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## Making Waves

In “The Power of the Pen,” *UAlbany* highlights Teen Vogue Executive Editor Samhita Mukhopadhyay, B.A.’00, and three other prominent alumni writers.





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## Rockefeller College Receives Gifts from Alumni

**Two seven-figure gifts totaling nearly \$3.5 million will enable Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy to attract and support outstanding graduate students.**

A \$1.35 million estate gift from Ricardo Gonzalez '75, M.P.A.'77 and his wife, Evelyn, will create a scholarship for graduate students who represent the next generation of leaders in the federal government. Their gift recognizes the significant impact that professors Harold W. Adams, Abdo I. Baaklini, and Richard I. Nuñez made on Rockefeller College students, as well as the experience that Ricardo and Evelyn enjoyed as federal employees serving domestically and internationally.

"All three professors always took time for students," Ricardo Gonzalez noted. He added that Baaklini taught his students to view issues from an international perspective, Adams taught them to think critically, and Nuñez taught them that "whatever you do in government is based on laws and regulations, not personal opinions, not political beliefs."

His Rockefeller College education served Gonzalez well in his 36 years of federal service with the Department of

Health, Education and Welfare; the General Accounting Office; and the U.S. Army. "I had a great career," he said. "Whoever thought a kid from the South Bronx would go this far?"

In addition, an alumnus who wishes to remain anonymous has documented a \$2.1 million bequest to the college. The gift will ultimately support students pursuing graduate study in political science and public administration.



Mark McCarty

Milne Hall on the University's downtown campus opened in 1929, expanding what was then the New York State College for Teachers. Milne is now home to the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy.



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**A**  
**DIFFERENT**  
*perspective*

Shortly after arriving at UA Albany for the start of the 2018-19 academic year, a freshman class of 2,750, joined by 1,430 transfer students, posed for a photo. The picture was taken from the top of Tom & Mary Casey Stadium.



## Luce Foundation Grant Supports Museum

A \$75,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation's American Art Program will maintain the activities and educational initiatives of the University Art Museum's newly created Collections Study Space, which houses the University at Albany Fine Art Collections. The collections include more than 3,000 objects reflecting 50 years of modern and contemporary paintings, photographs, prints, drawings, and sculptures by many prominent 20th- and 21st-century artists.



## UAlbany Breaks Ground for ETEC

UAlbany's Emerging Technology and Entrepreneurship Complex (ETEC) is taking shape at the southwest corner of the Harriman State Office Campus. The groundbreaking for the project took place in April.

Funded in part through the NYSUNY 2020 program, the \$180-million complex will combine the University's existing research strengths, some of its fastest-growing new programs, and innovative entrepreneurial resources in a single state-of-the-art facility, fostering teaching, research, and business collaborations.

ETEC will be the future home of UAlbany's first-in-the-nation College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity (CEHC). It will also house the University's Department of Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences; the Atmospheric Sciences Research Center; and other academic departments, as well as the New York State Mesonet, the nation's most advanced weather-detection system.



## NEW DEANS APPOINTED

**Nilanjan Sen** began serving as dean of UAlbany's School of Business in August. Previously, Sen was associate dean of Graduate Studies at Nanyang Business School, Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. Nanyang Business School ranks No. 22 in the *Financial Times'* 2018 global business program ranking.



Patrick Dodson

**Karl Rethemeyer**, a faculty member in the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy since 2002, was appointed dean of the college effective



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April 20. Rethemeyer, whose primary research interest is in social networks; their impact on social, political, and policy processes; and the methods used to study such networks, is a graduate of Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

**Lynn A. Warner**, who joined the School of Social Welfare faculty in 2005, assumed the position of dean of the school July 1. Warner earned a bachelor's degree from Smith



Mark Schmidt

College, a master's in public policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, and M.S.W. and dual Ph.D. degrees in sociology and social work from the University of Michigan.

**Jason Lane**, associate professor and chair of Educational Policy & Leadership, will serve as interim dean of the School of Education for a two-year period. Lane succeeds Robert Bangert-Drowns, who served as the eighth dean of the school.



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## OSTP, NSF Recognize Cimini

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) have honored Center for Behavioral Health Promotion and Applied Research Director M. Dolores Cimini with a United States Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM).



Cimini earned a doctorate in clinical psychology from UAlbany in 1986 and joined the University staff more than 28 years ago. She directs the nationally recognized Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program and co-chairs the Tobacco-Free Campus Steering Committee. In addition, Cimini leads multiple research projects and serves as a mentor for students and professionals.

# 43rd



*Washington Monthly's* annual college rankings, which “rate schools based on what they are doing for the country,” ranks UAlbany 43rd nationally – the highest among SUNY schools, including the three other University Centers.

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## CEHC Students Aid Puerto Rico

Last May, 30 College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity (CEHC) students and two staff volunteers answered the call to aid Puerto Rico, which is still struggling with the aftereffects of Hurricane Maria.

The group joined 500 SUNY Maritime cadets and 13 SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) students for the four-day service trip, part of Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s Puerto Rico Recovery and Rebuilding Initiative. Partnering with local non-profit rebuilding organizations, the students assisted farmers in

their efforts to restore trade-based agriculture, repainted a community center, prepared damaged roofs for repair, and removed debris from beaches and roadways.

UAlbany President Havidán Rodríguez and Betito Marquez, mayor of Toa Baja, Puerto Rico, welcomed the volunteers and toured several of the project sites.

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shows off his  
school spirit!

## Alumni Mark SCJ's 50th With Gifts

**F**our School of Criminal Justice alumni – including Dean and Distinguished Professor William Alex Pridemore, Ph.D.'02 – are commemorating the 50th anniversary of the school's founding with gifts of at least \$100,000.

- Pridemore's \$100,000 planned gift will augment the SCJ Dean's Excellence Fund. It will create an endowment to allow future deans to support initiatives and opportunities that will enrich the intellectual life of the school.
- Peter Stevens, M.A.'83, LEED AP and president of JCJ Architecture in Hartford, Conn., has established a fellowship that will enable SCJ to recruit and support outstanding graduate students.
- Larry J. Siegel, M.A.'70, Ph.D.'74, and The Darald and Julie Libby Foundation established a fellowship in Siegel's name.

As noted in the Spring 2018 *UAlbany*, former dean and Distinguished Professor Alan Lizotte and his wife, Lisa Jackson, have earmarked their support for graduate students.



**"One byproduct of being president of UAlbany is that I have acquired enough purple ties (32 and counting!) to go more than a month without wearing the same one twice."**

**– University President Havidán Rodríguez**

*This excerpt from "20 things you don't know about me: Havidán Rodríguez, UAlbany president," published in the Aug. 27 Times Union, is reprinted with permission.*

### *Congratulations*

and best wishes to **Cecilia Lauenstein** on her retirement from the University at Albany after 28 years of distinguished service. Since 2006, she was involved with *UAlbany* magazine, first as director of Development Operations and assistant to the vice president, and more recently as publisher. We thank Cecilia for her dedication to the University and wish her happiness as she begins the next chapter of her life.



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Cover: Teen Vogue Executive Editor Samhita Mukhopadhyay, B.A.'00 – one of four influential alumni writers featured in this issue – says that her admission to UAlbany "literally changed my life." Photo: Michael Paras.

# Ronald Frasch, B.S.'70 | Career Reinvention

By Carol Olechowski



Sari Goodfriend

In the “competitive, complex” field of fashion merchandising, Ron Frasch enjoyed handling the challenges that came his way. The Glens Falls, N.Y., native, who had discovered a passion for retail while studying business at the University at Albany, worked at Bloomingdale’s after earning his degree. Over the next 40 years, he forged an illustrious career, much of it with Saks Fifth Avenue, where, as president, Frasch held the principal position chief merchant and head of stores. He also served as chief executive officer and president of Bergdorf Goodman, and, for a decade, as senior vice president at Neiman Marcus. “It was different every day, working with department stores and dealing with either opportunities or crises,” Frasch notes.

His current role with Castanea Partners has afforded Frasch “more freedom, which is nice. Sometimes, in the corporate world, you don’t realize what’s outside the corporate walls.”

That freedom allows him to lend his expertise to the fashion industry in other ways. Several times a year, Frasch travels to London and Colorado to attend board meetings for Burberry and Crocs, Inc., respectively. He also does some consulting: “I try to look at what new real-estate developments and department stores are doing and see what they can do better. I’m still very close to lots of brands in the industry. I’m there for them if they need anything.”

In addition, Frasch is a mentor for young entrepreneurs through the Harvard Business School Accelerated Program, which attracts top talent to its graduate school. Adds Frasch: “The other mentoring program I work with is Trendseeder, which is based in New York and supports entrepreneurs in exchange for equity at some point in time. It’s nice to give back.”

Frasch is also giving back to UAlbany, where he transferred after spending two years studying journalism at Ohio University. (“I wasn’t a very good journalist,” he admits.) Last April, Frasch visited campus to talk with business students and with members of the Fashion Association of Collegiate Entrepreneurs (FACE). He also keeps up with the group through Facebook.

Though Frasch never played lacrosse, his 13-year-old son does and “loves the sport.” The two visited UAlbany to see a game, and the seeds for the *Frasch Lacrosse Scholarship* were planted when development officer Mary Johnson explained how Frasch could establish an endowment.

“We’re still working out the details,” says Frasch, “but I’m looking forward to meeting the first student to receive the scholarship.”

During his career, Frasch has worked for or with



In 2014, his career took a new direction when he joined the Boston-based private-equity firm Castanea Partners, founded by Robert Smith and Brian Knez, previous owners of Neiman Marcus and Bergdorf Goodman. “I’ve known Rob and Brian well for many years. They are quality people, and they have a great values system. Castanea Partners’ culture is reflected in the company’s success over the years,” observes Frasch, operating partner in the firm’s New York City office.

Frasch’s portfolio companies include Mackenzie-Childs, “a wonderful home-decorating company with a very loyal customer base”; Proenza Schouler, a 16-year-old women’s apparel and accessories firm started by Parsons School of Design graduates Jack McCollough and Lazaro Hernandez; and Ippolita, a designer-jewelry line.



# Nora Lum, B.A.'11 | Red-Carpet Days, Red-Letter Year

By Carol Olechowski



Nora Lum and co-stars Nico Santos and Constance Wu film a scene on the set of "Crazy Rich Asians."

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Above, Lum is pictured at the premieres of "Crazy Rich Asians" (fourth from left, in pink gown) and "Ocean's 8" (second from left).

What a year it's been for former UAlbany communications and women's-studies major Nora Lum, B.A.'11! Just since the spring, the performer, also known as Awkwafina, has debuted in the motion pictures "Ocean's 8" and "Crazy Rich Asians"; released the EP *In Fina We Trust*; and hosted the "I Heart Radio Much Music Video Awards" (MMVAs) in Canada. And there are still a few months left in the year.



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A multi-talented rap artist, comedian, and actor, Lum returned to campus for a New York State Writers Institute event on Aug. 31, 2017. During her appearance, she signed books and talked with students and staff.



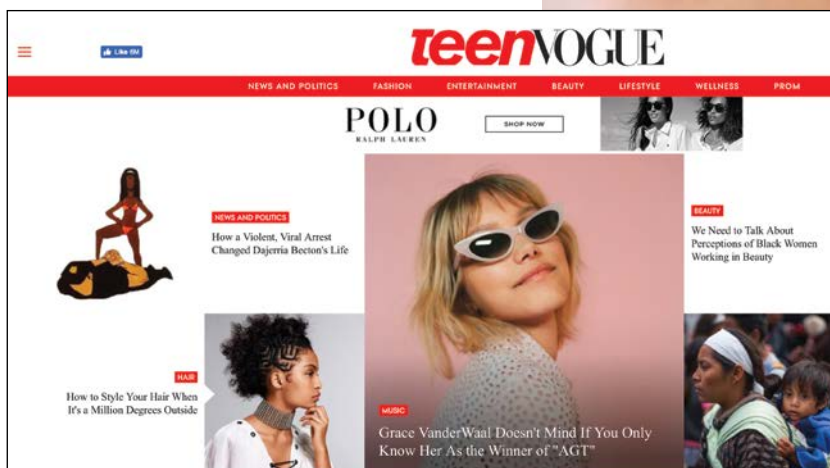
Lum was featured in UAlbany's Spring 2017 issue.



# THE POWER OF *the pen*

It's often said that the pen "is mightier than the sword." Here, we proudly feature four UAlbany alumni – Teen Vogue Executive Editor Samhita Mukhopadhyay, B.A.'00; philosopher-poet and spiritual teacher Mark Nepo, D.A.'80; feminist writer Jessica Valenti, B.A.'00; and *New York Times* journalist Dean Chang, B.A.'87 – whose works indeed attest to the power of the pen.

Michael Paras





# Samhita Mukhopadhyay, B.A.'00

## Making Waves at Teen Vogue

By Claudia Ricci, Ph.D.'96

If she could, Samhita Mukhopadhyay would like to meet the person or persons who decided to admit her to the University at Albany more than two decades ago. Her grades weren't strong, but she had decent test scores, a good essay, and recommendations, and she was one of the highest-ranked high-school debaters in the U.S.

"I don't know who that person was, but I'm very grateful, because she or he literally changed my life. Had I not gone to Albany, I wouldn't have met the group of people I did," says Mukhopadhyay, who was named executive editor of Teen Vogue last February.

Associate Professor of Women's Studies Vivien Ng played a key role in Mukhopadhyay's success at UAlbany; "she told me, 'You're a lot smarter than you give yourself credit for.'" Ng guided her in reading and studying the works of many prominent feminist scholars. Something clicked, and Mukhopadhyay, who double majored in sociology and women's studies, went on to become an A/A+ student.

