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A STORY RETOLD

Reunited, Catherine Besteman and
Somali Bantu join to build a community

Free speech vs. political correctness

Lisa Arellano turns assumptions upside down

Aaron Hanlon on Trump and (Alexander) Pope

Basketballer Sam Willson goes classical

A photograph of a female softball pitcher, Wiley Holton, in the middle of her wind-up. She is wearing a white t-shirt with 'UMaine' printed on it, black pants, and a black cap. She is holding a yellow softball in her right hand and has her left arm extended forward with a black glove. The background shows a baseball field with a red dirt infield, a black fence, and a large building with a clock tower in the distance under a clear blue sky.

Home Turf

Pitcher Wiley Holton '19 goes into her wind-up as she practices on the infield of the first synthetic turf softball and baseball field complex in NESCAC. Holton notched her first collegiate win as the field was opened for play against University of Maine-Farmington March 30. The new softball and baseball complex was dedicated April 9 with games against Tufts. Holton and her teammates finished at 15-15, the best season since 2009.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

I started the month of May with a visit to Maine Superior Court. The courthouse, a glass and masonry building along the Kennebec River in Augusta, opened last year adjacent to its 1830 predecessor. I was called to the courthouse for jury duty, one of 150 to be questioned and possibly empaneled for upcoming criminal cases. While the setting and focus differed from my daily work on Mayflower Hill, the experience reminded me how closely tied we at Colby are to broader issues in our society.

The judge talked to us about the critical role of jurors and why impartiality was a cornerstone of our justice system. While the building was new and the challenges we would be asked to address would reflect modern social problems, the tenets of the laws we would be interpreting are rooted in the 800-year-old Magna Carta, he told us. We were asked several questions to assess conflicts. I looked around the room. To my imperfect eyes, 148 of the 150 potential jurors were white. So, too, were the judge, the clerks in the courtroom, and the sheriff's deputies. The juries chosen that day were, from what I could tell, completely homogenous with respect to race (I was not among those chosen).

What would it mean for defendants from ethnic and racial minority groups to face those juries? Would the questionnaires we completed reveal biases we might hold with regard to race and identity? Could our legal system, designed for a far less diverse society, be truly impartial?

The fault lines in our judicial and law enforcement systems have been exposed in dramatic and tragic fashion in recent years. The resulting social unrest, the anger and disenfranchisement, the challenges of understanding and acknowledging the antecedents and realities of different experiences in our society, are playing out in our cities, politics, and courts.

That unrest has roiled campuses across the country as well. Our higher education system, like our legal system, is hundreds of years old and built on ancient European

traditions designed for a different time, place, and population. Many colleges, Colby among them, have done an admirable job creating more diverse and dynamic communities. In fact, the Colby Class of 2020 will be the most diverse and academically prepared class to enter the College, with approximately 25 percent of the class identifying as students of color. But are Colby and other colleges doing enough to find and address biases in our systems and practices? Have we challenged ourselves to understand the complexities of how students from varied backgrounds experience our campus culture and programs? Do we know what it takes to create an intense and intentional residential community of scholars where all participants can engage fully, benefit equally from the intellectual and social resources of the campus, and be treated with respect? When things go wrong, as they do in all communities, will our response be just and unbiased?

These questions have guided a series of conversations at Colby this year, and a task force on diversity, equity, and inclusion will report its findings and recommendations next month. We will soon appoint a dean of the College, whose responsibilities will include leading our efforts to create a more inclusive community. We have much work ahead of us, but I am encouraged by Colby's commitment to honest, difficult conversations, even when they are about our own shortcomings.

When I arrived back on campus from my day in court, my wife, Carolyn, and I strolled to the last-day-of-classes barbecue on Dana lawn. The sun was out, a band was playing, and we were surrounded by an amazing group of students, friends, and colleagues who came to Mayflower Hill from down the road and across the globe. It's always good to return home, especially with a little extra inspiration to build on our past and face our challenges with resolve.

David A. Greene



Algo-rythmic

Brendan Leonard '16 performs in "We Don't Have an Algorithm for This," a theater and dance piece created over Jan Plan by students directed by Assistant Professor Annie Kloppenberg. After a preview performance in Strider Theater, the work premiered at Danspace Project at St. Mark's Church in New York City.



Win Win

Olivia Amber '17 (number 13) and Amy Bianco '17 (36) are flanked by assistant coach Callie Douglass, left, and head coach Tracey Cote, right, after Amber earned Colby's first All-American honor for Colby's Nordic ski program at the NCAA Division I Skiing Championships at Steamboat Springs, Colo., in March. Amber, a geology major with a minor in science, technology, and society (and a passion for fieldwork), finished ninth in the 15K mass start, and Bianco, a government major focusing on public health, finished 16th, earning the women's team sixth place in the national 15K team scoring.

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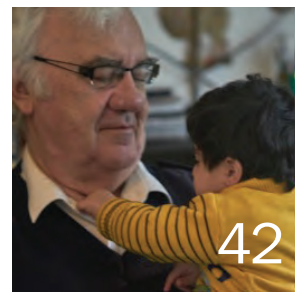
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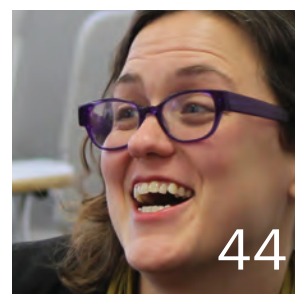
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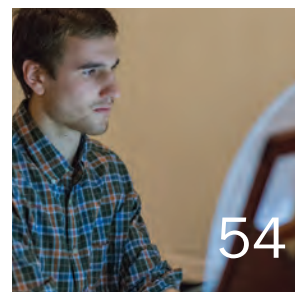
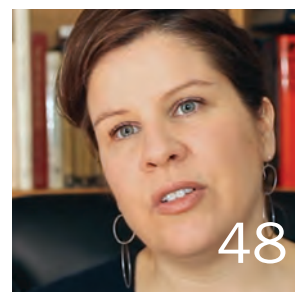
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“I was free
to name
Colby
as a
beneficiary
of my
retirement
account
while still
adequately
providing
for our
children.”

—Nat Chamberlin '03

Prompted to review his beneficiary designations after transferring jobs and rolling over his retirement account, Nat Chamberlin '03 and his wife, Jessica Wysor Chamberlin '03 decided to name Colby as a beneficiary of his retirement account. They have generously provided for Colby in their estate plans.



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On the Cover: Muhidin Libah, an immigrant from
Somalia, and Professor Catherine Besteman
pass a Somali market as they walk down Lisbon
Street in Lewiston.
Story page 24.

(Photo by Heather Perry '93)

Exclusively Online



Video follows Colby students into the world
of Portland, Maine, immigrants.



Coach Eric Barthold '12 shows men how
to redefine “manly.”



Cynia Barnwell '11 writes about her nascent
screenwriting career—and the Colby
mentors helping to make it happen.



In Nepal, Abukar Adan '17 asks who
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FEEDBACK



Kudos, Out of the Blue

Just a line, out of the blue, to congratulate you for the great job you do with the magazine and the website. They are neat, crisp, and inviting. The writing, design, graphics, and photographs are excellent, and they all have a wholesome, feel-good quality that enhances our joy of being part of the Colby community.

Marcelo Castro P'14, '19
Darien, Conn.

I have always enjoyed the *Colby Magazine*. However, I must say that this recent issue is one of the finest ever! Not only are the articles so interesting, but it certainly gives an insight into the great opportunities that Colby students have today.

Christine Henderson Harper '54
Unionville, Ont.

Political Balance

In his condescending letter under FEEDBACK (*Colby Magazine* Fall/Winter 2015/2016) Peter Grabosky '66 refers to a number of honorary degree recipients with conservative credentials over many years. That was indicative of a diversified balance over many years, and not one of

the mentioned honorees—even William F. Buckley, the founder of conservatism on the campus of Yale University—represented (sarcasm noted) an extreme radical agenda on either political persuasion.

David Axelrod followed by Robert Redford, two extremist liberals in a row, represent a serious departure from political balance or diversity.

As is well documented, anyone disagreeing with a liberal-leftist faces an implication of fascist, racist inclinations.

Rush Oster '61
Brandenton, Fla.

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FROM FACEBOOK

Daniel Connolly '92: During a particular class titled The American Presidency, Professor Mackenzie challenged us to review the weekly news items that the current president would face questions on. The assignment was to prepare for the next class as if we were a member of the press, armed with questions to ask the sitting president.

We all figured we would have to hand them in or simply offer them up for a classroom discussion. We were wrong. At the next class Cal Mackenzie stood before us and assumed the role of the POTUS in an actual presser. The formality with which he comported himself let all of us know this was not a casual drill. We all had to compete to ask our questions on the major issues of the day such as Operation Desert Storm, the fracturing of the Soviet Union and the recent Rodney King beating. He took question after question offering cogent answers without

hesitation or evasion—looking every bit presidential.

Then he got hit a moon ball when he was asked about his general thoughts on the Confederate flag. There was no good answer and no ledge to get a solid grasp on. It was a priceless moment where he blinked—and blinked again—and we all thought he might break character. And then, almost like the pause was for affect, he delivered a precise and balanced answer that offended nobody but also gave neither side victory. It was a perfect politician's answer and he nailed the entire role play—offering us all the benefit of seeing how the pros do it.

Professor Mackenzie, how about show us how the pros do it again? Role play your way for U.S. President this year and bail us all out? #Cal2016



On George Mitchell's Mitchell Lecture

Maura Cassidy '84: "If ever there were a trip back to Waterville warranted, this would be it."

On Boston Globe story about Colby's involvement in downtown revitalization

Stephen Cary: "Great article & even better news. Looks like President Greene has a working plan. The trick will be not only creating spaces students want to linger longer than a pizza and beer, but creating new gigs that make students stay & turn diplomas into jobs."

Bruce Edson McLean '69: "So proud of Colby."



On Morning Sentinel story about downtown revitalization

Christine Collopy Kendall '02: "I am so proud to be a Colby alum when I hear about this work. Creating a vibrant Waterville community is in everyone's interest."

Ligia Campana '77: "I applaud you President Greene! A town needs to be as vibrant as the college located in it."

On the #ColbyJanPlan 2016 Video

Maddy Renzetti '14: "Religious Responses to Harry Potter with Marilyn R. Pukkila was hands down the best Jan Plan class that I took. Who could turn down a month of reading my favorite book series, discussing world religions, and consuming copious amounts of hot fudge?"

Alan Yuodsnukis '91: "Independent study with Prof. Phyllis Rogers on Anglo-American Indian History of the Southwest. I'm really quite sad that both of my daughters went to schools that didn't offer a January term."

Liz Johnson-Suenaga '76: "Bookbinding, Drawing, and a month spent at the Sabbathday Lake Shaker community."

On crickets being the food of the future (Coalo Valley Farms: cricket farm founded by Elliot Mermet '12, Peter Markoe '13, Lucas Haralson '14, and Sophie Hamblett '14)

Dennis Delehanty '74: "Not me. I would rather starve."

Christian Melby '81: "I'm never, ever eating crickets."

Mary Gauvin: "Cricket protein bars taste like any other protein bar."

On the video of sledding on chapel hill

Alan Yuodsnukis '91: "Who put the pads in front of the light poles? Took away half the thrill/danger element. Mules of a certain age must have been made of sterner stuff. ;-)"



Jonathan Weiss, NEH/Class of 1940 Distinguished Professor of French, emeritus, and his wife, Dace, assistant professor of French, emerita, photographed in New York City for the website Humans of New York, April 3, 2016, and shared on Facebook.

Ryan Brandt '16: "I studied abroad with them my freshman year of college! Some of the nicest and most patient people you'll ever meet."

Polly Bell Alden P'16, '18: "I know the Weisses! Taught both of my children in Dijon. Super grateful to them."

Cassandra Cote Grantham '04: "Professor Jonathan Weiss!! Sending xxxooooos to you both!!"

Sara Pipernos '19: "This is my French professor when I studied abroad! He and his wife are some of the nicest, most humble, most accomplished people I've ever met. I'm so excited to see them up here!!"

this caught our
attention



Transformational Gift

A rare set of 100 Picasso etchings has been given to the Colby College Museum of Art. The gift, from Peter H. Lunder '56, D.F.A. '98 and Paula Crane Lunder, D.F.A. '98, will augment the museum's mission to integrate art and the liberal arts through interdisciplinary study. Colby students will begin using the Vollard Suite in classes this fall.

Deux modèles vêtus (Two Models Dressed), 1933. Etching, 19 13/16 x 15 1/4 in. (50.4 x 38.8 cm). Colby College Museum of Art. The Lunder Collection, 005.2016. Photo by Gary Green. © 2016 Estate of Pablo Picasso / Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York

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of Maine. After studying literature and creative writing at Colby, Eichacker spent two years teaching English as a Peace Corps volunteer in southwest China. He blogged about the experience and, upon returning to the states, studied at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.



Cynia Barnwell '11 ("Colby Connects," *Colby Magazine* online) is a writer and performer living in New York City. She recently earned a master's degree from Sarah Lawrence in women's history.



In my experience talking to Professor Catherine Besteman—which I've had the pleasure to do in Maine and in Cape Town—it's been no surprise that she views the world with the clear-eyed gaze of an anthropologist. That is, after all, what she is. So when she used the word "cosmic" to describe her chance reunion in Lewiston, Maine, with former residents of a war-ravaged Somali village, I wrote that word down. And underlined it.

The cosmically coincidental encounter 10 years ago, and the rekindled relationships that ensued, are the basis of a most remarkable story, one that Besteman tells in her recent book, *Making Refuge: Somali Bantu Refugees and Lewiston, Maine*. The story (see P. 20) is one of resilience and hope, fear and resentment, community and courage. And while she minimizes her role, the Francis F. Bartlett and Ruth K. Bartlett Professor of Anthropology is at the center of this remarkable tale. Mentor, documentarian, friend, advocate, and archivist, Besteman has been a key part of the resettlement of the Somali Bantu in Lewiston. In writing her book, which she did somewhat reluctantly and at the urging of the Somali Bantu themselves, she ensures that the story won't be overlooked. It shouldn't be.

The saga of the Somali Bantu—innocent victims of the Somali civil war, incarcerated for years in inhumane refugee camps, resettled in the at-first alien world of America—is remarkable for its own sake. But against the backdrop of the displacement of millions of people from the Middle East, the much-documented suffering, and the resulting political upheaval, the story of Lewiston, Maine, takes on even more significance.

It is in this context that Besteman urges us to consider refugees as individuals who have been driven from their homes and countries through no fault of their own. Refugees, she says, should be regarded as more than a problem to be contained and left to someone else's devices.

This is just one takeaway from the unlikely intersection of Somalia, Lewiston, refugees in Maine, and Colby—an overlapping of worlds that has seen students examine the forces that created this diaspora and work to help the Somali Bantu tell their story.

Please read the story in this magazine. Watch the videos produced by Milo Guillén '15—one of Besteman speaking to the larger problems the Somali Bantu story illuminates, and another about Colby students living and working with African immigrants in Portland, Maine, in January—at colby.edu/mag.

Also read Kate Carlisle's story about speech conflicts on college campus, which shows that this national issue is a Colby issue as well. And then come back to us (geboyle@colby.edu) with your thoughts.

Because, as Besteman and the Somali Bantu in Lewiston show us—indeed, as a Colby education shows us—our world is shrinking, and ultimately its challenges belong not to someone else, but to all of us.

Gerry Boyle '78, P'06
Managing Editor

NUMBERS

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MARTINEAU



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The number of Colby students who had access to professionals at top finance and consulting firms during a recent Colby on the Road trek to Toronto. The Colby group was joined by students and staff of the University of Chicago's Careers in Business program. They toured finance and consulting firms including Boston Consulting Group, KPMG, RBC, Dynamic Funds, and Peregrine Investment Management. Colby students spending time with career mentors included Dylan Ciccarelli '16, Juno Dong '18, Deanne Human '17, Lucas Lam '17, Vicky Ni '17, Vivek Sah '17, and Haiyang Tang '17.

A photograph of three young adults standing in a brightly lit hallway with white arched doorways. In the center is a man with short dark hair wearing a green and yellow plaid button-down shirt over a grey t-shirt and tan pants. To his left is a woman with long dark hair wearing a blue t-shirt with a green moth graphic and dark jeans. To his right is a woman with short dark hair wearing a black cardigan over a grey and red striped shirt and dark jeans. They are all smiling at the camera. A large white number '50,000' is overlaid on the bottom half of the image, partially obscuring the students' lower bodies.

50,000

The amount of funding in dollars for three Colby students who recently received prestigious travel grants for international work and study. Parwana Mohammad '16, left, was awarded a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship for a yearlong study of midwifery around the world, and Benard Kibet '18 and Kumba Seddu '17 received Davis Projects For Peace awards for work in Kenya and Sierra Leone, respectively. Seddu will plan and direct renovation of an orphanage in Freetown. Kibet will modernize the water system in his rural village in the Rift Valley. Full story at *Colby Magazine* online.

SHORT FORM




Huffington and Jarrett Speak Commencement Weekend

Arianna Huffington, whose Huffington Post website boldly led the way into the digital media age, will deliver the address at Colby College's 195th Commencement on Sunday, May 22. She will be awarded an honorary doctor of letters degree at the ceremony. Cofounder of the namesake news site, Huffington closely oversees what has become the model for digital delivery of global news and information.



Valerie B. Jarrett, who, as senior advisor to President Barack Obama, has shaped national policy and the administration's legislative agenda, was to address Colby seniors at the College's baccalaureate on May 21. A trusted confidante to both the President and to First Lady Michelle Obama, Jarrett has served in the administration since 2009.

Also receiving honorary degrees will be Lars Peter Hansen, Nobel-winning economist and leading expert in economic dynamics, and Edison T. Liu, president and CEO of the Jackson Laboratory.

More at colby.edu/commencement 

17.5

The percentage of applicants offered admission in March to the Class of 2020. The students were chosen from the largest (9,833) and most diverse and academically prepared pool of applicants in Colby history, said Vice President and Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Matt Proto.



Zapatella Davisae

That's the name bestowed on the wasp above to honor Monica Davis '13, who determined that the gall wasp *zapatella davisae* is its own species. Davis is perhaps the leading authority on biological and pesticide control of her namesake. The Ph.D. candidate at UMass Amherst is studying invasive insects, including a type of gall wasp that kills trees in New England and New York. She realized that one wasp was misidentified and was actually a new species. Taxonomists decided to name that new species for its discoverer, whose dissertation is devoted to the behavior, community dynamics, molecular systematics, biological control, and pesticide control of *zapatella davisae*.



After Colby

The renovated and expanded Grossman building will be home to the Colby Career Center, beginning in fall 2017. The former Tau Delta Phi fraternity house will offer career counseling spaces, interview rooms, and offices. The two-story addition will house a resource library and meeting rooms.



When the Fed Talks ...

The financial press was all ears when President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Eric Rosengren '79, P'12 spoke on monetary policy at Colby in February. Rosengren, who was subsequently elected chair of the Board of Trustees, spoke on "Prospects for Returning to More Conventional Monetary Policy." Rosengren's talk, streamed live via webcast, attracted global media, including *Bloomberg News*, *MarketWatch*, and the *Fiscal Times*. Students got unfettered access to the Boston Fed chief when he visited classes to discuss monetary policy.



Tenure Times Six

Six accomplished professors who have demonstrated excellence in the classroom, in their scholarship, and in service to the College have been awarded tenure.

"This is a group of exemplary scholars and teachers," President David A. Greene said. "Their dedication to their students, involvement in the College community, and their own scholarly achievements reflect why Colby is known for outstanding faculty who connect with students in ways that ultimately transform lives."

Colby's new tenured faculty members are top, left to right: Syed Tariq Ahmad, biology; Annie Kloppenberg, theater and dance; Jennifer Coane, psychology; bottom, left to right: Keith Peterson, philosophy; Winifred Tate, anthropology; and Stephanie Taylor, computer science.



Maya Lin in Residence on Mayflower Hill

The renowned artist, architect, and environmental activist delivered the Miles and Katharine Culbertson Prentice Distinguished Lecture in a packed Lorimer Chapel in April as Colby's first artist in residence in a series initiated by President David A. Greene. The lecture connected with the College's 2015-16 humanities theme Human/Nature, as Lin spoke about her ongoing project *What is Missing?*, "a global memorial to the planet," which proposes that we look at a memorial not as a static object but as a work with multiple forms and sites.

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The number of central Maine high school students receiving twice-weekly SAT prep tutoring from Colby student mentors. The high school students and their Colby coaches meet on campus for dinner in the dining halls, followed by intensive instruction. In its first year on campus, the sessions are offered through Let's Get Ready, a nonprofit funded in part by The Harold Alfond Foundation and supported by the College.

SHORT FORM

2016 Faculty Retirees

G. Calvin Mackenzie, Goldfarb Family Distinguished Professor of Government, arrived at Colby in 1978 after earning degrees at Bowdoin, Tufts, and Harvard, and further education provided by a combat tour with the U.S. Army in Vietnam. His book, *The Liberal Hour: Washington and the Politics of Change in the 1960s*, cowritten with Christian A. Johnson Distinguished Teaching Professor of History Robert Weisbrot, was a finalist for the 2009 Pulitzer Prize in History.

Debra A. Aitken, like her runners, put up some very impressive numbers as women's cross country and track and field coach. Aitken was NESCAC coach of the year in 2004 and 2005 and NCAA regional coach of the year in 2004, an honor that recognized her teams' consistently strong performance. Her cross country athletes won NESCAC titles in 1986 and 1994 and racked up 14 Maine championships, including nine in the last 12 years.

F. Russell Cole arrived on Mayflower Hill in 1977 as assistant professor of biology and helped to shape the College's presence in the sciences for nearly 40 years. As Oak Professor of Biological Sciences, Cole taught a variety of biology and ecology courses and also was key to environmental studies. He brought millions of dollars in science funding to Colby, including the \$6.4 million Olin Foundation grant that resulted in the Olin Science Center, where he taught.

Susan Westerberg Cole helped generations of Colby science faculty and students pursue their studies and research beginning in 1978 as science librarian. Cole helped design the library in Olin (which opened in 1996), expanded the science library four-fold to 10,000 square feet, and played a key role in the College's continuing growth in the sciences.

Natalie B. Harris taught literature and creative writing at Colby since 1978, when she joined the faculty fresh from the Ph.D. program at Indiana University. Associate professor since 1988, she moved steadily toward fiction, both in her teaching and writing, and focused on creative writing for the last third of her career.

David H. Mills '57 attended Colby as an undergraduate and earned master's degrees at Illinois and Harvard. His passion for directing and acting (he was a member of the Harvard Summer Players) pointed him to Rome, where he worked in the movie business and with a touring theater company. Mills returned to Colby to teach in 1980, and was popular for his speech classes and debate teams.

Mark R. Serdjenian '73 arrived on Mayflower Hill as an English major and soccer player and returned in 1976 to coach men's soccer for 38 years. He stepped down as men's soccer coach after the 2013 season as the longest-serving head coach in NESCAC. The former goalkeeper compiled a 261-230-46 record as coach and led the Mules to Eastern College Athletic Conference New England titles.

For more on each of these retirees, visit colby.edu/mag. 

Star Power

Collins Observatory, at its new location atop Runnals Hill, offers lower light pollution, a better view of the sky to the south and east, and a larger classroom. This fall a larger .7-meter telescope will be installed, made possible by a gift from a Colby family.



**“Once we get things moving,
a lot of other dominoes will fall.”**

—President David A. Greene, quoted in a *Boston Globe* story about Colby’s role in the revitalization of downtown Waterville.

Regular updates on the initiative are available at colby.edu/downtown.

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The number of participants/locations/hours for Colby Cares Day, April 30. Colby athletic teams ran separate clinics for soccer and field hockey, and the Outing Club offered outdoors activities for area kids. The tradition continued for members of the Class of 2015, as well, as former Colby Volunteer Center director Meghan Harwood ’15 led a Colby alumni crew cleaning up Heron Park in San Francisco.

Nobody Better

Maravilla Clemens ’16 and Alex Heisler ’16 won the Richard J. Borden Award for best student conference paper after presenting their research, “Cultivating Conservation in the Lake Tana Basin: Implications of a New UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Model for Ecosystems and Livelihoods,” at the 2016 Society for Human Ecology conference in Santa Ana, Calif., April 14. Their study used Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to examine historical changes in land use and riparian forest cover in the newly established Lake Tana Biosphere Reserve in northern Ethiopia. Contrasting declassified U.S. government aerial photographs from 1964 to 1967 with present-day U.S. Geological Survey Landsat satellite imagery revealed widespread deforestation and vegetation loss over the past 50 years.



Huerta: “Make it Happen”

Civil rights activist and legendary labor leader Dolores Huerta delivered the keynote address for S.H.O.U.T! March 3 and encouraged students to “show up and make it happen” when working to confront social injustices. Huerta, who cofounded the United Farm Workers (UFW) in 1962 and now advocates for civil, children’s, and women’s rights, offered suggestions for how citizens can “take power to get the country on the right track.”

“This is the biggest thing that humans have ever done and by a very large margin, and we simply have to stop it at all costs. We have to figure how to slow it down before it breaks everything around us. That’s the bad part. (*Breathe now. Breathe for a minute.*) The good part is we know very good and well what we need to do to deal with this. We didn’t know that 25 years ago.”

—Environmentalist and author Bill McKibben, in his keynote address April 7 to begin the three-day Colby conference Community, Culture, and Conservation: Sustaining Livelihoods and Landscapes.

SHORT FORM

Watson Fellow to Study Midwifery

Parwana Mohammad '16 was awarded a \$30,000 Thomas J. Watson Fellowship for independent study outside the United States during the year following her graduation this May. Her project, titled "The Experience of Childbirth and the Role of Midwives within Historically Marginalized Communities," will take her to Brazil, New Zealand, Guatemala, and the Czech Republic.

Mohammad's research project was one of 40 selected in this year's round of Watson awards.

It's a **3!** Patrick Stewart '16 was the top three-point shooter in NCAA Division III men's basketball this year. Stewart shot a blistering 52.3 percent from three-point range and was the lone Division III player in the country over 50 percent while playing in at least 75 percent of the games. Stewart was 67-for-128 in 24 games.



Sun Screen

More than 5,000 solar panels will be installed on Colby's campus with site work beginning in May as the College launches a 1.9-megawatt photovoltaic energy project. The photovoltaic panels will be arrayed on nine acres of land at the southwest corner of campus between Washington Street and Interstate 95 around the storage building and Colby community gardens.

The installation, which will begin generating in late fall, is expected to produce 2.5 million kilowatt hours of electricity each year, approximately 16 percent of the College's electricity needs.



Joe Boulos '68 in Boston, Mass., Oct. 2016

Boulos Named Life Trustee

Longtime Colby supporter Joseph F. Boulos '68, LL.D. '09 has been named a life trustee of the College, in recognition of more than three decades of service.

Boulos, president of the Boulos Companies, a commercial real estate firm based in Portland, Maine, joins a small circle of Colby supporters who have been honored as life trustees, including Paula Crane Lunder, M.A. '98, D.F.A. '98, James B. Crawford '64, M.A. '90, LL.D. '05, and the late Lawrence R. Pugh '56, M.A. '82, LL.D. '99.

First named an overseer of the College in 1991, Boulos joined the Board of Trustees two years later and was immediately struck by the shared purpose of his fellow board members. "When you sit on that board and you look around and see the success stories at that table—it's a cliché but everybody checks their ego at the door," he said. "It's all about the institution."

Boulos said the education he received as an undergraduate at Colby has continued with his involvement with the Board of Trustees, including former and present members. "I would never have met the Larry Pughs, the Edson Mitchells, the Bob Diamonds, the Jim Crawfords, the Paul Schupfs without my connection to Colby," he said.

In some ways, the College's growth into a global institution in the last half-century reflects his own growth as he worked on behalf of his alma mater, he said. Boulos recalled knowing little about art when he visited the Colby museum as a new overseer. Now he serves as a commissioner of the Smithsonian Museum of American Art. "Colby opened up the world to me," he said. "The intellectual stimulation and the connections through these people changed my life."

His years of involvement with the College have been marked by support of the Boulos Family Fitness Center, the Colby College Museum of Art, and Colby's "no-loan" financial aid policy, which was instituted when he was board chair. Boulos said that over those years, Colby has been notable for the selflessness of leadership, "from Bill Cotter to Bro Adams to David Greene. Every one of those people are really about the students."

Colby Loses a Great Leader

Larry Pugh '56, hailed as “one of Colby’s great leaders” by President David A. Greene, died Dec. 3 in Naples, Fla., at 82. “For those of us charged with leading this great college and ensuring its success well into the future, Larry was a guiding light,” Greene said in a message to the Colby community. “We all looked for his discerning judgment and compelling insights when the challenges were greatest. He never failed to deliver in those moments.”

Lawrence R. Pugh '56, LL.D. '99, P'80, GP'07, '10 was a life trustee at Colby, having joined the board in 1982. He was chair of the Board of Trustees from 1991 to 1999, and he contributed to Colby in extraordinary ways and measures. His gifts to his alma mater included the immeasurable time he invested, the leadership he provided, many generous financial gifts, and two subsequent generations of his family who graduated from Colby—a daughter and two grandsons.

“He is truly the gold standard,” said Robert E. Diamond Jr. '73, LL.D. '08, P'12, chair of the Board of Trustees from 2009 to 2016, applying that assessment to “everything about the Board of Trustees, his leadership of Colby, his passion for the school, his vision for what Colby is but also what Colby can be. Most importantly it was his leadership—his ability to take a very diverse group of people and build consensus.”

A member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, Pugh chaired the special trustee commission that in 1983 unanimously recommended the abolishment of fraternities and sororities at Colby. He proceeded to build near-unanimous support for the transition from a fraternity-based system for social life to a residential commons system that promoted reconciliation after the decision. Life Trustee and former board chair Joseph Boulos '68, LL.D. '09 recalled, “He handled it with such dignity and fairness that, although it was unbelievably disruptive, it was a turning point in Colby’s history.”

Pugh remained a vital force and a quiet leader through the October trustee meetings this academic year. “I think he’d be very pleased to see how quickly we are moving forward on a number of initiatives,” said Trustee Betsy Morgan '90. “I think he would have that sort of soft chuckle and smile and would say to all of us, ‘You are headed exactly where I knew all of you would be headed,’” she said, reminiscing about Pugh in January.

During much of his time as a Colby trustee, Pugh was chairman and CEO of VF Corporation, at the time a \$5-billion-a-year global apparel and footwear company



Larry '56 and Jean Van Curan Pugh '55 at the Davis Science Center dedication, July 2014

that included such brands as Lee, Wrangler, and JanSport. A proud U.S. Army veteran, he was president of Samsonite Luggage, director of Black & Decker, and chairman of UNUM before leading VF Corporation.

He was involved in countless civic and charitable institutions as well, including work with the Alford Scholarship Foundation, which has started college funds by giving \$500 to each of more than 50,000 Maine babies.

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—Robert E. Diamond Jr. '73, LL.D. '08, P'12, former chair of the Board of Trustees

The most visible of Pugh’s many financial gifts to Colby include the endowed Pugh Family Professorship in Economics and the Pugh Center, a central location for programs, activities, and learning opportunities that promote intercultural communication and understanding. In addition to the 1999 honorary doctor of laws degree from Colby, Pugh received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1986, the Colby Brick Award in 1996, and both the C Club Person of the Year Award and the Marriner Distinguished Service Award in 1999.

Pugh is survived by his wife, Jean Van Curan Pugh '55, LL.D. '99, daughter Deborah Pugh Kelton '80 and her husband, William Kelton, daughter Diane Pugh Esecson and her husband, Matt Esecson, and grandsons Tucker Kelton '07, Joshua Kelton '10, Austin Esecson, and Kyle Esecson.

From Trump to Pope and Back Again

An English professor and political commentator hazards an opinion—that public writing is worth the risk

By Aaron R. Hanlon



I didn't go to graduate school for six years to write about Donald Trump. At times it even feels vulgar to write about politics in national media, not because it is, but because the same media culture that pays me—a professor—to write critically about Trump is also invested in the idea that liberal bias in academe is a threat to intellectual diversity.

But I do write polemical things about Trump, for the *New Republic* and *Salon*, among other media outlets. For example: "The day before Donald Trump called for a 'total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States,' he cited political correctness as a serious contributing factor to the San Bernardino attack, a move that neatly united his disdain for 'p.c. culture' with his disdain for the Muslim community."

I don't see a threat to intellectual diversity there. And this is why.

Colleges—and by extension, faculty—are under a lot of pressure to show that we're open to a range of ideas across the political spectrum, welcoming to students and colleagues of different political persuasions, and ultimately challenging each other's views with rigor and care befitting an institution of higher education. Even if we're realistic about the fact that all of us—students, staff, faculty, alums—are political beings with values that shape our thoughts and actions, the wider political culture demands objectivity even as it continually fails to deliver it.

One way out of this conundrum for faculty who do public political writing is to bring in our research expertise (easier for some than others). As a scholar of the Enlightenment, I might invoke the Second Earl of Rochester to sympathize with Jon Stewart's obscene rants against Fox News or criticize Trump's demagoguery by rehashing the 18th-century history of the Bill of Rights; but academics and polemics don't always converge in fruitful ways. Even within a political essay that draws on my scholarship, I necessarily depart from the high-minded pose and the language of objectivity with which professors typically proceed in our teaching and scholarship. Public writing is a civic exercise, which is to say a messy exercise that takes place in an environment with little time for footnotes or equivocation.

Another way out is to stop polemical writing altogether, because, after all, writing can get you in trouble. The British poet Alexander Pope reminds us of this in a fictional dialogue with a friend who urges Pope to stop writing:

Alas, young man! Your days can ne'er be long!

In flower of age you perish for a song!

In those moments of outing myself as a political being, I think of the protracted public battles Pope started and endured, and I ask myself whether writing is worth the



risk. Throughout the poem, however, Pope resists his friend's warning, arguing that his writing is not only worth the risk, it's how he calls attention to injustices that the law fails to address:

What? Arm'd for virtue when I point the pen,
Brand the bold front of shameless, guilty men.

The point, then, is twofold: we can't avoid the fact that public, polemical writing always risks making enemies; but it's also an important way of drawing attention to injustice, of reaching with words those powerful enough to avoid answering to the public in any other way. Accordingly, it's important to me that students understand that writing—even obscure poems and novels from hundreds of years ago—was never just ornamental.

Public writing reinforces one of the most crucial lessons of a literature course, the importance of persuasive argument. When we evaluate and interpret novels or poems, we're practicing the same skills, and operating with the same inherent challenges, as in the act of political decision making. Like the "real world," literature has facts—etymologies, publication dates, historical events—that guide our understanding of what is being said. And like the "real world," literature has moral ambiguities: Is Gulliver an ethical character? Was Pope being ironic? In our daily lives, do we not ask—are we not forced to ask—"was President Obama behaving ethically?" "Was Governor LePage being ironic?" These kinds of questions continually inform our political choices and advocacy.

In the study of literature, as in civic life, then, disagreement is inevitable, even when we agree on the facts. In other words, an appeal to fact, or a

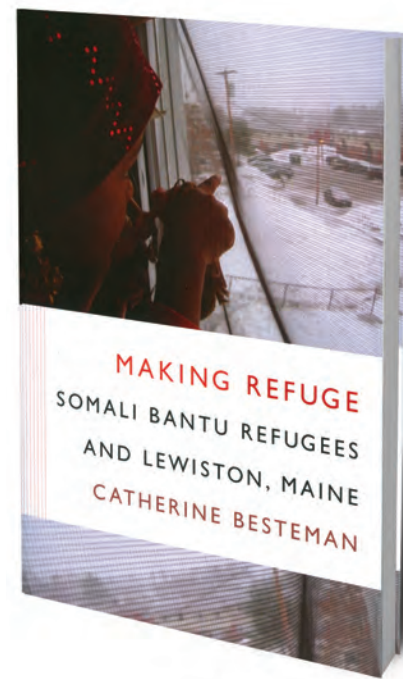
repudiation of an adversary's "bias" or "subjectivity"—both of which are common in contemporary political discourse—is simply not enough to render interpretation and persuasion obsolete. Though facts and scientific discoveries are indispensable in decision making, no test exists, or ever will, by which one fundamentally proves whether the death penalty is moral or immoral, whether a politician or a character behaved ethically, or whether the outcomes of war were worth its casualties. Such questions can be informed, but not conclusively answered, by fact.

Thus, when students learn how to analyze and write persuasive, evidence-based arguments about literature, they're also learning how to put opinion aside and address questions of value with rigor and integrity. Evaluating, understanding, and taking a position on questions with no easy answers—not just design problems or engineering problems, but problems of what to think and do—are all precisely what we've demanded of effective citizens even before those major liberal revolutions of the 18th century. Further, approaching questions of value and disagreement with care and measure in addition to rigor is important to teaching as well as public writing. The ability to entertain the negation of one's own position—the basis of critical thinking—is a powerful tool of persuasion; but it also facilitates the humility and the tolerance for uncertainty that teaching and learning require. When I try—sometimes fail—to model this kind of thinking and writing in a public capacity, I also aim to provide students with a sense of what it means and what it looks like to advocate rigorously for what we think is right, even when others (including students) disagree.

As students mature intellectually, they come to understand that, in a great, busy world, you usually have to persuade people to care about what you care about. This is especially the case if you care about people or issues relegated to society's margins. Though I choose to advocate in my public writing for the marginalized or less powerful—students maligned in the media, minorities campaigning for safety and inclusion, the liberal arts and sciences tradition, the humanities in this age of "disruption," and, of course, the 18th century—I want students to have the tools to do the same for whatever is most important to them. This, then, is the best way to be openly political and to promote intellectual diversity: to give students what they need to become your most formidable interlocutors if and when they're so inclined.

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IN LEWISTON, A COSMIC EVENT

Reunited with Somali Bantu families after decades, anthropologist Catherine Besteman chronicles their lives

By Gerry Boyle '78

Photography by Heather Perry '93

The invitation was from Bates College for Colby anthropologist Catherine Besteman to participate in a panel with Somali Bantu refugees who, in 2006, had started arriving in droves in the down-at-the-heels mill city of Lewiston, Maine.

Besteman and her husband, Jorge Acero, had lived in a remote Somali village, Banta, in 1987 and 1988, and Besteman's role in Lewiston was to give some background on the civil war that broke out shortly afterward. But when Besteman, the Francis F. Bartlett and Ruth K. Bartlett Professor of Anthropology, introduced herself to the men on the panel and asked where they were from, the faces suddenly became familiar.

