, when he was secretary of state.

GEORGE SHULTZ '42

## 'TRUST IS THE COIN OF THE REALM'

*Inside the lengthy and complex career of a statesman*

Only two people in U.S. history have held four Cabinet-level posts: Elliot Richardson and George Shultz '42. During the Nixon administration, Shultz served as secretary of labor (1969-70), director of the Office of Management and Budget (1970-72), and treasury secretary (1972-74). He served as secretary of state (1982-89) during the Reagan administration.

Shultz, who died in 2021 at the age of 100, is the subject of a new biography, *In the Nation's Service: The Life and Times of George P. Shultz*, by Philip Taubman, a former *New York Times* reporter and current lecturer at Stanford University's Center for International Security and Cooperation. Taubman discussed Shultz's legacy, especially in foreign policy.

**Henry Kissinger once said, "If I could choose one American to whom I would entrust the nation's fate in a crisis, it would be George Shultz." What about Shultz made him say that?**

Throughout his life, Shultz thought of himself as an academic, beginning of course at Princeton and then as a

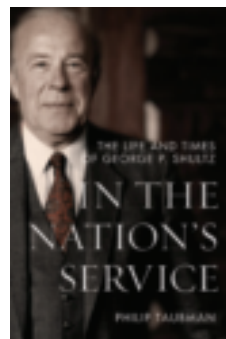
professor at MIT and the University of Chicago. The habits he learned were the hallmarks of his leadership in government posts. Perhaps chief among those was an absence of ideological fervor. Shultz believed in trying to make public policy in a bipartisan way. He eschewed histrionics, was a great listener, gave a lot of authority to subordinates, and was able to develop trust in people he worked with. What I think Kissinger was talking about was a sense of equilibrium, a steadiness, and an uncommon common sense in Shultz, who, of course, was also very smart to begin with.

**Mikhail Gorbachev once said that without Reagan, the Cold War would not have ended, but without Shultz, Reagan would not have ended the Cold War. What did he mean?**

Shultz was indispensable in ending the Cold War, and I think Gorbachev's

comment summarized it perfectly. When Shultz came into the Reagan administration in 1982, he found a group of aides around Reagan who did not agree with Shultz's desire to ease East-West tensions. The Reagan rhetoric was also pretty hot: He had called the Soviet Union the Evil Empire, was investing billions building up American defense, and approved policies as president that went beyond containment to a policy of trying to roll back Soviet influence around the world.

Shultz's first accomplishment, and it was the key to everything else that happened, was to build a relationship with Reagan. When he came in as secretary of state, Shultz didn't know Reagan very well, and he ran into a buzzsaw of opposition among Reagan's aides, so he spent the first couple of months flailing about. But he was very patient and persistent, and then he got a break. There was a blizzard in Washington in February of 1983. Suddenly, the Reagans couldn't get up to Camp David for the weekend, so Nancy Reagan invited Shultz and his wife to the White House for a private dinner. And it was that night, in the family quarters of the White House, that Shultz really began to understand that Reagan also wanted to ease East-West tensions and wind down the Cold War.



Once Shultz had built a relationship with Reagan, they were ready to open a dialogue with the Kremlin, and their great good fortune, a kind of coincidence of history, was the elevation of Gorbachev to become Soviet leader in March 1985, and then his appointment of Eduard Shevardnadze as

foreign minister. So, you had four men, none of whom was invested in the Cold War doctrines of their countries, who came into power and found that they had this improbable common agreement to wind down the Cold War.

**During his years in Washington, Shultz worked alongside two other Princeton alums, James Baker '52 and Donald Rumsfeld '54, both of whom were known as very skilled**



**bureaucratic infighters. How did Shultz's style differ?**

I don't know if Baker and Rumsfeld developed those sharp elbows at Princeton, but I don't think that Shultz did. It was something that handicapped him as secretary of state, because he encountered fierce opposition to what he was trying to do and couldn't figure out how to out-manuever his opponents. Having seen the dysfunction around Nixon, you would think Shultz would have known exactly what to do as secretary of state, facing this coterie of opponents, but he didn't.

There was a phrase Shultz often invoked: "Trust is the coin of the realm." But in order to build trust, you need to have access to the people you want to build trust with. He didn't seem to have the bureaucratic canniness to figure out how to open the door to those one-on-one meetings with Reagan. Once he had it, he was able to build a productive relationship despite Reagan's famous aloofness. So, in some ways, Shultz couldn't have been more different from Baker and Rumsfeld.

**What did Shultz think about the deterioration of U.S. relations with Russia under Vladimir Putin?**

In talking to Shultz in the years before he died, I found him depressed and alarmed by a lot of developments. People ask me, what do you think Shultz would have done after the invasion of Ukraine were he secretary of state? I have no doubt he would have done almost exactly what Biden has done.

**It was often rumored that Shultz had a tattoo of a tiger on his posterior. Can you confirm this rumor, once and for all?**

I believe I can, unless one is required to have been an eyewitness to the tattoo, which I cannot claim to have been. A classmate of Shultz's [Norman "Topper" Cook '42] got a tattoo on his butt at the same time. He wrote a letter about it to his father, in which he says that they went up to New York after Pearl Harbor and tried to enlist in the Canadian Air Force. Shultz was turned down because of bad eyesight. So, what do two Princeton students do when their patriotic fever is blunted? They have a couple of drinks and then they go to a tattoo parlor and have tigers tattooed on their butts. I think that is definitive. ♦ *Interview conducted and condensed by M.F.B.*



Bryan Bell '83's book, *Public Interest Design Practice Guidebook*, is full of architecture projects created to address the critical social, economic, and environmental challenges faced around the world.

# HAUNTED BY MY THESIS

*One alum's 40-year quest to center public interest design in architecture*

By Bryan Bell '83

After 40 years, I am still trying to prove the hypothesis of my senior thesis. This may seem like arrested development, but I have found it to be a meaningful pursuit.



Bell '83

My thesis was a response to architects Robert Venturi '47 \*50, Denise Scott Brown, and Steven Izenour, who proposed the idea of the Decorated Shed — an ordinary structure (which they call "a \$10,000 shed") where the outside is decorated independently of the structure's practical purpose (donning a "\$100,000 sign" of ornament). My response was to ask: How could the \$10,000 shed be elevated to architecture for people who couldn't afford the \$100,000 sign? I titled it *The Undecorated Shed*.

I received a B+, good enough for me at the time as an "athletic admit," but along the way Princeton did teach me to ask critical questions and gave me the belief that we can answer them. As it turns out, the black-bounded volume I dropped off at the Department of Art and Archaeology was just the beginning of the real work.

The path from there started out conventionally enough: first to Yale for a master's degree in architecture, and then to my "dream job" in New York at Steven Holl Architects. After one year, the dream became a

Courtesy Bryan Bell '83



**Housing for workers who harvest oranges in Florida. Design Corps created this unit to be hurricane resistant for winds up to 130 mph.**



wake-up call. The traditional practice of architecture wasn't for me. I wanted to find how architecture could address critical challenges in the world such as hunger, disease, poverty, disasters, and safe housing. Could there be a field of *public interest design* that would serve the missing gaps of services, like public health and public interest law?

I returned to explore the idea of the undecorated shed in less obvious locations. First, I went to rural Pennsylvania to work with migrant farmworkers, who, as a marginalized group, are among the worst housed (in chicken coops, old mobile homes, etc.) and earn the lowest income levels in the nation. Collaborating with the workers, social services, and farmers, we developed homes that responded specifically to the needs of migrant workers. This work led to the origination of my nonprofit organization, Design Corps.

**As a massive collective effort by many, we may be getting close to a career where you can get paid to serve the public through design.**

There have been challenges along the way. I've been homeless twice, but that has been self-inflicted by my quixotic career path and does not compare to the crushing systemic homelessness of so many in this country.

I was blessed with parents, and now with a wife, who never asked what on Earth I was doing — apparently working hard to barely earn a living. While I've never seen myself as unemployed, I can say for sure that I have significantly and single-handedly lowered my class's average salary.

There has been wonderful support as well: a Loeb Fellowship at Harvard,

seven grants from the National Endowment for the Arts to support projects, and a \$100,000 Latrobe Prize from the American Institute of Architects' College of Fellows that I shared with three close colleagues. (The Loeb Fellowship provided me with a \$50,000 stipend and zero tuition to attend Harvard for a year, which led a Princeton classmate to say, "You couldn't pay me to go to Harvard.") There's also been many inspiring mentors and colleagues and hundreds of others who have all worked to show that architecture can better serve the public. These projects are addressing the critical issues in the world, although so much more needs to be done. Most importantly, these projects have been created *with* communities, not just *for* communities.

There was also a meaningful honor from my class: At Reunions in 2003 I was given The Class of 1983 Memorial

Courtesy Bryan Bell '83



Award for embodying “the nobler spirit of the class.” The only other time I have risen to distinction among my distinguished class was for the “Ken Doll Runner-up” award during our Class Day in 1983.

Along the way, I’ve organized 19 conferences, conducted 33 institutes, and co-published five books on this subject. The books document the work of many designers and activists from all over the world. Each year there are more architecture projects created that address the critical social, economic, and environmental challenges faced around the world. As a massive collective effort by many, we may be getting close to a career where you can get paid to serve the public through design.

Now I can say that I am a “public interest designer.” It feels good to know what to call myself, rather than just an “alternative career person.” It is gratifying to have a name for my profession, and also gratifying that others do too, especially young designers who are already making great steps forward.

But not many people outside of architecture read the books I’ve published. For a field that serves the public, the public needs to be the key participant in this conversation. One day I hope to publish a novel that a few non-architects may actually read. I started to write one the year after graduation, also called *The Undecorated Shed*, and have rewritten it twice since then. These drafts are all really bad. Like most first novels, it is a thinly veiled autobiography about this experience. I don’t think anybody I’ve given it to has actually read the whole thing.

I figure that the chances of publishing a novel must be slightly lower than helping start a new profession. I did take creative writing as a senior, and while I don’t remember my grade, I know that I didn’t fail. That is good enough to encourage me to keep working on it. It will be an enjoyable time of reflection about the past and keep me busy in retirement.

And having just celebrated my 40th reunion, I’m hoping that by my 50th I will finally be able to prove my thesis. ♦

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# MEMORIALS

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## THE CLASS OF 1943



**Robert B. Whittlesey '43** Whit, a passionate advocate for affordable housing, died Feb. 27, 2023, at his home in Acton, Mass. He was 101 years old.

Born in Preston, Conn., he grew up in Princeton (behind Elm Club), where his father was a professor of politics at the University. His brother John was in the Class of '39. Whit prepped at Lawrenceville. At Princeton, he majored in civil engineering and economics, was the librarian of the music department record library, and worked with the Refreshment Agency. He lived at home during his four years of college.

After World War II, where he saw action in the Battle of the Bulge with the Army Field Artillery, Whit returned to Princeton, graduating in 1947 and earning an advanced degree in 1948. He married Louise Allen, with whom he would build a life and family over the next 70 years. His first job with a national construction firm lasted 10 years. Then, with the help of a Sears Roebuck graduate fellowship, he earned a master's degree in city planning from Penn.