Her fellow women's-studies majors were also crucial to her career. Jessica Valenti, B.A.'01, a writer and the founder of the

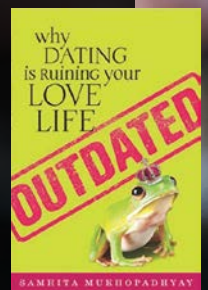
blog Feministing.com, reached out to Mukhopadhyay in 2005 and offered her critically important experience in writing about feminism, politics, race, and culture. Valenti also was key to Mukhopadhyay's getting her first book deal, for a work called *Outdated: Why Dating is Ruining Your Life*.

In 2009, Mukhopadhyay earned a master's degree in women and gender studies from San Francisco State University. Before she took over at Teen Vogue, she was the senior editorial director of Culture and Identities at the politically savvy Mic.com. Teen Vogue pulled her in

after the magazine decided to suspend its print publication and switch to an all-digital version. One look at the magazine today and you see a major change: While the site still offers lots of beauty, fashion, and celebrity features, it now also focuses front and center on news and politics. That switch, Mukhopadhyay observes, "made a lot of waves."

She wasn't expecting to reach this professional level as quickly as she did. "I'm now in a position where everything I've been into since I went to Albany has come together. It feels very special," says Mukhopadhyay.

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## Mark Nepo, D.A.'80

# Spiritual Visionary

By Paul Grondahl, M.A.'84

There are two distinct phases of the writing and teaching career of Mark Nepo: Before Oprah and After Oprah.

After earning his doctorate in English and teaching literature at UAlbany for 18 years, Nepo had built a respectable career as an academic and poet. He announced his lofty literary aspirations with the 1988 publication of *Fire Without Witness*, an epic poem that centers on the world of Michelangelo as revealed through the artist's painting of the Sistine Chapel ceiling. Pulitzer Prize-winning poet James Merrill called Nepo's work "remarkable in its ambition and conception and cumulative weight."

While at UAlbany, Nepo was diagnosed in his 30s with a rare form of lymphoma that spread to his brain and developed into a large tumor. Prior to surgery, the tumor shrank and disappeared. Nepo went into remission. Doctors and traditional medicine could

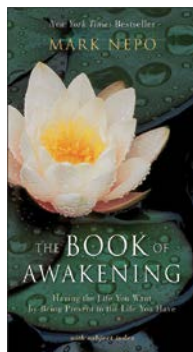


not explain what had happened. To try to comprehend the miracle he had experienced, Nepo began a profound spiritual journey, writing poetry, studying philosophy, and embarking on an inner transformation.

And then, in 2010, lightning struck when Oprah Winfrey selected Nepo's *The Book of Awakening* as one of her Ultimate Favorite Things for her farewell season on daytime network TV. The pick sent the work soaring to No. 1 on the *New York Times* bestseller list and launched Nepo's career into the stratosphere. Winfrey invited Nepo to appear several times on her OWN network's "SuperSoul Sunday" program and included Nepo among her SuperSoul100 list of visionaries and influential leaders.

Nepo explained his cancer journey to Winfrey during a TV episode this way: "I went through a door, and when I tried to go back out that door, it was gone. There was no way to get back to the life I had lived. Everything had changed."

Mark Nepo, a sought-after speaker, was part of Oprah Winfrey's "The Life You Want Tour" in 2014. He has also appeared several times with Winfrey on her OWN TV "SuperSoul Sunday" program.



Harpo Studios, Inc./George Burns



Nepo appears on stage during Winfrey's "The Life You Want Tour."

"The Oprah Effect," as it has been dubbed, helped Nepo become a best-selling author, elevated his national profile as a philosopher-poet, and helped establish him as a leading spiritual teacher whose workshops and retreats are in high demand. Nepo's 20th book, *More Together Than Alone*, published in July by Atria Books, is a moving meditation and an empowering guide to those seeking a sense of community, connection, and hope in turbulent times. Arianna Huffington called it "a compelling testament to the power of community to help us lead happier, healthier, and more fulfilling lives." A review in the online journal *Spirituality & Practice* said Nepo has written "a masterwork on community animated by visionary vigor, philosophical rigor, a cross-cultural practice, and a poetic sensibility."

### **Nepo returns to UAAlbany as a headliner in the Writers Institute's Spring 2019 Visiting Writers Series.**

His visit, scheduled for March 5 and 6, will include a keynote address, classroom visits, and special programs.

"I'm thrilled to be returning to UAAlbany," Nepo said by phone from his home in Kalamazoo, Mich. "It was such a vibrant program in which I studied and taught for many years. I learned so much from my professors and colleagues in the English department," he said, citing Hugh MacLean, Bill Dumbleton, Judy Johnson, Don Byrd, Eugene Mirabelli and Gene Garber.

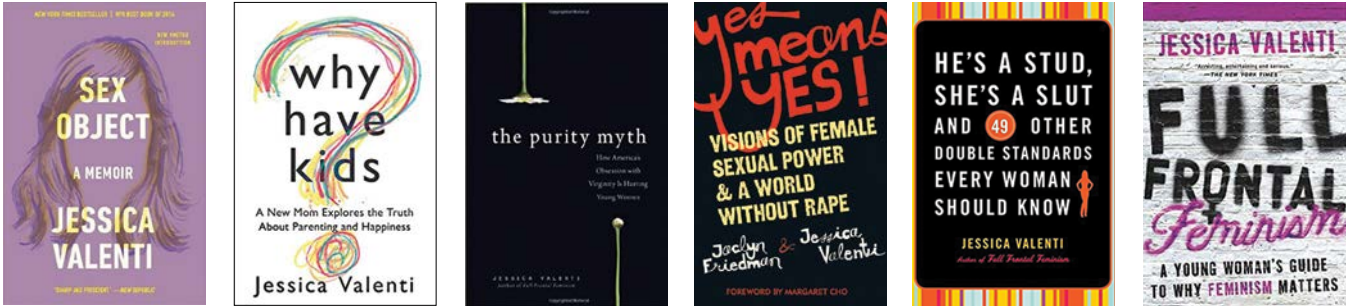


JESSICA VALENTI, B.A.'01

# Fourth-Wave FEMINIST



# Feminist writer Jessica Valenti, whose sixth book was a *New York Times* bestseller, has rather surprising advice for college students: Don't be afraid to fail!



Valenti's books include the *New York Times* bestseller *Sex Object, A Memoir*.

While visiting campuses for speaking engagements, Valenti, who flunked out of Tulane University after one year, meets a lot of students hellbent on success. “They’re so hard on themselves when they fail. The reason I ended up successful is that I failed miserably my freshman year. It took me a minute to figure out my next step. Just because you mess up, doesn’t reflect on what the rest of your life will look like,” she says.

After the Tulane debacle, Valenti regrouped. She realized that she’d failed because she couldn’t tolerate the conservative political climate of the private Southern university. “I was a New York City girl, and Tulane was a culture shock for me.”

Valenti’s 1997 transfer to UAlbany, where she double majored in women’s studies and English, opened the door to a brand-new chapter in her life. “Always outspoken about sexism,” she discovered her passion in the Department of Women’s Studies. Under the tutelage of Dr. Vivian Ng, Valenti participated in the Women’s Studies Teaching Collaborative, which enables undergraduates to teach entry-level women’s-studies classes.

“That was super-formative for me,” Valenti remembers, “a very pivotal experience.” Teaching helped her zero in on her identity. “It wasn’t until I joined the collaborative that I realized, ‘I am absolutely a feminist; this is absolutely who I am.’”

The experience bolstered Valenti in other ways. “It was the chance to take a leadership position. It raised my self-confidence and made me realize how competent I was.” Teaching also convinced her that she wanted to attend grad school. “I wasn’t quite done. I didn’t quite know yet what I wanted to work at,” notes Valenti.

She earned a master’s in women’s and gender studies at Rutgers; then, in 2004, she and her sister Vanessa founded

the highly successful blog Feministing. Valenti blossomed as a writer and editor and built a huge social-media platform. Soon, she had a contract to write *Full Frontal Feminism*, which remains her best-selling book. By the time Valenti left Feministing in 2010, she had written three books and edited a fourth, an anthology.

Today, writing for numerous outlets, including *The Guardian US*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Atlantic*, and *The Nation*, Valenti is regarded as one of the most influential feminist voices of her generation. She considers herself part of the Fourth Wave of feminism, which mushroomed on the Internet. Unlike the Third Wave, in which women’s groups like NOW set out very specific issues they considered important, the Fourth Wave is “decentralized and happening very organically,” she observes. “It’s not just one platform that all feminists agree on. It’s made up of multiple and parallel waves, with many conversations that are constantly moving and evolving.”

It’s no surprise to Valenti that the #MeToo movement exploded when it did. “Trump made women mad, but also, the infrastructure was there, thanks to online feminists connected via social media.”

It used to be that “feminism” was very much a divisive word, Valenti recalls, “and certainly not as popular as it is today. But now, feminism is probably the most powerful cultural movement going.”

Looking back, Valenti admits she’s not sure she would have become a writer if she hadn’t gone through the women’s-studies program. “Actually, I don’t think I would have recognized myself as a feminist if I hadn’t ended up at Albany,” she adds.

**Dean Chang, B.A.'87**

# A Journalist's Journalist

By Nick Muscavage, B.A.'16

**F**rom an early age, Dean Chang thought he might want to work as a journalist. While serving as editor of the University at Albany's student-run newspaper, the *Albany Student Press (ASP)*, he decided that a career in the news business was "what I want to do."

The *ASP* experience provided both the insight and the skills Chang would need as a journalist. After earning a bachelor's degree in political science, he worked at *The Saratogian*, the *Bergen Record* in New Jersey, and the *New York Daily News*. Chang joined *The New York Times* as deputy metro editor in 2008; "I'm in charge of political coverage for the entire state."

Chang is reminded of the sobering role journalism serves when he looks back on Sept. 11, 2001. Then city editor at the *Daily News*, he remembers that the attack occurred on the same day New York's primary elections were held. He was at home, watching television and planning to arrive at the office late to cover the returns, when he saw the first plane hit the towers. That's when he knew he was going to be working late – but it wouldn't be for the primaries.

"It was just one of those crazy, all-hands-on-deck situations where everything was disrupted, and every reporter at the paper, and then some, were thrown onto the story," Chang noted.

"I love what I do, and I'm so lucky to be at *The Times*," the veteran editor said. "But a part of me



believes that every newsroom experience I've ever had still pales to the best of times at the *ASP*."

Chang regards the *ASP* as the archetypal newsroom. There was something almost whimsical about the paper: "So many talented journalists came from the *ASP*, and I was lucky to have worked with many of them." One, in fact, was Heidi Gralla, B.A.'87, who served as an editor of the paper before Chang did – and who would one day become his wife.

During the rare moments of downtime in their busy lives, "when we're not worrying about our three kids and everything else," Chang joked, he and Gralla reminisce about the student newspaper. "We both look back very fondly at our time at the *ASP*."

Given his tenure in the newspaper business, Chang has experienced the industry's many ebbs and flows: the downsizing, the upsurge of multi-tasking, and the shift in focus to prioritize online publishing. But, he observed, journalism "has always been a check on government, and probably never more so, at least in my life, than right now."

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Havidán Rodríguez, President

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## DONOR IMPACT

### *The Family of Peter Bulger Scholarship*

**P**eter Bulger, B.S.'77, is no newcomer to philanthropy at the University at Albany. Over the years, he has donated to the construction of the Science Library, the Institute for Financial Market Regulation, and Bob Ford Field. For many years, he sponsored the Great Danes Golf Outing.

Five years ago, with a \$50,000 gift, Bulger established *The Family of Peter Bulger Scholarship*, which supports deserving scholar-athletes. Now, he has made a new \$500,000 planned gift to support the fund. "We felt it was appropriate to ensure that others would have the opportunity to attend this fine institution," Bulger said.

Dedicated fans of Great Dane athletics, Bulger and his wife, Cindy, are frequently seated courtside at SEFCU Arena, cheering on UAlbany's men and women athletes.

One of those athletes – former basketball standout David Nichols, a Summer 2018 UAlbany graduate – was the first recipient of the *Bulger Scholarship*. Nichols, also a star in the classroom, majored in communication, minored in business, and graduated with a 3.91 G.P.A.

Bulger, who went on to earn an M.B.A. at Fordham University after receiving a bachelor's in economics from UAlbany, serves on the Board of Directors of The University at Albany Foundation. He also sits on the board of the Great Dane Athletic Club and is a member of the SIFMA Institutional Brokerage Committee, which he chaired in 2010.

Bulger has more than 30 years of Wall Street experience: He worked with CL King & Associates for 24 years, serving as executive managing director, chief operating officer, and a member of the board of directors. He is now a securities consultant with the TIA Group and Front Street Consulting.

**David Nichols '18 was the first recipient of the *Bulger Scholarship*.**

**Pictured below is scholarship founder Peter Bulger.**



Bill Ziskin



Paul Miller

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## The “Jack” W. and Gertrude Horan Memorial Art Museum Endowment

Jack Horan inspired young people, including his 11 grandchildren, to explore the artistic aspects of their lives. In his spare time, and later, in retirement, the co-founder and longtime head of the computer-science program at SUNY Potsdam would “dabble in clay figures,” sketch, and oil-paint landscapes and still-life pictures, recalls his son, John.

The World War II veteran also encouraged a young friend, Michael Boots, to become involved in community service. Horan, who served on the local hospital board, was a charter member of the Massena Recreation Commission and the Massena Housing Authority board, and a trustee of his family parish, Sacred Heart. Gertrude – Boots’ first-grade teacher – shared her husband’s commitment to their neighbors in New York’s North Country by volunteering for various local causes.

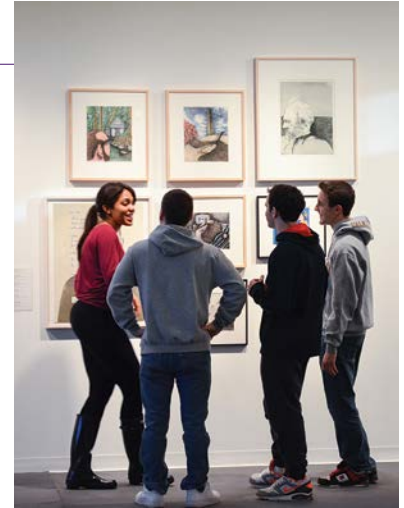
To honor the late couple, Boots, a UAlbany development officer for 20 years, established *The “Jack” W. and Gertrude Horan Memorial Art Museum Endowment*. The fund supports the

activities, initiatives, and events of the University Art Museum’s Student Advisory Committee, whose members encourage involvement with and awareness of museum resources.