"Catherine stood up and said, 'Hey, what's going on here? Are all you guys from Banta?' The whole thing kind of erupted," said Muhidin Libah, who had lived in Banta as a child.

The children who had tagged along after Besteman and Acero in rural southwest Somalia were now adults. Their parents were aging versions of the villagers Besteman

remembered. And, as one said to her, "Catherine! You got old!" By chance, the Americans and the community that had bonded in remote easternmost Africa two decades earlier were reunited in the most unlikely of places.

The reunion followed years of civil war, destruction of the village and region by marauding militias, displacement of the residents to other parts of Somalia and refugee camps in Kenya, and resettlement of some Somali Bantu to other parts of the world. "I had found it impossible to keep track of anybody," Besteman said. "That's what made it so cosmic, that we would all end up in Maine."

That cosmic event rekindled a remarkable relationship, one that had begun in a world of farming and villages of thatch-roofed homes. "I wanted to know what happened in Banta, not to write about it necessarily, but because this was a place I cared about," Besteman said.

Having once chronicled a Somali Bantu life that revolved around families and crops, she found herself advocating for the same families in the schools and social service agencies of Lewiston. She reconnected with former

*Left: Rilwan Osman and his children look at photos taken in Rilwan's village in Somalia in 1987.
Top: Catherine Besteman and a child in the village of Banta, October 1987.*



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Catherine Besteman

STUDENTS AND SOMALI BANTU COLLABORATE ON DOCUMENTARY PROJECTS

The course is called Global Maine, and Colby students are learning the state is just that.

Four teams of students were working in the immigrant community in Lewiston this spring, collaborating with Somali Bantu residents on documentary projects. The Integrated Studies course, taught by Francis F. Bartlett and Ruth K. Bartlett Professor of Anthropology Catherine Besteman and Associate Professor of Global Studies Maple Rasza, introduced students to the immigrant community and trained them in the techniques of visual anthropology.

A full story is at [Colby Magazine](#) .

Children of Somali immigrants play in the playground of a preschool in downtown Lewiston. They are part of a growing immigrant population from Somalia and other parts of the world that is changing the face of the small Maine city.



She is keeping our history alive.”

—Rilwan Osman, executive director of
Maine Immigrant and Refugee Services

village residents, not only in Maine but in Syracuse and Hartford. The former farmers were learning English and how to drive. They worked in Walmarts and escorted their children to school, and found ways to help themselves and each other in this new and strange world.

And Besteman became a lynchpin in the transition to their new lives. “We always call her when we need anything, we always ask her for ideas,” said Libah, director of the Somali Bantu Community Association of Maine. “If someone doesn’t know us, she’s the one who will testify who we are.”

Eventually the Somali Bantu experience in Lewiston would become Besteman’s second Somali project: her latest book is titled *Making Refuge: Somali Bantu Refugees and Lewiston, Maine*. In it she explores the experience of the new immigrants and the reaction to their unexpected arrival—from hostile editorials to bolstering of English-language instruction—in the predominantly Franco-American city.

Besteman says her book has two purposes: one, to show how people become refugees and what happens to them after they are displaced; and two, to tell the story of Lewiston, using it as a lens to examine how people react to and deal with change. “How does a poor city struggling with an influx of very poor people figure that out?” she asked. “How do you pull together as a community rather than rip each other apart?”

Viewing the immigrants through an anthropologist’s lens, Besteman tells the story from the perspective of the various players: the Somali Bantu themselves, the local residents and officials who opposed the refugees’ settlement in their city, and those who have worked to help the Somali Bantu succeed in the community.

Members of the immigrant community who were reading the book (published in February), welcomed it as a way to document the culture of a community that had, until recently, no written literary tradition. “She is keeping our history alive,” said Rilwan Osman, executive director of Maine Immigrant and Refugee Services, who lived in Banta as a child.

In fact, Besteman wrote the book only after urging by Osman and others. “There was this very clear message,” she said. “You write stories. This is clearly what you have to do now.”

For three years after their reunion, Besteman worked with the Somali Bantu community in Lewiston, not as an anthropologist, but as a friend helping them adjust to American life and assisting as they worked to explain their history and culture to their new American neighbors. A key distinction was the term Somali Bantu, a recently coined term used to describe an ethnic group descended in part from slaves brought to Somalia from other parts of Africa. In Somalia, Somali Bantu were discriminated against by ethnic Somalis, even as most Mainers see them as broadly Somali, or even just as refugees.

“These are people who come with a whole history,” Besteman said, “a whole past and a whole life.”

Most of that recent history is in the Middle Juba region of Somalia, a heritage visible on and around Lisbon Street in the signs for Somali markets and businesses and in the Somali Bantu nonprofits that have flourished and grown in the city center. Besteman may be one of the few non-Somali Bantu who fully understands the culture as it has become established in Maine as well as its roots in Somalia. She moved to the Juba Valley, close to the border with Kenya, in 1987 to do doctoral research in Banta. For a year Besteman and Acero lived in the community of subsistence farmers organized around elder-led extended family groups. “Catherine came and she settled,” said Libah. “She was different [from other Westerners] because she was in the community.”

That life was shattered in 1991 when the formerly U.S.-supported government of Siad Barre collapsed and heavily armed militiamen took to the countryside, raiding and pillaging villages. Residents of Banta, including many now living in Lewiston, fled into the bush, trying to stay ahead of the marauders. “We divided into two groups,” he said. “One group headed for Mogadishu on foot. That means if you are ten, only six of you will die on the way.”

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She's a senior at USM, planning to work at the UN when she leaves college. She barely spoke English when she came. I almost cried.”

—Caroline Sample, former English Language Learner teacher at Lewiston High School, on meeting with a Somali Bantu graduate



It was a harrowing time, but Libah's family escaped, spending more than a decade in a refugee camp in Kenya, a period chronicled in Besteman's book in the words of the refugees themselves. Their memories, she writes, include sexual abuse of women, arbitrary decision making by camp administrators, a lack of protection from theft and other crimes, and being confined to the worst menial jobs. "It was so horrible that it is undiscussable," Besteman was told by one Somali Bantu. "No one should have to live in such a place."

The 12,000 Somali Bantu were categorized as a "persecuted minority" by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the book notes, and attempts were made to repatriate them to their ancestral lands in Tanzania and Mozambique. Those efforts sputtered because of budget problems, and the United States finally announced that it would accept some of the refugees. But tightened security after 9/11, verification of Somali Bantu status (a sometimes confused and haphazard process that included no appeal provision)



After school, children flock to computers at Maine Immigrant and Refugee Services in Lewiston.

required clearance by multiple agencies, and medical checks caused the resettlement process to take five years, Besteman writes, concluding that the Somali Bantu were “the most heavily screened immigrants in American history.”

Thorough screening didn’t prepare the Somali Bantu for life in the United States, whether it be in Houston, Atlanta, Syracuse, or any of the other American cities where they were delivered. Besteman chronicles the experience of several refugees who grappled with their new country—and the lack of preparation offered by the U.S. State

Department. Refugees were expected to be self-sufficient in 90 days, she writes, an astonishingly short time for illiterate, non-English speaking refugees who also were expected to promptly repay the cost of their flights to America. One Congressional report concluded that the refugee resettlement program in the United States should be called “Abandoned upon Arrival.”

The Somali Bantu who settled in Lewiston handpicked the city after struggling in larger, less hospitable places where they found locals unfriendly, transportation difficult, and



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Rilwan Osman in his office in Lewiston. Osman, 32, an immigrant from Somalia, cofounded the nonprofit in the back of a van. It now serves the refugee communities in both Lewiston and Portland.

street criminals quick to prey on them. Because Lewiston was a secondary settlement site, immigration agencies had little involvement in their transition to Maine life, leaving the initial heavy lifting to city and social service administrators. “They did not invite refugees to come,” Besteman said. “And yet thousands and thousands came. That they became twenty percent of the school population—that’s pretty extraordinary.”

The public schools saw an unprecedented influx of Somali Bantu, with at least one new family arriving every week for most of 2006, most placing several children in the high school alone. “I started with twelve to fourteen students,” said Caroline Sample, then an English Language Learner

teacher at Lewiston High School. “By January, one of my classes had thirty-five, many of whom had never set foot in a school before.”

But the students adapted, and older Somali Bantu saw a power shift that left them reliant on their children. Teachers like Sample were often asked to explain letters from state agencies, utilities, and landlords. “What is this thing?” Sample was asked as she was handed yet another document.

And all along she was advocating for her students, mediating misunderstandings, explaining expectations and viewpoints on both sides, “because who had heard of a Somali Bantu?” Sample said.

Besteman had, of course, and was one of the nation's experts in Somali Bantu culture. Among the first things she emphasized was that the Somali Bantu community could and should direct its own transition and that the learning process is not one-way. "Catherine helped show us that," said Kim Wettlaufer, former director of the refugee integration program at Trinity Jubilee Center, housed in the basement of a Lewiston church. "When we first met her she was so adamant ... that they need to be led by themselves. It can't be a bunch of white people. That's what she taught us. It's about people doing it themselves, and they *can* do it themselves."

Wettlaufer praised Besteman for advocating for the Somali Bantu but also keeping a low profile and stepping back as the immigrant community developed its own organizations and agencies and services. "My respect for her," he said, "is endless."

The community has forged its own way in the decade since the first arrivals. Around the block from the Trinity Jubilee Center are the Lewiston offices of Maine Immigrant and Refugee Services, where Acero's photos of village life in Banta line the walls. The agency, which offers services ranging from childcare to mental health counseling, started in the back of a van, said Osman, the cofounder. Now it has two offices (one in Portland) and more than 40 employees.

"We have made huge progress," he said, and he credited Besteman for helping to legitimize the community, portraying their culture through meetings and exhibits, even persuading local hospitals to add interpreters who speak Maay Maay, the Somali Bantu language. "She is the one professional who came in and explained us," Osman said. "I think that's bridging some gaps and making us more visible."

Still, in *Making Refuge* Besteman explores the hostile reaction to the Somali presence, attempting to deconstruct the conflicting stereotypes of welfare leeches and job stealers. Now, even in a political climate that shows increasing resentment towards immigrants nationwide, antipathy toward the Somali and Somali Bantu communities in Maine is diminishing.

"People are learning that this is home for us," Osman said. "We don't have any [other] home to go to. We are part of the community."

Indeed, conversations in Lewiston are studded with success stories. Sample, the retired ELL teacher, has seen many of her students go on to get college degrees.

Recently she met a former student out shopping. "She's a senior at USM, planning to work at the UN when she leaves college," Sample said. "She barely spoke any English when she came. I almost cried."

Libah, at his Lisbon Street office, keeps a list of names on the bulletin board behind his desk: 16 students who came through one of the nonprofit's education programs and graduated from Lewiston High School in 2013. "2014 was even more," he said, tapping the paper proudly. That week his own daughter had been admitted to colleges and was trying to make her choice.

Wettlaufer, at Trinity Jubilee Center, points to the inspiring Lewiston High boys soccer team, which won the state championship last fall with skilled players who had come up through the Somali Bantu soccer programs in Maine. A track All-American while at Bates, he coaches youth track in Lewiston, where some 80 children came out for the program and a relay team of 10-year-old Somali Bantu girls recently broke a 36-year-old state record. "It's been a huge success," he said.

Challenges remain, including finding ways to keep Somali youth connected to their heritage while they embrace the American culture all around them. A decade

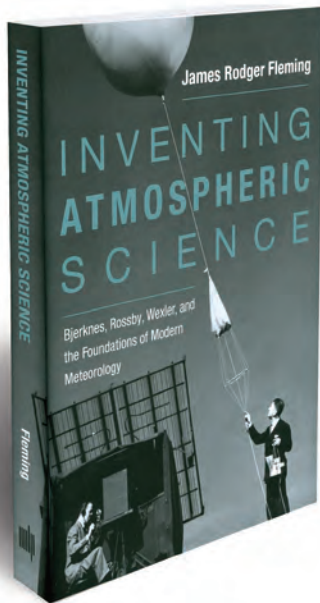


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—Kim Wettlaufer, former director of refugee integration program, Trinity Jubilee Center, Lewiston

after her joyful reunion with the former residents of Banta, Besteman continues to be a sounding board for the Somali Bantu community organizations and to simply enjoy the friendships that have been extended across decades and continents.

In the end, she said, writing the book was a humbling experience. "It's a book that I think contains a great deal of admiration for both the immigrants and the Lewiston residents who oriented their lives toward making Lewiston a place where immigrants could be safe and thrive," she said. "These are not easy things to do. I feel theirs is an extraordinary story." ©



James R. Fleming
(Science, Technology, and Society)

Inventing Atmospheric Science: Bjerknes, Rossby, Wexler, and the Foundations of Modern Meteorology

The MIT Press (2016)

Fleming, a renowned scholar of atmospheric science and history, fixes his gaze on the period from 1900 to 1960, a time of rapid-fire breakthroughs that saw the field advance rapidly, year by year, decade by decade. A century that began with the first heavier-than-air flight had progressed by 1960 to weather satellites, as technology and scientific exploration converged.

Fleming illuminates this rich history through the lives

and careers of three giants in the field of atmospheric science—Vilhelm Bjerknes, Carl-Gustaf Rossby, and Harry Wexler—who led the way like a relay team, handing the baton to the next runner.

These were the intrepid meteorological explorers who used breakthrough technology to take their science to new heights. Each successively felt they were in the midst of a revolution in meteorology and, later, atmospheric science, and each was correct. “There is grandeur in this subject,” Fleming writes. Indeed, the big-picture story he tells touches on the evolution of technology and society, as Bjerknes, Rossby, and Wexler found new and innovative ways to explore the Earth’s atmosphere. The book chronicles a period of unprecedented exploration that began in the advent of aviation and warfare (one call for better weather observation resulted from a desire for more accurate calculation of artillery trajectories) and continued with radio sensors and sounding rockets as scientists learned about the behavior of our planet’s “ocean of air.”

“Their lives span a full century, their work spans a period of technological flux, from Marconi wireless and the Wright Flier to digital computing and weather satellites and from roentgen and Becquerel rays to outdoor nuclear testing,” Fleming writes. His exploration of this time of forward-looking history reminds us that it took remarkable science and scientists to achieve what today we too often take for granted.



L. Sandy Maisel
(Government)

American Political Parties and Elections: A Very Short Introduction

Oxford University Press (2016)



In this, the second edition of the popular primer on American elections, Maisel, a leading scholar in the field of American political parties, brings readers up to date on this fast-changing subject: campaigning via social media, changes in campaign financing post the Citizen United ruling, the Tea Party’s influence, and the 2016 presidential nomination process.

Adrian Blevins
(English, Creative Writing) and Karey Salyer McElmurray, coeditors

Walk Till the Dogs Get Mean: Meditations on the Forbidden from Contemporary Appalachia

Ohio University Press (2015)



This collection of essays showcases today’s finest and emerging writers with roots in Appalachia. The essays, from bell hooks, Dorothy Allison, Silas House, and others, move away from their mountain roots but then return to the landscape and culture that shaped them as writers and people. The collection takes the theme of silencing in Appalachian culture, and it explores that theme through stories of identities chosen, risks taken, and selves transformed—but with the region’s legacy intact.

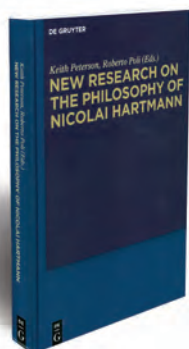


Adrianna Paliyenko (French), Joseph Acquisto, and Catherine Witt, editors

Poets as Readers in Nineteenth-Century France: Critical Reflections

Institute of Modern Languages Research Books (2016)

In the 19th century, reading was seen as an interpretive and political act, with implications for poets. This volume of essays focuses on ways poets approach reading, and the ways that reading affects their writing and relationships with readers. The essays cover the period from the 1830s to the 1890s and examine a wide range of authors working at the dawn of aesthetic modernity.



Keith Peterson (Philosophy) and Roberto Poli, editors

New Research on the Philosophy of Nicolai Hartmann

De Gruyter (2016)

The papers collected in this volume explore the work of the German philosopher Nicolai Hartmann (1882-1950), whose writings are attracting renewed interest in recent years. The writers here explore his ethics, ontology, aesthetics, and philosophy of nature, bringing his philosophy into conversation with contemporary philosophical trends.



Timothy P. Hubbard (Economics) and Harry J. Paarsch

Auctions

The MIT Press Essential Knowledge Series (2016)

The auction is everywhere, from eBay to antiques to the U.S. Treasury. But how do auctions actually work? Economists Hubbard and Paarsch explain how auctions work, showing how these games of asymmetric information—participants do not have the same knowledge of the item on the block—can be analyzed through economic models. How do the rules of the auction affect bidder incentives? What is the role of auctions in our modern economy? The authors use real-world examples to explain the principles that govern this most common of economic relationships.



Earle G. Shettleworth Jr. '70, Libby Bischof, and Susan Danly, editors

Maine Photography: A History 1840-2015

Down East Books (2016)

This volume, published in conjunction with the Maine Photo Project, traces the medium in Maine, from earliest daguerreotype portraits of the 1840s to today. Themes include the important role of photography in documenting Maine's labor and economy, photography and tourism, and Maine photographers who advance the medium as an art form.

Eric Zolov '87 (editor)

Iconic Mexico: An Encyclopedia from Acapulco to Zócalo

ABC-CLIO (2015)

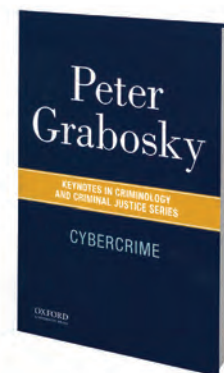


This two-volume set includes historical perspective accompanied by illuminating and fresh analysis. Subjects include iconic people, places, social movements, and culture that have shaped modern Mexico and its people. Contributors include historians, anthropologists, political scientists, and ethnomusicologists. Editor Zolov, who has written extensively on Latin America, is associate professor of Latin American history at Stony Brook University, New York.

Peter Grabosky '66

Cybercrime

Oxford University Press (2015)



With more than 20 years of study of computer-related crime, Grabosky, professor emeritus at Australian National University's College of Asia and the Pacific, has witnessed firsthand the development of cyber technology—and its use by criminals. There is no end in sight for this most sophisticated of crimes, as hackers use malicious code, counterfeit web pages, and other tools to swindle web users, drain bank accounts, steal credit card information. "We may be confident of one thing," Grabosky writes. "Technology will not stand still."

MEDIA



Gerry Boyle '78

Straw Man

Islandport Books
(2016)

Crime reporter Jack McMorro is surrounded. A confrontation with

renegade loggers ends with threats of revenge. His wife, Roxanne, weary of the violence that follows him, finds some respite in the company of a local farmer. The ATF suspects McMorro is connected to a gun-running pipeline leading from Maine to Boston. And then a Mennonite teenager McMorro has befriended is murdered. The world is collapsing in on Prosperity, Maine, and McMorro sets out to determine how and why.

Richard J. Cass '73

Solo Act: An Elder Darrow Mystery

Five Star (2015)



Alcoholic Elder Darrow buys a seedy bar in Boston, hoping to transform it into a jazz nightspot, with his jazz singer ex, Alison. When Alison goes out a window in New York, it's ruled suicide. Darrow doesn't buy it and sets out to prove that the death was murder. Along the skillfully created and noir-inflected path, he encounters thugs, corrupt physicians, and counterfeit meds—and ultimately the truth.

Lori Batcheller '80

Rosa Blooms

Mother's House
Publishing (2015)

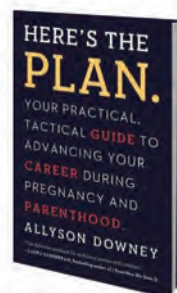


Batcheller has created a picture storybook filled with the wonder of childhood as she follows a wild rose seeking to find her place in the natural world. A Boulder resident, she was inspired by the beauty of nearby rock formations known as the Flatirons. The story uses lush illustrations to reproduce this setting for the story of Rosa and the challenges she faces as a tiny bush looking to grow into her true self.

Allyson Giard Downey '01

Here's the Plan: Your Practical, Tactical Guide to Advancing Your Career During Pregnancy and Parenthood

Seal Press (2016)



The founder of weeSpring (described as “Yelp for baby products”), working-mother Downey has some help for women who find themselves facing a serious hurdle in their professional career: a new baby. *Here's the Plan* offers both valuable guidance on negotiating leave and flex time, and discussion of society's views of the place of the mother in the workplace. The conversation that has been inspired by notables such as Marissa Mayer at Yahoo continues in *Here's the Plan* as women and corporate America look for ways to co-exist and thrive.

Leslie R. Colitt '59

Before the Berlin Wall Came Down: A Foreign Correspondent's Search for Truth Behind the Iron Curtain

Amazon (2015)



Colitt penned the first biography of Cold War spymaster Markus Wolf, for 40 years head of the East German Stasi's foreign intelligence network. A veteran *Financial Times* reporter, Colitt explores the life of the man who was the model for John le Carré's spy Karla. The book, first published as *Spy Master: the Real Life Karla, His Moles, and the East German Secret Police*, describes Wolf as charming and ruthless—and unrepentant for the trail of casualties left by his deadly, clandestine career.

Erika Mailman '91
(as Lynn Carthage)

Haunted (The Arnaud Legacy)

Kensington (2015)



In this young adult novel (the sequel *Betrayed* was published in 2016), California high schooler Phoebe is whisked off to the English countryside when her father inherits the ancestral mansion. Any silver lining in that cloud vanishes when the mansion proves to still be home to Madame Arnaud, the 18th-century matriarch who ran the household—and continues to haunt the reaches of the dilapidated manse. Mailman, an adept novelist, leaves her young protagonist to protect not only herself, but also her younger sister, from Madame's nighttime prowls.

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Kevin Rice '96**associate professor of chemistry**

Four years at Colby is often just not long enough.

As motivated as I was to move beyond Mayflower Hill upon graduation, reflection during the succeeding years reinforced the unique and finite opportunities Colby students have to embrace the immersive breadth of a liberal arts education. Fortunately for me, I was able to come back to Colby as a member of the faculty nine years after earning my degree.

In my 11 years in the Chemistry Department, my affection for this institution and for the liberal arts has deepened, and I often ponder classroom opportunities I missed that may have further broadened my perspective. For instance, my wife, an artist, challenges me in ways no problem in chemistry ever could. I always regretted not taking art history as a Colby student.

Now on sabbatical, I'm furthering my chemistry research program investigating the mechanisms of action for an experimental anticancer agent. Concurrently, I am finally taking art history. My colleague, Professor Véronique Plesch in the Art Department, has been kind enough to allow me to audit her course, Survey of Western Art. Not only am I learning about the circular influence of creative expression and the human experience, I am reacquainting myself with the other half of the enterprise of teaching and learning. Professor Plesch is an engaging lecturer whose efforts have led me to appreciate everything from the 13th-century painter Cimabue (Giotto's teacher in the Low Renaissance) to the Rococo period works of Jean-Honoré Fragonard. She is also fueling my love of teaching. I am confident that I will return to the front of the classroom with energy and open-minded perspective that only a liberal arts experience can inform.



Can we talk?

By Kate Carlisle

ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES—
INCLUDING MAYFLOWER HILL—
FREE SPEECH COLLIDES WITH
POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

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—President David A. Greene

“Watch your language.” ... “Words can hurt.” ...

In a world where thoughts can pour directly out of our heads and onto another person's computer screen, and insults can circle the globe in the time it takes to tap send, these kindergarten admonishments are taking on added resonance on American college campuses.

A flood of incidents at institutions ranging from huge land-grant universities to small liberal arts colleges is growing into a conflict between “politically correct” culture and freedom of speech. The swift reaction has been passionate. Some warn of suppression of speech, while others welcome the shift toward a more sensitive culture as a needed adjustment in an increasingly intolerant world. Still others complain that such increased “tolerance” is itself a form of intolerance.

A recent national survey revealed that while most college students believe their campus environment should expose them to diverse viewpoints, a large majority also believes that schools should be allowed to restrict intentionally offensive language. And 54 percent of students recently surveyed by the Knight Foundation and Gallup said the climate on campus prevents some people from saying what they believe, because others might find it offensive.

But can colleges monitor and restrict slurs and hate speech while also protecting free speech and the give and take of ideas in what is, after all, an academic and intellectual space? In Colby's tight-knit community, the conversation is just getting started. “We need to be very clear about our values when it comes to issues around freedom of speech and around respect and civility,” said President David A. Greene. “These things can coexist.”

The debate has spread across the country, as disagreements about speech issues have led to public skirmishes. In 2015 a serious conflict over campus diversity sparked a freedom of speech brushfire at the University of Missouri, ultimately claiming the chancellor of the flagship institution and resulting in the dismissal of a communications professor. A month later, sparks spread to the venerable halls of Yale, where a college dean was assailed—on videotape—by students claiming he had no right to speak. (In a complicated meta-twist, the administrator, noted sociologist Nicholas Christakis, was speaking in defense of his wife, who had written a letter chiding Yale for decreeing certain Halloween costumes potentially offensive.) Fifty miles up the road in Middletown, Conn., the sparks turned into flame on the campus of Wesleyan University, where students proposed defunding the campus newspaper for publishing a column they deemed racist.

As the conflict spread, Williams College canceled two right-wing speakers who were invited to campus as part of the

college's “Uncomfortable Learning” series. At Smith College students holding a sit-in barred reporters from covering the event unless they participated and demonstrated “solidarity” with the group's goals. And at Ithaca College, protests broke out—and ultimately cost the president his job—after a prominent alumnus made racially tinged remarks at a campus event. More recently, the distribution of sombreros at a tequila party resulted in complaints of ethnic stereotyping at Bowdoin College, and at Emory University in Atlanta, pro-Donald Trump chalkings across campus spurred complaints from students who said they felt oppressed by what they saw as deliberate attempts to divide the community and intimidate students of color.

“What's at stake is really interesting,” said Abby Snyder '18, co-president of the Feminist Alliance. “I think when we talk about a freedom of speech, that ‘freedom’ is conflated with the idea that you can say whatever you want, instead of that being freedom within the laws.” She pointed out that hate speech is easily differentiated from simply holding “differing views.” And Snyder—a double major in anthropology and women's, gender, and sexuality studies—believes campuses are actually the perfect laboratory for these kind of arguments.

“I think it is crucial that this debate is taking place on college campuses in particular, as they are frequently the center of knowledge-making,” she said.

At Colby, a protest aimed at drawing attention to racial injustice nationally in 2015 prompted a spate of hostile and racist comments on the anonymous forum Yik Yak. The comments led to a campus-wide event where students, faculty, and Greene denounced the comments and called for ongoing conversation on race at the College. A yearlong discussion of community, diversity, and inclusion followed, with freedom of speech a frequent analog in the debate. An online campus bulletin board distributed as part of the daily community announcements came alive this February with many postings about “PC culture.”

One focal point was a campus forum post by Rose Nelson '16, which began with her criticism that a student-organized campus "Suit Day" was insensitive to women and students whose socioeconomic background doesn't call for a business suit. Nelson subsequently posted a Yik Yak transcript of hostile and sometimes insulting dismissal of her criticism, which in turn set off several days of argument about whether using politically correct language amounts to suppression of speech.

Nelson asked, "What do people who speak against political correctness fear? That it opens them to personal attacks, misunderstanding, and unfair labels if they should voice their opinion? How have they treated me and my posts? No argument should be above criticism, and we ought to be held to our opinions when we voice them in a public space. So how about we try to start dropping the anonymity?"

As the comments flew, some said an intellectual community should have a place for expression of a variety of opinions.

"Education and the pursuit of intellect means being challenged," wrote Charlotte Jones '19. "If one is not uncomfortable, he or she is not being challenged. It means allowing voices of those who are far right, far left, independent, socialist, communist, fascist to be heard and debated and discussed. It does not mean that a single voice who determines itself to be most PC ought to be able to determine the legitimacy or competency of all the other voices."

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And faculty weighed in.

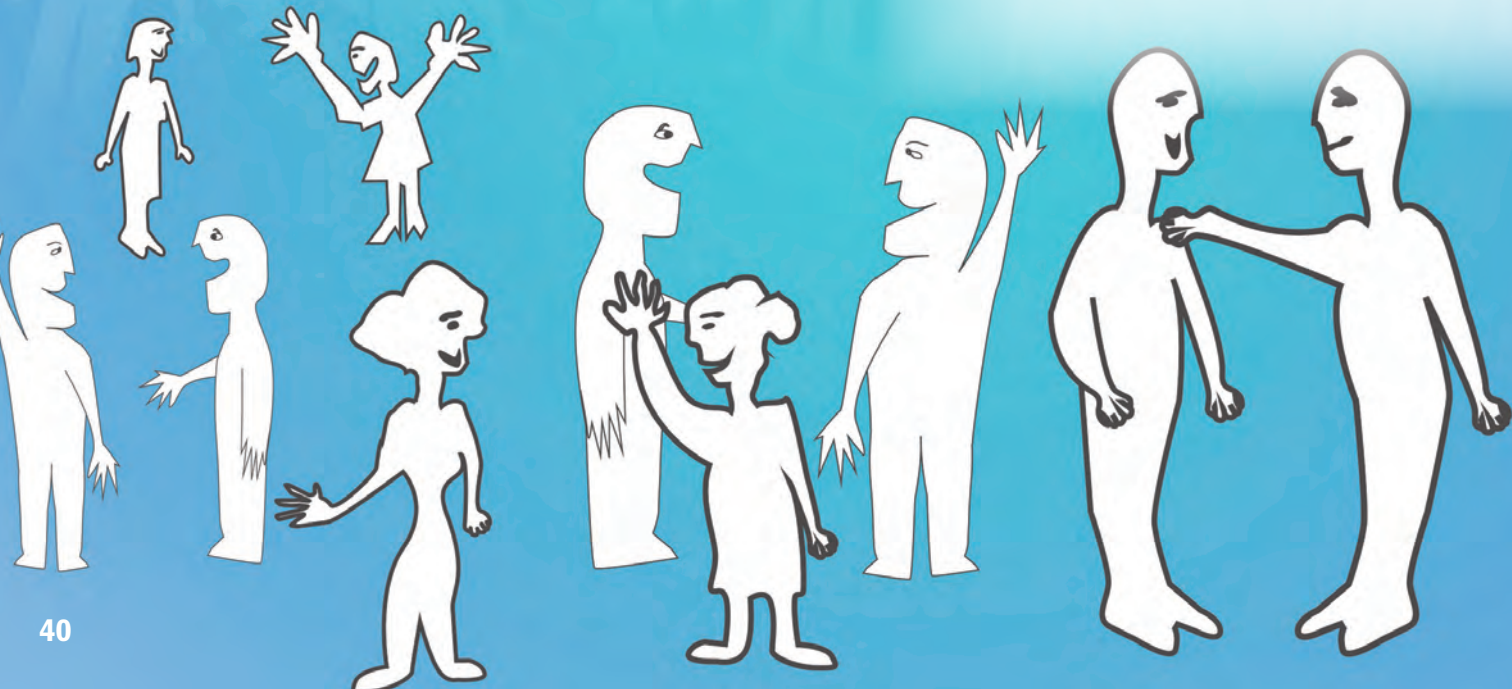
"Here at Colby, and in the world at large, it is important to reflect on whose interests are really being served when being equitable and respectful is positioned as something to be avoided, something dangerous, something threatening to the very nature of our mission as an institution of higher education," wrote Professor of Education Mark Tappan, who studies and teaches issues relating to social justice and often leads discussions of issues of racism and privilege.

Some say that Colby has a historic commitment to freedom of expression, starting with the persecution and death of one of its most famous alumni. In 1837 Elijah Lovejoy, newspaper publisher and abolitionist, was assassinated, his warehouse burned and presses destroyed, for his anti-slavery editorials in the Alton, Ill., *Observer*. Immediately hailed as a martyr for abolition, he is now widely considered one of journalism's first secular saints. No other college bestows an award dedicated to a free-speech hero like Lovejoy, but beyond that, Colby's very nature as an institution behooves it to take speech rights seriously, said Greene.

"We can't be a place that shuts down different voices," he said. "We're an intellectual community first and we need to be able to challenge people in rigorous ways. The best arguments have to win."

Some students at Colby say their arguments, rather than being appropriately challenged, are being suppressed in the name of political correctness.

"There's this really fine line between freedom of speech and making sure that what you're saying is acceptable with the times and isn't hurting anyone," said Chris Shorey '16. "Figuring out that what you're saying is said in a way that isn't hurtful and malicious."



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—Rose Nelson '16,
commenting on posts on
the social media site Yik Yak

Shorey, head of the Colby Republicans, said he sometimes feels uncomfortable expressing his political views on campus. “I’ve felt, occasionally, that my views aren’t welcome, whether in class or outside,” he said.

Philosophers and sociologists suggest that what can now safely be deemed a trend of conflict over freedom of speech—both as a powerful ethic and a political right enshrined in the Constitution—is coming to a head as part of a more encompassing political movement over diversity and disenfranchisement. Writing in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Kate Manne of Cornell and Jason Stanley of Yale, both professors of philosophy, suggest that the argument turns more on how people in power use the right to speech.

Colby Assistant Professor of English Aaron Hanlon, who writes about politics and other topics for national magazines, agrees. “My read on it is that it’s a recapitulation of broader political wars beyond campus,” Hanlon said. “And it’s about what kinds of speech do we categorize as a threat, and what is protected speech.”

He sees an interesting power dynamic “inversion” playing out around language, when those whose speech is deemed offensive claim that their rights to speech are being abridged. “Whose voice is being judged as the norm, and who is the censor?” Hanlon asked.

Attempting to come to grips with the issue, colleges and universities adopted statements on free expression. At the University of Chicago last year, for example, the university said it should not try to shield people from ideas “they find unwelcome, disagreeable, or even deeply offensive.” The statement also says the university has a responsibility to ensure visiting speakers on campus are unhindered by student protesters. “Concerns about civility and mutual respect can never be used as a justification for closing off discussion of ideas.” More than half a dozen institutions—including Purdue, Princeton, American University, Johns Hopkins, and others—quickly followed suit with similar declarations.

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American Constitutional Law
Joseph Reisert

It is perhaps not a coincidence that, at a time of great political upheaval around the world and against the backdrop of a confounding political campaign in the United States, a debate on speech is roiling on campuses.

“What’s remarkable is that, at this moment, our law remains very libertarian on speech,” said Colby constitutional scholar and Professor of Government Joseph Reisert, citing the 2010 Citizens United case, when the U.S. Supreme Court declared that campaign contributions could be defined as political speech. “But at this moment, culturally, it’s different. It does seem driven by young people. And it’s not only about the overtly hostile and defaming speech; it’s about sanding the edges off whatever makes you uncomfortable.”

Reisert observed that on a campus like Colby’s the important demands of civility and community may require a more thoughtful approach to the way community members communicate. “We all have to get along,” he said.

Snyder, of the Feminist Alliance, said she’s acquired “so many more tools for daily interactions” at college and has learned that resolving the conflict solution comes down to respectful community living—acknowledging others’ backgrounds and history and recognizing the power structures in force. “By using more respectful language, political correctness acknowledges an understanding of why alternative words are harmful in various ways,” she said.

And for Greene, overseeing a campus brimming with ideas, debate, and the push and pull of political ideologies, it’s also about honoring Colby’s “special obligation” to create an environment that encourages transformative education. “That education at its best is deeply engaging, provocative, and challenging,” he said.

At Colby, the conversation—drawing from different perspectives, in search of common ground—will continue. ©

A Friend in Deed

Children in need of surgery, refugee families, victims of abuse—Jacques Hermant steps up

By Laura Meader

Jacques Hermant '71, left, with an Iraqi child Hermant and his wife, Marylene, recently cared for while the toddler underwent heart surgery in France. At right, the 18-month-old goes for a stroll with the Hermants.

Jacques Hermant '71 means business.

With two advanced degrees, 13 years in business positions at large European companies, and 32 years of teaching and administrative experience at universities around the globe, Hermant has built an impressive résumé.

Equally impressive are his humanitarian credentials.

The homeless and unemployed, domestic abuse survivors, financially challenged students, and children with heart defects have been aided by from the benevolence of Hermant and his wife, Marylene, who have opened their home and hearts to people for decades. And this spring they will join thousands of others by hosting a Syrian immigrant at their home in Nantes,

France, a port city on the Loire River. “We’ve been married forty years and have always had someone living in our home,” Hermant said. “Now we are quite used to it.”

What may seem ordinary to Hermant—unbounded generosity, a spirit of kindness, and a lasting commitment to help others—is nothing short of extraordinary to many others.

Born in Lyon, France, Hermant transferred to Colby his junior year. Encouraged to study international business by Colby’s late Professor of Administrative Science Walter Zukowski, he went on to earn an M.B.A. from the University of Indiana, Bloomington, a D.E.A. from the University of Rennes, and two faculty development certificates from Harvard.

Hermant worked in France for Fiat Iveco Trucks and Mobil Oil France and consulted for clients that included British Petroleum and others before moving into academia in 1977. He’s served as a dean at business schools in Paris, Angers, and Nantes. Specializing in management and banking strategy, he’s been a visiting professor at universities in Asia, Africa, Europe, and the United States, including at the Harvard Business School. Since 1992 he’s been at Audencia Business School in Nantes, where he’s professor emeritus.

Hermant’s penchant for giving began at Colby. His first effort was volunteering at a blood drive at Colby, followed by assisting an elderly woman in Indiana. He’s corresponded with prison inmates and accompanied cancer patients to appointments. Over time he worked with different populations and broadened his involvement.

It's not about donating money, but giving of himself. "For people in despair, taking the time to listen to them, to be with them" is most important, he says. He goes way beyond listening to connect with individuals and truly help them.

"He's very generous of his time and his energy," said Sara Crisp '80, who worked as Hermant's au pair when he lived in a Paris suburb in the 1980s. Crisp, now a painter living in southern Maine, felt welcomed into his family, and she grew personally from the conversations, history, and culture to which he exposed her.

Hermant's family includes four children: two biological, one adopted from Korea, and one integrated in the clan when he could not afford \$10,000 school fees. "The mother was making a hundred dollars a month as a teacher in Madagascar," Hermant said. "One day we called him and invited him to live with us. He's been with us for six years."

Another student came to Hermant after being rejected for funding for a fellowship because he lacked a sufficient track record. So Hermant established a foundation to provide grants for him and other such students, funding one project a year from 1992 to 2002. His Fondation Internationale pour l'Humanitaire awarded travel grants to students that in turn triggered funding from larger organizations. He watched joyfully as his "very little travel grants" opened doors.