In 1964, Whit founded Boston's South End Community Development Inc. He soon was at work bringing government, nonprofit organizations, and the housing industry together to build successful social housing and community-development projects, creating tens of thousands of affordable apartments and homes, and forming a framework for others to follow. His book, *Social Housing Found*, describes his long career that only wound down in 2022, when he ended his 17-year term as chairman of the Acton Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

Whit was predeceased by his wife, Louise, in 2013. He is survived by five children: Damaris, Robert '71, Pamela '75, Prudence, and Suzanne; nine grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

## THE CLASS OF 1948

**David M. Myers '48**

David, who spent just one memorable year at Princeton with us, died Sept. 19, 2022,



surrounded by his family. Born in Long Beach, Calif., David came to Old Nassau from Millburn (N.J.) High School in June 1944 and began his lifelong career as an

entrepreneur by playing piano at parties and other events. After he served two years as a Navy corpsman — during which he performed for the wounded — David earned an A.B. at Beloit College and an MBA at Harvard. He continued performing all the while and had unforgettable gigs with Abbott and Costello and Frank Sinatra.

After business school, David married Anne Price and owned a radio station in Fitchburg, Mass. In 1964, he moved to Portland, Ore., and purchased a fledgling background-music company that he expanded to include an FM station, equipment sales and leases, and more throughout the Northwest. Gene Autry bought the FM station in 1977, and David sold his other businesses in 1981.

Investing in small businesses became his main occupation thereafter, but he also returned to the piano at age 62, giving impromptu performances on cruise ships and other venues, and recording several CDs. In 2005, David and Anne moved to Denver, Colo., to be closer to family.

In addition to Anne, David is survived by five children, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. The class extends its condolences to all.

## THE CLASS OF 1949



**George R. Petty Jr. '49**

George died April 25, 2023, in Buffalo, N.Y., at age 94.

Born in Jersey City, N.J., he came to us from the Peddie School at age 16. He dined at Prospect Club and majored in English.

George later joined Pan Am as a flight engineer. In 1957, at 28, he assumed leadership of the 4,000-member Flight Engineers International Association, the youngest president of an international union. Following unsuccessful negotiations with the airlines

over the third crew member in the cockpit, he took early retirement from Pan Am and went to graduate school.

He earned a Ph.D. in 1967 from NYU in language and literature and then taught at SUNY Stony Brook and Montclair State University, from which he retired in 1998.

George was prominent in the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, authoring hiking guides. He wrote and published poetry throughout his life.

He made his final home with long-time partner Marilyn Ogus Katz in Clinton Corners, N.Y. He is survived by son George E. Petty and daughters Susan Petty '73, Glenna Petty Leous, Lesley Petty Jones, and Barbara Petty; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

## THE CLASS OF 1950



**Ralph Kenneth Perry '50**

Ken was born in Westminster, Md., Jan. 11, 1928, and died Feb. 27, 2023. He prepared at Mercersburg Academy,

where he was salutatorian. At Princeton, he majored in chemical engineering and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. A member of Campus Club, he lettered in cross-country, and roomed with Armstrong, Buttrey, Hitzrot, and Main.

In 1957, Ken married Margaret "Garie" Beale. He spent 32 years at Monsanto Corp., 16 years each producing resins and in management. After his retirement from Monsanto at age 58, Ken and Garie's shared interest in international relations led them to teach English as a second language in China. They spent nine summers engaging with students in more than 200 Chinese classrooms. Always active, Ken played tennis until he was 90.

An outstanding secretary for the Class of 1950 for the past 23 years, Ken was a dedicated Princetonian, avidly following Tiger sports. In 1996, he and Garie visited and ate breakfast in all 32 U.S. towns named Princeton. This led to his 2016 book, *Breakfast in Princeton, USA: A Year-Long Odyssey*.

Ken was predeceased by their two children, Douglas and Diane. The class extends its condolences to Garie and Ken's extended family. We share in their loss.

## THE CLASS OF 1951



**Charles James Farrell '51**

Jim came to us from Warren-Area (Pa.) High School after two years of Army service as a technician in Salzburg, Austria.

He was a history major, a member of the Pre-Law Society, and treasurer of Terrace Club. His roommates were Joe Barrett, Bill Fuellhart, Clay Griffin, and Dan Sullivan.

After graduation he earned an MBA in



industrial management from Penn's Wharton School and worked for 10 years for the GE Missile and Space Division in Philadelphia. He later worked for Philco Corp., Fischer & Porter Co., and the large Swedish multinational company SKF as head of information services and technology, with responsibility for developing and implementing advanced information systems and services.

Jim lived with his devoted family in the Philadelphia area during his working career. He died Feb. 20, 2023, in Bala Cynwyd, Pa. Jim is survived by his wife of 69 years, Janet; four children; two "honorary" children; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

#### THE CLASS OF 1952



**Donald MacLaren Jack '52** Don came to us from Garden City (N.Y.) High School and majored in history, ate at Cannon, and roomed with Bob Van Meter, Dave Dimmock, and Dick Ellwood.

After a semester at Columbia, he joined the Navy OCS and as a lieutenant junior grade, served on a minesweeper for three years. In 1963, he got a job with McDonald & Co., an investment firm in Cleveland, where he spent the rest of his career.

After retirement in 1999 he was deeply involved with the Cleveland Orchestra and the Cleveland Museum of Art.

Don died Jan. 29, 2023. He is survived by his wife, Marta; and their two sons, Craig '86 and Douglas. To them the class sends its regrets at the loss of Don.



#### **Roger Kirk '52**

Roger died Jan. 18, 2023.

His father was Adm. Alan G. Kirk, commander of Allied naval forces at the invasion of Normandy. Roger came to us from Groton. At Princeton, he majored in SPIA, graduating *magna cum laude*, ate at Cloister, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He joined the Washington Club and Whig-Clio, as well as the Pre-Law Society. He roomed with W.H. Bailey and others.

Roger served three years in the Air Force, then joined the foreign service with postings to Washington, Germany, Moscow, New Delhi, and Saigon. In 1972, he was assigned to the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency as deputy assistant director for international relations during the SALT Treaty negotiations. He was appointed ambassador to Somalia in 1973. His final post was as ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Romania.

After retiring, Roger was on the staffs and boards of institutions such as Georgetown's School of Foreign Service, the Atlantic Council, and the Washington International School.

Roger is survived by his wife, Madeleine; and their children, Marian, Sarah, Juli, and Alan. We offer condolences at the loss of our distinguished classmate.



#### **Robert C. Lamperti '52**

Bob came to the class from the military, where he enlisted for two years of Army service in Japan. He was valedictorian at North Plainfield (N.J.) High School. At Princeton, he majored in economics, graduating *summa cum laude*, and joined Elm Club. He played 150-pound football and worked in the business office at WPRU. He roomed with Don Hildum.

Bob worked at Graybar Electric Co., until 1963, then in executive jobs at Allied Chemical and Dye, Allied Corp., and Allied Signal, retiring in 1999. Then he and his wife, Clara, whom many of us met when she came with him to events or campus, went traveling.

Bob was a longtime member of the class executive committee, preparing a number of our class directories.

Bob died Jan. 18, 2023. He was predeceased by Clara in 2020. He is survived by their sons Donald and Jeffrey. To them the class sends good wishes and fond memories of their father, one of our very active brothers in class affairs.

#### THE CLASS OF 1953



#### **Bruce Lee '53**

Bruce was born in New York City and attended Pomfret School before coming to Princeton. He left Princeton after his freshman year and subsequently graduated from Rollins College and Fordham University.

He went to work as a copy boy at the *Daily News* and then worked in various departments at *Newsweek* before becoming White House Correspondent for *Reader's Digest*. He served as editor in chief for *Reader's Digest Press* but left that position to work on nonfiction books for McGraw Hill and then William Morrow. There he edited *Bearing the Cross*, the Pulitzer Prize winning biography of Martin Luther King Jr.

Bruce wrote two important books on military history: *Pearl Harbor: Final Judgment* with Henry Clausen and *Marching Orders: The Untold Story of World War II*. The latter involved some 30 years of research in the Army archives and interviewing numerous veterans. He also served as chairman of the board for his family business, LDG Inc. Bruce loved to sail and fish and was a member of several yacht clubs. He served on the U.S. Olympic Committee (yachting) when the U.S. won a gold medal in the 1972 Olympics.

Bruce died Oct. 14, 2022, in New York City. He is survived by his wife, Janetta; children Evalyn '83 and Bruce; and four grandchildren.



#### **Robert E. Taylor '53**

Bob, who balanced his life between New York and Scotland for many years, died Dec. 8, 2022, in New Paltz, N.Y.

He was born in Ottumwa, Iowa, and came to Princeton after graduating from St. Joseph (Mo.) Central High School. He joined Colonial Club, majored in politics, and wrote his thesis on "British Foreign Policy in the Middle East."

Moving to New York City after graduation, Bob began a career in banking and eventually became vice president for personal banking at Morgan Guaranty. He married Jane Keating, a senior copywriter at Young & Rubicam, bought an old farm in Ulster County, added two sons to the family, and became deeply involved in the Westminster Kennel Club. That rich and fulfilling life changed suddenly when they stayed one night at Ardsheal House on the west coast of Scotland and were offered the chance to buy the place. They spent the night debating the challenge, and returned to New York to resign from their banking and advertising lives and become host and hostess to travelers — including your memorialist, who saw an ad in the *Alumni Weekly* and dropped in on the Taylors with his wife for an unforgettable visit.

Bob and Jane returned to New York from November to March to catch up with friends and play a major role in the annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. Returning full time to New York and their New Paltz farmhouse after 18 years, Bob became involved in local affairs, serving on the boards of the library and Walkkill Valley Land Trust.

Predeceased by Jane after 57 years of marriage, Bob is survived by their two sons, two daughters-in-law, and two grandchildren.

#### THE CLASS OF 1954



#### **Carl August de Gersdorff II '54**

Carl died Nov. 19, 2021. He prepared at St. Mark's School in Southborough, Mass. At Princeton, Carl majored in English, joined Colonial Club, was active in varsity squash all four years, and played rugby in his junior and senior years.

After service in the Army as an officer, he joined Kidder, Peabody & Co., an investment bank in New York City, retiring as vice president in 1994.

He then moved to Alford, Mass., where he was an assessor for the town of Alford, a board member of the Barrington Stage Co., of Chesterwood (home of sculptor Daniel Chester French, now a national historic site), and of The Berkshire Botanical Garden. He was also involved with other local charities and clubs.

Carl enjoyed tennis, squash, collecting stamps, gardening, reading, drawing, telling jokes, *The New York Times* Sunday crossword,



studying Latin and Greek, and spending time with his family. He was an avid sports fan and loved cheering on his teams, particularly the Boston Red Sox.

Carl was predeceased by his wife of 50 years, Marianne de Gersdorff. His son Carl de Gersdorff III died 10 months after him. Carl is survived by son Stephen; daughters Susan, Ursula, Alexandra, and Christina; six grandchildren; and sister Gertrude "Gigi" Wilmers.



**Joseph F. Johnston Jr. '54**

Joe died Jan. 3, 2023.

At The Hill School, he was active in tennis and golf. Majoring in history, his senior thesis was on Edward Gibbon's views of the rise and fall of nations, winning the Walter Phelps Hall Prize in European History, and graduating Phi Beta Kappa. He joined Key and Seal Club.

After service in the Army, he earned an M.A. in history and an LL.B at Harvard Law School in 1960, during which he married Rhonda Bronaugh in 1959.