The endowment, Boots feels, is “a fitting way to honor the Horans’ memory while helping undergraduates learn about and appreciate art and the University Art Museum.”

Adds John Horan: “Our family is so thankful to Michael for remembering our parents. They were special people, no doubt.

“It just goes to show you the impact you can have on people. We should be mindful of our contribution to humanity every day of our lives.”



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**William (Bill) Wales, Ph.D.**

**Standish Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Management**

### How does the Standish Chair help you to promote entrepreneurship?

The Standish Chair provides critical resources that support my role as editor of a *Financial Times* top-ranked business journal, *Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice*. My scholarship and teaching are immensely elevated because of this role, and because of the overview of emerging trends in business research and education it affords.

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Having a named chair is a signal of quality within the scholarly profession. It is a huge differentiator, and attractor, for professors to join the faculty. The endowed funds make it possible to present my research and conduct editorial workshops at the most prestigious globally ranked entrepreneurship conferences, such as the Babson College Entrepreneurship Research Conference (BCERC). My participation allows UAlbany to have a “seat at the table” within top scholarly circles where the most cutting-edge research on entrepreneurship is being presented and discussed.



### How does the Standish Chair encourage you in working with your students?

The Standish Chair was a key factor in my decision to join UAlbany. By offering the resources I need to remain in the forefront of entrepreneurship research, it provides for innovative perspectives within lectures, discussions, and activities that enhance my classroom engagement and effectiveness.

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**Scholar:**  
**Nathan Ferguson**

**Donor: *The Martin and Joyce McCollum Kenosian Scholarship***

## ScholarshipImpact

**A**s a transfer student from Canajoharie, N.Y. last spring, Nathan Ferguson has wasted no time finding his place in the UAlbany community. He is often drawn to the peacefulness of the main fountain, but between his studies and sports team and club memberships, he doesn't have a lot of time to hang out on campus.

“I'm covering all my own expenses at UAlbany, so my scholarship has been a great help. It means a lot to me that the donor who funded it, someone I've never met, would take an interest in supporting students like me,” he explains. Ferguson is the recipient of *The Martin and Joyce McCollum Kenosian Scholarship*.

Ferguson is majoring in mathematics and music. He's played the piano since he was 6 years old, and the cello and bass since middle school. In high school he also picked up jazz bass. He is considering an advanced degree after he graduates and might like to become a teacher. He is enjoying all his classes at UAlbany but speaks particularly highly of Dr. Joseph Kavanaugh, professor of earth science and mathematics.

A young man of many talents, Ferguson is also a dedicated athlete. He's a starting winger on the UAlbany rugby team and a member of the Mixed Martial Arts Club. “I'd recommend UAlbany to anyone looking to go to college,” he says, adding, “I also hope to give back one day to the rugby and music programs.”

## THIS IS OUR *Place*

### The Massry Center for Business

With a \$5.25 million gift in 2014, the Massry family did more than name a building on the uptown campus. The Capital Region philanthropists and UAlbany supporters made a commitment to the life of the University.

In addition to naming the state-of-the-art Massry Center for Business, the gift funds the Massry Community Fellows Program, which provides stipends for students completing internships with non-profit organizations; and the Massry Lecture Series. It also supports conferences and visiting faculty.



### CAPITAL PROJECTS



### The Schuyler Building

Capital Region community, business, education, and government leaders are working with the University to transform a 20th-century school building into the future home of UAlbany's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (CEAS).

Located adjacent to the University's downtown campus, the former Albany High School building will undergo a \$60-million renovation that will create 127,000 square feet of classroom, research, and office space designed to accommodate more than 1,000 students and 180 faculty and researchers. The project will broaden UAlbany's academic offerings; strengthen the University's partnerships with other educational and civic institutions and businesses; and make mass-transit and other improvements to Albany's North Lake Avenue-Ontario Street corridor possible.



## New Videoboard at SEFCU Arena

A new video scoreboard at SEFCU Arena is enhancing fans' enjoyment of UAlbany men's and women's basketball.

Made possible with a \$1 million donation from Capital Region businessman Ed Swyer and Stuyvesant Plaza, the Daktronics board hangs above center court. Its 10 LED display screens – the largest measuring more than 7 feet high and 12 feet wide – offers high-definition replays, live in-game statistics, and other promotions.



## Tom & Mary Casey Stadium

UAlbany's Tom & Mary Casey Stadium is a world-class athletics facility. Its name pays tribute to a family known for instilling in its children the importance of education and community service.

The Bernard and Millie Children's Foundation, founded by William Duker; his wife, Sharon; and their son, William, made a \$10 million gift to name the stadium. Both families have long histories with the University: Duker is a 1975 UAlbany graduate, and the Caseys' son Thomas, daughter Melissa, and granddaughter Meghan are also alumni. Grandson Michael Faas, currently a student, will graduate in 2019.

While the gift honors the Caseys by supporting the football stadium and other facilities, it also expands scholarships for student-athletes and addresses additional athletics priorities.

# Lasting Legacy

By Mike S. Nolan, B.S.'12, M.B.A.'17, and Valerie DiRocco-Ruskin, M.P.A.'95

**A**s dedicated husband and father, amazing friend, and successful bond and currency broker, Scott McGovern, B.S.'87, shared his life and love with others. He now also shares his name with The University at Albany Foundation's largest endowed undergraduate scholarship.

**The Scott M. McGovern '87 Memorial Scholarship honors the UAlbany alumnus, who lost his life during the World Trade Center terror attacks Sept. 11, 2001. The fund offers renewable support to incoming freshmen who demonstrate financial need and academic achievement.**

With a \$50,000 gift presented during last February's Big Purple Growl & Ferocious Feast, the endowment's total value exceeded \$1 million.

Many of McGovern's UAlbany classmates, including Doug Ketterer, B.S.'87, and Jim Neiland, B.A.'87, joined his wife, Jill, in establishing the scholarship fund in 2003. Every year since, they've raised funds for it by welcoming about 150 golfers and dinner guests to the Scott McGovern Memorial Golf Tournament.

Eighty-one scholarships totaling nearly \$210,000 have been granted to students in McGovern's name over the past 15 years. Folasade Kola, a business major with a concentration in finance and management and a sociology minor, is a three-time recipient.

"There isn't much money at home to pay for my college fees, so I'm very grateful for the *McGovern Scholarship*," noted Kola. The UAlbany senior, who plans a career in finance or human resources, added, "I will continue to strive and graduate with honors in 2019 with the help of this scholarship."

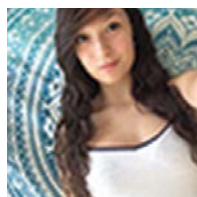
Like Kola, Scott McGovern studied business at UAlbany. He also played intramural softball and floor hockey, worked at the University Library – and "was the best friend you could have," recalled Ketterer.

"Throughout his all-too-short life, he always put others first. We are thrilled not only to see Scott's name and memory kept alive through this scholarship, but also through the

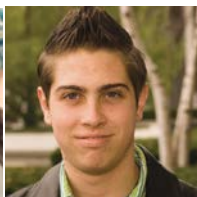


**Scott M. McGovern '87**

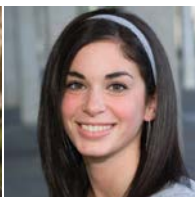
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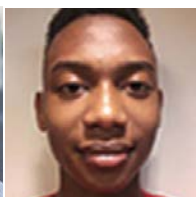
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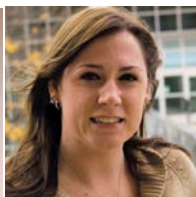
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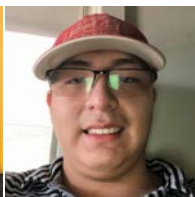
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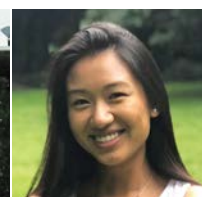


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**Abraham Niedzwiecki**



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approach to helping students obtain their degrees from UAlbany. I'm sure Scott is getting a big kick out of watching all this from Heaven," Ketterer observed.

Added Neiland: "Making something good come out of the tragedy of losing Scott has been a remarkable process for all of us. Knowing that we're able to help the McGovern Scholars pay for college, prosper, and ultimately graduate is the best payback we can receive."

Jill McGovern is "touched and overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support" *McGovern Scholarship* supporters have shown for her husband. "Reminiscing about him at the golf tournament – which has perfect weather each year because Scott looks out for us – is what I enjoy most. The fact that this scholarship is worth more than \$1 million now is an amazing and meaningful tribute to the kind and generous person Scott was. We are pleased to be assisting so many worthy students. It is truly fitting that he continues to help others."



**A \$50,000 check for the *Scott M. McGovern '87 Memorial Scholarship* was presented at the 2018 Big Purple Growl. Pictured, left to right, are Vice President for Advancement Fardin Sanai, UAlbany President Havidán Rodríguez, Rosy Lopez, Doug Ketterer '87, Jim Neiland '87, and Michael Hofstetter '87.**



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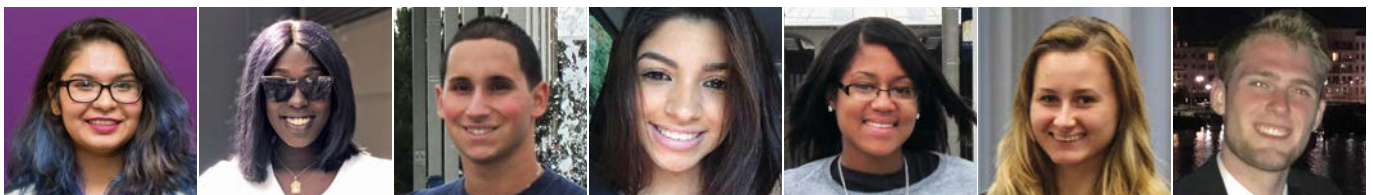
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## Letter from the Campaign Chairs



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Plainly put, when you support the *This Is Our Time* campaign, you change lives. We believe there's no better investment.



# climate change EXPLAINED

BY CAROL OLECHOWSKI

**F**or decades, the existence of climate change has been discussed, debated, debunked, and documented. But what is climate change? What evidence do we have that it exists? How and why does it occur? Do human actions contribute to climate change? If so, what can human beings do to reverse or halt it? And what are the consequences for Earth – and for us – if it isn't stopped?

To learn the answers to these and other climate-change questions, we reached out to two experts in the field: alumnus Jeffrey Kiehl, Ph.D.'81, who recently retired after 30 years of service as a senior scientist with the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), and Professor of Environmental Health Shao Lin, a faculty member at UAlbany's School of Public Health.

Here, we present their findings.





**A**s a senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) for three decades, Jeffrey Kiehl studied the past to predict the future. Specifically, he used information from fossils and other indicators to understand how, and why, climate change occurs.

Kiehl, who retired from NCAR in August, still serves as an adjunct professor in the Department of Earth & Planetary Sciences at UC Santa Cruz. Asked how we know that climate change occurs, he explains: “The instrumental surface record used to construct global values of temperature dates from 1850. Estimating surface temperatures further back in time is carried out through a number of methods called paleothermometry [that] consider the types of atoms found in fossils from the deep past. The difference in the number of neutrons in the nucleus of an atom leads to different ‘flavors,’ or isotopes, of carbon, oxygen, and other elements.”

Small ocean-dwelling organisms that build their shells from chemical compounds that include oxygen and carbon also contribute to our knowledge of climate change, notes Kiehl, who earned a doctorate in atmospheric sciences from UAlbany. “The ability of these organisms to use different flavors of oxygen depends on the temperature of the environment the organism inhabits. By measuring the amounts of these isotopes in fossilized shells, one can deduce the temperature of the environment where the organisms once lived.

“An independent method to measure paleo temperatures relates to the structure of lipids in ancient organisms and to the structures’ dependence on temperature. Comparison of these two independent methods to deduce temperature allows scientists to confirm the accuracy of the temperatures.”

While temperature is often the focus as the main indicator of climate change, “there are actually many other changes related to increases in temperature or indirectly related to temperature,” Kiehl says. “Observations from historical records, and more recently from satellites, clearly show an increase in global sea level. Roughly half of this increase

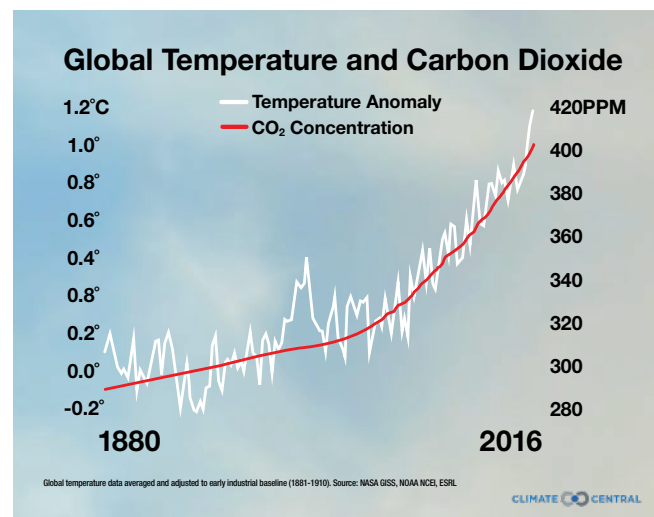
**“Earth’s climate has followed the ups and downs of atmospheric carbon dioxide and are one way we know this gas plays a major role in our climate system,” notes Jeffrey Kiehl, recently retired after 30 years as an NCAR senior scientist.**

arises because sea water warms as it expands. The other half is due to the melting of the large ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica, which is independently observed from other satellites. Observations also indicate an increase in the intensity of storm systems and associated precipitation, which is expected in a warming world.