These days Hermant is involved with a domestic abuse organization in Nantes and he shelters survivors in his home. He's also involved with Mécénat Chirurgie Cardiaque Enfants du Monde, an organization that provides cardiac surgery for children from medically underserved countries. Since 2005 the Hermants have been host parents to eight children, including an 18-month-old Iraqi toddler who had heart surgery Feb. 15. These children, in France without their parents, stay with the Hermants for two months.



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After the toddler returns home, Hermant will prepare for the Syrian immigrant, who will rest in Nantes to acclimate and assimilate into French culture while awaiting permanent housing and employment.

Though retired, Hermant travels worldwide teaching bankers and professionals in countries that include

Vietnam, Morocco, Lebanon, and Australia. He plans to work a few more years and then spend more time with his children and grandsons. And, of course, "We'll keep having people in our home," he said with a laugh. "You feel good when you help people."

"It is more agreeable to give," he said, "than to receive."

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Judging a Book

For Megan Cook the value of a volume is more than the words on the page

By Gerry Boyle '78

Megan Cook doesn't judge a book by its cover. She also considers the historical context, the manner of binding, the illustrations on the contents page, marginalia penciled in by various owners, food stains that are reminders of someone's long ago lunchtime reading.

Cook, assistant professor of English, is an expert in Middle English, Geoffrey Chaucer, and the history of the book. As such, she recently helped Colby acquire a 1602 folio edition of Chaucer's works, not because it's valuable in a rare-books sense, but because it is a literary, historical, and cultural artifact—one that can be read, touched, smelled, explored.

Students ask her, "Can we open this, Professor Cook?"

Her answer: "Of course you can."

Cook's interest in early manuscripts can be traced to a text called *The Book of Margery Kempe*, the story of an English woman who made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in the early 15th century. Cook was fascinated by the discovery of a long-lost single copy of the manuscript and the ways it had been subsequently reprinted. That led to an interest in the history of editing, a doctoral program

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—Assistant Professor of English Megan Cook

at the University of Pennsylvania, and, among other things, Chaucer—specifically the 1602 edition with its supplemental glossary and illustrated family tree.

Cook is fascinated by the ways the print process in the Renaissance was used to make old books like Chaucer's seem new. That became her dissertation and is the subject of a book she hopes to finish writing this year. Why was other material—love poems, the Ten Commandments—bound into original works of the time? What does that tell us about the people who lived at that time?

Opening the 1602, Cook points to arithmetic scrawled as a reader carefully calculated how old the book was in 1751, to the page where previous owners' names were crossed out and replaced. “There's a couple of pages where I'm pretty sure someone was eating while they were reading. Grease stains—you wonder what was going on with that.”

She points out that this book is very much like the Chaucer that Shakespeare would have read, spreading it out on the desk as he penned *Troilus and Cressida*. The family tree includes an illustration of the tomb of Chaucer's son, Thomas, a very successful politician, rather than Geoffrey Chaucer's modest tomb in Westminster Abbey. “One of the most

interesting things this book is doing,” Cook said, “is showing an articulated relationship between past and present.”

It's an interdisciplinary book, she says, with references to 15th-century coins and words in German and Arabic, Greek and Roman. “It's a reading that asks readers to make connections across what we would today think about as boundaries in different fields,” Cook said.

But Cook has held off on digging too deeply into the Chaucer, because she wants students to do their own exploring. Students in her History of the Book course will dig into Colby's 1493 edition of the *Nuremberg Chronicle* and the multilingual Bible known as *Hutter's Polyglot* (both in Special Collections), as well as studying the Chaucer.

“Seeing that moment where the idea of an old book comes off the page and becomes a three-dimensional object,” she said. “I think it's an important shift in students' perspectives.”

“One thing I'd like to do is read old books by candlelight, but that's not going to happen for very good reasons,” Cook said. “But you can give students a sensory understanding of what it means to engage with the book that will hopefully make them more critical users of media of all kinds. I think that's a really powerful thing to do.”

Left: Assistant Professor of English Megan Cook, center, makes a point during a lively discussion of the history of books.



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TWO PAGES: MANY CLUES

Assistant Professor of English Megan Cook helped us “read” the title pages of this 1602 edition of the works of Chaucer, which she helped Colby purchase with the intention of using the venerable and much-read book as a teaching tool. Here is what Cook sees:

This version of Chaucer's family tree depicts some high-ranking individuals, including King Henry IV and Henry VII of England. The connection is through Chaucer's sister-in-law, Katherine Swynford, who was first the mistress and later the wife of John of Gaunt.

The tomb at the bottom of the page is the very fancy one belonging to Chaucer's son, Thomas Chaucer, and his wife, Maude. Chaucer's own tomb was the first in what is now Poet's Corner in Westminster Abbey, but engraver John Speed chose to depict the much more elaborate one belonging to Chaucer's son.

John Speed signed the engraving with his monogram, an interlocking I and S. Speed also provided engravings for the King James Version of the Bible and created a widely admired series of maps of the shires of England.

The portrait resembles those of Chaucer found in manuscripts of Thomas Hoccleve's poem *The Regiment of Princes*. That means the engraver, John Speed, must have had a manuscript of Hoccleve's poem handy when he made this image. The caption below explains that Hoccleve (“Occleve”) “lived in [Chaucer's] time, and was his Scholar.”



This was the sixth edition of Chaucer's collected works printed. They first appeared in 1532. The collected works of Chaucer were the largest collection of poetry printed in Renaissance England.

The title page calls Chaucer, who died in 1400, "ancient," a term that in the period is usually reserved for Greek and Roman writers.

The note at the top reads "1602 Novemb[er] xij. price . ix s[hillings]." This is a typical price for a book of this size in the early 17th century, and would be about \$120 in today's money.

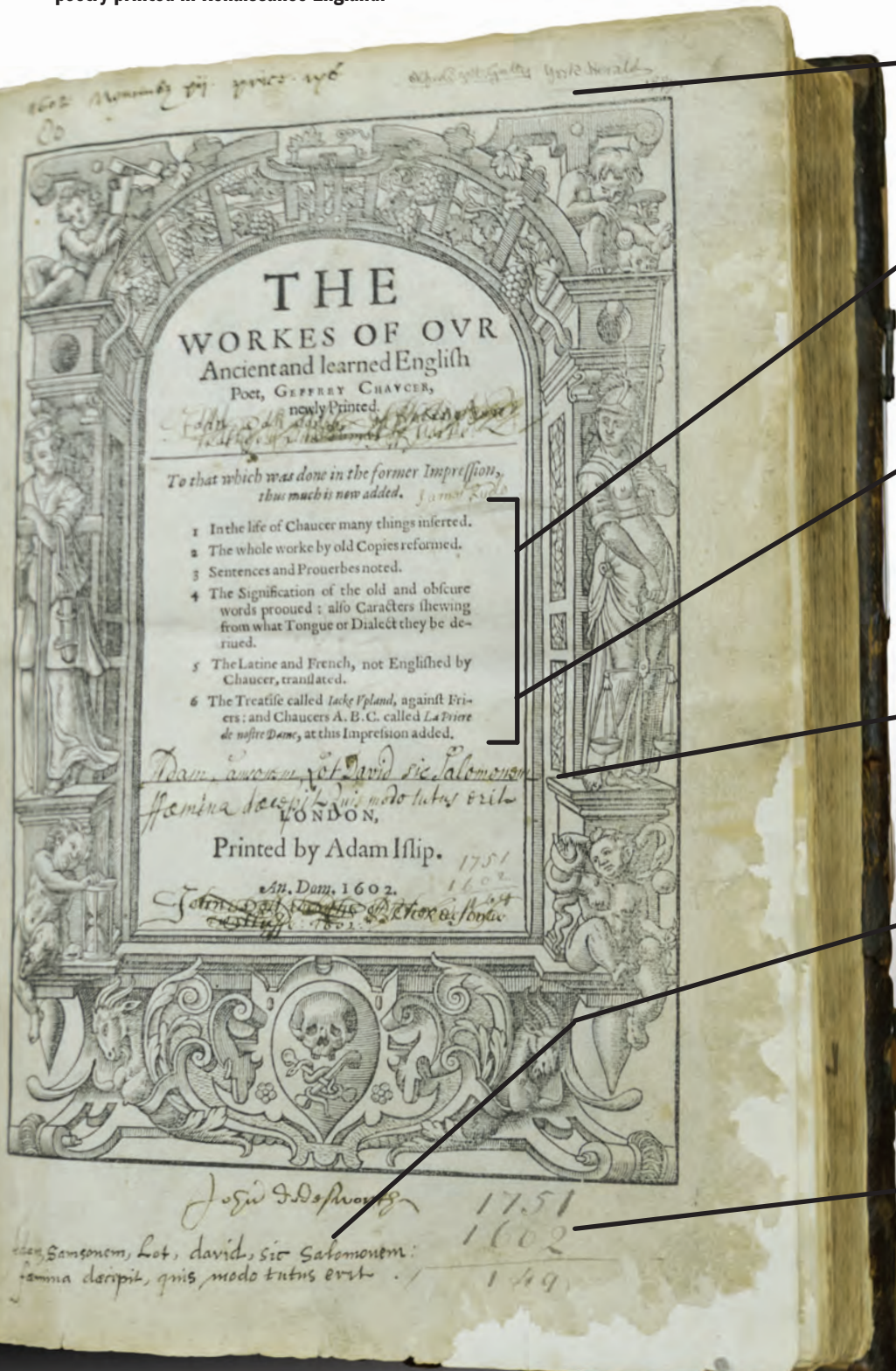
The title pages of Renaissance books were a form of marketing. This one lays out six different reasons why this version of the works is different from the last, which had been published just four years earlier, in 1598.

Item number six describes the two new pieces included in this edition of the works. The A.B.C. is genuinely Chaucer's, but "Jack Upland" was definitely not written by Chaucer. The process of establishing Chaucer's canon was long and complex, and early modern editions of his writings include many apocryphal pieces.

Owners have always written their names in their books. Here, a later owner has crossed out previous inscriptions by John Dodesworth stating his ownership of the book, but left the signature in the bottom margin.

The same Latin proverb is written in the center compartment and in the bottom margin. It has no special connection to Chaucer. In Latin, it reads "Adam, Samsonem, Lot, david, sir salomonem: fæmina decepit, quis modo tutus erit." In English: "Adam, Sampson, Lot, David, Sir Solomon: woman deceived them, who is safe?"

Readers often use blank space in early books for arithmetic and other notes. Here, it looks as though a reader from the 18th century has done a quick subtraction in order to calculate the age of the book.



SWEATING THE SMALL STUFF

**Linking plankton to climate change,
Brian Kim '18 makes connections**

By Stephen Collins '74

Sure, there are things in the world smaller than plankton. Microplastics, for example. The latter, which are now 70 percent of all marine debris, get so small that the former eat them. And then there's plankton feces. Also tiny.

It takes an expansive mind to connect microscopic marine copepods (certain crustacean plankton) unwittingly chomping on floating microplastics with a bigger picture: the planet's carbon pump and global climate change. But that's what Brian Kim '18 decided to investigate during Jan Plan, working with Bigelow Lab Senior Research Scientist David Fields.

The story begins with Kim spending the month at the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences in East Boothbay, Maine, working on an experiment titled "The Effect of Microplastics on Grazing and Fecal Sink Rates of Marine Copepods." It ends (for the time being) with Kim presenting his research at the national summer meeting of the Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography in Santa Fe June 5-10. Not a bad exclamation point on his sophomore year, but he's also presenting freshwater research, on gloeotrichia, at the Society for Freshwater Science annual meeting in Sacramento, Calif., in May.

Wait. Copepods' poo (as he calls it)? "It sounds so bizarre and it's such a specific topic, but there's a surprising amount of literature about it," Kim said in March, a note of incredulity in his voice.

Backing up, before Kim did his Jan Plan at Bigelow, he spent the fall of his sophomore year at Bigelow researching gloeotrichia, freshwater bacteria that can make water toxic to humans. He took courses, a field component led by Fields, and worked on research with Senior Scientist Pete Countway, who is a research partner of Kim's academic advisor, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies Denise Bruesewitz, in whose lab Kim works on campus.

The genesis of Kim's January experiment came as his Bigelow semester program wound down last fall. "He started



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—Bigelow Lab Senior Scientist David Fields on research findings of Brian Kim '18

Brian Kim '18 and Rebecca Chmiel '17 conducting water-quality studies on the Belgrade Lakes. Kim does research on both fresh and salt water issues.

spending a lot of time mingling around in my lab,” Fields said, “and it was a fluke where he asked if he could do some stuff about microplastics and zooplankton.”

Kim said Fields suggested literature that he read over winter break, and he returned to Bigelow in January ready to go. “What can we investigate about these guys?” Kim remembers asking. “Let’s see if they eat [the microplastics] or if they don’t eat them.”

Only “real science” intervened, Fields said. The plastic particles he’d ordered clumped together so the copepods couldn’t ingest them, so he ordered surfactants that would disperse them. Then he had to make sure the surfactants weren’t changing the results of his experiment. “I stress with them that their experiments are only as good as their controls,” Fields said.

Fields credited Kim’s resilience and tenacity for getting through the experiments in a month. “He’d come

into my office ripping his hair out because he’d been up all night,” Fields said, but did Kim find an answer? “Yes he did!” Fields said. “He found a change in the rate. Plastic is much lighter than algae they usually eat. ... It’s potentially going to change that flux rate of carbon.”

Associate Professor of Biology Cathy Bevier, Kim’s first academic advisor at Colby, said, “I feel lucky to have been able to steer Brian,” helping him get into the Bigelow semester a year earlier than normal. “Ask permission,” she urged him. “Pursue things you want to do, and if there’s some kind of rule or restriction, just ask about it. We can almost always make an exception if they’re qualified.”

And she found Kim highly qualified. He’d worked as a youth ocean advocate at the Seattle Aquarium and had done oceanography research at the University of Washington. With more incoming students bringing credentials like that

to Colby, “more faculty are willing to take a risk on first-year students and pull them into their labs and into their research programs,” Bevier said. “I think their experiences, their academic preparation has been on the rise the past several years.”

Fields too, at Bigelow, recognizes Kim’s promise. It’s not if but when Kim pursues his Ph.D. that he’ll have to pick toxicology, zooplankton, biogeochemistry, or something else, Fields said. “He’s clearly one who will go on.”

And Kim was amazed at the depth of the partnership they forged and the connections that Fields and other Bigelow scientists opened up for him. “David was like, ‘Brian, I can guarantee that you and I will be working together a long time after your undergraduate career.’” Kim said. “Hearing that has a really big impact.”

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Lisa Arellano reveals the dissonance of the paradox behind the contradiction

By Gerry Boyle '78



Lisa Arellano had just finished teaching her first class for the course Queer Identities and Politics when a student approached her to say, "You know, I'm from New York, and where I'm from, these issues aren't even issues."

In other words, if this is Queer Politics Lite, it's not for me.

"Somehow she had mistakenly thought that we were going to talk about why homophobia is bad," said Arellano, associate professor of American studies and women's, gender, and sexuality

studies. "I think the class would have been about that ten years ago. So what is complicated for people in my field, for our students, is how to think simultaneously very consciously about a moment in which gender continues to matter very much but in very different ways."

And that, Arellano said, is the point: "What we're doing in the field is training students to be mindful of all these paradoxical conversations going

on simultaneously and giving them the capacity to participate in all of them and the wherewithal to know which one they're in."

Don't look for easy answers with Arellano. In fact, the only thing guaranteed is that one question will lead to another as the current moment is dissected and deconstructed.

For example, gay marriage has been ratified by the U.S. Supreme Court and has been legalized in 37 states and the District of Columbia. And yet gay marriage remains a litmus test question for presidential candidates, and it's anathema to many conservative voters.

So, asks Arellano, is acceptance of gay marriage real progress, or is it a



conventional conciliation that slowed advances in areas where change would have been more far-reaching? “Both of those conversations are very important, but we need to be having both of them, and they’re not the same,” she said. “If you have one without the other, if you talk about gay marriage as conservative ... you’re missing how it actually is quite radical in another framework. That’s the present moment.”

Arellano freezes that moment and zooms in on the images and societal forces that otherwise go by in an unexamined blur. Her Queer Politics class will begin its study with the 1940s, examining sexual practices and mores of the time, from premarital sex to same-sex relationships. Hint: there was much more sexual freedom than we might think.

So what of our so-called progress? “It feels funny, right?” Arellano prods. “There was a time when having a female presidential candidate would have felt like progress. Now [Hillary] Clinton may not be the most progressive candidate. The conversation about women and electoral politics was very different in 1920.”

If predictions are too often based on loosely formed assumptions, Arellano’s own scholarly research will confound expectations. Since her days at Stanford (she earned her Ph.D. there in 2004), she has been interested in what makes people turn to political and social violence. She has written and published extensively on vigilantism and lynch mobs, studying primary documents that reveal the ways people framed themselves and society rationalized their extreme actions.

Now she’s embarked on research of ideological violence—from the political left. From labor movements that turned violent to racial justice movements that culminated with the Black Panthers and others in the 1960s, political expression that many today might think was confined to right-wing militias is being subject to her scrutiny. The left, she reminds us, was about more than peaceniks.

Whether these movements are good or bad depends on the observer’s political views, she says, noting that many claims made by radical militant activists are very similar, whether labeled as coming from the right or the left.

Again, Arellano is delving into primary documents of the time to discern the motivation of the actors and the reaction of their audiences. One observation: while militant activism today may take the form of a ritual or a performance (see the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge occupation in Oregon), militant radicals of the 1970s were seen as a real threat to national order. “We were at war,” she said. “It has not always felt this calm, this tamped down.”

Tamped down is exactly what Arellano does not want her students to feel in the classroom. Instead, she wants them to see that there are not only different



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“Part of what I want people to do is know where they’re coming from, but also learn something about how they’ve been constituted in a particular way,” she said. “How is it possible that two different eighteen-year-olds at this school could be in such different places?”

It is possible, of course. But the reasons may be less apparent until the exploration, the process of careful and deliberate consideration, begins. “What makes this work great and this a great time to do this work are all these complications and paradoxes,” Arellano said. “It’s what makes it always harder.”

And that day’s conversation was a case in point, punctuated with a moment when she broke into a grin and told her interviewer, “Ha! You’ve stumped yourself with your own question.”

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JoJo Parker '18 could have gone to Texas A&M or UT Austin, popular destinations for high-achieving students from Houston. But she chose Colby. "My mom was definitely worried, but I wanted to get away so badly," she said. "I needed to experience a part of the U.S. that was very different from where I lived."

For Parker and other members of the Houston Posse, coming to Mayflower Hill meant leaving a sprawling metropolis and one of the most diverse cities in the United States. “If you took New York City and just spread it out more, that’s Houston,” Parker said.

Parker is one of nine students in Colby Posse 13, the first group of students from Houston to attend Colby through the Posse Foundation after a 12-year

A Posse Comes East

HOUSTONIANS SHARE TIGHT BOND AND A NEW WORLD

By Christina Dong '17



Members of Posse 13, all members of the Class of 2018 from Houston, Texas: from left, front row, Samuel Robles, Molly Wu, Marlen Guerrero; back row, Hermela Woldebawariat, Graciela Lopez, Daphne Hernandez, JoJo Parker, Blair Dixon, and James Gonzalez.

affiliation with Posse New York. Posse recruits high-achieving public high school students and offers an opportunity to attend a partner college or university with support of a full-tuition scholarship and fellow Posse scholars.

Bonded even before setting out for Colby together, the Posse meets weekly with

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its mentor, Associate Professor of Biology Lynn Hannum. “It’s a way of, after you’ve been out of your comfort zone for so long, being able to go back into your comfort zone and be with people you feel like understand you,” Parker said.

Sometimes it’s just a matter of getting together and talking about home—what they miss about it. And food is often at the top of the list. Parker even creates her own list of favorite

Students and Posse mentor Joe Atkins. In the next 20 years, Atkins said, the college-age population in New England is predicted to decrease by 30 percent, while in the South, that group is expected to increase by even more. Houston is now a “majority minority” city as well—almost equal parts white, black, and Latino.

Given Maine’s radically different racial demographic and climate, Posse scholar Marlen Guerrero ’18 expected

Lopez explained to her friends and family that, though Colby is in Maine, her liberal arts education and networking opportunities would have global reach. Interested in public service since high school, Lopez now focuses on human development through her major in Latin American studies and minor in education and her work with the Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans.

Parker, an aspiring writer, is an American studies major with a minor in creative writing. She discovered American studies through the New York: Modern Global City three-course cluster her first semester at Colby. “[The major] was everything I was interested in and nothing I wasn’t interested in,” she said.

Guerrero, a biology-neuroscience major with a minor in sociology, became interested in public health after coming to Colby and finding more fields that combine her interests.

Daphne Hernandez ’18 is pursuing an East Asian studies major and art minor and will be studying in Japan next year. “Just being here is a huge thing for me,” said Hernandez, a first-generation college student. “For many other families, it’s [just] going to college. For my family it was a big deal.”

That big step, for Hernandez and her fellow Posse scholars, comes with a home base. The group isn’t just close as a whole—Lopez feels she has a relationship with each person. “Knowing that we’re all trying to figure it out together kind of gives you some confidence.”

Already acting as mentors to this year’s Posse 14, also from Houston, these members of Posse 13 are taking full advantage of their Maine adventure. Lopez wants to practice skiing as much as she can, and she vows to never miss an apple-picking season—things she can’t do back home.

“Coming here,” Lopez said, “I gained having two separate worlds.”



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dishes and shares it with her mom in preparation for her visits home.

Posse 13, as it’s known, is part of a dramatically increased Colby presence in the South and Southwest. “New England is getting older; the South and the Southwest are getting younger,” said Assistant Dean of

to go out of her comfort zone in a way she never had before. At the same time, Posse made the move less intimidating for her and the others. Said Graciela Lopez ’18, “I knew that, if my Posse was there with me, I could learn to [navigate] anything.”



Court Musician

Four-year starter Sam Willson is composed on the basketball court—and at the keyboard

By Charles Eichacker '08

On a crisp Sunday morning in late January, much of Mayflower Hill slept as Sam Willson '16 rolled out of bed shortly after 8 a.m. He made his way downtown to take his seat at the organ for the 10 a.m. services at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Waterville—less than 24 hours after helping the men's basketball team beat Amherst.



I love this church. They're awesome. They've been very, very good to me."

—Sam Willson '16
organist at the Unitarian
Universalist Church of
Waterville

If he was tired from the win—Willson contributed eight points and five rebounds in the 66-64 upset—he didn't show it. He expertly accompanied each hymn and played pieces of his choosing before and after the service. "I love this church," he said of his four-year gig. "They've been very, very good to me."

It's a position that Willson, a music major studying piano and organ, took

on as a first-year after hearing of the job from Colby music instructor Anna Beth Rynders. Willson also plays organ at Sunday evening services in Lorimer Chapel, where he's familiar to his fellow Mules as a 6-foot-5 starting forward on the basketball team.

After the service, he reflected on the previous night's win, which followed a string of injuries to his teammates that contributed to four losses to NESCAC teams. "It wasn't pretty," Willson said. "But it was a huge, huge win."

Willson admits that as a music major he's an outlier on a team stacked with economics and government majors. "I've taken a lot of jokes from my teammates about it," he added.

But he takes both music and basketball seriously. A native of Watertown, Conn., he averaged 11 points, six rebounds, and two assists per game.

He has played piano almost as long as he's dribbled a basketball, and, after taking up organ at 15, he was soon playing at local churches for both the income and experience. His academic work often informs his choices for the church audience, adding a classical flavor to preludes and recessional. "He says,

"I hope you don't mind, but I've been practicing this," said Sue Conant Cook '75, a church member.

As graduation loomed Willson was looking for schools around the country that need both a music teacher and a basketball coach. He was also preparing pieces for his senior recital, including ones by contemporary American composer Gilbert Martin and French composer Louis Vierne.

Willson also planned to play an original piece for his senior recital. "That would be very unusual," Rynders said, "Most students will stick with pieces they've learned over four years."

Wherever Willson ends up, it seems clear he'll miss, and be missed at, the Waterville church.

Church members appreciate his keyboarding as well as his free throw skills. "I watch his basketball games and say, 'Don't hurt your fingers!'" said Cook, one of dozens of churchgoers who went to a home game in February to cheer him on.

As Willson sat down for an interview after the January service, another woman volunteered, "We love him!"

From Cuba with Love

By Jenny Chen '12

The streets of Havana are a patchwork of antique cars, peeling historic buildings in cotton candy colors, and the crackling sounds of sizzling *chicharritas de platano* (fried plantains) on the grills of street vendors.

It's the city that Carey Powers '14 fell in love with when she was just 9 years old, when she was visiting the city with her family while her dad studied the Cuban medical system. Thirteen years later Powers is back, working with Cuba Educational Travel at one of the most exciting moments in Cuban history.

Cuba is the only country in the world that Americans can't visit as regular tourists. These restrictions date to the Cold War, when President Kennedy instituted a travel ban after Cuba began hosting nuclear weapons provided by the Soviet Union.

In December 2014, President Barack Obama announced a new course for Cuba-America relations, and restrictions were eased allowing Americans to travel to Cuba for humanitarian, research, or educational purposes. Powers helps facilitate those trips by obtaining permits, planning educational excursions, and booking hotels and restaurants.

The last bit has gotten trickier since Obama signed the agreement to restore diplomatic relations. American tourists have flooded Cuba, many wanting to see the country before it "modernizes" (though Powers points out that Cuba has been changing all along). Still, booking hotel rooms and making restaurant reservations can

be a capricious process—you never know what the prices are going to be, and you never know what is going to be available.

For Powers it's a dream job. She's at home around the small vendors and chatting with locals in the *casas particulares* (Cuban bed and breakfasts). At Colby, Powers majored in global studies with a Latin American concentration, and she wrote every paper she could on Cuba, even for classes that had nothing to do with Cuba. (She once wrote on Catholicism in Cuba for a gender and religion class.) The Cuban American literature she read with Allen Family Professor of Latin American Literature Jorge Olivares still rattles around in her head as she walks the streets of Havana.

Cuba has changed dramatically since Powers visited in 2003 and when she studied abroad there in 2012, she said.

Because jobs in the tourist industry are becoming more lucrative than jobs like doctor or professor, many young intellectuals are leaving the country to apply their skills elsewhere. In response, the Cuban government imposed new laws requiring doctors to wait five years and forfeit all benefits. But that isn't deterring the nearly half a million Cuban doctors who have traveled to other countries on "personal business," she said.

In addition, warming relations have many young Cubans worrying that the American government will no longer give Cubans preferential immigration status. Many are hustling to get to



America before that happens. Powers says many of the Cuban friends she met while studying abroad have already left the country.

Despite these issues, Powers maintains, Cuba has its bright spots. The Cuban government provides a quality university education (the best in Latin America, according to a World Bank study) and supports a vibrant arts scene. She hopes that Americans who visit will gain a more nuanced view of the island nation.

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"I know I'm doing a good job when [Americans] tell me that Cuba is so complicated," Powers said. "And these are like older people. It's so neat to see grandmothers start to get obsessed with something I've been obsessed with since I was nine."



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Condon Medal winner Bonnie Maldonado '16 is embraced by her parents, Cristiana Maldonado, left, and Bonifacio Maldonado, of Bronx, N.Y., at the student awards ceremony in Lorimer Chapel May 3. The medal is formally awarded each year at commencement to the member of the graduating class who classmates feel has exhibited “the finest qualities of constructive citizenship.”

CLASS NOTES

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Eleanor Eisberg Foster Watson is fine. She uses a walker for mobility and is active repairing antiques, decorating early tinware, and doing a variety of watercolors.

★ **Lois Peterson Johnson** is in Boonville, Mo. She plans to stay put and let her family members from Florida, D.C., and Germany visit her. She is restricted to a walker but is active, sings in the church choir, and lives in her own independent apartment. She has eight great-grandchildren. ★ **Elwin Hussey**, as usual, is spending the winter in Hawaii. He maintains his seven-acre farm, preserving things of the past. Rides his bicycle daily. His hearing is bad. He can communicate with about 60 percent of the people. ★

★ **Burt Shiro** was one of many from our class whose college career was interrupted by World War II. He passed away March 5, but he wrote in January saying that he enlisted in the Army, was severely wounded in the Pacific but incredibly saved by a Colby friend. Returned to Colby, followed by law school at B.U. He practiced in Waterville for 55 years. At various times he served as city solicitor, state senator, and as the judge advocate for the American Legion. He was married 64 years and had three children. ★ Last summer I spent four weeks in Europe traveling with my son-in-law. Sailed a week on a four-masted clipper ship among the Greek Islands. Then toured Greece, took the overnight ferry to Bari, Italy. We were strictly on our own! Moved frequently, touching Milan, sailing Lake Como, and

taking the train through the magnificent French Alps to Paris. What a city! The last week in October my granddaughter and I flew to New Orleans. I was born there and lived there in the Garden District. We visited the two private schools that I had attended and even visited the house I had lived in from 1924 to 1937. That was when we moved back to Rockport, Maine. My mother, Diana Wall Pitts Fogler, had traveled from Rockport to Waterville to attend Colby, graduating in 1913.

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The only classmate I heard from was **Howell Clement**. He wrote that his intentions to correspond have been good, but there is usually nothing to report. "We are in winter mode in Kalispell, Mont., and have had a couple of rather bad snowstorms. We still have 18 or 20 inches on our roof, but the roofs are built for a 400-pound weight load and we are nowhere near that. It's tough on wildlife. Our normal flock of turkeys is 13 birds now, but it gets as high as 35. By the way, turkeys are not as dumb as portrayed. Their roadkill is nothing as compared with deer. Deer are such beautiful creatures. I hate to see one hit. Christmas season is the time I watch PBS on TV. They have some really good programs of Saint Olaf's choirs and orchestra. The final games of pro football season are upon us, so there is not much else to watch. Movies are oldies or pay to play. I have a shelf of Shakespeare works; maybe I'll try to read those." ★ As for your class correspondent, I think I am doing quite well—socializing, playing some golf, and staying in touch with family, friends, and former Colby associates. I'm happy to report that I only weigh five pounds more than I did in 1948. ★ I really need some news about classmates for the next edition of *Colby Magazine*! Please write to me either through the Alumni Office at Colby or to 164 Commodore Drive, Jupiter, Fla. 33477.

1949

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As I sit down to write this, a snowy nor'easter is winding down outside, but by the time you read this it will be spring again, even perhaps in Maine! ★ Although **Betsy Brown Gordon** was only at Colby her freshman year, she "loved the college." Now she lives in a retirement community in Mystic, Conn., for six months of the year and takes care of the family cottage in Rhode Island from April to October. When in Mystic, Betsy chases birds, serves on several committees, minds the in-house store once a week, and plays as many bridge and cribbage games as she can fit in! She has four children, 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, but only a daughter-in-law attended Colby. ★ After 60 years in White Plains, N.Y., Al '50 and **Mary Bauman Gates** moved a year ago to a retirement community, Birch Hill Terrace, in Manchester, N.H. Mary reports this was hard to do, but it was a good choice. Their seven children are scattered from Arizona to the nearest in Lyme, N.H. Their youngest son, Al, is considered one of the top six drone operators in the U.S. and Canada, and "we thought we'd be lucky if he graduated from high school!" One of their granddaughters, Kristin Gates '10, lives in Denali, Alaska, where she helps raise and teach sled dogs how to pull sleds long distances. Google Kristen Gates and see pictures of some of her outdoor adventures, including being the first woman to traverse Alaska's Arctic Brooks Range solo. ★ It was great to hear from **Don Heacock**, who is now retired from 50 years as a child and adult psychiatrist and professor of psychiatry. He is writing a book on psychopaths and suicide. He and his wife live on Long Island and are active in the Huntington Congregational Church. His wife is a retired school social worker, their son is a gastroenterologist practicing in Macon, Ga., and their daughter is a hospital-affiliated massage therapist. Of six grandchildren, all but two are now in college. Don's traveling days were when he was younger, but they encompassed Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean. ★ **Mary Hathaway** has moved to The Village at Duxbury, Mass., and looks forward to enjoying it. When not in the throes of moving, she enjoys reading and hiking the beaches. When I was growing up, one of the much-anticipated annual summer events was hiking Duxbury Beach to the Gurnet and back, an all-day trek as I remember. Mary commented on the interesting and very positive things she has read in the newspapers recently about Colby. ★

I recently received an email from Lee Silva, **Elaine Noyes Cella**'s eldest daughter, with Elaine's news to share. "Elaine is currently a resident of Sedgewood Commons, a long-term care facility for Alzheimer's patients, in Falmouth, Maine. She suffered a stroke in June 2013 and has vascular dementia as a result. She remembers everybody, and though she has her ups and downs, she is still sharp-witted with a good sense of humor. Her greatest pleasure is spending time with her family. She especially enjoys any musical programs and activities. She also likes art and craft projects and has taken some exciting trips to a horse therapy farm, which she loved. Her four children are living in Maine and see her often." Thank you, Lee. ★ Well, thanks to all who sent me their news. We have a decent-sized column this time. Keep it up!

1950

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Peg Rodgers Nichols wishes everyone a Happy New Year. She reports that she's "well, busy, and keeping out of trouble. My daughter and I had a wonderful week in New Mexico in late summer but otherwise I have led a pretty uneventful life. Just happy." ★ June and **Charles Smith** have moved to the Pittsburgh area to be near a son and daughter. They're at Asbury Heights, a faith-based retirement complex in suburban Mount Lebanon. They want to know if there is a Colby club nearby. ★ **George Wiswell** reports that he and Harriet (Sargent '48) are in good health and enjoying life in Southport, Conn., and at their farm in Vermont. George says, "My major regret in life is that I ever smoked. Up to two packs a day during WW II and at Colby. Harriet convinced me to stop more than 60 years ago and I haven't touched one since. Unfortunately the damage had been done and I now pay the price with supplemental oxygen. I have learned to live with it and do my best to tell young smokers that they should give it up." Their three sons are well, as are their two grandsons and two granddaughters. Unfortunately, they lost one granddaughter last summer. They also have four great-grandsons within three years of each other. They will certainly have a great time growing up together. ★ Dick and I (**Connie Leonard Hayes**) are living at Birch Hill Terrace, a retirement community in Manchester, N.H., where Mary (Bauman '49) and **Alfred "Bud" Gates** have recently joined the community.

1951

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Thanks to everyone who responded to our request for news. First we heard from **John Linscott**, our producer, director, and musician. He's moving to the Raleigh-Durham area of North Carolina. His musical was a success, so he's not being run out of Maine—he just wants to relocate. * **Richard Bowen** continues to be busy as a political person and is now offering his advice to the townspeople about saving millions of dollars by fixing the current firehouse instead of building a new one. Good luck, Richard. Keep up the good work. You have always been an influence. * Our Duxbury deacon **Dan Hall** spent Christmas in Bozeman, Mont., where his daughter runs an indoor climbing facility that has now doubled in size. Dan has always been a leader and climber, so I'm sure he has some paternal leadership. He met the son of Lorraine (Arcese '54) and **George Wales**, who runs a ski operation. I wish we would hear from George—he's been quiet lately. What's new, George? * We've lost several classmates the last 18 months, and another, **Ted Shiro**, passed away Jan. 13. He was my fraternity brother and, of course, a star athlete at Colby. He'll be buried in June at the Maine Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Augusta, Maine, next to his wife, Arden. * Jane and I were off to Naples, Fla., in December to escape the big snow here in Villanova, Pa. * **Cass Lightner** encourages us all to attend our 65th reunion June 2-5. I hope **Walt Russell** and others will be there. My best to all!

1952

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Here is what your classmates have to share with you. * **Janet Hewins** is "enjoying life in San Francisco and the Bay Area. Also still working part time as a clinical psychologist and volunteering for community organizations, especially this year a group that assists newly arrived immigrants. Best wishes to the Class of 1952." * **Art White** says, "Not a lot happening in Bath these days. The golf season ended two days before Christmas, but it certainly is over now. The temperature this morning was nine degrees! I think it's a good time for me to visit my son in Florida. I've been playing cards at the senior center a couple times a week, but I only do it to keep all the others in spending money. As they say, luck in love. Stay well." * "Hi," says non-grad **Bob Libby**. "I had

military interruption of four years after my sophomore year and then was a graduate of Northwestern University. But I enjoy keeping up with items in *Colby Magazine*. The fall/winter 2015-16 edition is extraordinary. A really good read." * **Evelyn Walker Mack**: "I'm once again spending several weeks at a beach in the Sarasota area. **Carolyn Stigman Burnham** and I get together a couple of times a week. She spends the winter about 20 miles from me. December was unusually warm, with day temps in the 80s. How spoiled can one get?" * **Betsy Fisher Kearney**: "Today is Jan. 14 and we just returned from a trip down the east coast of Florida to visit my son and wife, who have moved to South Beach. Then on to Key West and back up the west coast of Florida—a long drive. Stopped to see **Al** and **Joan Martin Lamont** in Stuart. They have a beautiful house and are into everything. **Al** is the head of pastoral counseling; **Joan** is a bell ringer and active bridge player. Both are into every sport available. It was great seeing them." * Thank you all for your contributions, which are much appreciated. Stay well and happy in 2016.

1953

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In September **Priscilla Eaton Billington** had a telephone call from **Barbara Studley Barnette**. Bobbie wondered if we could meet her and **Joan Leader Creedon** somewhere between my area, the North Shore of Boston, and Cape Cod. We decided on a lunch date in mid-October at Priscilla's Fall River Country Club. We had a wonderful lunch talking about family news and reviewing Colby days. We hope to meet again in 2016. FYI, a photo of the four of us is online at alumni.colby.edu under the "stay connected" tab. * **Harold Cross** shares news about the arrival of his 10th great-grandchild, Kate Michelle, in January. Congratulations! * **Alice Colby Hall** made a brief trip to France in late October. She gave a lecture (in French) to the Academie de Vaucluse in Avignon. She told members about her research on the legends concerning the epic hero William of Orange and the historical reality behind them. We know William as the first cousin to Charlemagne. * **Nelson Beveridge** had a call from **George Pirie**, who had just returned from a trip to the Panama Canal and was back in Georgia. He told Nelson he was getting good senior care at the veterans' hospital nearby. Sadly, Nelson also told me that **Chuck Spencer** had passed away. Nelson always asks about my dog, so I had to tell him that my best friend, my

seven-year-old golden retriever, Karian, died in late October of hemangiosarcoma, a very aggressive cancer that is taking the lives of so many of our beautiful breed. I'm expecting to have a golden puppy by April 1. I look forward to this challenge—and it will be that! * Please send more news for the next column!