Joe practiced corporate law and governance and taught part-time at the University of Virginia Law School. He served on the boards of several nonprofit organizations, with a particular interest in historic preservation. After moving to Virginia in 1978, he and Rhonda enjoyed spending time at his family's ancestral farm on the upper James River.

A Jeffersonian in outlook, his lifelong interest in the rise and fall of nations and in the role of government led to the publishing of *The Limits of Government*, warning of the risks to a free society of a failure to limit governmental power. Later he wrote an extension of his dissertation research, publishing *The Decline of Nations: Lessons for Strengthening America at Home and in the World*. At his death he was preparing an intellectual history of the left.

He is survived by his wife, Rhonda; and son Samuel '82.



**Maurice Kemp Jr. '54**

Maury died Feb. 8, 2023.

He prepared at St. Andrew's School in Delaware, where he starred in three sports, earning MVP honors in basketball and the Hutton Prize for highest batting average on the baseball team in his senior year. At Princeton, he majored in history and joined Cannon Club and the Pre-Law Society.

Upon graduation, he was commissioned to the Navy, married Susan B. Sheldrick, earned his wings, served four years, and entered Stanford Law School in 1958. In 1960, he started 40 years of practice in Palo Alto, Calif. He was active in the community, as a Little League coach and an officer with the local and national Optimist Club.

After his first marriage ended in divorce, he married Susan Sylvester Kemp Oct. 15, 1971, in Palo Alto. In 2001, Maury and Susan moved full time into their vacation home in Hidden Valley Lake, Calif., and he opened a law practice in nearby Middletown. They moved to Bozeman, Mont., in 2018.

Maury was a great tease, and he enjoyed reading, mainly fiction, and golf, reporting at the time of our 50th reunion that he was playing 100 rounds a year. He had run 17 marathons before his knees gave out.

Maury is survived by his wife, Susan; daughter Audrey; son Jon; stepson Gray Thornton; stepdaughter Elizabeth; three grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.



**David George Powell**

'54 \*55 Dave died following surgery for a hernia Feb. 14, 2023.

He came to us from New Trier High School in Winnetka, Ill., where he was active in publications and student government. At Princeton, he joined Cloister Club and earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in aeronautical engineering.

After Princeton, in the course of his career as an engineer, entrepreneur, and inventor he studied operations research, hypersonics, accounting, and computer programming. A licensed pilot, he maintained a lifelong interest in airplanes. He married Elizabeth "Betsy" Parker in 1963.

Dave worked at Lockheed in Los Angeles, Stanley Aviation in Denver, GE's Missile and Space Division in Valley Forge, Pa., and then W.R. Grace's R&D construction products division in Cambridge, Mass.

In 1974, following "an entrepreneurial urge," Dave took a mid-career break and earned an MS in management at MIT. He then co-founded Diamond Machining Technology (DMT), pioneering the development and manufacturing of micron diamond abrasive hand tools. Dave and Betsy managed DMT together for 28 years, with distributors in 32 countries. An inveterate "fixer," Dave filed multiple patents over the years for sharpening devices and, in his retirement, started Plane Perfect, for which he continued to travel to woodworking shows right up to his death.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Betsy; son Parker; daughters Clare and Elizabeth; six grandchildren; and brother Malcolm '52.

**Jon B. Rogers '54**

Jon died May 17, 2022.

At Wayland Academy he participated in football, swimming, and track. An economics major at Princeton, his senior thesis was on "Collective Bargaining in the Airlines." He joined Cannon Club, continued to play football, swimming, and track, and added hockey to his



repertoire. He cherished the foundation built at Princeton.

He married Barbara Rosborough in 1955 during his three years of service as an officer in the Army. After a

successful career in various consumer-product companies in New York, Jon moved his family west, where he purchased a small coffee-roasting company, the San Francisco Bay Coffee Co. Jon, Barbara, and their four children then built a highly successful privately held family business, sourcing, roasting, and marketing fair trade coffee as the Rogers Family Co. Family members visit and buy directly from the farmers in Central and South America and invest in improving the quality of life in the farm communities. Jon's daughter Lisa, along with sons James and John, now runs the company for the second generation with members of the third generation learning the ropes.

Jon is survived by his wife of 67 years, Barbara; children Jim and Suzanne Rogers, Paul and Lisa Rogers Smoot, John and Nicole Rogers, and Peter and Kirsten Rogers; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**THE CLASS OF 1955**



**William Radford Coyle**

III '55 Bill, an OB/GYN physician who once estimated that he had delivered about 4,000 babies, died in Peabody, Mass., Feb. 10, 2023, the day

before his 90th birthday. Bill was born Feb. 11, 1933, in New York City and attended Kent School in Kent, Conn.

At Princeton, Bill joined Key and Seal Club and majored in biology. He joined the Pre-Medical Society and the Philadelphia Club and rowed on the freshman 150-pound crew. Senior year he roomed with Taylor Vinson. A favorite memory from Princeton was blasting the new "Rock Around the Clock" record along with dozens of other undergrads at the same time.

After graduation Bill attended medical school at New York University. During that time he met his future bride, Annamary Monahan, on an empty train car by asking if he could sit next to her. They married in 1957, and he completed his OB/GYN residency at Bellevue Hospital. He went into private practice in Connecticut and then Maryland, and also taught at Georgetown and Howard medical schools.

After retirement the family moved to Venice, Fla., where Bill took great pleasure in volunteering at the Mote Marine Lab in Sarasota. He will be remembered for his kindness, generosity, sharp wit, and sense of humor (he was a virtuoso composer of "higgledy-piggledy" poetry). His family attests that he never spoke ill of anyone (save perhaps a few elected officials) and never complained.



Bill was predeceased by his wife, Annamary. He is survived by children William, James, and Mary Kathleen; and granddaughters Saoirse and Fiona.



#### James S. Gleason '55

Jim, a firm believer in school choice options, died June 17, 2022. He was a great-grandson of William Gleason, founder of the Gleason Corp., which specializes in gear technology. Jim was born May 11, 1934, in Rochester, N.Y., and attended Allendale School there.

At Princeton, Jim joined Elm Club and majored in religion. He played freshman baseball and IAA billiards, horseshoes, football, and softball. His senior-year roommates were John Bredehoeft and Chet Safian.

Jim joined the Gleason Corp. in 1959 and became CEO in 1981, leading the company until 2002. During that time the company was transformed, more than doubling in size through growth and acquisition, broadening its range of products, and expanding its geographic manufacturing footprint.

Following his death, Jim was praised by a Gleason Corp. official for his "philanthropic activities, but most of all for his fairness, sense of humor, intellect, thoughtfulness, and integrity."

Jim was instrumental in getting charter schools started in the Rochester area. He guided the Gleason Family Foundation to focus on education reform through school choice, supporting options that prepared children for a productive life.

Jim was an avid reader and talented cook who loved to prepare foods from around the world. He and his wife, Janis, also enjoyed spending time at their house in Cabo San Lucas that they built in the late 1990s.

Jim is survived by his wife, Janis; and his two daughters, Tracy '84 and Leslie. His son James died of leukemia in 1989.



#### William Faux Gray '55

Fauxie, a genial and much-admired classmate who loved to tell stories, often embellished, died July 24, 2022. As his son Chris noted, "There was always a grain of truth, but he liked to make things a little more exciting."

Fauxie was born Dec. 29, 1933, in Sayre, Pa. At New Trier Township High School in Winnetka, Ill., he was class president and active in football. At Princeton, he joined Cap and Gown Club and majored in mechanical engineering. Senior year he roomed with Gordon Douglas, Pete Horne, Lew Gustafson, Steve McNamara, Ed Cervone, Paul Jaenicke, Randy Mooney, Steve Swensrud, Jim Seabrook, Dick Dillon, Barney Barnett, and Bill McRoberts. After Princeton and two years in

the Army, he earned an MBA at Harvard.

His first jobs were in computer sales and management with IBM, GE, and other large companies; then he founded and was president of Telemonitor.

After a divorce and a slack time, his Honda broke down on a highway. A woman in a bright red Pontiac Trans Am muscle car stopped and diagnosed his problem. Fauxie and Annie, a former nun who had once clerked in an auto parts store and then was head of a national secondary schools association, were happily married until her death in 2009.

They lived for more than 20 years in a rustic oceanfront house in Melbourne, Fla. Their beachfront was the destination for ancient sea turtles, which on moonlit nights would crawl up the beach to lay hundreds of their eggs, as they had for thousands of years.

Fauxie is survived by three children, Chris Gray, Robin Branagan, and Pam Acklam; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



#### Stephen Charles Henkel '55

Steve, an author and sailor whose intellect and humor were much enjoyed by friends and family, died Dec. 14, 2022, in Sarasota, Fla.

He was born Nov. 6, 1933, in Orange, N.J., son of Marvin Henkel, Class of 1925. His brother Joel was in the Class of '52. Prior to Princeton, Steve attended Millburn (N.J.) High School. At Princeton, he majored in mechanical engineering and joined Cloister Inn. His senior-year roommates were George Meier, Dick Turner, Frank Black, and Addison Igleheart. After Princeton, he earned an MBA from Rutgers and married his college sweetheart, Carol Pippitt.

From 1955 to 1984, Steve worked as an engineer, administrator, and business consultant, primarily in New York City. He also began writing for fun and in 1972 published his first book, *Bikes*. In 1984, with two partners, he founded *Sailor* magazine. He then became a full-time freelance writer and illustrator with hundreds of articles and three additional books published: *Boating for Less*, *Boat Trailers and Tow Vehicles*, and *The Sailors Book of Small Cruising Sailboats*.

After moving to Darien, Conn., in 1961, Steve and Carol became avid sailors. They were active members of the Noroton Yacht Club, and after moving to Florida in 1991, joined the Venice Sailing Squadron and Sarasota Sailing Squadron. In retirement, Steve pursued genealogical research, painting, writing a historical novel, and model sailboat racing.

Steve was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Carol. He is survived by sons Charlie and Laird.

#### Alexander McClurg Hogg '55

There has been no shortage of remarkable people in the Class of '55. Near the top of the



list is Sandy, who died June 25, 2021, at his home in Half Moon Bay, Calif.

Sandy was born May 28, 1928, son of F. Trevor Hogg, a member of the Class of 1917 and an All-American football player. Sandy attended Milton Academy, then Andover, and entered Princeton with the Class of 1949. He enlisted in the Army, served in the Korean War, then returned to Princeton to graduate with the Class of '55.

Sandy joined Cap and Gown, majored in the Woodrow Wilson School, and lettered in crew. His son, Alec '87, said the coach told his dad, "You're an awful rower, but you pull pretty hard." He pulled hard for his entire life.

Alec said, "To the siren song of adventure, Sandy always answered, 'Yes.' By a standard of how much money he made, he didn't do so well. By the standard of living a fulfilling life, his life was as fulfilling as anybody you could know. Every day was an adventure for Sandy. He was larger than life."

A partial list of his ventures: Molybdenum miner, yacht crew member on a world cruise, insurance salesman, oil and cattle tax-shelter sales, recycling waste crude oil, trying to convince the Chinese government to invest in affordable birth control, diesel mechanic's assistant, grain harvester, map salesman, radio-commercial stagehand, merchant mariner, Army truck driver, oil field roughneck, writing birthday rhymes for his grandchildren, and swimming in the moonlight.