“Satellites also measure the amount of atmospheric water vapor, which has also been increasing over the past few decades as Arctic sea ice has dramatically declined. We are now seeing record-low summer sea ice extent in the Arctic. The bloom timing of trees has been shifting to earlier dates over the past few decades. For example, the cherry blossoms bloom in Washington, D.C., much earlier now than they did just two decades ago,” Kiehl observes.

In addition, “the oceans are becoming more acidic because about a quarter of the carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere through the burning of fossil fuels goes into them. The warming and acidification of the oceans is leading to a precipitous decline in corals.”

According to Kiehl, “Earth’s climate has changed throughout geologic time. Some of the most dramatic changes in Earth’s deep past, millions of years ago, are associated with slow, long-term changes in the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, while others have to do with the very slow change in the sun’s energy output.” On geologic time scales, volcanic activity determines the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, while weathering processes – such as rain’s reaction with rock surfaces – remove it. “These processes work on time scales of thousands to millions of years and thus lead to slow growth and decline of the greenhouse gas



## What can you do to help address climate change? Kiehl suggests:

- reducing your personal carbon footprint by driving and flying less, and conserving household energy use.
- becoming a “messenger” by learning the basics of climate-change science and talking to family and friends about the issue.
- learning about the positions your elected representatives take on the issue of climate change and voting for people who have action plans on reducing carbon-dioxide emissions. “If the official has not stated a position on climate change, then ask what it is.”

carbon dioxide. Earth’s climate has followed the ups and downs of atmospheric carbon dioxide and are one way we know this gas plays a major role in our climate system.

“The ice ages are another example of climate change driven by the orbital variations of Earth on tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands of years,” Kiehl continues. “These variations affect the amount of sunlight reaching higher latitudes, which, in turn, led to the growth and decay of large ice sheets. Again, the changes have occurred on long time scales and are driven through natural changes.”

Also impacting Earth’s climate system are the interactions, such as El Niño, between the atmosphere and the oceans. However, Kiehl adds, “these decade-long variations do not lead to a long-term trend in warming or cooling, where ‘long-term’ means centuries to thousands of years.”

Humans also play a role in climate change. “The amount of carbon dioxide injected by humans is over a thousand times larger than any natural source, and it is occurring quite rapidly, compared to any geological process.” Changes in vegetation cover and type can likewise affect the climate system.

What is causing the planet to warm now?

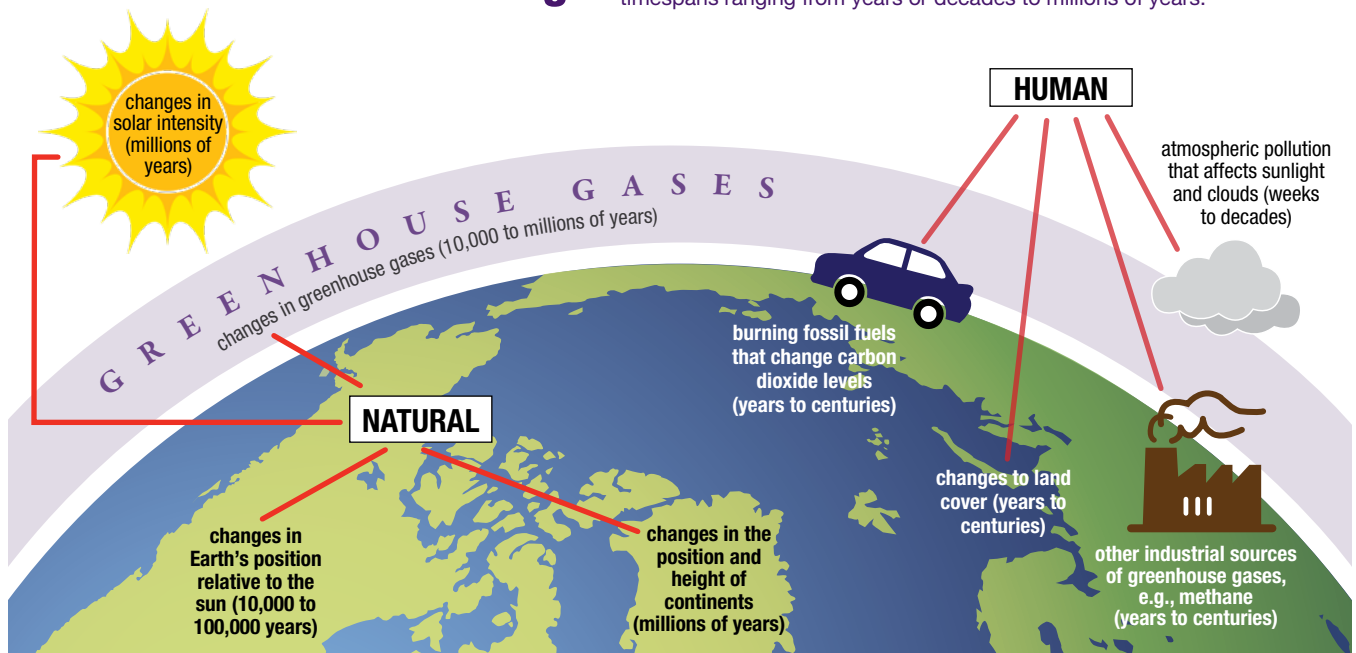
“The overwhelming answer,” Kiehl responds, “is human activity through the burning of fossil fuels. No other mechanism, be it solar variability, changes in vegetation, or internal variations, can explain the warming over the 20th century and now, early in the 21st.”

Kiehl states: “The basic science of climate change is well understood. If we continue to increase atmospheric carbon dioxide levels, the planet will continue to warm. If we stay the course by relying on fossil fuels, in 80 years we will have more than tripled atmospheric carbon-dioxide levels since the Industrial Revolution. The last time the atmosphere contained that much carbon dioxide was 40 to 50 million years ago. We know that the Earth back then was much warmer than it is today.

“We are now returning the atmosphere to this condition in less than 200 years, leading to a climate system unknown to the human species. The sooner we dramatically reduce our use of fossil fuels, the better chance we have to avoid the worst consequences of human-caused climate change. We often hear that doing something about climate change will cost too much. However, the cost to our children and all future generations will be much greater if we do nothing to address this issue.”

## Causes of Climate Change

Nature and human beings, says Kiehl, effect climate change over timespans ranging from years or decades to millions of years.







# Extreme Weather, Extreme Consequences

If you think that changes in weather and climate have no bearing on human life and health, Shao Lin, M.P.H., Ph.D., M.D., might convince you otherwise. A professor of environmental health at UAlbany's School of Public Health, Lin investigates the ways that climate change and extreme weather impact human-health outcomes. And her findings reveal that those impacts may span the life cycle, affect all populations, and relate to multiple diseases.

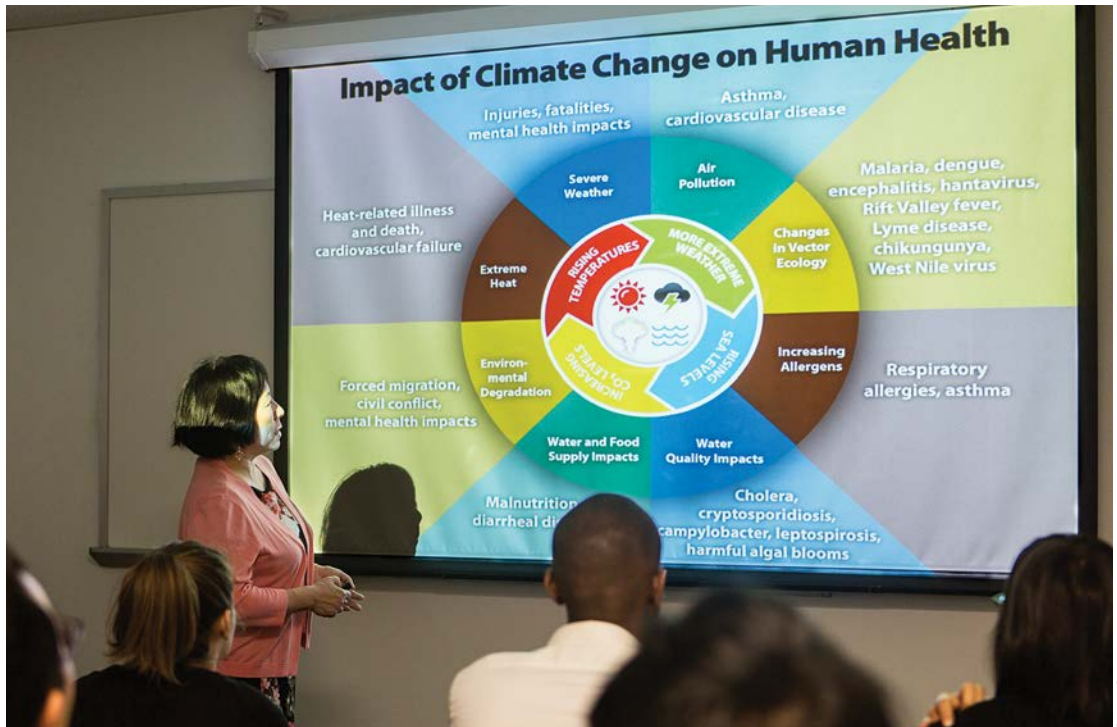
Since joining the New York State Department of Health in 1990, Lin has worked on more than 40 environmental-health projects, including “various air-pollution projects, such as

exposure to heavy traffic, air pollutants, or urban-air toxins as they relate to human health.” Fifteen years ago, her research focus broadened when she “found more and more extreme-weather events, such as the 2003 European heat wave and the Northeast blackout. I realized that extreme climate-change-related weather events could impact human health, which would be an important and otherwise forgotten area for research,” explains Lin, who earned her medical degree at Sun Yat-Sen University in her native China and completed master's and doctoral studies at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.



**Shao Lin, M.P.H., Ph.D., M.D.**  
Professor of environmental health at UAlbany's School of Public Health

During a presentation to student researchers, Lin displays a slide that demonstrates how climate change impacts human health.



Sarah Smith

At the invitation of Congress, Lin has consulted on several expert panels working to determine the direction research on climate change and children’s health should take. She adds: “We are one of the teams conducting the earliest climate-change/health studies in the U.S. We have found many health outcomes are associated with extreme weather and disaster events, demonstrating that climate and health are important environmental areas where I can dedicate my research efforts.”

**Lin and her research team have found that increased or extreme temperature, humidity, and precipitation can:**

- exacerbate respiratory conditions, such as allergies, asthma, and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), and cardiovascular diseases;
  - contribute to various renal diseases;
  - be associated with adverse birth outcomes, such as birth defects;
- and may
- promote the propagation of deer ticks, which cause Lyme disease, and the spread of other vector-borne illnesses.

Mental-health issues also arise from extreme weather events, Lin contends. Superstorm Sandy, and the flooding, fires, and power failures that ensued, ravaged the New York City area in 2012. Together, the events occasioned 200 emergency-room visits – “approximately four times the usual number” – for substance abuse, Lin discovered while studying New York State Department of Health data tracking hospital discharges and emergency-department visits for that period. In addition, the hurricane precipitated anxiety, mood disorders, and other mental-health issues that “lasted anywhere from three months to as long as one year after the disaster,” the professor wrote in the October 2017 edition of *The Conversation* [<https://bit.ly/2PiE8ib>].

Interviewed by *The New York Times Magazine*, Lin predicted similar effects on mental health in Puerto Rico, devastated in September 2017 by Hurricane Maria. *The Times* cited her 2016 study on the impact of Hurricane Sandy, which “found that impacted areas of New York experienced extended blackouts and disruptions to public transportation and health care. The impact on mental health was substantial, she concluded; there was a significant increase in emergency room visits for substance abuse problems, psychosis, mood disorders and suicides throughout the city.” Puerto Rico has continued to experience intermittent but long-term power outages resulting from Maria, and the official total number of deaths originally ascribed to the hurricane was 64. In August, however, the Puerto Rican government raised the total number of dead to more than 1,400, and authorities acknowledge that the death toll may actually be closer to 3,000.



Through her research, Lin seeks to determine whether populations with certain sociodemographic characteristics may be most affected by a particular event. Her investigation of the August 2003 Northeast blackout revealed that women and the elderly were particularly at risk for higher-than-normal hospital admissions for respiratory ailments. One group for which hospitalizations did not spike expectedly as during heat events was the lower-income population – less likely than others to have air-conditioning and therefore more accustomed to extreme heat, explains Lin.

By extension, Lin’s research serves another valuable purpose: enabling civil authorities or state agencies to amass and distribute supplies, such as food and medical aid, that will be most in demand in the wake of a hurricane or another

catastrophic event. Preparedness is key, Lin notes, to maximizing response times and minimizing loss of life. In Time.com’s Oct. 4, 2017 article “How Power Outages Can Affect Mental Health” [<https://ti.me/2xgae8V>], Lin commented, “New York City prepared well for Sandy.”

Lin conducts research with collaborators all over the world, including in China, where she investigated whether humidity modifies the relationship between temperature and cardiovascular mortality, and in Romania, where she has studied indoor air quality and classroom comfort in schools. Her work has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other prestigious organizations.

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### Lin poses with some of her student researchers outside the George Education Center, home of UAlbany’s School of Public Health.

At UAlbany, Lin’s course offerings include *Global Climate Change, Extreme Weather, and Public Health Applied Epidemiology* and *Protocol Development and Grant Writing*.

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Sarah Smith



## 1948

**Gari Paticopoulos** and **Eleanor Alland** recently celebrated Gari's birthday and discussed the Class of 1948 70th-year reunion, set for Homecoming in October. Eleanor recently met her first great-grandchild, Ada Jean, at a family reunion held in Newbury Park, Calif. Eleanor attended the Veteran Memorial Plaques Rededication Ceremony at the downtown campus in May. **Eugene McLaren** and **Donald Sayles** also attended the ceremony. WWII veteran Paul Ward '53, '54, spoke about Edward Eldred Potter '19 during the program.