1954

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I believe this is the 17th year I've been writing our column, and the 10 bits of information received for this column represents the greatest number of classmates ever. Thanks for getting in touch. * It's always a treat to hear from a classmate for the first time. Such is the case with **Mary Hitch Bowles**, who reports big changes in her life. She's moved from her large house to a lovely retirement community to be near several of her children. She now has more time to indulge her interests, among which are books, watercolor painting, music, church activities, and keeping track of her 12 grandchildren. I remember with great pleasure Barbara and me with four children visiting her and Jim at their "farm" in Stevens Point, Wis., on our way back from our Oregon sabbatical in 1969. Mary's resolution for 2016 is to treasure each day as it unfolds. * **Mary Mastin Campbell's** husband, Bill, was awarded one of the three Nobel Prizes in Medicine for 2015. They've been on a merry-go-round of activities ever since: interviews by innumerable news agencies, a trip to Washington, D.C., to meet with President Obama, and a trip to Stockholm for a week of ceremony, grand celebration, and a brief private meeting with King Carl Gustaf and Queen Sylvia. Mary says their lives were and are changed, and they've gained an understanding of what celebrities experience. * **Lois McCarty Carlson's** golfing, tennis, and skiing days are over but she continues her walking, yoga, water aerobics, and gardening. "Just putting one foot in front of the other each day." * **Nancy Moyer Conover** goes to the gym every day to ride a stationary bike while reading a book—currently *The Apprentice: My Life in the Kitchen* by Jacques Pepin. She's become a warm-weather person and is questioning the wisdom of her move to Connecticut. * **Bill Edson** had hip replacement surgery in August and is easing back into caring for his roses and small orchard of tangerines and avocados. **Penny (Thresher)** is in her 24th year as a state-certified resident advocate for Ventura County, Calif., and continues to volunteer at the

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. Each enjoys their twice-daily walks on the track at a local park. * I had a nice chat with **Tom Hunt**, who called out of the blue to ask how I was doing. He and Sue (Miller '56) are doing well. * **Judy Thompson Colby Lowe** is very happy in her retirement apartment in Gainesville, Fla., (home of the Gators) where she lives with her dog, Lily. * For the past several months, I've been corresponding with **Pat Ingraham Murray**, who lives in East Aurora, N.Y., close to her daughter, Katherine. With the help of physical and occupational therapists, Pat's been walking the halls with her walker and is hopeful of soon being able to go just about anywhere. * **Helen Cross Stabler** knows she has a double in Camillus, N.Y., so was surprised to read in my last column that she has a second double who, as reported in said column, attended the memorial service for **Ellie Turner Swanson** last summer. So I not only apologize to Helen for my goof, but also to whomever was there but was omitted from my list. If you know who you are, please get in touch (classnews1954@colby.edu) so I might make amends. * **Dave** and **Betsy Powley Wallingford**, who now live in Massachusetts, occasionally see Bill and **Mary Mastin Campbell**. Betsy asks, "How many folks know a Nobel Prize recipient?" * Life continues to be filled with wonderful hours for me. My love affair with the game of golf became all the more passionate in 2015 (my last round was Dec. 27) as I gave up riding the cart in favor of walking nine holes every other day. I walked an entire 18 on my final day. * Keep the news coming—I really enjoy hearing from you all.

1955

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Happy New Year '55ers! * **Sandy McCurdy Schultz** loves reading our class news. She's sorry to have missed the last reunion, but she had a lot of family in Pelham, N.Y., which is wonderful and comforting, she said. "I see the children in New Jersey frequently, play bridge a lot, and stay active in the Episcopal Church and women's club. I loved hospice work but gave it up when I got too old. I try to walk a half a mile each day to keep moving. I send my love, and Happy New Year to you all." * **John Reisman**: Happy New Year to all! Not much to report since last summer's great time in Maine. Jane (Daib '58) and I moved into a retirement community in March 2015 and are getting accustomed to our new normal—meeting lots of interesting people,

keeping very busy, and staying healthy. ✱ Due to a computer crash, I lost **Johnny Dutton's** email, so instead had a wonderful visit with him by phone. He was happy to have the rains hit California because it helped eased the drought conditions and brought snow to the northern mountains. He also spoke of a pending birthday party that his wife, Jane, planned for him March 1. They planned a trip to the Mission Inn in Carmel, Calif., and will stay in one of the cottages. Clint Eastwood, the owner, is often there. Johnny says the best part is a great restaurant close enough he can walk there with his cane after hip replacement surgery. Hooray! John would not go anywhere without good food. (How many of us in this class have a cane? You aren't alone there!) ✱ That's it folks! Here's a little poem to close 2015 and usher in 2016. I wrote it years ago. Time flies so fast, a whole year's spent / why, even Thanksgiving came and went / I've rarely stopped to keep in touch / and see those folks I love so much. // But from my heart, remembering all / my thoughts are filled with their recall. / Like balsam boughs, yet seldom seen / our friendships keep forever green.

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Joan Kyrizt O'Rourke writes from Pompano Beach, Fla., where she keeps busy with bridge club and the Fort Lauderdale Garden Club (officer). Her volunteering includes tax returns for AARP and the Fort Lauderdale Foreign Film Festival every Sunday. In June, after a trip to the Isle of Man, England, she'll take a three-week cruise to Ireland, Wales, Scotland, and finally to Iceland. Her son builds houses in Yarmouth, so she feels connected to Maine. She would like to hear from anyone in her area. ✱ **Dick Abedon** sees the **Lunders, Kupersmiths, Landaus,** and **Marshalls** in South Florida. He spends a couple of days per week in West Palm Beach and Belle Glade doing pro bono legal work. After our reunion in June, 16 members of his family will travel to Ireland, Scotland, and England. ✱ **Brian Stompe's** oldest son, Barry, and wife Sylvia are on a two-year sail on their 48-foot yawl from San Francisco to Mexico, Polynesia, Hawaii, British Columbia, and back to California. In July Brian and his wife, Susan, joined the couple for three weeks and sailed from Tahiti to some Polynesian islands. Beautiful scenery, great snorkeling, and home in time for salmon season off the Marin coast. Susan is busy in civic affairs, and Brian with Big Brothers

Big Sisters, Sons in Retirement, Great Books, finances, fly-fishing, science, genealogy, and military history. He works with organizations on getting California single-payer healthcare to lower its cost and include everyone. He also finds time to grow vegetables, flowers, and roses. ✱ **Jeanette and Roland Breton** have been married for 60 years and happily retired for 20. They enjoy good friends and are active in the First Baptist Church of Freeport. Their oldest daughter, Leslie '81, in her 19th year teaching math at Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass., received the Margaret Clark Faculty Excellence Award from Storm King School, Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y., where she taught from 1987 to 1997. Another daughter works at H.M. Payson & Company, and the youngest daughter at L.L.Bean. Two of their sons are engineers—one at BIW and the other at FairPoint—while other son is an entrepreneur. ✱ **Janet Nordgren Meryweather** winters in Captiva and Nokomis, Fla., as she has done for 31 years. In 1986 Janet's daughter Alison sailed around the world for a Semester at Sea. Now Alison's daughter is sailing on the *MV World Odyssey* for her Semester at Sea and will end up in England after having sailed around Africa. Janet has five great-grandchildren and will have two more soon. ✱ We were sorry to hear about the passing of **Joan Arcese**, who died Jan. 2 in Newton, Mass. **Janet Stebbins Walsh** sent in the news about Joan and said, "She was with us freshman year and those on first floor Foss will remember her raucous sense of humor and infectious laugh. Joan was one of my Newton (Mass.) High School '52 girlfriends with whom I get together every few months. She was always sorry she did not stay and graduate with us."

1957

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It is mid-January and winter has finally arrived in Maine; it seems so different from the days that we as students trudged through mounds of snow from the dorms and frat houses to Miller Library and beyond. One thing that has remained steadfast is your class loyalty, and we thank you. ✱ I imagined one happy soul to see all this snow is **John Conkling**, as he and Nancy prepared to challenge yet another ski slope (Snowmass in Colorado) with their 70-plus ski club for a week in February. They hoped to visit **Buddy Bates** in Aspen along the way. March will find them back East skiing the slopes in Quebec. The Conklings enjoy traveling in their VW pop-up camper, last fall visiting Acadia National Park with

Babs (Faltings '56) and Warren Kinsman. John's advice is, "Keep moving; it sure pays off!" ✱ After 59 (!) days of skiing at Killington, and in Colo., and Utah last winter, Arlette and **Mac Harring** changed gears and spent the spring and summer traveling throughout the country in their new 24-foot travel trailer: a winter month in Florida; Reading, Pa. to the Mid-Atlantic Air Museum; then on to camping in N.H. and an extended stay in Maine, including the Moosehead Lake region—where they climbed Mt. Kineo—Lubec, and Bar Harbor—including bike riding on the carriage trails at Acadia—and ending in Rockland to enjoy the Owl's Head Transportation Museum, a treat for any "gearheads" amongst us. ✱ Last year, 2015, found Lou and **Bill Bois** on a trip to Spain and Portugal, which included four days on Madeira Island and a quick stop in Morocco. During the summer, on his 58th wedding anniversary, Bill had open-heart surgery with excellent results. He certainly deserves spending the winter months in Florida this year! ✱ **Ron Rasmussen** happily announces that he has a new grandson, born in December to his son Lance and wife. Ron completed the 16th chapter of his autobiography, taking him to the time he became paralyzed at age 62. He's beginning his ninth year of fantasy football, having won the championship the last two years. Good luck with three wins in a row! ✱ **Dick and Perk Canton** have decided to "stick around" Florida for the season, but then, Naples is a great place to be. July will find them in North Carolina on their way to Maine for the month of August. In the fall, a trip to the Grand Canyon is on the docket. ✱ **Jeanne Arnold Jeffries** emailed that she and Peter are still involved in genealogy and their community activities. March will find them traveling by train to Utah, where Peter will ski and family will join them. ✱ On a sad note, we have lost a good friend and fellow golfer, Larry Pugh '56, a great benefactor of Colby and the State of Maine. Having played golf with him at the home of the Masters in Augusta, Ga., a couple of times is a memory and experience that cannot be duplicated in my lifetime. ✱ Please keep in touch.

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John '55 and **Jane Daib Reisman** moved to Friendship Village of Columbus last March from their home of 53 years. They have met many friendly people and enjoy all that the village has to offer—music, lectures, local travel. "We are so pleased with our apartment. Feels like home." Jane was back again in the fall for a gathering of Tri Deltas

at China Lake hosted by Ellie Shorey Harris '57 and **Barb Newhall Stevens.** ✱ Retired Clemson University English professor **Ron Moran** recently finished his 15th and last ("I promise") book, which has probably been published by the time you read this. You can read about Ron's long career and other publications at several websites. ✱ Sorry to report that after short warning of a terminal illness, **David Adams** died early in December. Fortunately he had time with family members and was also supported in his last days by hospice. Late in September I was in Yarmouth for a family event and had lunch with Dave and Pam (Brockway '60) at the Freeport Café. They were happily looking forward to their usual winter trip south in their motorhome. Whenever I hear Lizzie Borden mentioned (more often than you would think) I picture Dave with the Colby Eight, singing about her exploits—and he did this for about 60 years. Our condolences to Pam and all his family. ✱ **Leigh Bangs** and his partner had a recent trip to South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, and Namibia. "The big surprise has been the fact that we always travel expecting to see sights and animals. But we come back most impressed by the people we met and their way of life."

✱ Like classmate **Marty Burger, John Edes** is still working. In addition to his sports interests and activities, he goes to the office every day. "I'm still making \$ for my many clients!" ✱ The board of directors of the northeast group of the American Lung Association recently unanimously approved the nomination of **Peter Doran** as its very first honorary board member in recognition of his mission leadership in Maine and across the region, especially in the area of indoor air quality. Our congratulations! Peter reports he often drives through Colby's campus and sees construction on new fields for baseball and softball and visits the Dorans' daughter-in-law, Kelly, associate director of physical plant, who is involved in planning for a new athletic center as well. ✱ My sister and two of our friends are thinking of a two-week cruise north out of Boston this fall to celebrate our "big" birthdays; two of us will hit 75 and the other two 80. Stops include Portland, Quebec City, Halifax, N.S., and Prince Edward Island, among others. ✱ Here's hoping we all stay healthy, active, and still curious and excited about being alive. Carpe diem! Do something interesting, offbeat, out of your comfort zone, even outrageous, so you can tell us all about it in the next issue!

1959

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Lots of news! ✨ **Corinne Batchelder Weeks** has been traveling a lot. She took her 16-year-old granddaughter to visit friends in Glasgow, Scotland, and Norwich, England. It was a wonderful experience for both of them. ✨ **Jim Plunkett** celebrated his 50th anniversary residing in Peru. His Peruvian wife, Gisele, passed away 11 years ago, and he married a lovely Chinese woman from Beijing who's lived in Peru 20 years. They traveled to China last fall—Shanghai and Beijing. It was their second visit in 11 years and they saw lots of new things, including her family. In Peru Jim sings in the church choir, participates in the Lima Toastmasters Club, and supervises a mining project south of Lima. ✨ **Bob and Mary Twiss Kopchains** flew to Rome Dec. 1 and boarded the *Ocean Princess* for a transatlantic cruise. They visited ports in Italy and France and then on to Gibraltar, Madeira, Bermuda, and finally Miami. The six-day crossing was a true “rock and roll” experience. They returned home to Pawleys Island, S.C., Dec. 20 and three days later drove to daughter Nancy's home in Columbia, S.C. Olderson Bob and his family drove down from New Jersey, but Tom and Carolyn (also in NJ) couldn't join them with their children, Thomas, 13, and Sarah, 10. Nancy and Harvey's boys, Aiden and Duncan, are students at Clemson—Aiden graduates this year. Bob and Susanna's son is a sophomore at Union College, and daughter Emily, 16, is deciding where she'll go to college. ✨ After **Cathryn Marcho Cootner** took early retirement in 1996 as the curator of textiles at the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, she began doing tours of the Textile and Tribal Art Show, Caskey Lees, Fort Mason, Calif. After 10 years she decided to have a booth, selling artworks from her own personal collection. Last year, upon popular request, she began the tours again. In 2016 she'll do the tours primarily because some of her most important assistants moved to other jobs. At 78 the tours are more fun and educational and have always been a priority of hers, as evidenced in her books, *Flatweaves*, *The Arthur Collection* (1961) and *Anatolian Kilims*, *The Caroline and McSoy Jones Collection*, (FAMSF, 1990), and in numerous articles and lectures. ✨ **Carlene Price White** is CEO of Service Dog Project, which trains and donates hundreds of great danes as “balance dogs” to veterans and others with mobility issues. The best story is 150-pound George, who is partnered with a little girl, 48-pound Bella. He has her out of her wheelchair walking. ✨ **Bill Chapin** moved back in 1986 from Chicago to Contoocook, N.H., and in 2014 sold his investment business to his son Billy. Billy's four children and Bill's daughter with three children live nearby, and their kids

are ninth generation from Contoocook. Bill made 70 gallons of maple syrup last April. He also hunts, fishes, timber farms, and skis. Widowed in 2008, he sees Bonnie Brown Potter '63 of Chamberlain, Maine, and they sail out of Camden together. He sees Bill Slade '57, **Boyd Sands**, and **Dave Russell** regularly. His visits his last daughter and more grandchildren regularly in Telluride, Colo. ✨ **Denny Kellner Palmer's** son, John, daughter-in-law Mary, and their three children came from San Francisco at Christmas. They skied two days at Sunday River on man-made snow, and on Christmas Day, with temperatures in the 60s, managed a polar swim in Panther Pond. A dinner followed in Yarmouth with their two daughters and their families. John and Denny have spent the last three Februaries in the Stuart area of Florida and planned to return this year. ✨ **Jacqueline Bendelius Davidson's** wall hanging of knotted netting in black linen was accepted into the International Fiber Arts VII exhibit at the Sebastopol Center for the Arts in Sebastopol, Calif. It was one of 63 pieces chosen from 630 entries. She and Darwin attended the opening reception in conjunction with a visit to her 100-year-old mother in Tucson. Last year she donated her collection of knotted netting-related items to the Lacis Museum of Lace Textiles in Berkeley.

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Mike Silverberg and others attending at our 55th were thrilled that the actual Colby Eight came back to sing. Many of them came long distances at their own expense. ✨ **Bob and Liz Chamberlain Huss** are off to Singapore, Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Hong Kong. They keep busy tutoring and working on town boards. ✨ Jane and **Ralph Galante** sold their house in Bonita Springs, Fla., and constructed an addition to their daughter's house in Centennial, Colo. They made the move because Jane has been diagnosed with Parkinson's and her doctors are in Colorado. They will spend May through October in their lake house on Merrymeeting. Ralph took a Tauck Bridges tour with his three youngest grandkids to Costa Rica, which included zip lines and lots more activities. ✨ In the spring of 2015, **Maren Stoll Fischer**, Bob and **Carlene Daisy Kelleher**, Don and **Lori Vaughn Harris**, and **Gail Harden Schade** had a fantastic trip to Costa Rica. Maren found the trip to be a real learning adventure and would do it again in a second! Gail and Maren also took a Road Scholar trip in the fall to Barcelona and Madrid. ✨ **Robert**

Littlefield sent his first contribution to our column. After a brief tour in the Air Force as a physicist, he taught physics in colleges and high schools. In 1960 he took a graduate nuclear physics course at Tufts from a teacher who later shared the Nobel Prize in Medicine for inventing the CT scan. He's currently editor of the Maine Aviation Historical Society (Maine Air Museum) and has a wonderful Mount Holyoke graduate wife, two daughters (a nurse and a CFO), and five grandchildren. Since 2005 he's made hands-on scientific demonstrations for the museum and the Challenger Learning Center of Maine, many having to do with the Bernoulli effect. He's active and plays tennis with the help of his LVAD (artificial heart). ✨ **David Wiggins** finally sent news as well! After retiring and returning to Maine from Massachusetts in 1999, he moved often, depending on where he could find a suitable house to rent, from Camden to Oakland, Blue Hill, and Prospect Harbor on the Downeast coast near Schoodic Point, a section of Acadia National Park. Early in 2014, feeling the need for some permanence, he purchased a house in Liberty, 27 miles southeast of Colby, close enough to enjoy Friday afternoon geology seminars, occasional music in the museum concerts, and campus walks with his two cherished cairn terriers. His wish is to join many of you on campus in 2020 if not before! ✨ **Jock** and **Pat Walker Knowles** attended a Colby-Bowdoin ice hockey game in December where alumni who contributed to the Jack Kelley Head Coach hockey fund were recognized. Jack, a great Colby legend, dropped the ceremonial puck, and Colby won an exciting game. After the game there was a reception for Jack's family, former players, and friends of Colby hockey. Some of those attending were Peter Leofanti '62, John “Spud” McHale '62, Doug Mulcahy '62, Ed '61 and Nancy Cunneen Boardman '61, **Phil “Cub” Shea**, Skeeter Megathlin '59, and **Steve Curley**. It was a wonderful evening that the Jock and Pat enjoyed immensely. ✨ Linda and **Andy Sheldon** had a fine time at reunion, linking up with friends—including Andy's former roommate Norm Miner '65—rediscovering dormitory living, and marveling at the changing campus. After reunion they spent time at Acadia and in the Moosehead Lake-Katahdin region, then made a quick stop in Connecticut to visit **Doug Thompson**. They live in the Old Florida hamlet of Spring Creek (Crawfordville) on the Gulf due south of Tallahassee. They're healthy, active, and volunteering for various organizations. Andy is still publishing and continuing a research program in the

southern Appalachians, which provides much-needed “mountain fixes.” They would enjoy seeing Colby types but are off the usual migration routes for snowbirds.

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President **Bob Burke** reports, “we have been working since early December, planning for our 55th Colby reunion June 3-5, 2016. Our main goal is to contact all classmates by phone or email to encourage your attendance at Colby in early June. We hope you'll join us for a weekend of great conversations, reminders of our four years together, and memorable fun for all! Our reunion committee includes **Carolyn Evans Albrecht**, **David Bergquist**, **Sandy and Nancy Cunneen Boardman**, **Steve Chase**, **Frank D'Ercole**, **Denny Dionne**, **Tom Evans**, **Diane Scrafton Ferreira**, **Judy Hoffman Hakola**, **John Kelly**, **David Tourangeau**, **David Ziskind**, and myself.” ✨ **Mary Sawyer Bartlett** celebrated **Bob Di Napoli's** birthday in Bar Harbor with Jock '62 and Debbie Lucas Williams '62. They all plan to be at Colby in June! ✨ **Ann Eisentrager Birky** moved to a senior living complex after 43 years in her home and appreciates being free of house and yard concerns. She spends time volunteering in schools, church, AARP, and Friendship Force; she travels and finds time for two grandchildren. “Open for visitors in the great state of Nebraska.” ✨ **Peggy Bartlett Gray** writes, “We celebrated our 50th anniversary with a trip to England on the QM2 and drove in the Cornwall area. It was crazy driving on the ‘wrong side’ of narrow roads at our age. Reaction times ‘ain’t what they used to be!’ In retrospect, we should have flown over, terrified each other driving, and taken the ship home to decompress!” ✨ **Carol Walker Lindquist** retired from college teaching at the City University of New York in 2000. “I’ve made Brooklyn, N.Y., my retirement base, but summer at the family cottage in Pemaquid, Maine. Still playing a so-so golf game and sailing a small boat, but my main objective now is to finish the non-academic book I’ve been writing for ages. It’s a memoir about a thoroughbred horseracing meet I attended at Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs, Ark., in 1976. I’ve finally reached the next-to-last chapter, but fear that if I don’t finish before the grim reaper calls, my kids will just pitch out all those pages I’ve labored over for so long. Wish me luck!” ✨ **Sandy Nolet Quinlan** says, “All is terrific here. We bounce along involved with knee replacements (Dean, both knees in April, great success!), traveling (Sandy to France to visit family), gardening (on the local

gardening committee), exercising (walking and yoga), entertaining (26 for southern France soiree), golfing, and grandparenting. Lake George in September for Sagamore golf weekend and, in October, a family visit in France with a side trip to Corsica. Life is VERY good!" * **Penny Dietz Sullivan** comments, "in New Bern, N.C., I play a lot of golf, bridge, dominoes, and canasta, attend shows and plays, and thoroughly enjoy my retirement. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our 55th in June!"

1962

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It's time again to write about the comings and goings of our classmates. * **Tony Mainiero** relates that he "journeyed to Colby (in October) for a mini KDR reunion and had a great time catching up with **Bruce Marshall**, **Pete Thompson**, **Whit Coombs**, **Ralph Bradshaw**, **Bruce MacPherson**, and **Ed Cragin**, who "put together the whole thing." Tony and his wife, Cathy, then went home to Panama for coffee harvest time, which he said was "bountiful." He and Cathy do missionary work there. * **Peter Leofanti** details yet another get together for the Colby-Bowdoin football game this fall. Phil Shea '60 hosted a party on Friday night in Salem, N.H. Class of '62 attendees were **Terry MacLean**, **Dick** and **Marjeanne Banks Vacco**, **John "Spud" McHale**, **Doug Mulcahy**, and Peter—with a "surprise appearance" by **Peter Jaffe** who "regaled us with his singing to the accompaniment of Doug's guitar." Others attending were Wayne Fillback '64, Dennis Dionne '61, Ray Barbarian '60, Betsy Perry Burke '61, Mike Farren '59, Cal Pingree '62, and Steve Curley '60. * **Roey Carbino** moved back to a little house in her old east side neighborhood, where she rented in the '70s and '80s. She also made a solo three-week trip to Australia in November. Her first week there included a conference and presentation, then sightseeing around Sydney, travel north along Australia's east coast—ending with the tropical forest region—two trips to the Great Barrier Reef, and opportunities to see local wild animals—wallabies, giant fruit bats, lorakeets, porpoises, plus colorful fish and smaller sharks. * **Brenda Lewison** writes that, "New England is in my heart even though I happily live in Ohio." Last year she and husband Bill spent three weeks at their cottage on Penobscot Bay and look forward to returning this year. They anticipated a mid-February trip to Savannah to enjoy the city's beautiful ar-

chitecture and squares. Brenda is a mentor for a female college student at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland through a program called College Now for urban, low-income students. She says, "I love helping her on her way." * Finally, a "very interesting" note from **Hank Sargent** regarding several members of the DU Class of '62 band—with a little editing: according to Hank, **Sonny "Slick" Bryant** decided to throw caution to the wind by entering a South Florida rock 'n' roll drum marathon. After 29 minutes on the double bass drum, he was declared "most improved player." He was so excited that he jumped in the air, which resulted in a bad landing, a wrecked right ankle, and a lengthy and painful recovery. **Johnny "West" Grieco** celebrated his 75th birthday in June. His daughters arranged to have several of the greatest doo-wop singing groups—the Five Satins, the Cadillacs, the Crests, Vito and the Salutations, as well as Rufus and Chaka Khan. John was asked to sing lead but "failed miserably," according to Hank. **Billy "Yabs" Hurder** is still involved in high stakes poker, bingo, and shuffleboard somewhere in Florida. Finally, from Hank: "Me? Glad you asked ... Doin' nice ... real nice." * And just a reminder—if you attended the 50th reunion of the Class of '62, you'll remember how much fun it was. A Christmas card from **Judy Hoagland Bristol**, my "roomie," points out that our 55th is just around the corner. Anyone want to be on the planning committee? Call me—**Nancy MacKenzie Keating**.

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"All Covered With Vines," **Dan Traister's** Ludwig Bemelmans exhibition celebrating the author of *Madeline* and other works, ran at the University of Pennsylvania in 2015. After the show, Dan and Barbara (Howard '65) celebrated their 50th anniversary with a trip to London. Daughter Rebecca Traister's second book, *All the Single Ladies*, is being published by Simon & Schuster. * **Gordon Moog** says, "It's been a tough 20 months. One stroke and one knee injury (ACL + MCL) and that's just me!" After 20 months of physical therapy and daily workouts, he hopes to be back to skiing and mountain host duties at a ski resort in the state of Washington. * **Jeannette Fannin Regetz** enjoyed taking field trips last summer with her two grandchildren, Cassidy and Scarlett. She wishes there were more news, but says the "summer has been a saturation!" * **Judi Magalhaes Garcia** and **Jim Westgate** are in daily contact

60s NEWSMAKERS



Anne Ruggles Gere '66

Richard Zipser '64 received the College of Arts and Sciences 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award from the University of Delaware. Zipser recently retired as the chair of Delaware's department of foreign languages and literatures. ♦ **Anne Ruggles Gere '66** was elected second vice president of the Modern Language Association. The position puts her on track to become MLA president in 2018. Gere is a distinguished faculty member at the University of Michigan. ♦ **Ed Phillips '66**, who pitched in major and minor league baseball after Colby, was named to the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. Phillips was a star pitcher for Colby before his professional career.

via Skype—from Maryland to Thailand!

* **Karen Forslund Falb**, **Dee Dee Wilson Perry**, and **Jeannette Fannin Regetz** met in Dedham, Mass., recently and "had a great reunion," writes Karen. She included a photo of the three of them together and said much thought was given to future reunions of friends. * **Dick '62** and **Joan Dignam Schmaltz** got together at **Bonnie Brown Potter's** house right after Labor Day with Bill Chapin '59, Bev and **Pen Williamson**, Buck '62 and **Nat Gates Lawton**, and Joe and **Jane Melanson Dahmen**. Joan said the motley group had a lot of laughs. Photos Joan attached pictures were proof! * **Nancy (Godley '65)** and **John Wilson** attended Nancy's 50th Colby reunion last June and have settled into life on Deer Isle. John sings tenor in the Congregational Church choir and in a chorale in Blue Hill. This spring Acadia National Park celebrates its 100th anniversary with concerts on Deer Isle May 6 and 7 and at Mount Desert Island High School May 12 and 13. Nancy is on the Stonington Opera House community advisory board and writes grant proposals for the Blue Hill Concert Association. * Of late, a handful of watercolor lessons have turned **Lillian Waugh** into an avid amateur painter. Lillian attached photos of two beautiful paintings of New England foothills and of a rose. She's also modeled for a 50-plus ad for Iyengar yoga classes. She and David are moving forward with home renovations and plan to travel in Canada and abroad. "Wish all '63ers the best of the New Year." * **Mac Smith** and **Jeannine** are back in Naples for the winter. He wrote that **Neil Butler** had passed away and had contacted Neil's wife, **Karen Moore Butler**. Karen relayed that Neil died Oct. 28 of lung cancer. Karen's daughter and four kids are now living with her, making for an active and busy household. * **Marsha Palmer**

Reynolds and **Cile Tougas Nix** spent a week together in Maine last August. Marsha and John found the Whistler exhibit at Colby to be "a treat." They went through the Panama Canal and continue to love traveling. "Heard from lots of classmates at Xmas," including **Cindy Smith Whitaker**. Who's "ready for the 55th?" * **Ruth Pratley Madell** still works part time at the Kansas Humanities Council. She has taken advantage of many interesting courses, including Islam, Singing Cowboys and Ghost Towns, and a tour of Seattle, Victoria, and Vancouver. A new granddaughter in Chicago is expected soon. She's also planning a trip to Florida. She lunches periodically with **Betsy Doe Norwat**. * In 2014 **Steve Weeks** became a master gardener and had his gardens selected for a garden tour in Minnesota. Then he and Karen traveled to northern Italy. He received the Architectural Research Center's distinguished service award and a Minnesota special educator's award. He's featured in a Home Fitness blog that assists homebound elderly with maintaining health. See independenceducurriculum.com/video. He recommends Naomi Klein's *The Shock Doctrine*.

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Jerry Shapiro has written a professional memoir, *Pragmatic Existential Counseling and Psychotherapy: Intimacy, Intuition and the Search for Meaning*. The publication coincided with the birth of his third grandchild. * After 51 years of teaching, **Larry Dyhrberg** has retired! He looks forward to writing fiction and playing more golf. * Residing full time on Cape Cod, **Jack Mechem** is still involved with banking and recruiting. In December he attended the 60th anniversary ceremony

at Colby's Alford Rink, establishing the endowment of the men's hockey coach position in the name of Jack Kelley. ✨ After many radiation treatments for prostate cancer, **Steve Schoeman** reports good progress toward recovery. He places much value on both health and love. ✨ **Dick Larschan** spends summers in Massachusetts and winters in Manhattan. He and his wife cruised from Budapest to Amsterdam and spent Thanksgiving in Berkeley, Calif. He recently visited **John Sitkin**, **Bob Mangion's** wife, Johanna, and **Sara Shaw Rhoades**. ✨ **Martha Schatt Abbott-Shim** values family, friends, and travel. She visits her grandchildren in Portland, Ore., and Boulder, and traveled to Barcelona last fall, visiting the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao and exploring the French Pyrenees countryside. Martha left in January for Southeast Asia and, after that, a backpacking trip from Argentina through Chile. ✨ Natalie (Furlong '67) and **Al Graceffa** spent Christmas in Washington D.C., watching their grandson, 11, perform in the traveling *Matilda* Broadway show. They couldn't get enough ... went to five performances! ✨ After extensive foot and total knee replacement surgeries, **Ben Beaver** thanks his wife, Marilyn, for helping him through recovery last year. In between surgeries they visited Disney World (with no kids or grandkids!) and played golf in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. ✨ **Morg McGinley** planned to spend February in New York City as a retirement gift for his wife. They looked forward to visiting restaurants, museums, Central Park, Broadway shows, and the opera. ✨ **Andy Weiland** still practices medicine as he enjoys treating patients and operating. He and his wife, Nancy (Greer '65), vacation in Maine and Naples, Fla., and take ski trips to Vail. They have six grandchildren and spend as much time as possible with them. ✨ Dividing their time between Maine and Florida, **Dennis Hardy** and his wife are active volunteers. Dennis devotes time as a forester in Florida's Seminole State Forest and in Maine with Rotary Club service projects. ✨ **Susan Sawyer McAlary** reports success at living off the grid in Virginia and raising chickens that produce six eggs a day! A grandson and their older daughter live close by and Susan feels blessed to watch the next two generations move ahead. "Value," Susan says, "resides in being able to enjoy the aging process." ✨ Traveling extensively, **Mike Knox** and his wife have found good people everywhere and they value having a safe country and world. He retired from the Air Force after 26 years, then spent 10 years in a corporate position. ✨ **Barbara Krepes**, who lives

in Pisa, Italy, spent the Christmas holiday in Naples with friends. On trips back to the States, Barbara gets together with **Judith Milner Coche** in Philadelphia and stays in touch with **Martha Farrington Huotari Mayo** and **Susan Woodward**. ✨ For two months **Marjorie Convery** and her husband cruised though the Pacific Ocean, stopping in Hawaii, Fiji, Samoa, and Australia. In New Zealand they did a house exchange on North Island. ✨ **John Gow** writes that he is grateful for modern medicine's arthroscopic surgery, which repaired his injured right shoulder. He is now back to tennis, fly-fishing, carpentry, and throwing a ball to his grandchildren. John asks if anyone is interested in a blue and grey "Colby 1964" banner with a leather seal in the center. He spent \$75 on it but doesn't have a place to display it! ✨ **Ben Potter**, **Cliff Olson**, and **Ted Bidwell** looked forward to their annual ski trek to Sunday River, Maine, this winter. ✨ **Martha Farrington Huotari Mayo's** husband passed away recently, but she feels fortunate to have both daughters nearby in Bath, Maine. Now that Martha is no longer a caregiver, she looks forward to resuming old interests and trying new things. ✨ **Sally Berry Glenn** enjoys doing January projects (a three-story doll house!) and planning painting and camping trips. She and her husband cross country ski at Lake Tahoe. ✨ It is with sadness that we report the passing of two classmates: **Don Gilbert** died in California Sept. 24; **Al Olivetti** died in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., Sept. 30. We extend much sympathy to both families. ✨ Due to space limitations, I'm required to edit many of your submissions. When I collect news in April, I'll preserve the long version of your submissions and send out a class letter in early summer.

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We **ARE** having fun! Our classmates are following passions that began at Colby and now have time to explore and expand them. Ellen and **Lew Krinsky** went to Melbourne, Australia, to participate in the launch of a new book commemorating 50 years of The Seekers. Lew is still working as a director of private wealth management for Baird. ✨ **Marty Dodge** does far more than lead nature walks at Colby reunions. Retired from teaching since 2011, he's filled his YouTube channel with shows about more activities than I can list. If you enter "Martin Dodge YouTube" in your search bar, you'll find his videos about making furniture with chain saws, building a retirement

home in Wiseman, Alaska, and more. He's active in helping to protect our natural heritage by leading a support group, We Are Seneca Lake, protesting development of an LPG storage facility in an abandoned salt cavern beneath Seneca Lake, N.Y. ✨ **Denis Carter** spends a third of his time refurbishing vintage fishing rods and expanding a wildflower garden. He plays euphonium with the Winona (Minn.) Brass Band and is in a 12-member church choir singing and playing bass guitar. "When I was in the Colby Eight I sang first tenor, and now am comfortable in the baritone/bass section. Why does everything tend to go South with age?" ✨ Your correspondent wonders if Denis knows that **Nancy Godley Wilson** of Deer Isle, Maine, operates the Lonely Angler with her husband, John '64. They make wooden lures for offshore fishing. ✨ Happy medical news from **Peter Mudge** (heart procedures) and **Dave Hatch** (prostate). Peter and Gayle are building a new home in Black Mountain, N.C. Dave and his wife, **Dale Rottner Haas**, report seeing **Bud Marvin** and Anne when on holiday in Nokomis, Fla. Dale's active on the board for their homeowner's association. Both avidly follow the Bruins, Pats, and Red Sox. ✨ Travel passions consume many of us. Ruth and **Harold Kowal** flew to Seattle for a family visit and then drove east for a three-week adventure to Colorado Springs. They stayed at a dude ranch in Wyoming and explored the great scenery on horseback. Ruth takes consulting projects for a number of library systems. ✨ Our other cowboy, **Tom Donahue** of Midland, Mich., enjoys overnight hops to sites of historical interest, typically Civil War. Last fall he saw Indian mounds and a chain of forts along the Ohio/Indiana border. He and wife Judy take courses at Saginaw Valley University, where their daughter Jess teaches. ✨ **Your correspondent** is still trying to see the world with travel—in 2015 to Jamaica, St. Lucia, Malaysia, and Brazil and, of course, Waterville. ✨ Frank '66 and **Susan Brown Musche** are now able to travel since Frank's back surgery last October was successful and his radiation practice has been sold. They visited Florida in January and will spend six weeks in St. Martin this winter. ✨ **Linda Cotton Wells** had a three-week trip to UK and Ireland with companion Jerry. They enjoy RV touring/camping with visits to St. Petersburg and Stuart, Fla. Linda had a huge accomplishment—identifying the birth parents of three adoptees in Buffalo, N.Y. It took more than two years. ✨ Jean (Hoffmann '66) and **Neil Clipsham** "continue to surgically dodge various old-age devils with more joint replacements and diet restrictions." They also have travel wanderlust with a "whoop-dee-doo" to

England, Switzerland, and a Rhine River cruise planned for 2016. They had a family "great Southwestern adventure" last summer. Their granddaughters loved it. ✨ **Dave Fearon** has officially retired from Central Connecticut State University. CCSU will honor him with a reception in April to raise money for the Fearon-Juran Scholarship Fund. Says Dave, "I want this occasion to honor highly engaged teaching of the sort that brings Kingsley Birge to mind. I have taught in his way for more than 50 years." ✨ Ren and **Pam Pierson Parziale** received special recognition March 11 at the West Virginia 2016 Governor's Awards for the Arts. In honor of the 50th anniversary of the National Endowment for the Arts, the Parziale's were among a select group recognized by the governor for their support of the arts in West Virginia. Congratulations! ✨ Hail, Colby, Hail!