Sandy is survived by his wife, Beatrice — a French woman whom he first encountered as a young lady wearing a blue bikini on a beach in Tripoli; son Alec; daughters Ariane Luckey and Erika Belden; and seven grandchildren. Ariane said of her dad, "He was awesome. We adored him."

#### THE CLASS OF 1956



#### William D. Greenspan '56

\*58 Bill died Nov. 23, 2022, after being diagnosed with a blood infection and suffering a subsequent stroke.

Bill worked in Paris and London before settling in New York and founding a consulting firm called the Center for Management Technology. He was extremely proud of being a Princeton alum and held on to many connections over the years and dedicated time to fundraising.

Bill adored traveling and was proud that he had traveled to almost every continent and more than 50 countries, as well as many adventures across the United States. He enjoyed classical music at the Philharmonic and was a connoisseur of French food and wine. On Sunday afternoons, he looked forward to completing all the puzzles in *The*



*New York Times Magazine*. Friends and family appreciated Bill's sense of curiosity and the breadth of his knowledge on countless subjects, from physics to history.

He is survived by his wife, Connie; daughter Amy and her husband Matt Millikan; and two grandsons, Caleb and Noah.



**Joseph E. Illick III '56**

Joe died Feb. 23, 2023, in San Francisco, after sustaining serious brain trauma from a fall following one of his nearly-daily swims in the San Francisco Bay. He was 88.

After growing up in rural Pennsylvania, Joe attended Princeton and graduated in 1956. He majored in engineering, was a member of the varsity swim team, and regaled younger alumni with stories of swim practice in the nude in Dillon Gym pool, a brand-new facility at the time.

Joe earned a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in American history then relocated to San Francisco, where he lived for nearly 60 years. He was a professor of American history at San Francisco State University from 1963 until 2002.

Joe authored five books, mostly about Colonial Pennsylvania and historical perspectives on childhood. He was also a frequent contributor to various letters to the editor; a brief letter published by PAW in September 2020 "on respectful listening and change" sums up Joe's approach to thoughtful engagement with everyone he met.

Joe developed a passion for art, and over the last four decades produced hundreds of paintings, sculptures, ceramic pieces, and woodcuts. He was an avid swimmer and active member of the Dolphin Swimming & Boating Club right up to the end.

Joe is survived by his former wife, Toni; his children Joe, Katie, and Clara; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**THE CLASS OF 1957**



**Gates K. Agnew '57**

One of the well-known Agnew brothers at Princeton, Gates died Feb. 25, 2023, in Bloomington, Ind.

Coming to Princeton from the John Burroughs School in St. Louis, he majored in English in the S.P.H. Program. A member of Cap and Gown Club, Gates was active in intramural sports, a member of the Undergraduate Council, and president of the Student Christian Association. He roomed senior year with Hank Bessire, Wally Geoghegan, and Bill Glasco.

After graduation Gates joined many other classmates adjourning to a tropical island: teaching at the Punahou School in Hawaii. During this period, he married Patricia Nicoll,

a Princeton resident and Wellesley graduate, whom he met during senior year. Gates returned to the mainland to attend Stanford, earning a master's degree and a Ph.D. in English. He became a full-time professor at Indiana University, earning tenure there. Changing career direction, he earned a master's degree in social work at Indiana, and then worked as part of a team in psychiatric social work at the South Central Community Health Center. Eventually establishing a private practice in psychotherapy, he retired at age 63. He and his wife then traveled extensively.

Although Gates sang in an Episcopal Church choir, he and his wife also participated in Zen Buddhist meditation workshops and daily meditation and yoga exercises.

Gates is survived by his wife, Pat; his four children, Emily, Elizabeth, Ken, and Andrew, and their families; brothers Bill '56 and Hewes '58; and his sister, Zanne.



**Peter T. Blue '57**

For one noted musician in our class, the sound has become silent. Pete died Jan. 21, 2023, in Harpswell, Maine.

A native of Los Angeles, Pete came to Princeton from Beverly Hills High School. At Princeton, he was a philosophy major and was active in the football band and a student conductor of the concert band. He also participated in Whig-Clio and was a composer, writer, and orchestra member for Triangle Club shows. He took his meals at Prospect Club and roomed senior year with Zenro Osawa, Stu Pertz, and Harry Roegner.

Following graduation Pete studied law at Columbia and Stanford universities, but forsaking law as a career, he became a noted jazz musician, first in Seattle and then in Las Vegas and Reno-Tahoe. Moving to Nashville, he performed as an accompanist for country music stars and was a conductor at Opryland.

Returning to the East, he played the piano and conducted bands on Broadway, including four years for *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, as well as acting as musician-conductor on numerous television shows and at other theaters. Other memorable roles were as co-creator with Gerard Alessandrini of the parody revues, *Forbidden Broadway*, *Forbidden Las Vegas*, and *Masterpiece Tonight*.

Moving to Maine in 2010, Pete performed with the Jazz Masters and as part of a duo, Sue and Blue, with Sue Sheriff.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Marcia Blue, and several nephews.

**David W. Weaver Jr. '57**

A longtime resident of the Baltimore area, Dave died in Catonsville, Md., Jan. 29, 2023.

Dave attended schools in Mauch Chunk, Pa., now known as Jim Thorpe in honor of the



Olympic athlete. Dave came to Princeton, however, from Baltimore City College. He was on the freshman fencing team and joined several fencers as members of Campus Club.

Majoring in mechanical engineering, he was a member of the Glee Club and Chapel Choir, and worked at the Student Center. Senior year Dave roomed with Vick Decker and Pete Clapman.

Soon after graduation he married Thea Patricia "Pat" Mueller. They had four children, Katherine, David, Mark, and James. Having been in the Navy ROTC, he spent three years in the Navy, attaining the rank of lieutenant junior grade.

Returning to civilian life, Dave worked with Philco-Ford, followed by stints at several other companies in Pennsylvania and Maryland. After a divorce, Dave married Barbara Joy Weaver in 1992. He retired from General Physics Co. after spending eight years designing machinery to dismantle dangerous chemical weapons.

Dave's wife, Barbara, survives him, along with his three sons, his three stepchildren, and their families. His daughter, Katherine, predeceased him.



**Benjamin D. Williams III '57**

Another oarsman has joined his deceased shell-mates. Ben died in his longtime home of Pomfret, Conn., March 7, 2023.

He came to us from St. Paul's School. At Princeton, he majored in sociology, played freshman football and hockey, and earned his frosh numerals and varsity "P" for four years on the heavyweight crew. He was active in the Campus Fund Drive and the Marine Platoon Leader Corps, and was a member of Ivy Club. He roomed with Al Beveridge, Gerry Hackney, Dave Robinson (a fellow crew member), and Fred Reynolds.

While serving in the Marine Corps with Miller Ream and Dave Robinson, they spent time in Washington, D.C., as part of the honor guard protecting the president. Dave introduced him to Nancy Nielsen, whom he married in 1961. They had three sons, Benjamin IV, Frederick, and Joseph.

After his tour of duty ended, Ben had a brief stint in the brokerage business in New York before embarking on a long career in the educational field. He taught for many years at Pomfret School in Connecticut, during which time he earned a master's degree at UConn. Later he became headmaster of Lawrence Academy in Massachusetts, where the current headmaster credited him with "transforming the school."

After retiring from Lawrence, he taught at Robert College in Istanbul, Turkey, and the



Rivers School in Massachusetts. Retiring from education, he and Nan settled back in Pomfret. He became a well-known lepidopterist, eventually giving his collection gleaned from all over the world to UConn. He also rescued numerous wild animals and birds and served as a board member of the Wyndham Land Trust and Connecticut Audubon Society. In 2007, he rowed on the 50th-reunion crew.

Predeceased by his wife, Nancy, in 2013, he is survived by his three sons and their families, and his brother, Rodney.

#### THE CLASS OF 1958



##### **Morris B. Floyd '58**

Morry died Nov. 12, 2022, in Lexington, Ky. He was 86.

He came to Princeton from Culver Military Academy, where he was president of the senior class, a member of the Lancers in the Black Horse Troop, and participated in basketball, soccer, and golf. At Princeton, he was a member of Quadrangle Club, the Undergraduate Council and Orange Key. He roomed with John McLean, Desaix Anderson, Jack Perkins, J. Wright, and George Daly.

Morry graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Law and practiced law for 61 years, initially as an assistant attorney general for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and thereafter in private practice until his death.

Morry was an accomplished horseman, nurturing and pursuing his lifelong passion, his thoroughbred horses, breeding and racing numerous champions and stakes winners.



##### **Peter P. Nicholls '58**

Peter died Dec. 8, 2022. He was 87.

He came to Princeton from St. Bernard's School and the Lawrenceville School.

At Princeton, Peter was president of Theatre Intime, acted in Triangle shows, and joined the freshman fencing team. He belonged to Colonial Club and his senior-year roommates were Peter Dowell, Jim Cox, Bill Whitehurst, Bob Johnstone, Vic Hurst, Gary Carr, and Barry Myers.

After graduation, Peter worked for NBC and eight months later was drafted. He spent a year at Fort Monmouth, N.J., and then a year in Seoul, Korea. Peter especially enjoyed Korea, where he taught English, directed plays for Korean universities, and appeared in Korean movies.

After returning to America, he became a copywriter for an advertising agency. In 1964, Peter married Catherine Detmar, also a TV copywriter.

In 2003, at the time of our 45th reunion, Peter and Catherine were living in England. The class extends its deepest sympathy to her.

##### **William S. Treese '58**

Bill died Dec. 26, 2022, in Eastham, Mass. He was 86.

He came to Princeton from Shady Side Academy in Pittsburgh, where he participated in football, wrestling, and student government. Bill attended Princeton for one year and graduated from Tufts University in 1961. He earned a master's degree in English literature at the University of Pennsylvania.

Thereafter, Bill was as an English teacher, then taught insurance, then went to Wall Street and finally returned to teaching English at several private secondary schools. Settling in Worcester, Mass., taught at Worcester Academy for 18 years as an English teacher and head of the English department.

His first marriage ended in divorce and the second with the death of his wife.

Bill is survived by his son William Treese Jr., brother John Treese; three nephews; and a niece. The class extends its deepest sympathy to them all.

#### THE CLASS OF 1959



##### **Robert B. Baker Jr. '59**

Born in Plainfield, N.J., Bob spent many of his formative years in India and the Philippines, his father being a sub-manager of (in those days) National City Bank. From southeast Asia, Bob was transported to the Kent School in Connecticut to prepare for Princeton.

Bob enrolled at Princeton in the history department and wrote his senior thesis on "The Philippine Defense Campaign." He signed into Elm Club and served as vice chairman of the Orange Key's Special Services Committee, as a member of the *Prince's* business staff, and as a staffer on the *Bric*. His senior-year roommates were Bill Beim, Peter Burch, John Cook, and Gil Ratcliff.

Earning a law degree at George Washington University, Bob was swallowed up in the Washington legal whirlpool, from which he emerged around the time of our 50th reunion. He spent most of his adult life in and around Washington, D.C., passing away in Strasburg, Va., Dec. 25, 2022.



##### **James R. Wade '59**

Named one of the "Best Lawyers in America" for multiple years, Jim suffered a stroke on Thanksgiving Day 2021. He worked to regain his strength during the following year but died Dec. 17, 2022. He was predeceased by both his first wife, Peggy, in 1992, and his second wife, Kay, in 2021. He is survived by two daughters and several grandchildren.