**Joan Sittner Sherwood** traveled to Phoenix to visit her great-granddaughter, Petra, and contacted

**Bob Kaiser**, who lives in nearby Scottsdale. Joan remains active in her church and at her local library.

**Annalee Levine Ginsberg** lives with her husband in an assisted living facility in Voorhees, N.J.

**Estelle Siegel Reisner** is a proud blood donor and still works two or three days a week. As a district justice, she performed the marriage of her son. Estelle's daughter is a New Jersey Appeals Court justice.

**Donald Sayles** enjoys his sailboat, the *Dulcinea*.

**Vera Chudiak Smith** has traveled to Europe and volunteered as a tutor at Literacy Suffolk. She has three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Ruth Seelbach Elmore** and her husband live in Florida and travel north by Auto Train to visit friends and family.

**Eileen Abrams Pettersen** lives independently at Coburg Village in **Rexford, N.Y., and stays in touch with Wanda Tomaski Methe.**

**Ruth Doran** and her brother live together in Baldwinsville, N.Y.

**Wilma Diehl** stays active in the Massapequa Historical Society in Long Island.

**May Giovanniello Henderson** of Auburn, N.Y., is doing well.

**Clara Sylvestri Beninati** resides in assisted living in Sandy, Utah.

Class notes councilor: Eleanor Holbig Alland, ealland214b@nycap.rr.com

## 1949

**Betsy Franks Schuhle** celebrated her 90th birthday in May with five generations of family members. She and Jake celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in September. Their grandson, T.J., got married in March. T.J. took the Albany Firefighter exam and is waiting for an opening.

**Ursula Neuhaus Schiff** of Sarasota, Fla., was devastated by the death of her dog, but acquired a purebred Birman cat named Prince Harry. Ursula's son David and his family visited from California.

**Anne Sulich Raser** received an update on the California Teachers Study she has participated in for 23 years. It is one of the largest studies in the country.

**Freddy Laemmerzahn Miller** celebrated her 90th birthday in June with family in Delaware and Pennsylvania.

**Bob Kaiser** celebrated many milestones in August, including his 40th wedding anniversary with wife Aviva and his son Bob's 65th birthday.

**Bob Kittredge's** wife, Diana, is recovering from a broken arm due to a fall. Bob completed his two-year stint on the North Fresno Rotary Club Board of Directors in June. His granddaughter Hannah graduated with California teaching credentials and a master's degree in English in June. The Kittredge family reunion was held at Pine Mountain Lake near Yellowstone Park in July.

**Jack Kirby** of Florida writes that he is "finally getting his summer vacation," which means no choir rehearsals and no Suncoast concert band rehearsals.

**Jean Pulver Hague** retired last December. Her family is still growing; her granddaughter recently married, and two great-grandchildren are expected in November.

**Elsa Moberg Cox** was hospitalized for three days last March after a serious fall. She is healed well enough to drive and attend exercise classes four days a week. Elsa's three granddaughters are all college graduates; one is a Pepperdine Law School grad. Elsa's grandson will graduate from Arizona State in 2019.



**Bonnie Lewis Adkins** and Lee celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary in June. They will welcome three more great-grandchildren this year, for a combined total of seven. Bonnie and Lee are enjoying their home at EastView Senior Community Center in Middlebury, Vt.

**Joe Zanchelli** and Joyce '52 celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary in June. They held a sesquicentennial birthday celebration in May for Joe's 90th and their son's 60th. Twenty-nine family members attended. Try to stay healthy for our 70th class reunion in 2019! A letter of interest will be mailed this fall.

Class notes counselor: Joe Zanchelli, jjzanch@yahoo.com

## 1952

The Warren County Historical Society resource center was recently named in honor of **Marilyn Van Dyke**. Marilyn also is a 2018 recipient of the Fort Edward Historical Association Riverside School Bell Award. Marilyn's granddaughter Reilly earned a bachelor's degree in English from UAlbany in May and will attend graduate school at Leeds University in England. Marilyn's grandson Cameron is majoring in public administration at UAlbany.

**Bert Jablon** and wife Myra vacationed at the Villa Roma Resort in the Catskills. Bert finished first in the 90-year-old category in his latest road race. He still mentors Empire State College students.

**Nancy Frey Petinelli** of Missouri traveled east in April for her granddaughter's confirmation and enjoyed time with family. Nancy's two oldest grandsons competed in the second round of the NCAA lacrosse playoffs this spring.

**Marian Newton Knight** and husband Dave relocated from Stratford, Conn., to Lawrenceville, N.J., to be near their son, Paul. They also have a home in Lake George where they spend their summers. Marian is doing well, but Dave, 92, has some medical problems. While living in Stratford, Marian sang in the Fairfield County Chorale for 33 years and performed at Carnegie Hall three times. Dave recently wrote a book about his hypothesis of the expanding earth. They have three children: Richard, a retired Navy man and nurse; Paul, who lives in Lawrenceville, N.J.; and Elizabeth, an IT program manager. They also have three grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

**Dorothy (Thea) Simmons Vanderven's** grandchildren are doing well. Cobus works for a federal judge in Portland, Maine; Iloma and significant other Dave moved to Alaska in August; Ian is stationed with the Navy at the American Embassy in Kenya; and Grace is a geologist in Boston.

**Mary Anne Lanni** and **Joan Barron** enjoy a monthly lunch with a group of retired librarians. They call themselves "Ex Libris." Mary Anne attends author talks with **Helene Gordon** and recently heard from **B.A. Shapiro** at the Schenectady Public Library.

**Vickie Eade Eddy** became a great-grandmother in April. Her son Jeffrey is an avid mountain climber, having recently climbed Mount Rainier in Washington. Vickie's granddaughter is a veterinary technician in Seattle. Vickie's 12-year-old grandson won the Junior NBA Southeast Regional Skills competition in Atlanta for the second year in a row.

A tornado damaged **Jeanne Seymour Earle's** property in Westchester County. She hopes to have restoration complete by the fall. She's looking forward to vacationing in Maine with her son and daughter-in-law.



**A Message from  
Lee Serravillo**  
Executive Director, UAlbany  
Alumni Association

## The Decision

### Good as GOLD

In May, we welcomed nearly 3,300 new graduates to the alumni family, and to GOLD: Graduates of the Last Decade. Our GOLD alumni proudly carry on the UAlbany spirit they cultivated as students through the rest of their adult lives. Many return to campus soon after graduating to celebrate various occasions, including fraternity and sorority gatherings, and to cheer on UAlbany's athletic teams. Others attend regional alumni networking events and informal young-alumni gatherings in New York City and the D.C.-Metro area, or make a difference by volunteering or supporting the UAlbany Fund. We even receive wedding and birth announcements throughout the year from young alums who choose to incorporate purple and gold into life's biggest milestones!

For recent graduates, staying connected to UAlbany and getting involved in the University's most valuable network of 179,000+ alumni is easy! No matter where life takes you after the podium, there are several opportunities to make a difference for your *alma mater* and many benefits to take advantage of:



Volunteer as an admissions ambassador by recruiting future Great Danes at a college fair near you.



Support the UAlbany Fund and current UAlbany students with a gift of any size.



Reconnect with old friends at social events, whether in Albany, in NYC, or somewhere else in the world!



Get or give career advice through the UAlbany Career Advisory Network (UCAN). Connect with fellow alumni on an online platform that's free with unlimited use!



Attend a career-networking event or panel discussion (or volunteer as a panelist).



Take advantage of alumni benefits like discounted insurance through our partner, Nationwide!

If you're wondering how to stay involved with UAlbany after graduation, the Alumni Association will help you find the perfect opportunity that fits your professional and personal life.

**LEARN MORE:** [www.alumni.albany.edu/volunteer](http://www.alumni.albany.edu/volunteer);  
[www.alumni.albany.edu/benefits](http://www.alumni.albany.edu/benefits)

**QUESTIONS?** Email [alumniassociation@albany.edu](mailto:alumniassociation@albany.edu) or reach out on Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook [@UAlbanyAlumni](https://www.facebook.com/UAlbanyAlumni).

**Shirley Rosenbaum** stays busy playing violin in the local community orchestra and is part of Life Long Learner, a book club. Her son was elected president of the West Virginia League of Women Voters. He also is the president of a non-profit bicycle collective. Shirley's granddaughter graduated from high school with an International Baccalaureate degree and will attend Barnard in 2019.

**Joyce Leavitt Zanchelli** and husband Joe celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary in June. The Zanchelli family held a sesquicentennial celebration in honor of Joe's 90th birthday and their son Michael's 60th. They were both born on the same day of the month.

Class notes counselor: Joyce Zanchelli, jizanch@yahoo.com

## 1953

**Linda Hopkins McGrath** plays golf frequently.

**Herb Their** is still involved in his field of study.

**Betty Coykendall-Hart** returned to work after missing her time teaching in the classroom.

Unfortunately, **Herb Egert** will not be able to attend the 65th reunion in October. He and several other classmates are facing health issues that limit traveling.

**Priscilla Jones Bour** lives close to **Rosie Keller Hughes** in an independent-living facility for seniors in western New York.

**Linda Hopkins McGrath** leads an active life in Florida. She and Rosie reconnected during Linda's recent visit to see family in Rochester.

A close friend of **Leona Quigley** reported that Leona had been retired from teaching high-school history for 10 years when she returned to work as an aide, and then as a substitute teacher, before passing away at the age of 92.

**Tina Nicastro Beck** enjoys being a literacy volunteer, visiting family, and traveling all over the world. She's traveled throughout the U.S., Europe, Africa, Asia, South America, the Middle East, Australia, and New Zealand, and has studied in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.

**Doug Nielsen** and Gail enjoy time with family. Their grandson joined the constabulary and serves as a court official in Lyons, near Newark, N.Y. Doug still volunteers at the local library and is active in church.

**Louise Petfield Burns** is still "alive and kickin'" and stays busy with Bible study, church, and working out at Curves a few times per week. Not too bad for 86! She plays piano weekly for a group of seniors and enjoys knitting hats and scarves for charity.

**Rosie Keller Hughes** is busy with genealogy and assisting those who have difficulties in the research process. Her granddaughter was married in Brooklyn in July. Rosie will fulfill a bucket-list item by going on a Panama Canal cruise and land trip at the end of October.

**Joe Lombardi** is having a busy fall with Congressional elections coming up in November. He will be working to unseat an incumbent. He recently went on a 12-day trip to Iceland and Germany and stayed in AirBnB housing in both countries. Joe still volunteer

teaches at the Center for Lifetime Studies at Marist College. He looks forward to reconnecting at the Class of 1953 65th-Year Reunion!

Asked to share their fondest and/or funniest memories at Albany, our classmates offered feedback. Here are some of their responses: **Linda Hopkins McGrath** remembers making lifelong friends, particularly in Sayles Hall. **Tina Nicastro Beck** recalls the festive Italian dinners she and her classmates prepared at Newman Hall. **Louise Petfield Burns'** memories include Big

Fours; plays and operettas; singing groups; the Gamma Kappa house; and Mrs. Nye, the housemother.

**Rosie Keller Hughes** has fond memories of participating in Rivalry, plays, and student government; she also remembers the great friends she made and her outstanding professors. **Evi Iglauer** enjoyed being among peers. **Madelon Avallone Knoerzer** remembers dramatics with Agnes Futterer, literature with Catherine Walsh Peltz, and French with Dr. Shaw. **Owen Smith** calls

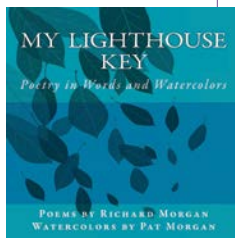


## Authors & Editors

**Joseph D. Collea Jr., B.A.'69, M.A.'74, C.A.S.'84**, is the author of *New York and the Lincoln Specials: The President's Pre-Inaugural and Funeral Trains Cross the Empire State*. The book is published by McFarland.



**Richard Morgan, B.S.'69**, published *My Lighthouse Key*. This is Morgan's sixth book of poetry.



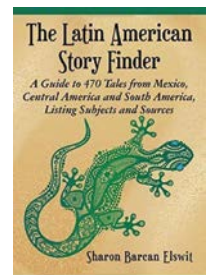
**Marcia Buebel, B.A.'70**, co-authored *The Yoga-CBT Workbook for Anxiety* under the pen name Dr. Manjit Khalsa.

**Paula Camardella Twomey, B.A.'70**, published three cultural readers for Level I and Level II secondary students: *Lecturas culturales de España*, *Lecturas culturales de México*, and *Lecturas culturales de Argentina*. Twomey teaches Spanish at Ithaca College.

**Donna White-Davis, B.A.'70**, is the author of several novels and works of historical fiction, including the *Who Were the Remingtons?* series and the photo essay *New York State Empire Games*.

**Gail Shanley Corso, M.A.'72**, is the editor and co-author of *Alice McDermott's Fiction: Voice, Memory, Trauma, and Lies*, published by Peter Lang.

**Sharon Elswit, M.L.S.'77**, is the author of *The Latin American Story Finder: A Guide to 470 Tales from Mexico, Central America and South America, Listing Subjects and Sources*.







## UAlbany Celebrates 174th Commencement

About **2,320** undergraduates received degrees at the undergraduate commencement ceremony in May.

Among those graduating:

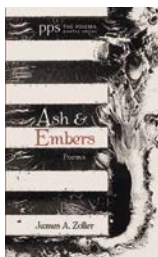
- **31%** percent are first-generation college graduates.
- **32** are veterans.
- The graduates' ages range from **19 to 55**, with an average age of 23.
- Women make up **53%** of the class.
- The most popular undergraduate degree programs are psychology, business, communication, human biology, economics, accounting and sociology.
- Students hail from **17 states and 19 countries**, including China, Germany, Egypt, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Nigeria, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka and Taiwan.