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From **Karen Riendeau-Pacheco**: "I'm finally a grandmother! Sophia Lynn was born 8/24/15. In November I traveled to NYC and toured the World Trade Center site. When I lived in New York, I worked right next to 1 WTC. The building is still there. I moved to my Massachusetts hometown in 2000 so was not there on 9/11/01." ✨ **Ed Mowry** returned again to Mammoth Mountain for six weeks of skiing, reading, and writing this winter, then back to family and work. He plans to consider retirement from his veterinary practice when he reaches 80 but doubts he'll voluntarily relinquish what he loves. ✨ Recent retiree **Doug Meyer** keeps a weekly regimen by mentoring youth in his local school system and riding his bike most days. Sailing is his summer passion, on his small boat and friends' bigger boats. Last summer he did the Maine coast up to New Brunswick, stopping en route for some museum touring. He also helps out at a local boatyard. ✨ From **Mary Sue Hilton Weeks**: "I found out at the beginning of October that my job of 11-plus years was being cut, so found myself suddenly retired! Just as well, as it has given me time to work on the 50th reunion yearbook. Hope everyone is planning to come." ✨ Activist **Peter Lax** is working to stop the Tesoro oil terminal on the Columbia River in Vancouver, Wash., and to limit the BNSF oil and coal trains passing through the Columbia River Gorge. He spent a week in a Guatemalan village providing medical and dental care. Pete looks forward to returning to New England in the spring. ✨ 2015 started off well for **Pat Berg Currier**, with lots of grandchildren activities: daycare duty, play days,

sports events, and dance performances. Everything came to a screeching halt in July when she tripped on a curb and fractured bones in her leg and hand. No surgery, but a wheelchair for two months and lots of physical therapy. For someone who is not good at being sedentary, it was difficult. A 2016 return to normal activities includes a planned European river cruise in the fall for Pat and Colby '68. * **Eddie and Lynn Seidenstuecker Gall** enjoy their bicoastal lifestyle—five months on a lake near Augusta and seven months in La Quinta, Calif. They have five children, nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren! “Can anyone top that?” Lynn asks. She’s taken several girl trips abroad and in the U.S.—to Italy, Bavaria, France, and to Park City, Utah, to ski and attend the Sundance Film Festival. She’ll do a hiking trip to Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks in May. But Lynn’s favorite place is their cottage in Maine. She loves visiting the Colby art museum and seeing the amazing expansion of the campus. * More travelers: RV guru **Ted Houghton** avoided another New England winter on the road along the Gulf Coast from western Florida to Louisiana. * Don and **Martha DeCou Dick** enjoyed three weeks on the South Island of New Zealand. * **Gary McKinstry** did a 16-day transatlantic crossing from NYC to Dover and a week in the Netherlands. * **Brian Shacter** spent a winter month in Isla Mujeres, Mexico, with a side trip to Cuba, staying in Havana Vieja. He observed a thriving tourist industry, beautiful costly old hotels, but rampant Cuban poverty, plus lots of old American cars in which most of us probably learned to drive. * **Debbie Anglim Higgins** wrote from Buenos Aires, her first stop on a three-month trip around the southern cone of South America. She was about to fly to the southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia, in Tierra del Fuego, then hike in some national parks, into Chile, up into the Andes, into Patagonia and Mendoza. Not enough? She’ll end up in March in Bolivia, then Uruguay. Sixty-sixers do get around!

1967

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We can’t show you in the column, but **Lane Parks** emailed some fascinating videos of a pow wow he attended. Lane and his wife have built a house on their small farm. * **Fred Hopengarten’s** daughter, Annie '06, graduated from George Washington University with a master’s in accountancy. Fred and his wife recently vacationed in Poland and Lithuania, and while there they visited the little town where his great-grandparents were married. * **Lee**

Potter also has his traveling shoes on as he and Linda (Mitchell '66) spent some time in Vancouver at the end of a trip to Fairbanks, Alaska. Lee recommends the spectacular landscapes to those who have not seen them. * **Tif Crowell** joins Fred and Lee in the wandering group. Tif and his wife, Pat, biked in southern Africa with a German travel group. They rode through Cape Town and Botswana and were impressed by the landscape and the wildlife. * Closer to home, **Kurt Swenson** has been enjoying his new summer home on the New Hampshire seacoast. While Kurt enjoys entertaining his grandchildren there, he spends the bulk of the winter in Boca Grande, Fla. Aside from the weather, another reason Kurt escapes New Hampshire is to avoid the onslaught of political solicitations for the New Hampshire primary. * **Joanna Snyder Richardson** is the co-chair of an international conference focused on information technology in higher education. In her spare time, Joanna has published several journal articles and a book chapter on the topic of new challenges for university libraries. * **Dave Johnson** and his wife, Debby, live on Callawissie Island in the Lowcountry of South Carolina. During their business careers they moved frequently, and Dave retired after working 40 years at Sears. To keep occupied, Dave sells real estate and plays golf, which is one of the reasons he lives in South Carolina. Dave mentioned it snowed once in 10 years. Good for golfing. * **Bob Nelson** is fortunate enough to spend the winter in San Diego and the summer in Washington State. After graduation he joined the Air Force and became a military pilot and then flew commercially before he joined an investment firm. In 1983 Bob opened his own firm, which now has offices in Washington State, California, and Florida. Bob’s firm continues to a second generation as Bob’s son is now a partner in the company. * An endowed financial aid fund has been established to honor the memory and service to our country of our classmate **Les Dickinson**, who was killed in Vietnam. This fund will benefit deserving Colby students with demonstrated need. Contributions are welcome, and anyone who would like more information about the fund and how to contribute may contact Sue Cook at Colby at 207-859-4372 or *susan.cook@colby.edu*. * If you feel the urge to travel, you might consider joining us for our 50th reunion in 2017. Mark your calendars now for June 1-4 and plan a trip to Waterville.

1968

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John Leopold realized a 50-year “dream” in October. He and his wife, Terry, spent a few days in Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks. While in Bryce, they rode mules to the bottom of the canyon. Terry rode Bonnie, and Keystone was John’s steed. It was a terrific morning. They have now been to all five Utah national parks. All are magnificent: each offers special perspectives. He wishes the best to everyone for a great 2016. * **Ken Young** and his family are off to an interesting and potentially wrenching year. His daughter, Sarah, now lives in Rostock, Germany, a city of about 200,000 on the Baltic, east of Lubec in the former East Germany. As the Germans deal with the challenges of mass migration, Sarah is involved directly, from greeting migrants on the way to Sweden to working on integration strategies and programs in the city. She is their reporter on the scene. Her perspective adds substance and context to the press reports available here. Her reports point out the complex aspects and goals of asylum and migration policy in Europe and, by comparison, in the U.S., and the mostly dysfunctional results of the lack of a coherent strategy here and there. He finds it quite fascinating to have this insider perspective available. Ken and his wife are also now what they call “exchange student grandparents,” as Pascal, a German boy they hosted in 1998-99, had a child, Urs, in late December and asked them to be Urs’s American oma and opa. Naturally they leapt at the chance and plan to visit later this year. Pascal is a geologist and visited in early December on route to the Climate Change Institute at UMaine with ice samples he collected on Kilimanjaro in late August. For two nights they had approximately 11,000-year-old ice samples in their freezer. Pretty cool. * **Arthur Brennan** notes that planning has begun for our 50th reunion. He’s working with a group to plan pre-reunion events. Recently, they sent a survey seeking input on the types of activities that classmates would be interested in pursuing. The responses have been helpful, but the group would like to hear from more of us. On-campus events begin Thursday evening. If you have thoughts about what you would like to do leading up to Thursday, let Arthur know at *gabrennan@yahoo.com*. * **Steve Ford** is leading the larger reunion planning group and reminds us that our 50th will be held June 7-10, 2018. Save the date! * Keep your news coming! Also, for those of you that haven’t written in a while, let us know what you’re doing these days. All news is appreciated.

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Happy spring! My reminder that this past January marked the 50th anniversary of our first Jan Plan elicited some interesting memories. **Alan Levin** recalled inviting **Mark Janes** to his home for a few days during our first Colby January, taking Mark to his first NHL game. He says watching Mark, a terrific hockey player himself, during that game was like watching a youngster at FAO Schwarz. Alan also took **Peter Hoffman** and Mark (both from Minnesota) to the last Red Sox game of the season against the Twins. The Red Sox won that game, but ultimately lost the World Series to the St. Louis Cardinals. * **Sharon Timberlake** has been “hanging out” with retired friends **Diane Kindler** and **Alden Wilson**. Sharon teaches leadership studies at the University of Southern Maine and was planning a trip to London in January. She says, “I remember every one of my Jan Plans. They changed my life!” * Although family and friends doubted it would happen, **Cathy Cyr Latvis** made the difficult decision to retire. Cathy devoted her adult life to working with teens as a teacher (French, Russian, and Spanish) and college counselor. With her husband, Bill, easing away from his business, retirement gives them more time with kids and grandchildren and time to travel. They live in Florida during the winter, spend summers and autumns in Maine, and look forward to traveling to Alaska in July. Cathy says their grandkids—Ruby, 10, Henry, 6, Sammy, 5, and Willamina, 1—all have uniquely different personalities and are all beautiful and clever. Cathy once worked part time in Colby’s Admissions Office and still stays in touch with Colby friends. She “loved my Jan Plan experiences, all to do with Russian, Russian literature, and student teaching. Some strong memories of each of these.” * **Bonnie Allen Rotenberg** claims she is “not a good ad for the Jan Plan concept.” Batik, an internship at an interior design firm in NYC, and Japanese landscape art were apparently less than fulfilling. She did enjoy studying Russian literature, which she says was well orchestrated and did have value in her education. * **Nan Carter Clough**, Concord, N.H., retired from a 30-plus year career as a school psychologist and tackled a new goal, writing a book titled *Searching for Barton Carter*, a narrative nonfiction biography of her uncle who went missing during the Spanish Civil War. Taking eight years to write, the book required research in both the U.S. and Europe. * **Craig Stevens** completed his 27th year as a professor of photography at the Savannah College of Art and Design. With 900 students when

he started, SCAD now has an enrollment of 12,000 in Savannah with campuses in Hong Kong, Atlanta, and Lacoste, France. He also taught at the Maine Media Workshops in Rockport and the Anderson Ranch Art Center in Snowmass Village, Colo., and hopes to have an exhibition of still lifes next fall or winter. ✨ After a 35-year high school career, **Cherrie Dubois** is in her 12th year teaching English part time at Salem State University. She's also a library trustee, serves on the library building committee overseeing the total remodeling of the current library (an 1896 elementary school and the town's first school with indoor plumbing!), and chairs the library friends' biennial house tour. She's getting back into photography and hopes to try her hand at woodturning. With eclectic reading tastes, you can find Cherrie turning pages in the living room or, in summer months, on the enclosed porch. She also enjoys walking, obediently mows the lawn to make sure her neighbors aren't too upset, and thinks a great deal about redoing some pathetic and desperately overgrown gardens. ✨ **Sally Rogers** has no idea why she chose a month of intense Italian study as her first Jan Plan, but she will be improving her Italian this summer and living in Italy for two months during a sabbatical from UC Davis. Sally says, "So much for unrecognized continuities in life." ✨ Have a great summer everyone!

1970

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Jane Stinchfield Sexton reports that last winter she and husband John read *Boys in the Boat*. Then, when they visited Seattle last summer, they actually saw the "boat" and a picture of the crew at U of Wash. This winter she volunteered with Maine Adaptive at Sugarloaf. ✨ **Kathe Cahn Morse** recently visited Cuba and put together a group photography show called "Seeing Cuba." There were photos of vintage cars, of course, and bottles of rum and cigar-smoking men and women. Other images attempt to show the incongruities—the grandeur and decline of buildings, the beauty and meagerness of daily life. It was a difficult place to vacation in, though it was warm and sunny, with blue waters to swim in and wonderful mojitos to drink. Yet it is a place where there are few luxuries, where realities have not met expectations. ✨ **Debbie Stephenson '68** and **Phil Wysor** welcomed their eighth grandchild last July. He's only the second boy of all their grandchildren and is the son of their other Colby couple. Since the kids live nearby, all eight grandchildren are learning to ski at Sugarloaf. They took

a trip on the Rhine River last September, which is a great way to cover a lot of territory in a short time. In February they were off to Alta for their annual ski trip. Phil is still trying to figure out a way to retire. ✨ **Zane** and **Robin Potter Ray** recently retired and look forward to some travel with their fifth-wheel. They have two grown sons and two delightful grandchildren. Robin has lost track of her roommate Connie Cebulski and would love to hear from her. ✨ **Bill Aldrich** reports that his best four-legged dog friend, Delilah, died last June. You may remember that he took her to Colby for the 45th reunion—Colby printed a nametag reading Delilah Aldrich that he attached to the top of her harness. She got lots of pats from fellow alums. ✨ **Mike Self** visited Paul Cronin '67 and his wife, Sue, in August and saw three Red Sox games and had great time. Mike also went to Lexington, Ky., to meet Gordon Corey '64, and they went to a horse sale and horse races. Harness racing is what Gordon has done all his life. Mike still swims every day, which keeps him feeling good. ✨ **Doug** and **Hazel Parker Smith** had a busy year after the 45th reunion weekend. Hazel is a master gardener, teaching classes in "seed to table" outreach programs. She volunteers at the Southern Oregon Historical Society Library responding to various research requests. Doug spent a week in New Orleans for academy-based continuing education. Although he enjoyed the 8-5 classes immensely, he seems more knowledgeable about champagne, bay oysters, etouffe, jambalaya, beignets, and Frenchman Street jazz hangouts. Doug won the *Cowboys and Indians* magazine grand prize, which included tickets to the National Finals Rodeo, Cowboy Christmas in Las Vegas, and handcrafted cowboy boots. Frequent trips to San Francisco and visits in Medford, Ore., with the "kids" families round out the calendar each month. ✨ **Bob** and **Libby Brown Strough** (me) welcomed **Dick** and **Barb Skeats MacLeod**, along with **Molly Carroll Mains**, to our home in Tuftonboro, N.H., for a few days last October. We gave them a boat tour of part of Lake Winnepesaukee and then enjoyed a barbecue at the house. Barb and Dick will be semi snowbirds again this year with a month in Florida to escape the worst of the Maine winter. Molly and Barb got together with **Brenda Hess Jordan** in Portland right before Christmas to welcome her back to the 'hood. She and husband **Ken Jordan** moved back to Portland, Maine, in June, so hopefully they'll see more of each other again.

1971

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You're coming to reunion, aren't you? We're working hard on making it very special. Please come! ✨ After my last deadline, two classmates sent news, and I saved it for this column. First, **Sarah Hall Gibson** wrote that several alumni gathered at **Marilynn Fish Core's** house in Asheville, N.C., for a mini-reunion Columbus Day weekend. The group included **Paula Drozda Connors**, Mary Ellen Drozda '73, **Peggy Shehan McLean**, Stephanie Kuehn Barton '72, **Mary Kennedy**, **Shelley Luck Cross**, and a surprise visit from Dean Ridley '72. ✨ **Dave "Willie" Williams** sent pictures, 48 years later, of him and **John Bowey** from a two-week hockey tour they joined. They skated in Switzerland, Italy, Austria, and Germany. They wound up in Munich at Oktoberfest feeling very fortunate to be able to do something like this. Speaking of **John Bowey**, he was named the new chair of Wilfrid Laurier University's board of governors. ✨ On the path to another Ironman Triathlon, **Jim Hawkins** did indeed finish the 2015 competition. Quite an endeavor at any age, let alone ours. ✨ From across the world, **Jacques Hermant** and his family were in Japan for Christmas, and will return to France to host an Iraqi baby who will undergo open-heart surgery. Following that they will host a Syrian refugee family. He continues to teach management seminars in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Austria as well as in Nantes, France. ✨ A busy retiree, **Rich Abramson** continues working as the interim head of school for both the Cornville Regional Charter School and the Snow Pond Art Academy in Maine. He and his wife will travel to Costa Rica and Tahiti this year. ✨ Still working for the Church of Scientology in New York, **Richie Beaty** is in touch with **Chris Palmer**. Richie and his wife enjoy their one and only grandchild. ✨ **Janet Beals** and **Dave Nelson** have officially become snowbirds, spending seven months in Colorado and five months in Arizona. They find retirement "quite wonderful." ✨ I laughed out loud reading **Leslie Anderson's** news. She has noticed that joints (as in needing new ones, not smoking them) have replaced aging parents as the premier topic of conversation. Awaiting the arrival of a new knee in January, Leslie anticipates climbing Mt. Katahdin with a new knee instead of sitting on the dock! Leslie continues her passions for painting, website management, and music. ✨ **Steve** and **Jan Weddell Magyar** have had a busy couple of years. They moved to Rockport, Maine, and Steve moved his business practice to South Portland near

their daughter, Liz '98. ✨ Hanging up his colonoscope, **Joel Goldfarb** is retiring from medicine (gastroenterology), and keeps busy with three beer halls: two in New Jersey and one in Washington state. Colby grads welcome. ✨ **Susan Davidson Blazey** has retired to Delaware and loves being near the ocean. She enjoys the visits from two grandsons. ✨ **Jon Stone** is coming to reunion—(you're coming too, right?)—and will continue on to see **Steve Orlov** on Prince Edward Island. Jon keeps up with **Larry Boris**, who's in Denver. ✨ Living now in "The Cottage of Reduced Circumstances," **Fred Osborn** and his wife look forward to sailing, and possibly living abroad again. ✨ **John Slagle** and **Pinky** (Maurer '72) report that retirement is everything they hoped it would be. They've been to South Korea, on a five-week camping trip across the country and back, and hiking and fishing in Maine. ✨ This is a big year for **Bill** and **Carolyn Additon Anthony** as they will both retire from long-time positions. They will spend four to five months in Maine and the rest of the year in Chicago near their daughter. ✨ **Val Thibreau Yates** loves her new life and job in Florida. She's seen **Kathy Woods Fawcett** but missed seeing **Kathy Stoddard Pope** over Christmas. ✨ See you all soon! Please come.

1972

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Roberto Penedo lives in Brazil and has not returned to Colby since graduation. He earned his master's in economics from Indiana University. Returning to Brazil, he was an economics professor at Federal University in Espirito Santo for 30 years and then the university president until 2002. He then was CFO of the Espirito Santo State Bank for six years and is now semiretired. In 2005 he wrote a book in Portuguese, *The Internal Rate of Return in Investment Analysis*. He's in touch with Francis Dunn '73 and Toshiro Oguri '73, both in Japan. However, he's lost contact with Medhane Egziabher '74, William Mayaka '73, Norreddin Nahawi '73, Yusef Akyuz '73, **Nilgun Arda Iskenderoglu**, and Alberto Bonadona '73. Roberto and his wife have two daughters and grandchildren. He lives in Vitória, the capital of the Espirito Santo State, on the east coast of Brazil. If any classmates are down that way, let him know. He wishes everyone a great 2016! ✨ **Susan Buttner Lavelle** spent three weeks in New Zealand in January. She and her husband travel a great deal from their Southern California home. ✨ **Steven** and **Marilyn McDougal Meyerhans** still work their two farms in central Maine. The local

whole food movement has been good for them, as they sell to Colby, local groceries, and other distributors. They look forward to a mini-Colby reunion this June with about 20 mostly 1971 graduates. They travel often to Seattle to visit their son and to Hanover, N.H., to visit their daughter. Last winter they traveled to Colombia and plan to go to Peru this year. * **Cathy Joslin** writes that **Deborah Christensen Stewart** and **Donna Power Stowe** came to visit during her first winter in St. Petersburg, Fla., and they had a wonderful time! Cathy traveled to Morocco in 2014 for a tour visiting women's home textile workshops. This summer she plans an art tour of Turkey. Recently she crossed the pond in search of towns where her Welsh and English ancestors lived. It was a nice excuse for a textiles person like herself to visit old woolen mills. While there she visited Amy Sosland Brown '71, who lives in England and is a curator at the National Trust Petworth Cottage Museum. At home Cathy enjoys her garden and friends in Pennsylvania and remains in touch with Harriett Matthews. * **Lou Griffith** had a good year and was awaiting the arrival of his first grandchild when he wrote in January. He returned from the British Virgin Islands for the birth and then planned to return to the Caribbean until June. He had visits with Jon Stone '71 and **Mike Gibbons** last summer. He's had lots of phone time with Larry Boris '71. * **Dee Fitz-Gerald Sockbeson** met an alumna from the Class of 1962 who joined her book club and they compared notes. Both loved the additions to Colby's museum of art, especially the Lunder Collection. Dee unearthed her stamp collection, which she inherited from her dad (who inherited it from his mother). She had dropped the activity when she left home for Colby but started up again 45 years later, for therapy. She still sails and visited New Orleans to see her son for Mardi Gras. * 2015 was a difficult year for **Patricia Mustakangas** with some serious health issues, including surgery and numerous infections. Her hope for 2016 is a healthier year! She read *Am Pilgrim* by Terry Hayes, a marvelous read that kept her engrossed. * **Joan** and **Bill Alfond** shared another great trip in Southeast Asia with daughter Kenden, her husband, Charles, and granddaughter Yaël. They explored Kuala Lumpur and Bali, followed with a visit at Kenden's home in Battambang, Cambodia, where they celebrated Yaël's birthday. * **Michael** and **Nancy Brunnckow Marion** spend most of their winter in Florida. They summer at their cabin on Lake Wicwas in N.H. Both their children live in Colorado, and they have four grandchildren. They enjoyed a nice visit last summer with **Artie** and **Jeanne Emerson Young**. * From Stevenson, Md.,

Sally Chester Williford is in her 12th year as a district court judge after a being a trial lawyer for 25 years, primarily in criminal defense. She was the attorney in eight capital murder cases, and feels gratified that the death penalty has been repealed. She sees **Joy Bemak Hanes** at antique shows a few times a year. * Thanks to those who wrote. Next June is our 45th reunion! Now that is hard to believe.

1973

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The winner of the first-to-write award this time is keeping-in-touch-challenged **Jane Currier** with a story that got me laughing out loud. She and third-floor Dana forever friends **Carol Reynolds Mucica** and **Janet Gillies Foley** were planning to meet **Chris Hannon** for a concert on last year's Super Bowl Sunday (a tradition among them) when their car broke down with a blizzard on the way. The police felt it unsafe to leave "three elderly women" in a car on a deserted road, so their husbands were called away from their football game to retrieve them. Elderly? * **Jon Miller** has a self-published book titled *My Journey in 1970 to Maharishi's India*. I looked it up and it has top reviews on Amazon. Following a busy few years taking courses and helping to care for his mother, Jon and his wife resumed traveling. They visited the Serengeti in Tanzania, spent nine days diving from Mafia Island in the Indian Ocean, a week of diving in the Sea of Cortez, and a few weeks diving in Indonesia. Jon hopes to produce a picture book of marine biology to encourage people to love and protect nature. * **Rick Zaccaro** and wife Bonnie Washuk have traveled to Martha's Vineyard and Los Angeles to see grandchildren and experience Hollywood and Disneyland. Rick keeps busy climbing 46 of the 48 4,000-foot mountains in New Hampshire. Last August he climbed Mt. Elbert in Colorado with brother Mick. Next year they hope to see some of the National Parks of the Southwest. * **Alex Wilson** worked his last official day before retirement Aug. 14 and has been enjoying his first extended vacation ever since. He stays busy, nevertheless, as director of a couple of nonprofit organizations and is considering offers for a few part-time business development opportunities (if he gets restless). Meanwhile, foreign travel is in his future as well as getting together with fellow LCA 45-year forever friends. In early August Alex hosted a gathering at his family home on Drakes Island with **John Krasnavage** and wife Dawn, **Joe Mattos** and wife Pam, Ron '71 and Linda Howard Lupton '72, **Lloyd Benson** and wife Pam,

Brian Cone and wife Signe, **Bob Landsvik** and wife Patty, **Duncan Leith** and wife Jennifer, and Ken Bigelow '71. The highlight for them, aside from the lobster and steamers, was being joined by 12 of the LCA offspring. * **Bob (RJ) Jarnes** writes for the first time ever! Following his years at Colby, Bob took night school classes at Salem State, NECC, Harvard, and BU. He also worked at three different shoe factories in Lynn, Mass., making ballet slippers and managing operations with his father from June 1973 until rigor mortis set into the shoe industry in December 1994. Bob has lived in Newburyport for 31 years with wife Lorraine Burns (younger sister of **Eileen Burns Higgins**), is currently renovating a house near Plum Island, has a daughter, Sheila, 29, and maintains a very cool website of his photography (robertjarnesphotography.com). * **Norm** and **Pat Flanagan Olsen** divide their time between their home in Maine and Pat's job in educational consulting in northern Virginia. Norm painted their Maine house this summer and hosted my grandson Max and me again for a fun-filled week. Norm has been working with the U.S. military, led a foreign affairs-oriented tour group to Slovenia and Croatia in October, and was to lead another group to Morocco in March before he and Pat go sailing in Turkey. Eldest son Matt ('99) and his wife and baby were reassigned from Hawaii to Washington, D.C. Norm enjoys his role in support of the Colby Fund, which has allowed him to re-establish contact with many friends, including Amy (Brewer '71) and **Gary Fitts**, **David Swardlick**, **Harvey Greenberg**, **Rick Englund**, **Ron Majdalany**, **Stuart Wolf**, **Sterling Williams**, and **Rick Wein**.

1974

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Mark Curtis builds fiber optic cable systems for private businesses, working "enough to stay busy." His wife retired after 27 years of teaching fourth grade in Manchester, Maine, so they're starting to travel more, often on their Electra Glide. They enjoy time with their two daughters and four grandchildren, ages 4 to 12. Mark skis at Sugarloaf in the winter and plays golf in the summer. "The good news is that now I can play in all the senior tournaments; the bad news is that I'm now a senior." He keeps in touch with **Rocky Goodhope**, **Vicki Parker Kozak**, **Deb Wathen Finn**, **Jill Gilpatric Richard**, and **Artie Bell**. * **David Roulston** sent his greetings from Mayflower Hill, where he was "attending Alumni College, a wonderful experience. This year's topic was the end of the Civil

War and Reconstruction. It brought back memories of classes with **Hal Raymond** and **Jack Foner**. It reminded me how my time at Colby gave me a lifelong interest in learning. I feel so privileged to have had the opportunity to attend Colby." Also in attendance was **Donald Joseph**. David says former roommate **Charles Jenks** "has given up law and is a web designer in Lafayette, Ind." Another roommate joined him on Cape Cod last summer: Richard Gawthrop '73, who is a history professor at Franklin College in Indiana. * Alumni College attendees were hosted by **Karen Heck** and Bruce Olson '76 at Tree Spirits, where "most of them were game and tried all 11 wines and spirits, including the absinthe." Karen is "looking forward to retirement some time and the opportunity to attend the Alumni College myself. They all seemed to love it. Anyone interested in buying an award-winning winery and distillery to make my retirement come sooner?" * **Craig** and **Cathy Downes Weston** enjoy kayaking and bicycling from their Cape Cod house, where Cathy is working on a certificate in native plant horticulture and design. Craig retired after 35 years as a primary care physician, having worked in inner-city clinics, teaching hospitals, an HMO, and private practice. Cathy left her consulting career in 2000 to join healthcare technology startup NaviNet, from which she is now a semiretired, part-time strategic advisor to the CEO. * Officially retired as of January after 13 years as Thompson, Conn., town clerk, **Jeff Barske** lives happily on the Connecticut shoreline in Clinton. Last summer he traveled to northern Italy and the Pacific Northwest. * **Dennis Delehanty** spent last July in Beijing helping his daughter move back to the U.S. to begin an M.S. in education at University of Pennsylvania. Carmen had worked four years as academic advisor for a Beijing company helping Chinese students apply to top U.S. colleges, including Colby. She and Dennis were invited to dinner by the parents of a student who had just received a four-year full scholarship to Colby. "I have never, ever seen someone so excited to attend college. She talked in detail about the dorms and buildings around campus that she had carefully studied online," he said. A side trip to Harbin resulted in an unexpected reunion with a professor involved in a Chinese language reading club. Dennis started at George Mason University last year. * **S. Ann Earon** spent six months traveling to prepare clients for deployment of unified communications and collaboration: "communicating at a distance without leaving home, like Facetime and Skype on steroids." More recently she traveled to Paris and took a river cruise to Normandy. In her spare time she enjoys being a master

gardener and using her vocal cords as a public speaker and singer. ✨ The well is dry, so I hope many of you shy folks will email me with news to share next time.

1975

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Deborah Seel Palman continues to work part time training working dogs, primarily police detection dogs and search and rescue dogs. Deborah is currently training a few teams for departments in Maine and has traveled as far away as Washington State to give short seminars to search and rescue groups. Otherwise, she and her husband spend their spare time maintaining a "gentleman's" farm in Amherst, Maine. ✨ **Doug Windsor's** older son is a freshman at Quinnipiac studying health studies, which brings back memories of Doug's own freshman experiences. His younger son plans to attend Unity College in the environmental field. Doug runs a commercial construction firm, working at many of Vermont's larger ski resorts. The family especially enjoys their summer home at Hills Beach, Maine, on Biddeford Pool. Doug invites anyone interested in fly-fishing for stripers to look him up. ✨ **Ed Walczak** took a very interesting trip to Israel and Jordan last October. It was a bit tense because of the violence in Jerusalem at the time, but both countries have such a rich history and amazing sights. Last November Ed heard Bob Diamond '73 speak at a Colby event in NYC, and in his travels out west visited **Jeff Frankel** in Phoenix. ✨ There is excitement in the **Gene DeLorenzo** household. Son Perry, 18, has been admitted to Middlebury College for next fall. He's been a starter in both basketball and baseball at Phillips Exeter Academy for three years. Younger son Doug, 16, plays goalie for Middlebury Union High School ice hockey team. Wife Katharine realized a lifelong dream by leading her Middlebury College field hockey team to the NCAA Division III national championship last November. Finishing with a school record of 20-2, her team defeated Bowdoin in the title game in Virginia. Meanwhile, Gene "plods on with a relatively quiet job at Middlebury College to try and pay the bills." ✨ **Michelle Kominz** spent two months on the R/V *JOIDES Resolution* off the NW coast of Australia last summer. It's an international scientific drilling operation that drills and recovers sediments that are much shallower than the oil companies target for oil. The goal is to understand more about the Australian monsoon, the history of the current that flows west from the equatorial Pacific,

and the recent tectonic history of the NW Shelf of Australia. Her job was measuring the physical properties of the sediments to obtain porosity and density information and also to determine the sonic velocity and strength of the material. Michelle is now back at Western Michigan University working on geodynamic modeling of the data collected plus teaching a general education oceanography class. ✨ In Nashville **Rick Drake** is hearing wedding bells. Younger son Chris was engaged two Christmas' ago and his older son, Dave, last Christmas. A stand-up comedian in Chicago, Dave also released his first album in December, titled simply *Dave*. Still playing hockey, Rick plans to participate in his fifth 60-plus nationals in Tampa in April. His wife, Mary-Jo, recently won a tennis tournament in Florida, so they both remain very active, including joining the Fitbit craze! Not ready to retire yet but thinking about it; plans might include moving back north (instead of south) to New England. ✨ **Carol Majdalany Williams** was very glad to welcome her Colby roommate **Lynnie Bruce** when she and her husband put in a rare appearance in Boston before sailing off for an indeterminate amount of time, based this winter in Ipswich, UK. Carol spent the month of February in San Miguel, Mexico, soaking up some warm weather and interesting culture. One thing she learned in Nepal last April during the massive earthquake is to "seize the moment," because life can pass before you in a fraction of a second and you never know when your time is up!

1976

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Let's wrap up last year's news! **Elizabeth Johnson Suenaga** is in Japan, married, taking photographs, and has two single kids (one in Tokyo, one in Denmark). ✨ **Dan Mallove, Rick Clunie, Ted Kirkpatrick '77, Will Porter, and Jamie Stubner** spent a week last June in Sun Valley, Idaho, hiking, golfing, whitewater rafting, and celebrating 43 years of friendship that began on Mayflower Hill. ✨ Last year at Machu Picchu, **Julie Stewart** asked Piper Copeland to marry her. Julie noted it was lovely to have the option, courtesy of the Supreme Court. She is awed to go from starting a group for Colby's LGBT alums in 1986 to this opportunity in 2015. Congratulations, Julie! ✨ **Frank Malinoski** toured campus last summer with one of his granddaughters and attended the Colby Undergraduate Summer Research Retreat. He noted great progress on campus, enjoyed seeing students present projects across all disciplines, and went whitewater rafting down the Kennebec.

70s NEWSMAKERS



Ben Thorndike '79

Bob Ewell '71 received the Joe Burke Award from the American Hockey Coaches Association. The annual award is presented to the person who has given outstanding contributions, support, and dedication to women's ice hockey. ✨ **Ted Smyth '78** was named to 2016 North Carolina Super Lawyers list. An attorney with Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP in Raleigh, Smyth has a practice focused on insurance coverage. ✨ In May **Ben Thorndike '79** was to be honored with the 2016 Distinguished Community Leadership Award by Walker, a Boston nonprofit that provides intensive therapeutic and academic services for children, teens, and families facing mental health, emotional, behavioral, and learning challenges. Thorndike has served as chair of Walker's board of directors.

Frank plans to attend reunion! ✨ **Scott and Debbie Philbrook Belanger** visited Mary Lynn and Gary Jones last summer in Bend, Ore. They had a great time hiking in the Cascades and drinking microbrews. The peak moment was watching Scott flip his kayak in the Deschutes River rapids. The Belangers subsequently had a surprise visit from Jocelyn and **Jack Hoopes** on a sailing visit to Portland, Maine. Jack has been sailing all over the world. Rumor calls for a group hug at reunion! ✨ Last summer **Ed Harvey** was showering when his wife, Martie, knocked on the door and said, "Darlin', there's no soap radio." Okay, she didn't say that. Instead, she said, "**Harry Nelson** is here." Harry, in Burlington (Vt.) for a water quality conference, was out for a morning run. They had dinner and a great time catching up. Ed and Martie will be at reunion. ✨ After seven years as north parish minister in Sanford, Maine, **Diane Lockwood Wendorf** was looking forward to sabbatical, especially to make art. Husband Mark is a minister in York Beach (near The Goldenrod); their son Josh is nearby. Last August Diane celebrated her niece Rebecca's ordination. ✨ Steve '77 and **Valerie Jones Roy** visited son #1 last summer in Los Angeles and took their grandchildren to Disneyland. They then visited son #2 in northern California. Wine country is definitely on their retirement destination list. Val and Steve frequently golf, walk, and bike. ✨ Making her *Colby Magazine* debut, **Diane Gurniak Hayes** noted her recent retirement from Traveler's Insurance after 36 years. She volunteers as executive director for a nonprofit thrift store and as theater producer for a regional high school in Connecticut, where her husband, Guy '75, teaches and directs. One son, Patrick, is a brewer for Firestone Walker and is engaged; the other, Michael, graduated from law school and works for an insurance

company. ✨ David and **Esther Smith Bozak** celebrated their 35th anniversary. Esther taught about 10 years at SUNY Oswego and then became stay-at-home mom to four canine athletes and two feline couch potatoes. Esther and David are active in the sport of dog agility, competing with their dogs. David is also a judge for the United States Dog Agility Association. Esther has a small business, designs knitting patterns, and teaches knitting. Recently she has focused on knee replacement and rehab; she looks forward to having her life fully back again! ✨ **Lynn Leavitt Marrison** and her husband completed building a retirement home near Bath, Maine. She works part time in a Quaker school in Cumberland. Her oldest daughter married in December and will graduate in May with her M.D./Ph.D. from Medical University of South Carolina. Lynn's younger daughter attended Middlebury, worked two years, and will attend the M.B.A. program at University of Virginia. Lynn's hoping to attend reunion! ✨ That's it! Lots of classmates are coming to our 40th reunion; I hope you will too, June 2-5, 2016! Please donate to the Colby Fund. As always, contact a classmate who's been on your mind. See you soon!

1977

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Kevin Leddy retired after a 35-year career with Time Warner Cable: "So far, I'm really enjoying the time off. It's great to be able to pick up your head and look around a little!" ✨ **Bob Southwick** is starting to think about "the R word, but that is still a few years away." Bob continues working hard in his "crazy" home-building and remodeling business, while also enjoying his Harley immensely. He and his family

are all healthy. ✨ **Iris Greenberg Thomas** changed position within her company and now works remotely. She's based in Sarasota, Fla., for the winter and "would love to hear from other Colby Floridians." ✨ **Patti Stoll** has joined the Brigham and Women's Hospital as an associate director of the new Institute for the Neurosciences. She also joined the board of directors of Silent Spring Institute, a nonprofit that investigates the environmental causes of breast cancer. Patti recently spent time with **Mona Pinette**, who is "happily retired and busy doing many cool things like Tai Chi instruction and editing the novels of her prolific husband/author, Brendan Dubois." Patti says to "check out Brendan's novels—fabulous!" ✨ **Denise Martell Martin** wishes a "happy 60th birthday" to the many classmates who've recently celebrated that anniversary. ("Scary to grow old, yet lots of good plans still!" she notes) Denise and her husband, **Michael**, now have four grandchildren. They're in the seventh year of a 10-year mission to visit the 30 Major League baseball stadiums. Last year Michael and their son saw **Mike and Ann Atherton Poulin** at a Texas Rangers game. Mike has partially retired to self-employed consulting; he considers returning to Maine when full retirement arrives. ✨ After 50 years of alpine skiing, **Dick Conant** enjoyed his first skiing in the West—in Colorado and Utah. On the way back east, he dipped south to make further progress on his project to "do the 50 states highest points—16 done to date." Dick hopes to go west this summer "to knock off a few of the more challenging peaks." ✨ As for me, my wife, Dale, and I started out as a folk rock musical duo. Now our daughter Kala has married a blues guitarist. They're busy making all kinds of new music together, including Kala's second studio album.

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I love this gig. I hear from people I never got a chance to know, as well as those I knew but have been able to reconnect with! ✨ **Francie Palmer Christopher** is blissfully retired from teaching and educational research. She lives in Roatan, Honduras, with her husband, Franklin. They enjoy occasional visits from friends and family and return to the Boston area several times a year. ✨ **Susan Pollis** has been an admissions and study-abroad advisor at the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) since the family's return to Maine from the United Kingdom three years ago. Her husband, Ted Reed '80, is still at UNUM.

Their youngest daughter started at UVM in the fall and their eldest will graduate from the University of Manchester, England, in spring. Susan still enjoys skiing of all sorts, cycling, sailing/cruising, and hiking. ✨ **The Rev. Dr. L.A. King** lives in Sonoma, Calif., and continues her ministry as a priest of the Episcopal Church serving a number of different parishes as supply in the Diocese of Northern California. She reports that her studies in art history at Colby, which led to her graduate work in church history, and unofficial minor in theater, continue to inform her preaching and teaching. She also teaches Latin to retired adults. ✨ **Ron Clement's** daughter is teaching science in Baltimore county and is applying to medical school. His son is finishing advanced leadership training as an officer in the Maryland National Guard and is completing his master's in healthcare management at Harvard this May as he transitions his surgical career. Ron notes his wife is trying to maintain her sanity through it all. ✨ In January **Larry Hill** traveled through England with his son, Harry '17, a junior at Colby, before Harry started his semester in Edinburgh—not too far north from where Larry did his own junior year abroad in York. Larry says, "Gotta love it when history repeats itself!" ✨ **Ed Busuttill** is in his 27th year as a prosecutor in San Joaquin County, Calif. Ed's youngest son just graduated from college and his first granddaughter will join his two grandsons in April. ✨ **John Devine and Pam Cleaves Devine** are now proud grandparents to Thomas Devine Breakell and Eleanor Elizabeth McDevitt, whose mom, Kimberly Devine McDevitt, is Class of '06. Pam was heading to Montana for a ski trip and says her goal for 2016 is to be younger. I'll second that! ✨ **Tony Lopez** just retired as a navy officer assigned to NCIS and as a navy director of a regional anti-terrorist committee. Tony was one of 192 sailors and 60 marines assigned to NCIS as an operator or investigator and had command over 12 operatives, six investigators, eight dignitary protection sailors, and 28 security/anti-terrorist sailors. ✨ **Betsy Williams Stivers** is delighted to report she has a new job at the University of Maine System as the equal opportunity director. The job is system wide and covers students, employees, and the public. "It involves being a bit of a road warrior to Orono, Machias, Presque Isle, Fort Kent, Lewiston, and Augusta, but my office is in Portland, giving me the shortest commute since 1990," she writes. Betsy's husband, John Stivers '79, recently released his second CD and at press time they were preparing for a CD release party at One Longfellow Square in Portland. ✨ Classmates, if you're on Facebook and you haven't yet joined,

please to check out the group "Colby College Class of 1978." Currently there are only 63 members—we can represent better than that!