Jim was raised in Denver, where he eventually returned to practice law. At

Princeton, he entered the Woodrow Wilson School, wrote his thesis for the history department, and was a member of Campus Club. Jim's activities on campus included the Undergraduate Schools Committee, the Intercollegiate Committee, the Rocky Mountain Empire Club, and Whig-Clio. His roommates were Bennett, Driver, Montgomery, Oakes, Rosenthal, West, and P. Woods.

After Princeton, Jim enrolled at Harvard Law School, graduating in 1962. From early in his career his specialty became probate and estate law. His path included a stint as judge of the Denver Probate Court and as author of *Colorado Probate System*, a widely acclaimed guide on estate administration in Colorado. When he stepped down from the bench in 1982, Jim and others formed a boutique law firm, which continues to the present.

A teacher at heart, Jim's three greatest passions were to read poetry to his caregivers, identify birds and explain their habits, and listen to and share stories behind opera.

#### THE CLASS OF 1961

##### **Lawrence J. Landwehr '61**

Lawrence died Feb. 5, 2023, at Agrace Hospice Care in Fitchburg, Wis.

He grew up in Dallas and spent much of those years with his maternal grandparents at their ranch in western Kansas. After high school in Garden City, Kan., he spent two years at Princeton but left us to go on to graduate from Tulane and then the University of Colorado Law School.

After practicing law in Colorado Springs, he joined Rockwell International in California, where he led a team of negotiators and had a role in creating the first spacecraft to land on the moon. After a doctorate in political science at USC, he and his family relocated to Neenah, Wis., where he taught at UW Oshkosh, was a member of the Winnebago County Board, and practiced law until retiring in 2007.

We never heard from Lawrence over the years, but we regret his passing nonetheless. Lawrence is survived by his second wife, Eileen; a daughter; a son; two stepchildren; and four grandchildren.



##### **William S. Rukeyser '61**

Bill died Aug. 16, 2022, of metastatic lung cancer in a hospice in Knoxville, Tenn.

Born in New York City, he came to us from New Rochelle High School. At Princeton, he majored in English, took his meals at Campus, and roomed with Mark Rose and John Randolph. Consistent with the career that was to follow, he was president of the University Press Club and a columnist for PAW and the *Prince*. He remained an adviser to the Press Club until his death.

Following a master's degree at Christ

College, Cambridge, he worked for Time Inc., during which he was a founder of *Money* magazine and managing editor of *Fortune*. He then relocated to Knoxville to become editor-in-chief at Whittle Communications, followed by years of consulting in and writing about economics and financial strategies. He was former chair of the University of Tennessee Medical Center and for many years was a director of the Overseas Press Club, described as “a major force on our board” by its president. In 2002, he was made an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at Maryville (Tenn.) College.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Elisabeth; son James; daughter Lisa; and four grandchildren.

**THE CLASS OF 1962**



**Edward G. Burton '62**

Ted died Aug. 23, 2020, in Lewiston, Idaho, of complications from Alzheimer's disease.

He came to us from Moses Brown School in Providence, R.I., where he participated in debating, chess, and the Science Society. At Princeton he was active in Whig-Clio, the Outing Club, the International Student Association; ate at Court Club; and was a Woodrow Wilson School major. Following graduation, he earned a law degree from Harvard in 1965.

Moving to Anchorage, he joined a law firm, served in the Alaska National Guard from 1966 to 1973, and married his wife, Karen Swim, in 1972. They had three children, Amy, Merritt, and Daniel. Ted practiced commercial, real estate, mining, and Native American law. With the collapse of the oil industry in 1986 the family moved to Idaho, where he became a city attorney and did contract work for the state. He studied for a pastoral degree and became a pastoral associate on the Nez Pierce Reservation.

Outside interests included civic work and a longtime dedication to Boy Scouts as a Scoutmaster.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; children Amy, Merritt, and Daniel; and two grandchildren. The class extends its sympathy to all.



**Nicholas A. Gallo Jr. '62**

Nicholas died Feb. 6, 2023, after a series of falls.

Entering Princeton from Haverford (Pa.) High School, Nicholas majored in chemical engineering and ate at Terrace Club. He earned a law degree from Yale Law School and married Cynthia Jacob. They were together 55 years until his death.

Nicholas began his career as an attorney at Johnson & Johnson. Within a few years he held

executive positions there, including serving as president of one of J&J's subsidiaries. Leaving J&J in the mid-'70s, he and a few former colleagues formed a consulting company that provided advice to health-care businesses. The consulting business gave rise to other opportunities and led to the formation in 1991 of DMS Laboratories, which pioneered the development of in-office test kits for canine and feline blood typing. At the time of his death Nicholas served as the company's president and chairman of the board. He was also a partner in the New York law firm of Gallo & Darmanian.

He and Cynthia lived in Stanton, N.J., but also kept an apartment in New York, spending most weekends pursuing their love of opera, theater, and good food.

To Cynthia, the class extends its condolences.



**Charles D. Morrison '62**

Chuck died March 14, 2023.

He came to us from Casady School in Oklahoma City, and he read *The Oklahoman* throughout college. Chuck ate at Colonial, majored in politics, and roomed with Jim White, Dermot Sullivan, and Jack Clymer. After Princeton, he did graduate work in law at Berkeley.

Chuck's grandfather was a wildcatter, dying before he could lose his third fortune. Chuck copied that entrepreneurial spirit. First, he was an officer with a large bank, and then he bought and expanded a successful specialty financing lender. Next, he founded a courier service that delivered original financial documents throughout the Southwest. Later he was chairman of two local banks. Subsequently, he led several successful oil-drilling ventures.

Chuck enlisted in the National Guard in 1963 and in 1965 received a direct commission in naval intelligence — a highly unusual appointment, helped by his Russian language skills. Living in Oklahoma, he served in the Naval Reserves for 33 years, retiring as a Navy captain.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Beth, and two daughters from a previous marriage. He remained close to Princeton and his Princeton roommates and friends. The class extends its sympathies to the family.



**Robert A.K. Smith Jr. '62**

Robin died of cardiac arrest March 4, 2023, in St. Louis. He was a gentleman in the full sense of the word.

He graduated from St. Louis Country Day School and spent a post graduate year at Winchester College in England, where he absorbed English style. He arrived at Princeton in custom London clothes. Robin was a member of Colonial Club and wrote his

thesis on Emily Brontë. He played squash and track during his first two years. His senior-year roommates were Charlie Swift, Hut Carspecken, and Richard Williams.

Robin was among a group of classmates who wed Vassar girls after graduation. In 1964, he married Katharine Southworth (Vassar '64), who survives him along with their son and daughter.

After working in advertising in New York and St. Louis, Robin enrolled in the MBA program at Harvard. After graduating in 1970, he was at D'Arcy Advertising in St. Louis until he moved up to head its Bloomfield Hills, Mich., office in 1982. He held that position until he retired in 1997. His hobbies included skiing (and being a mountain host) at Vail, fly fishing, golf, and Cavalier King Charles spaniels.

The class extends its sympathies to all.



**Walter A. Stark Jr. '62**

Walter died Jan. 6, 2023, in Santa Fe., N.M., of cancer.

He came to us from Robertson High School in Las Vegas, where he was active in student council and earned letters in football and track. At Princeton, he managed heavyweight crew, participated in Orange Key and the Rocky Mountain Club, ate at Elm, and majored in chemistry. Following graduation, he earned a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1967. He married Charlotte Brown in 1968 and they had a son, Christopher '96.

Walter began his career as a research chemist at the Sandia National Laboratories near Albuquerque and later moved to the Los Alamos Laboratory near Santa Fe. His career spanned 35 years.

Walter's outside interests included racing cars with the Sports Car Club of America, rebuilding muscle cars and classic British motorcycles, attending Shakespeare plays, and supporting foundations for scholarships to New Mexico Highlands University and the University of New Mexico.

Charlotte died in 2010. Walter met Judith Kilpatrick, who became his partner for the remainder of his life. He is survived by his son Chris, daughter-in-law Rebecca, three grandchildren, and Judith. The class extends its condolences to all.



**Alexander C. Sutherland II '62**

Alec died Jan. 26, 2023, in Rochester, N.Y., of complications from Parkinson's disease. His family was present at his death. While Alec came

to us from Phillips Academy, he was born in the Philippines (son of an Army brigadier general), in 1938. After teaching English to adults in Paraguay, he started Princeton in 1956 with the Class of 1960, graduating in 1962.



He majored in English and dined at Key and Seal. He was in ROTC, Whig-Clio, and the Outing Club. Senior-year roommates were Richard Bowen, Richard Abbitt, and James Todd. Alec and Bob Wadsworth wrote *The Ivy League Guide to Women's Colleges*. As an officer he spent three years in the North American Aerospace Defense Command.

Alec was a consummate student/scholar. His Princeton career spanned six years and his NYU one 12 years. He became an English professor at Nazareth College in Rochester (1973-1998). Afterward he taught in Kosovo. As Nazareth College's first Fulbright coordinator, he helped make it one of the top producers of Fulbright student ambassadors.

Alec's wife Barbara Drysdale died in 1985. In 1998, Alec married Mindy Ward, who survives him. The class extends its sympathies to the family.

#### THE CLASS OF 1963



##### Lyn I. Goldberg '63

Dinny died Feb. 9, 2023, at his home in Savannah, Ga., after what his family described as a brief but severe illness.

Dinny came to us from the Latin School of Chicago, where he was active on the student court, the school yearbook, and the literary magazine, as well as a member of the basketball and tennis teams. At Princeton, he majored in politics, was in the Special Program in American Civilization, and wrote his thesis on the roles of John Peter Altgeld and Adlai Stevenson 1922 in Illinois reform politics. He took his meals at Elm Club and was active on the *Tiger* magazine, the Pre-Law Society, Whig-Clio, and the Parachute Club.

Dinny earned a law degree from the University of Chicago Law School in 1966 and then entered private practice, focusing on immigration law and then personal-injury law. He spent most of his 40-year career in San Diego, then moved to Charleston so he and wife Adrienne could, he said, be closer to her family and enjoy "the relaxed lifestyle and the friendly people." A few years later, with Dinny fully retired, they moved to Savannah.

Dinny's entry in our 50th-reunion yearbook offered this reflection: "Having been a trial lawyer my entire career and always under the pressure of preparing for a trial or being in trial, the concept of retirement was such a welcome relief for me. It has allowed me to do those things I seldom had time for, especially pro bono work, whether representing Marines charged with war crimes in Iraq or tenants unjustly sued by their landlord. And, of course, it allowed more time to pursue hobbies; collecting wine, cooking, and sports activities — playing golf, working out, fishing, and hiking."

Dinny's survivors include wife Adrienne, sons Ryan and Darren, and two grandchildren.



##### Arlyn H. Lichthardt '63

Arlyn, a superb athlete with an engaging and boundless appetite for life, died March 13, 2023, in a hospital near his home in northern France following complications from a broken hip.

Arlyn came to Princeton from Breck School outside of Minneapolis, where he was class president for three out of his four years, graduated *cum laude*, and was captain of the football and wrestling teams. At Princeton, he majored in English, played on the freshman and varsity football, wrestling, and lacrosse teams, and took his meals at Cannon Club.

Life after Princeton was varied and adventurous. Arlyn took advanced studies in English at the University of Hawaii and taught English at the Punahou School in Oahu for six years. He and Kay, his first wife, had three children: Leilani, Heidi, and Kurt. He became an avid surfer and snorkeler.