**Mike Piekarski, B.A.'77**, is the editor of the science-fiction novel *The Slave Planet*; Ram Chugh's memoir *Against All Odds*; and Chugh's autobiography *Living to Learn and Learning to Live*. A former sports editor of the *Albany Student Press*, Piekarski resides in Latham, N.Y.

**Johannes Froebel-Parker, B.A.'79, M.A.'82, M.S.'85**, is the author of *Anastasia Again: The Hidden Secret of the Romanovs*.

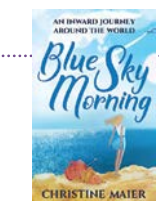
**David Zweibel, B.A.'80**, is the author of *Customer Service: A One-Act Play*. He lives in Boca Raton, Fla.

**James A. Zollar, D.A.'84**, is the author of a book of poems, *Ash & Embers*, published by Cascade Books. Zollar is the author of two other books, *Living on the Flood Plain* and *Simple Clutter*.



The second book from **Marc Lichtenfeld, B.A.'89**, *You Don't Have to Drive an Uber in Retirement: How to Maintain Your Lifestyle without Getting a Job or Cutting Corners*, was recently published by John Wiley & Sons.

**Brenda Kirkwood, M.P.H.'01**, is the co-author of *Public Health 101: Improving Community Health, Third Edition*. She is a clinical associate professor at UAlbany's School of Public Health.



**Christine Maier, M.A.'06**, published *Blue Sky Morning*. Maier resides on Long Island.

**Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah, B.A.'13**, is the author of *Friday Black*, published by Mariner Books.



## Baby Danes



**Lauren Goldapper Hecht '06 and Steven Hecht '05 welcomed Francesca Lee on May 28, 2018.**



**Jamie Gallo '07, '08 and Nicholas Gallo '07, '09 welcomed Nicholas James Jr. on July 18, 2017.**

his time at NYSCT “a lifelong experience,” and **Jordine Skoff Von Wantoch** said she enjoyed being involved with Red Devil activities. You can post messages and photos on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/688873657809259/>.

Class notes councilor: Rose Mary Keller Hughes, [rhughes5@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rhughes5@rochester.rr.com)

## 1954

In April, John and **Rose Mary Zongrone** celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary and visited their granddaughter, Sara, in Germany. Their family has grown to 33 members following the arrival of two great-grandsons.

**Bonnie Dodge Brousseau's** husband had quintuple bypass surgery in January and has recovered well. They will not be traveling this year. They enjoy time with their two great-granddaughters, ages 2 and 4.

## 1955

Nicole Chiudina and Heather Leary-Hanaburgh are recent recipients of the Class of 1955 awards. Both are enrolled in the School of Education graduate program in special education and literacy. Nicole, who holds a bachelor's degree in communication disorders and sciences, has experience in teaching children with autism. Heather holds a bachelor's degree in English and deaf studies, and hopes to work among academically and culturally diverse students.

Our classmate **J. Rubén Garcia** was a professional dancer and performed internationally with his wife as Tito and Corinne Valdez. Their daughter Francesca recently published *Two Lives, Many Dances*. Her memoir of her parents' private and professional lives includes Rubén's personal notebooks.

Class notes councilor: John Orser, [xiety3jo@hotmail.com](mailto:xiety3jo@hotmail.com)

## 1957

**Robert Bowes** is doing well. His grandson Joe is a UAlbany student-athlete.

**June Frankland Baker** lives in Richland, Wash.

**Helen Konefal Baker** visits her son in Alaska frequently and stays busy with a variety of activities.

Class notes councilor: Sheila Lister Bamberger, [bambergersheila@gmail.com](mailto:bambergersheila@gmail.com)

## 1961

**June Hunter** and husband Ken are planning a vacation in York, Maine, a favorite location since they were married. June keeps busy volunteering for her church and the thrift shop. An exercise leader at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, she recently joined a senior-citizen group. June and Ken have two grandchildren who are college graduates, and two who recently graduated from high school.

Class notes councilor: Mel Horowitz, [melandssis@yahoo.com](mailto:melandssis@yahoo.com)

## 1962

**Robert Sweeney** is doing consulting work on shoreline erosion and visits his daughter in Hawaii often.

**Hank Maus** and **Patricia Jones** see **Sue Gaffney**, **Danny Shultz**, and **Millie Fletcher** regularly. Hank and Pat serve on the Finger Lakes Museum Board of Trustees and enjoy spending winters in Arizona.

**Shelley Gruber Karp**, **Linda Levinson Kessler**, **Sue Byron Wallace**, and **Doris Edelstein Hirschorn** reside near Boynton Beach, Fla., and visit one another regularly.

The Albany Public Library Foundation honored **Dr. Alice Green** as a 2018 Literary Legend for her contributions to literature and the City of Albany.

Class notes councilor: Sheril McCormack, [vanillastar202@yahoo.com](mailto:vanillastar202@yahoo.com)

## 1964

**Andrea Zamorski Hampston** passed away in January. **Corky Petrick** noted that Andrea recently returned to the Albany area, and maintained close contact with her Psi Gamma sorority sisters throughout the years.

**Tim Brown**, who attended Albany for one year and joined the Kappa Beta fraternity, passed away at his home in Humble, Texas, in May.

**Edward J. Reid III** and wife Carol Eames Reid '65 of Oneida, N.Y. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends at Turning Stone Resort in May. Ed presented “How I Met Your Grandmother,” a slide show for their family. The Class of '64 will celebrate its 55th reunion in 2019. Stay tuned for information and share your news.

Class notes co-councilors: Alan Minarcik, [acmouse@hotmail.com](mailto:acmouse@hotmail.com); Bill Robelee, [wmroblee31@gmail.com](mailto:wmroblee31@gmail.com)

## 1965

**Jim Hottois** of Vancouver traveled to Syracuse four times this year to serve as a pilot for Civil Air Patrol missions supporting the New York Air National Guard's training activities at Hancock Field.

**Karen Goldstein Blocker** has enjoyed her time since retiring from teaching in the Rondout Valley Central School district in 2003. She and her husband live in the Catskill Mountains near their children and grandchildren and spend winters in Ocala, Fla. They enjoy traveling, community service, cruising, and spending time with family and friends. Their oldest grandchild, Alex, is a scholar-athlete and started college at UAlbany this fall. Go Great Danes!

Last summer **Gale Brinn McCall** and her daughter spent three weeks in Northern Ireland, met some wonderful people, and did a lot of geocaching. In January, Gale traveled to the mountains of Guatemala to work with children. Her son relocated from Europe to southern India due to work. Gale



and husband Art will miss visiting him in France and Spain.

Class notes councilor: Judy Madnick, jmadnick@gmail.com

## 1967

**Vincent Abramo** has served the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Overseas Buildings for 26 years. He manages the safety, health, and general welfare of thousands of construction workers building U.S. embassies around the world. Vincent is a founding member of the Rockefeller College Advisory Board and assists in the development of University programs.

**Susan Meyer** continues to do executive and personal coaching, primarily with women over 40 who are figuring out their next steps.

She is the author of several books, including *Fifty Over Fifty: Wise and Wild Women Creating Wonderful Lives (And You Can Too!)* and *How to ZAP Your Obstacles to Create Your Success*.

**John Kienzle** retired after 36 years as a high-school history teacher. He is now involved in TV music production under the brand "WIZARD MUSIC," and has been producing for shows in Bedford, Mass., for two years. John produces two 30-minute programs for each show and integrates history with the music of that composer, performer, or genre. He has produced shows on Gershwin, John Denver, Tony Bennett, Barbara Streisand, and more. WIZARD MUSIC programs are run on local cable TV networks in eastern Massachusetts and on YouTube.

**Aileen Roberta Schlef** founded Creative Alliance Communications in New York in 1997. An international consultancy, CAC's relaunch in Washington, D.C., concentrates on non-profit organizations and corporate community relations. Aileen consults with the National Hispanic Medical Association on projects to end health disparities in Latino communities. This year, she served on the planning committee for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's 50th memorial at Arlington Cemetery. She is currently organizing an event at the National Press Club honoring the senator's birthday in November.

Class notes councilor: Canon Kay Carol Hotaling, FHC, aspenpaepke@msn.com

## 1968

The Class of 1968 will celebrate its 50th-year reunion and induction into the University at Albany Half-Century Club during Homecoming, Oct. 19-21. Please contact your class councilor, **Linda Bopp**, if you plan to attend.

**Berta Klein-Berti** is involved in dance, teaching, and relaxation and wellness activities. She holds several graduate-level degrees in counseling and education, creative arts in therapy, spiritual psychology, and science. Berta has studied at Michigan State University, Drexel, and Santa Monica.

**David Northrup** taught high-school English and recently won a Distinguished Alumni Award from Fulton-Montgomery Community

## Race Day Reunion

Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018  
Saratoga Race Track



Men's Basketball alumni Larry Marcus '69, Jack Adams '70, Martie O'Donnell '68, David Riegel '70, Jack Jordan '72, Scott Price '69, and Tom Doody '69, '75 enjoyed a mini-reunion at the track during UAlbany Day at the Races in August.

College. He spends his time writing about the Mohawk Valley area.

**Scott Merkelson** pursued a career in dentistry. He is a member of the American College of Dentists and a senior staff member at Hartford Hospital in Connecticut.

After his time as a DJ at WSJA, **Richard Stevens** taught high school mathematics and continued to D.J. at various activities in the Hudson Valley. He resides in California.

**Gail Parsons** taught French for many years, then obtained a nursing degree. She is an R.N. and lives in Plattsburgh.

Many alumni from the Class of '68 are retired teachers. Attend our 50th reunion in October to hear more stories and catch up with classmates!

Class notes councilor: Linda Stehr Bopp, lindasvacations@gmail.com

## 1971



**Warren Winslow** serves as the 44th president of the New York State Golf Association (NYSGA). Elected in October 2017, he will serve through December of this year.

Warren, an active member of the UAlbany Alumni Volunteer Council, is an avid supporter of UAlbany student-athletes and the Great Dane Athletic Club. He has served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors for several years.

**Joel Volinski** was inducted into the Florida Public Transportation Hall of Fame after serving 35 years in the industry. He

served as director of Broward County Transit 1983-1993, then as director of the National Center for Transit Research at the University of South Florida until retiring in 2017.



## 1972

**Ellen Kurtzman Triebwasser** was ordained a rabbi by ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal in January. She retired from the New York State Office of Mental Health and the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities in 2008. Ellen and husband Jonah live in Dutchess County.

## 1975

**Cathy Ladman** was recently on "Modern Family," "Scandal," and "How To Get Away With Murder." She is currently in the cast of "I'm Dying Up Here," now in its second season.

## 1976

**Nate Salant's** collection of pre-Biblical and Biblical artifacts from Jerusalem was on display at the Chabad of Alabama in the summer. Artifacts, which range from 4500 BCE to 634 CE, include chalices from the Davidic Kingdom, a seal of a high priest of the Temple, a stone bowl from the Second Temple, and crucifixes from the fourth and sixth centuries.

## 1978

The Class of 1978 will celebrate its 40th-year reunion during Homecoming, Oct. 19-21. An informal gathering Saturday night will include a walk down memory lane at Washington Tavern and other beloved pubs. Activities will be determined after we know how many are attending.

**Robert Connors** is retired and

spends his time at the Penn National Golf Course in Fayetteville, Pa., with his wife, Judy. His 38 years of service with the Military Health System included 20 on active duty as a Navy Medical Service Corps Officer. Bob worked as a health-information technology research administrator for the U.S. Army Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center in Fort Detrick, Md., prior to retiring.

**Stu Gruskin** is the chief Conservation and External Affairs officer for The Nature Conservancy, a global environmental group.

**Kathy Kass** is an attorney working as counsel to the Commercial Division, New York Supreme Court, New York County. She blogs about travel and fitness at "Will Run For Miles." Read her blog at <http://willrunformiles.boardingarea.com>. Kathy has run 112 marathons.

**Mark Mazur** of West Chester, Pa., is retired and "living the dream" with wife Donna. He enjoys walks through Longwood Gardens. He says hello to classmates, with a special shout-out to fellow chemistry alum Robin Nissan.

**Karen Helfer Meier** retired after teaching for 36 years. She remains close with five of her best friends from freshman year.

**Janet Rombough O'Neil** is an associate professor of graphic design and the director of the graphic-design program at Fairleigh Dickinson University School of the Arts. She designs for the home-decor market and is currently illustrating two children's books. Janet has painted more than 100 animal portraits for national rescues and shelters, bringing attention to animal-welfare issues around the world. Her work can be viewed at [www.janetoneil.com](http://www.janetoneil.com).

**Susan Satkowski** was appointed Honorary Consul to Norway in Pennsylvania.

**Jeffrey Segal** spent the 2017-18 academic year as a visiting professor in the government

department at Harvard. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association in September.

Class notes councilor: Nancy Benz, sunyacouncilor78@yahoo.com

## 1979

**Steve Munro** of West Palm Beach is semi-retired, still doing taxes for individuals.

The Albany Public Library Foundation honored **Dr. Frankie Bailey** as a 2018 Literary Legend for contributions to literature and the City of Albany.

## 1980

**Nancy Bannon** was elected Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York in New York County in November 2017.

## 1981

**Matt Kirmayer** is partner in the Emerging Companies and Venture Capital (ECVC) practice at Perkins Coie in San Francisco.

**Bill Newman** was listed among the 2018 *Financial Times'* 400 Top Financial Advisers. He received the UAlbany Alumni Association Excellence in Business award in May.

**Marc Gronich** recently married and relocated to Albany.

WCDB alum **Ronald Schildkraut** passed away in May at age 58.