1979

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Mark Hubbert started this year at a new job with Wells Fargo as chief risk officer, Wells Fargo Advisors, and a move to St. Louis from Charlotte. He misses the milder North Carolina winters after several snowstorms in St. Louis, but likes St. Louis so far. Mark still plans to spend summers in Maine. ✨ **Ross Moldoff's** daughter Allison graduated in December from Simmons College and moved to NYC to work in the marketing field. Daughter Emily started a three-year nurse practitioner program at Regis College and works part time at Lawrence General Hospital's emergency room. Ross and Amy vacationed in Florida and San Francisco (visited his twin brother) and took a cruise to the Bahamas in February. They celebrated the 30th anniversary of their first date at the same restaurant! ✨ **Joseph Meyer** wrote that 20-plus alumni, parents, and friends of Colby, including the Grew Bancroft Foundation directors, attended a December reception with David Greene in Tokyo at the International House. A great turnout! ✨ Both children engaged! That is **Nick Mencher's** news—daughter Catherine to Erich and son Peter to Marah. Erich's sister-in-law is a Colby grad. Nick celebrated turning 60 by cleaning out numerous boxes of files, including every paper written at Colby and every article written for the *Echo*. He even saved a few yellowed pages of the NickMark News (fellow Woodman residents may recall this series of typewritten sheets taped to the fourth-floor wall by your room). ✨ **Kyle Harrow** started her personal training business in 2015. She caters to people like us, '79ers, who like/need to exercise but, for most of us, can't handle boot camp training anymore (most definitely me!). In December her family went to Belize for 10 days, the longest trip since the kids were born. ✨ **Caroline and Carl Lovejoy** are proud grandparents of granddaughter #2, June Cooper Lovejoy—born to son Ben and Aveny in October. Carl returned to Colby in December to honor legendary hockey coach Jack Kelley at a great event where he reconnected with teammates **Dean Morrissey, Larry Sparks, and Bob Jackson**. ✨ **Bruce Brown's** oldest, Ryan, headed to college this fall, so they took a trip of a lifetime to London and to Paris for a week each. He and wife Terri just celebrated their 20th anniversary. ✨ **Geoff Emanuel** moved his family back to Falmouth, Maine, from

Dallas at the end of 2015 and is happy to be back home. Since moving he's gotten together with Fred Madeira '80, **Bob Kellogg**, Betsy Williams Stivers '78, and Tim Hussey '78. ✨ **Sarah MacColl** started singing with Women in Harmony after so many years being a Colbyette wannabe. She's considering a trip to Southeast Asia for her 60th birthday to visit daughter Katy. ✨ Not a lot of excitement at **Brian Hoffmann's** home. Both kids are in boarding school—son Dylan, a senior, is applying to colleges (Colby included) and daughter Caleigh is a sophomore. ✨ **Suzanne Randall's** update is very simple—she's retiring from UNUM. She plans to travel and spend more time with friends and family. Enjoy! ✨ **George Powers** and his family spent Christmas break skiing in Tahoe. He works at Cisco writing cloud software and spends weekends traveling the San Francisco Bay area in a little camping trailer. In retirement George and Annette hope to expand their range, maybe as far as Waterville. ✨ I'm thrilled to report I'm a grandmother! My oldest, Kayleigh, and her husband, CJ, were surprised in December when Rory Thomas Thornton came seven weeks early (healthy, just small at 3 pounds, 2 ounces). He came home on New Year's Day and has been on a growth spurt. He's a handsome little man and Tom and I are enjoying this new phase in our lives as grandparents. ✨ Here's to a healthy and prosperous 2016 for the Class of 1979!

1980

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It's great to hear from so many classmates. ✨ **Joy Crafts McNaughton** sent news of her son's engagement and looks forward to the wedding in 2017 in his fiancé's hometown of Worcester, Mass. ✨ **Glenn Rieger** has signed on for a second term as a Colby Overseer. He and his wife, Tami, enjoy being empty nesters as their adult kids move forward with their careers. Daughter Katy will join next year's class at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern, and son Grant sells software for a Boston company called MediaSilo. ✨ In the category of mini-reunions, **Paul Rennert** got together with KDR brothers **Jack McBride, John Longley, and Kevin Shea** in mid-November for a few brews in Framingham, Mass. Many stories were told, nearly all of them true. **Lynn Collins Francis** attended a mini-reunion in October hosted by **Nancy Reed** at her vacation home in Wickford, R.I., with **Cate Talbot Ashton, Eliza Dorsey, Diana Herrmann, Jane DeMartin Pelletier, and Janet Thacher Silva** all having a great time

together. * Proof of the impact of Jan Plan is evident in the number of mentions it gets. **Brenda Bowen** was lucky enough to have two Colby students, Sarah Neal '18 and Jess Greenwald '18, interning at her literary agency (Sanford J. Greenburger Associates) this Jan Plan. Their job was to comb through the manuscript submissions to find the next Lincoln Peirce '85. (Brenda assures us she'll make a massive donation to Colby if that happens.) Becky Goodman, Brenda's daughter, graduated from Middlebury in February and is off into the world. * **Tamara Hannah** had a professor from a midwestern college rent an AirBnB unit from her for their Jan Plan this year. Tamara spends most of her time in Miami, where she's a real estate broker with Barnes International Real Estate and can assist you with worldwide real estate needs. She also practices law in Chicago and manages her three-flat unit in Lincoln Park. * As their Jan Plan, Dwight '79 and **Jane Sullivan Allison** escaped from coastal New Hampshire to Hawaii. This is not a one-time trip—they love to travel and hit the road every couple of months ("this makes us sound like vagabonds!"). They've literally traveled around the world on a ship with the study-abroad program Semester at Sea, which their children did as college students. They've visited Myanmar, Cambodia, Ghana, South Africa, and Cuba. They also sailed 1,100 miles up the Amazon River—a really interesting place! When not traveling, Jane spends time volunteering at the board level for a local nonprofit that offers experiential educational programs for fifth through 12th graders in the Seacoast N.H. and Maine area. Their sons work and live in Portland and Portsmouth respectively. * **Elliott Pratt** let me know that one of my freshman year Jan Plan classmates **Scot Lehigh** humorously tweeted about his experience on the home delivery side of the *Boston Globe* at the beginning of January. * **Linda Alter Capell** is the mother of 6-year-old twins and returned to her former 11-year career as a realtor in Minnesota's Twin Cities. She says that the shores of Lake Superior remind her of the coast of Maine and Colby, while Facebook has been her way of staying in touch virtually with former Colby classmates. * **Dave and Kathy Clark Castonguay** are in their 18th year in central Pennsylvania, where Dave works for Ahold, USA, and Kathy works for Messiah College. They moved back east from Seattle in 1998 after 17 years on the West Coast. Their oldest son, Andrew, is a Ph.D. candidate in molecular genetics at Ohio State, and younger son Sam is a civil engineer in Richmond. Rounding out the family is Col-

by, their 9-year-old lab. They enjoy hiking and traveling; Dave is a committed cyclist. In the fall of 2014 they visited Acadia and Baxter State Park. Hiking Katahdin was on Dave's bucket list and, with a fair amount of his help, Kathy climbed it, too—for the second time. Her first was her COOT trip freshman year, when she met future roommate **Melinda Richardson Mull**. * Please keep the news coming!

1981

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I look forward to seeing all of you at our 35th reunion June 2-5, 2016! Stay in a dorm, pound some beers, and party like it's 1979! You'll be very glad you came! Learn more and register here: alumni.colby.edu. * **Val Talland's** daughter Tara entered NYU's prestigious Tisch School for the Arts last fall. Now senior curator at Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Val works in the conservation department researching early manuscript painting materials and techniques. She enjoyed a visit there with class president **Beth Pniewski Wilson**, who convinced Val to speak at our class dinner Saturday night of reunion weekend, when I would also love to see **Shannon "Shannon" Brown LaFave**, who moved to Las Vegas in August. She retired from HP/IBM after 30-plus years and started a second career as a high school autism teacher. * **Kimberly Hokanson's** son Baillie is an incoming member of Colby Class of 2020. Kimberly will be at reunion. * Certified whacko **Dani Nemec Micsan** ran her first marathon in October—the Marines Corps Marathon in DC. "Everyone should run at least one!" Dani plans to run the 2017 marathon in Little Rock, Ark., "because it awards a big-ass medal! It's all about the bling." For me, the big-ass is not a medal, and the bling is in my gold-crowned molars and reconstructed ACL. * Good buddies **Jon Light** and **Peter Cocciardi** still get together regularly. Along with their spouses, they took a Caribbean vacation in January. Last year the foursome traveled to Southern California for the wedding of one of Jon's sons. * **Sue Lankton-Rivas** and husband Eduardo have been "feeling liberated" as empty nesters with sons Jeffrey and Bryan attending college in Virginia and New Jersey respectively. On the drive to Virginia, Sue often sees **Julie Mellentin Michelotti**, who lives in Maryland. The two played DC tourists in August, along with Sue's son Bryan and her niece and nephew visiting from Ecuador. Looking forward to seeing **Jennifer Sears Supple** at reunion, Sue and Julie will be coming to Mayflower Hill together. Sue also connects with **Holly**

Mackin Anzani and **Terry Jacques** on Facebook. * Remember, **Victor Vesnaver** created and manages a Facebook group exclusively for our class: facebook.com/groups/ColbyCollege1981. Please join to gear up for reunion. See you then!

1982

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E.J. Meade has experienced a challenging three years. His nonsmoking, vegetarian wife was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer in 2012. "We struggled through the lows of illness and highs of hopes for two years, but she died in late summer 2014. We'd been together 30 years and married 27." During the same period, E.J. doubled the size of his firm, Arch 11, which has offices in Denver and Boulder. Arch received the AIA Western Region Award for design of a corporate headquarters for Pearl Izumi. Writes E.J., "I traveled a lot last year, both for work and on art viewing excursions. But the highlight was in Paris last April when I had lunch with **Lavinia Stefani** in her south Paris home. Years melted away, we talked, laughed, and ate. She's in great form and I suspect like all of us, just more of who we were during college." * **Tom Cone's** youngest son, Trevor, graduated from Virginia Tech in May 2015 and is pursuing a professional golf career. He signed a contract with Nike and is off to Argentina to try to qualify for the PGA tour Latin America. Tom and his wife live in Concord, N.C., outside of Charlotte. "If anyone travels through, we'd love to host them." * **Jennifer Maire Hagemann** and her family have lived aboard their 1937 ketch, *Arabella*, for two years and spent this winter in Beaufort, S.C. Jen's youngest daughter was married last September. "We continue to work with encapsulated produce and vertical aeroponics and love the fact that our business is portable and can be run from my iPhone and the boat. If any classmates are in Charleston or Savannah, let's connect!" * **Nancy Briggs Marshall's** son Craig '15 is relaunching the World Pro Ski Tour from his Portland apartment/office. Son James is a sophomore at Colby-Sawyer, where he's on the Division One ski team. The Marshalls host ski racers throughout the season at their house at Sugarloaf. * **Duncan McGillivray**, Pomona College exchange student, moved from Scottsdale, Ariz., to Naples, Fla. Duncan is always interested in speaking with Colby alumni. * **Linda Hurwitz** ended 2015 with a trip up to Baltimore to perform New Year's shows as a guest violinist with the Baltimore Symphony in an energetic program with dancers and acrobats from Cirque de Soleil.

Linda completes her 29th season with the Virginia Symphony this spring, as well as her 22nd year teaching strings in the public schools. Linda returns to Jackson Hole this summer for a patriotic Fourth of July and weekend classical programs with the Grand Teton Music Festival. She recently visited **Claudia Goulston** and her husband, Bill Howell, who are based in Salt Lake City at the University of Utah and enjoying life in the West. * **Jim Haddow** and wife Michelle live in Buxton, Maine. Jim plans to run the 200-mile Rock Lobster Relay (from Bar Harbor to Portland) in June as part of a University of Maine School of Law team, along with his sister Anne (Maine Law alum) and niece Sara (first-year law student). Jim's older son, Hamish, is a medical student at Tufts and hopes to practice as a primary care physician in an underserved part of Maine. Younger son Max is in the first year of a master's program in marine science at the University of Maine. It's a great pleasure for Jim to have them nearby. * **Chris Landry** lives in western Massachusetts and runs a small communications firm that helps foundations and nonprofit organizations tell their stories more effectively. His film, *Joanna Macy and the Great Turning*, will air on the PBS series Natural Heroes this winter. One son is in college; the other is getting his applications in. * **Dorothy Distelhorst** wrote from Lech, Austria, where she was skiing with her 87-year-old father. He wanted to take her daughters, Cynthia (23 and in vet school at the U of Minnesota School of Veterinary Medicine) and Ellen (20 and a junior at Stonehill College, Easton, Mass.), skiing where he got engaged and Dorothy learned to ski. Dorothy spent time with **Jennifer Batson Wilson** last October while visiting Ellen. Dorothy enjoys living in Vail, Colo., and helping people through her dentistry, as well as backcountry and downhill skiing with Karl, her husband of 25 years. * Stan '85 and **Susan Robertson Kuzia's** daughter, Virginia, married Connor Crowley Aug. 8 in Augusta, Ga. The celebration allowed Susan to visit with her Colby moms group (**Tracy Don MacDonald**, Michele Adams Prince '81, Karen Baumstark Porter '81, and Karen Pfeiffer Jones '81), who stayed a few days after the wedding. Connor is in medical school at MUSC and Virginia works with ABA Outreach of Charleston while working towards her master's of education. Son Will is a junior at Georgia Tech majoring in computational media. Susan and Stan will celebrate 30 years of marriage this June. * In December **Scott Delcourt** attended the annual Council of Graduate Schools meeting in Seattle, where former Colby President William Adams spoke about his new role as chairman for the National

Endowment for the Humanities.

1983

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I'm naming this column "Shake Down Street." For the first time since I put on the large mukluks of our beloved **Sal Lovegren Merchant**, I actually had to harass classmates for news to ensure that I could maintain my consistent record of exceeding the word count allotment, sending editors into overtime. My efforts yielded upside, so here goes. ★ Great to hear from **Jim Hart**, living a stone's throw from Colby for 25 years and currently doing the mad inventor thing with a four-year-old start-up who invited him with, "Make me a breakthrough tech in a risky market." Result: he's working on a tiny ceramic membrane to operate under extreme production conditions. For fun, he gets out on the tennis court, often against former chem professor Wayne Smith. Jim's three kids are grown, and he and Martha are grandparents twice over. ★ Next, I desperately messaged **Steve Rowse**. "Hey baby, how's the cider business?" followed by, "DUDE, I'm ON DEADLINE!" He obliged, and it sounds like the cider biz is good; they just finished the fifth cider season with "boffo results" (that Colby econ degree is indeed worth something!). Steve's company buys up apples, which they then wash, grind, and crush mercilessly for fresh cider. Look for their product under the brand names Carlson Orchards, Lyman Orchards, and Rudy's Blend. Steve buys from orchards just down the road from my new place, so beers together are in our future. With regard to his skiing life, he shared, "[I'm] sitting in new ski house in Carrabassett Valley watching the flakes drift down and the mighty Carrabassett flow by. Last summer we finally ripped down the camp/dump I've had here since '85 and built something that hopefully won't freeze up every winter. Killer 'tear down' party last March included **Ellen McIntire**, **Jamie Town** (and wife Ann), Shelly Paules '84, Louise (Weezy Swift) Price '81 and husband Peter, and a whole pack of Class of 2012 alums that are buds with oldest daughter Hillary '12." Sounds awesome Steve, and hey Ellen and Jamie, KARMA KNOWS YOUR ADDRESSES—write me, please, please, please. ★ In an exchange with the famously reclusive **George Katz** (at least where class news is concerned), I learned that both of our spawn are anxiously awaiting a yay/nay from Colby's ED II pool. That would be kewl to have both our kids in the same class, and I can totally foresee getting more news out of George from the deal. Don't change this channel! ★ I called

my former roommate and spiritual doppelganger **Barbara Leonard** to find out what's happening in Maine curling and learned our friend Paul Arthur '84 has joined Barb and **Dan Marra's** curling league (I can't write that without giggling). Paul teaches at the most-excellent outdoor ed organization Chewonki Foundation. In the same call, I learned that Barb debuted an opinion piece in the Portland Press Herald 1/1/16 for an expansion of Medicaid for the un- and under-insured. Barb is VP of programs at the Maine Health Access Foundation. Follow her at @MEHAF_VP. ★ Thanks, **Geoff Ballotti**, for the Christmas snap of himself happily surrounded by his wife and four daughters, two of whom are working with children. One is a caseworker in Boston working with families of newly-diagnosed autistic children; a second is at BCH researching immune deficient diseases. Two others are in college, one at Elon and one headed out to U of Miami. As I mentioned in another post, Geoff's wife runs a terrific organization for autistic children, Cranberry Sunset Farms. ★ **Tyger Nicholas's** son Harry '16 will graduate this year from Colby, where he played defensive tackle for the Mules. As such, Tyger spent many fall Saturdays tailgating on campus. Think barbecue! Tyger reported sightings of some of our missing comrades. Before a round of golf at Point Judith, R.I., Tyger enjoyed an excellent BLT with **Neal Steingold** and a separate dinner with **Mark Federle**. Neither classmate responded to a request for comment. He's also seen a bunch of '82ers including James Bindler '82, **Karla Hosteler**, Ann Foster '82 and her husband, Peter Van Dyck '82. ★ Okay, well that ended well. Keep the cards, letters, and pictures coming, sweethearts, and talk soon, kk?

1984

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For the second issue in a row, I haven't had time to submit a column of news. Life is just too busy, so I've decided it's best to resign as your correspondent. If you're interested in taking up this role, send an email to the address above and someone at Colby will respond.

1985

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Thanks to those of you who chimed in with updates. ★ **Steve Reed's** daughter, Hailey, was accepted early decision to the Colby Class of 2020! A prospective government major, Hailey will be the third generation in the Reed family to attend Colby, following

80s NEWSMAKERS



Laurie Anderson '88

Deanna Swan Sherman '85 was named president and CEO of heating fuel dealer Dead River Company effective Jan. 1. Sherman joined the Maine company in 1986. ★ **Kate Lucier O'Neill '85** has been elected to the board of directors of Franklin Street Properties, a Massachusetts real estate investment trust. O'Neill is a former director at Bain Capital. ★ **Laurie Anderson '88** was named the 2015 Ohio Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Anderson has been a professor of botany-microbiology at Ohio Wesleyan University since 2001.

Steve and his father, Howard Reed '58. Steve's uncle and aunt, Norman '61 and Eleanor Reed McCracken '61, also attended Colby. Steve looks forward to visiting Mayflower Hill on a more frequent basis beginning this fall. ★ **Peter Marchesi** and his wife, Linda, survived the holidays with their six (combined) kids, five of whom are "now (mercifully) out of the house and on their own!" They took a few days to travel to one of their favorite islands for some sun, scuba, and snorkeling. They're now "back hard at it (in Waterville), counting the days until warm weather returns and noting the number of seconds by which daylight increases." ★ **Barbara Knox**, living in California, went back East for the holidays, where she and her daughter met **Andy Sheehan**, who gave them a tour of historic Boston along the Freedom Trail. Andy's wife, **Barbara Wilkes Sheehan**, noted, "I'm glad he's putting his history degree to good use!" Barbara's son graduated from Santa Clara University and is pursuing a professional soccer career in France. He scored the only goal against number-one ranked Stanford in the NCAA second round. ★ **Ed Maggiacomo** reports that a big group of Mules gathered in Park City at **Sean Padgett's** place for Super Bowl weekend for a raucous weekend of skiing, socializing, and football watching. Sean and Ed were joined by **Rick Anderson**, **Chris Murphy**, **Jeff Flinn**, **Steve Langlois**, **Mark Howard**, **Dave Resnicoff**, and **Eric Trucksess**. Stefan Bergill (husband of **Gretchen Bean Bergill**) and Dan Auslander '84 were there as well. **Steve Reed** attended via FaceTime. ★ In December **Carol Eisenberg** went on a fun trip to Nicaragua with her oldest daughter, who had finished a semester abroad in Costa Rica. "Such a beautiful and interesting country," she noted. ★ **Greg Shefrin** enjoyed cocktails and conversation with **Mark Howard**, **Eric Trucksess**, and John Wilfong '86 at the NYC Colby alumni event at Citigroup in early

December. ★ The biggest news comes from our former class president **Swing Robertson**. From Swing: "Here's a significant update—I became a father! Michael Swing Keating Robertson was born Oct. 11 and he has changed my life in so many fantastic ways!" Huge congratulations to Swing! ★ As for me, I enjoy life in Pittsburgh, working at Shady Side Academy with some other Colby alums, including Sue Whitney '86. My wife, Megan, and I travel as much as we can, with recent trips to Venezuela, the Azores, the Bahamas, and one coming up to Nicaragua. Happy New Year everyone!

1986

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It's reunion countdown! I hope you are all making your plans for early June in Waterville! 30 years—what?! I wouldn't believe it if it weren't for all the classmates reporting on kids in or heading to college. ★ One of those includes **Karen Mitchell Brandvold**, who sent (we think) her first update ever because she couldn't contain her excitement over the great news that daughter Amalie was accepted to the Colby Class of 2020! Karen says her best friends today are still her Colby friends and she hopes the same for Amalie. ★ **Colette Cote** knows about keeping Colby connections—she took a trip south last summer and saw a few Colby pals along the way including **Kelly Chopus**, **Tom McCallum**, and **Steve Poirier**, who are all doing well. Colette looks forward to seeing everyone at reunion! ★ **Laurent Kosbach** agrees and sends his best from his home in Colombes, France. He travels weekly to Belgium for work but will take time off to join us for reunion and hopes wife Marie will come as well. ★ **Michael Dobbs** has lived in the Nashville area since 2012 with his wife, Amy, and daughter, Julia, now an eighth-grader at an all-girls school in town. Michael works with

IBM driving business knowledge through analytics. * **Kelly McPhail Mendez** wrote after putting her daughter on a plane back to New York City on her 21st birthday. She was heading back to Yale University and has become a true northeasterner. Kelly has, however, fully embraced her last 25 years in Texas and considers “y’all” part of her daily lexicon. She admits to missing the snow at times. * **Peter Taubkin** gets plenty of ice at least. He proudly reports daughter Madeline is starting in goal as a freshman for the Hill School varsity girls hockey team. She’s joined on the ice every day by brother Nathan, a junior, who’s in his second year as a student coach for the Lady Blues. Lots of driving to Pottstown, Pa., and elsewhere for mom and dad, but well worth it. * **Bill Northfield**’s big news is that he retired from investment banking after 22 years. “Now its time to live, which means exploring more about wine, food, tennis, and travel, and doing part-time consulting for the IMF. Life is too short to do otherwise!” * All is well with **Harriet Haake Hall** in San Diego. Having changed jobs last year, she works from home for Transamerica Retirement Solutions, helping companies with their 401(k) plans and encouraging everyone to save for retirement. Her middle-schooler and high-schooler both love to play lacrosse. In 2015 she had a trip to Nantucket and visited with **Andrea McInnis Leonard** and Linda Lull ’85 and hopes to do it again this year. Come to reunion in June and all of you can meet in Waterville with the rest of us, ok?

1987

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Let’s start with a shout-out to Gin Pup ’85, who thought my last column was serious. Never, my friend. But now I’m glad I didn’t make all those other jokes about your wife. * **Jeff DiSandro** says, “I hired and now have three Colby grads working for me. David Forsyth ’01, Christy Mihos ’09, and Andrew Fabricant ’13. (Fabricant? Those names are so obviously made up!)” * **Jane Nichol-Manuel** writes: “I’m taking my real estate exam Thursday so wouldn’t want to jump the gun and say I want your referrals if I am not actually licensed. (That doesn’t stop most people, Jane.) My son Ben just graduated from Clemson, but I wouldn’t want to say they are national champions in case they lose the last game of the season next Monday. (Oh darn.) And **Jeanne Morrison Cook**’s son and my son have become great friends at Hobart.” * **Rich Bachus** proclaims, “My family and I are spending the better part of a year exploring our National Parks to help promote the ‘Every Kid in a

Park’ initiative. (So every kid must live in a park from now on?) President Obama kicked it off Sept 1, and now every fourth grader and his or her family can get a free annual pass to the National Parks. We swung through Colby in late September on our way to Acadia and camped out in our RV at the back of the Mary Low parking lot, courtesy of Gerry Boyle ’78 and the fine folks in security, who didn’t kick us out. We also tracked down the elusive **Pete McKinley** who joined us for a night around the campfire outside of Freeport—just like old times. We’re back home for the winter, but racked up more than 10,000 miles and 30 park visits, so far. (That beats me by 30.) We welcome outdoor-lovin’ Colbyites to follow our adventures at [yearintheparks.org](#).” * **Priscilla Phinney-Squires** is “going on 20 years living in Reading, Mass., with husband Bill, 17-year-old twins Katie and Jessica, and son Bobby, 12. In November I left my position as lead teacher for Understanding Disabilities, a local nonprofit that provides awareness workshops to children in grades 1-5. I’m beginning a job search for a part-time position in the public schools as I take classes to recertify as an elementary school teacher. I plan to get back to full-time elementary classroom teaching when my daughters go to college. Still see best buddy **Lisa Moncevicz** several times a year, watch the Boston Marathon with **Jonathan Slate** every April, and keep in touch with **Liz Kotler Hayes**, **Linda Richard Ryan**, **Ben Diebold**, **Ed Kennelly**, and **Willa Cobb**. Turned 50 last May. Don’t really feel old, just wise; but this turning point definitely has me noticing that time waits for no one. I like to think of it the way my son Bobby wrote in my card: Nextstop 100! The second half of life is only just beginning.” (Okay, but what about the third half, Priscilla?) * **Jen Carroll Schildge** sent a poem of her own: “I wish I had more to report // Girls are getting bigger / One is 16, junior and looking at Colby / The other is 13 and in 8th grade / Nelson, also known as Jack, is a freshman at CU Boulder / On a daily basis he likes to ski the big bowls / The husband is great / He’s very busy running the family business / I’m still a full-time, stay-at-home parent / Next month we are going to the BVI, married 20 years / Gee, I am grateful for my wonderful life!” Thanks, Jen. The only poem I knew was about this dude from Nantucket, so now I know two poems. * Not to be outdone, **Andrew Rudman** offered a Haiku: “To your note I say / Family happy, healthy / fifty not so bad.” For those of you who don’t know, a Haiku is apparently any poem written by Andrew Rudman. Be well.

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In our current era of AARP cards, colonoscopies, and (for many) tuition bills, isn’t it nice to receive mail that brings you back to those four carefree years spent on the top of a hill in the middle of Maine? * **Matt Elders** reports from California that he’s been married to Christine Churchill Elders (a very distant relative of Winston’s) for 20 years. They live in Tiburon, a city in southern Marin County. Ned Scheetz ’87 is a close neighbor. The Elders have two boys, Jack, 17, a junior at Redwood High School and Luke, 15, a freshman. Both are committed lacrosse players for their school and respective travel clubs, spending four to five weekends each summer playing throughout the country. Matt works for Percolate, one of the fastest growing marketing technology companies in the world. Matt’s interests include the outdoors, golf, yoga, travel, and most importantly family! * **Garret** and **Sue Maddock Hinebauch** have lived in Zurich, Switzerland, with sons Oliver, 15, and Liam, 8, for three years. Garret teaches high school English at the Zurich International School, which is a nice challenge after 11 years as a middle school teacher in London. They enjoy the skiing, hiking, biking, and lake swimming at their doorstep. Oliver is a freshman at the local Steiner/Waldorf school, putting the rest of the family to shame with his German and Swiss-German fluency. He’s also a keen ice hockey player. The family had fun with **Mel Brown Bride** and her family during a brief visit last summer, and they also enjoyed catching up with **Hal Crimmel** and his family in Munich while Hal worked there for a semester. Each year the Hinebauchs looks forward to summer visits with **Chris** and **Lisa Kerney Brown** and family at Belgrade Lakes. * **Heidi Irving-Naughton** became an empty nester this fall with the departure of her twins, Daly and Claire, to Bates—son Liam is a junior at Middlebury. Claire enjoyed a great first season on the Bates volleyball team while Daly played basketball. Heidi and Kevin kept busy watching the girls and Liam (Midd basketball) play. The family built a house in Cornwall, Vt., about five minutes from Middlebury. Heidi enjoyed the entire process from meeting onsite with the architect and builder to weekly interior design meetings. She’s excited to have built what she hopes will be a home in her family for generations. Heidi says, “I guess I need to start thinking about the next chapter of life—what am I going to do with myself?!” * **Carolina**

Kroon’s craft spans 20 years of dynamic photography and video production for nonprofits, news organizations, and companies. Recent diverse projects included coproduction of a number of video segments for Telesur, the Venezuelan TV news station, providing an interesting look into global politics and spin from outside the US. Carolina was fortunate to work with two great producers: Clara Ibarra from Democracy Now and documentary producer Vanessa Bergonzoli. Carolina also continues her work in the education sector and had the pleasure of documenting more of New York City-based Morningside Center’s great emotional learning project in the public schools, Restore360. * **Josh** and **Stacey Mendelsohn Marx** report from Bainbridge Island, Wash., that things are “great and both are totally stoked for 2016—a year sure to be chocked full of milestones: half a century young, married 25 years (unofficially 31 years since we downed margaritas as Feb Frosh in Cuernavaca), and empty nesters!” * Out of space again thanks to your faithful writing. Stay tuned to learn of **Andy Sulya**’s invention that measures biologic drugs during production.

1989

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Happy 2016 to one and all. As I write this, it’s nearly 10 below in Minnesota, making me wonder why I live here. But by the time you read it, the weather will be balmy and I’ll remember. On to the news. **Tripp** and **Heidi Lombard Johnson** are sending kid #2 to Mayflower Hill. Matt will join current sophomore Abby ’18 there; they’ve yet to determine who gets the loft system Heidi’s dad made for her dorm room in 1985. Heidi says that the family’s next challenge is “to figure out how to make Colby’s campus more accessible for youngest brother William’s wheelchair so we can go for a Mule clean sweep!” * **Krisan Evenson** is returning to consulting after a decade at Plymouth State, dealing with issues in current war zones involving children and armed conflict. She also reminds us all to fulfill our pledges to the Colby Fund! * **Shaun Dakin**’s consulting business focuses on digital strategy for climate change and gun violence prevention groups. He was at the White House when the president announced new gun control measures, but maybe more exciting was a family trip to Costa Rica, where they saw sloths! Shaun’s son, Joseph, is in sixth grade and his wife, Saleena, was voted a “top doctor” in the Washington, D.C., area. * **Tom Karafin** wrote just to say hello. He did not add, “It’s

me.” * **Nancy Spellman** was promoted to senior graphic designer at Nutiva, and life in Marin County is great. Nancy’s daughter will be traveling to Sweden this summer with her soccer team, while Nancy and her son will visit family back East. Nancy’s 2016 goal is to ride her bike 2,000 miles! Mine is to ride my bike more than twice. * **Suzi Schumann Van Alstyne** is busy with her triplets (!) but fits in occasional hikes with **Julie Lewis Petersen**, whose kids are role models for Suzi’s. Suzi also gets parenting advice from **Kim King-Poplawski**. * **Gretchen Krehling McKay** was elected chair of the Reacting to the Past Consortium Board. She also received McDaniel College’s annual distinguished teaching award, is working with Colby Professor Emeritus Michael Marlais on a publication, and tries to persuade fellow professor **Mark Cosdon** to use Reacting to the Past in his classes at Allegheny College. * Wish I could have been a fly on the wall when **Melita “the Instigator” Marks** convinced freshman friends to gather in Boston in October. **Terri Edmunds**, **Christina Theokas**, **Robyn Torrisi Gavin**, **Wayne Dougal**, **Scott Turtel**, **Paul Stanislaw**, **Mary Browne DiSandro**—quite a crew to sample volcano bowls in Harvard Square that, according to Melita, stand up to Jade Island’s. In the collective opinion of the group, “the women are holding up a little better than the men at this point.” * Another mini-reunion in Massachusetts, this one at **Dave** and **Cindy Cohen Fernandez**’s house, where they celebrated New Year’s Eve with **Marc Rando** and his wife and Suzi and **Matt Sotir**. Marc reported a sighting of Sarah Fernandez, Colby Class of 2019! Marc looked forward to a trip to the Dominican Republic this spring with his oldest daughter on a service/language trip. * **Tracy Gionfriddo**, **Meg Christie**, and **Doug St. Lawrence** attended a more official Colby reunion in November—to celebrate 30 years of Broadway Musical Revue. Which makes me feel old. I had to miss the big event because of a work trip, but text messages kept me apprised of the shenanigans. * Keep the news coming, folks!

1990

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Just a reminder: our 25th reunion is June 2-5. Please plan on joining many of our classmates back on Mayflower Hill! * **Laura Pizzarello Scott** feels like a Bay Area

native now, having lived in San Francisco 21 years. She’s the founder of Studio Scott, a boutique graphic design firm specializing in branding, packaging, and print. Recently she caught up with the ever-active **Clark Weber** (who is aptly working at GoPro!) for lunch in SF, and with **Geoff O’Hara** when visiting family in Rhode Island. * **Stephanie Vore Apple** thinks this might be her first official Colby update. She writes, “I’m fortunate to have three beautiful children, Brian, Elizabeth, and Andrew. Like all good parents, I’m hoping one will cure cancer, one will take care of me in my old age, and one won’t set fire to anything. After 17 years running a design firm, I work for Fidelity Investments in Boston as a principal UX designer. In addition I’m pursuing my master’s at Bentley University and will be done this fall—just in time for my oldest to start college. When I’m not juggling the kids’ activity schedule, I participate in athletic events from half marathons to triathlons to obstacle course races. Who knew you could develop a love for running after 40? Parenthood teaches you endurance, so the rest is pretty easy. I recently had the fortune to catch up with **Aaron Mosher** at a microbrewery in Maine. He and his family are doing well in Cape Elizabeth, Maine.”

* Writing under the pen name “Lynn Carthage,” **Erika Mailman** has a young adult novel, *Betrayed*, coming out in March from Kensington Books. It’s a French revolution time-slip story. * **Tim Christensen** and his partner, Nisa Smiley, a jeweler, continue building a solar off-the-grid house in Downeast Maine. They’ve been in it a year now. He says it’s a beautiful spot near the ocean, and he finds endless inspiration for his artwork in the woods and waters nearby. His work in porcelain, with etched illustrations in black and white, continues to be both rewarding and challenging in direct proportion. He feels quite lucky to live the life he’s living. * **Clint Williams** is at Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield, Maine, in his 21st year as the dean of admission. He’s in touch with **Tom Dorion**, **Kevin Whitmore**, and **Chris Lahey**, and they’re all well. Clint’s daughter is a sophomore at MCI and her team won the state championship in field hockey; she was named to the all-state team last fall. His sons Owen and Aaron are also active and bright spots in his and wife Sarah’s life. * **Susan Cummings Wiseman** lives in Winchester, Mass., and works part time teaching spin at Golds Gym. But her full-time job is managing the lives of her four children. She coaches her two youngest daughters in basketball and loves it. Her oldest son is a junior in high school, so they’ve begun looking at colleges; she’s amazed at how much the process has changed since we all went. She

caught up with **Colleen Halleck Taylor** for lunch before Christmas. * **Jim** and **Caroline O’Malley Maynard** and their two sons enjoy living on the coast in Westerly, R.I. She spends her time as a “professional volunteer,” dedicating a lot of time to the boys’ school and other organizations in town, which she finds very rewarding. Recently she met **Patty Masters Correa** and **Ashley Cornell Pratt** at a Colby event in Boston. She also stays in close contact with **Corinne Hauser Tardio**, **Cathy Breen King**, **Julie Daniele Solomita**, and **Andrea Solomita** ’92. They’re all looking forward to getting back for our 25th reunion on the hill in June!

1992

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I hope everyone’s 2016 is off to a great start. **Marah Silverberg Derzon** chimed in from Ohio: “It was a banner fall for Colby reunions! In October **K-K Smith Tindall**, **Lisa McMahon-Myhran**, and **Christy O’Rourke Habetz** came to Ohio for a weekend of fun. My parents joined us as well (my father Mike is a ‘60 Mule). Lisa is currently an attorney in Seattle, K-K is a professor at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Christy is spending time with her adorable daughter, Piper, and I work part time in admissions at my children’s school. To report that laughter ensued would be a giant understatement. My family and I went to California in December for the holidays and spent several days with Christy and Lisa and their families at Christy’s beautiful home in Danville. My parents joined us for this as well, rounding out our Mules to four. We spent the week hiking, drinking wine, and laughing ‘til we cried. Literally. We had a fantastic New Year’s Eve celebration, ringing in 2016 with a highly competitive game night with the kids. It’s so fun seeing them—Sidney, 14, Charlie, 14, Alice, 13, Matthew, 13, and Piper, 18 months—all together! It’s true love born of our Colby history.” * **Lyz Makely Best** had a short but sweet visit to Evanston, Ill., to see **Sura DuBow Lennon**. “We had a great meal and lots of laughs. It seemed as if our kids had known each other forever! It was a reminder that we all need to see each other more often.” Amen! * **Zach Shapiro**, who lives in California, wrote: “In February I was honored for my 10th anniversary at Temple Akiba in Culver City. I see Greg ’91 and **Dakota Glenn Smith** regularly as they are members of the congregation. They have such a beautiful family! I was so sad I missed the Colby BMR reunion. Hope I can join a future event.” * **Jason Oliver Nixon** splits his

time between High Point, N.C., and NYC. “My Madcap Cottage design firm has just launched our debut fabric collection for Robert Allen, available in to-the-trade showrooms globally and in Calico stores for consumers. We continue to sell our bedding, pillows, and window treatments on HSN (Home Shopping Network) and will debut a capsule clothing line for HSN to tie in with the release of Disney’s film *Alice Through the Looking Glass*. Our blog was just named one of the country’s 24 best design reads by *Domino* magazine, and we are penning a book on mixing patterns in interiors for Abrams.” * **Eliza McClatchey Evans** wrote from Marietta, Ga.: “I’m headed to Hawaii in May to stand up at **Jessica Maclachlan Hall**’s wedding to a gentleman named Micah Gauthier! I’m very excited because I’ve never been to visit her before, and he’s a super guy. My husband and I are in the throes of raising a tween boy on the autism spectrum. He’s thriving at our local public school with straight A’s, so we’re letting him grow his hair long. Hormones are raging.” * Finally, responding to **Torin Taylor**’s update in our last column, **Warren Claytor** wrote: “I want to hear more about the ‘last’ Dead show! I was on a dads-and-daughters RV trip with cousins through some national parks when we heard that the Dead would be playing. We came very close to making a major RV road trip from Arches National Park to Chicago to see the show, but parental instinct kicked in and we continued on our camping trip. Hoping for another tour in the future.” * Happy spring, everyone. Start making your plans for our 25th next year! (Gulp.)