Returning to the mainland in 1971, the family settled in Allentown, Pa., where Arlyn worked as a stockbroker and coached his son's sports teams. Arlyn and Kay ultimately divorced.

Arlyn met Pamela Hill, his second wife, at a Princeton reunion. They were married in the Princeton Chapel and lived in Perkasio, Pa., until the mid-'90s when they divorced and Arlyn relocated to Albuquerque, N.M., to care for his aging mother. While there, he met Sophie Noel at a country music event in Santa Fe. They married a couple of years later.

Arlyn and Sophie moved to the Ardennes region of France in the fall of 2004 to care for Sophie's mother. They decided to stay, living in a chalet outside the town of Gespunsart. They had an extensive garden and spent time hiking, cooking, and entertaining.

Arlyn is survived by Sophie, daughters Leilani Souders and Heidi Feigles, son Kurt, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



##### Frederick L. Meisel '63

Fred died at home Jan 14, 2023, of cancer. He was an eminent child psychiatrist who practiced and taught in the Boston area for more than 50 years.

Fred came to Princeton from H. Frank Carey High School in Franklin Square, N.Y., where he was class vice president and salutatorian, a member of the National Honor Society, and played on the varsity basketball, soccer, tennis, and lacrosse teams. At Princeton, he majored in English, writing his thesis on "The Dramatic Form of Eugene O'Neill," and took his meals at Tiger Inn. He started the Princeton Nighty Agency, a student enterprise that sold Princeton-branded pajamas and nightgowns — and that also allowed him a car on campus.

Fred earned a medical degree from Albert

Einstein College of Medicine in New York in 1968. He completed his residency in adult, adolescent, and child psychiatry at Harvard Medical School/Massachusetts Mental Health Center, serving as chief resident. He taught in the psychiatry departments of Boston's Children's Hospital, Beth Israel Hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Harvard Medical School. He was a teacher, supervisor, and mentor at the Boston Psychoanalytic Institute, where he was a child and adolescent supervising analyst and served as co-chair of the child program.

For our 50th-reunion yearbook, Fred offered this reflection: "I still work full time in private practice and teach and write, resolving to cut back but unable to do so. I ski, bike, do woodwork, cook, play jazz, and enjoy my family, but I still like to treat patients, perhaps more than ever. We spend August in Martha's Vineyard, swimming, reading, and living in natural beauty and get to New York as much as we can. All in all, life is good."

Fred is survived by his wife, Lili; children Zachary, Joshua, and Deb; and four grandchildren.

#### THE CLASS OF 1964



##### William L. Grenoble IV '64

Skip died May 22, 2022, in State College, Pa. He was raised in nearby Lock Haven, where he attended high school, played basketball, participated in band and chorus, and was student council president senior year.

At Princeton, Skip majored in psychology and ate at Cannon. When not in the classroom, he enjoyed playing bridge at Cannon and in the Rockefeller Suite. After graduation, Skip entered Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I. Upon commissioning, he served a tour on the USS *Basilone* in Vietnam and one in Greece, rising to the rank of lieutenant.

After earning an MBA from Columbia in 1971, Skip joined McKesson, serving in leadership positions with the company and various subsidiaries. After two decades there, he returned to graduate school, earning a Ph.D. in business from Penn State in 1994 and then taking on leadership positions with the University's Center for Supply Chain Research. Throughout his time at Penn State, he authored numerous articles about business logistics and garnered a multitude of awards for his research efforts.

His wife, Prudence, fittingly described him as one with an insatiable sense of humor.

Skip is survived by Prudence, their three children, and six grandchildren. His burial will be in Arlington Cemetery. The class extends its deepest sympathy to all.

##### Douglas A. Grier '64

After a long illness, Doug passed away in Tyrone, Pa., Feb. 15, 2023. He attended The Hill



School, where he was chairman of the school newspaper and a member of the Cum Laude Society.

Doug followed his father Thomas 1926 and brother Bruce '58 to Princeton, where he majored in history and was a member of Tower. He subsequently received master's and doctoral degrees in history from the University of Michigan.

After his father's death in 1967, Doug succeeded him as head of the Grier School for Girls, a private school in Tyrone operated under the direction of the Grier family since 1856. Doug was a trailblazer in the field of international admissions and transformed the school to create a diverse student body drawn from more than 30 countries. With the indispensable help of his wife, Harriet, he led growth of the school's campus to include up-to-date facilities for visual arts, dance, and the performing arts. At 53 years, Doug set a national record for longevity as head of a private girls or boys boarding school in the United States. He retired in 2020 as director and head of school.

Doug is survived by his wife of 54 years, Harriet; sons Geoffrey and Andrew; three grandchildren; sister Finlay; and brother Gordon. He will be sorely missed by his family and close friends.



**James P. Whitlock Jr. '64**

Jim died at his home in San Francisco Feb. 16, 2023. To the extent he allowed anything to be known about his personal life, he was recognized for his studies of dioxin, the toxic chemical in Agent Orange. He preferred to be known only for his funny and gentle personality.

Jim was born and grew up in New Jersey and attended the Pingry School to prepare for Princeton, where he played soccer, which he continued to do into his 50s. He majored in physics. On Saturday nights he joined The Team at Charter Club and sang songs that were louder and dirtier than he could normally tolerate.

Jim earned a medical degree at Temple University and completed a pediatric residency at Columbia Presbyterian. After a few years as a senior staff fellow at the National Institutes of Health, he taught pharmacology at Stanford Medical School and became chairman of the molecular pharmacology department. He retired as professor emeritus

Jim was married for 25 years to Lynn Pulliam, herself a professor and neurovirologist.

He had two children and two stepchildren. He loved and marveled at them. In retirement, he became a San Francisco observer and photographer, creating a magnificent calendar annually with photos of flowers, birds, bugs, and anything else that had a claim to be a pollinator.

**THE CLASS OF 1965**



**Donald Avery '65**

Don died Sept. 18, 2022, in Redmond, Wash., following a long illness.

A native of Elmhurst, Ill., Don graduated as salutatorian at York Community High School, where he played trombone in the band. At Princeton, he majored in economics with a concentration in Russian studies and played in marching, concert, and jazz bands and the Triangle orchestra. Don took his meals at Terrace Club and graduated *magna cum laude* before heading to Harvard Law School.

Don pursued his lifelong love of trains working at Amtrak and as a longtime partner at DC law firm Slover & Loftus. He continued playing trombone and enjoyed singing in several choirs, tinkering with computers, and recording video of his travels around the globe. He enjoyed a 30-year unbroken streak of daily jogging/walking with his late wife, Rosemary (Vassar '67), and successfully completed several marathons.

Don will be remembered for his caring nature and willingness to help fellow students, mentor younger attorneys, and serve his church and community. We will miss his amazing intellect and sharp sense of humor (including many atrocious puns).

Don is survived by three sons Bill '98 s'98, James, and John, and four grandchildren. The class extends its deepest sympathy to them all.

**THE CLASS OF 1968**



**Jeffrey A. Bourne '68**

Jeff died March 17, 2023, in San Francisco of complications associated with chemotherapy treatment for cancer.

Jeff came to campus from W.C. Mepham High School in Bellmore, N.Y., where he was captain of the basketball and tennis teams and sports editor of the school newspaper. At Princeton, he was active in the Orange Key Society, freshman basketball, and the Pre-Med Society and volunteered at Trenton State Hospital, while majoring in biology. He ate at Cottage Club and lived at 504 1903 with Gerry Lyman his senior year.

After graduation, Jeff earned a medical degree from St. Louis University and, later in life, an MPA from the University of San Francisco. He spent much of his career as a private pediatrician in San Francisco, New York City, and New Jersey while squeezing in stints as a medical director at three institutions, chief of pediatrics at a New York hospital, and chief executive of a health-care organization. Up to his death, he was still practicing in San Francisco. In his rare spare time, he was active in humanitarian medical missions, liberal causes, reading, travel, and woodworking. He was also a prodigious contributor to class and

University alumni affairs, having been our chairman for a number of years.

Jeff was predeceased by his wife of 28 years, Mickey. The class extends its deepest sympathies to his partner, Paty; his children, Sari and her husband Matt, Josh, and Danny; grandchildren Mackenzie and Maya; and his sister, Rabbi Mikki Bourne and her husband Dave.



**Roger A. Young '68**

Roger died Feb. 26, 2023, in Steamboat Springs, Colo., from congestive heart failure.

Roger came to campus from St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H., where he participated in student government, football, and crew. At Princeton, he was active in the Campus Fund Drive and the Press Box Agency. Roger majored in religion and graduated *magna cum laude*. He ate at Colonial Club and roomed with John Kilborn and John Richardson in 226 1903 his senior year. His graduation followed those of his grandfather, Stuart A. Young 1902; and his father, Robert Young '42.

Roger's professional life was marked by three decades of service to Bay State Gas Co. in Massachusetts, where he ultimately ascended to the positions of president and CEO. Upon retiring early in 2000, he attended Yale Divinity School for a year "just to learn" and then moved to Steamboat Springs, where he lived the good life by golfing, skiing, and fly-fishing. He summited Colorado's Quandary Peak, a storied "fourteener," in celebration of his 70th birthday. He also became an active congregant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, serving as a vestry member and senior warden.

The class extends its deepest sympathies to his wife, Linda; children Cate and Geoffrey; his three grandchildren; and his brother Bob.

**THE CLASS OF 1969**



**Douglas J. Brown '69**

Doug, our classmate during freshman and sophomore years, died Oct. 2, 2022, in Wayne, Pa.

As a freshman, Doug was active in the UGC with a group of Brown Hall friends. They remember him for his not always quiet joy, his enthusiasm for meeting and making new friends, and his excitement at meeting new challenges and going new places. He was class secretary in our sophomore year, and he joined Cottage Club following sophomore bicker.

The late 1960s were a time of reflection for all of us. Doug left Princeton at the end of sophomore year and spent a year living and working in Hawaii. Returning to the mainland, he enrolled at the University of Washington and earned a degree in Romance languages and literature.

Doug had a long and successful career as an



executive in the aviation and travel business. He traveled the world and was known as a raconteur, gracious host, Francophile, student of history, voracious reader, crack tennis player, swimming enthusiast, and accomplished chef.

Doug is survived by his wife of 51 years, Jackie; and theirs was a true love story. They fell in love at first sight and were engaged within 24 hours of their first meeting. Doug is also survived by son Andrew and his wife Debbie, granddaughters Tatum and Reece, and his sister Bonney Thom and her husband Douglas. The class joins his extended family in mourning the passing of this marvelous human being.



**Russell C. Hubenet '69**

**\*70** Russ died Nov. 15, 2022, in Florence, Ala., following a fall in his bedroom at home.

Russ spent his early years in Brazil, where his father supervised the construction of the first factory in South America to make pharmaceutical glass. Returning to the United States, he graduated from high school in Florida. At Princeton, Russ majored in aeronautical engineering, joined Dial Lodge, and was active in the Outing Club, the Engineering Council, and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. His friends remember him as kind and sensitive to the needs of others, and for his quiet but quick sense of humor.

Shortly after graduation Russ married Karen Andersen, a Princeton resident who was his girlfriend throughout college, and they had many happy years together. Russ served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War, then worked briefly for Boeing. He and Karen moved to Brazil, where Russ worked with his father at Wheaton Glass, eventually replacing him.