## 1982

**Michael Murphy** teaches *Ethics in Science and Pharmaceuticals* at Zhejiang University of Technology in Hangzhou, China. He recently was chosen as a "High End Foreign Expert" and lives and works in China as part of the country's new Foreign Experts Program, initiated by the State Administration of Foreign Experts



# Calendar of Events

## OCTOBER

19-21  
Homecoming



19  
Welcome Reception  
and Campaign Kickoff



20  
Half-Century Club  
Breakfast and  
Induction

President's Showcase

Great Dane Game Day  
(UAlbany  
football vs.  
Towson)



21  
GOLD  
Brunch

[www.alumni.albany.edu](http://www.alumni.albany.edu)

## NOVEMBER

3  
Great Dane Game Day  
(UAlbany football vs.  
Delaware)

6  
Election Night,  
Downtown Campus



13  
Person Place Thing hosted  
by Randy Cohen with Marc  
Guggenheim '92, NYC

13  
Arthur Collins Purchase  
Prize Reception

17  
Great Dane Game Day  
(UAlbany football vs.  
Stony Brook)

## DECEMBER

5  
Women's Networking  
Event, NYC

14  
Rockefeller Alumni  
Awards and Dinner



Affairs. Previously, Michael taught at SUNY Cobleskill, where he developed the biotechnology bachelor of science program, as well as the ethics curriculum.

**Rabbi Jonathan Hecht** was appointed dean of the Cincinnati Campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He was honored with the school's doctor of divinity degree, honoris causa, for 25 years of distinguished service to the Jewish people. Rabbi Hecht served as a chaplain of the 106th Air Rescue Wing of the New York Air National Guard, where he held the rank of major from 1987-98. He received the Air Force Achievement Medal in 1997 for his dedicated service.

## 1984

**Melinda Miller Hilsenrath** and **Steven Hilsenrath** of Long Island celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary. Melinda is a social worker, and Steven is a lawyer. Their son, Grant, graduated from UAlbany with honors in May 2017.

**Andy Jay** has been a diplomat with the Department of State for more than 10 years. He is posted in Osaka, Japan.



**David Adelson** of Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A., is counsel to the New Jersey Society of Plastic Surgeons.



**Diane Rizzuto Corsello** recently was elected township auditor for Durham Township, Penn.

## 1985

**Patricia Salkin** received the Art Koweek Lifetime Achievement Award from the New York Planning Federation in May.

**Benjamin Spater** was named a 2018 Northern California Super Lawyer by *Super Lawyers Magazine* and was listed in *Corporate Counsel* magazine's Best Lawyers in America. He is director at Trucker Huss, APC, in San Francisco.

## 1986

**Christopher Thomas** was recognized in Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business for Litigation: General Commercial, New York (Upstate).



## 1987

Professor **Manuel A. Ossers** retired from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater after 27 years of service. He was awarded the State of Wisconsin Certificate of Commendation and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System Certificate of Meritorious Service following his retirement in May.



**James N. Mastracchio** joined the Eversheds Sutherland LLP Tax Practice Group as a partner in Washington, D.C.

## 1988

**Dori Kranzburg Bailey**, a business attorney at Bond, Schoeneck & King, is an adjunct professor at Syracuse University College of Law.



## 1990

Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation President and CEO **Michael Rosenblut** was honored at the New York Board of Rabbis (NYBR) Annual Humanitarian Awards in June. NYBR's Humanitarian Award is the most prestigious award given to individual honorees. Michael lives in Rye Brook, N.Y.

## 1993

Bond, Schoeneck & King attorney **John Bagyi** was recognized as the one of the Nation's Most Powerful Employment Attorneys (Up-and-Comers) in the June 2018 issue of *Human Resource Executive*.

## 1994

**Marc Wigder** earned an M.B.A. from Yale University in 2017. He owns and operates a real-estate portfolio focusing on small and growing businesses in a sustainable environment. Marc

lives in Boca Raton, Fla., with his wife and three children.

## 1996

**Candi Griffin-Jenkins** joined the Empire State Fellows after serving as assistant dean for Graduate Admissions and Student Services at the University at Albany's School of Social Welfare.

## 1997

**Sara Lipsky** is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals Long Island Chapter Board of Directors. She is the executive director of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Long Island Chapter.

**Paul Sanders** is a member of Barclay Damon's Professional Liability, Torts & Products Liability Defense, and Commercial Litigation Practice Areas. He is based in the firm's Rochester office.

## 2004

**Amelia Hershberger** competed on ABC's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" in February.



Schenectady High School English teacher **Lori Label** won the Empire State Excellence in Teaching Award.

**Susan M. Hughes** was promoted to professor of psychology at Albright College in Reading, Pa. She is director of the Evolutionary Studies Program.

## 2007

**Jessica Chichester** placed fifth in the 2018 Boston Marathon, finishing ahead of New York City Marathon winner Shalane Flanagan.

## 2008

**Karl Schlegel** was appointed deputy comptroller for Dutchess County in January.

## 2011

**Anthony Fong**, general counsel for Broadway Stages and Staten Island Stages, works to negotiate contracts with major media companies, including DBS, Marvel, ABC, and Disney. He is a 2014 graduate of New York Law School and is involved in the school's Alumni Association Board of Directors and Asian Alumni group.

## 2013

Rockefeller College graduate

**Amaury Munoz**, a Foreign Service Officer for the U.S. Department of State, is currently serving at the U.S. Consulate in Guangzhou, China. He earned a master's degree in international relations and international economics from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in 2015.



## 2014

**Rajan Kumar** is the CEO of startup Ateios, Inc. His team developed the first printed, stretchable battery for epidermal and smart clothing. Ateios was a finalist in the Rice Business Plan Competition in April.

**Colin Gerner** started non-profit charity StacheStrong to raise awareness and funds for brain-cancer research. His brother, George "GJ" Gerner '11, '12, was diagnosed with Stage IV glioblastoma brain cancer September 2017. StacheStrong has raised more than \$25,000 since launching. Learn more about the Gerner family's story and mission at [www.stachestrong.com](http://www.stachestrong.com).



## Weddings for Danes



**Joseph McDougall '07 and Nicholas Balady, Nov. 4, 2017**



**Mike Nolan '12, '17 and Jessica Livshits '14, June 2, 2018**



## 2015

**Abigail Young** was promoted to assistant account manager at LP&M Advertising in Syracuse.

**Nicole Karchensky** is senior field examiner at Dopkins & Company, LLP, in Buffalo.



## 2016

**Sean Collier** joined the Peace Corps and is stationed in Africa.

## 2017

After serving as an intern at C.P.A. firm Marvin and Company in Latham, N.Y., **Lucas Madonna** accepted a full-time position as tax associate.

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### Scholar:

**Shawrona Perch, B.S.'18**

### Donor:

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**A**lpha Pi Alpha Scholar Shawrona Perch plans to pay forward the assistance she's received from the fraternity once she achieves her goal of becoming a primary-care physician. "I enjoy helping people in need and feel this will be the best career path for me," says Perch, adding that the *Alpha Pi Alpha Scholarship* was "a blessing for me and my family."

As a biology major and an active member of the Minority Association of Pre-Health/Medical Students, Perch took advantage of the wide-ranging research opportunities that led her to choose UAlbany over other schools. She looks forward to attending medical school.

Perch enjoyed learning from a variety of experiences and from the people she has met on campus. She was happy to graduate last May and join UAlbany's "amazing" family of alumni. Most of all, Perch is proud to be an inspiration to her little brother.

Established through the generosity of the brothers of Alpha Pi Alpha, the scholarship provides support for full-time undergraduate students in good standing. The award is available to students who are documented offspring of APA alumni of UAlbany, with recommendations from APA members, and/or to student athletes.



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## ALUMNI SIGHTINGS



UAlbany veterans and their families, faculty, staff, and alumni gathered on the downtown campus to rededicate Civil War, World War I, and World War II plaques in May. Provost James Stellar and student veteran Crystal Wilson '19 participated in the ceremony.



At a summer reception at Hearst Tower in New York City, alumni had the chance to meet President Havidán Rodríguez and discuss ways they can help the University meet its goals.



City of White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach '83 declared April 26, 2018 "UAlbany Alumni Day" at an alumni reception.



## Personal Branding

Jamal Rasouly '11 shared his insights about personal branding with Graduates of the Last Decade and current students at a recent panel. Dorcey Applrys '05, '14; David Gerth '10; and Bill Newman '81 also participated in the panel.



Spring 2018 Undergraduate Commencement speaker Dan Hart '83 and his parents celebrated with new grads at the Torch Reception in May.



Class of 2012 grads Ariana Schechter, Crystal Gunsch, Megan Wolszczak, and Jackie Willmott traveled from their homes in four different states to reunite in Denver last April.



Fraternity and sorority alumni participated in the cording ceremony of graduating seniors at Fraternity and Sorority Life's Senior Send-Off.





Joe Bonilla '11 conducted an onstage interview of YouTube sensation and LGBTQ activist Tyler Oakley on March 27, 2018 at the University at Albany Speaker Series.



## Radio Reunion

**WSUA and WDCB radio alumni celebrated the stations' 55th and 45th anniversaries in March. Alumni took over the airwaves throughout reunion weekend.**



Hollie Kennedy '80 and son TJ '13 achieved victory at the Rensselaer County polls in the same year. The mother-and-son political duo began serving their terms in January – Hollie for the East Greenbush Town Board, and TJ for the Troy City Council.



EOP alum Beny Poy '17 attended the 2018 Excellence Awards Gala to support his mentor and former UAlbany staff member, Christopher Fernando '92, '97, '05, the recipient of the Excellence in Education Award.



**Men's lacrosse alumni and coaches celebrated the team's 50th anniversary in April.**

# UAlbany Homecoming 2018

OCT. 19-21

## EVENTS INCLUDE:



Welcome Reception & Campaign Kickoff around the Main Fountain  
President's Showcase in Campus Center West  
Sorority & Fraternity Coffee Hour | Presidents' Legacy Reception  
Great Dane Game Day | UAlbany Football vs. Towson | GOLD Brunch  
Class & Affinity Reunions: Classes of 1978, 1968,  
1963, 1953, 1948, Telethon, and Five Quad



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You won't want to miss Homecoming 2018! This is our time to reconnect with fellow UAlbany grads and friends, celebrate the growth of the University, and show our UAlbany pride more than ever. Unleash the greatness this October, Great Danes!

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All are welcome! Meet up with your sisters,  
brothers, and classmates and reminisce  
about your NYSCT days.



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Recognize alumni and friends of the  
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*Nomination deadline is Oct. 12.*

## Deceased Alumni

### 1930s

Lillian A. Lally Maloney '33, June 5, 2012  
 Emma G. Guattery Eckert '36, May 3, 2018  
 Mary J. Smith Scanlon '38, Jan. 12, 2017  
 Mildred Mosier Whitehead '39, Feb. 17, 2018

### 1940s

Sara Weitzer Shaw '42, Dec. 28, 2017  
 Margaret Raycheff Williams '44, Jan. 11, 2012  
 Ruth Sochin Family '45, April 8, 2018  
 Ruth Trachtenberg Mizruchi '47, March 23, 2018  
 Jarmila H. Janecek Pajerek '47, June 4, 2018  
 Marian Vitullo Russell '47, Dec. 15, 2017  
 Jean Davidson Wolff '47, Dec. 28, 2017  
 Clara Beninate Beninati '48, Oct. 17, 2017  
 Adrienne L. Iorio Caruso '48, April 2, 2018  
 Mary Frisk Everts '48, Dec. 17, 2017  
 Margaret Baker Feigenbaum '48, June 16, 2012  
 Doris Wester Miga '48, Nov. 17, 2014  
 Jane O'Brien O'Brien '48, Jan. 2, 2018  
 Helen Kiesel Schick '48, Jan. 13, 2018  
 Rita Shapiro Schwartz '48, Aug. 4, 2017  
 Richard Foster '49, Jan. 18, 2018  
 Helen Rodak Gardiner '49, May 12, 2018  
 Robert H. Hardt, Ph.D. '49, Feb. 6, 2018  
 Thelma Ward Turner '49, March 1, 2018

### 1950s

Vivian L. Steele Ehrhardt '50, May 12, 2018  
 Christiaan T. Lievestro, Ph.D. '50, June 19, 2017  
 Rita Allasio Lippert '50, Oct. 29, 2017  
 V. Y. Lerch Wilensky '50, Jan. 2, 2018  
 Mary T. O'Connell Holton '51, May 20, 2018  
 Beverly M. Zimmer '51, June 19, 2018  
 Eugene R. Andersen '52, Feb. 15, 2012  
 Sonia Stepanian Hachigian '52, Dec. 3, 2017  
 Sara Danzis Lukasiewicz '52, May 27, 2015  
 David G. Retchless '52, March 25, 2018  
 Robert R. Giammatteo '53, April 11, 2018  
 Lloyd M. Loop, Jr. '53, Dec. 5, 2017  
 Mary A. Hopko Macko '54, April 4, 2018  
 Raymond F. Robinson '54, Nov. 15, 2016  
 Alice Mashoian Walrath '54, Nov. 18, 2017  
 Donald J. Capuano '55, March 13, 2018  
 Robert E. Comley '55, Nov. 3, 2015  
 Helene Golda Motyka '55, Oct. 17, 2017  
 Arthur Engelbert '56, Feb. 26, 2018  
 Mary S. Smith '56, May 18, 2017  
 James A. Sweet '56, Feb. 13, 2018  
 Marilyn Goodman Etkin '57, April 29, 2009  
 Margaret R. Carr Frederickson '58, Feb. 23, 2018  
 Dorothy Koshgarian Mikhitarian '58, March 29, 2018  
 Anne Carl Wager '58, March 5, 2018  
 Frank J. Lombardi '59, Jan. 12, 2018