1993

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Scott Abrams lives in Belmont, Mass., with girlfriend Julie and their black lab, Hobbes. Scott writes, “We bought a second home in West Dover, Vt., back in March. It’s right next to Mt. Snow and even has a private ski trail back to the development. We go up there almost every other weekend with Hobbes. Did I mention there are seven breweries within 30 minutes?! One of my closest friends from Colby, Kwok Lui ’92, has a house in the same development, which is great.” In 2015 Scott ran his 19th marathon on Cape Cod and his 20th in Philadelphia. Scott stays in touch with **Dave Lauman**, also a marathoner, and **Dave Crittenden**. Scott says, “Dave C. recently left a law firm in NYC to be an in-house attorney for a company in Philadelphia. He and his wife, kids, and dog made the move out

90s NEWSMAKERS



Ongalo-Obote '94

Ole Amundsen '90 was named executive director of Maine Audubon. Amundsen was most recently program manager for the Conservation Fund, a national land trust organization. ♦ **Patricia Marshall '94** was appointed deputy commissioner for academic affairs and student success for the Massachusetts Department of Education. Marshall had served as associate vice president for academic affairs at Worcester State University.

♦ **Kenneth Ongalo-Obote '94, LL.D. '13** was reelected to parliament in Uganda. Ongalo-Obote was returned to office by voters to represent

Kaberamaido District. ♦ Founder and executive director of KIPP Delta Public Schools **Scott Shirey '98** will be the Hendrix College commencement speaker in May. In 2015 Hendrix partnered with KIPP Delta to increase college completion rates among underserved students in the Delta. ♦ **Elizabeth Ward Saxl '97**, executive director of the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault, has been named to the Maine Women's Hall of Fame for 2016. Saxl was recognized for her significant work in the prevention of violence towards women.

of Giants land and into Eagles territory. Dave L. is an attorney in Tacoma, Wash., where he lives with his wife, daughter, and cats—and he still owes me a six-pack of beer from a bet we made over the Pats-Seahawks Super Bowl last year.” ♦ **Mike Murphy** and family live in Taos, N.M., where Mike works as a child/family therapist while collecting hours towards an LPCC license. Mike has taken a few years break from Alaska but is working towards returning for summers. ♦ After several moves, John and **Vanessa Lloyd Beauchaine** have settled in Wrentham, Mass. Vanessa is an elementary school principal in town and, as a Patriots fan, enjoys living close to Gillette Stadium. She still loves music, noting, “John and I are giggling out when we can for various musical pursuits. Our son, Jake, is close by in North Attleboro and our daughter, Nicole, just got her master's as an art teacher and hopes to land her first teaching job in the fall.” ♦ **Jason Soules** and wife Carolyn welcomed son Andrew Houston Soules in September. He joins big sister Emerson, 3. Jason says, “That's it! Two is perfect.” The whole family spent the winter in Telluride, where they enjoyed some good skiing. ♦ Thanks to everyone who wrote in. If you have news, you don't have to wait for the next reminder to drop me a line—email me anytime at classnews1993@colby.edu.

1994

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Hello '94! Hope you all are doing well. I'm still in Minneapolis (Wayzata) and am

currently chairing the board of the Weisman Art Museum, the University of Minnesota's modern art museum housed in an incredible building by Frank Gehry. Walking into the building seeing student volunteers at the front desk reminds me of doing the same at the Colby Museum of Art. My kids are ... still kids, so my husband and I like to escape. We're heading to New Orleans Jazz Fest end of April, so send word if you'll be there too. Now on to the great classmates who wrote in. ♦ **Michelle Tadros Eidson** is head of business development at Platte River, a Denver-based private equity firm. The highlight of her job is travel to cities where she catches up with Colby friends. She sees **Elizabeth Labovitz Smith** in NY, ran into **Billy Bush** on the streets of NY, and used to see **Laura Miller Thompson** in Charlotte before Laura moved to Hong Kong. Separately, she sees Scott '93 and Jen Comstock Reed '93 in Vail quite often, as their daughters ski in the same program. ♦ **Jeff Carter** ran into Scott Reed '93 at his son's ski race while in Breckenridge, Colo. ♦ **Jason Sudano**, his daughter, and his girlfriend visited **Zach and Kim Kessler Rubin** and **Elliott and Bonnie Johnson Barry** and all their kids last fall in Maine for a BBQ at Zach and Kim's house. ♦ Kevin '96 and **Annie Clougherty Emerson** live in Seattle with daughter Willow, 10, and son Elliott, 5. Annie works as a family practice physician assistant. Leisure time is spent reading (a philosophy kick lately) and doing small home repair projects (like installing low-flow toilets). ♦ **Andie Sulak Bombard** looked forward to getting together with **Stacey Warner** at Jeff '93 and **Connie Huffine Zlot**'s oldest son's bar mitzvah in February. And Andie's expecting her second

daughter in May! ♦ **Krisy Nordgren Southall** is still in Portland, Maine, with her husband, John Southall '93, and their son, Soren, 8. As a competitive equestrian, Krisy finished fourth in the nation (!) at the Dressage U.S. Finals in her division last November in Lexington, Ky. Go Krisy! ♦ **Brock and Jen Hurd Lyman** are thrilled to announce the arrival of their son, Abraham, April 27, 2015. Abe's a happy baby and appears to have Jen's red hair. She's taking a break from her software career to stay home with him and loving every minute of it.

1995

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The 2015 holiday season was extra special for **Matt Muszala**'s family. On Nov. 18 they welcomed Truman Edward Muszala into the world. “My lovely wife, Carolyn, and daughter Bensley, 2, are healthy and happy.” Before the holidays Matt had dinner with Matt Chisholm '96 and **Sarah Gurtman** in Boston, and he met **Peter Karos, Scott Higgins**, and Brett Nardini '96 in New York City. ♦ **Daniel Polk** and the Hamlin School in San Francisco recently hosted Dan Harris '93, who was interviewed by fabled NPR radio broadcaster Michael Krasny. ♦ In May **Sandy Bugbee Larsen** is going to the University of New England in Portland, Maine, to get her master's in occupational therapy. ♦ **Lyndsay Griffiths Schott** has lived in Whitefish, Mont., for more than 20 years. She saw **Jason Spooner** when he played in Whitefish in July. **Elna Gordon** visited Lyndsay in February during her ski trip to Montana. Elna is the director and principal of Redwood Academy, a charter school in Ukiah, Calif. Mike Powers '93, Ryan Friel '93, and Lyndsay have been publishing *Whitefish Review*, a nonprofit literary journal, for the past 10 years. In December 2015 they interviewed David Letterman; the article was picked up by GQ and the AP. ♦ **Brooke Lorenzen Frutos** lives in Sisters, Ore., with her husband and four children, ages 7, 5, 3, and 1. ♦ **Kaatje van der Hoeven Kraft** recently ran into **Darrell Sofield** while trail running in Bellingham, Wash. “It was fun to see him in the middle of the woods as our first meet up. Seems appropriate for two geologists!” ♦ **Regina Wlodarski Kruger** has lived in central Massachusetts for the last two years. “It's awesome to be so close to my older daughter, Megan, who lives at her school.” Regina volunteers in their school district and still works on her Mary Kay business. ♦ **Marc Rubin** and his family, after 15 years in San Francisco, have moved back to Massachusetts. It's been great to see Marc on a more regular basis; our families

recently went the Museum of Science in Boston together. Marc, **Sean McBride**, and I attended a New Year's Eve event with our families in Somerville, Mass.—probably the first time the three of us have had a beer together since my wedding day.

1996

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20th Reunion opening haiku: Come to Reunion! / Maybe you'll see people you / Forgot were alive. ♦ Anyhow, **Dan Rheau-me** started a company called FopsBox (fopsbox.com), which developed a beautifully crafted wooden box that allows you to store and organize your collar stays. If you're like me and have always wondered why this hasn't been invented already, well, Dan got to it first. Dan says he's coming to reunion and I secretly hope he's bringing a special limited edition Class of 1996 FopsBox. Dan, any truth to the rumor that you're developing a FopsBox shaped like **John Pepe**'s couch? ♦ **Roger Binggeli** is a “first-time, long-time” '96 notes fan, and writes he's kept in touch with **Eric Gordon** over the years (like that's hard!). For the past five years Roger has been an investment systems consultant, and he recently met **Fred Corso** for lunch in downtown Boston. Roger shares that Fred is newly married and is a principal at a CPA firm and the director of its international tax services group. Roger's looking forward to attending his first-ever Colby reunion. ♦ **Mark Mortensen** can't believe it's been 20 years since we graduated. He lives in Paris with his wife, Melissa, and their two children, Kai, 5, and Penny, 3. Mark is a professor of organizational behavior at INSEAD business school. My only reaction to that is ‘Zut alors!’ ♦ Our (to my knowledge) only state senator (former...but still!) **Andrew Rice** is back in Oklahoma City after a short stint in Nashville. Andrew publishes an online news site (nondoc.com) and does some health-care, energy, and nonprofit consulting in his spare time. He plans to attend reunion with his wife and kids. Andrew said that **Jeff Sklarz**'s freshman roommate, **Matt Maleska**, and Matt's wife **Katherine Campbell**, will join him as well. If you ever want to feel mildly uncomfortable, ask Mark about some of the messages I left on their dry-erase board freshman year. ♦ In more adult news, **Lauren Iannotti** is still a writer and editor in New York City (she's at *Conde Nast Brides*), and last summer bought a house, a car, and had a baby. Lauren lives in Bronxville with husband, Yoshi, her stepdaughter, Sophia, and her new bundle of awesome-

ness, daughter Hope. Lauren made sure to mention that she has no plans to ever (ever!) become a New York Yankees fan. ✨ **Angela Milardo Abbott's** email signature says that she's the senior manager of human capital, learning, and professional development at Navigant Consulting. In the same email she tells me that she has nothing exciting to contribute to class notes. I mean, when you're me and see the words "human capital" it really stokes the fires of my imagination. Angela's modesty aside, she was kind enough to say "hello" and share that she hopes to make it up for the 20th reunion with **Dori Deis** and their husbands. ✨ And finally: Buffalo's finest **Sarah Gelman Carney** says she'll be at reunion too. Maybe she can convince **Jean-Michel Picher** to make the trek as well. ✨ As for me: my daughters started playing hockey. Oh, and I celebrated 10 years at MIT with a new role: director of strategic initiatives—MIT. Nano. Which means that I have about 30 months to help MIT raise \$130M to open a major research building on campus. So if you know anybody who has \$130M lying around and is dying to support a world-class nanotechnology research facility at one of the world's leading technical universities, you know who to call. ✨ Class of 1996 20th Reunion closing Haiku: Twenty years? Oh my, / sounds like a very long time. / Unless you're a tree. See you in June!

1997

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For my 40th birthday my family and I traveled to NYC, where we met **Rosa Chang Kim** for an afternoon. Rosa had recently seen **Lisa Woo**, who had also been in town. ✨ **Jennifer Robbins Viveiros** celebrated her 40th in St. Lucia with her husband and four girls. She ran the Falmouth Road Race in August to benefit the March of Dimes. In September she and business partner Chris Anderson '93 celebrated the fifth birthday of their firm, Anderson Robbins Research! Jenn remains close with Alyson Angino Germain '95, Michelle Grdina '95, Karen Griffin '96, Moriah Marsh '96, and Kevin '98 and Brooke McNally Thurston '03. ✨ **Amy Letizia Wheadon** lives in Boxford, Mass., with her three children. She recently opened Kidstrong LLC, a private pediatric OT practice. Kidstrong (kidstrong-ot.com) has developmental motor boot camp classes for preschool and elementary children and also provides individual treatment for children with motor delays and sensory issues. ✨ With their four kids by their side, **Lauren Graham** and James

Clarke officially blended their families by marrying on New Year's Day! Lauren has been battling metastatic thyroid cancer since June, but she wrote, "This was a great way to put 2015 behind us and start 2016 strong." Lauren teaches chemistry and earth science in Boothbay Harbor and lives on nearby Southport Island. ✨ **Jami Fisher** was married Aug. 8. She teaches ASL at Penn and is collaborating with the local deaf community on a sociohistorical, linguistic project documenting (via video) the Philadelphia variant (accent) in ASL. ✨ Sarah and **Jerrold DeShaw** spent a weekend in December in Montreal with **Todd McGovern's** wife, Amanda, and their two boys. They attended a Canadiens game together and had a great time. Amanda is planning a tailgate event in Todd's honor at next season's Colby/Bowdoin hockey game. Keep an eye out for more information. ✨ Weyron and **Mary Hofmann Henriques** and their two boys traveled from southern California to New York for a Christmas visit with Mary's family. While there they had a fun visit with **Kelly Hagan McCormack's** family. ✨ **Mark House** was hired as the head of the IT department at Crane & Co. He reported holiday get-togethers with Amy and **Chris Sullivan, Welling** and **Heather Derby LaGrone**, and Denise and **Steve Papagiotas**. ✨ After a cool 10 years of procrastination between posts, **Harold Graves** is alive and well, living in northern NJ with wife Machiko and sons Josh, 9, and Kai, 5. Harold works in energy finance for a family office in the area. At the time he wrote, he was on his way to ski in Niseko, Japan, with Ethan Platt '96, **Jerrold Deshaw**, and **Galen Carr** for belated 40th birthday celebrations. ✨ Along with his wife, Molly, daughter, Eloise, and twin boys, Finnegan and Roosevelt, **Marcus Fairbrother** moved from Yarmouth, Maine, to Farmington, Conn., to be closer to Molly's job at Pratt & Whitney. Marc currently serves as stay-at-home dad and hockey coach for his kids. He wrote, "I occasionally, though not nearly enough, see **Doug Lyons** and Meg Belanger '99, **Mark House** and his family, and **Greg Moody**. They always seem to make me laugh though, and that's about the best thing there is." ✨ After working in academic neuroscience research for years, **Stephanie Hequembourg Heflin** now works as a medical writer in North Carolina. She lives in Durham with husband Scott and their children, Aiden and Emery. ✨ **Tom DeCoff** left his job at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (after more than 15 years there) to join Fidelity's User Experience Design group in September. His family held a surprise 40th birthday party for him in November, with several classmates in attendance, including **Pat**

and **Amanda Randolph Doyle, Kathleen Mulcahy Hopper, Mark House, Welling LaGrone, Sarah Molly Lampe, Dave and Alicia Nemiccolo MacLeay, Suzanne (Kulin '96) and Tom Moffitt, Kim Berget Salmon, Chris Sullivan, and Sarah Holmes Tucker.**

1998

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David Stern, wife Sara, and their two kids welcomed Benjamin Lucas in June 2015. Sophie and Noah are having a lot of fun being a big sister and big brother to Ben. David's work continues to go well with a recent promotion to the role of director of investment research. ✨ **Derek Luke** and his wife, Annie, expect their first child in May. Derek is excited that Newport Storm's Thomas Tew Rum is now international, with a shipment off to Denmark. ✨ **Jen Rose** had a great time at **Lis Pimentel's** wedding in New Haven in October. Colbians in attendance were **Tina Goudreau, Lizzie Ivry Cooper, Christine Vaughn Hendrickson, Emily Record Lane, Julie Williams Norman, Fiona and Robyn Maco Boerstling, and Joanna Moronk Woodruff**. Jen still has a small thread to Colby through Cecil Brooks '17, a Posse Scholar who spent his Jan Plan in Bolivia and his second semester in Peru. ✨ My wife, **Kristelle Aherne Gill**, threw a fantastic surprise 40th birthday party for me with **Dave Dodwell, Pete and Sarah Eno Felmy, Lisa and Jon Foster, Wilson Owens '99, Andrew Littell, Katherine Littell Hinchey, Rachel Westgate, and Raja and Liz Hooper Bala** in attendance. Everyone is doing well. Kristelle is currently in training for the Xbox FIFA Soccer Interactive World Cup 2016. ✨ Hope all is well—it's great to hear from everyone. Keep sending more news!

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Class of 2000! I hope everyone is doing well. Here's the latest. ✨ **Greg De St. Maurice** graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with his Ph.D. in anthropology and has started a postdoctoral research fellowship at Ryukoku University in Japan, where he's doing research on Japanese home cooking and regional foodways. He also just returned from an awesome trip to Indonesia. ✨ Eric and **Sarah Czok Whittier**

welcomed their daughter, Leah Sage, Oct. 31. (Happy Halloween!) They're enjoying every minute of parenting. ✨ **Benjamin Ritz** graduated summa cum laude from South Texas College of Law (J.D. degree) and received Pro Bono Honors for hours donated to charity work. ✨ **Scott and Melissa Bradbury Friedman** had a great time at reunion last summer connecting with old friends and showing the campus to daughter Allison, 3. After 11-plus years at Tufts School of Dental Medicine, Michelle accepted the director of admissions position at Harvard Medical School and started in December. Scott was promoted to partner at Industrial Economics, Inc. in Cambridge, Mass., where he's worked since 2009. Needless to say it was a busy fall in their house. ✨ **Ben Mackay** hopes to complete his third acquisition under Long Trail Holdings. The snow was deep in the Rockies this winter and most days started with coffee and firing up the wood stove. He's still living in a log cabin in Jackson, Wyo. If you're in town, look him up!

2001

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Hello friends! Only a few more months until our 15th reunion. Looking forward to seeing you all soon! ✨ Lots of Colby 2001 grads 2.0 to report. **Bill Getty** and his wife, Molly, were excited to welcome daughter Larkin Jan. 6. She joins Hunter and Gray, 4. ✨ Mark and **Jodi Dakin Loughlin** announce the arrival of baby number three—Dakin Edward, Sept. 9. Dakin joins sisters Page, 4, and Alta, 2. They live in Concord, Mass., and looked forward to their first winter at Sugarbush. ✨ **Zack Kahn** and his wife, Sarah, welcomed a new baby boy, Nathanael, at the end of August and recently celebrated their eighth anniversary in New York City by seeing *Hamilton* on Broadway. ✨ **Danielle Fornes** married Patrick Quinlan at a vineyard in Traverse City, Mich., Sept. 12. Colbians in attendance were Rebecca Floor Beebe '98, **Gina DiBella, Caroline Rosch, Sam Mateosian, Terry Packard Baker '02, and Jordan Finley '02.** Danielle continues to work as a voice-over artist from a home studio. ✨ **Erik Balsbaugh** welcomed their daughter, Edith Claire. ✨ **Fred Floberg** is in Scarborough, Maine, and is a firefighter/paramedic and a tactical medic on the Southern Maine Regional SWAT Team. Kait (UMF '02) and Fred had their third baby, McKenzie Susan, in September and she's perfect. ✨ **Lauren Schaad and Michelle Farrell** escaped the East Coast cold snap for some beach time in Rio de Janeiro! ✨ **Ali Aiello Lemaitre** welcomed baby number two in September—a little girl, Tilly. After a

few months big brother Alfie, 3, now loves his little sister. Tilly was just a pea in the pod in early spring when they celebrated **Stephanie Nichols's** wedding with lots of other Colby grads: **Liz Oberlin Kessler**, **Corey Stranghoener Reuwee**, **Rachel Rokicki**, **Sarah Culbertson Nau**, **Stephanie Mendell**, **Meghan Short Meszkat**, and **Lisa Hart Olson**. Ali is pretty much surrounded by all things baby. In addition to the babes at home, she's added prenatal yoga to her yoga-teaching schedule. "So fun to support moms this way!" ♦ **JJ Abodeely** is now CEO of LEVELsleep. They sell patented, ergonomic mattresses and pillows clinically proven to improve sleep, all supported by their online shopping experience and satisfaction guarantee.

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Life has been busy for me with a new baby and a demanding job—I unfortunately was unable to submit my column for the print magazine. After 12 years as your correspondent, I need to pass the pen to someone else—I'm overextended and need a new volunteer, please. Please email me or class president **Kristy Malm** (kmmalm25@gmail.com) if you're willing to step up. It's a great gig!

2003

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The Class of 2003 must have been in winter hibernation—just a few news bites to report! ♦ **Keagan Russo** and his wife, Jess, still live in Atlanta and welcomed their second daughter, Reese Emerson, in late August. Keagan's sister, Karinna Russo Allen '05, had a baby boy, Jack, 15 hours before Reese was born—Colby cousins born one day apart! ♦ **Caroline Riss Warne** had a big year. She married Tyler Warne in October in Helena, Mont., they bought their first home, and expected a baby girl in the beginning of March! ♦ On Dec. 7 **Liz Jackson** and her husband, David Clearwater, welcomed their first baby, a son named Gabriel Cameron. They're currently waiting for auntie **Cameron Duffy** to visit them in New Zealand. ♦ **Lexi Grant** and her husband, Ben, had a baby boy named Dominic in September. They still live in DC but are spending time this year in St. Petersburg, Fla., for Lexi's job. ♦ **Justin Stempeck** and his wife moved to Needham, Mass., after their daughter was born in 2013. (Justin reports his daughter, now 3, is getting into all sorts of trouble!) Justin also switched jobs from being a partner at Boyle, Shaughnessy & Campo

to an attorney with the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, a group responsible for regulation and licensing of casinos in Massachusetts. He still sees **Katrina Noyes** occasionally for drinks and dinner, and they reminisce about good times on Mayflower Hill. ♦ **Gretchen Groggel Ralston** welcomed baby number two, Charles (Charlie) Theodore, in September. Lydia has taken to the role of big sister fairly well. ♦ **Dan and Laurel Burnham Deacon** welcomed Everly Bon Oct. 8. Big sister Elle and big brother Ransom are thrilled to have a new doll to play with. Despite the three kiddos, Laurel has managed to have a few great dinners in Boston with **Brooke McNally Thurston** and **Piper Loyd** when Piper's work brings her east.

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Thanks for writing in with your latest news—it was great to hear from so many of you. **Helen Brown** got engaged to Tobin Babst and plans an August wedding. Helen was recently promoted to director of Matthew Marks Gallery in Los Angeles. ♦ **Hande Barutcuoglu** recently settled down in Nova Scotia where she alternates between veterinary work and running a small home-stead farm. ♦ **Matt Roland** and his wife welcomed a daughter, Rachel Roland, May 26, 2015. Matt and fellow '05 grads **Jamie Snyder-Fair** and **David Acker** reconnected in Northampton, Mass. Matt and Jamie also work on the same New England-based team at Stryker Corporation. ♦ **Catherine Sear** and husband Scott welcomed a son, Max, in November. They live in Washington, D.C., where Catherine works at the World Bank ♦ **Sean and Julie Morrison Baron** welcomed daughter Eloise Piper Nov. 15—her godmother is **Christina Andaya**. ♦ **Patrick Harner** and wife Leah are celebrating the birth of their second daughter, Tahlia Grace Harner. ♦ After three years at Twitter, **Adelin Cai** now runs the policy team at Pinterest. She also completed her yoga teacher certification and open-water diver certification—I look forward to hearing about her likely upcoming adventures! ♦ **Marge (Siciliano '05) and Casey McCarthy** were expecting their second child, a daughter. Their son, Peter, is excited to be an older brother. Casey left *Bon Appetit* and *Epicurious* in January to take a job as integrated marketing director at food lifestyle brand Tasting Table. Casey stays



Lokesh Todi '09

00s NEWSMAKERS

♦ **Devin Beliveau '01**, a history teacher and department chair at Samueli Academy in Santa Ana, Calif., received the National Council for the Social Studies Award for Global Understanding. ♦ Professional triathlete **Sarah Piampiano '02** was featured in a news story about her career. Piampiano, who traded a job in finance to race, is ranked sixth in the world. ♦ Boston.com reported that **Katie Ghelli '05** and **Mary Biggins '05** have started MealPass, a service that offers lunch passes to more than 50 area restaurants. "In college we'd look online, like, 'What does Dana [Dining Hall] have? What does Foss have?'" Biggins told a reporter. "We thought, wait, what would it be

like if this is the restaurant version of the Colby College dining halls?" ♦ **Steve Luke '06** was featured in *Seattle Times* story about the opening of his much-anticipated brewery, Cloudburst Brewing. The newspaper called Cloudburst "easily the most anticipated brewery opening in recent memory." ♦ **Joel Alex '08** received the Bangor Metro 2015 Entrepreneurship Award for Central Maine. Alex is founder of Blue Ox Malthouse, which produces malt from Maine-grown barley and wheat for craft breweries. ♦ **Lokesh Todi '09** saw the organization he helped establish, the Kathmandu-based Nepal Earthquake Relief Project, receive the grand prize of the Shaping a Better Future Grant Challenge, sponsored by Coca-Cola. The award was accompanied by a \$20,000 grant and was presented at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, at which Todi participated in the Global Shapers Community network.

connected to **Emily Weber**, who works in the same building at Rodale, and **Jon Golden** who he occasionally grab drinks with at Grand Central Oyster Bar. After many years, Casey is still the commissioner of his fantasy football league, the NML (National Maturity League), which features Colby greats **Casey Knechtel**, **Dave Zohn**, **Nick Falker**, Tim Cullen '04, **Jon Golden**, Dave Maloney '04, **Jed Mahoney**, and **Matt Gangl**. Pretty impressive if you ask me! ♦ **Vanessa Ambatielos Thanos** welcomed daughter Katherine Lawrence Sept. 12, making Vicky, 3, a proud older sister. ♦ **Abe Summers** is running *PGA Magazine's* newly acquired division, Vanguard Pro Shop, which has become a leader in e-commerce for golf clubs and resorts. Abe enjoyed some vacation time recently with his family in Anguilla and also reconnected with ex-roommate **Mike Misencik**, who some may fondly remember by his Colby nickname "Indy." Mike continues working at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven. ♦ **Tara Studley** celebrated 3 1/2 years at Maine Medical Center as the philanthropy manager for the Maine Children's Cancer Program. She and her boyfriend, Patrick, will run her first marathon April 3 in Paris and will spend two weeks visiting friends and family in France and Spain. ♦ **Liam McDonnell** works for the U.S. Coast Guard and recently advanced to second class petty officer. He's applying to

Officer Candidate School later this year. He enjoys life in New Orleans—Colby visitors are encouraged! ♦ **Ellen Weaver Berg** and her husband of eight years live in Cape Elizabeth, where she teaches pre-K part time. After 12 years of membership, she's currently president of the Junior League of Portland, Maine—a nonprofit women's organization to promote voluntarism and improving the community. ♦ And always one of my favorite updates is when **Mike Booras** sends news about his friends, both silly and serious. This time he shares news of family additions for **Brendan Crighton**, who welcomed son Nathaniel, **Curtis Chin**, who welcomed his second daughter, and **Chris Duncombe**, who welcomed his third daughter. He also said that **Tom Wilson** got married in Vermont in September and **Kyle Ross** proposed to his girlfriend, Jacqueline. If anyone has embarrassing stories about Mike, please send them in!

2006

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Nathan Sigworth and his wife, Kim, moved back to Maine (Swan Lake) from Mumbai, India, and welcomed baby Mia Margaret this November. ♦ **Brittany Hamblin** married Christopher McInerney (BU '06) Sept. 19, 2015, in Great Barrington, Mass. Former 40 Winter Street

roommates **Jen Coliflores**, **Samantha Chun**, **Liz Turner**, and **Beth Foxwell** tore it up on the dance floor, joined by fellow Mules **Melanie Scott** and **Tim Geisenheimer**. **Ed Kotite**, who introduced the couple nine years ago, gave a reading at the ceremony. Brittany and Chris live in New York City, where Brittany started a new job as a nonfiction editor at Hachette Book Group. * **Michael '07** and **Emily Boyle Westbrook** moved to Houston last summer to adopt a baby, and their little girl, Maya Catharine, joined their family in early October! She was three months and a day, and just hit 10 pounds, when Emily wrote. "She's a tiny little pipsqueak with a full head of black hair. But Michael's holding out hope she'll at least make point guard." * **Kim Devine McDevitt** and her husband welcomed a baby girl, Eleanor "Nora" Elizabeth, Oct. 21. Kim still works as national educator for Vega and doing private nutrition consulting specializing in nutrition for female runners. * **John and Lindsey Boyle McKee** welcomed a daughter, Quinn Therese, in November. They're looking forward to Quinn's first trip to Colby for reunion. * **Nate Stone** married Lauren Wagoner Oct. 24 in Greensboro, N.C. **Stephen Planas**, **Bennett Barnwell**, and **Drew Moreland '07** served as groomsmen, and **Drew Rausch**, **Cait Miller**, **Melissa McNulty**, **Aine McCarthy**, **Rachel Carr**, **Taylor Snook**, **Trevor '07** and **Krissey Fucillo Hanly**, **Danny Epstein '08**, and **Julie Hike '07** helped celebrate with the happy couple. * **Jennifer Radcliffe** was elected to public office as a local fire district director. After three short years in real estate, she was voted onto her brokerages' Agent Leadership Council for 2016, which comprises six of the top producing/most influential and innovative agents in her company of 175. Now she trains and teaches other brokers while growing/managing a team of real estate rock stars, and she also earned the designation of principal broker. * **Gillian Butsch** split her time between Jackson Hole, Wyo., and Missoula, Mont., the past few years as she finished her doctorate in physical therapy. She recently moved back to Jackson Hole permanently and is stoked to be back in the mountains skiing, gallivanting, and living the dream. She celebrated New Year's in Park City, Utah, with the famous and newly engaged **H. Charlie Reed**, along with **Jenny Lathrop** and **Matt Guy-Hamilton '05**, and they enjoyed reminiscing about Colby shenanigans. * **Dan Giuliani** lives in Seattle and teaches sport performance in a master's program at the University of Washington. Dan also runs Volt Athletics, a sports technology company dedi-

cated to bringing personalized strength and conditioning programs to athletes and teams worldwide. Volt is the official strength and conditioning provider of USA Football as well as the U.S. National Football Team and has the official backing of the National Strength and Conditioning Association. * **Jenny Mooney Langhorne** is in DC and works as a neonatal nurse at Children's National Medical Center. Jenny's husband just opened his first restaurant, the Dabney. They would love to see friendly Colby faces checking it out. * **Kirsten Lawson** and husband Cristiano Branquinho welcomed their daughter and first child, Stella Lawson Branquinho, Jan. 7. Baby Stella weighed in at 6 pounds 15 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. * **Caitlin Peale Sloan** enjoys life in Boston with trips to Vermont to see **Jenny Venezia Faillace**. She even had a visit from **Katie Fuller** from the wilds of Idaho. Caitlin and her husband, Alex, will travel to New Zealand this spring (where she studied abroad) before heading up to Waterville for reunion.

2007

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Christian '08 and **Leslie Peterson Crannell** enjoyed their first West Coast holiday in Portland, Ore. Christian is in his first year of surgical residency and Leslie teaches fifth grade. They enjoyed connecting with fellow alums Devon '09 and Abby Sussman Anderson '09 at the Portland Welcome to the City event. * **Josh Handelman** is in Philadelphia working with another U.S. Senate campaign. It's definitely a change of scenery from his last U.S. Senate campaign, based out of Honolulu. * **Amanda Vickerson** is a special education teacher at Baxter Academy, a charter high school, in Portland, Maine, with Aleah Starr '11. During school vacation in December, Amanda caught up with Becky '10 and Jess Acosta-Muller '11 and with **Megan Bovill** and **Steve Plocher** and their son, Spencer. Amanda rang in the new year at the home of Eric '05 and **Maro Asadoorian Gartside** in Ashland, Mass.

2008

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I hope 2016 is off to great start for all of you. As you can see, 2015 wrapped up well for our classmates! On Sept. 2 Joe and **Adrienne Angel Giampaoli** were blessed with a beautiful baby girl, Gemma Jean Giampaoli. Big sister Ellie absolutely adores her new sister. * **Jacqueline Grady Smith**

shared that her husband, **Greg Smith**, will be graduating from Duke's Fuqua School of Business with his M.B.A. and that they will move to Boston this summer. They look forward to spending more time with Colby friends in New England. * After moving back from Gothenburg, Sweden, **Tiffany Ng** lives between Copenhagen, Denmark, and Lisbon, Portugal, while looking to take Silver Spoon to more European countries this year. Tiffany has also started a company called Vinatic, which produces wine, and she has been onboarded to run a food tech company called RSVP (rsvp-popup.com). She encourages classmates to reach out when in Europe—she would welcome visitors! * **Nicholas** and **Christina Evriades Cade** were thrilled to welcome their son, Theodore Harley Cade, Nov. 23. They estimate Theo will be Colby Class of 2037! The Cades were prepared to leave San Diego in early 2016 when Nick, an attorney in the Navy JAG Corps, gets stationed in Greece. * **Angela Martinelli** and **William Cochran** were engaged in 2015 and are planning a 2016 wedding in New Hampshire. * In February **Patrick Collins** visited Yauheni Hladki '07 in Minsk and was also planning to meet Yauheni and his wife in Prague. * This summer **Erin McGowan** will finish her residency in veterinary emergency and critical care. She and her husband, **Walter Campbell**, will move from Philadelphia to the Boston area, where Erin has taken a job at a specialty hospital. Walter is finishing his Ph.D. in criminology and criminal justice at Rutgers. * **Martin** and **Emily Wilson Connelly** were surprised in December by the early arrival of Isaiah Wood Connelly, born teeny-tiny at Maine Medical Center in Portland. According to his parents, he's growing, happy, and sleeping very much like a baby. Isaiah's elder sister, Juniper, mostly wants to tickle him, which sadly for her, is not allowed. The Little Red Cup Tea Company, which the Connells have been running since 2012, continues to grow, now importing and distributing literally tons of organic Chinese tea. For the Connells, fellow Colby grads are frequent supper guests, second pairs of hands, and generally fabulous friends! * **Jessie Young** now works for 18F, a digital services consultancy for the federal government, within the federal government. She says they're hiring for many positions and are 100-percent remote, so she works with people in Washington, D.C., San Francisco, New York, Illinois, Kansas, and Colorado. Jessie says it's a great gig for a government major! * As always, thanks for the updates and feel free to send them along throughout the year—I'll be sure they're included in the upcoming column.

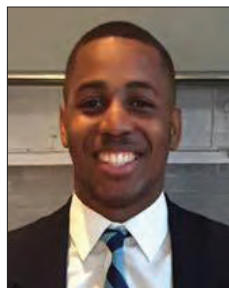
2009

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Scott Zeller, **Dan Heinrich**, and **Danny Wasserman** continued their tradition of rendezvousing biannually, this time in Durham, N.C. Scott is finishing his last stretch of PA school at Duke University, and after graduating this fall he hopes to join Danny in Seattle. Danny works within the tech startup community in the Pacific Northwest, and Dan manages analytics for U.S. Squash in addition to going to business school at NYU. They're planning an international trip in September to celebrate Scott and Dan turning 30. * **Shirmila Cooray** and **Tommy Szalasny** (Northwestern '09) continued their wedding celebrations with a reception in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on New Year's Day. **Brooke Barron**, **Qiam Amiry**, **Amelia Nebenzahl**, and **Tarini Manchanda** joined them to celebrate and spent a few days traveling around Sri Lanka afterwards. * **Bryan Brown** visited NYC for the first time and played paddle tennis on an abandoned court on the Hudson that was revived by **Nick Rosen-Wachs**. * **Liza Comeau** got engaged to **Matt Bakalar** and is planning a summer 2017 wedding in Maine. * **Martha Ortinau** got married on Halloween with her best friend from Colby, **Althea Wong-Achorn**, as a bridesmaid. She is now the director of annual giving at her former high school, Loyola Academy, a prep school in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. * **Tyler Plourde** and his wife, Jaime, welcomed their newborns, Adeline Juliette and Theodore Tyler, Oct. 29, a little before seven in the morning. * On Oct. 3 **Tory Starr** and **Joe Rothwell '08** were married. Maid of honor **Michelle Starr '07** was accompanied by bridesmaids **Carlie Minichino Donovan**, **Libbie Howley**, **Andrea Heidt Hack '08**, and **Christine Gillespie '10**. **Greg Osborne '07** and **Ryan O'Flanagan '06** were among the groomsmen. Nineteen other Colby grads were in attendance, plus Tory's softball coach **Dick Bailey**. * Before applying to physical therapy schools, **Andrew Cheit** visited Chapel Hill in the fall to check out UNC. While there, he stayed with **Logan King** and **Liz Pfeffer** and saw several Colby grads in the area including **Adam Salamon '08**, **Lindsay Snyder '07**, **Scott Carberry**, **Scott Zeller**, **Ben Goldenberg**, **Bobby Gorman '08**, **Charlotte Scott '10**, **Lissa Martin**, **Anuj Kapur '10**, **Rob Foster '08**, **Jamie Waters '08**, **Kara Dalton '08**, and **Elisa Chiniara '07**. * **Ben Many** bought a house in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, where he lives with his fiancée, Joy. A former high school classmate of Ben's, Joy teaches yoga and recently completed her doctorate in PT. Ben does finance/accounting work for TD Bank

10s NEWSMAKERS



Joseph Whitfield '15

A photo series by **Edwin Torres '12** was featured in *The Atlantic* magazine in March. The magazine ran an accompanying story called "Puerto Ricans, Reframed," about Torres's series of portraits of Puerto Rican millennials in New York City and on the island. ♦ **Joseph Whitfield '15** wrote an op-ed column for the Helena, Ark., *Daily World* newspaper in February about the need for male black teachers in primary and secondary schools. Whitfield is a first-year corps member with Teach for America, teaching sixth grade at KIPP Delta College Preparatory School.

out of their Portland office. Ben regularly hangs out with **Steve Holt**, who lives in the area with his wife, and sees **Chris Copeland** frequently as well. Ben and Joy surf year round, mountain bike, and cross country ski. ♦ **Catherine Fanning** received her master's in nutrition from Boston University and now works as a clinical registered dietitian at Boston Medical Center. ♦ **Lane Mahoney** married Rochester Red Wings pitcher Cole Johnson in Portland, Maine, Jan. 16. **Naomi Smith, Sarah Gordon Hatton, and Ellen London Crane** celebrated their Foss 207 roomie as bridesmaids! ♦ **Shelley Payne** plays for Göteborg Hockey Club and is coaching their development team. ♦ **Kate Vasconi Stoessel** gave a presentation at the National Council for the Social Studies annual meeting in New Orleans titled "Museums Beyond Docent Tours: Making Place-Based Learning Accessible to All." ♦ After five years **Chelsea Eakin** still lives in Beijing and works for the Paulson Institute. She encourages anyone in town to get in touch at chelsea.eakin@gmail.com. ♦ **Alex Richards** went back to school this fall for his M.B.A. at NYU Stern along with **Jamie Wallace**, his freshman-year roommate. ♦ **Kat Brzozowski** and Wes Miller '08 bought an apartment in Queens. ♦ On Oct. 17 **Althea Wong-Achorn** got married in Camden, Maine, with her best friend from Colby, **Martha Ortinau**, as her bridesmaid. Two weeks later in Chicago, Althea returned the favor and stood beside her while she Martha got married.