His work in the container industry eventually took them to Lisbon, then to Douglasville, Ga., where the Hubenets became great friends with Tim and Debbie O'Donnell. Karen died suddenly in early 2017, and Russ never fully recovered from her loss. When the O'Donnells moved to Florence, they convinced Russ to join them there.

Russ loved Princeton, and he left his entire estate to fund scholarships for women and students of color in STEM subjects. The Class of 1969 offers its sincere condolences to Russ' sister, Kathy; his half-siblings Jackie and Benny; and the O'Donnell family.



**Richard E. Katilavas '69**

Ric died Oct. 23, 2022, after a brief hospital stay and short-term rehabilitation. He was 78 and lived in Crest Hill, Ill.

Following graduation from Morgan Park High School in Chicago, Ric entered Princeton in 1962 with the Class of 1966. He participated in fencing, football, and

track and joined Elm Club. About the time that the Class of 1969 entered Princeton, Ric took a leave of absence and returned to Chicago. He took classes at the University of Illinois Chicago Circle, was certified as a medical technician, and worked at Holy Cross Hospital.

Ric reentered Princeton as a member of our class, changing his major from English to biochemistry. During his remaining time at the University, he ate independently and worked part time as a medical technologist.

After Princeton, Ric worked for Warner-Lambert, Ciba-Geigy, and then Hoffmann-La Roche doing regulatory compliance in product-information documentation. Concurrently, he did graduate work at Rutgers in chemical engineering with a biochemical option.

Always fond of running, Ric completed 12 marathons and two ultra-marathons before being seriously injured by a drunk driver. He returned to Chicago, where he worked for the Epilepsy Foundation of Chicago. Most recently, he was a substitute teacher for the Joliet and Lockport high school districts.

Ric is survived by his sisters, Sharon Medek and Lin Oliver; their families; and his longtime friend Alice Sunke. The class extends to all of them its heartfelt sympathy.



**Nielsen V. Lewis '69**

Niel died peacefully at Penn Medicine Princeton Medical Center Jan. 18, 2023, with his family at his side.

Nine months after Niel was born his father died, and he was raised by his mother in Hanover, N.H. There he developed a deep love of nature. When his mother died in 1964, Niel was welcomed into the family of Margaret and Warren Schumacher, thereby acquiring a new sister and two new brothers. He remained close to the Schumacher family for the rest of his life.

After graduating from Phillips Exeter, Niel came to Princeton, where he majored in American history. His thesis on "Political Consequences of Urban Race Riots" foretold a lifelong interest in race relations. His later comments on that topic in our various reunion yearbooks speak eloquently of his thoughts and concerns.

Niel attended Michigan Law School and, following his naturalist leanings, devoted his practice to environmental law. Over many years, he was a prolific writer and speaker on environmental law and insurance coverage issues. After decades in private practice, he closed out his environmental law career in public service, joining the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General in 2011. He retired just weeks before his death.

Niel was a wonderful guy whose life was characterized by kindness, humility, and pursuit of justice. He was a devoted Princetonian who was a frequent attendee at '69's events.

Niel is survived by his wife of 34 years, Marcy;

son Andrew '12, of whom he was enormously proud; and his Schumacher siblings, Richard, Barbara, and Roger. Like them, we will miss this gentle and unassuming man.

**THE CLASS OF 1973**

**Michael J. Porvaznik '73**

Michael died Aug. 26, 2022. He was born July 22, 1951, in Ohio and attended Valley Forge High School in Parma Heights, where he was active in the Chess Club and the Honor Society. At Princeton, he roomed freshman year with Edward Geibel, Geoffrey Koziol, and Donald Ladig. He was active with the Aquinas Institute.

Michael continued his studies at Ohio Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens, Ohio, from which he graduated with honors in 1983. He received the Osteopathic Heritage Award, which is given to one student in each graduating class for demonstrating outstanding skill. He became a physiatrist who helped patients with physical disabilities and served on the board of directors of the Osteopathic Cranial Academy. From 1984 to 1989, he was assistant professor of family medicine at the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in California. He then moved to Virginia, where he practiced medicine in the Greater Washington Metropolitan area.

The class extends its sympathy to Michael's wife, Christine, and their two children.

**THE CLASS OF 1974**



**Barbara Turrell '74**

Barbara died of cancer Aug. 16, 2021, in Glendale, Calif.

She was educated at the Marlborough School of Los Angeles. In 1971, Barbara

represented the United States at the International Debutantes Ball at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. Barbara majored in English and French, specializing in 17th century English and French comedy of manners, and earned her A.B. in three years. She was active in Charter and Whig-Clio. And also enjoyed touring campus in her British-made Austin Vanden Plas Princess.

Barbara earned a graduate certificate in social anthropology from Cambridge University in 1976. She returned to Glendale to join the family business, Turrell & Turrell, Den of Antiquities as a dealer in fine quality antiques and collectibles. One of Barbara's more noteworthy collections of Native American objects and artifacts now resides in the permanent collections of the British Museum.

Barbara also pursued an interest in acting by signing with an actor's talent agent and appearing in commercials for Toyota and Sears. Barbara became an ardent supporter of cat welfare and rescue organizations in her later years.

Barbara never married and is survived by her two cousins, Jon in California and Irina in St. Petersburg, Russia.

**THE CLASS OF 1982**

**Nicolas A. Clifford '82**

Nick spread warmth, wit, and stimulating conversation everywhere a train or a bicycle could take him. During college, he worked for Amtrak in the summers, and he regularly stopped by the Dinky station on his way to class from Princeton Inn College to check for new train schedules, which he memorized immediately and in full.

An iconoclast possessed of both intellect and humor, Nick had an exuberance about food, wine, travel, politics, and art in its many forms. He made friends wherever he went, and he went everywhere.

Nick grew up in Greenwich Village and England, majored in economics, and studied in Paris during college; he then earned an MBA at Wharton, specializing in transportation management. By 1986, he was living in Paris full time, where he co-founded the Blue Marble Travel company, offering bicycle tours throughout Europe. Nick and his family traveled extensively, taking advantage of breaks in their bicycling schedule for transcontinental train journeys and to do whatever was necessary to get to his polling place in time to vote.

Nick died Nov. 25, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Laura Malone; and their daughters Mathilde and Elise. He was predeceased by his father, William Carl Clifford '48; and his brother Ben Clifford '88.



**Douglas W. Miller '82**

The Class of 1982 mourns the loss of Doug, who died Jan. 16, 2021, of complications from Huntington's chorea.

Classmates remembered Doug at our 40th reunion as a good man, fun-loving, and devoted to family, friends, and community. He came to Princeton from Berwyn, Pa. He majored in economics, was a member of Cottage Club, played football for two years, and devoted time off-campus to a local chapter of Big Brothers of America.

After college Doug lived in Connecticut and Pennsylvania, earning an MBA at the Wharton School of Business. He also played softball with the Princeton Club of Philadelphia in those years. After graduate school he worked in real-estate development and later moved to New York City.

Doug is survived by his daughter, Sarah; and three siblings. The closing words of Doug's remembrance at the 40th reunion were "We miss you, Doug. Goodbye old friend."

**THE CLASS OF 1985**

**Michael Joseph Barta '85**

With great sadness, we report that our friend and classmate, Michael, died at home March 31, 2021. Michael came to Princeton from Radford, Va., where he played football, basketball, and

ran track in high school. He is remembered by roommates as a keen basketball fan who avidly followed the Duke Blue Devils and continued to play himself, deep into adulthood. Michael was a member of the Aquinas Institute and Tiger Inn. He is fondly remembered for his entertaining storytelling, his broad smile and ready wit. Friends recall his generosity of spirit.

Michael majored in politics, graduating *summa cum laude*, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He graduated with distinction, *cum laude*, from Harvard Law School.

After graduation he clerked for Judge Jerome Ferris of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, followed by a period with Miller, Cassidy Larroca & Lewin, where he was the youngest attorney ever to be elected as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He chaired the white-collar crime and corporate investigations groups at Baker Botts before moving to Dechert. While living in Washington, he taught trial advocacy at the Georgetown University Law Center.

Clients included the estate of Richard Nixon, the Republic of Venezuela, Samsung, NASCAR, Tomás Berdych, and Halliburton. Michael was perhaps proudest of a case he argued just out of law school, when he won a new trial and overturned a death sentence for an Oklahoma man on death row for the Geronimo Bank murders.

Michael loved the Shenandoah Valley and spent happy times with friends and family at his farm in Edinburg, Va. He had recently retired to the mountains of North Carolina to be near his children, Jack and Katie. The class sends sincerest condolences to both, to Michael's parents, and to his siblings, Mark, Amy, and Laura '91.



**Kevin B. McCabe '85**

Kevin died Sept. 3, 2022, in Sacramento, Calif., after a battle with leukemia. He was 59.

He came to us from John Muir High School in Pasadena, Calif., as a standout student-athlete. At Princeton, Kevin majored in political science, was a member of Dial Lodge, and played football from freshman through senior year, earning varsity letters.

Kevin, with his beaming smile and friendly demeanor, was loved by his Princeton teammates and friends. He introduced California-inspired products to classmates, including the quesadilla, West Coast music, and unusual weightlifting equipment. He was a dedicated and reliable teammate, successfully balancing the demands of school and sports.

Kevin was a very smart football player, making his teammates better. Fittingly, he had an exceptional professional career in the NFL, where he spent eight seasons as a talent scout with the St. Louis Rams (1994-2001), helping

the club win Super Bowl XXXIV (earning a Super Bowl ring accordingly), and advance to Super Bowl XXXVI. He then joined the Minnesota Vikings, helping identify talent that would lead that franchise to division titles five times from 2002 through the present. "Kind and gentle" were the common descriptors by all levels of the Viking organization as they eulogized him.

Kevin is survived by his wife, Anne; daughter Katherine; sons Torin and Keenan; and sisters Lisa and Karen. The class sends deepest condolences.

**THE CLASS OF 1987**



**Luis A. Torres Jr. '87**

Luis died March 30, 2023, of complications from a rare cancer caused by his frequent presence escorting dignitaries to Ground Zero after 9/11.

Proud of his hometown, Brooklyn, and Puerto Rican heritage, Luis spent his youth in church activities and assisting the developmentally disabled. There, he met the love of his life, Barbara.

At Princeton, Luis majored in psychology and the theater and dance program. He joined Tower and managed the Pinball Agency. After earning a law degree at NYU, he served in the NYC government and later worked in government affairs.

An abuse survivor, Luis promoted healing by co-founding Spirit Fire, a Christian Restorative Justice Initiative. He served 20 years on the Diocese of Brooklyn's Independent Review Board. Luis was one of two survivors to address the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2018. Many survivors and families lead better lives because of him.

We remember Luis for boundless generosity, love, and laughter. He helped everyone he could and brought smiles to people's faces. He gave anyone the shirt off his back — likely a Life is Good T-shirt. He loved to share his boundless enthusiasm.

The class sends condolences to Barbara; daughters Ally, Becca, and Juli; and siblings David and Carmen '91.

**THE CLASS OF 1991**



**Frederic A. Sporer '91**

Fred died Feb. 27, 2023, in Morristown, N.J., of a glioblastoma diagnosed only a few days prior.

Born in Morristown, he was raised there and in Athens and London. He graduated from Kent School in 1986 and spent a year rowing at Shrewsbury School in the U.K. before joining our class. At Princeton, he was a history major, rowed heavyweight crew, and was a member of Ivy.