### 1960s

Emily Flachbart Castine '60, Nov. 13, 2017  
 Carole Ruszczyk Rilling '60, Feb. 20, 2018  
 Lore Howard Scurrah '60, May 23, 2018  
 Peter A. Cardamone '61, Jan. 7, 2018  
 Gerald Carozza '61, March 29, 2018  
 Robert Moyer '61, Dec. 23, 2016  
 Richard I. Anderson '62, Feb. 7, 2018  
 Nohn L. Christina '62, Nov. 26, 2017  
 Dennis W. Fleck '62, June 12, 2018  
 Sue A. Gaffney '62, Oct. 28, 2017  
 Esther M. Swanker '62, Jan. 4, 2018  
 Francis W. Flores '63, April 21, 2018  
 Andrea Zamorski Hampston '64, Jan. 28, 2018  
 Gertrude Wolkenbreit '64, Dec. 10, 2017  
 Concetta Carnicelli '66, March 15, 2018  
 John L. Nivison '66, March 29, 2018  
 Arthur T. Osborne '66, June 12, 2018  
 Barbara Kushner-Senauber Dailey '67, Feb. 1, 2018  
 Marie T. Capps '68, July 22, 2015  
 Eugene S. Cardamone '68, Feb. 16, 2017  
 Ronald E. Deyette '68, June 22, 2017  
 Dean W. Finch '68, May 31, 2018  
 Laura Ferres Fitts '68, March 29, 2018  
 Marie Gutta Franke '68, Dec. 1, 2017  
 Anne K. Kelley Jaggie '68, May 5, 2016  
 Martin Kenosian '68, Jan. 29, 2018  
 Mitchell Kloder '68, April 23, 2016  
 Eric J. Littlefield '68, Aug. 8, 2011  
 Gerald W. Parker '68, April 2, 2018  
 Diane M. Scappaticci Rosenblum '68, June 9, 2018  
 Madeline Schnabel Sherman '68, July 13, 2009  
 Nancy M. Scardaci Taylor '68, Dec. 12, 2015  
 George R. Backhaus '69, Dec. 4, 2017  
 Larry R. Benton '69, Sept. 4, 2016  
 Alfred J. Ciani '69, Jan. 14, 2018  
 G. Albert Finke, Jr. '69, Jan. 10, 2018  
 Gary S. Koncikowski '69, May 24, 2018  
 Gary D. Kosowsky '69, March 21, 2017  
 Mary A. Markle McNamara '69, Dec. 16, 2017  
 Roger E. McVannan '69, Jan. 20, 2018  
 Charles K. Moore '69, Sept. 8, 2017  
 Sylvia LaVista Persico '69, Feb. 3, 2018  
 Zelda S. Spinak Zeh '69, Jan. 8, 2018

### 1970s

Vincent Amoroso '70, Jan. 20, 2018  
 William H. Brydges '70, May 2, 2018  
 Sandra Lippman '70, April 26, 2016  
 Mary C. O'Neill '70, May 6, 2017  
 Harry Karpiak '71, March 29, 2014  
 Linda Klausner McElhare '71, June 4, 2018  
 Leoneida Oliver '71, Jan. 11, 2018  
 John V. Buffone '72, April 25, 2018  
 Michael E. Hallock '72, Nov. 20, 2016  
 Edmund J. Janoszewski '72, March 14, 2018  
 Donald D. Kingston '72, Nov. 30, 2017  
 Sterling L. Pierce '72, Jan. 22, 2018  
 David F. Shaffer '72, Jan. 24, 2018  
 Alice Buff Tepper '72, Jan. 19, 2018  
 Kenneth E. Thompson '72, May 21, 2018  
 Courtney D. Walsh '72, Jan. 1, 2018

Barbara A. Heeran Cassella '73, June 12, 2018  
 Thomas F. Duplessie '73, March 20, 2018  
 William M. Fatica '73, June 5, 2018  
 Merry A. Harris '73, Jan. 19, 2018  
 Mary J. Jones Lawrence '73, May 4, 2018  
 Donald L. Sapienza '73, Aug. 19, 2017  
 William S. Bernfeld '74, Feb. 26, 2018  
 Maria Y. Cheung '74, Jan. 31, 2018  
 Marijo Dougherty '74, Feb. 24, 2018  
 Marcia J. Gardner '74, Dec. 13, 2014  
 Susan L. Veil Grabenstatter '74, Nov. 22, 2017  
 Josephine L. Piracci '74, Jan. 1, 2018  
 Patricia Poulin '74, March 10, 2018  
 Linda A. Nufryk Shackle '74, Nov. 18, 2017  
 William R. Baker '75, March 27, 2018  
 Dominick A. Desimone '75, Jan. 12, 2018  
 Ronald A. Federici '75, April 10, 2018  
 Powell B. Jones '75, March 27, 2016  
 Lawrence Laferriere '75, Dec. 13, 2017  
 Frank P. Morgiewicz '75, Jan. 8, 2018  
 Carol Y. Anderson Tringali '75, Dec. 12, 2017  
 Frederick R. Ames '76, May 6, 2018  
 Agnes R. Burton '76, March 6, 2018  
 Amy P. Dykeman '76, Dec. 23, 2017  
 Ira F. Fogelgaren '76, Dec. 22, 2017  
 Mary Downes Horan '76, Jan. 4, 2018  
 David P. Jenkins '76, April 18, 2018  
 Richard J. Quinn '76, April 2, 2018  
 Mark E. Sullivan '76, March 21, 2018  
 Jeffrey P. Aronowitz '77, June 13, 2015  
 Mary J. Braddock '77, Jan. 19, 2018  
 Thomas J. Clifford '77, March 1, 2018  
 Paul R. Erwin '78, March 19, 2018  
 Nicholas L. Faba '78, April 2, 2018  
 Robert H. Grear '78, June 16, 2018  
 Averell Greif '78, Oct. 29, 2017  
 Clarence E. Howard '78, Aug. 12, 2015  
 James A. Morrison '78, Jan. 8, 2018  
 Joseph A. Silvestro '78, Feb. 7, 2018  
 Nancy R. Jasper Wilder '78, April 8, 2018  
 Maria V. Brasacchio Carra '79, Jan. 7, 2018  
 Virginia A. Kunz Caston '79, June 10, 2018  
 Christopher A. Leet '79, Jan. 2, 2018  
 Alan J. Mizek '79, July 8, 2013

### 1980s

George Cavanaugh '80, March 12, 2018  
 Rene Medina '80, March 1, 2017  
 Thomas J. Bernard, Ph.D. '81, July 28, 2009  
 Lynn M. Posson Deluke '81, May 2, 2018  
 Richard L. Kleinhenz, Ph.D. '81, June 20, 2018  
 Stephen M. Grimm '82, July 6, 2011  
 Jeffrey M. Laing, Ph.D. '82, March 20, 2018  
 Peter Sgro '82, Aug. 31, 2016  
 Brian P. Dalessandro '83, Dec. 7, 2017  
 Marcia M. Connelly Eggleston '83, April 3, 2015  
 Douglas W. Robinson '83, May 19, 2016  
 Kathrine Spoiler '83, Feb. 7, 2018  
 Thomas S. Tipple '83, Jan. 27, 2018  
 Russell L. Topping '83, June 20, 2018  
 Stratford W. Ward '83, March 26, 2015  
 Ann J. Holstein '84, Jan. 2, 2018



Susan E. Mindich McCullough '84, June 20, 2018  
 Karen A. Takes Pappis '84, Feb. 24, 2018  
 Peter J. Rourke '84, Jan. 11, 2018  
 Gerald B. Chellis '85, March 15, 2011  
 Helen K. Smirensky '85, Dec. 10, 2017  
 Miles L. Putman '86, June 5, 2018  
 Paul R. Desrosiers '87, April 13, 2018  
 Charlie Liu '87, Feb. 5, 2018  
 Virginia Szymanski Rosenbloom '87, Dec. 7, 2017  
 Daniel J. Skrovan '87, April 23, 2015  
 Deborah L. Kusisto Wiltbank '87, May 9, 2018  
 Alice V. Cummings '88, Jan. 16, 2018  
 Patricia C. Guarnieri '88, June 2, 2018  
 Mary A. Green Krulcik '88, March 9, 2018  
 Anthony M. Sano '88, May 28, 2018  
 Alan S. Rafterman '89, Feb. 12, 2018  
 Ann L. Silvernale '89, Jan. 26, 2018

## 1990s

Margaret H. DeGraff '90, March 7, 2018  
 Phyllis J. Pellet '90, May 26, 2018  
 Howard D. Wright '90, March 11, 2018

Richard J. Gladwin '92, Dec. 19, 2017  
 William J. Kanaly '92, June 3, 2012  
 Geraldine B. Battista '93, April 25, 2018  
 Gerald W. Parsons '93, Jan. 11, 2018  
 Norman A. White, Ph.D. '93, Dec. 6, 2017  
 Shirley R. Cortelyou '94, Sept. 15, 2017  
 Edwin L. Larsen '95, April 27, 2018  
 John E. Hershey '96, Nov. 2, 2017  
 Karen E. Schiffmann '96, March 4, 2018  
 Kathleen A. Long Demas '98, March 12, 2018  
 Anthony J. Longe '98, May 8, 2018

## 2000s

Tallmadge W. D'Elia '02, May 5, 2018  
 Dennae M. Hughes '07, June 9, 2018  
 Joshua C. Begley '08, June 9, 2016

## 2010s

James J. Hanson '11, Dec. 30, 2017  
 Christina J. Danley '12, Dec. 23, 2017  
 Tamicia Liberty '12, April 2, 2018  
 Michael V. Capriotti '15, May 18, 2018

## Deceased Faculty/Staff

Eva-Marie Burtch, Sept. 15, 2017, Senior Administrative Assistant  
 Deirdre J. Carr, April 5, 2018, Senior Staff Assistant  
 Ulrich Czapski, April 12, 2018, Associate Professor Emeritus  
 Donald W. Faulkner, April, 10 2018, Associate Professor  
 Richard Kalish, March 28, 2015, Associate Professor  
 David G. Klingstrom, May 20, 2018, Janitor  
 Vincent Morawski, April 20, 2018, Supervising Janitor  
 Robert K. Munsey, Dec. 1, 2017, Assistant Professor  
 Maureen O'Leary, Feb. 3, 2018, Chaplain  
 Giose G. Rimanelli, Jan. 6, 2018, Professor  
 Warren E. Roberts, Ph.D., May 8, 2018, Professor  
 Mary Roden-Tice, July 14, 2018, Visiting Assistant Professor  
 Grant VanPatten, April 9, 2018, Director ECC  
 Howard Wildove, March 15, 2018, Staff Assistant  
 Melody Wood, April 6, 2018, Parking Services Attendant

### ..... Marijo Dougherty ..... M.F.A.'74

University at Albany Museum Director Emeritus Marijo Dougherty passed away Feb. 24, 2018.



A year after earning a master's in fine arts, Dougherty accepted a part-time position as assistant at what was then known as the University Art Gallery and became highly regarded as printmaker, mentor, and curator. During her tenure as assistant and later, as director, she led the gallery to museum status.

After her retirement in 2003, Dougherty remained active with New York's art community. She served as interim director of the Hyde Collection in Glens Falls from 2007-08 and supervised the exhibition "Dégas and Music" at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center.

Dougherty is survived by her husband; three children; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### ..... Donald W. Faulkner ..... M.F.A.'74

Donald W. Faulkner, former director of the New York State Writers Institute at the University at Albany, died at home in Schenectady April 10, 2018, at the age of 66.

A master's graduate of Yale University's philosophy program, Faulkner joined the Writers Institute in 1995 after directing the summer creative-writing program at Yale, where he was also a senior lecturer. At UAlbany, he hosted more than 100 onstage interviews for the institute and served as interviewer-of-record for more than 1,000 hours of archival recordings of Visiting Writers.

In noting Faulkner's passing, Paul Grondahl, his successor at the institute, said: "We are thankful for Don's long service to the Writers Institute and the University at Albany. We mourn his passing and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family." Writers Institute Founder and Executive Director William Kennedy praised Faulkner's development of deep connections with publishers, editors, and the literary community.

### ..... Warren E. Roberts ..... M.F.A.'74

Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History

Warren E. Roberts died on his 85th birthday, May 8, 2018, as a result of injuries suffered in an accident during his morning walk near his Longboat Key, Fla., home.



Roberts received a B.S. from the University of Southern California, then served in the U.S. Army for two years. He later completed bachelor's, master's, and doctoral studies at UC Berkeley. Roberts began a 45-year teaching career in 1963 at the University at Albany, where he imparted a love of history, art, and music to his students. An avid athlete, he played basketball and tennis on campus, bicycled, and ran along Perimeter Road. Roberts retired in 2013.

Survivors include his wife, Anne; four children; and six grandchildren.



Shaine Amir Holloway, B.A.'18

## Classmate to Classmate

By Shaine Amir Holloway, B.A.'18

**P**rior to graduating in May 2018, I talked with classmate Madeeha “Mady” Khan about her experience at UAlbany and how she was feeling as she headed into her last days as a student. Despite all of the accolades Mady had earned as a student leader – she received a Chancellor’s Award, served as a Purple & Gold Student Ambassador, and was elected vice president of the Student Association, to name just a few of her achievements – I found that she had the same reservations about her future that many of our classmates had.

**Here are her reflections . . .**

### . . . on family

The first time Mady left her native New Delhi, India, was when she flew to the U.S. to attend the University at Albany. “I stepped toward the flight attendant to present my ticket, then looked back at my family,” she recalls. “If I’d given them one more look after that, I would’ve stayed in India and never flown to New York.” Mady’s younger brother was 12 when she left. “A lot has changed between us in the last few years, with a lot less communication, but I have to remind myself that he’s growing and finding himself just as I have been.”

### . . . on education

“People criticized my mother for spending so much money on my education. In America, going to college is natural. In India, it’s different,” says Mady, who graduated with a degree in computer science and a minor in business. She was able to adapt well to the culture at UAlbany, and with the exception of things like food – Mady is vegetarian and “survived on pizza and French fries in the dining halls” early on – she fell in love with the campus and excelled.

### . . . on fear

Mady is always on the move and never wants to become complacent. “I’m most afraid of getting [too] comfortable. I feel like right now, my life is defined by things that get me out of my comfort zone.”

### . . . on her idol

Mady previously served as Student Association vice president alongside classmate, fellow 2018 graduate, and SA president Jerlisa “Juju” Fontaine. “Juju inspires me a lot. Everything she does, she does for someone else. I don’t think I can ever get to her level. Juju is the definition of selfless.”

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