2010

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After four years living and working in China, **Hanna Pickwell** returned to the U.S. to start her Ph.D. in sociocultural anthropology at the University of Chicago. ♦ **Kari Rivers** still works at the French School in St. Louis. She saw **Chelsea Nahill** over winter break, and the two friends are excited for a reunion with

Kathleen Fallon and **Hanna Noel** in June. They'll all celebrate the wedding of Katie Peterson '11 and Ahmed Asi '13. ♦ **Chrissy Gagnon Buotte's** daughter, Ava, turned one in December, and son Carter turned three in January. She's currently Mrs. Old Orchard Beach, and running for Mrs. Maine America in May 2016. Crazy and exciting! ♦ **Sam Brakeley** moved with **Elizabeth Disney** to Salt Lake City. She's a resident at the University of Utah Hospital and Sam is ski patrolling at Park City. ♦ **Paula Martel** and her husband welcomed their first baby, Andrew Roy, in January 2015 and had a busy and exciting year celebrating all of his firsts. ♦ **Danielle Carlson** got engaged at the end of the Chicago Marathon. Her fiancé also raced, and he proposed right after the finish line. They look forward to seeing lots of Colby friends for all the upcoming wedding festivities. ♦ **Phinney McIntire** and **Andrea Fuwa** celebrated their marriage Sept. 12 at the University Club of Chicago with family and friends. Dance floor all-stars included **James Brady** and **Whit McCarthy**. ♦ **Larissa Levine, Saralin Davis, and Kristin Psaty** got the chance to visit **Stephanie Kramer** in Chicago to help celebrate her birthday and to meet her beautiful new twin boys, Theodore and Richard, for the first time! ♦ **Kat Cosgrove** spent New Years in Costa Rica, which was fabulous. She was training for her second half-marathon in March, which raised money for St. Jude's Hospital. ♦ **Ross Nehrt** and **Leigh Bullion** got married in September with a whole slew of Colby grads in attendance. They love being back in Maine and are hoping to add a dog to the family in 2016. ♦ **Courtney Cronin** works at Lawrence Academy in Groton, Mass., where she teaches French and is the chair of the language department. She's also studying at Klingenstein Center, Teachers College, Columbia University, pursuing a master's in private school leadership. In her program there she connected with Andy Carr '07 and Colette Finley '09. They were a strong

Colby squad! ♦ **Kelsey Gibbs** and Matt Silverman '12 traveled for a few months, with the majority of their time spent in the United Kingdom. They had a great time working up in the highlands of Scotland on a family-run hospitality business and, of course, drinking copious amounts of tea.

♦ **Caity Murphy** was accepted to Regis University in Denver to begin an accelerated B.S.N./R.N. program in May 2016. While devastated to leave the Never-never land of Jackson Hole, she is very excited about the future and ready for a new adventure.

2011

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After spending a great New Year's Eve with **Amelia Pludow** in Joshua Tree National Park, **Sarah Sorenson** left her nonprofit job in DC to travel around Mexico and Europe for a few months. She'll return to the States in May. ♦ **Juliette Gorson** is in the third year of her Ph.D. and recently bought a place in Forest Hills, Queens. For her research—studying the venom of predatory marine snails—she's traveled to Abu Dhabi and Papua New Guinea to scuba dive. ♦ **Lea Engeltst** obtained her master's in industrial organizational psychology from George Mason University. Before moving to Colorado, she's traveling internationally, including to Thailand, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to visit Jasmine Bruno '10, and Europe to visit Fiona Braslau '10. ♦ **Matt Smith** and Katherine Murray '12 planned to marry April 9 in Birmingham, Ala., and about 15 Colby alumni will attend. Matt is playing his second season for the Atlanta Hustle—a semipro ultimate franchise that competes in the American Ultimate Disc League (AUDL). ♦ **Sarah Martinez** completed her master's of science in physiology at Georgetown University in June 2015. ♦ The physics and engineering dual degree **Elizabeth Chang** obtained from the Colby-Dartmouth program, as well as her post-undergraduate job at the UC Irvine stem cell center, led her to pursue her first year at UC Davis Law School, where she plans on studying patent law. ♦ In our class news from the summer, it was reported that **Nick Cunkelman, Judy Merzbach, and Elizabeth Powell** '10 crushed the Burlington, Vt., marathon last spring. Although Nick and Judy are both humbled by the note, **Hannah Lafleur, Nate Eberly, and Elizabeth Powell** '10 actually crushed it last May.

2012

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Gordon Lessersohn and **Jenny Stephens**

are happy to be engaged and will be married this September in Portland, Maine. Living together in Harlem, they both enjoy their dream jobs: Gordon works in marketing for Major League Baseball, while Jenny is a literary agent at Sterling Lord Literistic. They recently adopted a cat, Waldo, whose adventures you can follow on Instagram @waldothecatgram. ♦ **Andy Estrada** is still at the U.S. Department of Transportation in DC but has transitioned over to public affairs, where he assumed the role of assistant press secretary and is trying his hand in speech writing. ♦ **Burton Gildersleeve** married Corey Beth Reichler '13 June 21, 2014. They live in Miami. Burton works for a supply-chain technology company, Trade-link Technologies, where his work involves personalizing the global supply chains of apparel companies through their software and Internet platforms. He travels to Latin America often to visit factories and other clients. Corey is a biology teacher and head volleyball coach at Norland Miami High School. ♦ **Laura Maloney** became press secretary for U.S. Senator Chris Murphy from Connecticut. She loves hanging out with the Colby crew in DC! ♦ **Rachel Frenkil** teaches high school Spanish and will head to Buenos Aires this summer to continue working on her master's with Middlebury Language Schools. This April she'll run the Boston Marathon and set a goal to raise \$10,000 for Dana-Farber cancer research. She plans to move to Boston in the fall. ♦ **Sarah Hirsch** is a fellow for the Wildflower Schools Network in Cambridge, Mass., and lives in a cozy home with Colby grads **Trip Venturella, Chris Fraser, and Max Hogue** '13. Trip would like everyone to know that he has taken to flossing regularly. ♦ After spending last year working in Chicago, **Mason Roberts** started law school at Duke last August. He's found that 1L year is intense, as expected, but also very fun. Mason says Durham is a great town and that it's nice to be around incredibly intelligent and motivated students again, just like at Colby. ♦ After graduating with a master's in education and working in education in Rhode Island, **Nikki Jacobson** moved back to Maine to work at Colby. Contact her if you'd like to volunteer with admissions! ♦ **Nick Iodice** will finish his master of engineering degree in computer science at the University of Pennsylvania this May. He has a job lined up in Cambridge, Mass., this summer as an engineer at Audible.com. In this role he'll work closely with the Amazon Kindle team to make Audible's audiobooks integrate more seamlessly with Amazon's e-books. He's most looking forward to getting a dog in the near future.

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Lots of exciting news to share this time around, as usual! Congrats to **Claire Herbig**, who is engaged to Charlie Petzinger (University of Wyoming '12). A wedding is planned for May 14 in Estes Park, Colo. In June Claire will enroll in the University of Colorado's physician assistant program. * Another congrats to **Kelsey Conroy**, who is engaged to Jonathan Eddy (Maine Maritime '14)—the two will be married in August. Kelsey began working as the director of children's faith formation at St. Maximilian Kolbe parish in Scarborough, Maine. * After completing her two-year commitment with Teach For America, **Grace Schlesinger** moved to Sacramento and joined Accenture as a management consulting analyst. * In September **Lisa Hoopes** started her work at the Institute for Integrative Nutrition in New York City and will be a certified nutritionist and health coach at the end of August. * **Gordon Fischer** lives in the Bronx with two former Mules and keeps busy teaching in a local afterschool program and pursuing filmmaking, "working on short documentaries about some of the top basketball players in Brooklyn and making music videos for up-and-coming artists." He adds, "I hope to continue telling stories that may have never been heard and meeting people I would've never met if I didn't have a camera." * **James Hootsmans** finished his master's in water management and hydrological sciences from Texas A&M this summer. He presented his research at various conferences and adds that, "through building connections and perseverance, I have a new job." James now works as an hydrogeologist for Tetra Tech, based in Sterling, Va. Despite upcoming projects in Africa and the Caribbean, as well as throughout the U.S., James is excited to pursue this new opportunity in the D.C area, where he lives with roommate **Stephen Nodder**. * **Abbott Matthews** returned to the U.S. from Brazil in December. "Although I'm happy to be back, it's bittersweet," she says. She now lives in Annapolis, Md., working with iJET International as a regional analyst for the Americas and says, "Essentially, I'll be researching and analyzing the region where I have dedicated so much time with a focus on integrated risk management for multinational corporations doing business in the region." Abbott spent New Years with Sarah Barrese '14, **Claire Dunn**, **Ginny Keesler**, **Morgan Lingar**, **Layne Schwab**, **Tom Letourneau**, **Ethan Crockett**, and **Laura Duff**. Ethan shares that he and Laura both live in Somerville, Mass., after completing degrees in medical physics and

nursing, respectively, from Duke University. They look forward to seeing other local Mules! Ethan works as a data scientist at OmniClaim, along with several Colby alums, including Jeff Hale '15. * **Laura Crowley** and **Alex Rasmussen** traveled to several Mediterranean countries and to Belgium before starting their respective graduate programs. Laura is enrolled in a Ph.D. program in genetics and development at Columbia, and Alex is pursuing his Ph.D. in pure mathematics at Yale. * After more than a year and a half of teaching, volunteering, and traveling in Asia, **Priscilla McCelvey** will start her master's in law and diplomacy at Tufts Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. * **Monica Davis** is completing the third year of her Ph.D. in environmental conservation at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where she studies the population ecology of gall wasps. She says, "This year I had a wasp named after me!" * **Weiming Huang** is pursuing his master's in economics at Boston University and will graduate in May. * Great to hear from all of you!

2014

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Annie Bacher started a new job as a copywriter at Wunderman Buenos Aires and enjoys living in Argentina full time. She spends her free time training for her fourth marathon, enjoying Malbec and steak, and taking circus acrobatics classes. **Chloe Gilroy** visited her in Buenos Aires, where they drank lots of wine and grilled. * **Inuri Illeperuma** is expected to graduate from Columbia University in New York with a B.S. in civil engineering. The degree from Columbia will complete the combined engineering program with Colby. * **Kyle Hughes** worked for Armstrong Ambulance (B-EMT) in Somerville, Mass., until April 2015, when he left to work as a research assistant for a clinical trial at the intensive care unit at Boston Children's Hospital. He's taken a Java programming class at Harvard and tutors precalculus at the Breakthrough Greater Boston School in Cambridge. He'll reapply to medical school this spring. * **Will Hochman** wrote, directed, and acted in a short film that premiered at the Big Apple Film Festival in New York City. He has another short film currently in postproduction. * **Wayne Kim** finished a year of work at Reed College as an assistant dean of admissions. He traveled all over the country in the fall but still misses Foss's quinoa. **Ben Wexler-Waite**, **Chris Eden**, **Elliot Marsing**, **Philip Hussey**, Justin Deckert '15, and Wayne are planning a reunion during Memorial Day weekend. They hope to "borrow" a yacht or other sailing craft

from a kind and generous Colby alum.

* **Mackenzie Nichols** lives in Toronto doing GIS and web development work for a conservation nonprofit organization. **Phil Cody**, **Dan Forsman**, and Mackenzie are planning to summit Tanzania's Mount Kilimanjaro in June. * I also visited **Annie Bacher** and Liam Connell '15 in Buenos Aires last December where they introduced me to some incredible Argentine traditions. We ate steak and drank Malbec in excess. I'm still living in Newport Beach, Calif., and working at Arbitech LLC. I plan to utilize my precious and limited vacation days on a spring trip to Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, where I'll explore the fan cultures of soccer clubs FK Željezničar Sarajevo and Red Star Belgrade, respectively.

2015

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Kara Witherill lives in Hassfurt, Germany, on a Fulbright. She's working as an English teaching assistant at the local school, Regiomontanus Gymnasium, teaching grades 5-12. * **Mary Furth** worked at the Natural History Museum for five months. She now has an editing and writing internship with the Borgen Project, where she's active in their cause to end world poverty. * **Darcy Ahern** started graduate school this fall at the UConn Health Center and is working towards a Ph.D. in biomedical sciences. * **Melissa Preziosi** works as a research assistant with the University of Utah's clinical research ILD (interstitial lung disease) group and helps conduct clinical drug trials for pulmonary medications. She lives in Salt Lake City with **Andy Clevenger**, who's working toward a Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Utah. He enjoys skiing at Alta and playing French horn in two campus orchestras. * **Maddy Scheer** spent the summer working for Overland Summer Programs leading backpacking trips in Alaska. Maddy now lives in the Bay Area teaching middle school science at the Hillbrook School in Los Gatos, Calif. * **Claudia Aviles** is completing a one-year college counseling fellowship in Thessaloniki, Greece, at the American Farm School. She college counsels students in 10th to 12th grade and also teaches English. * **Anna Doyle** spent the summer working as an actor at the Theater at Monmouth in Maine. She then moved to New York City to pursue her acting career. Additionally, Anna works with Sansori LLC, volunteers at the Public Theater, and runs her own dog-walking service. * **Audrey Sandberg** is a first-year veterinary student at UC Davis, tracking in large-animal medicine. She looks forward to returning to New England

for a summer externship working in dairy and mixed-animal practice. * **Amanda Veth** teaches English at a French university in Clermont-Ferrand. Amanda's position is a yearlong contract made possible by connections between the French university (Blaise-Pascal), Bowdoin, and Colby. * **John Tortorello** teaches high school physics and coaches distance running at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass. He enjoys teaching, exploring the Boston area, and, of course, getting outside as much as possible. * **Kush Jadeja** lives in the DC area and works at Houlihan Lokey in the mergers and acquisitions group. He spends time with the fellow Colbians Russ Wilson '14, **Brett Sahlberg**, and **Sam Parker** tearing up the DC scene. * **Chris Burnham** works as a software developer at Greensea Systems, a small technology company in Richmond, Vt., that works with underwater robots. His job involves user interface development, or making widgets that interact with the different hardware components that are subsea. * **Molly Cox** works at CivicSolar, a full-service distribution and design company in Boston. She's an account manager working with solar installers on a daily basis. * **Joseph Whitfield** is back home in Helena, Ark., fulfilling a TFA commitment to his hometown school. He's researching law schools and law firms to begin a career in law. * **Meredith Braun** spent the summer at home in Nashville. In October she moved to Portland, Maine, and in November she went on a tour of Italy with **Elena Schreiner** and **Lindsay Freter**. She's currently working as an administrator for an international business and technology consulting firm. * **Olivia Avidan** lives in Portland and works at Maine Medical Center assisting with clinical research on neonatal abstinence syndrome. * **Molly Nash** teaches at the Journeys School in Jackson Hole, where she lives with **Brendon Donoghue**, **Danny Leaman**, and **Zach Hartnett**. She loved winter in Jackson, as did other 2015 alumni such as **Katrina Belle**, **John Bengtson**, **Maddie Johnson**, **Walker Nordin**, and **Peter Wilauer**. * In an effort to extend CFR out west, **Danny Leaman** is pursuing a career in ski acting at JHMR Theatre, while **Brendon Donoghue** dabbles in film production and direction with many small projects around Jackson.

OBITUARIES

Judith Quint Schreider '39, Feb. 8, 2016, in Newton, Mass., at 98. An elementary school teacher in Newton, Mass., for 45 years, she was also a summer camp counselor at Rivers Day Camp through 2015. She enjoyed theater and ballet, swimming, and European travel. Predeceased by her husband, Stanley H. Schreider '39, she is survived by two sons, four grandchildren, a great-grandchild, and nieces and nephews, including Robert Grodberg '53.

Vernelle W. "Cappy" Dyer '40, Jan. 9, 2016, in Yarmouth, Maine, at 96. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and became a radio operator. He graduated from Officer's Training School and was sent to the University of Michigan's Military Intelligence Japanese Language School. As a civilian army investigator, he was assigned to the War Crimes Investigating Division in Japan. From 1949 to 1984 he worked for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company as a claims manager. Predeceased by his wife, Barbara Partridge Dyer '41, he is survived by three children, including Bruce Dyer '77, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and niece Martha Cornish Downing '54.

Priscilla Moldenke Drake '43, Nov. 30, 2015, in Chesterfield, Mo., at 94. She earned an M.S.W. from Boston University in 1948 and worked as a medical social worker until 1950, when she opted for full-time mothering. She was active with Sigma Kappa, her church, and genealogical societies. Predeceased by her mother, Clara Winslow Moldenke, Class of 1913, she is survived by five children and nine grandchildren.

Burton Shiro '44, March 5, 2016, in Waterville, Maine, at 92. He served in World War II and was severely wounded, but earned a Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and other awards. He graduated from Boston University Law School, established a law office in Waterville in 1950, was a judge advocate for the American Legion, and was a member of the Bar of the United States Supreme Court. He

helped establish the Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery, was a lifetime member of his synagogue, and loved sports. In 2005 he received special recognition from Colby's C Club. Predeceased by brothers Oren Shiro '42 and Theodore Shiro '51, he is survived by his wife of 64 years, Phyllis, three children, two grandchildren, and a sister.

Doris Blanchard Hutcheson '45, Feb. 25, 2013, in Needham, Mass., at 89. She was a homemaker and mother who also volunteered for Colby as class president and class agent. She received a Colby Brick in 1981 along with her husband, William Hutcheson '44, who predeceased her. Survivors include five daughters, including Sandra Hutcheson Buck '71 and Laurie Hutcheson Leavitt '78, eight grandchildren, including Christopher Buck '00 and Anna Leavitt '12, and four great-grandchildren.

Nancy Jacobsen '46, Sept. 15, 2015, in Lawrenceville, Ga., at 90. She earned a master's from George Washington University in 1948, then enjoyed a long career in radio and television as a manager, editor, reporter, writer, and performer. She worked for Voice of America, the U.S. Department of State, CBS News, and *Time* magazine. She served on Colby's Alumni Council in the 1960s and was secretary of her class in the 1990s.

Marilyn Hubert '47, Oct. 11, 2012, in Arlington, Va., at 87. She worked as a geologist for 42 years for the U.S. Geological Survey and the Army Map Service. She also taught ballroom dancing and studied ballet.

Douglas C. Borton '48, Feb. 4, 2016, in Spring Lake, N.J., at 89. A World War II veteran with the U.S. Navy, he established a career as an actuary at Buck Consultants. He served as board chair of the Board of Actuaries of the U.S. Civil Service Retirement System, was a trustee of the Actuarial Foundation, reviewed more than 100 books for the *Actuarial Digest*, and received professional

honors, including the Jarvis Farley Service Award for volunteer work. Survivors include his fiancée, Patricia Hamilton, and a son.

David A. Choate '48, Feb. 8, 2016, in Denver, Colo., at 92. He served in World War II before earning a B.D. at Andover Newton School of Theology in 1953, followed by an M.P.A. in 1971 from the University of Colorado, Denver. He was a minister for 19 years, worked as a public housing administrator, and sold real estate. In retirement he enjoyed traveling and taught ESL. He was predeceased by his parents, John F. '20 and Bertha Cobb Choate '22, siblings Constance Choate Trahan '46, Paul Choate '48, and John S. Choate '49, and cousins Roland Price '59 and Virginia Hill Field '48. Survivors include brothers Stanley Choate '50 and Philip Choate '64, wife Diane, with whom he raised two children, and extended family, including cousins Joanne Price Rockett '60.

Avis Yatto Godbout '48, Feb. 20, 2016, in Bethlehem, Pa., at 88. A committed wife and mother, she worked briefly for the *New York Times* and was a literacy volunteer in upstate New York for a period. Survivors include a daughter and three sons and eight grandchildren.

Howard H. Freedman '49, Feb. 13, 2016, in Waban, Mass., at 90. Drafted in his freshman year, he served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He earned an M.B.A. from Columbia, worked as a CPA, and spent 33 years at Raytheon in accounting positions. For 25 years he was also a senior lecturer in accounting at Northeastern and volunteered as a tax advisor at the Newton Senior Center. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Louise Allen Freedman '56, two daughters, including Ellen Freedman Rayner '81, and five grandchildren.

Frances Benner Kimpel '49, Dec. 6, 2015, in Mechanicsburg, Pa., at 87. A fourth-grade school teacher in Indiana, she loved history, politics, and world affairs. She earned a master's

from Purdue in 1973. In retirement she was a court-appointed advocate for abused and neglected children. Survivors include her husband of 66 years, John "Jack" Kimpel '48, four children, nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and two sisters, including Beverly Benner Cassara '47.

Herbert Singer '49, Feb. 7, 2016, in Pawtucket, R.I. at 88. He owned Hillhouse Ltd., a men's clothing store, in Providence, for 43 years. He volunteered with the Kosher Meals on Wheels Program and was past president of Temple Am David. He is survived by three children, nine grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Paul J. Wisniewski '49, Nov. 1, 2015, in Mesa, Ariz., at 87. He graduated from Cornell with a degree in metallurgical engineering and went on to a 35-year career at Wyman Gordon. He was a golfer, a sports fan, and a regular volunteer at the Phoenix Zoo. He is survived by three children, six grandchildren, and two grandsons.

Charlotte Stern Rybkowski '50, Jan. 11, 2015, in Rock Springs, Colo., at 85. She did postgraduate study in Grenoble, France, then traveled extensively with her husband while raising their children. Prior to retirement, she was an administrative assistant for the U.S. Department of Transportation. Survivors include her three children, six grandchildren, and a sister.

Francis Burnham '51, Feb. 19, 2016, in Nashua, N.H., at 89. He served in the Pacific Theater as a seaman first class in World War II, then finished his degree at Colby. He worked for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company for 42 years and held various managerial positions. He belonged to the Nashua Planning Board, was a lector at his church, and enjoyed domestic travel. Predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Jacqueline Downey Burnham '51, he is survived by six children, six grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Sally Blanchard Maynard '51, Dec. 9, 2015, in Cumberland Foreside, Maine, at 86. She graduated from Tufts Children's School in 1951 and taught nursery school. Later in life, she was a dental hygienist. She loved woodworking, cooking, and antiquing. Three children, 11 grandchildren, four grandchildren, and three siblings survive her.

Theodore N. Shiro '51, Jan. 13, 2016, in Naples, Fla., at 87. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, then settled in central Maine. He ran the Jefferson Hotel in Waterville and restaurants in Augusta, including the Senator Inn. He was an active Augusta citizen and contributed to local charities. He belonged to seven athletics halls of fame and was the first basketball player at Colby to score 1,000 career points. In 2005 he received special recognition from Colby's C Club. Predeceased by brother Oren Shiro '42, he was survived by four children, four stepchildren, several grandchildren, and two siblings, including Burt Shiro '44, who died March 5, 2016.

Donn G. Wolfe '51, Feb. 23, 2016, in Augusta, Maine, at 86. A U.S. Navy veteran, he earned an M.A. in forestry from the University of Maine, Orono, and degrees from the Naval Weather School and the Microseismology School. He was a forester for Scott Paper Company and later a track supervisor for Maine Central Railroad. He won ribbons for his wood carvings, sang in his church choir, and rooted for the Red Sox. Predeceased by an aunt, Erna Wolfe Fullerton '27, he is survived by his wife, Lucette, four children, two stepchildren, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Richard M. Crummett '52, May 4, 2015, in Reading, Pa., at 92. He served in the Army Air Corp and the Air Force as a major in World War II, receiving honors and medals including silver and bronze stars, campaign medals, and the World War II Victory Medal. A life member of the B-26 Historical Society, he wrote *Above the Clouds*, which recounts his memories as a B-52 marauder pilot. He worked as a safety engineer for more than 20 years and volunteered

teaching gun safety. Predeceased by his father Charles M. Crummett '21, his uncle Carl Crummett '27, and his brother-in-law Nicholas Gregorio '41, he is survived by three children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Pamela Cash Fisher '52, Jan. 28, 2016, in Clearwater, Fla., at 86. A dedicated mother, she also worked as a sales associate, volunteered at her church, and knitted baby blankets for others. Predeceased by her husband, Charles Fisher '51, she is survived by her daughter, son, and grandson.

Jeanne D'Wolf Gronquist '52, Feb. 16, 2016, in Richfield Minn., at 84. She worked as a physical therapist at the Mayo Clinic before having a family. Since the 1970s she was a well-known library advocate in Minnesota, serving as president of the Cloquet Public Library Board and the Arrowhead Library System. In 1994 she was appointed to serve on the Minnesota Library Planning Task Force. She is survived by her husband, Charlie, four children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Shirley Davenport Learned '52, Dec. 15, 2015, in Winston-Salem, N.C., at 85. She graduated from Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School and worked as a secretary and medical transcriptionist. Survivors include her husband, Arthur, five stepchildren, nine grandchildren, and two siblings.

Chester R. Ham '53, Jan. 10, 2016, in Manchester N.H., at 85. He received a bachelor of divinity degree from the Andover Newton Theological School in 1957, then served 14 congregations as pastor over a 60-year span. He was a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service for 17 years and was chaplain for the Londonderry, N.H. fire department. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Marilyn, three children, eight grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

Sevy Levy '53, Sept. 24, 2015, in Palm Beach, Fla., at 86. He worked as an engineer after college and later became a respiratory therapist. His wife of 62 years, Patricia Levine Levy '55, died one month before

him. Two of their three children survive him, as do three grandchildren.

Michael E. Manus '53, Jan. 2, 2016, in Contoocook, N.H., at 86. He served in the U.S. Army and stayed active as a reservist until 1963. He joined United Life Insurance Company in 1958 as an agent, representing the company in Europe for a time. He belonged to the Kiwanis Club and was a trustee of Concord Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Pamela, six children and 15 grandchildren.

Charles W. Spencer '53, Jan. 10, 2016, in Denver, Colo., at 85. A petroleum geologist, he received an M.S. in geology from the University of Illinois and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University. He worked for the U.S. Geological Survey for 21 years, won several professional awards, and wrote for scientific publications. He retired in 1995 as a scientist emeritus with the U.S.G.S., then traveled, hiked, and climbed mountains. Survivors include his wife, Joyce Whitham Spencer '54, with whom he had three children.

John D. Seelye '53, April 20, 2015, in Gainesville, Fla., at 84. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, then earned bachelor's and doctoral degrees. He was a professor, writer, and scholar interested in restoring historic homes and buildings. He is survived by his wife, Alice, a stepdaughter, and a brother.

William C. Ames '54, Feb. 22, 2016, in Leeds, Mass., at 84. After serving in the U.S. Army, he earned a master's in education from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. His teaching career spanned 31 years, primarily at Amherst Regional High School. He served almost 30 years as a Northampton city councilor and volunteered with civic and religious organizations. Survivors include five children and nine grandchildren.

Andre R. Boissevain '55, Dec. 23, 2015, in King County, Wash., at 83. He was drafted into the U.S. Army, served as a lab technician, then received his M.D. in 1963. He worked as a country doctor, taught at the University of Connecticut, did emergency medicine, and was a U.S.

Army physician and task force surgeon. In retirement, he volunteered with the Indian Health Service and on medical missions. He is survived by his wife, Judith, with whom he raised two sons and two daughters.

Anthony A. Leone '55, Nov. 23, 2015, in Plymouth, Mass., at 83. He served in the Korean War with the U.S. Army, after which he became a social worker for the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare. Fishing, walking, and watching sports were his favorite pastimes. Three children, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a sister survive him.

Patricia Levine Levy '55, Aug. 4, 2015, West Palm Beach, Fla., at 82. She earned a bachelor's and master's at Adeptia University while raising her children in the 1960s. She worked for the state of New York for 25 years, and traveled frequently with her husband of 62 years, Sevy Levy '53, who died one month after her. Two of their three children survive her, as do three grandchildren.

Robert E. McRoy '55, Aug. 19, 2015, in Greenville, S.C., at 82. He was an Army medic in Germany 1955-58 with the Fifth Armored Division. His career was spent in retail at J.C. Penney, where he became a store manager. Predeceased by his sister-in-law, Sandra Sivert McRoy '55, he is survived by his wife of 55 years, Erline, a son, a granddaughter, and brother Bruce McRoy '53.

Patricia Holden Scott '55, March 6, 2016, in Kingston, Ont., at 83. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, James, four children, and four grandchildren.

Judith Orne Shorey '55, Feb. 29, 2016, in Rockland, Maine, at 82. She was a housewife and mother who was committed to helping community organizations, including the Madison (N.J.) Volunteer Ambulance Corp, the PEO Sisterhood in Rockport (Maine), and the Pen Bay Medical Center, where she was director of volunteers. She is survived by her companion, George Chappel, four children, and six grandchildren.

Elizabeth Russell Collins '56, Jan. 31, 2016, in Salem, Ore., at 79. She was administrative coordinator for the YMCA of Salem for 25 years, creating programs to honor working women. She received a bachelor's degree from Marylhurst University in 1981, and enjoyed world travel, skiing, and crosswords. She had three children and several grandchildren.

Gerald L. Silverstein '56, March 15, 2015, in Needham, Mass., at 80. He served in the U.S. Army and worked for Shawmut Packaging. He volunteered with his town council, was involved with his temple, and stayed active skiing, sailing, hiking, and bicycling. Survivors include his wife, Gertrude, three children, six grandchildren, two sisters, including Carol Stoll Silverstein Baker '48, and nieces and nephews, including Patti Stoll '77 and Richard B. Wein '73.

David L. Adams '58, Dec. 6, 2015, on Cousins Island, Maine, at 79. In 1962 he earned an M.D. from Yale, then was a flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. As a cardiologist he worked 30 years at Maine Cardiology, retiring in 1999. He volunteered widely and earned awards including a 2010 honor by Physicians for Social Responsibility and 2015 recognition from the Town of Yarmouth (Maine). Along with his wife he established a scholarship at Colby in honor of his parents. He served on the Alumni Council and sang at many Colby reunions with alumni of the Colby Eight. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Pamela Brockway Adams '60, four children, nine grandchildren, including Claire Edelman '15, and three great-grandchildren.

Joan Fletcher Chandler '58, Dec. 31, 2015, in Greenfield, Mass., at 79. She worked first as a schoolteacher and later as an office manager and bookkeeper. She belonged to the Greenfield Garden Club, volunteered at the library and public schools, and enjoyed knitting and quilting. Three daughters and four grandchildren survive her.

Frank B. Walker '58, June 20, 2014, at 80. His Colby education was interrupted by service in the Army during World War II. He graduated

from Boston University Law School in 1961, worked as an attorney for 45 years, and provided legal counsel for communities in Maine. He loved to sail in Maine and maritime Canada. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Pamela, three children, including Portia Walker '91, a granddaughter, and three siblings.

James G. Haidas '60, Dec. 18, 2015, in Osterville, Mass., at 77. He received his M.B.A. from Cornell in 1962, then worked 15 years as a financial analyst. He formed Ungerleider Haidas, a Wall Street brokerage, with his brother, and the later partnered in the restaurant business, starting and operating Cooke's Seafood restaurants on Cape Cod. He was an accomplished cook and loved boating. Survivors include his wife, Frances, two sons, including Van Haidas '01, and one granddaughter.

Raymond M. Loew '62, February 2015 at 75. He received his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School in 1965 and practiced law, eventually becoming partner then of counsel with a firm in Brooklyn. He and his wife, Ricky, had two daughters.

Marjorie De Motte '63, Nov. 24, 2015, in Camden, Maine, at 74. She received her master's in counseling from Gannon University and her master's in social work from the University of Maine. She worked in the human services field and was a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church. She is survived by her spouse, Sheila Seekins, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

Edward Malley '64, Feb. 27, 2016, in Scituate, Mass., at 73. A three-sport athlete, he became a nationally ranked squash player. He was a swordfisherman off Cape Cod until 1987, when he became a real estate developer. He loved to fly and built a Pitts Special and flew it from Boston to Florida, and he loved sports, especially hockey. He is survived by four children, and five grandchildren.

James B. Morang '64, Feb. 18, 2016, in Falmouth, Maine, at 74. Known as "Lemon" by classmates, he built a career in financial services, working at Maine Savings Bank, Bank of America, and retiring from TD

Insurance in 2007. He held leadership positions in his congregational church and sang in the choir for 30 years. He is survived by his three siblings and nephews and nieces, including Katherine Curry Porch '00.

Robert M. Tripp '65, Dec. 10, 2015, in Dry Ridge, Ky., at 72. He worked in insurance all his life, in Massachusetts and Ohio, retiring in 2004 as senior officer with Ohio National Life. He was a dedicated golfer, involved with his church, and a family man. He was a reading mentor through the Real Men Read program at an elementary school. His wife, Sharon, two children, four grandchildren, and a sister survive him.

Walter Cullen Jr. '67, Aug. 20, 2015, in Key West, Fla., at 71. He served in the Marine Corps as a captain during the Vietnam War and later had a career in insurance. He is survived by his wife, Darlene, two daughters, and several grandchildren.

Kathleen "Kiki" O'Connell '68, March 1, 2016, in Scarborough, Maine, at 69. She received her master's from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts, then became a newspaper reporter in Maine, a content director for advertising and marketing firms, and, for 14 years, a senior writer for Cole Haan and Nike. In the late 1980s she became a Buddhist and took leadership roles at the Vajra Vidya Portland Buddhist Meditation Center. She is survived an aunt, cousins, and friends.

Sally Connor Parks '68, Feb. 4, 2016, in Lewiston, Maine, at 69. After earning an M.B.A. from the University of Maine in 1975, she ran a job placement agency in Waterville for 15 years and later worked for the Department of Commerce as a field representative. She held almost all offices in Waterville's Business and Professional Women's group, chaired the Maine Women's Hall of Fame for 16 years, and belonged to countless women's and civic organizations. She received many awards for volunteer service. Survivors include extended family members.

Susan Diplock Constantineau '69, Nov., 2015, in Micanopy, Fla., at 68.

She worked as a librarian at Bradford Junior College, Dartmouth College, and the University of Florida, where she served as archivist. She is survived by her former husband, Peter Constantineau '69, and a sister.

Jane F. Petitmermet '69, Dec. 11, 2015, in Roseburg, Ore., at 68. After earning an M.A. in library science at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, she was a librarian in California, Washington, D.C., and Germany. She was an avid traveler, a dedicated church member, theatergoer, and supporter of local arts. In 1996 she established the Paul and Louise Petitmermet Scholarship Fund at Colby in honor of her parents. Her husband, Denny Napier, and a brother survive her.

Kenneth Lloyd Waldman '75, March 10, 2016, in Woodbridge, Va., at 63. A documentary filmmaker and TV writer and director, he worked with the Maysles Brothers in the early 1980s, and then independently in Caracas, Venezuela. He was also an award-winning 3D motion graphics designer, animator, and editor in the U.S. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia, two daughters, and a son.

Kathy A. Marciarille '81, Dec. 27, 2015, in Portland, Maine, at 56. She earned a master's in library science from the University of Rhode Island, then worked as a librarian in central Maine. She was active with her church and volunteered for charities. Reading and singing brought her great pleasure. Survivors include her two children, a granddaughter, two sisters, and her mother.

James J. Butler, Feb. 23, 2016, in Waterville, Maine, at 76. Known for his tourtiere meat pies, he spent his career in service, including 35 years as a chef at Colby, retiring in 2002. He is survived by a brother, his wife, Priscilla, and their eight children.

Pauline Cunningham Otis, Feb. 20, 2016, in Waterville, Maine, at 73. She worked as secretary to the athletic director at Colby from 1960 to 2002. Survivors include her mother and two brothers.

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I run half and full marathons. When I am training, I typically listen to podcasts, particularly *This American Life* and *Radiolab* (though the other Colby marathoners, like Paul Josephson, would say I shouldn't be listening to anything while running!). I have found that these shows are not only an enjoyable way to pass 2 to 3 hours, but also provide real-world examples of topics that I cover in my health psychology class. I include the shorter segments in the class period or ask that students listen to the longer segments before class. For example, an episode of *Radiolab* focused on aggression among baboons. A researcher found that when the alpha males in a baboon troop died after eating garbage tainted with tuberculosis, grooming increased dramatically among the remaining baboons. This suggests that the baboons were less aggressive. Newcomers to the troop also adopted the kinder, gentler nature of this troop. This is a great example of how our social environment constrains or encourages certain behaviors. We then extend the example to consider how peer social networks might similarly influence alcohol use among college students. One of my goals is for students to transfer knowledge of course content to real-world contexts. Working through these audio segments provides an opportunity for practicing that skill.



First Person

I'm a professional photographer with a hobby of zoo photography (I consider 178 unique zoos visits a hobby; my wife thinks it's more of an obsession.). At the Philadelphia Zoo, I sprinted to the hippos (my favorite animal) to catch the feeding session. The hippos were chomping and splashing, people shouted with glee. I switched on my camera and immediately began taking photos, and heard the most horrible sound for the moment—a very slow shutter speed. My camera had been set from a previous assignment, and it was so wrong for the hippo encounter. Whether at a zoo, a political rally, a breaking news situation, or a sporting event, this picture reminds me to always check the settings on my camera. The photo was a horrible mistake, but it is my favorite mistake.

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