After college, Fred worked at Credit Suisse



First Boston in New York, where he met his wife, Sang. He earned an MBA at the University of Texas at Austin in 1995 and joined MetLife in Glen Ellyn, Ill., relocating to Hong Kong and finally settling in Morristown in 2003. At the time of his death, Fred was a director in the private securities unit of MetLife.

Fred was curious and well-read in history and politics and had a deep appreciation for New Jersey and Texas culture. He loved to travel and sample foreign cuisine and was equally happy at home working on his many house and yard projects, learning how to recreate dishes eaten while traveling, and especially spending time with his family. He remained very close to his Princeton friends throughout his life, and they cherished him because he was funny, considerate, and always unabashedly himself.

Fred is survived by Sang and their sons Max '21 and Tommy, as well as two sisters and their families. The Class of 1991 joins them in mourning Fred's passing.

## GRADUATE ALUMNI

### Jesse Bier \*56

At age 97, Jesse died in Missoula, Mont., on Jan. 20, 2023.

He was born July 18, 1925, in Hoboken, N.J. After serving in World War II, Jesse earned a B.A. at Bucknell. He obtained a Ph.D. in English from Princeton in 1956.

After briefly teaching at the University of Colorado, in 1955 Jesse became professor of English at the University of Montana, where he taught for 35 years. Visiting appointments included Bucknell and San Diego State, Lausanne University in Switzerland, and the Sorbonne, Clermont-Ferrand, and Lyon universities in France.

Jesse taught English, Canadian, and American literature, American humor, creative writing, poetry, fiction, and film. His literary and critical essays on topics ranging from satire to science fiction appeared in a variety of scholarly and popular publications.

Author of 13 fiction and nonfiction books including a history of American humor, thrillers, children's books, and poetry, Jesse was an honorary member of the Mark Twain Society and won the Alan Ginsberg Poetry Award.

Jesse said the dumbest thing he ever did was not marrying his wife at once. The smartest thing he ever did was to live in Montana.

Predeceased by his wife Laure, Jesse is survived by children Ethan, Leslie, and Lillian, and six grandchildren.

### Dwight S. Brothers \*57

Dwight died Jan. 5, 2023, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Born May 3, 1929, in Sterling, Kan., Dwight graduated from Colorado College in 1950 and was a Fulbright scholar in Bristol, England. In 1957, Dwight earned a Ph.D. in economics

from Princeton.

Dwight's academic career began at Rice University, where he became chair of the economics department. After Rice, Dwight moved to Harvard, assuming posts in the economics department, the Development Advisory Service, and the business school. Dwight's field was monetary policy in developing nations. An expert on Mexican economic development, he mentored a group of Mexican economists and helped to advance their careers. He also served on the faculties of Yale and Colorado College.

Dwight had a second career, putting his academic interests into practice in several countries. He served as a primary adviser to the ministers of finance of Kenya and Botswana.

Dwight and his father, Irving, established the Brothers Ranch in Brazoria County, Texas. Dwight operated the cattle ranch for decades until it was sold to the Trust for Public Lands and incorporated into the San Bernard Wildlife Refuge.

Predeceased by his wife, Sue, Dwight is survived by three children, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

### Paul Edward Condon \*63

At the age of 90 and 17 days, Paul died in Lafayette, Colo., Jan. 4, 2023.

Paul was born Dec. 18, 1932, in Princeton, where his father, Edward Uhler Condon, was a professor of physics at the University. Paul earned his A.B. at Harvard in 1955 and his Ph.D. in physics at Princeton in 1963. Val Fitch was his dissertation adviser.

After completing his Ph.D., Paul did a postdoc at the University of Maryland, and then assumed a professorship at the University of California, Irvine, where he taught and did research until the late 1970s. At that time he transitioned to nonacademic work at various Silicon Valley companies and did military consulting. Later he used his knowledge of computers and programming to help a prime mortgage insurance company develop early neural network models to try to alleviate racial and socioeconomic discrimination in decision-making. He also used his programming skills to help build models for better understanding of environmental and ecological biodiversity.

Predeceased by his wife, Carol, Paul is survived by daughters Katherine, Francesca, and Rachel, and two granddaughters.

### Effiong Etukudo Ibok \*81

Effiong died Jan. 5, 2023, in Sunnyvale, Calif., at age 70.

Born Nov. 4, 1952, in Ikot Enea, Nigeria, Effiong immigrated to the United States after secondary school. He attended the University of Tulsa for his undergraduate studies, majoring in petroleum engineering, and earned a Ph.D. in chemical engineering at Princeton

in 1981.

Effiong spearheaded advancements in early computer development by focusing on the design and manufacture of computer chips. He was the author or co-author of more than 60 patents. For his contributions to the success of Advanced Micro Devices, Effiong was awarded the Prolific Inventor Award in 2002. In December 2011, Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan conferred on Effiong the country's highest academic award, the National Nigerian Award of Merit.

A proud Nigerian, Effiong was deeply enamored with Ibibio culture and traveled to attend cultural events such as the Mbopo (Coming of Age), Mkpato Ekpo, and Ekpo Itok Eyin events. An active member of Christian organizations, he was deeply familiar with scripture. Effiong authored several books, his most notable being *I Am Job*, published in 2010.

He is survived by his children, Ediomobasi '05, Imeabasi, Ememabasi, and Affiong GS; and his siblings, Mike, Bassey, and Blessing.

### Hilary Tann \*81

Composer and professor of music Hilary died Feb. 8, 2023, in Schuylerville, N.Y.

Born Nov. 11, 1947, in a coal-mining village in South Wales, Hilary received her undergraduate degree in musical composition from the University of Wales at Cardiff and earned a Ph.D. from Princeton in 1981. She joined the faculty of Union College in 1980, bringing a compositional bent to a department she chaired for 15 years. She retired in 2019 as the John Howard Payne Professor of Music Emerita.

With 60 CDs to her credit, Hilary's music has been performed worldwide, from Bangkok and Beijing to Cardiff and across the United States. She was commissioned by festivals, ensembles, and artists as varied as the North American Welsh Choir, the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, the North Carolina Symphony, the Empire State Youth Orchestra, and pianist Max Lifchitz.

Inspired by nature and its scenery, Hilary's works include orchestral pieces with titles such as "Adirondack Light," "The Open Field," and "Through the Echoing Timber."

Union credits Hilary for her important role in the creation of the college's Taylor Music Center, a 14,000-square-foot facility that includes a 120-seat recital hall, Emerson Auditorium. It opened in 2006.

Hilary is survived by her husband, David Bullard.

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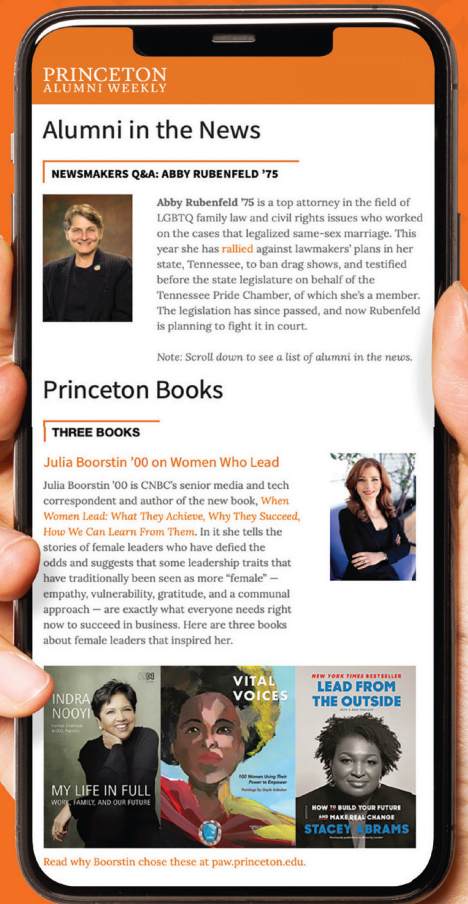
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## As a Magician, He Took Pleasure in Fooling Princetonians

By Elyse Graham '07

John Mulholland billed himself as a conjurer for intellectuals. He seemed to like Princetonians best. He was perhaps the most popular visitor to campus during the 1930s, giving at least 23 local performances between 1928 and 1940 — including appearances at the University, the Nassau Club (known as a haunt for faculty and alumni), and Princeton township. He also made appearances at the Princeton Club in New York City.

The 1930s were the last and brightest decade of the golden age of stage magic. Magicians appeared daily in city theaters — and in pulp magazines, almost as often as detectives did. The era's scientific temperament seemed to take pleasure in spectacular displays of intellection.

"I find it far simpler to fool an audience of Princeton undergraduates than a kindergarten class," Mulholland told *The Daily Princetonian* in 1932, "and it is even easier to mystify a group of your professors." The reason, he said, is

that magic tricks don't rely on the hand being quicker than the eye. They rely on the mind being quicker than itself. His audience would dismiss any motion he made during a trick, as long as they could explain its purpose. (He later quoted the humorist Josh Billings on this point: "It ain't so much ignorance that ails mankind as it is knowing so much that ain't so.")

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Mulholland's association with Princeton helped him to establish his brand as "the Dean of Magicians." The son of a teacher, he tended to frame performances as lectures with special effects. (Topics included "Magic of the World," "Certain Ocular Illusions," "Superstition and School," and "The Science of Soothsaying.") His performance costume was "almost professorial," a biographer wrote: "He favored a dignified bow and three-piece suit, with the chain and fob of his pocket watch displayed across the vest." He often carried a deck of playing cards that displayed the logo of the Princeton Club.

Following the example of his mentor, the famous illusionist Harry

Houdini, he put his unlikely skills in the nation's service. Houdini hired him as a teenager to help write a series of lectures exposing psychics as frauds who cheated Americans out of millions of dollars a year. Mulholland wrote books on similar subjects and advised fraud investigators. In 1946, he wrote in a questionnaire for his alma mater, Horace Mann School, that he'd been assisting government and law-enforcement agencies for three decades.

During World War II, Mulholland gave anti-Nazi lectures with titles like "Unmasking Propaganda Through Magic." ("The laws of psychological deception are universally applicable," he said. "We Americans must build strong resistance to falsehood.") He also published a pocket book of magic tricks for U.S. troops.

After the war, the CIA hired Mulholland as its in-house magician. Not to entertain; to teach. They believed that close-up magic and sleight of hand could help agents to steal items, exchange secret messages, or slip poison pills into drinks. He worked as a consultant for the CIA for years, writing two manuals for the spy agency that give deft advice about psychology and deception. Some examples of that advice: A man doing sleight of hand can make any movement he likes, as long as witnesses find it explicable. A man who's minding his own business won't draw attention, but a man who's minding other people's business will. If a man must invent someone to blame for his own actions, he should describe a totally average person with one strange detail, like a missing finger. If a woman pretends not to understand something as a way of fishing for information, men won't question it, but women will. Stage magic is 80% psychology, Mulholland liked to say, and spycraft turns out to be much the same.

The war ended the golden age of stage magic. But it did so by redirecting the illusions, not ending them. Mulholland's work for the CIA took him off the university lecture circuit. Not coincidentally, after the war, Princeton became, at least for a while, something of a satellite campus for the CIA. Universities no longer gave priority to showmanship; they gave priority to secrets.

Or, as they say in the business: Now you see it; now you don't. ♦





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